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**Southern Seminary Names
 William Hull New Provost**

LOUISVILLE (BP)-- William E. Hull, New Testament professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for 14 years, has been named provost of the seminary here.

The provost will function as chief academic officer for the institution. The new position was created by the seminary trustees in April as part of a major administrative reorganization.

Hull will continue to serve also as dean of the School of Theology, a post he has held since 1969. As provost, he will be chairman of the newly-formed academic council, composed of the school deans and other academic officials.

A native of Birmingham, Hull received degrees from Howard College (now Samford University) in Birmingham, Ala., and Southern Baptist Seminary. He has also done advanced study at the University of Gottingen, Germany.

Hull, a prolific writer of books and articles for denominational publication, is author of the commentary on "John" for The Broadman Bible Commentary (1970). He has served as pastor and interim pastor of churches in Alabama and Kentucky, and is presently filling an interim period at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville.

Named earlier in the administrative reorganization were Vice-President for Business Affairs Badgett Dillard and Vice-President for Development Wesley M. Pattillo. A third vice-presidential post, in student affairs, has yet to be filled.

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**Southwestern Seminary Names
 Director of Field Education**

5/26/72

FORT WORTH (BP)--Jimmie L. Nelson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Deer Park, Tex., has been named director of field education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, President Robert E. Naylor announced.

In this newly designated position, Nelson will direct the field work education of students in the master of divinity, master of religious education, and the new doctor of ministry degree programs.

A native of Wichita Falls, Tex., Nelson is a graduate of Baylor University and holds the bachelor of divinity and the doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary.

Nelson comes to the seminary with 23 years of pastoral experience in Texas churches. In addition to his present pastorate, Nelson has been a Bible professor at San Jacinto Junior College in Pasadena, Tex., since 1966.

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**Four Texas Baptist Churches
 Win Communications Awards**

5/26/72

DALLAS (BP)--Four Texas Baptist churches won communications awards here at the first of an annual series of regional church communications conferences sponsored by the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

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First Baptist Church, Houston, received an honor award, the highest citation, for its mass communications program! Awards of merit went to First Baptist Church, Cleburne, First Baptist Church, Vernon, and Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas.

More than 100 representatives of churches from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Mississippi attended the two-day conference at Park Cities Baptist Church here.

Reggie McDonough, supervisor of the church administration department's administrative services section, said the series of workshops around the country will be designed to help churches "strive for excellence in communicating the gospel through the mass media.

"We are pointing our emphasis toward helping churches use public relations techniques to reach persons outside the church," he said.

Each annual conference will be sponsored in cooperation with state conventions, as was the initial effort here. Details of next year's conference will be announced.

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**Baylor Hospital Receives
Freedoms Foundation Honor**

5/26/72

DALLAS (BP)--Baylor University Medical Center here and Miss Marjorie Saunders, its director of public relations, have received honor certificates in the annual awards presentation of the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa.

The certificates were for a series of articles on "Preservation of the Heritage of Freedom," which appeared in Baylor Progress, the Texas Baptist medical center's monthly employee publication edited by Miss Saunders.

Miss Saunders has received four previous George Washington Honor Medals from the Freedoms Foundation.

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**Mid-America Bible Conference
Planned in Memphis for 1973**

5/26/72

NASHVILLE (BP)--Plans for a Mid-America Bible Conference to be held in Memphis, Tenn., next year have been announced by A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Scheduled for March 26-29 at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, the conference will have as its theme "Both Lord and Christ."

"Two purposes for the conference have been set," said Washburn. "First, attempts will be made to lead Christians toward a deeper commitment to Jesus, the Lord and Christ. Second, attempts will be made to challenge Christians to express their submission to the lordship of Jesus by becoming effectively involved in God's efforts to redeem men."

Designed for leaders and members of the Southern Baptist Convention churches, the conference will be subdivided into 20 or more conferences to suit the interests and needs of specific groups. Additionally, conference schedules will be offered to allow for participation regardless of personal work schedules.

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