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Leavell Named President
Of New Orleans Seminary

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Landrum P. Leavell, II, the pastor of First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Tex., has been elected president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, effective January 1, Robert S. Magee, president of the seminary's trustees, announced here.

Leavell, 48, succeeds former New Orleans president Grady C. Cothen, who resigned last spring to become president-elect of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. Ray P. Rust, executive assistant to the president at the seminary, has guided the school as acting president since March 1, 1974.

The new seminary president-elect is the son of a Baptist minister and is the second Leavell to head New Orleans Seminary. He follows in the footsteps of his uncle, Roland Q. Leavell, who steered the seminary from 1946-58

A native of Ripley, Tenn., Landrum Leavell, II, grew up in Newnan, Ga., where he was graduated from high school in 1944. He earned the bachelor of arts degree in 1948 from Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

Following his ordination as a Baptist minister, also in 1948, Leavell enrolled in New Orleans Seminary, receiving the bachelor of divinity degree in 1951 and the doctor of theology degree in 1954.

Prior to becoming the pastor of the Wichita Falls church, Leavell served as pastor of churches in Pike County, Crosby, Charleston and Gulfport, all in Mississippi. He moved to Texas in 1963.

Active in denominational affairs, Leavell headed the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Pastors Conference, 1970-71, served as first vice president of the SBC, 1967-68, and delivered the convention sermon in 1967, when the SBC met in Miami Beach. He chaired the trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, 1968-70, and is a current member of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, having served also from 1961-63.

On the state level, he has served two terms as president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and been a member of several Texas convention committees.

In Wichita Falls, he has played an active role in community affairs, having served on the local child welfare board, the United Fund board and the mayor's citizen's advisory committee. Leavell has written several books, his latest is "God's Spirit in Youth."

He received the George Washington Honor Medal Award from the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa. for a sermon in 1968, titled, "America at the Crossroads."

He is married to the former Jo Ann Paris, of New Orleans. She is a graduate of Ward-Belmont School in Nashville, and of Newcomb College in New Orleans. They have four children, Landrum P. III, Ann, Roland Q. II, and David.

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Bangladesh Continues Fight For Her People's Survival

By Ruth Fowler

DACCA, Bangladesh (BP)--The flood took much more than the woman's home by the river. It took much more than her belongings and her crops. It took the lives of her husband and five of her seven children.

Now she and her other two children, along with thousands of other Bengalis, sleep and eat in a feeding camp near here. Although she seems to be getting adequate food, one of the children will probably die.

She is one of 15 million Bengalis who lost all they owned in the flood which engulfed two-thirds of the nation in August and September. The floods destroyed much of the stored food, all of the current crops and many of the rice seedlings used to begin a new crop.

If you were to drive through Dacca or even remain a few days, you might not see any unusual need. But if you look at the feeding camps you'll find the Bengali people are in trouble. Although the tragedy caused suffering and loss to only about 20 per cent of the 78 million people, resources are low and sufficient help is impossible, according to Southern Baptist missionary James F. McKinley Jr.

Southern Baptist missionaries are currently engaged in a program to provide seeds, plants and other supplies which will help farmers grow a good winter crop. In one day, missionary Thomas E. Thurman distributed 2,400 pounds of wheat seeds at Gazna Union so farmers could replant.

Missionaries are also building new houses and adding tube wells for safe, non-contaminated water. Cholera is an ever growing problem.

Carl F. Ryther, a missionary, is helping the Bengali farmers by giving them ducks and fast-growing fish to supplement their food supply.

"We are trying to strengthen those who still have some hope since we are not in a position to operate feeding camps nor do we have medical personnel," McKinley said.

The feeding of the hungry is a great need and missionaries are trying to meet that need. According to J. D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East, the rehabilitation work and the sharing of the gospel have long term affects. "These are what our missionaries are most concerned with," he said.

In spite of the overwhelming human needs, an evangelistic thrust continues. Missionaries have just completed a three-day camp for Bible correspondence school students. There were 35 attending and nine made decisions for Christ,--a good response, Thurman said.

All the days aren't victorious, Thurman said. People all over Bangladesh are still dying without Christ.

Dr. Stan Foster of the World Health Organization (WHO) said that in some areas the famine has reached proportions equal to 1943 when three million people died. The flood has been called the worst in history.

Soaring prices have greatly damaged the economy, according to McKinley, Response from friendly nations has helped, but many Bengalis are dying daily.

"It seems there is no way to prevent many others from dying," McKinley said.

No one in Dacca even knows the total death count, but in October a total of 496 unclaimed bodies were picked up from the streets of Dacca alone. How many more died who had someone to claim their remains and how many died all over the rest of Bangladesh will never be known.

Bangladesh continues to struggle in the darkness of human need.

Tatum Accepts Post
At Southwestern Seminary

FORT WORTH (BP)--Scott L. Tatum, pastor of the Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., for the past 23 years, has been named a professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, according to Seminary President Robert E. Naylor.

Tatum currently serves as a member of the board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday School Board, which he formerly chaired, and is a former member of the Southwestern Seminary board of trustees.

Prior to assuming leadership of the Shreveport church, Tatum was pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Tex., and also served as pastor of Texas Baptist churches in Hubbard and Canton.

During Tatum's 23 years of service at the Shreveport church, membership increased from 1,200 to over 4,000. Programs devised by Tatum at the church include an internship program which has aided in the further training of Southwestern Seminary graduates. During this same period, more than 50 people have responded to enter a church vocation ministry.

A native of Converse, La., Tatum is a graduate of Baylor University and holds the master of theology and the doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary. He has also done further study at the Austin Presbyterian Seminary.

Noted for his sermons and preaching ability, many of his sermons appear in such books as *Christian Faith in Action*, *Is the Bible a Human Book*, and *Preaching People to People*.

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Southwestern Seminary Sets
Far-Reaching Long Range Plan

FORT WORTH (BP)--Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary approved a far-reaching long range plan affecting development of the world's largest seminary, authorized a special salary supplement for faculty and staff, approved a major revision in a degree program and elected a new faculty member.

A Long Range Planning Commission, formed by the trustees last year to study and establish 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25-year goals for the seminary, said the seminary, now numbering more than 2,500 students, could achieve a peak student enrollment of 4,000 students by the mid-1980s.

Although projected annual enrollments will increase and decline, the commission reported the seminary could expect an average annual enrollment of 3,500 students through the year 2000.

The 100-person commission--made up of trustees, advisory council members, alumni, administrators, faculty and students--presented a plan to develop a core concept in campus planning. The concept calls for keeping all academic facilities confined to the center or core of the main campus of Southwestern Seminary, one of six seminaries affiliated with the 12.3-million member Southern Baptist Convention.

Housing and recreation areas would be assigned to the perimeter property of the campus, and the report suggests that trustees use restraint in planning future building additions.

The plan does, however, establish campus priorities to be a physical fitness center, a maintenance building, more student and faculty housing, additional parking areas, landscaping and additional space for library facilities, offices and academic areas.

The commission's report included a request to develop a major fund raising campaign because of projections the seminary will need to increase endowment funds, now over \$10 million, to \$19 million by 1980, \$36 million by 1990 and an estimated \$75 million by 2000.

The funding needs were projected, a seminary spokesman said, based on increased enrolments, increased faculty and staff additions and additional space needs of the

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institution. Also considered were inflationary trends, projected student fees and estimated costs to operate what the commission referred to as "a quality oriented institution."

The board voted that long range planning become a continuing process to keep the plan both flexible and innovative in campus development, the educational program and funding. The seminary's administrative affairs division was assigned to coordinate long range planning.

Recognizing the effects of recent spiraling inflation, the trustees authorized a special inflation equalization salary supplement to be paid to all faculty and staff. The supplement was made possible, according to officials, as a result of the increased giving to the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program during the past year. This resulted in additional funds for each of the Convention's agencies, officials noted.

In other action the trustees elected a new professor of preaching, Scott L. Tatum, pastor of the Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La. for more than 23 years.

Also approved was a major revision in the doctor of ministry degree program. The degree, which is only three years old, was revised to provide for greater participation by ministers unable to leave their church fields for long periods of time. The program will now permit persons to enroll in the program any given semester, but will require them to be on the Fort Worth campus only one month each semester.

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Royal "Looked Back" But
Baylor Gained Anyway

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--Two years ago Grant Teaff sat in a hotel room in Dallas reflecting on a surprising season in which Baylor University, a Southwest Conference also-ran of previous years, had compiled a 5-6 record in Teaff's first season.

"Do you think that one of these days Darrell Royal (University of Texas coach) will be looking back over his shoulder at Baylor?" Teaff was asked. Baylor, the world's largest Baptist university, lost to Texas 17-3 that year after holding the Longhorns to a 3-3 tie through three quarters.

"He's already looking back over his shoulder," said the active Southern Baptist deacon, with quiet confidence.

Now Teaff, after a dismal second season of 2-9 overall and 0-7 in the Southwest Conference, has steered Baylor, one of nine schools operated by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, to its first undisputed Southwest Conference championship in 50 years and its first trip ever to the Cotton Bowl. The Bears play Penn State on New Year's Day in Dallas.

The key to that championship was a 34-24 defeat the University of Texas and a final clincher, 24-3, against Rice after the Longhorns defeated Texas A&M the day before to give Baylor the Cotton Bowl bid and chance for the undisputed championship. In Teaff's third season, Baylor recorded an 8-3 regular season record, including 6-1 in the conference.

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Missionary Kids Thankful
In Spite of Hardships

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By Mary Ann Ward

RICHMOND (BP)--It was Thanksgiving weekend and the group of college freshmen that gathered at Camp Hanover near here were indeed thankful in spite of the fact that most of their families were thousands of miles away.

They were thankful to have shared in two cultures, to have spoken two languages and to have spent the holiday with friends from all over the world.

The students are children of Southern Baptist missionaries and were attending the annual MK (Missionary Kid) weekend sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Purpose was to give the young people a chance to share mutual concerns, including the need

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to find their identity in the United States and to share some of their early experiences about returning to the states.

Some MKs have seen world hunger first hand. Many have seen poverty. And all are aware that the standard of living enjoyed by most Americans wouldn't be typical in the countries they have called home.

Two varieties of MKs were at the retreat--those who had been born overseas or had gone as a very young child and those who had spent their formative years in the United States, having to make a culture adjustment when the parents were appointed.

How do they feel about being an MK?

Most "wouldn't trade it for anything," they say.

"It's given me a chance to travel and meet all kinds of people," said Ginger Hamilton, Baylor University (Waco, Tex.) student from Baguio, Philippines. "I've become a part of another culture which has broadened my horizons. Also, a lot of people are interested in getting to know you because you've lived overseas."

Donna Lee Joiner, Dallas Baptist College student from Ecuador, said being an MK had given her numerous chances to travel and meet people. "I haven't been as shocked by people different than me," she concluded.

Tim Harvey from Texas Technological University in Lubbock feels that by living overseas he gained "insights about how other people feel and about myself."

"The main advantage for me is the unadulterated wildlife and countryside where I grew up," said Wiley B. Faw Jr., a student at Georgetown (Ky) College, talking about Nigeria. "Americans are too materialistic, too easily upset and always in a hurry," he added.

There are some disadvantages to being an MK. Many attended boarding schools. Noelle Tope from Mississippi College in Clinton, daughter of missionaries in East Africa, has lived in three East African countries, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

She cited one disadvantage--attending several different schools, both on the field and during furlough, making friends and then having to leave them. She knew when high school graduation came she would be leaving most of her friends for good.

Mks say they are all victims of the missionary stereotype. "Missionaries aren't super humans. They're just like everyone else. The only reason they're missionaries is they felt 'called,'" said Bob Wilson of Brazil, a student at Tarrant County Junior College, Fort Worth.

"People also assume MKs are real nice kids," he said. "Not all of us are."

Lucinda Shelton, from Uruguay and Texas Tech, said people assume everything is always great with missionary families. "Missionary family life is not easy. Many missionaries don't always have everything solved."

While the MKs were being thankful--for their past and for the weekend--several voiced appreciation for Southern Baptist support.

Although all are American citizens, many MK hearts are in their "other home."

"I have been blessed with two homes, two cultures and two languages," said Kathleen Williams, nursing student from Mexico at College of Marin in Kentfield, Calif. "I have chosen the best of two cultures, that way having a third culture."

"I've been serenaded, received roses and had poems written for me," she said. "Latins have very romantic feelings about life and are very warm people." She hopes to be a missionary nurse someday.

Kathleen Williams is grateful for the Cooperative Program (basic unified budget of Southern Baptists) and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. "We have a modern hospital in Guadalajara with 100 beds that the Lottie Moon offering helped pay for."

"I want to thank people because if they hadn't supported us I wouldn't have gotten to do the things that mean so much to me now," said Miss Hamilton. "No one should feel sorry for us because I've had a good life and I wouldn't trade it with anyone."

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