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**Southern Seminary Names
Theology Dean; New Faculty**

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, meeting in annual session, named a school of theology dean and five new faculty members and approved merit salary raises for the faculty, administration and staff.

In other action, the board named a dean emeritus, granted tenure to three faculty personnel, approved the appointment of five instructors and elected a new slate of board officers.

Roy L. Honeycutt Jr., professor and academic dean at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., was elected professor of Old Testament with tenure and dean of the school of theology. Honeycutt earned the doctor of theology from Southern Seminary and was an instructor in Old Testament there before joining Midwestern Seminary in 1959.

He will succeed William E. Hull as dean of the school of theology on August 1. Hull has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.

The board named four other faculty members during the annual meeting. Edward E. Thornton, professor of pastoral theology and clinical pastoral education at Colgate-Rochester-Crozier Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y., was named professor of psychology of religion with tenure. He holds a Ph.D. degree from Southern Seminary and is recognized as one of the nation's leading clinical pastoral professors, a seminary spokesman said.

Robert L. Hartsell, associate professor of speech communications at Southern State College, Magnolia, Ark., was elected associate professor of speech communications in the school of religious education. He holds degrees from Ouachita Baptist University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and a doctor of philosophy degree from Louisiana State University.

Two new faculty members were named in the school of church music. Gordon B. Smith, director of instrumental music at Dallas Baptist College, was elected associate professor of church music. Charles M. Hawn, an instructor in voice and music education at Southern, was named assistant professor of church music.

Ernest J. Loessner was named dean emeritus of the school of religious education. He retired from the position in 1973 and is now serving in the Northwest Baptist Convention, headquartered in Portland, Ore.

Trustees granted tenure to C. N. Davis, assistant professor of social work education, Larry L. McSwain, assistant professor of church and community, and Paul D. Simmons, assistant professor of Christian ethics. The board also extended the service of Eric C. Rust as senior professor of Christian philosophy through the academic year, 1976-77.

Five personnel were added to the seminary instruction staff. In the school of theology, they are: Jon M. Stubblefield, New Testament Greek; F. William Ratliff, Christian philosophy; Clarence Y. Barton and Walter S. Jackson, psychology of religion. In the school of religious education they are: David McNeely and Lucy Easley, social work.

Newly elected officers of the board are Richard M. Stephenson, chairman, executive secretary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia; Charles L. Martin Jr., first vice-chairman, pastor of Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Anniston, Ala.; Benjamin R. Bruner, second vice-chairman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Cumberland Md.; and Joe D. Cross, secretary, president of Cooke Pontiac Co., Louisville.

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Grubbs Attends Update On Vietnam Refugees

RICHMOND (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's disaster response coordinator, W. Eugene Grubbs, who attended a USAID meeting in Washington, D.C., for an update on the refugee situation in Vietnam, characterized the meeting as "very helpful and informative."

If the U.S. government decides to allow large numbers of Vietnam refugees into the United States, placement of these persons will be handled by the Refugee and Migration Department of the U.S. State Department, Grubbs learned. However, USAID officials stressed that the decision about refugees coming to the United States has not been made.

Grubbs was told that almost all children eligible for adoption are out of South Vietnam and being placed by private adoption agencies.

Shipments of goods and materials into Vietnam for relief was strongly discouraged at the meeting, Grubbs said. Relief materials are stacking up and the cost for transporting these goods to Vietnam is very great, according to officials who conducted the meeting.

However, food and supplies are available for purchase in Vietnam. Therefore, relief funds are the best way to help the refugees, concluded USAID spokesmen.

This conclusion is in line with the Foreign Mission Board relief efforts which involve sending relief funds rather than goods to Vietnam, according to Grubbs. In April, the board appropriated \$165,000 for Vietnam relief and will consider further appropriations.

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Wood Hits Bicentennial Grants for Church Use

WASHINGTON (BP)--The executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has criticized a plan by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) to provide matching grants to nonprofit bicentennial projects.

The ARBA plan would provide grants of up to 50 percent of the total cost of bicentennial projects undertaken by religious and other private, nonprofit groups.

The objection was registered in a letter to ARBA by James E. Wood Jr., head of the denominational agency in the nation's capital which represents the public affairs interests of nine Baptist conventions and conferences in the U.S. and Canada.

Wood's letter urged ARBA to drop its plan of assisting religious organizations in funding their bicentennial projects. "A part of the genius of the American experience," the statement read, "has been the separation of church and state. To bridge that separation in order to celebrate its existence is a logical and perhaps legal contradiction."

The statement also warned of the danger in such funding plans of "draping the flag over religion." It continued, "The problems which civil religion creates for the nation it can also create for ARBA and could serve to denigrate the celebration. . ."

The Baptist leader went on to urge certain safeguards if ARBA proceeds to fund nonprofit bicentennial projects. Such programs "should not be in any way a part of or result in the achievement of religious objectives, the promotion of religion and its programs or religious enlistment or support strategies," the statement said.

Finally, if ARBA should decide to fund projects sponsored by religious organizations, it "should issue a strong disclaimer stating that such funding results from the national and/or international character of the bicentennial celebration and that the granting of public funds to religious organizations in this instance may not be construed as a precedent for public financing of religious programs."

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**Baptist Colleges Challenged
To Stand for Principles**

NASHVILLE (BP)--Unless a Christian college's "prime reason for existence" is to develop students' "full potential...within the perspective of the Christian world view," a Baptist educator said here, "it should become an independent private or public-supported institution."

"As far as I know, there is no magic formula that can be applied to make a college 'Christian,'" Cordell Maddox, president of Anderson (S.C.) College, told Christian education chairmen of state Baptist conventions at a meeting here sponsored by the Southern Baptist Education Commission.

But, he said, "a Christian college must transmit Christian values and help students find the Christian purpose for their lives. Moral values, honesty, compassion, prayer, worth of the individual, a knowledge of Christ and a reverence for God are all values the Christian college seeks to impart to its students."

Maddox emphasized that Baptist colleges must provide first rate, quality, accredited education but that they must not forget the responsibility they have to their denomination.

"One of the dangers I see for our Baptist institutions is the attempt to be all things to all people," said Maddox, whose college, a two-year school, is one of 54 colleges and universities and 71 total educational institutions run by Southern Baptists on state and national levels.

"We must, unashamedly, and without hesitation or reservation, be willing to tell everyone the college is striving to be thoroughly Christian, seeking to serve Christ," he declared.

"We are Christian colleges and need to tell prospective students, their parents and our supporters--even those from whom we are seeking financial resources--we need to shout so all can hear: 'We are a college committed to Christian principles.'"

Commenting that the Baptist college "is a full partner with the denomination in seeking to carry out the great commission of Christ," Maddox outlined several areas of responsibility it must assume:

--Educate Baptist students and train ministerial students and other church related vocation volunteers: "A college can set admissions standards and tuition so high the constituency is automatically excluded...A Baptist college owes to its denomination to have as one of its objectives the educating of as many Baptist young people as possible." He recommended adjusting of policies toward that end and "aggressiveness in expanding financial aid programs" for Baptists.

"Our Southern Baptist Convention agencies, state conventions and local churches need to cooperate with our colleges to help train...church related vocation volunteers," he added, recommending instituting and upgrading of in-service programs for that purpose.

"Without strong Baptist colleges, seeking and educating mission and church-related volunteers, our mission effort will be in jeopardy."

--Employ teachers, who are Christians and academically sound: "Some might argue there is no such a thing as 'Christian biology,' 'Christian mathematics,' or 'Christian English.' But there is such a thing as a Christian teaching biology, math or English. A teacher's innermost self breaks through the subject matter he is teaching. Without a doubt, faculty members determine the success of any attempt to transmit values to students because of their daily contact with students in class and personal relationships."

--Insist on college wide commitment to Christ and provide "winsome exposure" for the Christian faith: "The Christian college must offer a witness (for Christ), but never compel acceptance against a person's will. Valid and true evangelism must always leave the final and absolute choice to the individual to accept or reject the gospel--as Christ did." Administration faculty must provide "an atmosphere of Christian love and concern which encourages students to accept and follow Christ."

--Provide an opportunity for worship and Christian service: "I must confess, at this point in my life, I am not sure I have the absolute answer to (required) chapel on Baptist college campuses. . . . At Anderson College we believe worship is so important to our program we have required chapel and made it a college wide activity. . . . Students have staggering problems, difficult decisions and countless other things pulling for their attention. How important it is for them to stop, pray and hear God's word, meditate and receive spiritual strength for their lives."

As for service, he continued, "The Christian college. . . (must encourage) students to serve their fellow man, their denomination and their God." He cited a student program with handicapped children in Anderson which has had great impact on both the children and the college students.

--Uphold Christian social standards on campus: "rules, for the sake of rules, are foolish. However, if things are wrong and detrimental to the individual student and hinders the Christian purpose of the college, we have the responsibility to stand firm against them. . . . Our colleges must be prepared to pay the price for this stand--maybe ridicule or the loss of some prospective students. . . . The Baptist college, striving to remain Christian, must encourage students to do right as we see right."



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