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### Space Still Available For Consultation on Women

NASHVILLE (BP)--Baptist agencies participating in a special Consultation on Women in Church Related Vocations, Sept. 20-22, 1978, in Nashville are fast filling their quotas. However, planners have reserved space for Southern Baptists who want to participate in the event.

The consultation will gather a group of denominational leaders, including the leadership of eleven national Southern Baptist agencies sponsoring the three-day activity as a project approved by the Inter-Agency Council of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It will be held in the conference facilities of the Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville. Mrs. Catherine Allen of the Woman's Missionary Union is consultation chairperson.

Because of space, participation must be limited to about 300 persons, and the participating Baptist agencies are quickly filling quotas. "One third of the space for the consultation, however, is still available to interested Southern Baptists," said Mrs. Allen. "Those who want to attend the consultation should contact Martha Jo Glazner, Conference on Women in Church Related Vocations, Baptist Sunday School Board, MSN 152, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

A \$50 registration fee covers advance reading materials, a dinner meeting and a book of findings. All participants will take responsibility for their own transportation, meals and lodging.

Speakers, and those attending the consultation, will examine the present involvement of women in church related vocations, study the trends in this area, and identify barriers to greater involvement.

"Those attending will study a variety of issues," Mrs. Allen said. "Although one of these may include the ordination of women, that's not the purpose of this consultation. There are many more issues concerning vocational involvement for women in our denomination, and the consultation will focus on these areas.

"The consultation will highlight ways Southern Baptist women are currently involved in church related vocations and pinpoint trends in vocations, education and volunteer involvement," said Mrs. Allen.

"It will present a balanced variety of views--biblical, sociological and psychological--as well as revealing barriers that prevent women from being more involved vocationally," she said. "It will examine possible career options for women and detail the preparation necessary for such careers."

The program features a dinner, a multi-media presentation on women currently serving in the denomination, addresses, panels and group dialogue.

Mrs. Evelyn Stagg and her husband, Frank Stagg, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will open each session with a Bible study, "Women in Biblical Perspectives," based on their recently released book.

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Major addresses will explore the psychological effects of women in ministry, define government policy and its impact of employment of women, examine Southern Baptist literature on women, and offer a wrapup on human rights. Jimmy Allen of San Antonio, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will conclude the session.

Southern Baptist agencies participating in the consultation are The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Brotherhood Commission, Christian Life Commission, Foreign Mission Board, Historical Commission, Home Mission Board, Radio and Television Commission, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Sunday School Board, and Woman's Missionary Union.

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Social Service Association  
Schedules Atlanta Meeting

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ATLANTA (BP)--Walter Delamarter, executive director of the Florida Baptist Children's Home, will speak on "The Four R's of Caring" at a luncheon meeting of the Southern Baptist Social Service Association in Atlanta, June 12.

The association, an organization made up of persons interested in or involved in social services in Southern Baptist life, will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the Atlanta American Motor Hotel, 160 Spring St., N.W.

The meeting is one of a number of satellite meetings surrounding the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 13-15, at the Georgia World Congress Center.

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Board Approves Funding  
For TV, Construction, Energy

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--The executive committee of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has approved \$360,000 for the new Baptist radio and television Bible correspondence series, \$285,700 for construction at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, and \$75,000 for a minicomputer energy management system.

The \$360,000 in reserve funds will be used for writing and editing of 11 series programs and for obtaining media time and writing curriculum support material to be offered free to viewers, according to Robert Fulbright, Bible teaching division director.

The series, a joint effort of the Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, will premiere in October.

The \$285,700 appropriation will allow construction of a 10,000-sq. ft. auditorium at the conference center in Black Mountain, N.C.

Robert Turner, conference division director, said the auditorium is needed as Ridgecrest, and the other major SBC conference center, Glorieta in New Mexico, move into an expanded program for youth during the 1979 summer months.

The auditorium will have a seating capacity of 500 and will include five conference rooms accommodating 250 persons. The air-conditioned facility may be expanded to seat 700 through use of folding doors which will connect the auditorium to the conference rooms.

It will be built north of Spillman Auditorium at the conference center, provided the site meets construction requirements.

Wayne Chastain, director of the management services division, said the minicomputer system is being purchased as part of the board's effort to conserve energy and reduce energy costs. He said the computer, based on studies, should save the Sunday School Board about \$40,000 annually.

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Two pilot films for the correspondence program--"At Home with the Bible"--have already been filmed and test-marketed at a cost of \$250,000.

The filming of the next 11 episodes of the series, featuring Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss., as Bible teacher, will begin in July at the Radio and Television Commission studio.

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Baptist Student Work  
Continues Steady Growth

By Linda Lawson

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--Southern Baptist college students involved in Baptist campus programs increased by 7,000 last year, continuing the strong, steady growth of recent years, a Sunday School Board survey revealed.

The number of campuses reached, students involved, conversions, campus ministers and involvement and giving to missions all reached new highs, according to the figures compiled from interviews with state student directors conducted by National Student Ministries staffers.

"Student work is in the strongest condition in history," said Charles Roselle, who heads National Student Ministries.

The number of campuses reached increased last year by 41 to 1,112--a figure which has almost doubled in 10 years from 603 in 1968. The 7,000 student increase in 1977 brought the total to 134,224. Oklahoma had the largest numerical increase of any state, up 3,150 from 1977 to 11,150.

The number of conversions among students last year totaled 5,928, up 495 from 1977. And 13,779 students presently are preparing for church-related vocations, an increase of 939 over 1977.

Roselle said today's students have a high interest in Bible study and discipleship and do not seem issue oriented.

said the growth is partially due to efforts by National Student Ministries to work with states to identify areas which need Baptist campus ministry is needed. At present, 686 campuses are earmarked for new work as soon as money and leadership are available.

Also, Roselle said growth has been aided by a "Newer Convention Support Strategy" in which states send in a list of needs to National Student Ministries. These requests for money, equipment, facilities or leadership are then brought to the attention of states where student work is more established.

Students in these states respond to the requests through their Baptist Student Unions by raising money and by sending "Help Teams" on short-term mission projects.

Last year an estimated 3,565 students participated in short-term projects in their own states and in newer convention territories.

Growth in all areas has been largely made possible by the fact that the number of directors of student ministries is at an all-time high, Roselle said. Last year 887 persons served as directors--388, fulltime; 119, part-time; and 380, volunteer.

Development and implementation of the concept of the volunteer director has been a major reason behind the growth of the past eight years, Roselle said.

Volunteer directors are identified by state directors, elected and then trained in joint efforts by National Student Ministries and the states. A volunteer director may be a pastor, faculty member, graduate or anyone willing to be trained and to give time and effort to

building a student ministry, Roselle said.

Missions involvement and giving by students also set new records last year. Contributions totaled \$489,956. And 730 students participated in student summer missions sponsored by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and by state conventions.

"Bold Mission Thrust (the SBC goal to evangelize the world by the year 2000) was born in the briar patch of Baptist Student Union," Roselle said.

For next year, National Student Ministries has set a goal for BSU to reach 1,150 campuses. Program emphases will include evangelism and support of Bold Mission Thrust.

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State statistical summaries will be mailed separately to Baptist state paper editors.

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Zaire Survey Completed  
With Travel Adjustments

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Fighting in the Shaba Province of Zaire forced the cancellation of a flight which two Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials planned to make into that area.

But otherwise it had no major effect on their survey in Eastern Zaire of the possibility of Southern Baptist missionaries beginning work in Zaire.

John Mills, the board's secretary for West Africa, reported by telephone from Nairobi, Kenya, that he and Billy L. Bullington, West Africa's field representative, had to enter Zaire by land from the neighboring country of Rwanda. Originally, they had planned flights to four cities in Zaire aboard local airlines.

Mills said they stayed within Zaire's eastern region and did not come in contact with any military action. A scheduled stop in Lubumbashi, the capital of Shaba Province, was cancelled after internal airline flights in Zaire were stopped.

Mills said he would make recommendations to the June meeting for the Foreign Mission Board concerning possible Southern Baptist work in Zaire. Any hesitation about sending missionaries there would not be because of fear for their safety, he said, but to make certain they are needed.

An invasion army of Katanga rebels seized towns in the Shaba Province the week of May 15, killing more than 150 whites, including both missionary and business personnel. Belgian and French forces mounted a joint effort to end the fighting and rescue the expatriots living in the area. Part of the 4,000-man army, which invaded Southern Zaire, were tribesmen who had fought unsuccessfully for independence in Shaba (formerly Katanga) Province in the early 1960's and had been driven into Angola.

Mills said he saw a demonstration in support of the Zaire government in Goma in the eastern area, but otherwise said his only news of activity in Shaba Province came from shortwave radio broadcasts. After a meeting in Kenya, Mills was scheduled to return to his home base in Richmond, and Bullington to his work in West Africa.

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