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Roger Brooks Resigns
Howard Payne Presidency

BROWNWOOD, Texas (BP)--Roger L. Brooks has resigned as president of Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas, and he has accepted the position of vice president of graduate studies at Houston Baptist University.

The university's board of trustees accepted Brooks' resignation during a regularly scheduled meeting May 1. The trustees asked Brooks to withdraw his resignation when he submitted it at their January meeting. Brooks decided to submit the resignation again at the May meeting.

"While my six and one half years of tenure as president have been enjoyable and rewarding, I have missed my association with the academic areas of administration," Brooks said. "I look with great pleasure at assuming my new responsibilities in Houston."

Charles A. Stewart, executive vice president of Howard Payne, was appointed as acting chief executive officer at the Baptist university. A search committee for a new president was appointed, with Warren P. Duren as chairman.

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Southern Baptist Researchers
Group Sets Houston Session

HOUSTON, Texas (BP)--The second annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Research Fellowship is expected to attract more than 50 religion researchers to Houston on Saturday, June 9, for two major addresses.

The meeting is one of a series of meetings surrounding the annual gathering of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 12-14, at the Houston Summit.

During an afternoon session, beginning at 1 p.m. at Sharpstown Baptist Church, Larry McSwain, associate professor of church and community at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will speak on "Kinds of Research Needed by the Church Growth Movement."

At a dinner, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Coach Inn, William Kamrath, director of demographic studies at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., will discuss the 1980 national census.

Fellowship president, Leonard Irwin, who directs planning for the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, said a business session will include planning for special recognition of 50 charter members.

The fellowship was organized last June in Atlanta to provide an informal forum for Southern Baptists with professional interests or assignments in religious research. Officers were elected at that time for two-year terms.

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Mission Day Camp Set Children at the SBC

HOUSTON, Texas (BP)--More than 300 children, 6-11 years old, will learn about Christian missions in the outdoors, June 12-14, while their parents conduct the business of the Southern Baptist Convention at the Houston Summit.

The occasion is a three day mission day camp at Second Baptist Church sponsored by Texas Baptist Men and the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

The camp will open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings prior to convention sessions and close at the end of the afternoon sessions on Tuesday and Thursday and the morning session on Wednesday, when no afternoon session is scheduled.

A registration fee of \$5.00 per day covers insurance, supplies, lunch (Tues. and Thurs.) and transportation between the Summit and the Second Baptist Church. Parents may register their children for the camp at the Day Camp Registration Booth in the lobby of the Summit, said Frank Black, mission day camp director.

Jerry Bob Taylor of Dallas, director of Royal Ambassadors boys work for Texas Baptist Men and program director of the day camp, said missions will permeate every children's activity.

"We will play games and do crafts which are popular in foreign countries where Southern Baptists missionaries are serving," Taylor said. "Our program features will include home and foreign missionaries attending the convention," he added.

Taylor will be assisted by members of the Texas state Royal Ambassador staff, Dallas and Houston Association Royal Ambassadors staffs, and Houston and Gulf Coast Association Acteen (girls ages 12-17) staff.

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Carter Declines to Predict Future Dissident Exchanges

WASHINGTON (BP)--While declining to predict future agreements with the Soviet Union such as the one that brought Russian Baptist pastor Georgi Vins and four others to this country, President Carter declared that "we have not forgotten any human rights activist in the Soviet Union."

Responding to a question at his April 30 news conference, Carter went on to say that the recent exchange of the five dissidents for two convicted Soviet spies "was the result of long and tedious and detailed negotiations" which extended "at least over a six-month period."

The president declared that "the final agreement was approved personally by me and, I presume, by President Brezhnev."

He also revealed that the negotiating process was prolonged at least in part by his repeated rejection of names on possible exchange lists submitted by the Soviets. "The identity of the human rights activists who came here from the Soviet Union was one that was the subject of detailed negotiations. When the Soviets would put forward names, . . . we would assess those names and repeatedly reject them because we did not think they were adequate," Carter said.

"In my final judgment, . . . I felt that the list of names was a fair exchange and therefore approved them," he said.

In declining to predict future similar exchanges, the president also said he could not reveal "any more details" about the exchange. That final comment would appear to leave open the possibility that negotiations for the release of other dissidents may be underway already or pursued in future months.

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Mobile's Lambert Mims:
Mayor With a Mission

By Kendal Weaver
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MOBILE, Ala.--Mayor Lambert Mims, like many other politicians in cities of 200,000 or more, spends a lot of time making speeches. Right now, he's booked up for a month of Sundays.

But Mims is unlike virtually every other mayor in a comparable spot. He's on the stump for the Lord.

"I see myself as a dual ambassador," says Mims. "I'm an ambassador for Mobile, and I'm an ambassador for Christ."

Years ago, Mims found himself on his knees, drunk and going nowhere but down. "I called on the name of the Lord," says Mims. "And God saved me and changed my life."

Nowadays the 48-year-old Mims has a Bible on his office desk. He regularly says, "God loves you" as a parting word. He is rarely without small, printed religious tracts to pass around--"If you see me with my coat on, I've got tracts." And he witnesses.

"Most people around here don't know it, but I'm usually heading out from Mobile on Saturday nights to witness for Christ on Sunday. Then I'll be back Sunday night," says Mims. "The traveling, of course, is very tiring. But the Lord replenishes me. I come back bustling and overjoyed, ready to go Monday morning."

Often his address to a church or religious group recounts his personal experience. As a young man, he says, he drifted from his rural Baptist upbringing. When a friend tried to tell him about Christ, "I laughed at him; I made fun of him. Finally, I told him not to bother me, that he was getting to be a broken record."

A few days later that friend was dead, the victim of an automobile accident. "I took the longest walk of my life, down the aisle of First Church, Robertsedale, where his body was laid out," says Mims.

A few nights later, three ladies from the Riverside Church showed up at his home for visitation. Their radiance touched him, he says, and he and his wife went to the church that Sunday.

But he was still in conflict. "I would hear the word of God and want to be saved, but I didn't want to turn loose the things of the world," says Mims. "I became the most miserable person on the face of the earth."

Then on March 2, 1957, it happened. Sick in mind, body and soul, he says, "I stopped my car by the side of the road and got out. But I didn't get out--I fell out. I was down on my knees, and I realized for the first time in my life where I was headed."

From that moment on, he says, he was under the direction of the Lord. He ran for a seat on the Mobile City Commission in 1965 and won. "We felt God was on our side," says Mims. "We decided that Christian people ought to be involved in government. They shouldn't be spectators; they ought to be participators."

Mims has been re-elected to the commission twice, serving the past 14 years and holding the title of mayor on a rotating basis with the other two commissioners.

"Christ expects you to witness for him in City Hall as well as everywhere else," says Mims. "It is proper for me to be an influence."

He says religion is essential to America's political life. "Most people get into politics with good intentions," he says. "But they get involved in a web of compromise...The first thing you know they have lost their Christian witness altogether."

He says he doesn't like the "political skullduggery" that comes with his job and tries to let the Lord guide him. "If I felt God wanted me to be something else, I would be that. If He wanted me to be a truck driver, I'd be happy with that, driving my truck and talking on my CB."

But, he says, "unless the Lord changes my mind, I feel I'll spend the rest of my life in public service."

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Golden Gate Votes
Budget, Elects Cauthen

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)--Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary trustees adopted a 1979-80 budget of more than \$2 million, promoted faculty and staff members, voted to employ an architect for a new library and approved construction of additional campus housing.

Also during their three-day meeting they elected Baker James Cauthen as the seminary's first Baker James Cauthen Professor of Missions. Cauthen, who will retire as executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in December, will join the seminary faculty for at least a year beginning in the fall of 1980.

The trustees also viewed an artist's sketch for a proposed World Mission Center and chapel on the campus, a concept designed to take advantage of the strategic location of Golden Gate Seminary in the multi-ethnic Bay area. It will give opportunity for students who are training for missions service to serve in language churches and to study and participate in cultural activities of the various groups. The Baker James Cauthen Chair of World Missions will be part of the center.

Nobel D. Brown, dean of students and director of admissions, was promoted to vice president for student relations. The trustees promoted Mrs. Orine Suffern to assistant professor of church music, promoted Robert L. Cate and J. Kenneth Eakins to full professorships in Old Testament and archaeology and Old Testament respectively, and promoted Naymond Keathley and Glen Saul to associate professorships respectively in New Testament and Christian ethics.

Funds for the library have been authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention and construction of the \$2,985,000 facility will begin as soon as plans are complete.

Trustees also endorsed the Pioneer Village, a proposed 40-unit housing village, and approved construction of additional housing units. Enrollment reports show the largest spring enrollment in the seminary's history and that applications for the fall are running 40 percent above last year.

W. Morgan Patterson, dean of students, announced degree and diploma level courses will be offered in Salt Lake City, Utah, beginning in the fall of 1979.

Fred L. Fisher was re-elected director of a Golden Gate center in Southern California and the trustees approved exploration of a possible joint venture with other associations or agencies for a building to house the center.

The trustees also appointed a five-member committee to study retirement policies, another five-member committee to study housing policies for the Mill Valley campus and elected Guy W. Rutland, a layman from Atlanta, Ga., as trustee chairman.

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