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Southwestern Trustees
Elect Dean, Officers

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--Election of a new theology dean, approval of a proposal regarding a communications study center, reports on the library center project and election of officers were highlights of the fall meeting of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary board of trustees.

William B. Tolar, professor of biblical backgrounds and archaeology since 1965, was elected dean of the school of theology, succeeding Huber L. Drumwright, who resigned in August to become executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

Kenneth L. Chafin, a Houston pastor, and James Carter, a Fort Worth pastor, were reelected to second terms as chairman and secretary respectively. T. Shad Medlin, a layman from El Dorado, Ark., was elected vice chairman.

The proposed communications study center will be sponsored jointly by the seminary and the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. Trustees approved an exploration of needs and initial development, with final approval expected at the board's spring meeting in March.

The center, to be part of the seminary's school of religious education, would provide graduate professional training for men and women preparing for Christian communications vocations. Included would be curricula in broadcast and print media, public relations, drama, writing and other related fields.

Trustees also adopted proposals authorizing seminary president Russell H. Dilday Jr. to approve agreements and contracts for a new library center. Construction of the facility tentatively is set to begin in February 1981. Bids on the \$8.4 million project will be received in December.

As part of the project, trustees reviewed a report on a fund raising project, called VISION/85, to meet construction costs and operational endowments of the new library center.

In another action, trustees unanimously adopted a resolution expressing appreciation to the seminary faculty and administration "for the responsible way you involve yourselves in helping the seminary fulfill its purpose."

"We are thankful for the kind of people you are: your beliefs, your gifts, your churchmanship, your denominational loyalty, and your sacrificial commitment to training those whom God calls. We feel that Southern Baptists are served well by you."

\$12,000 Stolen in Break-in
At Kediri Baptist Hospital

KEDIRI, Indonesia (BP)--More than \$12,000 was taken from Baptist Hospital, Kediri, Indonesia, early Oct. 17 by a thief who broke through the roof.

The \$12,152 taken included the hospital's October receipts through the 17th, which totaled \$9,760; \$1,600 belonging to the Baptist mission for hospital construction; and \$792 belonging to hospital director Don Duvall.

The thief came through the clay tile roof between midnight and 2 a.m. and cut through the false ceiling just above a filing cabinet onto which he lowered himself.

Kediri police are investigating the incident. They suspect someone familiar with the surroundings because he apparently knew where the filing cabinet was. However, they do not suspect any of the office personnel because \$5,000 in the cash register on top of the safe was not bothered.

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Maryland Church Ordains
Husband-Wife Ministers

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✓ TEMPLE HILLS, Md. (BP)--W. Jerry and Susan S. Cauley, a husband and wife team, have been ordained to the gospel ministry by the congregation of Broadview Baptist Church.

Cauley is associate pastor of the 557-member suburban Washington, D.C., church, and his wife is assistant minister of music.

"The couple's ordination is the acknowledgement by a congregation of the gifts of persons to minister to others in the name of Christ," said Howard Roberts, pastor of the church. "It seeks to set apart those persons for the specific tasks of ministry.

"Susan and Jerry have demonstrated with their actions their commitment to communicate the love of God to others," he added.

Cauley, a native of Cordele, Ga., is a graduate of Shorter College in Rome, Ga., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Cauley, a native of Murfreesboro, Tenn., is a graduate of Belmont College in Nashville, Tenn., and Southern Seminary.

He served First Baptist Churches in Cordele and Lindale, Ga., and Garden Lake Baptist Church in Rome. She has served in Belle Aire Baptist Church in Murfreesboro and Woodmont Baptist Church in Nashville. Together, they have served the Maryland congregation, Memorial Baptist Church in Savannah, Ga., and Jeffersontown Baptist Church, Jeff rsontown, Ky.

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Three Say Carter Better
Than Reagan On Hunger

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NEW YORK (BP)--Three well-known authorities on world hunger, including prominent Southern Baptist layman Owen Cooper, issued a statement rating President Carter above Ronald Reagan on hunger-related issues.

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Cooper, a former president of the 13.4 million-member Southern Baptist Convention, was joined by Ronald J. Sider, president of Evangelicals for Social Action, and Arthur Simon, executive director of Bread for the World.

They said that "while initiatives against hunger by the Carter administration have so far been limited, the president has demonstrated some understanding of and concern about the seriousness of world hunger and the need for a more positive U.S. response."

Although recognizing that "this is only one issue among many that voters will need to consider" in deciding how to vote, the three nevertheless declared that Carter would be more likely than Reagan "to provide strong leadership regarding this country's response to world hunger."

Cooper, Sider and Simon also called attention to the final report of the Presidential Commission on World Hunger, a document which urges that the United States "make the elimination of hunger the primary focus of its relationships with developing countries."

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Roundtable, Jewish Leaders
Hit Carter Administration

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NEW YORK (BP)--Three Southern Baptists are among 28 signers of a statement critical of the administration of President Jimmy Carter, issued by the Ad Hoc Committee for Traditional Morality.

The group was "pulled together" by Edward E. McAteer, president of The Roundtable, an organization which promotes conservative religious and political causes.

Co-sponsoring the statement and a news conference was Rabbi Abraham V. Hecht, president of the (Orthodox) Rabbinical Alliance of America.

At a news conference Hecht and McAteer both denied that the meeting was intended to have political significance, but the statement denounced "secular humanist voices in general and the current national administration in particular..."

The other Southern Baptist signers are William A. Powell Sr., Buchanan, Ga., executive vice president of Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship and editor of Southern Baptist Journal, and Richard Hogue, a former Southern Baptist evangelist and current pastor of Metro Center Baptist Church of Oklahoma City.

The statement notes the leading tradition of the United States has been "a firm belief in the Supreme Being and in his moral commandments recorded on the pages of the Holy Bible," and reserves for all citizens the right to "commend or criticize" all branches of government, leaders, American life and "conditions in general."

It "vigorously" denounces "the secular humanist forces in general and the current national administration in particular for this utterly reprehensible failure to combat pornography, sexual perversion, abortion, the concept of drafting women into the armed forces, sacrilege and blasphemy in various fields including media and entertainment, interference by government in the operation and policies of basically orderly religious schools and institutions, the immoral abandonment and betrayal of a number of America's Free World friends and allies and all forms of craven inaction regarding the spread of international terrorism and godless international communism."

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McAteer, a member of Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, said the issuance of the statement was "one of the most significant meetings of our century."

Among the other signers were Morton Hill, a Catholic priest and president of Morality in Media, and Mildred F. Jefferson, president of the Right to Life Crusade, an anti-abortion group.

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Home Said Key To Teaching
Children Religious Values

By Linda Lawson

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IRVING, TEXAS (BP)--Less strenuous church schedules and improved parent training events would help parents more effectively teach Christian values to their children, a preschool specialist said.

Cos Davis, supervisor of the preschool program section of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, discussed the family's role in the child's religious development at a seminar for church staff members.

He cited the "vastness of church programs that over-involve our people," such as meetings scheduled at church every night of the week, and noted that few churches provide training for parents to help them teach their children.

"My personal hope and prayer would be that we move to the biblical position that the home is the number one teacher of religious values," said Davis. "Its role should be greater than that of the local congregation."

Davis, who is the author of a book "Children and the Christian Faith," said the key to a family-oriented ministry "is a pastor and staff members who model the family priority in their daily lives and then structure the church to support it."

To give the family first priority, church leaders should "take a long, hard look at a schedule that is counter-productive to family life."

Second, he suggested churches offer workshops on the responsibilities and role of parents.

He noted "it is highly possible that well-meaning Christian parents could be teaching bad values," and cited the example of a Christian father "who is so dedicated to saving the world that he neglects his family."

During a child's preschool years "the single most important thing we must teach the child is that he is of worth to God. That's the beginning point," Davis said.

A parent can teach a child this value by living in a loving, faithful relationship with God, accepting his child unconditionally and living in a loving disciplined relationship with his child, Davis said.

To evaluate the values they are teaching their children, Davis said parents should undertake the "simple but difficult process" of examining what is important to them. Then they should ask themselves, "Is this biblical?"

"It is absolutely scriptural to see the family as the agency through which people are won to the Lord," said Davis. "I think families are the key to winning people to Christ."

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N. C. Language Consultant
Teaches 'American' Language

RALEIGH, N.C. (BP)—To enable Indochinese immigrants to learn English as quickly as possible, Noel Pace, a language ministry consultant with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, has developed a speech pattern teaching method.

Pace, also a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, says Americans speak not in words but in phrases so it is more important for an immigrant to recognize speech patterns than to concentrate on grammar.

"We don't just speak in individual words, we speak in patterns which convey pictures," Pace says. "For example, we say 'Have you got a pencil' instead of 'Have/you/got/a/pencil'. They learn to listen for phrases."

The program which Pace, active in refugee resettlement, uses to help Vietnamese learn these patterns is called "basic English." "This is not 'survival English'," he says. "That's where people carry around a pocket dictionary and try to translate. People don't learn that way. We teach the core of the English language the way people speak it."

Pace's program utilizes dialogue repetition. Students never see a translation, they only try to learn the basic patterns and key words. Trained volunteers help give personal attention to the new Americans and the entire process takes from 30 to 40 hours.

The adaptation of Vietnamese children to American schools proves the program's success. After three weeks of instruction, kids in families with which Pace has worked are making good grades in chemistry, physics, and mathematics. Older family members are slower in learning, especially if they are not literate in their native language.

Pace is currently preparing a book, "Let's Talk American," outlining the details of this teaching method. He expects it to be published in Vietnamese, Laotian, Chinese and Cambodian. For awhile, it seemed as if no one wanted his help--everyone thought they could do an adequate job of teaching new residents English with conventional language programs. They're now finding old methods inadequate.

Pace says the teaching idea is not unique with him. He is reversing the process that the armed forces used to teach their officers Vietnamese a few years ago. He has simply combined a knowledge of the Vietnamese language and thought patterns with his organizational skill.

Pace sees an urgent need for this sort of crash program to get new residents started learning "American." "Our goal is to get them speaking within a month, able to function within the community," he says.



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