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Sunday School Board trustees
postpone naming new commentary

By Lonnie Wilkey

NASHVILLE (BP)--Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board delayed naming a new conservative multi-volume Bible commentary until February 1989 to see if a "better" name can be chosen.

During the board's August meeting in Nashville, the trustees' publishing and distribution committee recommended the new commentary be titled "The New Evangelical Commentary," with a frontline, or secondary title, of "A Theological Exposition of Holy Scripture."

Larry Holly, a physician from Beaumont, Texas, who made the motion to postpone naming the commentary, questioned the name, noting he was "not excited about the title."

Holly added the name does not have the "dignity and gravity" that the "most significant publication of the Baptist Sunday School Board in this century" deserves.

Holly said he talked with some of the consulting editors who told him they were not that enthusiastic about the title.

James W. Clark, senior vice president of the board's office of publishing and distribution, told the trustees the name had been approved unanimously by the commentary's six consulting editors who were elected at a called trustee meeting last October.

The consulting editors are Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College, Dallas, Texas; Robert Sloan, associate professor of religion, Baylor University, Waco, Texas; Curtis Vaughan, professor of New Testament, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Kenneth Mathews, professor of Old Testament and Semitics, Criswell College; and Larry L. Walker, professor of Old Testament and Semitic languages, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.

Clark noted the editors considered 50 titles before agreeing on the proposed name. The consulting editors felt the title "would open trade markets beyond the Southern Baptist Convention," he added.

The committee presented four reasons the editors gave for selecting the title:

-- "Evangelical" often is taken to mean Christians who hold to the absolute trustworthiness of Scripture.

-- "New" modifies "commentary" and distinguishes the product from earlier works and could be printed in different type from the rest of the title to clearly show that it does not modify "evangelical."

-- The title indicates the commentary is a serious work, which is important in that one of the goals of the commentary is to demonstrate that biblical inerrancy represents a viable, scholarly approach.

-- The frontline indicates the methodology of the commentary and adds a note of warmth and reverence.

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Discussion of the title revolved around other names and whether postponing action would delay the scheduled production date of the commentary. The first volumes are projected to be available by the time of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in 1991.

A name would assist people who work with the commentary's production, but postponement of the title would not necessarily delay publication, Clark said.

Trustees also approved a recommendation from the committee that the six commentary editors be invited to the February meeting and be available for comment and questions.

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Finances, BTN get
trustee attention

By Jim Lowry

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Financial reports and budget adjustments facing the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board occupied a major portion of time for trustees attending the Aug. 15-17 semi-annual meeting in Nashville.

Since its founding, the denomination's education and publishing agency has been under mandate from the convention to be self-supporting from the sales of products. Consequently, trustees were given reports from the board's administration that called for decreases in spending for the next year as steps in fiscal management.

E.V. King, vice president for finance, told trustees revenues for the first nine months of the current fiscal year were \$3 million below budget but almost \$6 million above last year. Some bright spots point to improved revenues in the upcoming year, he added.

He listed several causes for the \$3 million lag in revenues, which included church literature sales 2.2 percent below budget, Convention Press sales 5.9 percent below projections and Baptist Telecommunication Network revenues 15.5 percent below budget.

The Holman division was cited by King as one area of increased sales for the first nine months of this fiscal year, with sales of more than \$6 million, 23 percent above budget, and \$2.02 million, or 49.8 percent above last year.

Other components listed by King as experiencing growth over the past year were Baptist Book Stores, Broadman Press and Genevox, the music-publishing component.

The 1988-89 budget approved by trustees is \$176.65 million, a 5.6 percent increase over the present budget, and 7.4 percent, or more than \$12 million, over 1987-88 projected revenue.

Included in the budget was a reduction of \$494,160 for Baptist Telecommunication Network, which includes the elimination of five employee positions in the telecommunications department. This follows a budget reduction last year of \$400,000, which also included five jobs cut in that department.

Board President Lloyd Elder told trustees administrators are prepared to "make an all-out effort. I have found out again and again there is wisdom in this board being committed to a future that includes telecommunications. However, we need the commitment of trustees and an increased commitment on the part of subscribing churches in the convention."

In his monthly column in the September issue of Facts and Trends magazine, Elder issued an appeal to church leaders, saying: "We need help. As president of the board who is responsible for visionary leadership, I see that the board cannot carry out this commitment to BTN without the widespread support of churches."

The business and finance committee reviewed the continuing investment losses by the board in BTN, which are more than \$11 million since 1981. It issued a letter of support for the training network, recommending three growth expectations for the 1988-89 year.

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These expectations are a minimum of 300 new subscribers, sales of video tapes totaling at least \$92,500 and rental income from the satellite transponder of \$205,000.

Levan Parker, trustee from Birmingham, Ala., and chairman of the church programs and services committee, shared a report from the administration to trustees that recommended "significant budget cuts and tight financial management" because of continued costs to the board to support the network.

The changes reported by the administration to trustees to strengthen the financial contribution of BTN include a goal of increasing the number of subscribing churches to about 4,000 from the current 1,381 to reach a financial break-even point for the network.

Trustees were told BTN messages now are available on a videotape service to allow churches the choice of how to receive the training materials. Due to technical difficulties, the BTN satellite signal is no longer scrambled.

Subscription agreements for BTN also are being changed to a new three-year agreement which has a cancellation provision, instead of the present five-year commitment.

One step recommended by the administration but changed by the trustees was to discontinue coverage of the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention. Trustees directed the administration to allocate the necessary money, expected to be about \$30,000, to continue providing the service to local churches.

A major report approved by trustees was a salary administration study prepared with the assistance of the Hay Group, an Atlanta human resource consulting firm.

The study, first authorized by trustees in 1984, provides salary administration guidelines for all professional, management and administrative management positions.

The study also recommended that no salary increase be given to Sunday School Board employees during the 1988-89 fiscal year, but it left a provision for a year-end performance bonus of up to 5 percent for employees if budgeted funds provided from operations, the difference between revenues and expenses, of \$5.3 million is met or exceeded.

Trustees also approved a revision of the schedule for construction of an office tower on top of the board's Operations Building. The six-month delay in the beginning of construction will allow the board to seek more favorable bids for the work.

The preliminary design, approved by trustees in February 1988, provides for the construction of a nine-story office/conference tower, to be purchased with \$14 million from the fixed asset reserve fund.

Completion of the building now is expected in the summer of 1990.

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Trustees adopt motion
for obtaining information

By Linda Lawson

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NASHVILLE (BP)--A motion that any trustee of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board may request and receive information "pertinent to the operation" of the institution was adopted by a 47-20 vote during the closing session of the Aug. 15-17 meeting of the 89-member board of trustees.

The motion, as finally adopted with one amendment, states: "Any information pertinent to the operation of the Baptist Sunday School Board, excluding matters involving personnel issues or matters which in the opinion of the president might give rise to legal liability, shall be provided in a timely manner to any trustee of the board upon request. Any information requested and received by a trustee shall be used in a responsible manner consistent with the fiduciary position occupied by that trustee."

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The original motion by T.C. French Jr., pastor of Jefferson Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, La., was amended by a 38-4 vote to add the exclusions on personnel and liability issues.

French said the purpose of his motion was "to get information" for documentation. "If we're going to act as a board and give the president direction, we've got to have information," he said.

During about one hour of debate, several trustees questioned the need for the motion, noting they had received any information they had ever requested from the administration. A motion to refer the matter to the general administration committee failed by a 38-32 vote.

After the meeting, President Lloyd Elder said, "We have had an open-door policy concerning the providing of information to trustees, and we will continue to have this policy."

In his earlier report to trustees on the second day of the three-day meeting, Elder said Southern Baptists must communicate their convictions with warmth and passion while being gracious to those with whom they differ.

Describing the board as "my learning place" since his election as president in 1983, Elder outlined five lessons he is learning.

"We must learn to confess our beliefs fervently and winsomely in the midst of strongly held beliefs by others and to do so under the lordship of Jesus Christ," Elder said.

"We must learn to be gracious to one another in our differences. I can do better at this, and I must. We as Southern Baptists can do better at this, and we must," he continued.

A third lesson he is learning, Elder said, "is to express my undaunted belief in this great convention family as an instrument in the hand of the kingdom of God."

As president of the church programs and publishing board, Elder said, "I am learning to serve the churches, all the churches, all across this great convention."

A fifth lesson, Elder said, is "how to be a better steward of the gospel and of this great board."

That lesson, he said, includes learning the biblical concept of contentment -- accepting circumstances as they are, being dependent on Christ rather than circumstances, being more dependent on prayer and sharpening "judgment that is faulty and skills which are never complete."

During the dialogue session following Elder's report, trustees raised several concerns but took no action on them and expressed support for openness by the administration.

Warren Hultgren, chairman of trustees and pastor of First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla., said at the conclusion of the dialogue: "We are talking ourselves together in a good way. An adversarial relationship is always bad. The work here is so much greater than any one of us that we must put our shoulders to the plow."

The 89-member board includes 18 new trustees, the largest incoming class of trustees in its history. The group includes trustees from four state conventions -- Nevada, New York, Pennsylvania/South Jersey and Alaska -- which recently met the minimum membership requirement for having trustees of Southern Baptist agencies and institutions.

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New guidelines adopted
for Sunday school lines

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Written guidelines for three lines of Sunday school curriculum were adopted unanimously by trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board Aug. 15-17.

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They also approved an average church literature price increase of six percent, effective April 1989, and an average increase in 1989 summer conference center rates of 4.3 percent.

Approval of Sunday school curriculum series characteristics in a voice vote without opposition represented another step in a continuing curriculum improvement study begun in 1985 by the board's Sunday school division.

Final recommendations in the study will be presented to trustees in February. Changes will be completely implemented in the literature by October 1991.

Three lines of Sunday school curriculum -- Bible Book Series, Convention Uniform Series and Life and Work Series -- will continue to be published by the board. The present Foundation Series for preschoolers and children will become the Life and Work Foundation series.

The Convention Uniform Series will be focused primarily for use in smaller churches with 150 or fewer enrolled in Sunday school. Approximately 22,000 of the denomination's 37,000 churches fall in this category.

The Life and Work Series will be designed primarily for use in larger churches with more than 150 enrolled in Sunday school. The Bible Book Series will continue to be for use in all sizes of churches.

All three lines will be based on the same statement of biblical authority, that "the Bible is 'the textbook' and authority for all study, learning and application." All materials will continue to be produced within the guidelines of The Baptist Faith and Message.

The Bible Book Series and the Convention Uniform Series will be based on the King James Version of the Bible. The Life and Work Series for children, youth and adults will be based on the New American Standard Bible, with some periodicals also printing the King James Version. Preschool Life and Work Foundation materials will use the New International Version or the King James Version.

Harry Piland, director of the Sunday school division, said improvements in Sunday school curriculum have been based on four criteria: emphasis on the Bible, evangelism and application, ease of use and attractiveness.

Trustees also approved several changes in church music periodicals, effective October 1990:

-- A new quarterly periodical, Celebrate!, will replace Opus One, Contemporary Praise will replace Opus Two, and Gospel Choir and Alleluias will replace Choral Praise;

-- A new quarterly periodical, The Senior Musician, will begin publication for senior adults;

-- A new quarterly publication for worship planning, Worship: Resources for the Church Musician, will begin publication;

-- Instrumental Demo Cassette will be released quarterly for use with The Church Musician and Handbells.

In another matter, trustees voted to close the Hazlewood (Mo.) Mail Order Center Dec. 31, 1988, or as soon thereafter as practical.

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Ethicist urges 'E.T.' pay
for sin of Universal Studios

By Marv Knox

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NASHVILLE (BP)--E.T. should pay for Universal Studios' sin.

A boycott of the home video version of "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" is but one of eight responses urged by Christian ethicist Larry Braidfoot following Universal's release of the controversial film "The Last Temptation of Christ."

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Braidfoot, general counsel for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, previewed "The Last Temptation" Aug. 11, the day before the movie was released to the American public. The film, based on a novel by Nikos Kazantzakis, created a furor in mid-summer, as conservative Christians learned Universal was preparing it for distribution.

"Upon screening the movie, I concluded that the movie was more offensive than I had anticipated, even though some of the more objectionable scenes in (an early) script had been omitted," Braidfoot said.

"Having seen the movie, I am of the opinion that the vast majority of Southern Baptists will find the film highly offensive because of its portrayal of Jesus as indecisive and uncertain, the heroic portrayal of Judas, the dehumanization of women ... and its inaccurate portrayal of many New Testament characters and events."

Braidfoot called upon Southern Baptists to take a variety of actions:

- Boycott. "Refrain from seeing the movie," he said. "Urge others to also refrain."
- Limit distribution. "Use our influence to prevent the movie from being shown locally," he added. "Actions should be undertaken immediately to prevent the spread of the movie."
- Provide informed criticism. "When the movie opens in a new city, some Southern Baptists should see the film," Braidfoot suggested. "The press will give more favorable treatment to those who have seen the film and criticize it than to those who have not."
- Protest effectively. "Consider carefully the nature of protests and picketing," he warned. "In some places they will harm the cause by calling attention to a movie that is boring, long and poorly done."

Tickets to the movie sold briskly during opening weekend, and industry analysts credited the controversy surrounding the movie for its box-office success, he said.

"Southern Baptists in each city where the movie might play should use their awareness of their own home region in determining the effectiveness of public picketing," he urged.

-- Make E.T. pay. Universal never intended for Southern Baptists to buy tickets for "The Last Temptation," Braidfoot said, noting the movie is not likely to be distributed widely in regions where Southern Baptists are numerous. But other Universal products, particularly its home videos, are targeted at audiences that include vast numbers of Baptists, he added.

"The product which Universal really expects Southern Baptists to buy is the home video release of 'E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial,'" he said. "It is scheduled for release in late October at approximately \$25 per tape. Universal is reported to have hopes of selling 8 million copies.

"Universal is releasing 'The Last Temptation,' a \$6.5 million dull, two-hour and 40-minute movie for economic motives. Effective protest must be directed at those products with which Universal anticipates profiting from us. 'E.T.' is the most visible product we can boycott to express our displeasure."

-- Offer letters. Braidfoot called for Southern Baptists "to present an offering of letters to Universal which does two things: expresses displeasure with Universal for releasing the film and indicates that we will not attend it and communicates that we will not buy 'E.T.'"

"Obtain a copy of the film advertisement (for 'E.T.') which is available at many video rental shops and include it in the letter as tangible evidence of sincerity and to call attention to the specific product," he suggested.

Letters should be addressed to Tom Pollock, chairman, Motion Picture Group, 100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, Calif. 91608. Pollock's telephone number is (818) 777-1000.

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-- Act Christ-like. "I am greatly concerned about the image of Christians which is being developed regarding the protest," Braidfoot said. "I would urge Southern Baptists to abstain from anti-Semitism and to separate ourselves from threats of violence such as spraying paint on theater screen, putting glue on a bathroom floor and defacing a theater.

"Many persons who attend the theater will do so based on curiosity. Christ will best be served by a protest that also presents Jesus of Nazareth in a positive way."

-- Present the truth. "The most positive manner to respond to the movie is for Southern Baptists and other concerned Christians to be present at theaters, not only to protest but also to distribute literature such as paperback New Testaments or copies of one of the gospels," he said. "We should seek to present curious moviegoers with the truth about Jesus of Nazareth.

"Many of our churches are in communities where the movie will not be shown. A marvelous sign of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ would be for many of these churches to take special offerings to buy New Testaments for distribution at theaters where the movie is being shown."

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Committee cautions
'troubled' seminary

By R.G. Puckett

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WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)--Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, is "a very troubled campus and divided institution," according to a report filed with the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.

The report says trustees of the 38-year-old school in Wake Forest, N.C. apparently are "clearer about their role as agents of the Southern Baptist Convention than about their full fiduciary role as trustees."

It details events at the seminary during the past year, including measures taken by trustee to more closely control faculty selection, the resignations of the school's president and top administrators and campus concern over those events.

A three-member committee visited the seminary on behalf of the association in mid-March and interviewed representatives of administration, trustees, faculty and students. Its report was presented to the association's executive committee in mid-June and released to faculty and trustees in early August.

Visiting committee members were Jim L. Waits, vice president of the Candler School of Theology, chairman; Jack L. Stotts, president of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary; and Leon Pacalla, the association's executive director.

The committee conducted the site visitation to gather information that would "enable the (association's) executive committee to determine what implications, if any, the events at the seminary may have regarding the proper recognition and adherence to the principles of academic freedom and institutional integrity."

The association's conclusions eventually will determine whether Southeastern will continue to be accredited by the organization. The seminary currently is accredited by the association and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which is scheduled to make an on-site accreditation visit Sept. 14-16.

Trustees' actions last fall -- which ensured that only biblical inerrantists will be added to the faculty and which gave trustees and the president, not the faculty, primary responsibility for selecting faculty members -- prompted the resignations of President W. Randall Lolley, Dean Morris Ashcraft and six other administrators.

The association's visitation committee concluded the resignations of the president and the dean were directly related to actions of the board which, the administrators felt, "so altered their offices and jurisdictions as to make it impossible for them to carry on the responsibilities of their administrative roles with integrity."

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One of the major issues in the dispute is the manner in which faculty members are recruited and elected. The report notes: "In October 1987, the board, without prior knowledge of the president altered substantially the procedures for all faculty appointments. ...

"First, the changes represented a unilateral action by the board without participation by either administration or faculty and altered if not violated the school's traditions and practices of deliberation and consultation with peer faculty of the seminary regarding matters of faculty appointments. ...

"Second, the changes altered substantially the role of the faculty in the appointment process. ... This change is perceived as inserting the trustees in the faculty appointment process at a point that has been traditionally the prerogative of faculty and academic officers."

The report adds: "The rationale offered by the board for the changes posed several unresolved questions for faculty, administrators and students. The major reason given for the changes was the need to reinforce and strengthen the role of the president in faculty appointments."

The visitation committee also focused attention on the fact that the Articles of Faith, the official document of the seminary for doctrinal guidelines for the faculty since the school's inception in 1950, was not the sole criterion used by the trustee committee on instruction in interviews with candidates for faculty appointment. Such non-seminary documents as the Chicago Statement on Inerrancy also were used which, according to the report, "caused considerable concern throughout the seminary and resulted in confusion regarding the status and authority of the Articles of Faith and other official documents of the school."

Another point of concern is the "Plan of Action" recommended by Lolley and approved by the trustees in their March 1987 meeting, designed to harmonize relationships between the seminary and its larger Southern Baptist constituency. "In October 1987, the newly constituted board of trustees, without rescinding the previously approved plan, undertook a course of action that was not in accordance with it," the report says.

"The metaphors used by various seminary constituencies are those from military rather than academic settings," the report notes. "The present situation was described in terms of 'armed camps' dominated by a 'fox hole' mentality in search of 'defenses' against external and internal threats.

"It is the general finding of the visiting committee that Southeastern Baptist Seminary is currently confronted by the realities and events that intrude upon its orderly life and work; that these realities and events threaten or even abrogate the capacity of the seminary to operate according to its duly constituted documents and organizational provisions that are internal to the seminary; and to this extent, the events ... reflect serious threats to institutional integrity ... and to the freedoms that are the condition of such integrity.

"The committee recognizes that there are aspects of its current institutional predicament that are rooted in the Southern Baptist Convention over which the seminary does not have control."

The report also observes: "To the extent that these general findings are affected by or the consequences of events surrounding the series of administrative resignations, the committee discerns a common thread running through them all; namely, the provisions and principles internal to an academic institution have been severely threatened and in some instances abrogated. It is the judgment of the committee that until these internal principles and provisions are restored, the immediate future of the seminary will remain a troubled one."

The association's accrediting commission now has a copy of the report and has been asked to consider the seminary's case.

Committee report draws
concern from seminary

By Marv Knox

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)--A cautionary report from a major accrediting agency has produced concern among Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary officials.

The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada sent a site visitation committee to interview trustees, administrators, faculty and students at the Wake Forest, N.C., school in March. That visit came at the end of a six-month period in which:

-- Trustees strengthened their control over the seminary, ensuring that only biblical inerrantists could be hired as professors.

-- President W. Randall Lolley, Dean Morris Ashcraft and six other administrators resigned.

-- Trustees elected Lewis A. Drummond, evangelism professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., as Lolley's successor.

The visitation committee's report was presented to the association's executive committee in June and later was forwarded to the seminary. It expressed concern about recent events at the seminary, cautioned against actions which could impair the school's effectiveness and offered its services to help reconcile the issue.

The report has been forwarded to the association's accrediting commission, with the request that the commission examine Southeastern more closely.

Trustee Chairman Robert D. Crowley told Baptist Press: "I'm taking it (the committee's 18-page report) very, very seriously. I wrote an 11-page letter in reply to ATS, but I don't feel at liberty to comment (on the specifics of the issue).

"I think it is extremely critical that we do not lose our accreditation. I do not feel there is any basis whatsoever for us to be called into question about our accreditation.

"I will do everything in my power to see that Southeastern does not lose accreditation."

Drummond downplayed the impact of the association's statement: "It's just a compilation of what they put together from the various interviews on the campus. It's what they understood from the various interviews, which took place the very day I was elected.

"They haven't made a report yet, in the sense of any kind of recommendation."

Drummond said he does not believe Southeastern's accreditation is in danger, adding: "We're doing fine, I think. Getting ready for a good fall."

However, Richard Hester, outgoing president of the Southeastern chapter of the American Association of University Professors, took a different view. "I think the accreditation is in question," he said. "These processes move slowly, but ... the accreditation status certainly is in question."

He characterized the Association of Theological Schools' statement as "an exceptionally thorough report by an accrediting agency. ... ATS feels the situation at Southeastern calls for the closest possible examination and calls for the institution to take a very serious look at what has happened over the past 12 months."

A press statement issued by the American Association of University Professors' chapter noted: "The report of the ATS executive committee makes clear that the initiative now lies with the administration and trustees of Southeastern Seminary to respond to concerns raised by the ATS. A prompt, positive response ... is needed.

"The report of the site visitation committee appears accurate and fair. ... It is not a report aimed at criticizing or censuring the trustees. Rather, it is an attempt to clarify the appropriate role of the trustees in the governance of the school and to identify trustee actions that have exceeded proper governance functions."

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Hester noted the report did not question the actions of the faculty and pledged the faculty's support and cooperation.

The Association of Theological Schools "is not in the business of kicking schools out," said Leon Pacala, executive director of the organization. He affirmed the value of Southeastern for theological education and said the association works to strengthen schools, not find excuses to deny accreditation.

The association's action regarding accreditation is only one area with which the association deals, Pacala added. "There are issues of conditions within an institution -- the health of the institution, the integrity of the institution, the future of the institution are all matters of concern in a general sense," he said.

The association's other concerns are for "the effectiveness with which an institution carries out its own purposes, the quality of institutional life, how well an institution is organized, the morale of an institution, the trends an institution shows," he added. "Obviously, these are also issues in accreditation, but ... we're talking about a system that is more comprehensive than just the sum of its individual parts."

Accreditation is important for schools because of the nature of American education, Pacala said, noting the government does not have a central certifying office, so nationally recognized accrediting agencies validate the effectiveness of schools.

"Accreditation is the basis on which the education at institutions is recognized by other institutions" and by outside organizations, he said. Accreditation allows students' work at a school to be validated, so that the student may transfer to another school, continue education in a graduate program or be recognized as professionally trained.

"The process of accreditation has institutional value," he added. "It is a means whereby a school undergoes systematic assessment of resources and procedures that are considered by educators as essential to effective operation of an educational institution."

The association has withdrawn accreditation from member schools, but that action is unusual, Pacala reported. Decisions concerning the association's accreditation are the province of its commission on accreditation, which will consider Southeastern's case, he said.

"Southeastern is a very significant resource for theological education," he noted. "Its well-being is a very important matter for the association. We want to make sure that whatever we do we do in the best interest of Southeastern."

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