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Southern Baptists in Congress
among top alcohol money recipients By Tom Strode

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The alcohol industry contributed more than \$5.7 million to members of Congress and to both political parties during a 40-month period from 1989 to 1992, and some Southern Baptists profited the most, according to a recent report.

Two Southern Baptists in the Senate and two in the House of Representatives ranked in the top 10 in their respective chambers in contributions received from the alcohol industry.

Both Southern Baptists in the Senate are from Kentucky. Sen. Wendell Ford, D.-Ky., was the No. 1 recipient of alcohol industry money in the Senate with \$58,000. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R.-Ky., ranked third at \$47,422.

In the House, Rep. Richard Gephardt, D.-Mo., was No. 2 with \$59,248 in alcohol-related contributions. Rep. Newt Gingrich, R.-Ga., was tied for eighth with \$31,000.

The No. 1 benefactor of alcohol industry contributions in the House was Dan Rostenkowski, D.-Ill., at \$70,500.

The report, titled "Under the Influence: How the Booze Industry Buys Business as Usual," was released Oct. 13 by Center for Science in the Public Interest, a Washington-based consumer advocacy group. The data was collected from the Federal Election Commission and Senate and House financial disclosure statements, according to the report.

The contributions were made in the following ways and amounts, the report says: political action committee contributions, \$3.44 million; "soft money" gifts to political parties, \$1.13 million; campaign contributions from alcohol industry families, \$695,000; and honoraria, \$490,000.

Eighty percent, 351 members, of the House received alcohol industry money. Seventy percent of the 100-member Senate benefited from alcohol-related gifts. Among the top 20 recipients in both the House and Senate were 24 Democrats and 16 Republicans.

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"That any politician, especially a Southern Baptist, is accepting monies from the alcohol industry is absolutely unconscionable," said Ben Mitchell, director of biomedical and life issues for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. "These persons have pledged themselves to protect the well-being of their constituents. Instead, they are part of a not-so-subtle attack against them."

Between 20 to 40 percent of hospitals beds in the country are occupied by people whose health conditions are a result of alcohol use, Mitchell said. About 40 percent of teen-age deaths occur in traffic accidents, with nearly half of those alcohol related, he said.

"Even though they know these facts, they continue to take the money," Mitchell said. "Their integrity is questionable at best and compromised at worst."

"Southern Baptists in Kentucky, Missouri and Georgia need to mount a letter-writing campaign," he said. "We would hope they would get the message, but they probably won't unless their jobs are on the line."

"If these men had to face the broken-hearted parents of a teen-ager killed in an alcohol-related accident, they would refuse every cent of the alcohol contributions. It's blood-stained money."

Ford, Gephardt and Gingrich are up for re-election this year.

The primary reason for contributions is "to influence members of Congress and the Administration," according to the report. In return for its donations, the alcohol industry did not get "much in the way of new laws, which is just what the industry wanted," the report says.

Bills requiring health and safety warnings in alcohol advertising on TV and radio and in newspapers and magazines did not survive a committee in 1990, '91 or '92. Hearings were held in April of this year in a subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee but no action was taken on the Alcoholic Beverage Advertising Act.

The Commerce Committee's 20 members included 19 who received alcohol industry gifts. Seven of those were in the Senate's top 20 recipients.

CSPI and the Christian Life Commission are leaders in a coalition supporting legislation requiring warning messages in alcohol advertising.

Alcohol excise taxes were increased only modestly during the period. The federal tax on beer and wine was increased for the first time in 40 years. The tax on distilled spirits was raised for the first time since 1985.

The Department of Agriculture's Market Promotion Program continues to provide millions of dollars in tax money to promote alcoholic beverages abroad, the report says. In 1986, the MPP was added to the 1985 Farm Bill, which funded overseas promotion of American agricultural products. Since 1986, the Wine Institute has received \$41 million in federal funding. Wine exports increased from \$30 million in 1986 to \$150 million in 1991. Although wine companies receive the majority of the MPP funds among alcohol industry members, brewers and distillers also profit.

The National Beer Wholesalers Association and Philip Morris Companies far outdistanced all other alcohol-related PACs in contributions. During the 40-month period, both gave more than \$1 million, which was \$700,00 greater than their closest competitor. Philip Morris owns the Miller Brewing Co.

"Soft money" contributions are gifts to a political party's national committee. In contrast to donations to candidates, there are no limits on "soft money" gifts. "Soft money" may not be used in federal election campaigns, but it may be used in state and local party activities.

Three families which own alcohol companies, the Gallo, Bronfman and Coors families, contributed 96 percent of the \$694,804 given to members of Congress. Gallo family members, who are in the wine business, gave more than \$433,000. The Bronfmans control Seagram and Sons liquor and the Coors family owns the beer company of the same name.

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Philip Morris easily led all honoraria donors with \$207,500. The House of Representatives passed a ban on honoraria effective January 1991. The Senate's ban on honoraria became effective in August of this year. Honoraria were given to senators and representatives for such acts as making a short speech or attending a meeting, the report says.

The report was based on contributions from January 1989 to April 1992.

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Missionaries consider evacuation
as Liberia's civil war escalates By Donald D. Martin

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MONROVIA, Liberia (BP)--Southern Baptist missionaries distributing food, clothing and bedding to refugees flooding into Monrovia may soon flee the country themselves.

Fighting between rebel factions and troops of a seven-nation West African peacekeeping force has escalated in recent weeks. Heavy fighting continued Oct. 22 on the outskirts of Monrovia, according to news reports. Peacekeeping forces have imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew in Monrovia and the U.S. Embassy is transporting dependents and other nonessential personnel out of the country.

Ten Southern Baptist missionaries in Monrovia have reviewed evacuation plans and may leave if fighting increases in the capital city, said mission administrator Bradley Brown in a radio message to missionaries in neighboring Sierra Leone.

"They are supporting any of the missionaries who wish to leave for Sierra Leone or Ivory Coast," said missionary Steve Babcock, who is based in Sierra Leone and relayed Brown's Oct. 19 message. "At this time there is no decision for such a move, but the situation is changing quickly."

By Oct. 22, Baptist Press had not learned of any missionaries leaving the country. But missionaries in Ivory Coast have begun arranging temporary lodging for them.

Liberia appears headed for nationwide warfare again. In October peacekeeping force warplanes bombed the rebel-held port of Buchanan, 80 miles east of Monrovia, and rebels have launched artillery bombardments on parts of Monrovia.

Since the situation heated up, about 100,000 new refugees have sought refuge in Monrovia. Missionaries working through local churches have supplemented international relief agencies' food distribution with food, clothing and some bedding. Some missionaries also staff temporary medical clinics.

The latest round of fighting began two months ago, when rebels with the United Liberation Movement for Democracy in Liberia (ULIMO) surprised Charles Taylor's National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL). ULIMO rebels drove deep into NPFL-controlled western Liberia, loosening Taylor's hold on the country. Taylor had controlled 90 percent of Liberia.

Taylor has stalled plans for free elections in November by refusing to disarm his 10,000-strong rebel army. The civil war, which started Christmas Eve 1989, has cost the lives of nearly 60,000 people and forced about half of Liberia's 2.8 million citizens to leave the country as refugees.

More than 50 Southern Baptist missionaries worked in the country before the civil war started. Fighting forced most of them to evacuate in June 1990. In February 1991 six missionaries returned to Monrovia to set up a variety of relief ministries. That force now has grown to 14 mission personnel. Once again, fighting may force many of them to leave.

Besides Brown, from Marietta, Ga., other Southern Baptist missionaries in Monrovia are Brown's wife, Carolyn, of East Point, Ga.; Felix and Dene Greer of Jackson, Miss.; John McPherson of Knoxville, Tenn.; Debbie Moore of Hope, Ark.; Kenneth and Joyce Nicholson of Magdalena, N.M., and Seaside, Calif., respectively; and Jim and Jane Park of Paducah, Ky.

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Two other Southern Baptist couples work in Yekepa, a small mining town in northern Liberia: missionaries Earl and Jane Williams, from West Monroe, La., and Knoxville, Tenn., and International Service Corps workers George and Margaretta Senter, from North Garden, Va., and Eskilstuna, Sweden. They may not necessarily evacuate at the same time as the Monrovia-based missionaries.

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Kazakhstan president thanks
Southern Baptist volunteers

By Beth Sammons

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ALMA-ATA, Kazakhstan (BP)--President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan has personally thanked Southern Baptist teachers for coming to his nation.

They are, he said, "missionaries to the economy" of Kazakhstan, which continues to suffer under hyperinflation and product deficits.

Nazarbayev, one of the most influential leaders in formerly Soviet-dominated Central Asia, spoke at the opening ceremony of the Kazakhstan Institute for Marketing, Economics and Strategic Research. Nine Southern Baptist volunteer faculty members currently teach there.

Nazarbayev said the road toward democracy and a market economy in Kazakhstan will be a long one, but the efforts of the students and faculty at the institute will help pave the way.

"You are all a part of the president's team," he said.

The institute, in the capital city of Alma-Ata, has made an about-face in the past two years -- turning from a Communist Party school into a top economic institute. It is the only school in Kazakhstan offering students a graduate business degree.

Currently 129 students are enrolled in the graduate program. Unlike the former policy of admitting students according to their status or "connections," the institute's new regulations admit top students only.

"Any single student at our institution is as fine as any student you could find in any university in the world," institute director Chan Young Bang said at the official opening Oct. 2. "With your support I promise we will make this one of the finest institutions in management and economics, not only in Kazakhstan but in the world."

Beverly Nash, a Southern Baptist volunteer from Nashville, who serves as the institute's faculty liaison, described the students as leaders who have "vision for Kazakhstan and who want to improve life here and help the republic."

One of the most exciting aspects for Southern Baptist volunteers, Nash said, is the opportunity to share their faith with the students.

"It amazes me that on the secured campus of a highly elite institute that formerly preached the 'gospel' of communism and Leninism -- a place totally devoid of God -- people can now share about real goodness freely," she said.

"This is exciting for the future of Kazakhstan. ... Who knows? We could have a future president of Kazakhstan here who could become a Christian."

The institute has three departments: the master's program, an English department and a strategic research department. Bang said 150 additional students are being sought from the former Soviet Union to join the institute's program.

Southern Baptist faculty members include volunteers Ross and Martha King from San Marcos, Texas; Ric Hale from Lexington, Ky.; Ellis Bush from York, Pa.; and Nash. Several shorter-term volunteers also are teaching seminars.

Nash said more volunteers are needed to staff the institute. Qualifications include teaching experience and a graduate degree in business.

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For more information regarding volunteer opportunities, contact Cooperative Services International, the Southern Baptist humanitarian aid organization, at P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230.

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First Kazakh-American school
opens with Baptist assistance

By Beth Sammons

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ALMALIBAK, Kazakhstan (BP)--With the assistance of Southern Baptist volunteers, local people officially opened the Kazakh-American School of Kazakhstan in October.

The school in the former Soviet republic, a strategic crossroads of Central Asia, began classes with 100 Kazakh students, seven Americans and two Pakistanis enrolled in grades one through five. The school will be self-supporting through students' tuition.

The school is the first private institution of its kind established in post-Soviet Kazakhstan, said director Robert Cuttino, a Southern Baptist volunteer from Nashville.

"The new school is a chance for Christians to serve in a front-line capacity, directly with the people," Cuttino said. The school aims to offer the training needed for an "emerging economy and developing democracy," he said.

At the opening ceremony, Southern Baptist worker Brian Grim said the school also will serve as a model for others to be established in Kazakhstan.

Grim, vice president of the Central Asian Foundation, said the need for the school became apparent when Southern Baptists began a school reconstruction project in Zaisan, a region earmarked as a free-trade area with China.

"We realized that in order to do the school properly we needed to develop ... a Kazakh-English curriculum," he said. "This is the first time in history there's been a Kazakh-language, American-language school. We're beginning something new and we need to learn."

In addition to helping the Kazakh community, the school will help meet the educational needs of the expatriate community, specifically the children of Southern Baptist workers.

Cuttino said the school will attempt to model the elements of critical analysis, open inquiry, freedom of expression and active citizenship. But he stressed the effort is not "educational imperialism."

"The Kazakh-American school has distinctive American elements, but this is really the meeting of East and West. The focus of the school is Kazakh students and basic elements of the curriculum are the Kazakh language, history, culture and pedagogy," he said.

Nurlan Hamiev, co-director of the school, said the current educational system in Kazakhstan desperately needs change.

Under Soviet influence, "our educational system lost important aims," he said. "It was based on teaching subjects from the scientific point of view only. Now we need to learn not only sciences but also humanitarian subjects like religion. That's why we need new teachers."

The school will offer voluntary Bible clubs and youth fellowship groups. Recently Americans working in Almalibak, the village where the school is located, have found acceptance and gratitude as they have provided learning opportunities for Kazakhs.

Parents joined in when a prayer in the Kazakh language started the opening-day ceremony.

Almalibak, located near the capital city of Alma-Ata, has a population of 30,000. Kazakhs comprise about 70 percent of the town's population. The other residents are Russian, German, Turkish and Korean.

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"When I talked to some parents in Almalibak, they agreed that our children are our future -- economy, culture, science. They see in this school the best opportunity to develop these things," Hamiev said.

Ed Mason, director of Southern Baptists' humanitarian aid efforts in Kazakhstan, also spoke at the opening ceremony. He said the school is another way former Soviets and Americans can work together to tear down the wall of distrust and animosity that has existed for years.

"This Kazakh-American school offers us an opportunity to work with children and destroy the ingredients that built that wall," he said. "We need to take the ingredients of trust, hope and of becoming friends, and with these ingredients, build a bridge of friendship. These teachers in this school will be the architects of such a bridge."

All Kazakh textbooks were donated to the school by a local publisher. A container of textbooks and other teaching materials recently arrived from U.S. donors. Still needed are computers, educational software, audio-visual equipment, current encyclopedias and other materials.

Besides three American volunteers, six Kazakh teachers work at the school. It urgently needs more American English teachers who also can help with physical education, art, music, social studies and science.

For more information on these opportunities, contact Cooperative Services International, the Southern Baptist humanitarian aid organization, at P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230.

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Nations agree on one thing:
'We want English teachers!'

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Nations once closed to the West may still disagree about the value of democracy or capitalism. But nearly all of them agree on one thing: English equals progress.

Russia, other former Soviet republics, China, even Vietnam -- they all want English teachers from the West to train their future leaders in the dominant international language.

That call opens a wide door for Christian teachers desiring to influence people who may one day head up national governments, industries and other institutions.

"Volunteers who can teach English overseas are in growing demand," said Bill Peacock, who helps recruit short-term teachers for Cooperative Services International, the Southern Baptist aid organization.

"Emerging nations are realizing their leaders must know English to have an impact on the rest of the world," he said.

Christian teachers who help meet that need gain respect and can in turn have an impact on such nations by sharing their faith with key people.

"This approach is legal and non-threatening in most countries -- even in countries where traditional missions is not allowed," Peacock added.

Kazakhstan is a prime example. Southern Baptists in the newly independent Central Asian land are teaching English, business and economics to some of the nation's top students. Their efforts have drawn the gratitude of Kazakhstan's president.

Additional teaching opportunities there include short-term openings at a strategic institute of business and economics and the new Kazakh-American School begun with Southern Baptist aid. Educators also are needed for two-week stints during a cultural festival next May and June, where they'll discuss education principles with Kazakh educators.

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China remains perhaps the most open arena for teachers. Scores of Southern Baptists have taught there for periods ranging from five weeks to two years and more. Sixty teachers took part in an annual six-week English-teaching program this summer; even more are expected to go in 1993.

Cooperative Services International had openings for more than 100 longer-term teachers and language students for China this fall, but recruited only 15. The openings call for university English teachers or others with degrees in English, English as a second language or English literature.

For more information, interested teachers can contact Peacock or the CSI office at P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230, (804) 353-0151.

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German war survivor says thanks
as relief volunteer in Hawaii

By Sarah Zimmerman

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KAUAI, Hawaii (BP)--When a German survivor of World War II was asked to help with relief efforts after Hurricane Iniki devastated the Hawaiian island of Kauai, she recognized the opportunity to return a favor.

Lydia Peters, a retired dress shop owner from Hannover, Germany, and her husband had exchanged homes with a Hawaiian family for a year. They were attending Hawaii Kai Baptist Church in Honolulu when Mrs. Peters was asked to work in one of two disaster relief feeding stations.

"In 1946 and 1947, the Americans sent care packages to our family," she said. "Without these care packages we would not have survived. Many people died.

"The Americans -- we fought against them and it was unbelievable that they would send us care packages. So I wanted to help the people of Kauai. I am glad to come to your island and do what I can do to say thank you to the American people."

Peters was among 224 volunteers working in the disaster relief efforts. Most were from Hawaii but the volunteers included teams from Alabama, Texas and California, said Veryl Henderson, director of missions for the Hawaii Baptist Convention.

Another volunteer was Cheryl Toma Sanders who was Miss Hawaii in 1990. From washing pots and pans to serving food, she worked at the Lihue Baptist Church.

Through Oct. 21, the feeding sites served 215,462 meals. The Lihue Baptist Church reached a peak of 7,905 meals in one day on Sept. 20, nine days after the hurricane hit, Henderson said. The second kitchen site at Waimea Baptist Church peaked at 3,400 meals Oct. 4.

Jim Coldiron, Home Mission Board regional coordinator, visited Hawaii in October to assess additional needs. He said the feeding stations were still serving 7,000 meals on Oct. 19.

Mel Campos is pastor of the Ele'ele Baptist Mission which was damaged in the storm. The church parsonage was destroyed.

Yet the pastor's wife, Cindy, told a newspaper reporter, "The Lord's blessing us. We're just overwhelmed at the support that we're getting. We really are. Thank you doesn't seem words enough to express how we feel about it."

Cliff Hoff, pastor of the Waimea Baptist Church from 1978 to 1982, and his wife, Margie, returned to the island to assist relief efforts. They currently live in Cobb, Calif.

"It's heartbreaking to see the devastation to the land and to the island," Mrs. Hoff said. "But having left here just before the 1982 hurricane, I knew how quickly things would grow back and people would recover."

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"It's hard to see Kauai in this condition," Hoff agreed. "But I can already see the regrowth starting. People are cooperating so well and working so hard to help each other."

Coldiron said the Hawaii Baptist Convention had a "blanket insurance policy" that should cover much of the church structural damages.

Dan Robison, a general contractor from Seattle who is licensed in Hawaii, will coordinate the reconstruction process.

Jim Ferguson, national coordinator of disaster relief for the Brotherhood Commission, said people are needed to help rebuild churches and homes. Interested volunteers should contact their state Brotherhood office.

The Home Mission Board has appropriated disaster relief funds for Hawaii. Additional financial contributions designated for Kauai relief can be sent to the Brotherhood Commission at 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104.

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Faculty matters top discussion
in Midwestern trustee meeting

By Brenda J. Sanders

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Issues related to the faculty topped discussions during committee meetings and in sessions of the full board during Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's Oct. 19-20 trustee meeting.

A planned recommendation of the board's instruction committee to fill a faculty vacancy in New Testament studies was nullified because board members were not given a 30-day notice prior to the meeting that a prospect was to be voted on.

David M. May, visiting professor of New Testament at Midwestern since January 1991, was to be recommended by President Milton Ferguson for election to the faculty as assistant professor of New Testament. The trustee instruction committee supported the president's recommendation, but "came late to the decision to overwhelmingly affirm Dr. May," according to James Jones, chairman of the instruction committee and director of evangelism and Brotherhood for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.

Because of the delay in reaching a final consensus among committee members, the president's notification of his intent to recommend May was not sent to trustees until Sept. 30, 19 days before the October meeting.

According to conditions adopted by trustees during their April 1991 meeting and set forth in the seminary's Academic Freedom and Tenure statement, the president must notify the board of his intent to recommend a prospective faculty member no later than 30 days before the meeting in which the prospect will be voted on.

Yet, according to Ferguson, he secured approval from the trustee executive committee to proceed with the notification; however, trustee chairman Sid Peterson, pastor of Stine Road Baptist Church in Bakersfield, Calif., expressed the opinion that an exception to the 30-day requirement would be a violation of the seminary bylaws.

Seeking a resolution to the situation, the president and instruction committee members agreed to an alternative proposal, reporting to the full board that they had voted to extend May's contract as visiting professor through the 1993-94 academic year and announcing the president's intention to recommend May for election to the faculty during the board's April 1993 annual meeting.

In another issue related to the faculty, trustees considered a report from the instruction committee that affirmed the seminary's long-standing policy on the audio recording of classroom lectures, then adopted an amendment changing that policy.

A lengthy discussion ensued with trustee Ronnie Rogers, pastor of Lakeside Baptist Church in Hot Springs, Ark., making a motion to amend the policy which allowed the recording of classroom lectures "contingent on securing prior approval from the professor in the course." With his amendment, Rogers asked trustees to delete that section of the policy, allowing lectures to be recorded without a professor's approval.

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"This would move the discretionary power from the professor to the student," Rogers said. "A benefit for trustees is that it would allow us an effective way to deal with charges and counter-charges that have come forth during the time of the conservative resurgence (in the Southern Baptist Convention)."

Employing a hypothetical scenario, Rogers maintained if a student made allegations of aberrant teaching in the classroom, tape recordings of classroom lectures would "give us the mechanism to deal effectively, fairly and openly with evidence." It would give trustees the means to either "exonerate the professor or substantiate the allegations of the student," Rogers said.

Trustee Jones questioned whether the amendment would accomplish Rogers' purpose, since the seminary policy also states: "The use of recorded materials for any purpose other than personal study is prohibited, unless the professor gives prior approval in writing."

Kent Cochran, a layman from Kansas City, asked whether this meant a tape-recorded lecture would not be allowed as evidence in a grievance filed against a professor by a student.

Jones responded, "Not as I understand this. What the policy says is that a student can record a class, as long as he gets prior approval by the professor. But with or without that approval, with or without the amendment, any use other than personal study is prohibited The professor would have to give final approval in writing for us to hear it."

Trustee Timothy Norman, director of the Center for Strategic Resource Development with the Baptist General Association of Virginia, spoke against the amendment because, he said, "this places the student inadvertently in position of becoming an agent of this board of trustees. I do not wish for the students to report to me what a professor said or did not say. That is the business of the trustees, not the students."

Norman continued, "If I want to know what a professor said, I can talk to that professor. I have an obligation to Southern Baptists to do so. Students have not been elected by Southern Baptists to do the work of trustees. I also find it to be an intrusion of the trustees and I think it would be the harbinger of problems with our accreditation. I think it violated the priesthood of the professor and I urge the trustees to vote against this amendment."

The amendment passed on a 19-8 vote.

Two motions presented by trustees were referred to the instruction committee for consideration. The first, presented by Anthony Mattia, pastor of Trinity Southern Baptist Church in Wamego, Kan., proposes an amendment to the Academic Freedom and Tenure statement. The amendment would require the seminary president to present to the full board any prospective faculty member, "for further consideration by the full board."

Current policy in this area requires the president to present prospective faculty members only to the trustees' instruction committee. After committee members confer with the prospect, their evaluation is presented to the president and, at his discretion, the prospect is recommended to the full board for election to the faculty.

The second motion, presented by trustee Cochran, also proposes an amendment to tenure statement. The amendment would specify that the seminary president notify trustees "in writing" of his intention to recommend a prospective faculty member 30 days prior to the meeting in which the prospect would be voted on.

Near the close of their meeting, trustees approved a motion by Marvin Nobles, director of missions for Jefferson Baptist Association in Missouri, to commend the faculty "for their sacrificial commitment and strong sense of call to our Lord and this institution." At the suggestion of trustee chairman Peterson, board members showed their approval for this motion by applauding.

Committee lists no favorites
for Southern's next president

By Pat Cole

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--The list of candidates for the presidency of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary now consists of a "blank piece of paper," stressed the chairman of the presidential search committee.

Wayne Allen, pastor of Briarwood Baptist Church in Cordova, Tenn., said the committee agreed to develop a profile for a prospective president before considering any candidate.

"We have committed to each other that any of us who had any pre-conceived ideas would erase them from memory," Allen said. "We have no person in mind."

The search committee was named Oct. 12 after Southern Seminary President Roy L. Honeycutt told trustees he would retire Dec. 31, 1993. Allen said the committee hopes to present a potential president to the board at its April 19-21 meeting.

Allen, who also chairs the seminary's 63-member trustee board, was elected to lead the committee during an Oct. 19-20 meeting of the group at the Louisville, Ky., school.

Other search committee officers are Larry Adams, administrator of the Baptist Retirement Center in Oklahoma City, vice chairman, and O. Carroll Karkalits, dean of the College of engineering and technology at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, La., secretary.

Four other trustees serve on the committee: Charles Q. Carter, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Ga.; Neal Gresham, retired General Motors executive from Wing, Ala.; P.A. Stevens, fire protection contractor in Louisville; and Richard D. White, pastor of First Baptist Church in Franklin, Tenn.

Public speculation about possible candidates already has begun in the Louisville media.

The profile for the ninth president of Southern will be developed with input from various seminary constituency leaders and denominational officials, Allen said. The committee has already met with Honeycutt and Southern Baptist Convention President H. Edwin Young. The committee intentionally set its first meeting to coincide with Young's scheduled visit to Southern as a chapel speaker, Allen said.

Asked about the nature of the committee's first listening session, Allen said, "As with all people, we are asking their perception of Southern Seminary as it exists now and its future." The committee, he added, also is interested in hearing perspectives on the seminary's educational processes, denominational relationships and covenant. The covenant, approved last year by faculty and trustees, provides for a gradual shift toward a more conservative theological stance by filling all future faculty openings with "conservative evangelical scholars."

The search committee will meet with Alumni/ae Association officers, student leaders, faculty representatives and the seminary's executive staff, Allen said. Meetings also are planned with Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee President-Treasurer Morris Chapman and the presidents of the other five Southern Baptist seminaries.

Information gathering for the profile will continue during four more meetings which will conclude in early December, Allen said. The committee, he said, will begin interviews in early 1993. Four off-campus meetings have been planned for 1993, Allen said. "We will be visible during 1992 and non-visible during 1993."

A Louisville post office box has been designated to receive nominations for the Southern presidency. Allen said all nominations should be accompanied by a complete resume and sent by Dec. 18 to "Presidential Search Committee," Box 7767, Louisville, KY 40257-0767.

**Young stresses need
for new methodologies**

By Pat Cole

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Churches must wrap innovative methodologies around an unchanging message if they want to reach people in today's world, said Southern Baptist Convention President H. Edwin Young.

"We need to build worship where there is life, vitality and practicality, where secular and lost people can come and not be intimidated and they can understand in clear, contemporary English what is going on and the claims God has for them biblically in Jesus Christ," said Young at an Oct. 20 chapel service at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Jesus, he said, spoke in terms everybody in his day could understand. "Somehow we lost that art," Young said. "We've lost the art of worship. We've lost the art of relating to people."

Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Houston, outlined 10 hindrances to church growth and 10 principles for church growth.

Young's list of hindrances included poor location, committee-led structure, "right-size" mentality, excessive negative preaching, fear of debt, inappropriate use of staff time, staffs without someone in charge, uninviting atmosphere, inflated attendance figures and unkept buildings.

Church growth principles emphasized by Young were effective leadership, surplus parking, high visibility through special events, discernment of needs, prayer, shared congregational vision, discernment of gifts, quality ministry, relevancy to life and biblical teaching and preaching.

Some of his ideas are debatable, Young acknowledged. "But the bottom line is if we are in the business of building up the body, we have got to change the methods we are using, because as we say in Mississippi (Young's native state), what we are using 'just ain't getting it.'"

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**Church leaves association over OK
given to church with woman pastor**

By Bob Allen

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CLARKSBURG, Md. (BP)--Maryland's Montgomery Baptist Association voted Oct. 18 to extend membership to a church led by a female pastor, despite a warning that at least one member congregation, Wildwood Baptist Church in Bethesda, would terminate its affiliation with the association as a result.

Messengers at the association's annual meeting voted 62-18 to adopt the recommendation of a women in ministry task force that leadership by ordained women not be considered a test of fellowship for a petitioning church. In a separate vote, they agreed 59-19 to receive Liberian Christian Baptist Church in Silver Spring into membership. The church's pastor, Victoria Russell, is a woman.

The 75.6 percent vote barely passed muster on a constitutional requirement for a 75 percent vote to admit new members to the association.

During discussion before the vote, Wildwood pastor Jeff Russell, who is no relation to the Liberian church's pastor, read a letter reporting his church had voted unanimously that should Liberian Christian be accepted into the association, their own membership and financial support "will be terminated immediately."

Russell and the rest of Wildwood's small contingent of messengers left immediately after the vote was counted, causing George Arthur, director of missions, to choke back tears as he stood to give his scheduled report. "That breaks my heart. It really breaks my heart," he told messengers.

Arthur said if certain passages in the third chapter of 1 Timothy are going to be applied literally to prohibit women from pastoral leadership, verses from the preceding chapter should be taken to mean "we can't allow a woman to speak or hold office or anything else."

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"We can't have double standards. We can't have it both ways," Arthur said. "It breaks my heart to see people issue an either-or proclamation: Do it my way or I can't fellowship with you. What would Christ have done?"

Contacted by the Baptist True Union, Maryland-Deleware newsjournal, Russell said neither he nor his church feel any ill will toward the association or the Liberian church, but are steadfast in their conviction that women should not be ordained as pastors.

"I feel friendly toward the churches of Montgomery Baptist Association and feel a great deal of love and concern for them," he said. However, he doubts the decision by the church to sever its relationship with the association is reversible. "I don't know what the circumstances would be that would lead us to petition for membership in the association," he said.

Russell said he tried to persuade his church to wait until after the vote by the association to make their final decision to sever ties. "I did try to help them understand the seriousness of the move we are making," he said. "I felt like maybe there was something else we could do. Nevertheless, I have to support the decision of my church."

Montgomery Association moderator Roger Fair, pastor of Clarksburg Baptist Church, appointed a task force on women in ministry after it was announced at an associational meeting in May that the Liberian church planned to seek membership

The team studied biblical, theological, cultural and historical aspects of women's ordination and church leadership and recommended that since the association's constitution does not address the issue of women in the church, it ought not to be a consideration in the credentialing process.

Eleanor Collins, a member of Koinonia Baptist Mission in Silver Spring who chaired the task force, told messengers "frank and open discussions" characterized the committee's meetings and that members, who were chosen to reflect the association's diversity of opinion on the women's issue, approached the task with "good will and open minds."

"At the bottom line, we had to bring a decision that would be good for the total association," Collins said.

The report came as a "consensus" recommendation of the task team but included a minority report, reportedly supported by two of the committee's five members, finding "no biblical endorsement to women for serving in pastoral roles in our churches today."

In discussion, messengers demonstrated diverse opinions about interpretation of Scripture on the issue and on the proper role of the association in dealing with such matters.

"If a local church and a woman agree she is called to be their pastor, we take a good deal upon ourselves to say 'No,'" said Dale Smith, a member of Redland Baptist Church in Derwood.

Rob Looney, pastor of Germantown Baptist Church, contended that accepting the church into the association would be an endorsement of women pastors. "We would be departing from God's direction," he said. "It is not a women's equality issue," he added, but simply that "God in his wisdom has ordained certain roles in the church."

Tom Smith, a member of Wheaton Woods Baptist Church in Rockville, admitted, "I would not be part of a church that called a lady pastor," but added, "but I would not as an association member tell a local church who they can or cannot call as pastor."

Jeff Russell told the True Union that his church and he "have no problem with a church wanting to call a female as its pastor. We do not have the right to tell another church who to call as pastor. However, as it involves our own involvement in the association with a church that has a female as its pastor, we cannot associate with them, according to Scripture."

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It was pointed out in discussion that a directory of associational churches already lists a woman, Jan McMillan, as "co-pastor" of Halpine Baptist Church in Rockville. Asked about that precedent, Russell said if his church had been notified, they might have been concerned about Halpine. Their main concern, however, centers on "the role of the senior pastor, getting up and doing the preaching every Sunday morning and taking care of the pastoral needs."

Russell said he believed discussion of the issue was handled well, characterized by fairness and an absence of hostility. "I believe everything was handled with Christian maturity and love," he said.

Russell said members of his church "don't have any plans right now about involvement in any association at this time. We definitely are keeping options open."

"We still are very supportive of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware and seek to continue to be so, and the Southern Baptist Convention," he said.

Victoria Russell, pastor of the Liberian Church, told the True Union that being accepted into the association is an answer to prayer. She said the church has been meeting in homes and hopes the association will be able to help them secure a permanent meeting place.

"Our church is just a small church, but it is loving. It is very loving," Russell said. "We have Jesus in the bottom of our heart. We are not many, but we are a strong church."

She said she was aware some people in the association oppose the idea of a woman pastor. "I was not at all worried about that," she said, noting that the Scripture says in Acts 1:14 that present in the Upper Room, with the disciples, "women were also doing the will of God."

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Pastor, director of missions
seek peace in Maryland/Delaware

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SALISBURY, Md. (BP)--A Maryland pastor and director of missions are calling for an end to enmity among Maryland/Delaware Baptists.

Bill Warren, pastor of Allen Memorial Baptist Church in Salisbury, Md., and Walter Agnor, director of missions for Eastern Baptist Association, also in Salisbury, recently mailed a document to Maryland/Delaware Baptist pastors decrying what they call a breakdown of fellowship in the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware due to preoccupation with politics and a lack of love.

Warren is current BCM/D first vice president. Agnor, a minister in Maryland/Delaware since 1953, was the convention's 1983-84 president.

A slightly edited version of the document also was published as an open letter in the Oct. 15 issue of the Baptist True Union, the state convention's newsjournal.

The two men are proposing Maryland/Delaware Baptists be willing to meet to discuss and pray about improving fellowship among Maryland/Delaware Baptists. Their intent is to hold a meeting sometime prior to the upcoming BCM/D annual meeting, most likely during the first week in November.

The statement acknowledges differences of opinion among Baptists are inevitable but alleges that a spirit of cooperation once evident amid Maryland/Delaware Baptists' diversity is now lacking.

"What happens at the annual state convention too often focuses on political advantage instead of Christian cooperation," the statement reads in part. "If you are as tired of the continuing power struggle in the state as we are, if you believe that devotion to other Christians in brotherly love is not a sign of naivete, if you would like to meet to pray about and discuss cooperation in our two-state convention, then please notify one of us"

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Warren said the document grew out of a meeting with Agnor in July. He added he personally has felt "probably for a year that God wanted us to form some group that could work toward cooperation of all Baptists in our two-state area."

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Maryland/Delaware Baptist leaders
urge 'No' vote on abortion ballot

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COLUMBIA, Md. (BP)--Maryland/Delaware Baptist leaders have joined a host of other religious organizations in opposing an abortion law on the Maryland ballot Nov. 3.

The Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware's general mission board has adopted a motion expressing the board's opposition to Senate Bill 162 and urging Baptists to vote against the abortion referendum on the ballot as Question 6.

The referendum is on a bill adopted by the Maryland General Assembly in 1990 to pre-empt an anticipated reversal by the U.S. Supreme Court of its 1973 Roe v. Wade decision which makes most abortions in America legal. Without a new law, a reversal of Roe v. Wade would make effective a more restrictive 1968 law declared unconstitutional under Roe.

Supporters of the new law say its effect is to codify Roe v. Wade, meaning abortion would remain available and in the sphere of personal decision. Anti-abortion groups, however, have criticized the law as going beyond Roe.

Among criticisms is a loophole which would allow doctors to ignore a parental notification requirement if the physician deems notifying the parents not in the best interest of a minor seeking an abortion. The new bill also repeals a current law that requires counseling about alternatives to abortion and allows charging a fee for abortion referrals, a practice critics label a "kickback."

"This bill is horrible," said Bill Warren, pastor of Allen Memorial Baptist Church in Salisbury, Md., and general mission board member who made the motion at the Oct. 6 meeting. "It would make us the most liberal abortion state in the country. It's an abomination and I simply think we can say we are against it and we want our people to vote 'No.'"

Warren's motion met only token opposition from board members who voiced concern that it seemed to instruct individual Baptists how to vote.

"It seems to me that when we are properly informed, as we are Christians, when we see something like that we would know to vote against it," said Virginia Anderson, a board member from Paramount Baptist Church in Hagerstown. Given the amount of media coverage devoted to the issue, "it seems to me our Maryland Baptists can be trusted," she said.

Frank Downing, pastor emeritus of Belvedere Baptist Church in Towson, responded, in his experience, many church members lack the quality of personal prayer life to hear the Lord speak on the subject and, despite a higher educational level than in the past, many church members are not as well equipped as their leaders to sift through and analyze the competing materials on complex issues.

Downing also said advertising by pro-choice groups for the adoption of SB 162 "has been so deceptive and deceitful under the guise of positive statements really hiding what the bill actually says. I think there are going to be many of our people who will say, 'I don't know what to think of this.' I think they are looking for some guidance and in our setup as Maryland Baptists it seems to me the convention through its general mission board is the agency to which they are going to look. I think we owe it to our people not because we don't trust them but because many of them are crying out for help and saying 'what should we do about this?'"

Bruce Revel, pastor of First Baptist Church in Cambridge, reported earlier in the meeting the BCM/D Christian Life/Public Affairs Committee had declined to take a strong position on the referendum because its membership "has the same diversity of opinion on this issue as we find in the state."

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Secular reports have noted a public opinion poll in June revealing that 60 percent of Marylanders say they plan to vote for the referendum.

Warren, however, said he believes Baptists are generally agreed that abortion is wrong, with differences of opinion being generally in the area of what, if any, are the exceptions under which it should be allowed.

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Southwestern trustees approve
new degrees, dedicate building

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees approved two new degree programs in the school of theology and helped dedicate the seminary's new \$3.5 million Kathryn Sullivan Bowld Music Library during their semiannual meeting Oct. 19-20 in Fort Worth, Texas.

A 60-hour master of arts degree and a 24-hour master of theology degree each received unanimous approval by trustees. The two new degrees are the first major curriculum additions not requiring prior professional or educational experience in the school of theology since the bachelor of divinity degree was added in 1950.

Calling the new degrees a positive step for the seminary's academic future, President Russell H. Dilday told trustees the curriculum additions will provide greater flexibility for students.

"The increasing complexity and diversity of vocational Christian ministry as we approach the next century calls for distinctive new programs of training," Dilday told trustees.

Bruce Corley, dean of the school of theology, said the master of theology degree is designed primarily as a research degree to prepare students for doctoral studies. He said the degree will provide a "broad-based program for students pursuing an in-depth interest in theology." A master of divinity degree or its equivalent will be required for students entering the program.

The master of arts degree is designed for students with undergraduate degrees "who have planned a ministry besides that of the pastorate," Corley said. He said the degree will prepare graduates for academic writing, campus ministry and teaching. A liberal arts degree is required for entrance into the program.

Dedication ceremonies for the Bowld Music Library included a special music chapel service and a ribbon-cutting.

Dilday told a chapel audience of more than 1,000 students and invited guests that the dedication ceremony is a public acknowledgement of God's blessings to the seminary.

The building "was really dedicated in 1908 when this institution was founded and chartered by the dream of Dr. (B.H.) Carroll for the training of people whom God calls to serve as ministers and missionaries around the world.

"It was dedicated when the school of music was instituted here to give special training to church musicians for the future work and ministry of God's kingdom," Dilday said. "So what we have today is a public acknowledgement of a dedication that in an inner way has already taken place."

During his report to the trustees, Dilday said a focus visit for reaccreditation by the Association of Theological Schools earlier this month ended with a positive report, enabling Southwestern to be accredited for the next 10 years without notations.

Dilday said the visiting team offered "praise for the administration and faculty for addressing the needs of the seminary's self-study."

Dilday also told trustees that Daniel Sanchez, professor of missions, has been named director of the seminary's church growth institute.

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Dilday reported to board members that the Lilly Endowment Foundation has approved three grants to fund a trustee development program. He said the money will be used to explore collegial governance by the administration and trustees. The money will also be used to provide theological study for the board.

Trustees voted to give the B.H. Carroll Founders Award, the seminary's highest honor, to Pat and Ruth Gullede of Grenada, Miss., and Orville and Esther Beth Rogers of Dallas. The award is given as part of the seminary's annual Founders Day celebration in March to recognize significant contributions to the life of Southwestern.

In other items of business, trustees:

-- approved the renaming of the "long" master of music in church music to the master of arts in church music.

-- approved the naming of the Jack D. Terry Jr. Chair of Philosophy and History of Education. Terry is dean of the seminary's school of religious education.

-- approved promotions for David Trimble, Norma Hedin and Bill Hill. The three instructors were promoted to assistant professor. Trustees also approved tenure for Paul Gritz, assistant professor of church history.

-- responded to four motions referred to the seminary from the 1992 Southern Baptist Convention.

-- approved the audited financial statements for the seminary and the Southwestern Seminary Development Foundation Inc.

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Southwestern's theology degrees
first new offerings since 1950

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--For the first time in more than 40 years, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, will begin offering new degrees in the seminary's school of theology.

Seminary trustees accepted a recommendation by Southwestern President Russell H. Dilday Oct. 20 that the school establish the master of theology and master of arts degrees.

According to Bruce Corley, dean of the school of theology, the degrees are the first new theology degree programs open to all students since Southwestern began offering the bachelor of divinity degree in 1950. Other recent additions to the school's curriculum have required students to have prior professional experience.

Dilday said the master of arts degree to be offered by the school of theology is designed to "advance theological education by requiring a major in both a classical and a ministry discipline. The rationale is to correlate theory and practice and to develop inclusive dimensions of Christian ministry." The degree program will require 60 credit hours for completion.

The master of theology degree is a "research and writing degree," Dilday said. The degree will be offered in the areas of biblical studies, theological studies, historical studies and ministry studies. The degree is described by seminary officials as "language-intensive" and seeks to "advance research within the disciplines" of study. The degree will require 24 credit hours.

Entrance requirements for the master of arts degree include a liberal arts degree from an accredited college or university and permission of the seminary's school of theology faculty.

Entrance into the master of theology program requires a master of divinity or an equivalent degree from an accredited seminary or divinity school with a "B" grade average and permission from the school of theology faculty.

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Additional information about the two new degrees is available from Corley by writing to Southwestern Seminary, P.O. Box 22000, Fort Worth, TX 76122.

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Southwestern Seminary dedicates
\$3.5 million Bowld Music Library

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--With help from community leaders, trustees, students and donors, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary officially opened the new \$3.5 million Kathryn Sullivan Bowld Music Library Oct. 20.

Seminary President Russell H. Dilday called the library another step in the fulfillment of Southwestern's 84-year-old dream to reach the world for Christ.

Linda Allmand, director of libraries for Fort Worth, read a proclamation on behalf of Mayor Kay Granger, who proclaimed Oct. 20 as Southwestern Seminary and Kathryn Sullivan Bowld Day in Fort Worth.

Granger's proclamation noted Southwestern's economic and moral contributions to Fort Worth. She said the seminary "represents the kind of institution that makes Fort Worth a great place to live."

Bowld, the library's namesake, first arrived on the seminary campus in 1930 to pursue her dream of becoming an "evangelistic pianist." She completed a degree in organ in 1933 and 50 years later returned to Southwestern to earn a master of music degree in conducting.

Along with historical and theoretical documents about music, the new library houses more than 211,000 printed musical scores, several thousand recordings and an extensive collection of hymns.

The library also includes specially built practice rooms, student lounge and study areas and conference rooms.

The 31,000-square-foot facility offers the latest in academic support, according to Carl Wrotenbery, dean of libraries at Southwestern. The new building was added to Cowden Hall, which has housed the school of church music since 1926.

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