

An architect's rendering of new adult-youth housing projected at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly.

Jonathan Creek becomes second state assembly

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

In a marathon meeting the last session of which went two hours beyond lunch time, the KBC executive board gave approval to a long list of items including the expenditure of "up to \$1.8 million" for improvements at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, near Aurora.

The far western assembly, operated since 1955 by 11 Baptist associations, will become the property of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Sept. 1, 1983 in an agreement worked out late last year.

The document signed by members of the Jonathan Creek and KBC boards includes a clause that "a lakeside conference center, including meeting space, dormitory space and dining hall and kitchen" would be added to the grounds by the KBC board. It specifies that groundbreaking for this facility "would be scheduled on or before Sept.

1, 1983, with the facility estimated to cost \$650,000."

But in the executive board meeting May 9-10 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, the board committed itself to go considerably further in improvements at Jonathan Creek.

Acting on a recommendation of its church services committee, the board authorized executive secretary William W. Marshall to enter into contracts for the construction, remodeling and furnishing of facilities at Jonathan Creek up to \$1.8 million. Cash is in hand for the full amount, and will be drawn from the camps and assemblies capital additions and improvements fund.

Plans revealed at the board meeting call for the construction of two new facilities instead of one, and the remodeling of Waller Dormitory, a 96-bed facility.

One of the two new facilities would provide adult-youth housing for a maximum of 130 persons in double or single accommodations. Each unit would include private bath and have its own self controlled heating and air conditioning system. Three rooms would be provided with facilities for handicapped persons.

A second new structure, including new conference center space, would also be added. It would be constructed so future conference expansion could be added at a later date.

A total expenditure for the new and remodeled facilities is presently estimated at \$1,541,000.

Marshall takes the lead

The meeting of the executive board at Cedarmore was an historic one for more reasons than assuming responsibility for Jonathan Creek Assembly. It also signaled the transfer of formal leadership as Franklin Owen, executive secretary for 11 years, stepped aside to allow his successor, Marshall, to assume that position.

Drawing his final report to the board to a close, Owen turned to Marshall and said, "Bill, may God bless you." Then,

to the audience, he said, "He'll be great. Your greatest days are out front."

Marshall responded graciously thanking Owen and telling board members, "He (Owen) has opened himself to me and shared with me what was pertinent, and blown away the rest."

First report to the board

Marshall's first report to the board gave fresh insights into the new leader's perception of Kentucky Baptists' state of affairs. Quoting from that address, he said:

• An analysis of staffing over the past 10 years reveals that there are actually fewer staff members employed today by the Kentucky Baptist Convention than there were 10 years ago New staff may be forthcoming I am not interested in building a big staff but I am committed to determining priorities related to the overall objective of winning this world to Christ and staffing to meet the goals to accomplish that objective in Kentucky Baptist life.

• (If a proposal to be recommended by the Annuity Board) is adopted and implemented by the state convention, and a maximum number of churches and church staff decide to participate in the program, the convention will be required to provide an estimated 800,000 new dollars annually as its portion of the annuity support for church staff in the churches of the convention. It is indeed a worthy proposal and I believe that given this much lead time—that is, four years—we should be able to absorb this within the framework of our budget and feel very positive for having done so.

• It would be my plan to name a small staff task group to solicit information concerning what is done in the state of Kentucky in the area of hunger . . . , and to have ready for the November board meeting a report which would at least provide some viable vehicles to feed the hungry and to which we could refer any and all Baptist churches in the state of Kentucky who are interested in

doing something about hunger and are unable to do so.

• In 1987, Kentucky Baptists will celebrate 150 years of history together I would like to celebrate the year of 1987 There should be born some new dreams and some new visions both to be climaxed in that year as well as begun in that year.

Summing up his thoughts, Marshall concluded, "Don't you want to dream dreams? Don't you want Kentucky Baptists to sing a new song? Of course, you do! Let's work together toward that end."

Georgetown president cited

The executive board regularly entertains reports from all of its agency and commission heads, and the meeting last week was no exception. What was unusual was the presentation of a plaque of appreciation for Ben M. Elrod, who—after five years—is leaving the presidency of Georgetown College to return to a position in his native Arkansas.

Elrod, responding to the board's affirmation, declared, "I've had a love affair with Kentucky Baptists for five years, and I can't speak of it without a good bit of sentiment." He went on to explain that, "Unfortunately for my wife and me, I tried to do in five years what I should have done in 10 years," referring to open heart surgery which he experienced in 1982.

Other agency leaders' reports were positive and encouraging.

Board tackles other business

In other matters last week, the executive board:

• Adopted a policy for establishing student centers on community college campuses, giving the green light to a first one at Somerset Community College

• Revised the rate structure upward at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly

• Voted to provide seminary extension scholarships for qualified persons

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May president Draper's tribe increase

Robert Hastings' account of a recent interview with Southern Baptist Convention president Jimmy Draper on page 8 of this issue should be read carefully by every Southern Baptist concerned for the present tension and interested in the future welfare of the denomination. If Draper is right in stating the objectives of the ultra conservative wing of Southern Baptists which has been in control of the last four annual meetings, we will not only come through the crisis but will come through stronger.

President Draper says the objectives of this group with which he sincerely identifies himself is not "to dismantle, destroy or to take over anything. . . . Some think we conservatives want to stifle academic freedom and liberty. All we want is to be heard and not be ridiculed."

No true Baptist could object to such objectives. They reflect the best Baptist insights and are a part of our noble heritage.

President Draper's views at this

point are reassuring. Even more admirable and exemplary is Draper's spirit which makes room for other views to be expressed and respects those with whom he disagrees.

The question, however, is whether his fellow "conservatives" agree with him and even more importantly whether they share his spirit. If they do, they have never said it nor have they shown it so far. Draper describes my own feelings up to now almost perfectly when he says, "I think a lot of so called moderates are really conservatives, but they're shy of us out of mistaken fear that we're out to destroy."

I confess I have been fearful. The strong warnings on this page of the danger of this "conservative" movement have been motivated not by my dislike for any fellow Southern Baptist nor by lack of respect for those who views differ from mine. I have feared destruction resulting from false accusations against godly seminary teachers

and curriculum writers, the announced intention to gain enough control of convention institutions and agencies to dismiss those considered liberal, the limiting of academic freedom and the imposition of one interpretation of scriptures upon all Baptists.

I have been wrong many times and always regretted it but I would be happy to be wrong if these fears are unfounded. If Paul Pressler, Paige Patterson, Adrian Rogers and Bailey Smith will agree with president Draper's assessments of their objectives and demonstrate his spirit, this era of Southern Baptist tribulation would be over and the Southern Baptist millennium of mutual trust and common commitment would be recovered.

Whatever the outcome, Jimmy Draper has proven his sincerity, his integrity, his love for Southern Baptists and his deep desire to be a unifying influence. His presidential appointments have been as balanced as he promised they would be and more representative than many

thought they would be. Besides this, his own example of fairness and his appeal to the committee on boards (for which he had no responsibility) probably were a strong factor in the early release of the committee on boards' report and the kind of nominees named in the report. If nominees from Kentucky are typical, the last potential barrier to a harmonious convention in Pittsburgh has been removed.

It would be premature to regard president Draper as the Moses who will lead Southern Baptists out of their wilderness wanderings. He is demonstrating the qualities to be such a leader, however, and God forbid that we pass up the best opportunity we might have in years.

Millions of Southern Baptists in thousands of churches lifted prayers last Sunday for the 1983 meeting in June. Messengers in Pittsburgh should be ready to help answer these prayers by rejecting quickly and decisively would-be disturbers of this prayed-for peace.

Documentation for charitable gifts is important

Louisville attorney Henry Huff has shared with Western Recorder a statement from the Apr. 15, 1983 issue of Tax Week with reference to charitable contributions documentation proposals. According to the statement a taxpayer making a charitable contribution of money would be required to retain a canceled check, a receipt, or other written evidence that shows the amount of the charitable contribution, the date contributed and the

name of the donee. Additional substantiation would be required where the contribution deduction exceeds \$500 or consists of property other than money.

Those planning to report their charitable contributions as income deductions on their income tax forms as well as churches and other charitable organizations and causes receiving such gifts should be extra careful to meet or exceed governmental regulations in this

regard. Exempting charitable contributions from taxation is not a guaranteed constitutional right; it is not even right in the opinion of some.

It is, however, an added incentive for generosity in charitable giving and many worthy causes now depending upon such gifts would be hurt if tax exempt gifts were no longer allowed. Cheating or even questionable practices on the part of those giving and those receiving tax

exempt contributions would doubtlessly lead to the loss of this benefit.

In this matter there is more than a legal or practical consideration for Christians and Christian institutions. There is also concern for what's right and ethical. The New Testament makes it clear Christians are to be exemplary citizens and paying our share of taxes is one of our Christian as well as our civic duties.

The changing of the guard

The transfer of leadership in the highest executive office of the Kentucky Baptist Convention was without much pomp and ceremony but not without much excitement and inspiration. When Franklin Owen, leader of Kentucky Baptists for 11 years, formally handed the reins over to Bill Marshall in the opening moments of the first session of the May meeting of the executive board, there was not the least hint of anything but heartfelt thanks to Owen and enthusiastic support for Marshall.

Owen was as gracious in stepping

out as he was successful in his 11 years of service. This must not have been easy for one who has been completely devoted to his duties around the clock and who has been so deeply involved in the entire life of Kentucky Baptists. Hopefully he will be around a long time but wherever and to whatever his future ministry leads him Owen will have only success to remember as Kentucky Baptists' leader.

There is a sense of completeness of his ministry as executive secretary which should give him satisfaction. With the finalization in this

meeting of the executive board of bringing Jonathan Creek Assembly into the state assembly program Owen's latest big project is completed. With the final payment on the Baptist Building renovation scheduled soon, the convention will soon be completely debt free and considerable reserves will be on hand.

Bill Marshall assumed leadership of Kentucky Baptists with fitting humility but not without giving clear indication he has dreams he means to realize. He had some input into the agenda of this meet-

ing and three challenging testimonies of missionaries on the program gave some hint of his priorities.

My ministry as editor spans the services of four executive secretaries so this is the third changing of the guard I have witnessed. Each one had its own inspiration but none so hopeful as this one.

It would be hard to imagine a new leader who had as much opportunity as does Bill Marshall nor Baptists in any state who have more reason to hope for their greatest era.

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Executive board transacts lots of business for KBC

Continued from page 1

- Provided nearly \$10,000 to assist Clear Creek Baptist School in standardizing its audit procedures
- Adopted new financial and accounting agreement with Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union
- Reorganized the KBC business office, creating three departments in that office
- Recognized 10 career employees of the executive board staff on their service anniversaries
- Heard reports from foreign and home missionaries concerning support and cooperation from Kentucky Baptists and possibilities for the future
- Dedicated a new chapel at Cedar Crest, girls' camp at Cedarmore Assembly
- Handled numerous housekeeping items

Community college student centers

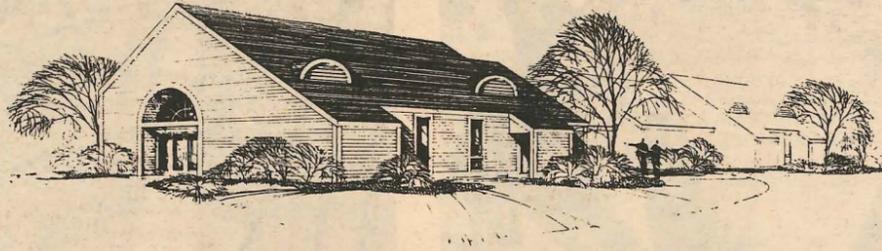
The new student center policy on community college campuses commits the convention to underwrite "up to 50% of the cost of suitable property, repairs and furnishings necessary" to make a property ready for use as a student center. The total outlay is "not to exceed \$30,000" for each project, and the property is to be used "exclusively as a student center."

Title of the property is to be in the name of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The operation, management and upkeep of the center shall be the responsibility of the Student Department of the KBC.

The policy would affect joint efforts with a single church, group of churches, an association or group of associations "desirous of having a student center at a community college."

The first such agreement, with Pulaski County Baptist Association, will provide for the purchase and renovation of a house at 114 Ford Dr., Somerset, under above stipulations.

Effective Sept. 1, 1983, daily rates at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly will be increased as follows: \$2 for Kentucky Baptist-related events; \$3 for non-Kentucky Baptist-related events; \$1 for



The first unit of proposed new conference space at Jonathan Creek.

summer camp motel accommodations; 75 cents for summer camping in other facilities.

The executive secretary was also authorized to install laundry facilities and provisions at Cedarmore with costs not to exceed \$12,000.

An amount of \$25 or half the cost of tuition, "which ever is smaller," was granted as scholarship money for persons enrolled in seminary and Baptist college extension courses "who have not completed college." This was seen as a method of not only helping some who needed financial assistance, but encouraging them to complete their plans for study through correspondence or extension center classes.

The appropriation for Clear Creek Baptist School will allow a review of 1981 fund balances, redoing the complete 1982 audit and performing the 1983 audit. The reason given by the board's business and finance committee for this request was "to bring Clear Creek into line" with similar auditing procedures used by other agencies and institutions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

WMU changes sweeping

The agreement with Woman's Missionary Union virtually transfers all WMU funds to the KBC. A separate WMU accounting system will thus be eliminated effective with the close of the fiscal year Aug. 31, 1983.

WMU general funds will be incorporated into the KBC state mission reserve fund and the state mission offering shall in the future be known as the

"Eliza Broadus Offering Restricted Fund."

A three-page document, agreed to by the state WMU executive board last month, outlines the proposal in full. It states that, "Effective Sept. 1, 1983 the WMU authorizes the KBC to deposit any and all funds payable to the WMU." It also notes that the agreement "may be terminated by either the WMU or KBC" but not before "the beginning of the second fiscal year following the year in which the decision to terminate occurred."

Changes in the executive board's business office saw the creation of three new departments and the naming of three department heads, as follows: Administrative Services, Richard Carnes, director; Accounting and Services, Douglas P. Henry, director; and Support Services, John Pate, director.

Executive secretary Bill Marshall pointed out that none of the changes will require "any additional personnel," but would "more effectively" allow the business functions of the convention to be carried out.

10 staffers recognized

At a testimonial dinner, 10 employees were recognized on their service anniversaries with monetary gifts and, in some cases, extra vacation and plaques of appreciation. Included were:

Douglas P. Henry, Mrs. Audrey Hurst, Mrs. Marjorie M. Oliver, Mrs. Lucille Parrish and Mrs. Nancy Whidson, all 10 years of service; Robert C. Jones, 15 years; Mrs. Esther M. Weller, 20 years; and Mrs. Mary

Catlett, A. B. Colvin and Mrs. Velma Jeffries, all 25 years.

Missionary personnel addressing the executive board at different times last week included Bill Gaventa, missionary doctor on furlough from Nigeria; Lincoln Bingham, superintendent of missions, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, Louisville; and Ronald Boswell, director of volunteer enlistment, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Boswell talked of the possibilities for a Kentucky cooperative partnership with a foreign country, as is presently carried on between eight state conventions and nations where Southern Baptist foreign missionaries serve.

Housekeeping chores

In yet other matters of this busy agenda, the board:

- Approved a statement of philosophy in operating Kentucky Baptist assemblies
 - Approved the sale of a mobile home by Leatherwood (Ky.) Baptist Church in order to provide an apartment in the church's basement for a Clear Creek School student pastor
 - Agreed to provide a furnished mobile home at Marrowbone Baptist Center, Hellier, for a director of the weekend program, at a cost of \$22,000
 - Voted to enter into contract with Associated Designers Inc. for plans and assistance for a new building for First Korean Baptist Church, Radcliff
 - Agreed to study the possibility of a statewide offering to be taken on Father's Day to help send Baptist men on volunteer mission assignments
 - Called for a state media consultant to be added to the KBC staff "when feasible" to promote and coordinate use of media
 - Asked for a study of funding needs for Homes for Children, to be reviewed by the KBC administrative committee by Dec. 31, 1983
 - Heard a report on plans for the 1983 Kentucky Baptist Convention Padeucah agenda in November in Padeucah
- The next meeting of the executive board will be immediately prior to the KBC meeting, Nov. 14 in Padeucah.

baptist forum

The accusers will be forgotten

And so . . . Dr. Dale Moody is shot out of the saddle; added to the dust biters including Whitsitt, Ralph Elliot, Ghandi, King, Lincoln, Stephen, Jesus . . . the list is long. How tragic! And yet . . . Dr. Moody and his company who are not victims but victors in the eternal struggle, we are assured by scripture that these accused will be longer remembered, and for better reason, than their accusers. My thanks to editor Daley and

Duke McCall for statements included in the Apr. 7 issue of Western Recorder positive to Dr. Moody. Dr. Moody will always be very special to me, not because of abstracts and contracts, but because of the nobler virtues of truth, love and spirit which he so radiantly reflects in Christ.

William B. Craig, Lexington

Treatment of Dale Moody

Thank you for your excellent editorial on "The Dale Moody I have known for

40 years." Your concluding paragraph is a most appropriate description of the man. Recent events cannot change the love and appreciation that we have for him.

Your treatment of the matter from beginning to ending has been with the greatest sense of fairness and with concern for all.

Ralph E. Wade, Stockbridge, Ga.

A testimony to Paul Horner

Kentucky Baptists and Campbellsville

College have sustained a great loss in the death of Dr. Paul Horner. I am but one of a great host of people who owe a great debt to this man. A great many pastors will remember his fond statement when he referred to us as one of his "preacher boys."

Though Paul Horner recently died, he will forever live on in the hearts and lives of those of us in whom he shared his great love for his Lord.

David Royalty, Princeton

SBC 'moderates' trim plans for Pittsburgh

by Stan Haste and Dan Martin

Southern Baptist Convention "moderates" will make no organized efforts at this year's annual meeting in Pittsburgh to challenge incumbent president James T. Draper Jr., or persons nominated as trustees to agencies and institutions.

Meeting in Atlanta five weeks before the SBC gathers June 14-16 in Pittsburgh, the core group of moderate leaders, numbering about 30 pastors, concluded Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., is not vulnerable to a challenge to reelection to the second one-year term customarily given SBC presidents.

According to several members of the group, the decision not to bring challenges to the report of the powerful committee on boards was reached after a study of the list of nominees revealed no individuals with glaring weaknesses akin to those of nominees successfully challenged during the past two annual meetings.

Cecil Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., and one of the founding members of the faction, was critical of the report of the committee on boards, released May 4 by Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, and committee chairman.

"All we have done on the floor of the convention previously is to eliminate the deformities, the eccentricities and the deviates," he said, referring to successful challenges the past two years, in which persons who did not use Baptist Sunday School Board literature were named to the Sunday School Board, or did not give to Cooperative Program causes but were named to agencies supported by the CP, were replaced.

"This committee on boards has removed the eccentrics, the strange people. It is filled with people who are doctrinaire, narrow. They are one kind of Baptist. They are people who have a low estimate of our schools and publishing house, are basically critical of the denomination, but continue to give some kind of support to it.

"This committee on boards has surgically excised the kind of Southern Baptists who will not conform (to their kind of fundamentalism). The exclusion is not an accident; it is a very meticulous thing," Sherman said.

David Sapp, pastor of First Baptist Church, Chamblee, Ga., added the report "is pretty right wing . . . representing only one element of the convention. It would be hard to attack, however."

Another leader of the moderate group, M. Vernon Davis, pastor of First

Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va., told Baptist Press the moderates probably will nominate candidates for first and second vice president. Unlike the traditional second one-year term offered a sitting SBC president, vice presidents traditionally have served only one year. However, nothing in the denomination's by-laws forbids vice presidents from being renominated.

Another moderate who participated in the Atlanta meeting, Bedford, Va. pastor Howard V. Pendley, said the moderates' agenda in Pittsburgh will be "issue oriented." Moderates will be alert to any "bad resolutions" that might be proposed, he said, as well as to efforts to amend the 1983-84 Cooperative Program budget "to punish any of our agencies and institutions or individuals."

Despite its more limited projected agenda for the Pittsburgh convention, the moderate movement is still alive, according to its leaders. "We feel there is going to be a need for the foreseeable future for people who believe in our institutions and believe in our historic directions to work to preserve these institutions and values," Davis said. "We believe the threat to them is very real and continuing."

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State paper interns: looking back on 10 years

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Western Recorder is currently marking a milestone.

When June 18 rolls around, it will have been 10 years since Larry High, a Baltimore, Md. student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, became the first seminarian to combine textbook learning with on-the-job training at Western Recorder.

It was an experimental undertaking at best, according to editor C. R. Daley. It was begun at the urging of Daley's then associate, Bobby S. Terry, who not only gave birth to the cooperative venture with the seminary, but supervised it its first two years, 1973-75.

Terry was convinced it would fill a void in journalism students' lives, for there was—and is—little opportunity in Louisville for seminarians headed for careers in Christian communications to practice their craft while enrolled in school. Terry gave them that chance through his innovative idea of an intern program. The rest is history.

When Terry was elected editor of Missouri Baptists' state paper, Word and Way, in mid 1975, his successor, James H. Cox, took up the duties of supervising the intern program at Western Recorder.

NOW, A DECADE AFTER ITS INCEPTION, some 26 students have participated in the program. Almost all have gone on to fill major communications responsibilities for SBC agencies and state convention institutions, to become regular contributors (freelancers and curriculum writers) for Southern Baptist publications, to fill journalistic calls to secular newspapers and to handle public relations/communications duties on local church staffs.

Cox and Daley call all of the interns "friends," and take pride in recommending their former interns to communications positions in Southern Baptist ranks when opportunities arise. They keep in touch with those who are "graduates" of the program through a monthly publication now in its sixth year of production called Picas and Scribes.

And just recently several of those former interns returned to Louisville for a 10th anniversary reunion. It was a memorable occasion and tended to reconfirm the fact that all are part of a unique family in the annals of Southern Baptist journalism.

In fact, until a couple of years ago, no other Southern Baptist state paper had an on going journalism intern program. None has one to the extent Western Recorder does today.

Arkansas and Louisiana state papers presently use one student each, and North Carolina has announced plans to add a student next fall.

WESTERN RECORDER EMPLOYS three students simultaneously, and hopes to add a fourth at some future date.

Two of the three students actually work on the paper each week, while the third is designated as a courier intern. In this capacity, he drives to Elizabethtown and Lexington each Monday to pick up associational and local church page editions of Western Recorder from those areas, dropping them off at the paper's contract printing plant in Shelbyville.

The two staff writers, meanwhile, are

engaged in actual production of the paper. Their duties include editing, writing, photography, layout and proof-reading.

They travel as their school schedule permits in pursuit of stories throughout the state. And they assume major responsibility for content and design of the paper should both the editor and associate editor be away on business at the same time.

They average 15 to 20 hours weekly in their journalistic pursuits during the school year, and receive a small stipend from the seminary and the paper for their efforts. They may also complete field education requirements in the seminary's School of Religious Education by serving at Western Recorder.

Most of the students in the program have voiced the opinion, however, that they would be an intern if given the chance, without pay. The opportunity to gain insights into the workings of a state Baptist paper and SBC denominational life in general is usually cited as remuneration enough.

Numerous former interns have said the recommendations they have received as they neared graduation from their seminary career has been worth far more than the other considerations. In most cases it has led to full time work in SBC agencies.

In the summer, one student is employed full time to gain a greater depth of exposure to the state paper process. No student has filled this role more than once and, without exception, each one has—as school time rolled around the following fall—said two things: "I thought I knew what it was to be an intern until I assumed so much responsibility and learned so much during the summer," and "How I wish I could do this forever and not go back to class!"

THERE ARE TWO PREREQUISITES for consideration of an applicant for the internship program at Western Recorder. One is, because of the seminary's contribution to the student's funds, he or she must be a full time enrollee at Southern Seminary.

Secondly, a student must feel called "without a shadow of doubt" to a career in some form of religious communications. While this may not necessarily be in the state paper ministry, it could be. It might also include radio, TV, art, advertising, public relations, other publications, photography, freelance writing for the denomination or even secular writing in a Christian context. This limitation is made to give opportunities to religious journalism students who will find limited chances to gain experience while in seminary.

If a student's work proves satisfactory at Western Recorder he may continue there until his graduation from seminary. A student is initially invited to come for one semester and must "prove himself."

Western Recorder can't help but be just a little bit proud of these 26 young people who have served with us in a decade. We felt 10 years was an appropriate time to stop and reflect, to recognize their personal achievements, to recall some of the interesting as well as hilarious experiences they were a part of over the decade and to tell you where a writer you may have enjoyed reading a great deal in the past is today. The second article on the opposite page is an attempt to do just that.



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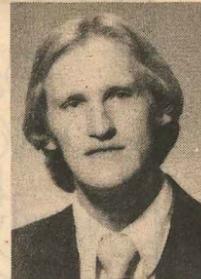
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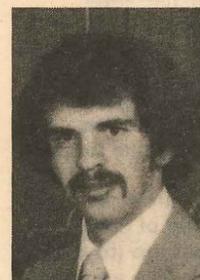
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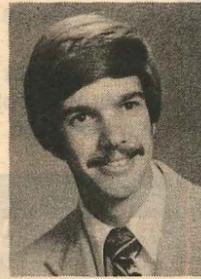
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Where are they now?

The 26 young people who have filled journalism internships at Western Recorder have gone far and wide. Here's a complete list, in order of their service at Western Recorder, including their service dates at the Recorder, and where they are presently.

- Larry E. High, 1973-74**
Managing Editor, Biblical Recorder Raleigh, N. C.
- Christopher C. Evans, 1974-75**
Feature Writer, Ft. Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram
- John P. Wesley, 1974-75**
Resident of Corbin, Ky., graduating May 1983 from Lexington (Ky.) Theological Seminary with DMin degree
- Gregory L. Hancock, 1975**
Pastor, Latonia Baptist Church Covington, Ky.
- Tommy Smith, 1975**
Pastor, Cedar Grove Baptist Church Shepherdsville, Ky.
- Philip A. Burgess, 1975-77**
Editor, Bible Learners materials Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
- Deborah Harris Quintin, 1975-77**
WR stringer, Glendale, Ky.
Former PR director, Missouri Baptist Children's Home, Bridgeton
- Ellen Fleming-Hughes, 1976**
Housewife, Corpus Christi, Tex.
Former social worker, Louisville and Waco, Tex.
- William R. Nixon, 1977**
Public Relations Manager, Central Louisiana Electric Co., Pineville
Former PR director, Louisiana College, Pineville
- Laurie K. Taylor, 1977-78**
WR stringer, Lexington, Ky.
Curriculum writer for Woman's Missionary Union and Baptist Brotherhood Commission
- K. Rebecca Martin, 1977-78**
Minister of Education and Youth, First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, Ky.
- Steve Higdon, 1978**
Assistant Editor, Baptist & Reflector Brentwood, Tenn.
- William Robert Webb, 1978-79**
Feature Writer, News and Information Services Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.
- Johnny L. Hughes, 1978**
Staff Writer and Columnist, The Louisville Times
- Gail Lynn Rothwell, 1978-80**
Reporter, Office of Communications, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
- James P. Hester Jr., 1979**
Minister of Education/Administrator, First Baptist Church, Florence, S. C.
- H. Ray Furr, 1979-80**
Associate Director of Public Relations, Annuity Board, Dallas, Tex.
- Kathy Fogg Berry, 1980-81**
Codirector, Graffiti Baptist Ministry, New York, N. Y.; Freelance writer for Woman's Missionary Union and Baptist Sunday School Board
- Trennis G. Henderson, 1980-81**
Associate Managing Editor, Word & Way, Jefferson City, Mo.
- Raymond L. Hayes, 1980-82**
Sales Representative, Western Recorder, Middletown
- Susan K. Taylor, 1981-82**
Associate Editor, SBC Today Decatur, Ga.
- David A. Smith, 1981-82**
Southern Baptist foreign missionary in publications work in Israel
- Howard C. [Rick] Reynolds, 1982**
Public Relations Director
Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville
- Susan M. Shaw, 1982-present**
Current intern
- Charlie Wilson, 1982-present**
Current intern
- Bob Allen, 1983-present**
Current intern

Interns pause, reflect on their days at Recorder

Larry High

On my first day as Western Recorder's first intern, I learned Daley was out of town and Bob Terry, then associate editor, had to rush to Georgia for a family emergency.

It was Monday after the 1973 Southern Baptist Convention and the WR type was set but nothing had been "laid out" (drawn in on "dummy" sheets) and no pictures had been developed.

I drove Bob to the airport at 10 a.m. and we stopped by the photo lab to pick up the processed photos. As I drove, Bob was telling me what pictures to use and who the people pictured were.

After getting back from the airport I wrote cutlines (generally about people I did not know), sized the photos and laid out a 24-page paper by myself.

At 7:00 that evening everything was finished. I was emotionally and physically drained. I walked into the nearest men's rest room and threw up.

After saying to myself, "So this is what state Baptist paper work is all about," I walked out of the rest room and everything has been up hill since.

The WR intern experience was the point in my life when I knew God had called me to a ministry I would love. Even though I went to WR with a college journalism degree I remember WR as being the place where I really learned the art of journalism. The "hands on" experience during my 18-month internship taught me more than four years of school.

Chris Evans

Virtually everything I know about layout, graphics and production is based on what I learned at the Recorder.

Perhaps the most significant thing I remember was that it enabled me to crystalize my thinking about a "calling." I saw and worked with journalist ministers and aspired to be like them. And while I work in the secular arena today, this sense of calling is still with me.

Debbie [Harris] Quintin

I remember Dr. Daley bringing a large hanging plant into the office where Phil Burgess and I were working. "I'll just put this green thing in here with two other green things," Daley laughingly explained. And we laughed too.

I have always been proud that I was the first female intern. I have been deeply touched that the WR staff maintains an active interest in interns after we graduate and move out into the working world. It is a privilege to be treated as a friend and an equal by caring Christian professionals.

Nick Nixon

I could point to a number of lessons I have brought with me from my tenure as an intern. Planning, photography, tight writing, making deadlines and countless other professional characteristics were developed and solidified during my time at Western Recorder.

The education I received into the interworkings of the Baptist system of politics, both state and denominational, was enlightening.

But the most valuable asset I gained as an intern was the association with two of the most understanding and sensitive journalists in the world.

Laurie Taylor

The intern program taught me that if I commit my dreams and abilities to the Lord and I work diligently to accomplish my goals, God will use me to touch the lives of others and will multiply my opportunities. I learned that being a writer is not glamorous. It is simply the opportunity the Lord has offered me to make a difference in this world.

Through my experiences in the WR intern program I can say without apology that I am a writer.

Jim Cox took me under his wing and made me believe I could do anything as long as I had a pen in my hand.

Rebecca Martin

The first article I ever worked on at WR was a story about First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, and its mission churches. Soon afterwards I did another story about the church dealing with some literacy classes it sponsored. At that time I remember thinking it must be a great church.

Toward the end of the semester, as Laurie and Johnny (Taylor) were preparing to graduate, they received a call to First Church, Whitesburg.

Little did I know that three years later the Lord would call me from Virginia to the very church I first wrote about in Western Recorder!

Jimmy Hester

The most comical experience I had at WR relates to the weekly column of the executive director. The column was always typed by his secretary on two WR copy pages. That was the amount of space he was limited to.

One week the column arrived, I edited it and passed it on to the typesetter. We proofed it and published it in the paper. When the paper came out and crossed Dr. Owen's desk, we got a call in the office. It seems we had reversed the two pages he sent, putting the second page first and the first page last. There was a natural paragraph break at the bottom of page one plus the pages were not numbered.

Dr. Owen was quite upset that the message would be lost because of this foul up. Interestingly enough, no one who read his column that week noticed. One letter from a reader even complimented the column and shared how it spoke to a need in his life.

Gail Rothwell

One time I was sent to cover a handbell festival being held in Louisville. I arrived early, talked with some participants, collected names and shot a roll of film. It wasn't until I returned to the office did I realize I hadn't put any film in the camera to start with. Needless to

say, the pictures didn't turn out! That experience really has been invaluable because I have never been caught without film since then.

Kathy Berry

What was frustrating about being an intern at WR was having to go to seminary. Sometimes it was tempting to put class work aside to focus on the much more interesting Recorder work.

The only comical—I guess that's what you'd call it—experience was being seven months pregnant when Trennis Henderson left, Jim Cox had appendicitis and I was left holding the "mag!" I believe for those five or six weeks I learned what a challenge and headache it can be to work on a state paper.

David Smith

I know of no other opportunity for a seminarian to get the chance to write, edit, shoot and size pictures, lay out a paper, proofread it and have some say concerning what stories are used every week. But just as important is the opportunity the intern has to learn how the KBC and SBC work. My experiences were invaluable to me. An added blessing was learning about editorial responsibilities from Dr. Daley and management from Jim Cox.

New interns, believing the "tough editor" image is only a myth, are surprised to be met only by Dr. Daley's gruff "Mornin'" as he first made his way to his office every day. I was no exception, hoping to win Daley's favor early on but being oblivious to the fact that although Daley doesn't shower one with compliments, he is knowledgeable of the interns' work.

After I had worked at WR a month, I completed what I thought was my best writing effort. When the story was printed Daley came by the office and said, "David, that was a good story," calling me "David" for the first time.

That stroke lasted a long time. I wouldn't have been more pleased if the Pulitzer committee had called.

'Dwell together in unity,' in Pittsburgh, asks Draper

by Robert Hastings

"How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

That verse, Ps. 133:1, in big letters on an outdoor sign, greets visitors to First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., where Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr. is pastor.

"And I hope that verse will set the tone for our annual convention in Pittsburgh," Draper said in an interview in his office less than two months before the June meeting.

"I'll be disappointed if I'm opposed for a second term as president," Draper explained, "for we need another year of openness and for me to demonstrate that I want all segments of our Baptist life to be heard and represented."

"I've made some mistakes this first year, either doing or saying something I shouldn't. But remember—no one trained me to be president. Another year will give me a chance to be a better president."

Draper said he doesn't know how he could have been more open to suggestions from all quarters, or demonstrate a greater willingness to do what is right.

"I conferred with the vice presidents, as well as state denominational leadership and others, in making committee appointments. And I released them well in advance through Baptist Press. In fact, they would have been released earlier, but I bent over backwards to check out each nominee, to make sure of his denominational loyalty, especially as reflected in the Cooperative Program gifts of the church where he or she is a member."

Draper said he'd hoped the Committee on Boards would have released its nominations 60 days prior to Pittsburgh. "But I told Charles Stanley of Atlanta's First Baptist Church, 'Don't release names until your committee has verified that you know who you're nominating, and that you can verify his loyalty as a Southern Baptist.' I reminded him that otherwise, the com-

mittee's report likely would be challenged."

In reviewing the first 10 months of his presidency, Draper admitted, "I'm tired, but it's been a good year. I've had fantastic support from men like Harold C. Bennett, W. C. Fields, Dan Martin, John Dunaway and Tim Hedquist of the SBC Executive Committee. None of these men gave any evidence of a hidden agenda or efforts to manipulate me."

"And it's been a good year in our church. Although I've been away three to four days every week, the average weekly attendance has increased 200 persons—and this on top of a 285 average weekly increase last year. Gifts and baptisms are at an all time high, and each of our two morning services attract right at 1800 persons."

Draper, who makes no apology for being conservative, wishes grassroots Baptists would understand one thing about the conservative movement in the denomination. "For the most part, conservatives want to be heard, to have a voice," he explained. "We're not out to dismantle, destroy or take over anything. I think a lot of so-called moderates are really conservative, but they're shy of us out of mistaken fear that we're out to destroy."

"For example, some think that we conservatives want to stifle academic freedom and liberty. All we want is to be heard and not be ridiculed. Some liberals have been doing all along what they now accuse us of doing—and that's insisting on only one viewpoint in the classroom. A classroom should give a student the tools to study and make his own decision."

"For example, I studied eschatology at Southwestern Baptist Seminary under Ray Summers. I didn't agree with his position on the Millennium. But he didn't ridicule my belief, nor try to force his interpretations on me. Yet some liberal textbooks categorically take a stand and leave no possibility of any other viewpoint. I call that narrow, whether it's in a 'conservative' or a 'liberal' textbook."

Draper admitted some conservatives

shy away from fellowship with any who disagree with them. "I think this is unfortunate," he said. "I can disagree with a brother on his theology, but still fellowship with him as a Christian."

"Inquiry is helpful," he said, "whether in a church or a denomination. Let's give folks a chance to speak up, to ask questions, to challenge, and not intimidate them as being 'uncooperative' or 'fundamentalists'."

"Our annual conventions have gotten so big and expensive to attend that many Baptists feel they no longer have a voice, that no one bothers to listen. Maybe a series of regional conventions is the answer. I don't know. But maybe the factionalism we're seeing is largely frustration over how to make input into a denomination as big as ours. Let's face it. The Southern Baptist Convention is a bureaucracy. My church is a bureaucracy. We've got to find ways to let the little fellow speak up."

Asked how he'd like for grassroots Baptists to view him, Draper answered quickly and positively. "If Jimmy Draper couldn't be a Southern Baptist, I don't know what he'd be. Southern Baptists are my life. The second Sunday in April, I preached an entire sermon on the Cooperative Program, and Doug Brown, who is with the Baptist Envelope Service, wrote me that it was one of the finest he'd ever heard me preach. Yes, we're going to see changes, particularly in structure. Some of our by-laws are vague and out of date, written for a denomination of four million rather than 14 million members. And I think the fact we've even considered negative designation for the Cooperative Program is indicative of further discussion on the way we support our denomination."

"I think of our struggle like a butterfly emerging from a cocoon. History shows that every 40 to 60 years, Southern Baptists have struggled and questioned, but they always emerged stronger."

Draper is convinced that if he's opposed at Pittsburgh, the issue will be "control," not theology. "No one can



This Bible verse, displayed outside First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., illustrates the spirit Jimmy Draper hopes for at the annual SBC meeting in Pittsburgh in June.

say I've pushed my theology on anyone. What I want is true freedom—which is freedom within stated boundaries. It is the liberty to believe and preach and teach without being ridiculed—and also the Christian charity to grant the same to others."

"The door's open in Pittsburgh to give a Christian witness in an area where Southern Baptists are relatively unknown. I hope our testimony will be positive, and not marred by factional controversy."

baptist news in brief

Pioneer missionary Shoemake dies at 63

Howard Shoemake, 63, who with his wife pioneered Southern Baptist mission work in the Dominican Republic, died May 6 at his home in Garland, Tex.

The emeritus missionary's death ended a five-year battle with bone marrow cancer. He outlived the early prognosis that he would die within five months and discovered a ministry to chronically ill patients in both the Dominican Republic and the United States.

Appointed overseas missionaries in 1947, Shoemake and his wife, the former Dorothy Dell Moore, served first in Colombia and then Ecuador before being asked to enter the Dominican Republic in 1962 to pave the way for future missionaries. Shoemake was pastor of Central Baptist Church in Santo Domingo but critical economic and medical needs in the country chal-

lenged him to broaden his ministry.

As local director of the Christian Medical Society's (CMS) Medical Assistance Program (MAP), he helped set up a dozen rehydration centers to save dying babies, and handled requests for the storage of free medicines coming into the country from MAP.

In 1980, as the Shoemakes prepared to leave the country, Dominicans hailed him as a "son of the Dominican Republic" and presented him the nation's highest civilian award, the badge of the Order of Duarte, Sanchez and Mella, for his service in the medical and social fields.

The Shoemakes stayed on in Santo Domingo for more than two years after his cancer was discovered. He went to the Rehabilitation Center for Invalids there for regular chemotherapy treatments. After working through his own initial depression, he found he had an instant rapport with fellow patients. He counseled and encouraged them with scripture and prayer.

In Texas, he participated in "Can-

Surmount" at Baylor University Medical Center's Sammons Cancer Center in Dallas, where he went for treatment.

As a member of Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas, he developed a telephone ministry to follow up on members recuperating from illnesses or coping with terminal illnesses like his own.

Resolutions Committee holds preliminary meeting

For the first time in recent history, the Southern Baptist Convention Resolutions Committee met prior to the annual meeting to organize, discuss potential resolutions and get acquainted.

Tal Bonham, executive director of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and chairman of the resolutions committee, told Baptist Press after the two-day session: "This was an orientation meeting, at which we reviewed procedure for presenting resolutions in Pitts-

burgh.

"President James T. Draper Jr. shared the details of the method which will be used this year at the SBC. The committee got acquainted and spent time in prayer for a harmonious convention. We considered resolutions submitted thus far and discussed possible resolutions that might be submitted."

"We feel this pre-convention meeting will help us do our job better and prevent the previously rushed manner in which the resolutions committee has been required to do its work."

Bonham said the committee, which unanimously approved his statement to the news media, renewed its request that any person desiring to present a resolution to the convention send a copy to the committee by June 6, in order that it might be properly considered.

Written versions of potential resolutions are requested to be sent to Harold C. Bennett, executive director-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37219.



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sunday school lessons

LESSON FOR MAY 22, 1983

International Series ON TRIAL IN JERUSALEM

God's protecting providence was in evidence on numerous occasions in the life of Paul. Each time Paul's enemies tried to destroy him the Lord protected and delivered him.

Acts 22:30-23:5 When the soldiers were about to scourge Paul, the apostle revealed he was a Roman citizen, whereupon the chief captain had him brought before the Sanhedrin to ascertain what wrong he had committed. This was Paul's first appearance before this body as a Christian. When he began to speak to the Jews about his faith, the high priest rudely interrupted him. Infuriated by Paul's statement: "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day," Ananias, the high priest and president of the council, ordered a bystander to slap him in the mouth, implying that what the apostle said was false. Naturally Paul resented the command of this haughty and overbearing Sadducee; so he uttered the scathing retort: "God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?" This appropriate and rash utterance was both deserved and prophetic of the violent death of Ananias.

Acts 13:6-10 Knowing he could not expect such diverse groups as the Sadducees and Pharisees to administer justice, cleverly Paul declared he was a Pharisee who had been arrested because of his hope of Christ's return and the resurrection of the dead. Inasmuch as the Pharisees believed in the

resurrection of the dead and the Sadducees vehemently denied this doctrine, the members of the council were diverted to their chief point of disagreement and pandemonium resulted. Paul's strategy readily won for him the support of the Pharisees who said: "We find no evil in this man."

Seeing Paul was in danger of being pulled in pieces by merciless fanatics, the chief captain ordered his soldiers to rescue the apostle and take him into the castle for protection.

Acts 23:11 During the next night Paul received a special revelation when the Lord appeared to him and said: "Be of good cheer, Paul." He assured his faithful servant he intended for him to bear witness in his behalf in Rome before his work was completed. Although that was a difficult assignment, Paul was encouraged by the knowledge that the Lord always gives his followers the strength to do what he commands them to do.

Life and Work Series INVITATION TO LIFE

Isaiah 55:1-11 Isaiah lived in an era of great material prosperity. As is usually the case in such eras, covetousness and greed increased rapidly. In that period of great wickedness, the prophets of God did their utmost to get the people to turn from their wicked ways and to conform to the will of God, but multitudes refused to do so.

Before the sinful people plunged into the depths of despair, God, through Isaiah, called to them saying, "Ho!" By that cry God meant for them to stop and listen. What he was about to say certainly merited their careful attention

and thoughtful consideration. Verse one reveals the comprehensiveness of God's invitation—it is addressed to everyone. The provision of salvation is free—"without money and without price." Its abundance is indicated by the word "waters"; its joy is implied by the word "wine"; its nourishment is included in the word "milk"; and it is available to all who thirst for it.

The people were admonished to hearken unto the Lord and to cease their vain attempts to secure satisfaction of soul by human means and efforts. Mentioning the "sure mercies of David," David is here the type of Christ, the one in whom all the blessings people need are to be found.

Lest any think they did not need to repent of their sins, Isaiah reminded those whom he was addressing of the tremendous difference between God's

way and their ways. God sees and knows everything about the past, present and future and wants to forgive all of the sins of those who will repent and truly believe on his Son. It is urgent that all accept God's gracious offer of mercy without delay. God alone can satisfy the spiritual needs of the soul.

To his redemptive plan God requires a human response. His invitation is extended to all through his Word and each individual must respond thereto.

Man is assured that if he will forsake his sinful ways and turn unto the Lord, God will have mercy upon him and will abundantly pardon him. Regardless of how grievously man has sinned against God, forgiveness is promised in the scriptures on the condition of genuine repentance toward God and faith in Christ.

Meet Cumberland College Alumnus



Jean Ritchie

photo by Tom Frazier

When Jean Ritchie walks onto the stage anyplace in the world and begins to perform, she talks about and sings of her native Appalachian Kentucky. She shares with the world songs about the people of the mountains, songs about the natural beauty found in the Kentucky hills, and songs of the faith which has guided generations in their day to day lives. It is because of her performances and compositions that Jean Ritchie has become one of the outstanding folklorists of Appalachia and is considered the "First Lady of Appalachian Folk Music."

Throughout her world travels, Jean Ritchie has not outgrown her memories and loyalty to Cumberland College. During Homecoming 81 Jean Ritchie and her husband, photographer George Pickow, were among the audience cheering the Cumberland College Indians' basketball team in tournament action.

Jean Ritchie shows her concern for and belief in Cumberland College when she writes, "Cumberland, special and indispensable to so many of us, is part of the heartbeat of Appalachia; therefore, it is no surprise to anyone when she takes yet another step in the right direction. Let us continue to prove our pride in Cumberland College by our vigorous support."

There are future Jean Ritchies awaiting a chance to go out into the world and succeed. They only need a chance, and Cumberland College provides that chance.

For information concerning the programs at Cumberland College which are preparing future leaders, complete, clip, and mail the accompanying coupon.

President Taylor,

Please send me more information about how I can help Cumberland College prepare leaders like Jean.

Name: _____

Address: _____

(Clip and mail to Dr. James Taylor, President, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769)



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GRADUATION TIME

Was it yesterday that fellow up there in the graduating line was bouncing around in a baby bed? Could it have been 15 years ago that he was a six year old camper at "Expo '67" in Montreal?—that crazy picture of the four of us standing in front of that crumpled tent. And how quickly came the big day when he proudly displayed his first driver's license. And now has it already been four years since that unforgettable, late summer afternoon when he came in and laid down beside me on the bed and talked through the bittersweet feelings he was having cutting loose and starting college?

We sure have an investment in that guy. Wonder what he will do with it? For sure, we trust him. Hey, Mom, did he wink at us when he received his diploma? I'd shout if I could get by with it. Nice going, son, we are proud of you! Somehow, I get the feeling that down deep, in a son's way he knows something of how we love him, and someday he will pass it on.

Browsing through his room not long

ago provided a kind of instant replay of his life with us. It was really a dumb thing to do just before supper. Everybody notices when my eyes are red.

Well, son, you are up there getting your diploma and we are down here smiling like possums! We've done what we could, the good with the bad, and we're with you always. So is your SPECIAL FRIEND, whom we are pleased to say you met at our house a long time ago. And don't forget, he said he would be with you always, too!



oneida journal

Barkley Moore, President
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SPANNING CONTINENTS AND TIME

Eight years ago the youngest son of Oneida's founder was in the last helicopter to lift off the roof of the American Embassy in Saigon as Vietnam fell to the communists. He was thousands of miles and more than 40 years away from his Oneida childhood. A graduate of Princeton, a career diplomat, he has been in the "thick of it" in many lands.

Oneida people are scattered all over the world. They serve as missionaries, in the armed forces, in the diplomatic service of the U. S. and other countries for some of our foreign graduates so serve their native lands. Some work in international trade.

I often remember my six years of work among the Turkoman tribesmen of northeastern Iran. They were full and exciting years. I lived through an earthquake, a cholera epidemic, and was accosted by a knife wielding Moslem

fanatic one noon time as I left one of the schools where I taught. The Lord spared me without serious injury or illness.

I truly felt I had lived a lifetime as I returned to America at Christmastime 1970. I have considered every single day of the past 13 years to be extra, each a special gift in which to live and to serve.

Two members of our 1957 graduating class became career diplomats. I have recently enjoyed reading and rereading a long typewritten letter from one of them, David Windle. I have not seen him for 26 years but the memory of our schooldays together at Oneida are as vivid as yesterday.

David's grandfather and uncle were among Oneida's earliest students. He grew up hearing tales of old Kentucky and came from Virginia to get an Oneida education. We both lived in old Carnahan Hall and David was a dyed-

in-the-wool Confederate. He talked of Civil War battles constantly. One morning the school awakened to find the Stars and Bars waving proudly from the school's flagpole. It did not take much imagination to find the guilty culprit.

David met and married his wife in New Delhi in 1963. Her father was the assistant naval attache there. They have a daughter and son, both nearly grown.

The Windles have lived and served in India, Moscow, the Congo, Greece, Hong Kong, Tunisia, London and now back in India. He has also had several tours of service in Washington, the last time in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. David has had to have major back surgery several times.

David closes his long and welcome letter by writing: "I am extremely pleased with the progress made at Oneida with God's helping hand. I think of the old school often. My memories are all fond ones and I prefer to hold on to them rather than accept the realities of progressive change right now.

"I remember too fondly the old ways, the small store downtown, the floods, Marvin Hall, and most of all 'to thine own self be true.'

"Without sounding too maudlin and not wishing to insinuate in any way that age is catching up with me, I read somewhere several years ago that 'I live with my memories and not with my dreams.' That is very appropriate I believe. Someday, the Lord willing, I will travel back to Oneida. In my chosen field, plans are always loose and extremely flexible.

"In sum, watch out 'old man' for you may wake up someday to find the 'Stars and Bars' flying once again from the flagpole and the Virginian on your doorstep. I must close and return to work. God bless you, take care, your brother in Christ, Dave."

Yes, there is that bond of memory, of affection that can span continents and time itself. I remember three other boys of the '57 class, lives lived and many years now in eternity. First to go was Monroe, with whom I used to string barbed wire fence on the school's farm. He was tragically murdered. Then Shelby, his life cut short by cancer, whom I visited a week before he died so bravely. Then Stan who came for homecoming, to share in the dedication of the Melvin Davidson Chapel, and died several weeks later. Though dead they yet speak.

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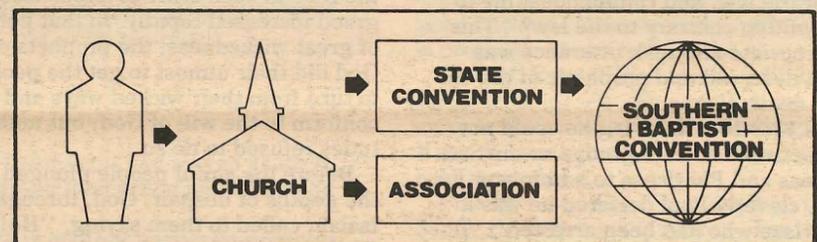
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OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR

When I think of Dudley Thomas Pomeroy, Clear Creek's outstanding faculty member for 1983, I think of the saying, "Great people are just ordinary people with an extraordinary amount of determination." How true this is of our dedicated, hard-working, unselfish professor of pastoral care.

Life for Pomeroy began as the oldest son of J. D. and B. T. Pomeroy, public school teachers in Van Wert County, Oh. As a child in February 1927, life began again for him in Christ as the family was gathered for worship. Later, God's call to the ministry was obeyed and Dudley (as some affectionately call him) entered the Moody Bible Institute in the fall of 1935. He began his first pastorate in 1939 in Owen County, Ky. and married Jean Asher (from Pineville) in the fall of that year.

Pomeroy vouchsafes, "When Jean and I married, we became partners in Christ and have served as partners with Christ in his work to this very hour. From the time that L. C. Kelly married us, it was a dream of mine that some day I would play a role with Clear Creek Baptist School in the teaching of God's

men called to do his work."

The fulfillment of that dream came in 1976 when he joined the faculty of Clear Creek. Pomeroy is a graduate of Georgetown College (1939) and Southern Seminary (1942). He was honored with the doctor of divinity degree by Georgetown in 1964 and earned the doctor of ministry degree from Southern in 1974.

He has served as pastor in Kentucky, Ohio, South Carolina and Georgia and served as a chaplain in the U. S. Army during World War II (he recently retired after 34 years of service with the rank of colonel).

He loves Clear Creek Baptist School and we love him for his patience, compassion, dedication and concern for God's men who train here. He serves in the tradition of Kelly and Aldridge. I, for one, gladly follow in his train!



Pomeroy



homes for children

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A DOOR OF HOPE

Hosea called the Valley of Achor a door of hope. The second chapter of his prophecy presents the results of unfaithfulness on the part of Israel. This passage makes clear the judgment of God. However, at the very depth of degradation and need, the Lord injects the possibility of forgiveness and reconciliation. He gives the hope of a new beginning.

For this experience of beginning again to become a reality, the people must return to God that he may speak tenderly to them. The prophet believed the hardships Israel would go through, the judgment of God upon them, would prove to be the valley of suffering which would cause them to come back to God and thus have hope.

What is the significance of "the Valley of Achor"? The prophet is recalling a significant bit of history concerning Israel. The Valley of Achor, meaning the valley of sorrow, is just east of Ai. Israel was in the process of conquering the Promised Land. Having captured Jericho, decisively they marched through the valley of Achor to take Ai. However, because one of the men of Israel, Achan, had taken some

of the plunder from Jericho for himself and had it in his tent, Israel was defeated before Ai. It was in this valley that Achan was judged, confessed and was stoned.

Sin and disobedience to God were seen as so serious that God would not be with Israel while there was hidden sin in the camp. When Achan was removed, purging the sin, there was hope for Israel. Thus, the Valley of Achor, the valley of sorrow, became a doorway to hope because fellowship with God was restored.

Many youth in our state are living in a valley of sorrow and desperately need a door of hope. Families have broken apart. Youth from such families often find themselves adrift with nowhere to turn. They did not create the circumstances but they suffer because of them.

Baptist Homes for Children offer that "Door of Hope" through our emergency shelters. One shelter is near Elizabethtown and the other, just newly opened, is at Dixon. These facilities can care for 10 youth on a temporary basis and offer a Christian door of hope for youth who have nowhere to go. Call us and we will help.

Florida ASSIST member Sharon Smith does exactly that

I think the Sunday school director in a church is called of God and your calling doesn't change until the Lord changes it.

Sharon Smith

by Linda Lawson

Sharon Smith views her work as director of an associational Sunday school improvement support team (ASSIST) as a calling from God, an important task requiring training, professionalism and a commitment to helping churches.

An attractive, soft spoken woman with brown hair and a quick smile, Mrs. Smith exudes enthusiasm when she talks about the 14 people who make up the team for the Florida Baptist Association which includes three counties

around Tallahassee. More than 800 of the 1200 Southern Baptist associations now have ASSIST teams.

"We've been able to develop a professional team that is able to help churches have a better Sunday school," said Mrs. Smith, who has headed the team for six years. Professionally, she works as a receptionist for three physicians.

During monthly ASSIST planning meetings, Mrs. Smith leads the team to plan upcoming activities and decide together how to respond to requests from any of the 42 churches in the association.

These requests take many forms—help in reorganizing the Sunday school, deciding how to start a weekly workers' meeting or visitation program, setting up a prospect file or choosing literature.

"When a new Sunday school director is elected, I try to get in touch so they know what we have to offer," Mrs. Smith explained.

While the ASSIST team is available to help with both immediate and long range concerns, one of Mrs. Smith's convictions is that building a strong Sunday school takes time and requires leadership committed to the task for more than one year.

"I think the Sunday school director is called of God and your calling doesn't change until the Lord changes it," said

Mrs. Smith. Also, she believes, "You can't build a solid foundation for a Sunday school program in less than five years."

When Mrs. Smith became associational Sunday school director six years ago, she said she only knew the team was responsible for directing two training events each year.

After the team traveled to Pass Christian, Miss., to an ASSIST training session, "We committed ourselves in the van on the way home to setting goals of getting into a certain number of churches each year."

The team also committed themselves to continued training for their roles. They attend a Ridgecrest Sunday school leadership conference each summer at their own expense "to get all the new information."

Looking back on the work of the team, Mrs. Smith said, "I think we've changed the attitude of a high percentage of churches about training their workers."

"We've helped them see that Sunday school is a reaching and developing ministry. They've begun to worry if they're not doing anything."

Also, she laughed, "I think they understand the word ASSIST now. If we've had success, I think it's because we've been willing to go to the churches when they wanted us."

Mrs. Smith's work with the ASSIST team means many nights and weekends away from home, but she has the sup-

Smith does not view the time she spends helping churches as a sacrifice.

"God gave me so much training even though I didn't have the education for it," she said. "Through the training I received I gained a knowledge of Sunday school work and an ability to lead people to do it. Then I felt I needed to use what God gave me."

"It's not a burden for me to do this," she said quietly. "God made it easy for me. I'm not sacrificing."

Kentucky ASSIST very effective, says Miller

by Susan Shaw, Staff Writer

Fifty-six percent of Kentucky's associations have either complete or partial ASSIST teams, according to state Sunday School Department associate Wally Miller. This represents a three percent increase over 1982.

The ASSIST program is composed mostly of volunteer lay leadership who have proven themselves as age group workers in local churches. Its main purpose is to assist local congregations in training their Sunday school leadership in teaching skills, preparation, outreach and evangelism.

Kentucky's ASSIST teams are also available to local churches as consultants to observe their situations and offer advice, Miller added.

Furthermore, ASSIST teams are used by associational leadership for central training schools.

Team members are trained by the state Sunday School Department to conduct associational campaigns and clinics. Miller pointed out that Teach-Win-Develop clinics are currently being pushed.

According to Miller, the ASSIST program is "very effective. It started out being a hit and miss thing. Now it's started growing." Central training schools are consistently being held yearly.

Miller noted the Sunday School Department "would like to encourage all associations to acquire an ASSIST team. The state Sunday School Department stands ready to help them train an ASSIST team."

"We would like to see the percentage of participating associations jump to 65 percent this year," Miller concluded.

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port of her husband John, who, she laughed, "sometimes pushes me back out the door when I get tired."

The mother of two married daughters and the grandmother of one, Mrs.



Sharon Smith views her work as a calling from God in helping churches in the Florida Baptist Association improve their Sunday schools. [Photo by David Haywood]

Southern Baptists' first Vietnamese missionaries

*They left as refugees
but they're returning
as missionaries*

by Erich Bridges

Long and Mary Pham have been there—and they're going back.

The couple will soon return to Southeast Asia—as Southern Baptists' first Vietnamese missionaries—to work with thousands of refugees who still huddle in camps, halfway between home and the unknown. Eight years ago the Phams were refugees themselves.

In 1975 the two fled South Vietnam a few steps ahead of the conquering North Vietnamese. American embassy personnel had evacuated Saigon, accompanied by most other Americans. Communist forces had bombed the Saigon airport. Drove of Vietnamese searched desperately for a way out of the city.

Baptist missionary Walter Routh, already safe in the Philippines, returned to Saigon and personally transported Pham and 50 others to the airport and out of the country.

"Two of my brothers and three of my sisters were able to escape also, but later I found that my mother and one of my sisters were unable to have freedom," Pham said. "I cried." He hasn't seen them since.

Mary escaped with her parents and sisters but left two brothers behind.

The two began life anew and married in the United States. Things have gone well for them since, thanks to hard work and a helping hand from Southern Baptists. But they remember the agony and terror of separation from home and family, the despair of the refugee camps, the mixture of hope and fear that churned their insides when they stepped onto U. S. soil for the first time.

Nobody learns such things in a book and the Phams relive memories almost daily as they work with resettled refugees in the Louisville area. As minister to Vietnamese at Ninth and O Baptist Church, Pham preaches in his native language, helps refugee families find housing and work, teaches them the mysteries of life in America, meets arrivals at the airport.

The Phams will do some of the same things as missionaries in the Philippines at the refugee camp in Bataan, "home" for 12,000 or more Vietnamese, Cambodians and Laotians. They'll lead a church, teach English and basic job skills and try to share some hope.

Hope comes in short supply these days in the camps. Refugee sponsors in countries like the United States are much harder to find than when the "boat people" of Southeast Asia made front pages every week a few years ago.

"What they need most is a friend," Pham says of refugee families, whether they have made it to a new home country or still languish in the camps. He needed a friend himself more than once and Southern Baptists were there.

A string of Southern Baptist missionaries touched Pham's life in South Vietnam. Sam James led him to faith in Christ and baptized him when he was 15. Bob Davis encouraged him as a youth leader at Grace Baptist Church in Saigon (where he met his wife-to-be,



THEY NEED A FRIEND—What refugee families in the United States need most is a friend, says Long Pham. Pham [c] visits the children of the Sum Nguyens, a Vietnamese family he helped resettle in Louisville. While their parents struggle with jobs and rent, the children are learning that hopscotch and

"big wheels" are a part of being American kids. Once refugees themselves, Pham and his wife, Mary, will soon return as Southern Baptist missionaries to Southeast Asia, where they'll work at a refugee camp in the Philippines [Photo by Richard Shock]

Mary). Joe Turman trained him as a young pastor. Lewis Myers helped him continue to grow when he entered active air force duty.

And when South Vietnam finally collapsed, Walter Routh (now an independent Baptist missionary in the Philippines) helped Pham get out.

In the United States, Birmingham's Lakeside Baptist Church sponsored Pham and helped him gain citizenship, enter Samford University and get into refugee ministry in Birmingham-area churches. He graduated from Samford in 1978, married Mary in 1980 and received his seminary degree the following year at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

But the couple's commitment to be missionaries is more than a way of say-

ing thanks to Southern Baptists. It dates back at least 10 years to Pham's days as an air force recruit in South Vietnam, traveling from village to village filled with refugees from the war zone.

"I met a lot of people and noticed the hurt on their faces as the effect of war and misfortune passed through them," Pham explained. "It touched me a lot. It made me decide to be a missionary."

When he came to the United States Pham was disappointed to discover the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board ruled out appointment of most naturalized citizens as missionaries, a policy designed to encourage foreign-born Baptists to serve in and through their own national conventions. But he didn't give up. He waited.

The Foreign board modified that policy last year, making qualified naturalized citizens eligible for missionary appointment to countries other than their original homelands. The Phams wasted no time applying and were matched with the Bataan camp assignment. Later they'll work among Filipinos as church starters.

They were appointed missionaries in April at a service in Indianapolis. Mary's mother was there, holding the Phams' brand-new son, Benjamin. So was Sam James, the missionary who baptized Pham in South Vietnam.

Pham, 32, did a little preaching. "There are three things I love: God, my country and my family," he told the gathering. "I lost my country. I lost my family. But I still have God."