

Roberts

Former SBC second VP dies in Asheville, N. C.

Ray E. Roberts, 72, retired executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention of Ohio and former second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, died Apr. 25 in an Asheville, N. C., hospital. Roberts apparently suffered a heart attack.

A native of Madison County, N. C., Roberts was executive secretary in Ohio from July 1952 until his retirement in Mar. 1980. He was elected second vice president of the SBC during the convention's Atlanta meeting in June 1986.

Roberts was a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and attended Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N. C. During his ministry, Roberts was pastor of churches in Kentucky, Ohio and North Carolina.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Mooneyham Roberts; three sons, Ray E. Roberts Jr. of Livingston, N. J., Roger Roberts of Wichita, Kan., and Phillip Roberts of Brussels, Belgium; a daughter, Rebecca R. Craft of Dallas, two sisters, Mary Kathryn Harrison and Margie Pepple of Asheville; and seven grandchildren. Phillip Roberts is a former assistant professor of evangelism at Southern Seminary.

The family requested memorials be made to the Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30367; or to the Foreign Mission Board, Box 6767, Richmond, Va. 23230. (BP)

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Evangelism associate assumes seminary post

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

Harry Lee (Hal) Poe, 38, associate director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Evangelism Department, will join the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as associate professor of evangelism June 1.

Poe's move to the seminary post was precipitated by the vacancy left in the seminary's Evangelism Department following Louis A. Drummond's resignation to assume the presidency of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. Drummond held the school's Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism chair.

Before assuming his present position with the KBC, Poe was pastor at Simpsonville (Ky.) Baptist Church four years. He has been a prison chaplain for the Kentucky State Reformatory, LaGrange, and pastoral intern at Ridgewood Baptist Church, Louisville.

As a doctoral student at Southern, Poe was Drummond's Garrett Teaching Fellow three years and completed the school's first doctoral dissertation in the evangelism field in 1982.

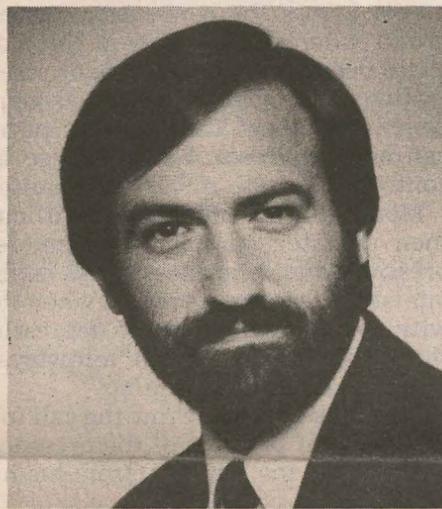
The Greenville, S. C. native is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and holds both MDiv and PhD degrees from Southern Seminary. Poe has also done supplementary work at Oxford University, Oxford, England; Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.; and Central State Hospital, Louisville.

In addition to the required introductory course in evangelism, Poe anticipates teaching electives in the theology of evangelism, building an evangelistic

church and personal evangelism during the 1988-89 academic year. His curriculum will emphasize supervised laboratory experience to expand the student's practical application of evangelism principles.

Poe's vision is to "harmonize evangelism with other ministries." He claims, "In recent years, we have seen a dichotomy between evangelism and other ministries like social work, pastoral care and Christian education. But these various ministries are naturally related to each other under Christ.

"I also hope to aid students in developing skills that will enable them to form their own approaches to future ministries," Poe explains. "By familiarizing students with the denominational support systems—our agencies, boards and institutions—I hope they will learn



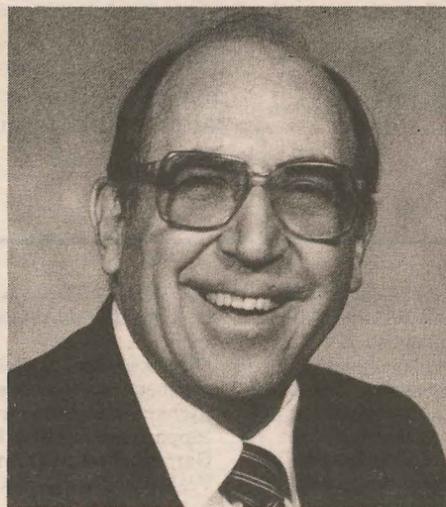
Poe

Ninth & O pastor, Butler resigns to take Mid-Continent presidency

LaVerne Butler, pastor of Ninth & O Baptist Church, Louisville, 20 years announced his resignation effective July 3 to assume the presidency of Mid-Continent Bible College, Mayfield.

Butler, a native of Henderson, Ky., will succeed Raymond E. Lawrence as the fifth full time president in the school's 39-year history, according to Robert Vann, academic dean at Mid-Continent. He will assume the office's duties July 15.

Ordained at First Baptist Church, Henderson, Ky., Butler has been a minister 45 years. He was pastor of First Baptist Church, West Franklin, Ill., 1963-1969, prior to his Louisville pastorate.



Butler

Butler is a graduate of Clear Creek Bible School, Pineville, and Georgetown College. He also attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

A former president of the Illinois Baptist Convention's Pastor's Conference, Butler was also moderator of the Long Run Association and a member of its executive board.

In his resignation letter, Butler claimed that a central theme in his pastorate at Ninth & O had been "preaching the truth in love," a legacy he hopes to continue at Mid-Continent.

Congregation witnesses double murder, suicide

Apparently upset over a troubled marriage, a Hmong man walked into a Sunday afternoon worship service Apr. 24 at Baptist Temple in Fresno, Calif., and shot his wife and 3-year-old daughter before an astonished congregation.

Pong Lor, believed to be about 45, then turned the .38-caliber revolver on himself as worshippers frantically sought refuge on the floor.

Lor and his 38-year-old wife, Ma Lee, were both dead when police and medics arrived. The daughter died later in a Fresno hospital.

Although the motive behind the shooting was still unclear, police theorized the couple had been having marital problems, and reportedly the woman had asked the man to leave the house. (BP)

to take advantage of these valuable resources."

While associate director of state evangelism, Poe's accomplishments were chiefly in the area of youth ministry. His leadership resulted in a steady growth in attendance at the state youth evangelism conference, the formation of a state youth ministry task force to train ministerial and lay leadership in the small church and the founding of the Kentucky Baptist Youth Ministry Association.

In February, under the auspices of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department, Poe led a DiscipleYouth seminar at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He also planned the national Youth Ministry Conference III, jointly sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union in Nashville, Tenn.

Poe is currently a member of the HMB committee assigned to plan the 1990 simultaneous revival effort, "Here's Hope: Jesus Cares for You!"

His wife, the former Mary Anne Whitten of Memphis, Tenn., has been director of student development and advisor to international students Southern Seminary since 1985.

Robinson: nominated for 1st vice presidency

Darrell Robinson, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala., will be nominated for first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in San Antonio, Tex., June 14-16.

Evangelist Freddie Gage of Euless, Tex., made the announcement of Robinson's plans, calling Robinson "one of the greatest friends vocational evangelists had ever had."

Robinson's churches have been among the top 20 in total baptisms in the SBC for the past 15 years, Gage noted, and Robinson makes frequent use of vocational evangelists in revivals and has an evangelist on his church staff.

Robinson will be nominated by Stan Coffey, pastor of San Jacinto Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., who currently is president of the SBC Pastors' Conference.

In a telephone interview with the Baptist Standard, Texas Baptists' weekly newsjournal, Robinson confirmed he will permit his nomination.

"If the people elect me as first vice president, my reason in serving would be to do my utmost for the cause of Jesus, to promote evangelism and missions and help create a spirit that will uplift the name of Jesus and reach our country and world with the gospel," he said.

He described himself as a "fundamental-conservative and an inerrantist, but not a fundamentalist. I am not a politician."

Robinson currently is vice chairman of the SBC executive committee. He has been pastor of Dauphin Way Church since 1982. Other recent Texas pastorates include First Baptist Church, Pasadena, 1973-81; and First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, 1969-73.(BP)

sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

Ministering to ministers

Burnout is a relatively new word in the ministerial vocabulary. A few years ago we did not use the word to describe ministerial problems, nor did we even acknowledge that ministers could have problems. We live in a day when reality is accepted more readily and we must confess there is a lot of burnout among ministers.

A new Convention Press book by Charles Chandler, pastor of Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, Urbana, Ill., is one which every Baptist minister and deacon should read. The book is titled, Minister's Support Group: Alternative to Burnout.

Chandler details the way several Illinois pastors dealt successfully with the problem of ministerial burnout, a problem faced by all who serve in the churches, even though many would deny the fact.

The pastors in eastern Illinois, and in other places across the convention, formed a support group where each of them felt comfortable to share deep personal feelings of resentment, frustration and loneliness as well as joy, peace, confidence and hope. That kind of peer relationship can help reinforce a sagging ego and stimulate continued growth in very demanding situations.

Most church members have difficulty admitting their minister can have the same feelings of depression and weariness they experience. Even ministers have great trauma when they try to deal with their own feelings of depression since they think this is beneath the ministry and they are freaks to have such feelings.

We think that somehow the call to ministry and the constant practice of the presence of the Lord will deliver the minister from his human frailty.

This is a totally false assumption since even the most dedicated, most conscientious minister must live in this world with this body of flesh surrounded by the trials and temptations which are common to all human beings, even those called by God to minister in his name.

Peer support groups are great sources of encouragement and help in time of trouble. However these groups are not for everyone. Some ministers could not bear to open their life to another minister for fear of rejection. Others have difficulty even discussing or accepting their own limitations. Thus many of our ministerial people suffer in silence when they truly hurt.

I suggest deacons or other lay people read Chandler's book to understand the dilemma faced by ministers. Reading the book will also create a more sympathetic attitude and a more tolerant stance toward the minister. It will also help lay people reach out toward the minister in the same way they want the minister to reach out to them.

This kind of new understanding will prove to be as helpful as the support group because it will be from the people the minister most wants to serve and to please.

We thank Charles Chandler for his work, we thank the Sunday School Board for making it available and we thank those ministers who had the courage to admit their need, who formed the groups and who are always ready to help a colleague. Together we can slow down the burnout rate and hopefully redeem the career of some of God's choice people who have fallen on hard times.

Lottie Moon falling behind

As of this date there is a short fall in the 1987 Lottie Moon offering which poses a serious threat to the programs and ministries of the Foreign Mission Board.

Books on the offering do not close until May 31, but current information is that receipts thus far are \$67,243,305 toward the \$75 million goal. This is \$500,000 less than the same date last year and last year the goal of \$75 million was not met. In fact the total given this year to date is below last year's final figure by about \$2,168,889. Last year the total offering was a little more than \$69 million, an offering which is staggering and is considerably more than other mission groups ever raise, though it was short of our projected needs.

Unless there is a great surge of giving during the month of May, the FMB will have to dip into the emergency reserve fund in order to meet field operations. That is where the crunch is. All of the 1987 Lottie Moon monies were budgeted for operations except about one million dollars for capital projects. That means a short fall results in crippling cut backs in daily operations in the field. If the 1987 Lottie Moon funds had been set aside for

capital projects these could have been postponed. Not so with daily operating needs.

Final decisions about what to do will be made when the full board gathers during the June meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio. It appears the board will have no choice except to dip into the reserve unless Southern Baptists reach deeper into their pockets and contribute heavily during May.

Kentucky Baptists have done well in giving to foreign missions but this year we are, according to a conversation with FMB personnel this week, slightly behind our pace last year. In 1986 Kentucky had given, through April, \$2,186,867. Through April this year we have given \$2,168,475. These are "tentative" figures but do indicate a slight decline from last year.

This then is a Macedonian call to Kentucky Baptists to go a second mile and make up the slack. We can do even better than that, we can go beyond what we have ever done before if we have the will. Much depends upon what happens in the next 31 days, so take time to search your own heart and give generously so that ministry will not be curtailed on the foreign field.

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3 Kentuckians awarded honorary degrees

Three distinguished Kentuckians were awarded honorary doctoral degrees during Centennial Honors Day at Cumberland College May 4.

An honorary doctor of laws degree was conferred upon Ben R. Brewer, president of Baptist Healthcare, Inc.

Honorary doctor of divinity degrees were conferred upon W. B. Bingham II, pastor of Binghamtown Baptist Church, Middlesboro, and Don R. Mathis, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Corbin.

Brewer is a graduate of Memphis State University and Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. He has been president of Louisville Baptist Hospitals; president of Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; administrator of Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah; and assistant administrator of Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.

Bingham is a graduate of Clear Creek

Evangelism priority emphasized by McLeod

Evangelism should be the priority purpose of every minister, said Carlos McLeod, director of the evangelism department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas told students at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary during the 1988 Gurney Evangelism Lectures.

"We are only one generation from Christianity being completely . . . removed from the face of the earth. There are more people being born; people are living longer. If we don't evangelize our generation, then there will not be a Christian generation in the next one," McLeod said.

"Checking the past history of our Southern Baptist Convention, it is extremely important for all of us to be aware of the fact that we've got to do a better job," he added.

Quoting figures published in the Church Administration magazine, he compared 46 years of Baptist life: "In 1939, we had 5 million members; in 1985, our convention had 14½ million. Our Sunday school attendance went from 3½ million to 8 million. We had 22,000 on church staffs in 1939, and in 1985, we had 85,000. Seminary students—in 1939, we had 1633; in 1985, we had 27,500.

"But, in 1939, we baptized 307,000 in our convention. In 1985—46 years later—we baptized 351,000. In 1939, it took 18 of us to win one soul to Jesus according to that; in 1985, it took 42 of us.

McLeod continued, "What does that say? That says, with more training, with more resources, with more programs, with more buildings, with more of the various staff positions filled than we ever have before, we have done, and have been doing, a poor job of evangelizing. If we don't do a better job, we're not going to win our world to God." (BP)

Baptist Bible College and has been pastor of the Binghamtown church 37 years. In 1976 he was named Mountain Minister of the Year in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mathis is a graduate of Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has been pastor of Groton Baptist Church, Green River Baptist Church, and Southside Baptist Church, Princeton. He is a former president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Packer views 'hot potatoes' of theology

J. I. Packer, a Canadian theologian and self-described biblical inerrantist, addressed the three religious "hot potatoes" at the Conference on Biblical Interpretation Apr. 25-27.

Packer was the key speaker at the conference sponsored by the six Southern Baptist seminaries at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center. He is professor of historical and systematic theology at Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia, and also spoke at last year's Conference on Biblical Inerrancy.

Packer acknowledged the doctrines of creation, women in ministry and the end times, which he called "hot potatoes," elicit various interpretations.

But the interpretation of scripture should not be "a political business," Packer said.

Biblical teachings on the doctrines must be interpreted by asking three questions, he suggested:

HMB endorses chaplains to 'greatest mission field'

The Home Mission Board endorsed 28 chaplains Apr. 24 for work in what one called "the greatest mission field in America."

Those participating in the service at Trinity Baptist Church, Conyers, Ga., brought the number of chaplains endorsed by the Home Mission Board to 1903. The chaplains work across the United States and in 13 foreign countries in military, hospital, institutional and industrial settings.

Gerald Palmer, vice president of the HMB's missions section, challenged the chaplains to serve Christ by serving others, saying they have the best opportunity "of anyone I know" to fulfill Jesus Christ's command to minister "unto the least of these. We best serve Jesus Christ when we serve persons."

The HMB does not appoint chaplains as missionaries or pay their salaries, but instead "endorses" them to the employing agencies. In addition to endorsement, the board provides them with pastoral and professional support through personal ministry, seminars and conferences. (BP)

Presbyterian named president of University of Richmond

Richard L. Morrill, president of Centre College, Danville, Ky., has been elected president of the University of Richmond in Richmond, Va.

Morrill, a Presbyterian, is only the second nonBaptist president at the university since it was founded in 1830 by Virginia Baptists.

He succeeds Samuel A. Banks, UR's first nonBaptist president, who retired because of health problems in July 1987 after nearly nine months on the job.

Morrill has been president of Centre College, a highly selective, small liberal arts college, since 1982. Previously, he was president of Salem College in Winston-Salem, N. C., 1979-82.

He also has been executive assistant to the provost at Pennsylvania State University in University Park. While at Penn State he also was associate professor of religious studies.

Morrill is the author of Teaching Values in College and has contributed numerous articles to professional journals on strategic planning and values in higher education.

The new president did his under-

graduate work at Brown University, Providence, R. I. He holds a BD in religious thought from Yale University, New Haven, Conn., and a PhD in religion from Duke University, Durham, N. C.

Morrill will take office Sept. 30. E. Bruce Heilman, chancellor and president from 1971-86, has been interim chief executive officer. (BP)

Evangelist scandals absent in England

No TV evangelist scandals have rocked the United Kingdom, a Scottish minister says, because they are not on the air there.

T. Kerr Spiers, minister of Thomas Coats Memorial Baptist Church, Paisley, Scotland, says preachers cannot buy time on the government-operated British Broadcasting Corp. Rather, they must be invited on the air by the BBC's Religious Broadcasting Department.

The downfall of several American "televangelists" has received widespread attention in the British media, Spiers says. Their telecasts have been depicted as "a religious expression of show business, not to be taken all that seriously."

American TV preachers have been stereotyped as "people who reduce the Christian faith to very simplistic forms . . . who exploit the faith for their own profit . . . who project a form of Christianity as far removed from the Christ of Galilee as imaginable," says Spiers, acknowledging that many preachers on American TV are actually "much more credible."

BBC programs are "by no means a money-making aspect of ministry," Spiers, a regular participant on BBC programs for the past 25 years says. "People know very well that we don't make vast fortunes" for panel discussions or brief devotionals. Appearing on the BBC is simply "an opportunity to be a spokesman for the Christian faith."

"We have to defend whatever we say," says Spiers. In current events formats, preachers face "fairly rigorous and skeptical" questions from "fairly hard-nosed" interviewers. "No British minister is, in any way, a celebrity with the same kind of status that these televangelists have," he says. (BP)

Southwest Baptist gets graduate studies program

The School of Graduate Studies at Southwest Baptist University has been granted accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and given approval to offer graduate study courses by the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Fred Teague, dean of the School of Graduate Studies, said the school received word in early March North Central had approved SBU's graduate studies plan in its annual meeting. But before SBU could offer graduate study courses, it also had to gain approval from the Missouri Baptist Convention's inter-agency council and executive committee.

SBU will begin its graduate studies program by offering courses in education in the summer of 1988 and nine education courses on the graduate level will be offered. Seven courses will be offered in fall of 1988. (BP)

- What the writer meant, the "exegetical question."

- What the text means to its hearers today, the "hermeneutical question."

- What Christians must do in response to the message.

"We want the prose of the Bible to be unimaginative facts because that's what we're used to," Packer said. "Our scientific mindset predisposes us to assume that any account of the natural order must be written to answer our scientific questions about it." (BP)

Prayer was the key for Southwestern students

Prayer preparation was the key for students from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary who led nearly 500 people to Christ during spring break, according to Dan Crawford, director of the spring evangelism practicum.

The practicum is the annual evangelistic effort in areas with few Southern Baptist churches. This year, 205 students participated in 30 states and led 194 revivals.

The student evangelists saw 472 people make professions of faith in Jesus Christ and 900 made public rededications. Both are increases over last year, but Crawford said the numbers are only one aspect of the program's success this spring.

"The comments from host pastors were extremely favorable on the biblical content of the sermons the students preached," Crawford said. Crawford points to comments like the one from Fred Nickell of Hall Street Baptist Church, Marysville, Calif. "He preached the word," Nickell said of student Ronald Casteel.

Mark Chamberlin, pastor of Saticoy Avenue Baptist Church, Ventura, Calif., said student Rick Davis "evidenced the doctrinal soundness I expect from one of our Southern Baptist seminaries."

Crawford credited the increase in decisions to a program in which students enlisted prayer partners. He said some students had as many as 10 partners. (BP)

mountains to the mississippi



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homes for children

Springtime and poke greens

The spring brings many delightful things: the bright beauty of colorful blossoms, the sweet fragrance of freshness and the delightful taste of fresh foods. One happy memory from my boyhood on the farm was the taste of fresh greens. Mother always sought to supplement the early greens grown in the garden with a mixture of wild greens. So we would go hunting along the fence rows and creek bank for wild greens. My favorite was fresh young poke shoots.

When we moved to Louisville I thought we would never again get to enjoy picking and eating poke. But would you believe that there is an excellent supply of it along the back fence of our lot. Last Saturday Marjorie picked a sack of poke and cooked it for lunch. It was our first this spring. My, how we enjoyed the taste of this succulent herb packed with vitamins. For the next few weeks we will enjoy poke at a number of meals. When poke is picked while the shoots are succulent and tender, and properly cooked it certainly makes delicious "grub," especially with corn bread, fresh green onions and a glass of buttermilk.

When poke picking time comes you can be sure that it will soon be time to put out the garden. I know that it is already past time for planting the cold crop things that go into garden: peas, cabbage, onions, lettuce, etc. But with poke picking time here it will soon be past time for our last frost. That means we can plant beans, corn, squash, cucumbers and set out tomatoes and peppers. I surely do enjoy planting seeds and watching the miracle of nature unfold. First the seeds sprout and push up through the ground. Then you can almost see the plants grow with the spring rains and warm sunshine. There is a double delight as the harvest comes and one can enjoy the delicious fresh vegetables.

Planting seed is what Baptist Homes for Children does the year around. We are planting seeds in the lives of troubled children and it is pure joy as we see those seeds germinate, grow and mature in their lives. The seeds we are planting are the gospel, love, joy, peace, goodness, gentleness, patience, self control and purity. When these seeds germinate and grow, lives are different. Pray for our child, care staff as they plant seeds and cultivate boys and girls.

missions

The Foreign Mission Board has approved 64 young adults for training as journeymen. The college graduates, who are under age 27, represent the 28th Southern Baptist group selected to work overseas since the journeymen program began in the mid 1960s.

Journeymen work two years alongside career missionaries, sharing missionary duties that can be accomplished in English and freeing missionaries to carry out more crucial assignments.

Those who receive medical clearance and successfully complete a five-week training session at the Missionary Learning Center in Rockville, Va., will be commissioned for service July 12.

Recently selected journeymen with Kentucky connections include:

Karen Wilson, born and reared in Madisonville, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wilson. Miss Wilson expects to graduate from Georgetown College this semester. A member of First Baptist Madisonville, she was a summer missionary in Michigan.

Ann Orrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Orrick, was born and reared in Ironton, Oh. Miss Orrick is a 1987 graduate of Cumberland College, Williamsburg. Secretary and treasurer of the BSU choir, she also helped lead revival teams. She is a member of Bellevue Baptist, Memphis, Tenn.

congregations

South Elkhorn Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, has once again demonstrated its commitment to partnership missions.

According to pastor **Jim Shaw**, the church asked minister of music/youth **Jim Bradshaw** to initiate work with Baptists in the greater Boston area. The pastor and layman **Harold Holland** made a trip to the area to survey conditions.

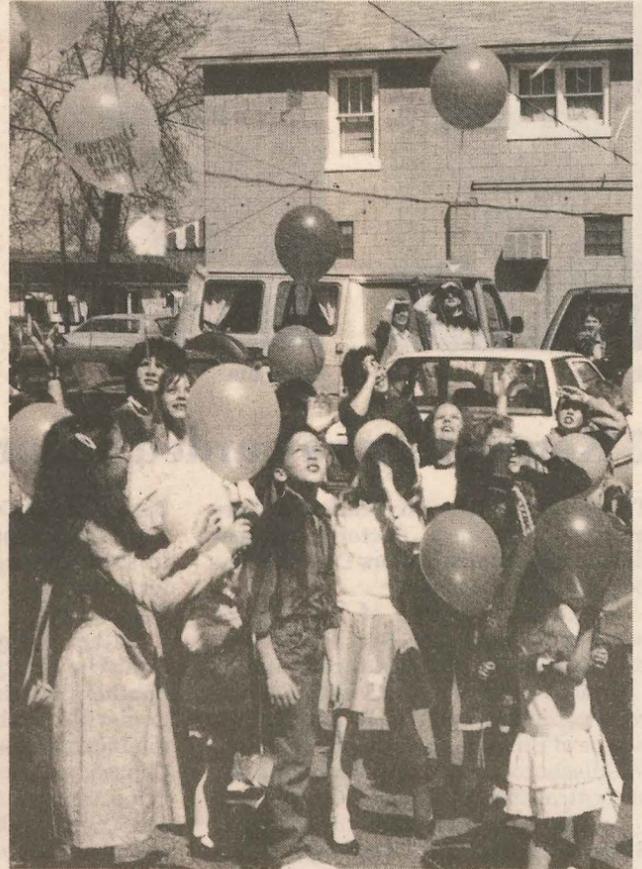
A video tape showing needs in the Boston area was made and shown to the congregation. The church then approved a summer mission trip to Arabic Baptist Church, Lawrence, Mass., and also a three-year partnership with the Greater Boston Baptist Association.

Former Kentuckian **Larry Martin** is



Olivet Baptist Church, Paducah, broke ground for a multipurpose classroom building Apr. 10. Pictured (l to r) are Mrs. Vera Miles, Mrs. Mayme Stewart, Mrs. Myrtle Williams and pastor R. Tommy Tucker. Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Stewart have been members of Olivet for 70 years.

The children's Sunday school department of **Hawesville Baptist Church, Blackford Association** did some innovative activities during their spring fling. In February the children sang love songs to shutins and nursing home residents. In March each child tied a written prayer to a balloon and released it into the sky, symbolizing their lives and the uplifting power of prayer.



director of missions in the Boston area and is coordinator for this ministry.

Campbellville Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, experienced a tremendous revival under the leadership of evangelist Rick Stanley and evangelistic singer Johnie Dean. Pastor James E. Jones said there were 53 professions of faith, 105 rededications and 575 in Sunday school during the revival.

personnel

Leatherwood Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, has called **Roger Moran** as pastor.

Robert Hester was called as pastor by **Karn's Grove Baptist Church**, Daviess-McLean Association.

Clifton Baptist Church, Long Run Association, accepted the resignation of **Kerry H. Wynn** as minister to visually handicapped. **Robert Williams** is pastor

of the church, which is located adjacent to the Kentucky School for the Blind and has an extensive ministry to visually handicapped persons.

Harold Miller accepted the call to pastor **Stony Point Baptist Church**, Freedom Association.

Buena Vista Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, called **Clyde Strunk** as pastor.

John Duncan accepted the pastorate of **Sorgho Baptist Church**, Daviess-McLean Association.

Jeffersontown Baptist Church, Long Run Association, called **Buddy Lee** as associate pastor/youth minister. **Joel F. Jones** is pastor.

Jerry Lambrich accepted the call as pastor of **Friendship Baptist Church**, Daviess-McLean Association.

deaths

A former Kentucky pastor died Apr. 9 in Kansas City, Mo.

Frank Ford Norfleet, former pastor of **Sligo Baptist Church**, Pendleton and **Immanuel Baptist Church**, Paducah, died of a heart attack at his home.

Norfleet, 71, served Kentucky Baptists as a member of the executive committee, trustee of Georgetown College and president of the Pastor's Conference. He was a Kentucky member of the SBC executive committee and was on the SBC committee on boards in 1952 and 1959.

He was called as pastor of **Wornall Road Baptist Church**, Kansas City, in 1963 and was a trustee of **Missouri Baptist College**. During his work in Missouri, Norfleet was on the Annuity Board of the SBC and on the board of the Southern Baptist Foundation. At the time of his death he was a consultant in the Endowment Department of the Annuity Board. The family requests memorials take the form of contributions to the endowment fund of the Annuity Board to assist pastors whose retirement income is inadequate.

baptist news in brief

Bombing damages missionary home

A bomb which exploded in the carport of a nearby house Apr. 23 did minor damage to the home of Southern Baptist missionaries David and Joyce Harms in Tegucigalpa, the capital city of Honduras.

The bomb, which left a large hole in the driveway where it went off, heavily damaged the house it apparently was intended to destroy and broke windows in the neighborhood. A car was destroyed and several others were damaged. No one was injured by the blast, however.

News broadcasts in Tegucigalpa have speculated the target of the bomb may have been the former owner of the house where the explosion occurred. Reports said he is or has been a supporter of the Contras fighting against the neighboring government of Nicaragua.

Mrs. Harms said the incident appears to have no relation to the recent anti-Americanism seen in Honduras. However, anti-American sentiment has continued since the extradition of a reputed Honduran drug dealer to the United States in early April set off a deadly attack on the U. S. embassy and heavy rioting. (BP)

BWA confirms Lotz as acting secretary

Denton Lotz has been confirmed as acting general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist World Alliance "with full authority and responsibility" and is to be nominated for election to the post by the world organization's General Council in July.

The BWA executive committee, in a called session Apr. 19, ratified a request from BWA president G. Noel Vose immediately after the Mar. 21 accidental death of Gerhard Claas that Lotz serve in an acting capacity.

Vose said Lotz will be nominated as general secretary-treasurer for the remainder of the 1985-90 quinquennium when the General Council meets July 10-16 in Nassau, the Bahamas.

Lotz, 49, has been BWA associate secretary for evangelism and education since 1980. He also led relief and development efforts (now Baptist World Aid) until 1981, when he was named director of the BWA Youth Department.

Senior adults learn to achieve wholeness

The Family Ministry/Church Administration Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, will sponsor two senior adult retreats May 9-11, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, and May 16-18, Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, Hardin.

Using the theme, "Achieving Wholeness in Later Life," the retreats will give Kentucky Baptist senior adults opportunities for fellowship, entertainment, inspiration and meaningful growth experiences as senior adults. Both retreats begin with registration at 3 p.m. Monday and conclude with lunch at noon Wednesday.

William Kaufman, former director of the KBC Brotherhood Department, will

James Dunn seeks return to Baptists' soul freedom

Baptist identity is at stake in the current debate among Southern Baptists, James Dunn told students and faculty during Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary chapel service.

Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, said Baptists must come to an understanding of the soul liberty of every believer, or the belief "in the competency of the individual before God." It is a belief, he said, which is more of a Baptist distinctive than morality, baptism, missions or evangelism.

"The bedrock belief in direct and equal access to God, the doctrine of the priesthood of all Christians is a part of and essential to everything that is Baptist," Dunn said.

Some people today "appeal to what the majority of Baptists believe," Dunn said, adding that what the majority of Baptists believe makes no difference to God. "It's a matter of competence of the individual before God, not a matter of marketplace polling to figure out what everybody else believes before we decide whether we believe in it."

Soul freedom also frees individuals from the bondage of rationalism, or the need to know everything, Dunn said, adding: "There is a sort of theological scientism where we've taken our scientific mood of the day in this land, feeling that we know everything clearly and certainly, and applied it to the scripture. That's the illegitimate child of an optimistic faith in man's mind." (BP)

deliver keynote addresses for both retreats. Conference topics and leaders include: "Achieving Wholeness," James Abernathy, associate minister, Crestwood Baptist Church, Crestwood; "Senior Adult Leadership," Dennis Lyle, senior adult consultant, Nashville (Cedarmore) and Bill Howse, senior adult consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville (Jonathan Creek); "Bible Study," Terrence Freeman, pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Lexington; "The Devotional Life," Larry Cook, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Frankfort (Cedarmore) and Douglas Strader, director, Church Training/Special Ministries Department, KBC (Jonathan Creek); "Staying Active," Tom Baker, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Statesville, North Carolina; "Mission Opportunities," Ed Richardson, intern, KBC Direct Missions Department.

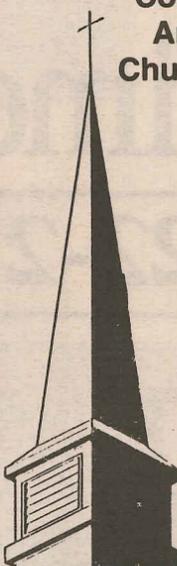
Retreat participants will hear musical presentations Monday evening. At Cedarmore, Cook will direct the senior adult choir of First Baptist Church, Frankfort, as they perform the musical, "Reflections," by Joe Parks. "The Prime Timers," of First Baptist Church, Paducah, will perform at Jonathan Creek. Robert Kersey, minister of music at Paducah First, will direct "The Prime Timers" choir as they also present "Reflections."

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Hundreds, and I'm not sure but what thousands of you dear readers may have made supplication on behalf of me and my family in recent weeks. Most of those who prayed for me I have never met. You heard of me somewhere and lifted my name to the father in your personal devotions or weekly prayer assemblies. I believe those petitions weighed mightily in the outcome, for at one point my life hung in the balance.

If you prayed for us, please know of our eternal gratitude for calling our names to the master. The weeks of recuperation have been so much easier because of you.

It began Mar. 22 with the most sudden, violent, excruciating pain I have ever experienced. All I could think of was relief. It never crossed my mind I could lose my life in the process, leaving a precious family without husband and father.

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On the 18th day I was sent home for several additional recuperative weeks. When my body can tolerate it, still further surgery is contemplated, though not as extensive as the last.

It does make a difference, I assure you, when you wake up in the recovery room and your eyes meet those of your surgeon and he tells you: "We almost lost you today." I was flat on my back, a half-dozen tubes running in and out of me at that moment. But I heard him distinctly say, "I think if we had waited any longer you probably wouldn't have made it."

The possibility that I was that sick had never crossed my mind, nor that of anyone in my family. And while I would not underrate his skill, I see the brilliant surgeon as God's human agent in this. I am also convinced I was spared for a purpose. One day, perhaps, I will understand why. For now, I am grateful for the very breath of life.

Today I am smelling the roses. Family, friends, those we love and admire are more important to me than ever. I don't plan to take things as seriously from now on. Life is so precious, and God is so good!

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Carolyn Weatherford: a question of accountability

by Denise George
State Correspondent

Carolyn Weatherford has been involved in Woman's Missionary Union for the past 30 years. She is currently celebrating her 14th anniversary as executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Ala.

In the following interview, Miss Weatherford discusses the auxiliary status and purpose of WMU in the Southern Baptist Convention, what Kentucky WMU is doing and the recent significant drop in financial giving.

Miss Weatherford, why do you feel the WMU should not become a commission of the Southern Baptist Convention?

I don't see anything that could be accomplished if it became a commission. I feel very strongly about this. WMU has always had a voluntary submission to the convention. We aren't auxiliary to the denomination. We aren't separate and apart from the denomination. We are auxiliary to the convention.

Some have said there will be a movement at the convention [this summer] to change our organizational structure. I don't think there will be a serious movement, though, because I believe enough people know we are in control of our destiny. I have also heard rumors there will be an effort to prevent my making the WMU report to the SBC since we

are auxiliary and not accountable to the SBC. [Some believe] we ought not be given a platform to make our report.

How do you feel about that?

I think it's true that we don't have an organic accountability to the SBC. In other words, they don't rule us. But our whole action and activity gives us an accountability. Our books are open. We don't receive the money, we just promote the collecting of it. While nobody exerts accountability, we are an accountable, responsible organization. What we do, we don't do for ourselves, but on behalf of the churches and missions.

Perhaps we can turn that question of our accountability to the convention and ask: "How have you been accountable to us for this billion dollars we've raised in 100 years just for foreign missions?" We haven't asked for any report from the convention on how they've used our services.

What is the WMU's most important role in the SBC?

Missions awareness and education is our most important contribution. We are the steady consistent voice of what missions is. While the Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board have the assignments for guiding us in missions, they don't have the ear of the people in the churches in the way WMU

does.

We have WMU organizations in 30,000 Southern Baptist churches, which means there's a core of women there who have been trained in missions education, and who are providing that kind of missions education in churches.

Do you believe the WMU could in any way be a peacemaker in the current SBC controversy?

I think we could, although I don't see an active role. In the current controversy, I don't believe WMU would be given a platform to do it. Perhaps the way we can do it is to just keep on doing what we've been created to do—to be a missionary organization. As we carry out our assignment, I feel that can be a call back to what our purpose is in the convention—to elicit, combine and direct the resources of the churches for the cause of missions. We were united around the cause of propagating the gospel to the heathen. If WMU can stick to that, eventually we can make a difference.

What do you see as the most important contribution Kentucky WMU is making?

Kentucky women are making a difference in the lives of the people here. As WMU looks to the future, we're going to take a new stand on combating moral and social issues as a part of mission action. We go and feed the hungry, but then they're hungry again when the food is gone. In our new century, we want to do more about attacking the issue of hunger in addition to feeding the hungry.

Kentucky women are doing this right now in their race track ministry and literacy missions, in their ministry of encouragement and support to women who are called to Christian vocations, and in their work on college campuses. . . . They are training and equipping missionaries where they are, as well as supporting people who go to other places.

Miss Weatherford, what is your dream for WMU?

My dream for WMU is that we will continue the new spurt of growth that is evident in the churches. Not only have the women gained a new vision of who we are and what we can become, but pastors and church leaders have done that, too. I am very prayerful that, as today's pastors ponder anew how the pastors in the past supported and gained support from the women in the churches, they will come to understand that we're not in the struggle for women's rights. We're in the struggle for the right of women to serve.

Finally, are you concerned about the recent drop in financial giving?

I'm very much concerned. We have asked that Apr. 27 be a day of prayer in WMU. We are \$12 million under what we received last year.

What is the reason for this low giving?

I don't know. We're trying to find out. Some people feel the continuing [SBC] controversy is the reason. But I believe the Lottie Moon Christmas offering would be one of the last things affected by the controversy. Almost everybody believes in foreign missions.

What will be the results of the drop?

First, the budget will have to be cut back. And the point will come when we don't have money to appoint missionaries.

In light of this, what would you say to Kentucky WMU?

Get out there and pray about it and also get more money. That's the bottom line. There's not anything that'll work like that.

Correction: Page one, Apr. 26 story, "State Acteens conference: 'What Can I Do, Lord,'" misidentified Julie Laramore as Julie Lawrence. Miss Laramore planned and led the conference.



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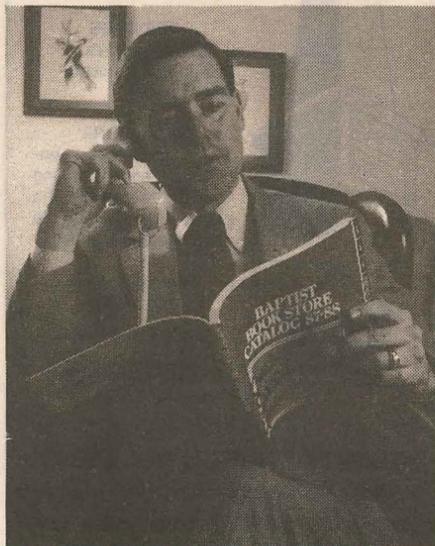
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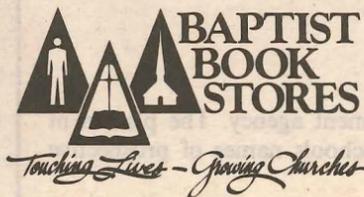
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WMU centennial tea celebrates century of service



Displaying her 1890's dress, Peggy Coleman (l), South Jefferson Baptist Church, Long Run Association, marvels with Gail Schickinginger (r) of Valley Station Baptist Church, Long Run Association, and Mary Wallace (c), Parkway Baptist Church, Long Run Association, about the 1969 dress she wore the evening she became president of WMU for Elkhorn Association.



Freddie Neel, North Augusta, S. C., portrayed the life of WMU's organizer, Eliza Broadus during the centennial celebration.



Kentucky WMU president Peggy Hicks shared stories with countless friends. She stated, "Giving is the reason we [WMU] came into existence. We are to make sure the mission work is carried around the world."

7 projections for WMU during the next 12 years

Following the WMU centennial tea in Louisville Apr. 23, national WMU executive director Carolyn Weatherford projected seven WMU priorities during the next 12 years.

1. "We need to equip women and girls for mission leadership. We need to do more about getting women into positions of leadership in the Southern Baptist Convention."
2. "We are going to give unique attention to enlistment and enlargement."
3. "We need to find new ways to involve the entire church in missions. We need to recognize our responsibility to those in our churches who do not know anything about missions."
4. "We must find, continuously, new ways to communicate missions. We must find new ways to tell the old, old story."
5. "We must teach tithing as a basic means of mission support." (The average Southern Baptist gives only two percent of his or her income.)
6. "We must confront moral and social issues."
7. "We will seek to maintain an effective base of operation."



Louis and Lois Shepherd, director of missions for Russell, Wayne and Freedom associations celebrated Woman's Missionary Union's 100th anniversary at the 'Centennial Tea' Apr. 24, at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Long Run Association.



The 1888 original attire worn by Lavern Barnes (r), Edmonson, and Susan Stinnett (l), LaCenter, was the topic of discussion by Maribeth Hambeth (c), Georgetown, who was wearing her mother's 1949 dress.

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Golden Gate appeals for \$7 million endowment

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary trustees have appealed to the Southern Baptist executive committee for \$7.8 million in endowment.

The executive committee had requested Golden Gate to present a documented request for a special allocation over and above the present formula for seminary funding. That request is for an allocation from the convention's Cooperative Program unified budget, spread over a five-year period.

In submitting the resolution board chairman J. Clarke Johnson of Phoenix, Ariz., said, "We believe our research clearly substantiates the need for additional funds and reflects the attitude of

governmental and other agencies to this similar problem in their San Francisco operations."

Trustees prepared a report to the Peace Committee in response to the committee's statement, approved by messengers to the SBC annual meeting last summer, which called on them to "determine the theological position" of administration and faculty members in light of the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

The report states that every person

teaching at Golden Gate has been asked to sign a statement to "teach in accord with and not contrary to the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message Statement." Since 1978, trustees also have signed a document that indicates they will operate the seminary in the same manner.

In other business trustees adopted a \$5.7 million budget for fiscal year 1988-89. The new budget is an increase of less than one percent from the current year and provides a four percent salary increase for faculty and staff. (BP)

Campbellsville College dedicates building

Campbellsville College dedicated its newly renovated Alumni Building in ceremonies Apr. 22.

Master of ceremonies for the service was Alvin Hardy, vice president for business and treasurer of the college. He recognized special guests Lawrence Hall, chairman of the board of trustees; Robert Miller, mayor of Campbellsville; Bobby Himes, professor of the social sciences department of the college; Russ Mobley, assistant professor of drama and speech and director of the drama group, the Harlequins; and Jack Sanford, editor of Western Recorder.

Special recognition was given Tim Clark, minister of education at Severns Valley Baptist Church, and laymen from the church who donated many hours of work during the renovation project.

The Alumni Building, built in the late 1950s, has been completely reworked, including new air conditioning, new classrooms, new office space, new auditorium and stage area and new seating for the theatrical productions.

A highlight of the dedication was the proclamation of "Campbellsville College Day" by mayor Miller. He presented a framed copy of the newspaper proclamation to Randy Davenport, who will retire this year after 19 years as president of the college.

New Faculty members at Golden Gate

Two new faculty members were elected at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., Apr. 12 during the spring trustee meeting.

The new teachers are Dwight A. Honeycutt, professor of church history and William B. Hair, III, librarian.

Honeycutt, 50, is currently the visiting professor of missions at Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. He has been a missionary since 1977 with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He has been professor of church history and missions at International Baptist Seminary, Cali, Colombia.

He earned degrees from Mercer Uni-

tional Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland; and New Orleans Seminary.

In addition he has been associate secretary for missionary personnel at the FMB, and has been pastor of churches in Missouri and Georgia.

Hair, 36, currently is director of library services for Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, Tenn. He earned degrees from the University of Tennessee-Nashville; Mid-America Seminary; and Vanderbilt University. He has been on Mid-America Seminary's library staff since 1978.

Both will begin their duties in the fall semester. (BP)

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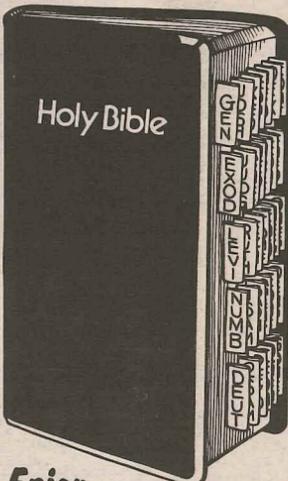
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Campbellsville College president W. R. Davenport (l), receives a plaque of appreciation from Campbellsville mayor Robert L. Miller during the dedication service of the Alumni Building.



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President Drummond shares vision for SEBTS

by Denise George
State Correspondent

Lewis A. Drummond, 61, Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, succeeded W. Randall Lolley Apr. 1 as president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

A native of Dixon, Ill., Drummond taught at Spurgeon's Theological College, London, before joining the faculty of Southern Seminary in 1973. He graduated from Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. Drummond earned a PhD degree from King's College, University of London, and has done post-doctoral study at Spurgeon's College and Oxford University, Oxford, England.

Converted to Christ at age 18 and called to preach as a junior in college, Drummond was pastor of Southern Baptist churches in Alabama, Texas and Kentucky.

In the following interview, Drummond discusses theological education, the authority of the scripture and his visions for Southeastern Seminary.

Dr. Drummond, what do you see as the greatest need in theological education today?

"I see theological education manifesting itself in a three-pronged thrust. First, we must have academic excel-

lence. Students who are preparing for ministry need a firm grasp of the biblical faith. Second, a seminary prepares people to function in ministry. There must be the practical implementation of what they have learned. Third, a seminary must deepen and enhance their spiritual life. It's a tragedy for a student to come to seminary campus and virtually lose personal faith commitment. A seminary has a deep obligation to develop them in spiritual formation."

What reforms would you like to see in the spiritual life of our seminaries?

"I'd like to see all our chapel services become more dynamic. I'd like to see actual courses on prayer. We must take seriously training in spiritual formation. We must learn to approach the Bible not just as a source for gaining our theological concepts or for sermon preparation. We must learn to approach the Bible devotionally as well as intellectually."

Why do you believe the authority of scripture is so important in theological education?

"Until we have a basis of authority, our theological pronouncements are just 'floating on a sea.' People cannot do theology until they establish a firm base of authority.

"Baptists, as evangelical Christians, have always said holy scripture is the authoritative base. But the authoritative base must be seen as true or it's not authoritative.

"This is why the seminary presidents made the pronouncement at Glorietta that it is true in every area of reality. Those were quotations from our own Baptist documents."

As president, how do you intend to move Southeastern in a more conservative direction without damaging the institution?

"I'm certainly not going to conduct any sort of 'witch hunt.' I think all the professors there have signed the seminary's Abstract of Principles. If they've done so with integrity there's no problem.

"Southern Baptists have a mandate from the Southern Baptist Convention, through their overwhelming approval of the Peace Committee report, that we in our institutions employ people who adhere to the Baptist Faith and Message. These are the guidelines Southeastern Seminary professes to follow."

How do you plan to bring calm and peace to Southeastern Seminary?

"I hope we'll understand that reconciliation is a two-way street. Reconciliation is the meeting of two polarized parties in the middle to settle their problems. Surely in the spirit of Christ, among the people of God, we can do that."

You have a highly-regarded, good position at Southern Seminary. Why would you leave it to go into a very troubled situation?

"After I was first contacted by the

[presidential search] committee, ... each step made me more conscious of the solemnity and challenge of the situation. And each step seemed to be so ordered in the providence of God. I have never entered into a situation where I saw the hand of God more distinctly. I am thoroughly convinced this is the will of God. I would go for no other reason, I assure you.

"The providential circumstances that have led to this point have been marvelous. My wife and I go trusting God will use us to bring reconciliation and harmony and lead the seminary to new heights."

What is your vision, your dream for Southeastern Seminary?

"There are many visions and many dreams. The first is that peace and harmony can come on the campus and that we can get on with the basic task of theological education. Second, I would hope that Southeastern Seminary can be a lighthouse of world involvement in missions and evangelism and ministry. We desperately need this new vision of capturing the world for Christ. We must solve our problems so we can get on with the main task.

"However, my first immediate goal is to trust that God will give us the vision of a world that needs Jesus Christ. We'll just lay aside these things that would hinder that. And, we will go forward with that kind of vision: to fulfill the Great Commission."

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A golden wedding anniversary

He was 24; she was 23. He was the eighth of 11 children; she, the sixth of eight children. They had been dating for several years, were in love and were determined to marry. But they were afraid to tell her father. He was a good but stern man, rather certain there was no man good enough for one of his daughters.

So on the morning of Apr. 21, 1938 they left the village of Oneida in a wagon pulled by two mules. It began to pour rain. The dirt road toward Manchester was full of deep ruts and soon became very muddy as well. It took them almost all day to get to Manchester. In the county courthouse which had burned six years before, their wedding license was written out by the light of a wick in a kerosene-filled coke bottle.

Then they went to the preacher F. R. Walters' home where they were married in the living room with several witnesses. Walters was to pastor Manchester Baptist for 52 years.

The few who knew of their marriage were sworn to secrecy until they could leave Manchester the following morning headed for Detroit. They hoped her father would not find out for at least three months.

They checked into the old Webb hotel in the town square, showing Mr. Webb their wedding certificate. He gave them a room and thoughtfully attempted to hide their room door behind a large chest on top of which he placed a large washtub, several mops, brooms and buckets. Mr. Webb knew several of the

men aware of the wedding would probably try to "chivaree" the new husband that night.

Sure enough some of the men came later that night and woke everyone in the hotel trying to find the couple. But Mr. Webb had hid them well. The hotel guests were again awakened before daylight the next morning as the newlyweds tried to leave their room. The tub and buckets fell off the chest blocking the door and went rolling down the hall. Mr. Webb came running to remove the chest.

The newlyweds three years later in 1941 became my father and mother.

My grandfather came riding into Manchester before the new couple could leave town. The first man he saw was one of the men sworn to secrecy. "George," the man boomed, "what do you think of your new son-in-law?"

Our students, staff, trustees and other visitors enjoyed the above story and others as my parents celebrated their 50th golden anniversary Apr. 21.

We had a special chapel service with several congregational hymns, four songs by our choir and a message filled with wisdom by Gifford Walters, son of the minister who married my parents. Gifford was my mother's pastor at Oneida 54 years ago before she married and also taught Bible in our school. Later he was a very faithful trustee.

After the sermon my parents came to the platform to a standing ovation. My only sister and I gave them golden wedding bands and Oneida pastor Joel Rackley led in prayer. My five-year-old nephew and one-year-old niece nearly stole the show waving.

Afterwards we had a dinner in the south room of Anderson Hall, Oneida's only remaining original building.

That evening my sister and brother-in-law hosted a delicious dinner in their large log cabin home on Twisting Sourwood Creek 13 miles from our campus. This remarkable couple built their two-story home with their own hands, assisted by their fathers and other close relatives. They went into the surrounding forest and cut their logs. My sister and her husband were classmates here from the eighth grade through their senior year, five years to the day they were married in the same Oneida Chapel where they received their high school diplomas.

Our students having left for the last free weekend of the year, our staff went on a 17-hour trip to Gatlinburg and Cade's Cove where we worshiped in song in a 161-year-old pioneer church. My parents were our guests.



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Struggle and victory

Rom. 7:5-6 Christians who have been saved by Christ are liberated from sin and the law. This freedom is never an incentive to sensual living. On the contrary, love for Christ who has liberated them persuades them not to allow Satan to control them but to give their best to him.

After maintaining a high regard for the law and striving to keep it in every detail, Paul learned the law could not bring salvation to himself or anyone else. Rather, the law brings one to the realization of need for the saviour. After his personal union with Christ, Paul was brought to awareness that victory over temptation is possible through submission to God and yielding to the Holy Spirit.

Rom. 7:15-25 As long as Christians remain on the earth they will have two natures: the carnal nature with its sinful desires and the new nature which was implanted at regeneration. Paul readily acknowledged that in his carnal nature there was a force which demanded compliance with its lusts and was the source

of evil. When a good thought entered his mind, or he attempted to do that which was right, his evil nature hindered him.

Before we can resolve the inner conflicts and win victory over them, we need to learn that sufficient enabling power is available in Christ.

International series

God's new covenant

Heb. 9:15-28 God had led his people out of Egypt, but they had ignored his commandments. The forms of worship practiced by the Jews were inadequate for bringing people into true fellowship with God.

Their sacrifice of animals could not remove the pollution caused by sin. But the voluntary sacrifice of Christ on the cross makes available to believers salvation from the penalty of sin and guarantees unending fellowship with God.

Whereas the life of the animals that were sacrificed was taken from them, Christ voluntarily and willingly laid down his life. The sacrificing of the animals was the product of the law, but the sacrifice which Christ made was entirely the product of love. Moreover, the sacrifice of Christ was eternally efficacious. Through sacrifice Christ expunged sin from God's presence and remembrance.

God's word has much to say about death, but those who have not made preparation for it do not like to be reminded. Verse 27 reminds us of two absolute certainties—death and judgment. Unless Christ returns during our lifetime, none of us can escape death. There are at least three things about death which we ought to face: its reality, its universality and its uncertainty so far as its manner, time and place are concerned. As short as one's life may be, it is long enough to make preparation for death, to become what God wants one to be and to do what God wants one to do.

Death does not end all, although many wish it would. Death has a sequel. The Bible tells us that after death is the judgment. At the judgment all will have to render an account for their thoughts, words and deeds. On this side of death preparation may be made for death and judgment, but there is no possibility of making preparation after death. Christ pleads with unbelievers to trust him and thereby receive forgiveness and salvation, and thereafter be channels through which he can reveal his glory and instruments with which he can accomplish his purposes.



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on mission together

We need you

As Woman's Missionary Union, SBC celebrates its 100th anniversary and, thereby, begins a new century of missions leadership, all of us as Baptists owe this organization our gratitude and support.

Like so many of the good things God begins, WMU had humble beginnings—the interest and commitment of a few and the opposition of almost as many. Prevailing, Woman's Missionary Union has now become the largest organization of its kind in the world.

It would be difficult to try to disconnect WMU from the fact that Southern Baptists have become the largest, non-Catholic career missionary body in the world. (The Mormons send more short-termers.)

Its decision early to focus on missions—home, foreign and state has doubtless contributed to their great strength in enlisting church support in

prayer and financial resources for our extensive missions involvement.

I have occasionally observed and noted that, in my opinion, WMU folks have a communications network that can more easily and quickly "speak" to Baptists than any other in our convention. A Baptist state paper may be sent to every church in the state, but that doesn't assure that folks will read it. However, in those churches where exists a WMU, a message can be communicated which will be heard by at least the WMU and, often, many more.

That communications network has been the vehicle by which so many missionaries have been prayed for and so many dollars had been raised to support them. It should be obvious to anyone interested in missions that God has used this network mightily.

The Kentucky arm of Woman's Missionary Union deserves a special word of commendation during this Centennial year. Not quite as old, the Kentucky WMU met for its 85th session at St.

Matthews Baptist Church Apr. 21-23. Any observer of the occasion would have to agree that Kentucky WMU feels good about itself. No uncertainty about its future, they seem to know where they are going and have the kind of leadership to take them there. The team of president Peggy Hicks and Executive Director Dolores Gilliland represent the highest caliber of leadership. They and the WMU leadership will not be easily sidetracked during a time of great distraction.

They have reason to feel good in Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union. While Southern Baptist Convention giving to Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and other designated gifts (hunger, et cetera) are all down after six months, the Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and Eliza Broadus offerings are up in Kentucky!

It is difficult to imagine the work of missions in Kentucky without the significant leadership and support of Woman's Missionary Union.

'Friend of China' is Towery's job

**Billy Graham
preaches in China**

"Why do you love China so much?" someone asks Britt Towery on the long train trip from Yantai to Nanjing.

The tall Texas Baptist closes the portable computer on which he records his thoughts and experiences. He rubs his eyes and gazes for a long moment at the Chinese landscape drifting past the window.

"I don't really know," he finally replies in a quiet voice. Tears well up in his eyes. "I'm just thankful for the privilege of being here."

Towery cannot explain his passion for this place and its people. But like other Americans who have fallen in love with the Chinese since the two cultures met, he knows the passion is there. It was there before he set foot in China six years ago . . . there before he arrived in Taiwan in 1957, when he and his wife, Jody, began a career of Christian work among the Chinese.

Towery, 58, is an intriguing collection of opposites. By turns he is humorous and deadly serious, easygoing and impatient, visionary and practical. He is a thinker and a doer, a fluent Mandarin speaker with a drawl straight from Brownwood, Tex. And when it comes to China, he is an intense advocate—of the people, the country, and the church.

From his home in Hong Kong, Towery has visited China more than 30 times since 1982. He says he felt "right at home" the first time. The Towerys have developed a vast range of relationships with Christians and others in China.

Those relationships helped open the door for the Southern Baptist production of "Winter is Past," the 1986 film about Chinese Christians (available

from the Foreign Mission Board and Baptist Film Centers), and resulted in Towery's recent book, "The Churches of China" (Long Dragon Publishers, Waco, Tex.).

They also helped lay the foundation for Cooperative Services International, the organization formed by Southern Baptists in 1985 to aid Christians and serve society in China and other countries where missionaries do not work. Towery is now China liaison director for Cooperative Services International. It is a natural assignment for him.

"I like to think we are making friends first of all, making friends with the Chinese Christians and nonChristians, helping Americans understand them better, helping Chinese understand Americans," he says.

Cultivating and expanding his Chinese contacts, Towery is helping Southern Baptists visit China, understand the country and the churches, and provide assistance requested by the Chinese.

In a growing number of Chinese cities and provinces, Southern Baptists are being invited to live and work for a time, to teach English in universities or provide business and technological skills to help China modernize. Also needed are educators in other fields, health care professionals, agriculturists and experts in a variety of industries.

China is welcoming skilled people, including Christians, from many countries as it engages in a drive for rapid progress in science, technology, education and other areas. Through the Amity Foundation, initiated by church leaders several years ago, Chinese Christians are

sponsoring a number of projects in service to their society as they also increase their dialogue and fellowship with Christians from around the world.

"We can help China modernize and move into the 21st century," Towery says. But he stresses it must be at Chinese invitation. "The Chinese Christians themselves have been very careful in this new opportunity that is theirs since the churches began to reopen in 1979. They have been very careful to see that everything they do relates to all of the Chinese people, not just to the Christians. So I have tried in our relationships to say what we do is for the Chinese people."

The reaction, he reports, has been exciting.

"China has been so open, so gracious in giving us opportunities to share through the Teachers Project with the Amity Foundation and through other universities all over China giving our teachers an opportunity to teach English and other subjects. They are saying, 'We welcome you as long as you come with an open mind and are willing to help all of China.'

"Also, I think they have viewed Southern Baptists in a new light in recent years. They have come to see us as a caring people who are concerned for the whole man and concerned for China as a whole. We have been made very welcome by the Chinese Christian leadership."

Perhaps the warm reception comes, in part, from a recognition by the Chinese of one man's love and respect for their nation. (BP)

Evangelist Billy Graham visited China in April, finally making the journey he had looked forward to "probably more than any other trip I have ever taken."

Graham preached to thousands of worshipers at churches in Shanghai, Beijing and other cities and met with religious and government leaders, including Li Peng, China's new premier.

Graham and Li discussed religious and social issues, and the New China News Agency quoted the Chinese leader as saying, "China can never be prosperous and strong with only material development. It also needs spiritual forces."

The evangelist seized that theme and developed it in his sermons and public statements, expressing hope that China's historic modernization effort would be matched by a "great moral modernization program also."

"Even secular leaders are asking the question, 'Where are we to find the moral renewal we need to be successful in China's modernization program?'" he observed during a meeting with Shanghai church leaders. "Could they turn to us?"

During meetings with religious leaders and government officials, Graham pointed out positive contributions of Christian missionaries in the past who built schools and hospitals in China.

Graham described the church in China as healthy and said its recent growth "may go down in history as one of the great Christian revivals of this century." But he noted major limits on religious freedom still exist in the communist nation. (BP)

Church, state: making the distinction

Americans rightly celebrate the Constitution of the United States during this season observing that remarkable document's bicentennial. Becoming official in 1788, the Constitution incorporated its first ten amendments, the Bill of Rights, in 1791.

As the very first of the enumerated freedoms in the Bill of Rights, religious liberty has been at the heart of the American democratic experiment. Including both the free exercise of religion and the institutional separation of church and state, religious liberty has resulted in both religious diversity and religious peace. We Americans indeed have much to celebrate in this bicentennial season.

Yet we Christians, as at all times, have something even more foundational to celebrate. It is the covenant community of faith to which God has called us, the church. From the Christian perspective, the church is the New Israel, the successor people of God's ancient covenant community.

One of the church's most persistent challenges has been to distinguish between spiritual community and civil government, which in the case of American Christians are founded respectively on covenant and constitution. The distinction between the two represents the classic one between God and Caesar and the obligations Christians have to each. At times, it results in a clash that poses for believers the question faced by Peter and John when ordered to stop preaching about Jesus; in the end they replied, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29b RSV). And so must we. To be sure, covenant and constitution are not always in conflict, particularly in a society that respects the boundaries of both by insisting that the institutions of church and state be kept at a healthy distance.

The success of our nation's experiment in religious liberty has not come without constant vigilance. Our celebration thus should be tempered by rededication to maintaining such vigilance so that communities founded on covenant or constitution may continue to prosper.

We the People

CONSTITUTION AND COVENANT *Making the Distinction*



Religious Liberty Day 1988

Recent Campus Highlights at Georgetown College

Business Fraternity Sets New Achievement Record

Twenty-four members of Georgetown College's Phi Upsilon chapter of Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity traveled to Louisville to participate in the State leadership conference and came away with 18 awards, a new record for the school.

The annual conference attracted 550 members from 42 chapters to participate in the business competition events and State officer elections.

The Georgetown Chapter received the Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit for the seventh consecutive year. Only eight chapters, less than 20 percent, received recognition for outstanding performance at this year's conference.

Michelle Celsor, a Georgetown sophomore from Fountain Run, Kentucky, was elected State Vice President. She will serve on the State's Executive Board for 1988-89.

Annual reports of the local chapter's activities were placed in competition with reports of other chapters. Georgetown was given high marks winning first place awards in Partnership with Business Project and American Enter-

prise Project prepared by juniors Julie Harris and Robin Peal respectively.

A community service project report prepared by student Amy Barker, placed third. The local chapter's Annual Report, prepared by senior Todd Allen, took a fourth place award.

The Chapter's Scrapbook, edited and compiled by co-historians Kim Hopkins and Michelle Celsor, won the first place prize for Phi Upsilon Chapter.

In team competition, Georgetown's Business Decision Making Team, composed of: John Morris, a senior; Shannon Neikirk, a senior, and Doug Roach, a junior, placed second.

Amy Barker, a senior, placed first in individual competitive events. Her subject was Economics. Michelle Celsor took a second place in Job Interview.

Other second place awards in individual events and the subjects were: Eric Bardes, sophomore, Computer Applications; senior John Morris, Finance; Doug Roach, junior, Impromptu Speaking; and senior Todd Allen, Mr.

Future Business Executive.

Winning third places were seniors Tara Lumbatis in Finance and John Moore in Impromptu Speaking.

Jennifer Goebel, a sophomore placed fourth in Accounting I. Placing fifth were sophomore Lee Ann Offut in Accounting II and senior Scott Baird in Computer Applications.

Dr. Peal, chapter advisor, reported that this year was the most successful one the chapter has experienced. She said, "Much of the chapter's success in winning the chapter events can be attributed to strong chapter leadership from president Todd Allen and other officers."

First place winners Amy Barker and Michelle Celsor will compete in the National Leadership Conference in Cincinnati, June 29-July 1. Second place winners, John Morris and Eric Bardes, may also compete at nationals. Additionally, the two reports which won first place will be placed in competition at the NLC.

Manna Musicians Sing at Oneida

A recent trip to Oneida Baptist Institute in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with MANNA, one of the Baptist Student Union's musical ensembles at Georgetown College, turned into a day on which some of us were particularly proud to be Georgetownians.

The BSU music group, directed by Margo Martens, a Georgetown senior from Matoaca, Virginia, presented the chapel program for Oneida's students and staff on Wednesday, March 30th.

Oneida's president, Barkley Moore, introduced the group with words on the historical connections between Georgetown and Oneida and mention of some of the GC alumni currently on the staff there.

Georgetownians he mentioned included: Larry Gritton, principal, and his wife, Linda (Jones); Myrtle Cook, guidance counselor; Oliver Hawkins, faculty; and William Atto, librarian.

MANNA presented a mixture of beautiful Christian music. The 600 students responded especially well to songs like the a capella rendition of a spiritual called "Shut 'de Do".

When MANNA finished Dr. Bartley Moore introduced Dr. Bill Gene Smith '61, a former staff member who was visiting for the day. Dr. Smith and his wife Peggy (Morgan) '60, live in Avon

Park, Florida, where Bill is a professor of physics and math at South Florida Community College.

He spoke briefly about what Oneida and Georgetown had meant to his life and how they can "give students a basis for life," which other institutions cannot.

Scott Fitzpatrick, '87 graduate and Georgetown admissions counselor, and Dave Forman, '72, spoke to the senior English classes that morning. Later they met Jim Boswell '52, who told a few stories about his Georgetown days. Jim is assistant to the president at Oneida.

After lunch, Dr. Moore gave the group a tour of the campus. Several other Georgetownians were spotted in classrooms or on the grounds during the tour.

The members of MANNA were a positive reflection of the talented and committed students who attended Georgetown in the 1980's. Seeing the service and commitment and hearing the testimony of Georgetown students from former years completed the picture.

Other members of MANNA include: Gary Keys, Andrea Royalty, Kelli Hallford, Jerry Butcher, Tom Ezell, Karen Wilson (pianist), and Steve Campbell (sound technician).

X-Country Star Nominated for Honor

Mark Lewis Thomas, a second semester junior at Georgetown College and a graduate of Lexington's Henry Clay High School, has been nominated by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic's (N.A.I.A.) district 32, as a candidate for the prestigious A.O. Duer Award.

Each of the nation's N.A.I.A. districts nominates a candidate. The nominees must be juniors with at least a 3.8 grade point average. The nominees also must be varsity athletes and exemplary students and citizens.

Thomas has a double major in philosophy and religion with a grade point average of 3.859.

He is a 1987 N.A.I.A. Scholar Athlete, formerly termed an Academic All-American.

Thomas is a two time all district 32 cross country runner and ran in the N.A.I.A. national championships in 1985. He is co-captain of the 1988 Georgetown

College Cross Country team.

Besides running, he is active in the Big Brothers program, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is co-president of the Brockmeyer Society, a philosophy honorary.

The A.O. Duer Award is named for a long-time and distinguished executive of the N.A.I.A.

Drs. Heizer and Kruschwitz Elected to New Posts

Two Georgetown College philosophy teachers, Drs. Ruth Heizer and Bob Kruschwitz, were elected officers of the newly formed Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers at their recent organizational meeting at Belmont College in Nashville.

Dr. Ruth Heizer, chairperson of Georgetown College's Philosophy Department eight years, has been elected president of BAPT. She has been a teacher at the school since 1967. She is a Ph.D. product of Indiana University.

Dr. Kruschwitz, a 1975 undergraduate of Georgetown College, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the newly formed professional society. He holds a doctoral degree from the University of Texas.

Among the purposes stated in the constitution and by-laws of the organization are the following: to support and advance the teaching of philosophy on Southern Baptist campuses, to provide a forum for shared concerns, to encourage professional development, to provide a sounding board for dealing with philosophical ideas, to enhance the intellectual tradition of Southern Baptists, and to integrate evangelical Christian faith with philosophical scholarship.

The society will meet biennially, and its next meeting will be hosted by Baylor University on November 17-19, 1989. Persons interested in learning more about the organization or in placing their names on the mailing list should contact the Secretary-Treasurer.

G.C. Summer Missionaries Picked

Seven of Georgetown College's outstanding student leaders have been chosen by the Student Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention as "summer missionaries" according to Dr. Jack Birdwhistell, the campus minister.

He noted, "This is the largest delegation of Georgetownians appointed in a number of years. Our campus goal for their support is \$5500.00 which will be derived from the campus and other Kentucky students."

Those appointed and their assignments are: LaRaine Dail, a Clearwater, Florida junior, to Baptist Village, Israel; James Atherton III, a Lexington sophomore, to the Son Praise Revival Team; Jerry Butcher, a Greenville, Kentucky junior to a Son/Celebration Music Team; Brad Brown, a Florence, Kentucky sophomore, to a Son Burst Ministry Team.

Others selected include: Rodney Norvell, a Corbin, Kentucky junior, the Son Praise Team; Hannah Holtzclaw, a Kingsport, Tennessee junior, Berkeley, California; and Chris Wade, a Midlothian, Virginia sophomore, Ocean City, Maryland.

In addition, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has appointed student John Walker, sophomore from Oak Grove, Kentucky, and Angela Crouch, a senior from Danville, Kentucky, as summer missionaries in the Philippines on a "raise your own support" basis. Dina Disney will go to Central America with the Athletes in Action program. Any funds raised over \$5500.00 will go to these students.

Enrollment Climbs

Georgetown College's annual spring term enrollment figures continue to edge upward according to the School's registrar, Mrs. Winnie Bratcher.

The total for the 1988 spring term stands at 1349, a gain of 62 students over the year earlier. This is a five percent gain.

This second semester enrollment total is the highest since the spring term of 1967.

Computer Lab Grant Given by Ashland Oil

Ashland Oil Corporation has granted \$50,000 to Georgetown College to fund a computer laboratory, it was announced by the School's President W. Morgan Patterson.

Business and Communication Arts Departments at the College will be primary benefactors of the computer lab, which will be located in the College's recently refurbished Highbaugh Hall, centrally located on the Academic Commons.

"We are happy with this gift which provides the College another dimension of educational service for the 'now' generation," said President Patterson.

Continuing, he observed, "Ashland Oil has been good to Georgetown College during the institution's recent Decade of Progress Campaign and we are very grateful."