

## Honeycutt affirms Baptist freedoms

by Pat Cole

Warning there is "no end to legalism's appetite," Southern Baptist Theological Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt said Southern Baptists live in an era where there is little room for differences of opinion.

In convocation services opening the fall semester at the Louisville school Honeycutt said the 10-year-old Southern Baptist Convention controversy has resulted in an increasing demand for uniformity of beliefs among Southern Baptists.

"It is not enough to have a proper theory about the Bible," he said. "We must also have a proper interpretation of the proper theory about the Bible." Many Southern Baptists, he said, are engaged in the "unbaptistic" practice of disallowing dissent from majority opinions.

Honeycutt added that some are further extending legalism by calling for a "uniform application" of the Bible which would force people to apply the Bible identically in every social situation.

Advocates of legalism are "spiritual cannibals" who have historically tended to "eat up their heritage," he said. "It's always been that way and it's that way today."

Rather than conform to the wishes of the "exponents of legalized religion," Honeycutt said individuals can still choose to be free in Christ. Yet he predicted that "harassment and intimidation" will follow those in the SBC who differ from the opinions of the majority.

Honeycutt, who has reckoned with the convention controversy since assuming the presidency of Southern Baptists' oldest seminary in 1982, said he has discovered a renewed sense of freedom in the midst of the conflict. In his prepared manuscript he noted: "Circumstances and criticisms have become of less and less concern for me in recent years. I truly believe my life is hid in Christ whose life is hid in God. I have experienced a freedom in Christ which I never

knew to exist. Nor does the world know it endures. Nothing any longer matters ultimately except to live in Christ, to manifest him through personal relationships, to serve him faithfully and to rest in him when life concludes."

Honeycutt also emphasized the need for free Christians to live responsibly. "Freedom means that God came to make you free but freedom also means that God came to make you responsible," he said.

Prior to Honeycutt's address James D. Williams, executive vice president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, presented a plaque recognizing the establishment of the J. M. Frost Sunday School Board chair of Christian education at the seminary. The professorship, funded by the Sunday School Board, was approved by the seminary's trustees in April. R. Michael Harton, a Southern faculty member since 1978, is the first professor to hold the chair.

In another event related to a professorial chair, Honeycutt announced the establishment of the Mildred and Ernest Hogan chair of New Testament. The Hogans, who live in Boca Raton, Fla., provided funding for the chair. Honeycutt said a professor will be named later to fill the chair.

Also during convocation services, nine professors who were granted tenure by the school's trustees last spring signed the original handwritten copy of the Abstract of Principles, Southern Seminary's 131-year-old statement of faith. They were John H. Dickson, assistant professor of church music; Lloyd



Southern Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt observed former University of Kentucky professor John W. Landon sign the seminary's Abstract of Principles during convocation services. Landon joined the seminary's social work faculty this fall.

L. Mims, assistant professor of church music; Patricia L. Bailey, assistant professor of social work; Donoso S. Escobar, assistant professor of social work; Dan R. Stiver, assistant professor of Christian philosophy; Charles B.

Bugg, Carl E. Bates professor of Christian preaching; David F. D'Amico, Billy Graham professor of evangelism; John P. Dever, professor of church and community; and John W. Landon, professor of social work.

## New students receive SBTs welcome

by Pat Cole

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary rolled out the welcome mat in late August for more than 350 new students who will be living, serving and studying among Kentucky Baptists.

While students admitted the week-long orientation was a demanding way to begin their seminary pilgrimage most indicated their introduction to the Louisville seminary was warm.

"We've had a lot of hospitality since we arrived," said Greg Carey, 24, of Muscle Shoals, Ala. "Our neighbors nearly pushed their way in to help us move into our apartment. We were able to get to know people very quickly."

Yet he was quick to add that he and his wife Laura have been "incredibly busy" thus far. Like other first time students the Careys spent their first week on campus taking exams, attending information sessions, socializing with new friends and registering for classes. In addition to an English proficiency exam new students take other tests intended to enhance their self-understanding as ministers and persons.

The Careys also have been seeking part time employment. Carey has landed a job coaching football at Kentucky Country Day School in Louisville. The theology student hopes to eventually find a student pastorate or other church staff position while in seminary. Carey chose Southern Seminary because it has

both "academic integrity and an evangelical emphasis." Mrs. Carey, a social work student originally from Atlanta, said Southern attracted her because it is the nation's only seminary with an accredited social work school. The Careys are interested in church planting as a ministry following graduation.

Danette Oertel, a Christian education student from Indianapolis, said "the friendliness of the people" has impressed her. "Orientation and registration went very smoothly," she said.

Mrs. Oertel, 28, moved to Louisville from Hawaii, where her husband Gary was in the military. They were volunteer youth workers at the base's Protestant chapel. After graduation, Mrs. Oertel plans to seek a paid position as a director of religious education on a military base.

She said her primary reason for coming to seminary was "to learn more about the Bible and theology."

Rick Bowden, a theology student from Shivley, said thus far seminary has been "an easy transition" from Cumberland (Ky.) College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in biblical studies last spring. "People have been very polite and everything has been well organized," he observed.

Bowden believes his part time position as minister of youth at Shivley Heights Baptist Church will strengthen his education. "You need more than book knowledge," he said. "You must have practical experience to apply the

things you learn."

Bowden, 21, wants to sharpen his ministry skills and "discover other gifts." He anticipates a career in the pastorate.

Bowden, who grew up within a 15-minute drive of the campus, said he considered leaving the state to attend seminary but he "really believes the Lord wants me here."

For MDiv student Sanford Hill, seminary experience this semester will be a one-day per week venture. Hill, minister of education and youth at Berea (Ky.) Baptist church, will drive two hours each way on Mondays to take introductory Bible courses.

Hill, until June an industrial arts professor at Berea College, and his wife Deborah have sensed a call to foreign missions. After much prayer and struggle Hill, 32, decided to quit his job and pursue ministerial studies. Eventually he, his wife and two children will move to Louisville so he can attend seminary full time, he said.

He has two goals for his seminary education: "The first is to grow in my understanding of the word of God and hopefully that will lead to the second objective which is to be a better servant."

Sherry Murdock, 22, of Bakersville, N. C., hopes her seminary studies will help mold her into "the best possible music minister I can be." Miss Murdock, who is pursuing the MDiv/CM degree, also has a special interest in learning counseling skills.

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### God's call

Yesterday my three sons began a new school year. Their excitement and stemming from the anticipation of seeing old friends and experiencing new adventures. Their mother and I view this educational opportunity from a different perspective. Their schooling represents the preparation necessary to "make it" in today's world. The abilities and talents developed during these years will hopefully prepare them for their life's work.

I often wonder where my sons will find themselves career-wise when they are 25 years of age. With the wide choice of career opportunities, I know that some difficult decisions lie ahead for them. In making these decisions, I am aware that the availability of jobs, compensation and benefits will be important factors to consider.

There is yet another factor which hopefully will bear upon their decision, and that is the call of God as he directs the lives of young men and women. There is a sense in which God calls each of us to our life's work as we seek his leadership. There is also the clear call of God to full time Christian service. I hope that at some point my children, as well as all Kentucky youth, will be open to the prospect of God's leadership in their career choices.

This is a subject which is close to my heart. I, like other ministers, cannot speak of it nor write about it without reliving the experience. It was a Sunday morning in November of 1965 when I walked forward in Immanuel Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C. to surrender to the gospel ministry. That decision had come after many months of agonizing prayer. Even though that step was made sincerely and expressed publicly, there was still much I did not understand about the call of God. Nevertheless, I began the process of preparation. I enrolled in a Baptist college, and upon completing the course of studies there, married and moved to Louisville to continue my training. On the campus of Southern Seminary the call of God became more clearly defined for me as professor after professor hammered home this central truth: the call of God is not optional; it is essential and foundational to Christian ministry. The call of God is to the minister what the covenant relationship was to Israel in the Old Testament. It is not only the starting point for one's vocation; it is foundational for all we do. Whenever we serve God's people, we do so out of the experience of God's call.

Kentucky Baptists are well aware of this truth. If you have ever served on a church search committee or been interviewed by such a committee, then you already know the first two questions that are invariably asked: "Please share with us the details of your salvation experience, how you came to know the Lord, and then share with us your call to the Christian ministry." In beginning at that point, we begin at the right place. Kentucky Baptists have depended upon the Lord to provide called leadership to serve in our churches, on the home and foreign mission fields and in our Kentucky Baptist institutions. This distinguishes us and sets us apart from most of society. We not only have a unique mission, but God's provision for leadership in

helping us fulfill that mission is unique.

It is the call of God which compels ministers and churches alike to look outward and upward rather than within. The ministry is more than a profession; it is a vocation. Ministers are not hired; they are called. This is a vastly different standard than that by which the rest of society chooses to operate.

This is a standard which needs to be freshly communicated in Kentucky Baptist churches today. Our young people need to be challenged to raise their sights beyond advancement, salary and benefits in order that they might be open to God's leadership as they prepare for career choices. Those who work with young people in our churches (Sunday school teachers, pastors, youth leaders, ministers of music, etc.) need to create an atmosphere where these young Christians will develop an openness to the question, "Lord, what would you have me do with my life?" It was that very challenge, as set forth frequently in my home church, which first prompted me to ask that question of God.

It is a question which also needs to be addressed in the home. Mouzon Biggs, pastor of Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, Tulsa, Ok., has shared that when he was a child his mother would whisper in his ear as she tucked him into bed, "You're such a special child, I think God must have sent you to do something special. I hope you find out what it is." He went on to say, "I didn't know until years later that she was whispering the same thing to my sister and little brother." Those tender words, expressed by a Christian mother, were instrumental in opening his eyes to the possibilities which God had before him.

When this door of possibility is opened, we can never predict the results. Not all who have been called have grown up in our churches. Some were first farmers and fishermen. A few have come from such unlikely places as political arenas and prison wards. One seemingly unlikely candidate whom the Lord has used in a dramatic way during the last few years is Chuck Colson, former White House assistant during Richard Nixon's presidency. His writings have spurred many to action.

It is in his book *Loving God* that Colson tells the story of Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the political prisoner who served time in the Soviet gulag. Like other prisoners, Solzhenitsyn worked in the fields. His days followed a pattern of back-breaking labor and slow starvation. Hopelessness characterized Solzhenitsyn until dramatically a Christian witness in the gulag gave him hope through the cross.

Today Solzhenitsyn unequivocally thanks God for that prison experience. It was there at a work site bench that he suddenly found himself at the foot of the cross. His eyes were opened to what God could do through one surrendered individual. That is a moment to celebrate in history. In Kentucky Baptist life, it is an event we celebrate every time one of our young people surrenders to the call of God.

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## fourth estate

Nothing more or less

Two major anniversaries (to me) occur in my life the same day next week.

I celebrate 30 years as a professional journalist Sept. 16. The first news writer employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board, I arrived in Nashville just as public relations was coming into vogue. We operated on the theory that when people have access to facts they often respond favorably. The informational system created then now disseminates daily news to the far flung publics served by Southern Baptists' publishing enterprise.

My 11 years at the board turned into responsibilities as copy editor, communications specialist and monthly periodical editor. Later, I was director of public relations five years at Belmont College, a Tennessee Baptist school.

The second anniversary Sept. 16 marks 14 years since I went to Western Recorder. If there ever was an occupational marriage made in heaven, this is it. Others could have done better than I and succeeded where I failed. But I'm as convinced now as I was then that God created an opportunity specifically for me and nudged me toward it. To this day I am grateful to editor C. R. Daley and the board that elected me.

Across the years I have kept up with that board. One, William Caldwell, of Danville, is deceased. Some have retired, but all remain in Kentucky.

Evangelism director Bill Jagers, then of Prestonsburg, was chairman. Others were John M. Sykes, Ashland, vice chairman; Mrs. J. S. Woodward, Lexington, secretary; Rollin S. Burhans, Bowling Green; H. Stanton Carney, Paducah; Glenn Durham, Loyall; W. Ken Forman, Campbellsville; John Kruschwitz, Ft. Thomas; Billy D. Marcum, Brandenburg; Harold J. Purdy, Madisonville; C. Carman Sharp, Louisville.

In the years at Belmont and the Recorder I've employed more than 50 students in communications responsibilities. Working alongside these young people I've tried to repay a debt to the denomination that employed me while a student in 1959. The joy in training and recommending them for professional careers in religious journalism has brought greater satisfaction than the 700 Western Recorder issues I have worked on. While I love the product and consider this role a responsible trust, it's the people that have enriched my life.

The first year I was here the late KBC staffer Calvin Fields told me he aspired to be the best associate he could be. Nothing more, nothing less. I liked his goal and adopted it as my own. In 14 years my intentions have not wavered. I pray Baptists may never be disappointed in my return on their investment.



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## homes for children

### Encouragement

Recently I was thinking of my dad and remembered a very special conversation we had late one night. He and I were returning from Evansville, Ind., at the conclusion of the second shift at Whirlpool where we were both working. He had been there for several years; it was my first night in a summer job.

It had been a terrible night for me. I was working on the air conditioner assembly line and I had been tried on about four jobs and could do none of them at the speed needed to keep up with the line. Manual dexterity is not my strong suit.

I was feeling really discouraged and sorry for myself. Dad listened to me and then said, "You know I had some of the same problems when I started. Just do the best you can and eventually you will catch on."

My dad's comments meant a lot to me that night and he was right. I eventually got the hang of the job and worked there until the line shut down a few weeks later and then I returned to college.

Most of us need encouragement and especially when we are trying to learn something new.

Webster defines the verb encourage as "to give courage, hope or confidence to." Though we have a lot of tasks in child care I believe that one of the greatest is to be an encourager to the children coming to us. So many of them have never known hope but only despair and most of them have lost confidence in themselves.

Our staff spend time getting to know the youth as individuals and devote countless hours to their special needs, encouraging them to be all that God wants them to be.

As I have heard our youth talk publicly about staff most have come back to late night talks when they were really hurting and the child care worker sat down and listened and understood and encouraged them.

We as Christians are all admonished to encourage each other in the Christian walk. That means we really have to get to know one another, spend time together and be available at those critical times when a brother or sister is hurting.



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## clear creek chronicle

### Camp Joy

Meaningful memories of my youth include experiences at Camp Joy near Brownsville. Eleven associations operate the retreat center. Second year student John Dawson was summer camp manager. Mrs. Dawson worked at Bowling Green Greenview Hospital and assistend with many camp activities during her off time.

It was a full 10 weeks starting with 300 attending opening day. Eight camps and three weekend retreats brought in 544 campers. The youth Bible conference had over 200 from six states. Mrs. Dawson thrilled "to see youth come to study the word more than for recreation." When summer ended these decisions brought the deepest joy: 50 saved, 114 rededications and 14 surrendered to Christian vocations.

Dawson directed a staff of seven and "did everything." When asked what he was most thankful for during the summer Dawson responded, "Being where the Lord wanted me. My skills meshed with their needs and I am thankful we could help improve the physical facilities, create a positive element and help stop a decline in camp participation." Dawson also spoke to campers about Ohio mission work and taught camp craft skills to Royal Ambassadors.

A Camp Joy tradition is the closing night campfire service held in a large cave opening. The Dawsons will long remember a young man who went through DTs one night as a result of alcoholism. At the campfire service he was saved. "The campers hugged him and they all cried, prayed and sang together."

The Dawsons are from Ohio. They have two married daughters and a new grandson born Father's Day. Dawson is still seeking the Lord's direction and only desires to follow his will. Camp Joy executive board chairman Claude Johnson sent this testimony: "Wherever this couple is led by the Lord they will richly bless other lives because of their dedication, commitment and willingness to serve above and beyond the call of duty. They have left a very positive impression about the quality of people and service your students render for the Lord. I hope you are as proud of them as I have been rewarded for having the opportunity to work with them." We are!



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Now that you know who our FRIENDS are would you join us and become a FRIEND of the Foundation?

# baptist news briefs

## 1990 SBC housing forms sent to state exec offices

Housing request forms for the 1990 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, scheduled June 11-13 in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, have been sent to state executive offices, according to convention manager Tim A. Hedquist.

The forms, also available in the September issue of Baptist Program magazine, should be mailed to the Greater New Orleans Tourist and Con-

vention Commission no earlier than Oct. 1, 1989.

"This year there is a day of grace because Oct. 1 falls on a Sunday," Hedquist said. "Many post offices do not postmark mail on Sunday, so any forms postmarked either Oct. 1 or 2 will be treated as if they were postmarked Oct. 1.

He added housing request forms mailed earlier than Oct. 1 will not be processed. Those mailed later also will not be processed because it is likely the request postmarked either Oct. 1 or 2 will exceed the number of rooms available in the

SBC block.

The envelopes will be opened by the New Orleans commission Oct. 10 "in a random manner," Hedquist said. The process uses only people who are not Southern Baptists in an effort to ensure impartiality in assigning rooms.

There are 6450 rooms in 12 hotels in the 1990 SBC block. Included among the hotels are the Hyatt Regency, which will be the headquarters hotel, and the New Orleans Hilton, which will house participants at the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting. (BP)

## Missionary resigns after visa problems

Mike McGinnis, whose letter questioning a fellow missionary's beliefs set off a denominational flap last year, has resigned as a Southern Baptist missionary.

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The resignations of McGinnis, 37, and his wife Sondra, both of Birmingham, Ala., will take effect Sept. 30, according to Foreign Mission Board officials.

The couple was appointed in 1987 and assigned to Venezuela, where he was to have worked as a church starter. But they were unable to obtain work visas from the Venezuelan government after finishing a year of Spanish language training in Costa Rica.

The McGinnises were offered the option of transferring to any of four other countries by the Foreign Mission Board. They declined, citing a specific call from God to work in Venezuela.

From their current home in Chattanooga, Tenn., the couple plans to travel and train Christian leaders in Venezuela and possibly other South American countries with Ambassadors for Christ International, a nondenominational agency based in Atlanta. A spokesperson for the agency confirmed McGinnis likely will be joining a team of 15 American missionaries who conduct leadership training seminars for overseas Christians.

McGinnis drew attention last year when he wrote a letter to a friend in Tennessee expressing concern about the theological beliefs of another Southern Baptist missionary in the language school, later identified as Michael Willett. Willett also was assigned to Venezuela.

Willett now is an adjunct professor of New Testament at St. Paul School of Theology, a United Methodist school in Kansas City, Mo. (BP)

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# SBTS president Roy L. Honeycutt reveals optimism

by Pat Cole

*In an interview with Pat Cole, director of news and information services at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt revealed optimism concerning both the present and the future of the school as the fall semester begins. The text of the interview is reprinted here.*

**Cole:** Although the final figures on enrolment will not be available for several weeks what is your expectation for fall enrolment?

**Honeycutt:** I think our fall enrolment will be stable. The Southern Regional Education Board defines stable enrolment as plus or minus five percent. I am confident our fall enrolment will be on the stable side.

**Cole:** Construction on the first two phases of the \$15.9 million Campus Center Complex is well underway. How would you describe the progress on the complex?

**Honeycutt:** The contractor is pretty well on schedule to have both phases completed within the contract time of 20 months. We ought to receive the building sometime in early to mid summer of 1990. It will take us probably a month to 60 days to get the furnishings and make preparations to operate it. We hope to have the dedication service on convocation day in late August.

**Cole:** The first two phases represent the center and south buildings of the complex. What will these buildings contain?

**Honeycutt:** The center building contains family life type facilities such as a gymnasium, a swimming pool and recreation facilities. It will also include six lounge areas for students including a commuter lounge that will be equipped with some 275 lockers. The south building, which will link the center building to Norton Hall, will have as its largest occupants the post office and the new book store. The rest will be offices for student services, prospective student services, placement and the seminary clinic.

**Cole:** What are the major components of the last phase?

**Honeycutt:** The last phase, the north wing, will contain food services and conference space. Both are badly needed. Our cafeteria was built in 1926 and it's just like it was then except it has been reduced in size. Our continuing education conferences are growing both in the number of conferences and in size of individual conferences.

**Cole:** How are the fund raising efforts going for the Campus Center Complex?

**Honeycutt:** I think they're coming along well. We have practiced a very conservative policy of not letting a contract until we have the money either in cash or firm pledges. By "firm" we mean pledges by foundations, banks and public entities of that type. We have 80% of the square footage under contract and we have all the money in hand for that portion. So our challenge at this point is to raise the money on the remainder of the building. We hope to get the final phase under contract before the present contractor completes work on the first two phases.

Had we received the Cooperative Program capital money (that had been anticipated) we would have already had the money for the north building.

Even so we have already raised more money than we originally thought we needed. We are having to raise more money than we had anticipated because of two factors. One, for all practical purposes we haven't received any capital money from the Cooperative Program. We have received some very small sums but not enough to make a substantial contribution. The other side of it is that the bids for the building came in higher than anticipated. We've raised more money now than our goal which was set three years ago.

**Cole:** Southern Baptist agencies and institutions will receive fewer Cooperative Program dollars this year. How has this come about?

**Honeycutt:** There are two factors. First the Cooperative Program contributions are not growing in individual congregations across the convention. That's been true for 10 years on a per person basis. In the more recent years because of the leveling off of the inflation rate the percentage of growth has been reduced each year. I also think Cooperative Program giving is somewhat less because of the SBC controversy. The big thing we faced this year was the decision regarding the SBC building in Nashville. The SBC Executive Committee borrowed the money to build it and they owed still roughly \$2.5 million. They asked the interagency council for our judgment. It was our judgment that it would be better to make that the priority this year and pay it all off at one time. So that's a one-time loss for us. On average each institution will receive about two and a half percent less than 1988-89.

**Cole:** The start of the school year is generally filled with much anticipation about what lies ahead. What are some of the highlights and challenges the seminary faces this year?

**Honeycutt:** We have a five-year strategic plan that we've laid out and tried to follow in terms of prioritizing various aspects of this institution and each member of the executive staff is hard at work at those. Some of these priorities involve academic programs. For example a committee is working on whether or not to offer an MA in counseling and there's been work regarding computerization of the library. We are also working on other programs that will improve the quality of work we do. I think that's certainly a high priority.

Another priority of this institution is to continue to relate to our convention at a time of radical change in convention leadership. To this date we have been able to keep the institution on track regarding its purpose and heritage while maintaining a good working relationship with the board of trustees. The Southern Baptist Convention leadership obviously has changed and continues to change. We have to try to reckon with that change without seeing it wreck the institution. That's the major challenge right now.

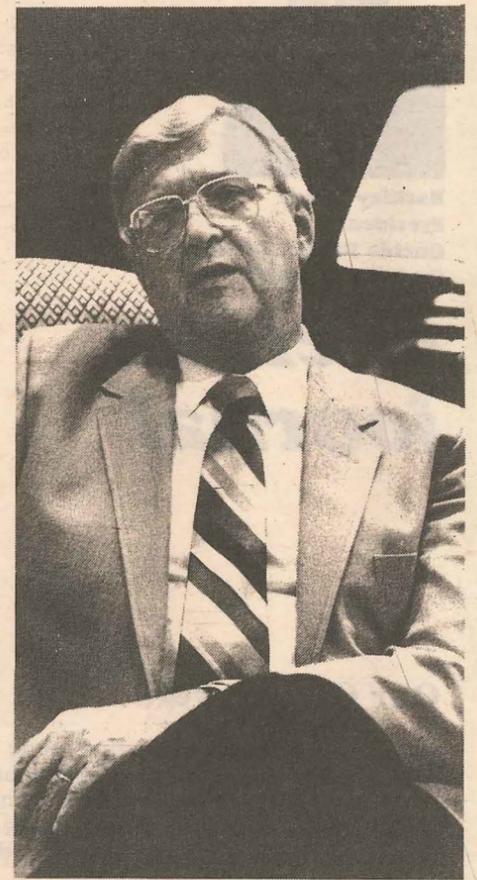
Beyond that we have funding needs that we are going to be addressing. We're going to be working hard on an individual solicitation basis, not with a national or area campaign, but with individuals to secure the funds for the north building of the Campus Center

Complex. The shell of the building will cost \$1.6 million and it will cost another \$900,000 to finish out the interior. We need about \$800,000 to equip it. It's expensive to equip because the cost of kitchen and dining room equipment is increasing at a rate of inflation far beyond construction costs.

**Cole:** The Kentucky Baptist Convention has been the host state convention for Southern Seminary since 1877. Could you characterize the relationship between Kentucky Baptists and Southern Seminary?

**Honeycutt:** I think we have had a relationship of mutual support. In recent years we've had a close working relationships on a variety of programs. A few years ago, we asked Chauncey Daley (editor emeritus of Western Recorder) to do a Founder's Day address on the contribution of Kentucky Baptist churches to the shaping of ministerial life. Many people are not aware of the positive role that Kentucky has had in shaping the lives of our student ministers.

I see us in a partnership commitment with one another. Our work is different obviously. The Kentucky Baptist Convention works with churches to implement programs. We prepare pastors and other church staff members to lead in those programs. But we are mutually interdependent.



Southern Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt relaxes as he talks of the school.

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## oneida journal

### Our God at work

"Our son recently married a fine young lady. He is now entering his third year of the PhD program in biology at Vanderbilt University. He could never have done so well without the help of you and your staff. My husband and I will always remember and appreciate your help and patience with our troubled son. Thank you."

With the above letter was a \$100 donation to help carry on Oneida's 90-year-old ministry.

Isaiah 65:24 tells us: "And it shall come to pass that before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear."

Yes our God knows our needs even before we ask and is making provision for us. Daily I see this happening at Oneida. So many things have I been witness to I could literally fill a book.

Over five years ago God used a lady, then living in Cincinnati, to get us a wonderful school doctor for our Oneida students and staff. Mrs. McJilton had never seen Oneida. But she had heard enough of it to know that ours is a unique God-blessed ministry. She had been told by a mutual friend how great was Oneida's medical need—over 500 children ranging in age from 10 years up and over 100 staff and some illness each day and 34 miles roundtrip from

medical help. Often our people would have to wait for as long as five hours to get attention. It kept several staff busy just shuttling kids back and forth.

Mrs. McJilton knew just the man. She called him, newly retired after 30 years as the campus doctor of a great university. She told him of Oneida. My first knowledge of any of this was a telephone call from the doctor!

He told me he was ready to serve. Checking his credentials, his references, then meeting him in person I knew God had blessed us in a very special way.

As our doctor enters upon his sixth year of service in our campus clinic that blessing of the Lord is even more manifest.

Yes "I will answer them before they call to me, while they are still talking to me about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers" is how the Living Bible renders Isaiah 65:24.

Mrs. McJilton is a lifelong bookkeeper and tax preparer. I had never met her. Several years after getting the doctor to us she paid a 30-minute visit but I was away. But I had been in touch with her over the years. Having heard much of her good works from others I knew she was one who could minister in a great way right on our campus.

A month ago she called me from Phoenix, Az. to say she was at last in a position to retire. She was ready to serve at Oneida if we still needed her.

Certainly we needed her!

And I had housing for her in our new apartment building for women staff. She said she had a house to sell. Also she had a real problem about her furniture. There was a lot of it, beds and dressers and tables over 100 years old, most of it solid cherry, some oak, some of it furniture used by the Shakers in Ohio before they died out in 1913. She hated to give it up; maybe she would just sell it however rather than going to the trouble and expense of getting it back across country.

Just two days before I had told some of our campus women to go the next week to buy furniture for the new women's building. I told Mrs. McJilton we could solve her furniture problem and ours as well. Our school would be responsible for getting the furniture here. She would have the use of it, as well as the other ladies living in the building, and the furniture will remain in use here after her death. In less than three weeks time she and the furniture were here and her house sold last week. God's timing. "Before they call I will answer!"



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## sunday school lessons

### LESSONS FOR SEPT. 10, 1989

#### Life and work series

#### Relating wisely to others

From the eight focal passages we derive three suggestions as to how we may relate wisely to others: cultivate attitudes and actions that will build good relationships with others; refrain from attitudes and actions that will hinder good relationships with others; cultivate the habit of responding favorably to the needs of others.

**Prov. 3:27-30** True owners are those who may do good with that which they possess. Failure to do so is a breach of trust. A Christlike disposition will cause one to refrain from instigating a quarrel or participating in it. Those who fear God and follow Christ should treat others in the manner in which they would like to be treated.

**Prov. 10:12** Obedient Christians are never anxious to indulge in fault-finding. They delight in forgiving and forgetting others' sins.

**Prov. 15:18** One is not justified in striving with another without adequate grounds or in leaving the pathway of trust in God by taking matters into his own hands.

**Prov. 17:9** Unconsidered and unnecessary words break hearts, destroy reputations, sever ties of friendship and love between individuals and cause

others irreparable injuries and damage.

**Prov. 19:11** It is often better for one to refrain from the expression of anger in word or in deed and to turn the matter over to God.

**Prov. 21:21** The one who lives righteously before God and men will not have any cause for regretting that he will do so but will discover that he will truly be honored for doing so.

**Prov. 27:4** Venting wrath is unwise, unnecessary and cruel and expressing anger is inexcusable. Envy is more tragic in its consequences than is either wrath or anger.

**Prov. 29:22** Avoid associating closely with an individual who has cultivated the habit of giving way to anger when something is said or done that is displeasing to him.

#### International series

#### Personal accountability before God

**Ezek. 18:2-4** The captives kept repeating an old and familiar proverb: "The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge." They quoted this proverb in an attempt to place the blame for their plight on the sins of their forebearers and thereby justify themselves. Through Ezekiel God refuted their charge against him and then taught that every individual is answerable to God for his own thoughts, words and deeds.

**Ezek. 18:19-24** Ezekiel's hearers wanted to continue shifting the blame for their evil ways to others. No one can evade his personal responsibility regardless of how hard he may try to do so. Ezekiel challenged the people to acknowledge their sins and to repent of them, to be faithful in their obedience in all things and to rest assured that God would fulfill his purpose in and through them.

**Ezek. 18:30-31** Through Ezekiel God called upon those who had sinned to repent of their sins, to turn from all of their wicked ways, to receive divine forgiveness and thereby escape punishment, to trust God for the supply of all their needs, to permit him to do for them what they could not do for themselves, to be faithful in their obedience to him and thereafter to enjoy true and victorious living as they followed his teachings and complied with his will. He assured them of God's presence with them, protection of them and provision for them.



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## on mission together

### I was hungry

Flipping through the cable television options I usually encounter some appeal for funds—to feed the hungry, care for orphans or meet emergency needs—much of it overseas.

Heartbreaking sequences of children with bloated bellies and mothers with dry breasts convey an awful truth about our world: **that there is enough food for everyone but we haven't become committed and unified enough to make it available.**

Efforts, great and small, continue to be made to meet these desperate needs. Countless groups, some better known than others, keep on trying. A consider-

able amount of tax money makes its way from the U. S. Treasury with the hope of help.

With such efforts—religious, political and humanitarian—there is inevitable corruption—parasitic individuals who would rob the poor, who do it "off the top" and never see the faces of the child who might have survived had he or she not been dishonest. I think God must have a special way of dealing with people who prosper at the expense of the poor and suffering. Some suggest that our own heavy-consumer culture is as parasitic as any individual who pads his pocket at the expense of the poor.

But even amidst the corruption, lives are saved, people are given hope and not a few live to remember with great gratitude the emergency relief which meant renewed life and vigor for their children and themselves.

It is right and biblical that Southern Baptists participate in the feeding of a hungry world. The strong medicine of Matthew 25 cannot be dismissed by a

sincere follower of Christ.

Southern Baptists make no big noise about what we do in hunger relief but what we do matters and **not one penny of hunger money is used for administration!** Few, if any other organizations, can make that claim.

- One dollar will purchase three balanced plates of food at the Clovis Brantley Baptist Center in New Orleans.
- \$10 will provide 10 bags of groceries for a church in Panama.

- \$25 will feed a family of five for two weeks through the Miami Baptist Association.

- \$610 will repair a bore hole which supplies fresh water to more than 1000 in Kenya.

- \$1350 will provide beans, rice and sorghum each day to 10,000 refugees in Rwanda.

These are but a few examples of what can be done with a few dollars.

World Hunger Day in the churches is the second Sunday in October. We won't want to forget it.

## Student Conference at Ridgecrest

# Students encouraged to be involved in missions

by Frank White

Students participating in the 1989 Student Conference at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center were challenged to be personally involved in missions.

Speakers in Bible studies and worship services focused on the imperative of missions and students meeting in small group sessions discussed living out a commitment to missions on campuses and throughout the world.

Seminar options throughout the week dealt with evangelism, missions and missions involvement.

Public commitments to missions, full time ministry and rededications numbered 150 during the week and Greg Floyd, director of Baptist campus ministries at the University of Miami in Florida, said he believes the focus on missions had an impact on students.

Floyd said three students from his campus made public commitments to missions, 10 made rededications, two announced their intentions to enter full time ministry and one accepted Christ as his personal savior.

"God selects people for his work. He commits to support them, and then he walks with them," Charlie Baker, pastor of Southern Hills Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., said during Bible studies.

Harold Branch, retired pastor from Corpus Christi, Tex., said a personal experience with Jesus Christ is within it-

self a call to missions.

"An experience with Christ is an experience that says, 'So send I you,'" Branch said.

In the opening session theme interpretation the call to missions was presented as a telephone call from God. The ringing telephone was used throughout the week to remind students that they have

the darkness to share the supernatural light."

Sharing that light one by one is how the kingdom of God is built, Baker said.

God uses people no matter what their background or ability, he continued.

"Sometimes God uses the weakest persons to accomplish his tasks," he said.

in his day," Baker said.

International students spend enough time in American universities to be introduced to Christ, be disciplined and then return to their home nation where they can lead others to Christ, Baker explained.

"The best strategy to reach the world would be to reach campuses. Your life is in one of the most strategic places in the world," Baker told the students.

Encouraging students to be involved in missions wherever they are, Mildred McWhorter, a missionary in Houston, Tex., said, "We witness when the opportunity is there, not when it is convenient."

The way to be involved in missions is to let it become a lifestyle, she said.

"Missions is loving Jesus so much it shows," she declared.

Fermin Whittaker, a regional coordinator for planning at the Home Mission Board, encouraged students to avoid cultural and economic barriers in efforts to spread the gospel.

"We need to cross over cultural barriers and reach the people God has placed in our path," Whittaker said.

More than 1500 persons were registered for Ridgecrest Student Conference sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Student Ministry Department. Another student conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center registered more than 2500 persons.

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received a call from God to be involved in missions.

"The phone has been ringing off the wall for many of us," Neil Jones, pastor of Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va., told the students.

"God calls us out of the darkness of the world into his supernatural light," Jones said. "Then he sends us back into

Being in college and preparing for the future is no reason to fail to share the message of Christ with people now, Baker said. He said he believes college campuses may be the best places today to share the gospel with the world.

"I think the apostle Paul would spend time on university campuses today just as he focused his ministry on seaports

## BSU provides basis, direction for couple's music ministry

by Frank White

Mack and Shayla Blake met and first sang together at a Glorieta (N. M.) Student Conference nine years ago.

They credit student ministry not only with bringing them together but with giving them a basis and direction for their music ministry.

The couple provided special music for the 1989 Student Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C., Aug. 12-18.

They sing in church revivals, BSUs and other youth and high school gatherings and were chosen by the ACTS television network last fall to be featured in the network's outstanding new artists series. The Ridgecrest Student Conference is probably the largest national group they have sung for, Blake said.

Although Blake was a new Christian when he entered college and Mrs. Blake was from a Southern Baptist family and attended a Southern Baptist school both found the BSU was a place for them to grow spiritually.

After two years attending Stetson University, a Baptist school in DeLand, Fla., Mrs. Blake spent a year with a traveling fine arts team to help strengthen new BSUs.

"That year increased my awareness of the need for BSUs and I realized the college campus is really a mission field," Mrs. Blake said.

Blake said he was looking for

friends who could support him in his newfound Christianity when he went to the BSU in 1976 as a freshman at Louisiana Tech University, Ruston. "I knew I couldn't hang around the folks I had been with before."

"BSU was the beginning of my music ministry. It was the first place for me to use music as a missions emphasis," Blake said.

He met Mrs. Blake when his BSU singing group presented a new musical at the Glorieta (N. M.) Student Conference in 1980.

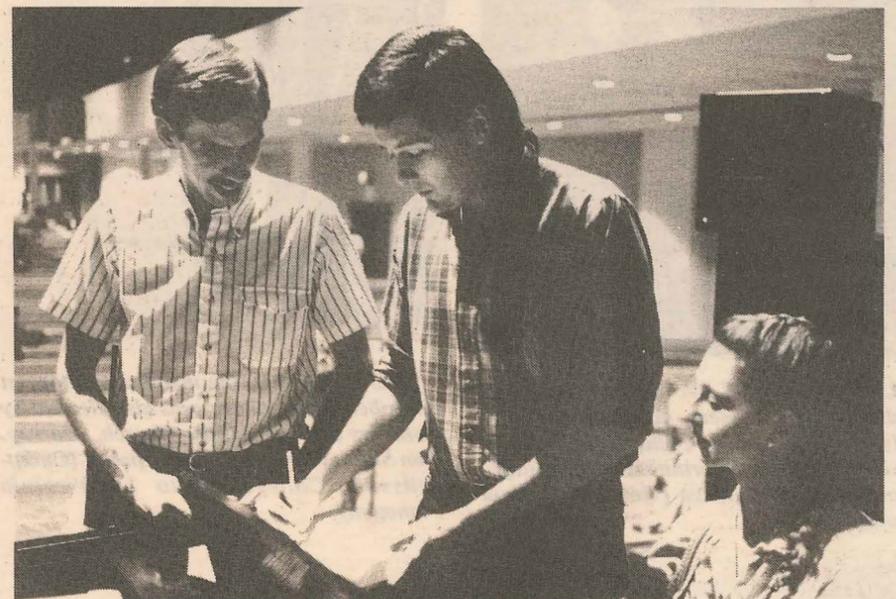
Mrs. Blake, who after working with the traveling team had transferred to Texas Tech, Lubbock, was playing the piano for the conference. She and Blake sang a special together.

As Blake continued school at Ruston and singing with the BSU group, Mrs. Blake became involved in the music ministry of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, and the BSU at Texas Tech. They had a long distance courtship before marrying in 1982.

"We started singing together as a continuation of the music we had been doing separately," Blake said.

Three years ago Blake quit his full time job as a grocery store manager. In addition to their music ministry Blake is a partner with two others in an audio business which primarily designs sound systems for churches.

In June the Blakes marked their seventh wedding anniversary. Their



Mack and Shayla Blake check last minute plans with Gwin Edwards, left, before an evening worship session during the 1989 Student Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C. The Blakes led music during the conference and attribute BSU with helping develop their music ministry. Edwards worked as audio technician for the Blakes during the week. He is a partner with Blake in an audio systems business in Ruston, La.

seven-month-old daughter Abigail was with them at Ridgecrest.

Although the two travel frequently to perform they try to be involved in their own church, Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, as much as possible.

They lead music in two Sunday school departments. Blake takes up offering on Sunday mornings and they are involved in the church's music programs.

While they aren't sure what the future of their music career is they want their first priority to be to share

Christ, Blake said.

"People tell us to get a contract with a music company," Mrs. Blake said.

"I'm not sure a contract is one of our goals," Blake said. "It is a possibility but we haven't pushed it."

For now they want to continue using their music to share Christ with college and high school students.

This fall the Blakes will be featured at the Florida state BSU convention and during a focus week at Houston (Tex.) Baptist University.

## Serving with Hammers

# Volunteers Work At Campbellsville

There's been a lot of hammering, cleaning, painting and carpeting at Campbellsville College this summer.

Church groups from Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown and First Baptist Church in Murray have volunteered their labor for several maintenance projects at the College.

The Severns Valley Baptist Church men worked in the Administration Building dividing a large room into a classroom, conference room and switchboard area. They also did some painting when they finished the construction work and also repaired outside windows of the AD building.

This is the second year men from Severns Valley have volunteered at the College.

Women and men from First Baptist Church in Murray cleaned and painted two dormitories. They also painted the Little Auditorium, a conference room in the Student Union Building, and did electrical and carpentry work. They also did some outside grounds work on the College's campus.

Campbellsville College President Dr.

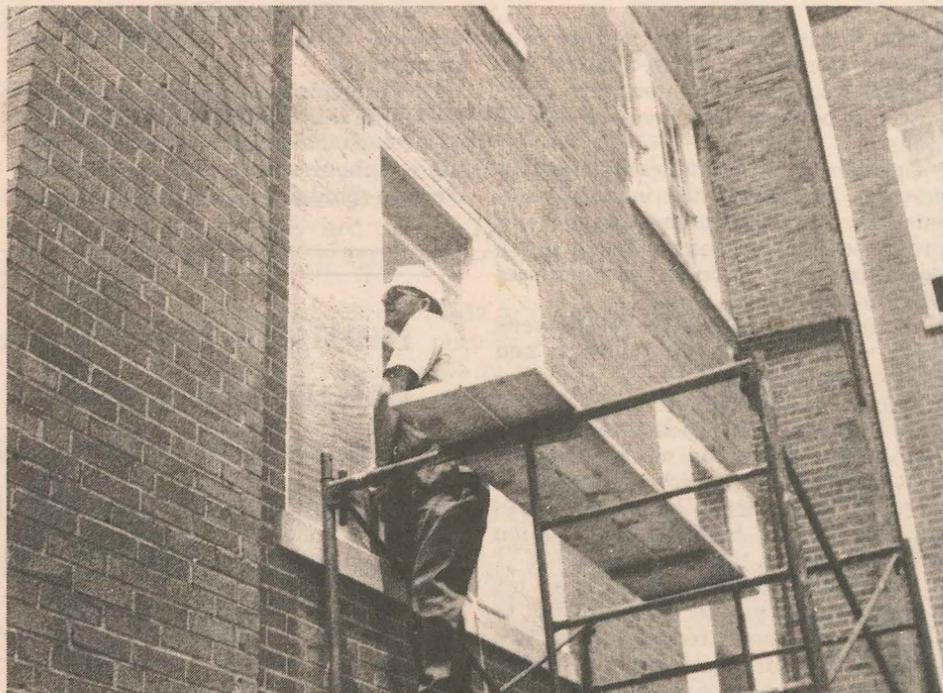
Ken Winters thanked both groups for their service and dedication to Campbellsville College.

The Rev. Greg Earwood, pastor of First Baptist Church in Murray, the former church of Winters, was with the group which included: Elvie and Owen Billington, Ralph Darnell, Opal Giltner, Joe and Lorene Harlow, Dot and Marvin Harris,

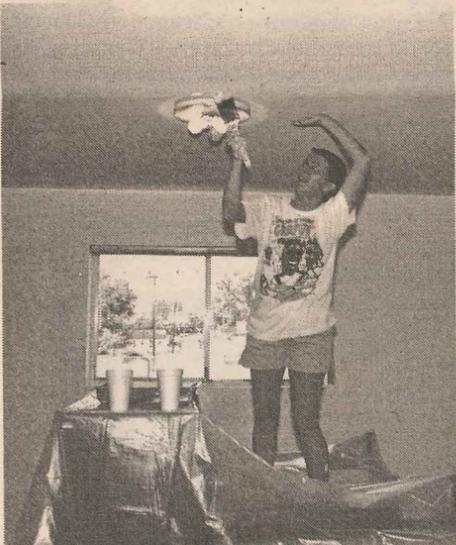
Opal Howard, Joetta Kelly, Paul Lyons, Allen and Pauline McCoy, Charles and Jane McDaniel, Edna McKinney, W.J. Pitman, Lisa Winters Ray, Mildred Robertson, Brenda Rowland,

Lisa Rudolph, Gil Sewell, Ivan Sewell, Dan and Mary Shipley, Keith Tabers, Fred and Jessie Workman, Benjamin Wright, Ron Wright and Archie Simmons.

The group from Severns Valley Baptist Church included: Edns Hodges, Frank Taul, Lawrence Hall, Herbert Blick, Loy Brashear, Effrim Duvall, Bill Caso, Gerry Gamble, Bill Smith, Ted McEvers, Roy Rich, Shawn Rich, Bill Cofer, Don Wolfe, Frank Garcia and Ross Nicholson.



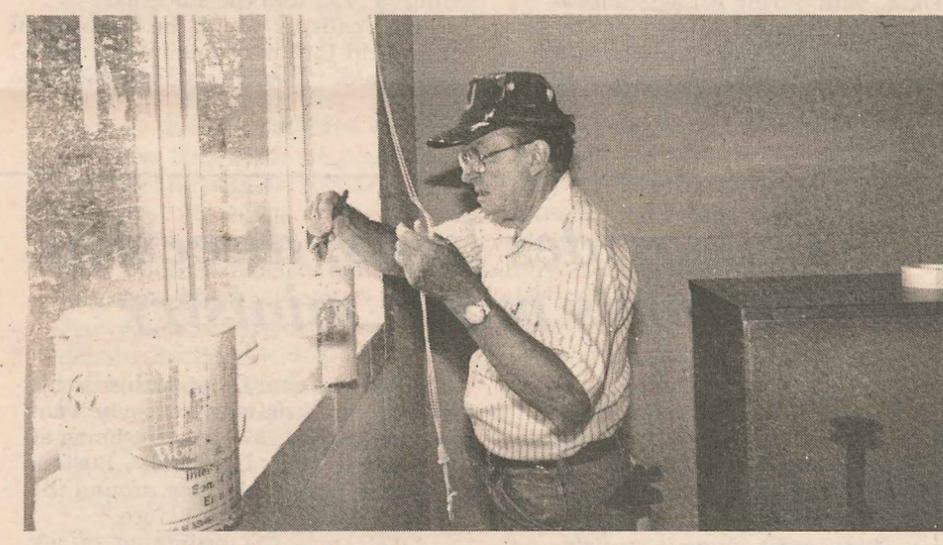
LAWRENCE HALL of Elizabethtown, chairman of Campbellsville College's Board of Trustees, works on a window outside of the College's Administration Building. This is the second year a group from Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown has volunteered to do repair work at Campbellsville College. (Campbellsville College Photo by Deana Duncan)



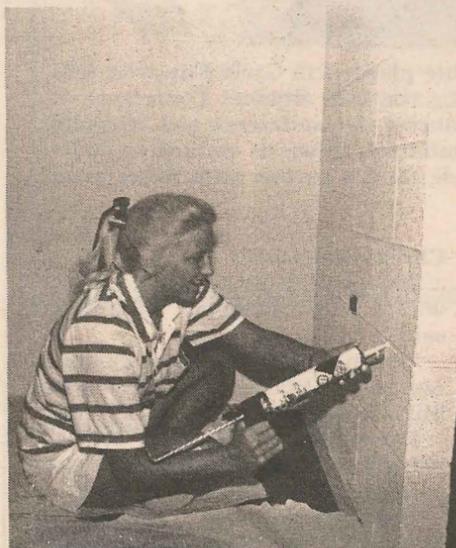
LISA WINTERS RAY, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ken Winters, paints a ceiling in North Hall, a dormitory at the college. (Campbellsville College Photo by Virginia Flanagan)



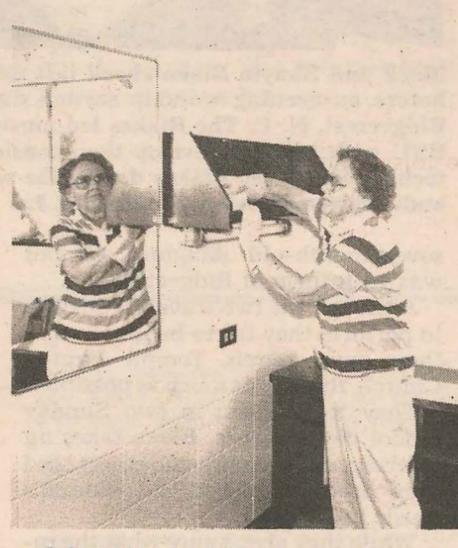
SOUTH HALL, the men's dormitory at Campbellsville College, was also cleaned by members of First Baptist Church, Murray. Dan Shipley applies a coat of paint. (Campbellsville College Photo by Virginia Flanagan)



FRED WORKMAN of Murray's First Baptist Church paints a room in South Hall. (Campbellsville College Photo by Virginia Flanagan)



LISA RUDOLPH of Murray caulked a wall in a dormitory room at North Hall at Campbellsville College. (Campbellsville College Photo by Virginia Flanagan)



PAULINE MCCOY, a member of the First Baptist Church in Murray, cleans a shelf in North Hall, a dormitory at Campbellsville College. (Campbellsville College Photo by Virginia Flanagan)



ED HODGES, kneeling, and Ross Nicholson from Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown build a conference room in Campbellsville College's administration building room 15. The men renovated the room to include a classroom, conference room and the College's switchboard. (Campbellsville College Photo by Deana Duncan)