

Southeastern News

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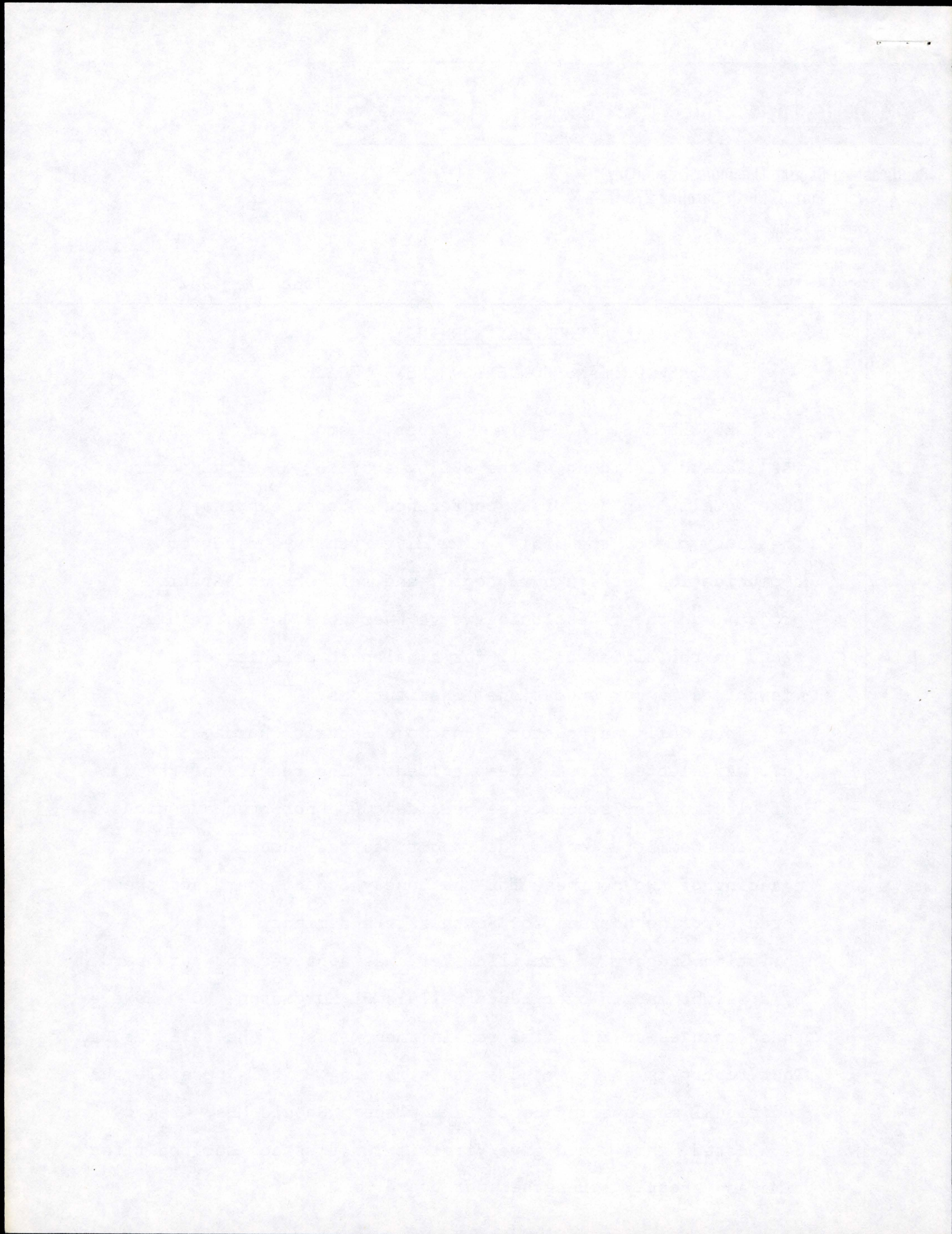
THURSDAY MORNING

NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION NEWS UPDATE

NEW ORLEANS, LA. - Jimmy Draper, pastor from Euless, Tx. was elected president of the SBC by a 57 to 43% margin over Duke McCall. In his press conference, Draper expressed an inerrancy view of the Bible, a call for unity and better communication between our people, and said the cooperative program was the finest thing we've ever done. Despite his stand on the Bible, he call for a balanced teaching of all viewpoints in our educational institutions.

John Sullivan, pastor, Broadmore Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., was elected first vice-president. The results of the run-off election for second vice-president have not been announced.

The Committee on Boards report has been amended by the changing of two nominees for the Sunday School Board and the North Carolina nominee for Southeastern Seminary's board. Christian Gregory of Danville, Va., was approved for our board by a slight margin over Eddie Sellers of Morganton, NC. However, these changes at this time remain amendments to the full report. That report is to be acted on this morning. It is possible that additional maneuvering could take place. Should Mrs. Gregory be elected, this would give Virginia two trustees for the first time and greatly strengthen our board.



The new Committee on Boards was elected Wednesday. The North Carolina representatives are Robert Tenery and Joe Langston. This board will nominate trustees next year.

Southeastern's alumni meeting yesterday was a great success. More than 500 attended. The largest we've ever had for a sit-down meal. Calvin Metcalf, Knoxville, Tenn. was elected president and Bill Self, Atlanta, Ga. was elected president-elect.

Closing Comment--Even though more than 17,000 voted on the first presidential ballot, only 15,000 voted in the run-off election between Draper and McCall. By the time the Committee voted on the trustee nomination, the vote had dropped to less than 10,000, indicating many of the people came to vote only for the president of the Convention. Based on the results of the amendments to the Committee on Boards reports, it seems that the viewpoints of the messengers have shifted from the right to a more moderate position. This impression will be tested today when the Convention votes on the resolutions. Information indicates that the resolutions lean toward the far right.

Greetings from Bourbon Street and other exciting places in New Orleans. See you soon.

