

Last March the Trustees approved a plan whereby a fund provided by family and friends of Mrs. Esther Adams would be established for a ministry with student wives. The inaugural event for the Esther Adams Fund was held on campus February 5-6. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Petty and Dr. and Mrs. Winston Pearce were leaders for a two-day focus on the ministries of student wives. Through the years this fund will have profound positive impact on the families of Southeastern students.

ESTHER ADAMS  
FUND INAUGURAL

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February 12-16 featured a triple-header on campus: the annual Pastors' Seminar, the Adams Lectures on Preaching and the Practice of Ministry, and the annual Chaplains' Conference. Almost 200 persons were registered for the seminars. Dr. Fred Craddock delivered the Adams Lectures to outstanding crowds. In all, it was the week that was!

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The special campaign for endowment and capital funds is now in the leadership enlistment phase. Seven top leaders have already been enlisted and are participating in the contacts with other potential leadership throughout the campaign.

SPECIAL  
CAMPAIGN

A special leadership training event will be held on campus Monday, March 12.

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The annual Student Mission-Ministry Conference was held on campus February 23-25. Enrollment was 120. The conference theme was "Free To Be." Featured leaders were: James Dunn of the Christian Life Commission, Texas; Joel Gajardo, National Council of Churches; Stanley A. Nelson, Foreign Mission Board; William R. O'Brien, Foreign Mission Board; and Gary Rand, singer, "Seeds".

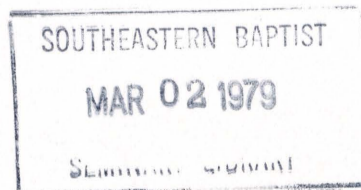
MISSION  
MINISTRY  
CONFERENCE

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February 23 was Intern Day. The event was sponsored by the Formation In Ministry Council. The purpose of the day was to welcome prospective intern placements/supervisors to the campus to meet with students interested in a one year internship in some area of ministry. Attendance was excellent.

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The SBC Executive Committee met in Nashville February 19-21. Several actions were taken which affect Southeastern Seminary. The Committee:

SBC EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE

1. Approved a completely re-written program statement for the SBC seminaries.
2. Approved the following recommendation regarding a 7th SBC seminary:

"Whereas that after hearing representatives of the areas named in the Gritz motion, and after review of the study of seminary enrolment needs by the Research Department of the Sunday School Board, it does not appear now that a seventh seminary is feasible.

Whereas that the six seminaries be requested together to outline for the Institutions Workgroup possibilities of extending their ministries for meeting the needs for theological education in the state conventions in the Northeast, the North Central, the West and the Northwest and that they report in September 1979. We suggest to the seminaries that they involve representatives of the areas named in their studies. It is understood that this study is in keeping with another study currently underway."

3. Turned down a proposal to merge the SBC Brotherhood with the Sunday School Board.
4. Designated Kansas City as the site for the 1984 SBC Convention (June 8-15) and Dallas for the 1985 Convention (June 7-14).
5. Elected Dr. Harold C. Bennett, Executive Secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, as successor to Dr. Porter Routh, Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Committee.
6. Adopted the following budgetary recommendations:

Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative  
Program Allocation Budget

	<u>1978-79</u>	<u>1979-80</u>
Total Basic Operating Budget	\$62,000,000	\$68,500,000
Total Capital Needs	2,000,000	2,500,000
Subtotal	<u>\$64,000,000</u>	<u>\$71,000,000</u>
Bold Mission Thrust Challenge	<u>11,000,000</u>	<u>12,000,000</u>
Total Cooperative Program Allocation Budget	<u>\$75,000,000</u>	<u>\$83,000,000</u>



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Cooperative Program Basic Operating Budget

	<u>1979-80</u>
Foreign Mission Board	\$33,352,658
Home Mission Board	13,375,000
Annuity Board	325,000
Golden Gate Seminary	1,279,564
Midwestern Seminary	1,324,514
New Orleans Seminary	2,342,835
Southeastern Seminary	2,317,319
Southern Seminary	3,440,372
Southwestern Seminary	4,182,888
Southern Baptist Foundation	181,900
American Seminary	160,500
Brotherhood Commission	615,250
Christian Life Commission	449,400
Education Commission	310,300
Historical Commission	235,400
Radio-TV Commission	3,210,000
Stewardship Commission	294,250
Public Affairs Committee	272,850
SBC Operating Budget	704,000
Seminary Endowment	126,000
Total	<u>\$68,500,000</u>

Capital Needs Budget

Golden Gate Seminary (library & faculty offices)	\$1,314,000
Southeastern Seminary (housing & faculty offices)	600,000
Southern Seminary (WMU Hall renovation)	528,000
Brotherhood Commission (training center)	58,000
Total	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

Bold Mission Thrust Budget

Foreign Mission Board	40 percent
Home Mission Board	40 percent
Radio-TV Commission	12 percent
Seminaries	<u>8 percent</u>
	100 percent

The formula for funding theological education was funded at 89.6% in contrast to 100% funding last year. This "short fall" resulted in 10.4% less funds than anticipated for each one of the seminaries.

For Southeastern it meant \$188,733 less than anticipated.

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