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SOUTHEASTERN TRUSTEES ELECT OFFICERS,
VOTE TO PROCEED WITH CLASSROOM PROJECTS

WAKE FOREST, N.C. - In their semi-annual meeting the Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here have elected officers and voted to proceed with two classroom projects.

Reelected to a second term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees was Sam D. Allen of Savannah, Ga. Allen is President of S.A., Allen Inc. of Savannah and a member of Bull Street Baptist Church.

Bill G. Bruster, pastor, Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Knoxville, Tenn., was elected vice-chairman. Reelected to second terms were Henry T. Finch, Jr., pastor, Oakland Baptist Church, Rock Hill, S. C., as secretary and Edgar Wyatt, President, Wyatt-Quarles Seed Co., Raleigh, N.C., as treasurer.

A \$400,000 development of the ground floor of Binkley Chapel into classrooms was approved by the trustees. The project will transform 11,000 sq. ft. of unused space into two large and four small classrooms equipped for a variety of teaching methods. Funds for the project will be provided by Southern Baptist Convention's capital funds.

In addition, the trustees approved a plan to refurbish Appleby Hall, a classroom facility. The \$55,000 project will be funded by grants from the Cannon Trust and the Appleby Trust Fund.

In his report to the Trustees, Southeastern President W. Randall Lolley announced that enrollment for the fall term shows a 2% increase over the previous year. All seminary housing is filled to capacity, Lolley said, and the new classroom space to be occupied in the fall of 1982 will be a substantial relief.

Lolley also announced that the school's \$3.5 million "Equipping for Bold Mission" campaign is nearing its goal. The campaign ends on Dec. 31. He also said that the seminary has completed an extensive self-study required by accrediting agencies every ten years.

In other action, the trustees:

- * adopted a plan for long range planning to set objectives for the period 1984-2000;

- * voted to purchase insurance coverage to protect the trustees, faculty, and administration in lawsuits which contend negligence in the performance of their responsibilities;

- * granted tenure to Professors Bruce P. Powers and Luke B. Smith;

- * approved sabbatical leave for Professor Richard Hester;

- * adopted a resolution of appreciation for retiring Assistant Business Manager Willie Edwin Bobo;

- * established the Missions Action Endowment Fund with a gift of \$46,453 from an anonymous donor; and

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* approved the charter and by-laws of The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Foundation, Inc. which will receive and manage gifts to the seminary.

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