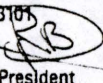


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INCREASE IN GIFTS, DONORS REPORTED

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WAKE FOREST, N.C. - Gifts to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here have reached a record \$1.1 million for the two-year period ending July 31, 1980, according to W. Robert Spinks, Assistant to the President for Financial Development.

With \$575,000 received in 1980, and \$526,000 in 1979, the Southern Baptist Convention seminary established records for each year, as well as a record for the two-year period. The total for 1980 was 9% above the previous year. Total donors for 1980 exceeded 1470, 14% over 1979.

"We are pleased," Spinks said, "that friends and alumni of the seminary have expressed a strong desire to join us in the preparation of Christian ministers."

Figures released by Spinks do not include income from the Convention's Cooperative Program, which currently provides more than 70% of the school's operating budget. Neither does it include fees received from students, who, because of the strong support of the churches through the Cooperative Program, pay no tuition.

The figures included gifts as follows:

Alumni	518 donors	\$ 28,537
Friends	839 donors	\$283,947
Foundations/ Corporations	43 donors	\$188,629
Others	79 donors	\$ 73,895

