

A federal judge in Fort Worth has ruled that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission does not have jurisdiction over Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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The suit was a class action one and the ruling applies to all six Southern Baptist seminaries. The ruling ended a two-and-a-half year court battle by ruling that EEOC did not have the right to require extensive records and reports from Southwestern Seminary. It was based on the fact that the seminary is "a wholly religious institution" receiving absolutely no federal funds whatsoever.

The case is significant since EEOC contends that it has jurisdiction over both churches and institutions of the churches. There is no word yet whether EEOC will appeal the ruling. This six seminaries have shared the cost of the case equally.

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Eleven students from Southeastern accompanied Dr. John Tresch, Associate Professor of Evangelism, to the Winter Olympics. Their 13-day mission was to dispense aid and spiritual comfort to the estimated 50,000 athletes, spectators, and reporters attending the

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games.

The group report that their experience has been "incredibly rewarding," and that "the entire project went even better than anticipated."

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The annual Student Mission/Ministry Conference was held on campus February 22-24 with the largest number registered in several years. The theme of the conference this year was "Living Parables." It involved worship, seminars, and entertainment led by both seminarians and visiting college students. The general chairperson for the conference was Susan Shirley.

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The SBC Executive Committee met February 18-19 at Nashville. Among the actions taken were the following:

SBC EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE

- To tighten SBC bylaws on voting and registration at annual meetings.
- Expressed support of the SBC Annuity Board in its controversy with the Internal Revenue Service over its rulings regarding the Board.
- Adopted a Cooperative Program Budget for 1980-81:
 

Basic Operating Budget -----	\$74,500,000
Capital Needs Budget -----	2,500,000
Bold Mission Thrust Challenge Budget--	<u>13,000,000</u>
	\$90,000,000
- Allocated Southeastern Seminary:
 

Basic Operating -----	\$2,549,205
Capital Funds --	582,444
Bold Mission Thrust Funds --	Pro rata share of 15% to the six seminaries
- Adopted a "model Annuity Board" retirement plan for Executive Committee employees.

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