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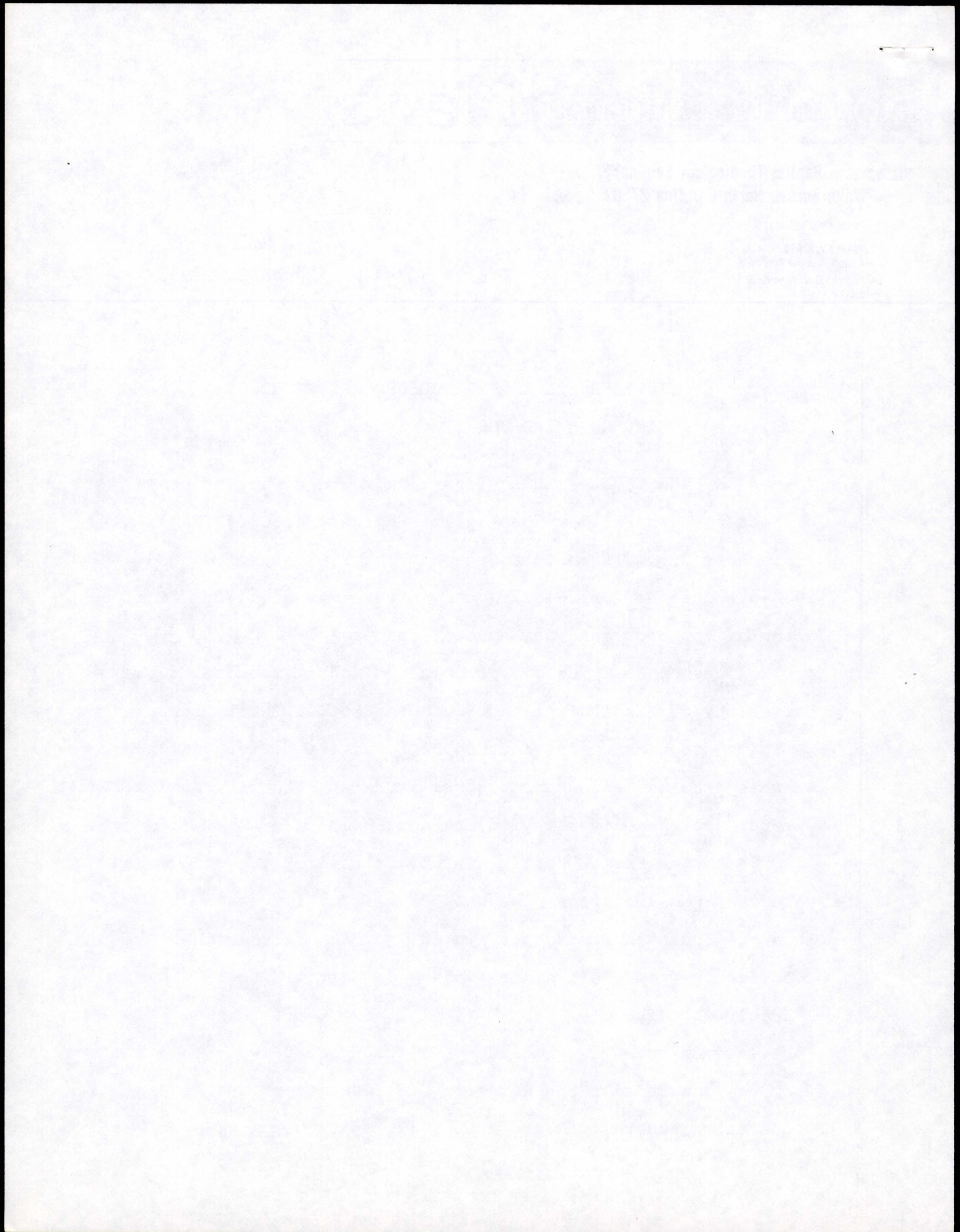
TRUSTEES ELECT MCKIBBENS, ADOPT BUDGET, GIVE GO-AHEAD FOR NEW STUDENT CENTER

WAKE FOREST, NC - In their spring meeting, the trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary elected Thomas R. McKibbens, Jr. as Associate Professor of Preaching; adopted a 1983-84 budget of \$5,201,276; and gave the go-ahead for final planning and bids on a new student center.

McKibbens, 35, is a native of Alabama and a graduate of the University of Mississippi and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, from which institution he holds the M.Div. and Ph.D degrees. He has also done further study at Regent's Park College, Oxford, and the University of St. Andrews.

Pastor of First Baptist Church, Bristol, Va., until early this year, McKibbens is presently on a study-leave and will join the Southeastern faculty in the summer of 1984. He will occupy the teaching post held since 1955 by J. Carroll Trotter who is retiring this July.

The new budget, a record, is slated to receive \$3,558,728 from the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention through its Cooperative Program. Representing 69% of the budget,



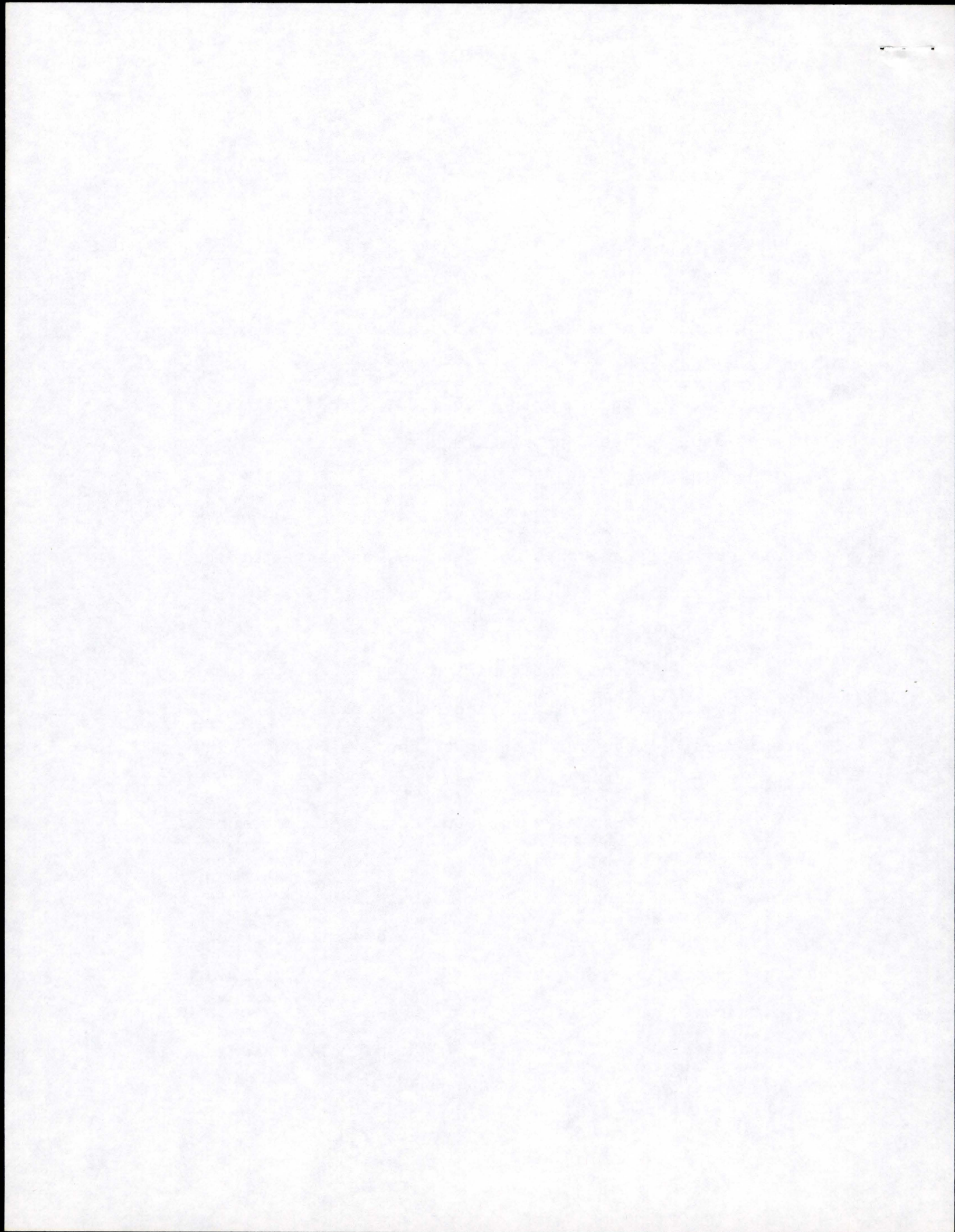
the Cooperative Program makes it possible for the Seminary to provide theological education without tuition. Students in 1983-84 will pay a \$250 matriculation fee each semester for educational expenses.

Construction of the student center will climax a long and detailed study into student activity needs. The new facility, to be funded with \$1,000,000 from the Cooperative Program capital needs program, and the remainder from gifts, will provide the Seminary with a Center equipped with lounge and dining areas, post office, book store, meeting rooms, areas for sports and physical fitness, and a center for commuting students. Total construction costs are estimated to be \$2,746,000.

The new student center will occupy Gore Gymnasium, long the scene of basketball and other athletic events for Wake Forest College prior to that school's move to Winston-Salem, N. C. in 1956.

Used by the Seminary for student recreation since 1956, the facility will be completely modernized. A two-story wrap-around addition will add a lobby, offices, meeting rooms, handball courts, an elevator and stairs, as well as add a new entrance and provide a new, though complementary, appearance to the building. It is expected that contracts will be negotiated by the fall with construction taking about a year.

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The center will be named for Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ledford of Raleigh, N. C., Seminary benefactors. They are members of Raleigh's Hayes-Barton Baptist Church; he was co-chairman of the Board of Directors of Durham Life Insurance Co. prior to his retirement

Other action by the trustees:

*granted tenure to William P. Clemmons, Professor of Christian Education;

*approved sabbatical leaves during the 1983-84 year to Bruce P. Powers, Professor of Christian Education; John I Durham, Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament; Robert D. Dale, Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Church Ministries; and Ben S. Johnson, Professor of Music;

*adopted a new Seminary logo developed by the Public Relations Council; and

*established the following endowment funds:

- the Claud B. Bowen Fund for unrestricted endowment, in honor of the pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C., who for 19 years was a trustee of the seminary and for 9 years its trustee chairman
- the Charles Ray Rackley II Memorial Fund for Student Aid
- The George T. Noel III Memorial Fund for scholarship purposes. (This action formally establishes a Fund which has been in existence since 1962).

