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PRESIDENT LACEY REVIEWS THE ASBCS MEETING

The Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools held its annual meeting in San Antonio June 26-28. The meeting, attended by Presidents and Deans of Southern Baptist Colleges, offers an opportunity for informative seminars, fellowship, and sharing of concerns unique to Baptist Colleges. Some of the highlights of this

years' meeting follow.

One of the great moments of the annual meeting is the presentation of the Charles D. Johnson Outstanding Educator Award. The award is given annually to a person who has made a significant contribution to Southern Baptist higher education. This year's recipient was our own Thomas S. Field. Called a "giant among Baptists" by Stephen Carleton, Executive Director of the Education Commission, Field responded, "I am deeply moved by the recognition given me by my peers. Coming at this time in my life, the Charles Johnson Award is a blessing of the richest magnitude and one of encouragement." Field also elaborated on his formula for success in his many endeavors of striving for the highest quality, maintaining a deep spiritual commitment, and maintaining fiscal integrity. Field's many honors and achievements in the pastorate and in Baptist higher education were cited. The ceremony was especially

moving for those of us who work closely with Dr. Field and who call him friend as well as colleague.

As you may know, the Education Commission will no longer exist after 1998. Much of the discussion at the annual business meeting was about the future of the ASBCS. A study committee recommended that the Commission be phased out, that other funding sources be sought, that dues be increased, and that the CSIEC (Cooperative Services International Education Consortium) be supported by member institutions. I think the organization will continue but I do not think anyone has the answer as to how. In addition to the annual meeting the Commission publishes the Educator, handles loan funds, supervises the placement service, and provides assistance to the CSIEC. Perhaps the greatest loss is a voice in the Southern Baptist Convention for Baptist higher education.

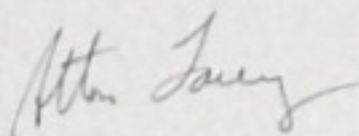
Jim Guenther, perhaps the leading author-

ity on legal matters for Baptist Colleges, gave an update on Title VII and Title IX regulations. He stressed the need for clear policies, job descriptions, and clean lines of authority. He also stressed the need for Computer Usage Policies. I sometimes feel a bit guilty about piling on the assignments related to these areas, but this meeting reaffirmed for me that it is necessary.

Another highlight of the meeting was hearing presentations by faculty members on the topic "Why I Am Where I Am." Many of you would resonate with the reasons faculty choose to teach in a Baptist College. (Bob Miller was to make a presentation but was unable to because of problems with his Latvia trip.)

After listening to some of the college presidents talk about problems at their colleges I felt pretty fortunate to be at MBC. I would put the spirit, dedication, and resourcefulness of our faculty and staff above any college I know of.

In a sudden burst of enthusiasm I volunteered our College to host the 1998 annual meeting. I was at Louisiana College when that school hosted the deans and presidents. I really don't know of anything in my 19 years at that school that did as much to get the school known among the other colleges and universities. It is a great opportunity for us to make a lasting impression on the Baptist higher education community. The group has never met here so we want to show them some real St. Louis hospitality. We are considering locations now so if you have any ideas, let me know.



TUITION EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Missouri Baptist College has entered into a tuition exchange program with the colleges in the list that follows. The program is a reciprocal agreement. For example, if Carson-Newman will give full tuition, we will also extend full tuition to the child of a faculty or staff member at Carson-Newman. If you have a dependent child who anticipates using this benefit, it would be wise to get the agreement in writing from the participating college. It is anticipated that other colleges will be added in the near future.

Averett College
Bluefield College
Brewton-Parker College
Campbellsville College
Carson-Newman College
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College
Cumberland College
Dallas Baptist University

East Texas Baptist University
Gardner-Webb University
Georgetown College
Hannibal-LaGrange College
Hardin-Simmons University
Howard Payne University
Judson College
Louisiana College
University of Mary
Hardin-Baylor
Mississippi College
University of Mobile
North Greenville College
Oklahoma Baptist University
Ouachita Baptist University
Southwest Baptist University
Union University
Virginia Intermont College
Wayland Baptist University
Williams College
William Jewell College

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JULY

Monday, July 17th
at 12:30 in the Cafeteria.