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THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION

At the December, 1965, meeting of the Missouri Baptist Convention Executive Board, a recommendation was approved which called for a committee of nine to study the possibility of consolidating Hannibal-LaGrange and Missouri Baptist Colleges.

This committee is composed of three members from each board of trustees who are not members of both boards, and three men who are presently members of both boards. The ex officio members are Dr. Earl Harding, Executive Secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention, L. A. Foster, President of Hannibal-LaGrange College and Frank Kellogg, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Missouri Baptist College. The committee appointed is as follows:

From both boards:

Ralph M. G. Smith, Chairman
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From Hannibal-LaGrange Board:

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From Missouri Baptist College Board:

Earl Forderhase
Clayton Baker
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Ex officio:

Earl Harding
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The Study Committee has been divided into three subcommittees to work in three areas: Legal, Financial, and Academic and Accreditation.

The Study Committee will bring a progress report to the July meeting of the Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

WHEN WILL THE NEW COLLEGE BEGIN OPERATING?

This seems to be one of the most frequently asked questions. In one sense of the word, the college at St. Louis is already operating. The new board of trustees has been at work for approximately three years. A new and beautiful 81-acre campus has been secured. The engineering task, including specification drawings, will soon be completed. The college has a charter and an executive.

It seems now that the official opening of the college for students will take place in the present facilities of the Extension Center in the Activities Building of Tower Grove Baptist Church. This is deemed acceptable and even wise by officials of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This important event could conceivably take place as early as February, 1967, and certainly not later than September, 1967.

When will students actually be accepted on the new campus? This is not an easy question to answer but certainly within a period of one and one-half to two years following the breaking of ground on the new site. The ground-breaking could take place as early as this fall. Of course, there is nothing official or final about the above statements, but it can safely be said there is more action than meets the eye. We have already come a long way toward realizing the new Missouri Baptist College in St. Louis.

The newsletter will attempt to keep all of our friends informed.

COLLEGE OFFICERS ATTEND B.E.S.T. CONFERENCE

The chairman of the board of trustees and the president of the college participated in the first B.E.S.T. (Baptist Education Study Task) conference June 13-16. The

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B.E.S.T. CONFERENCE (CONT.)

meeting, nationwide in scope, was held in our Sunday School Board facilities at Nashville, Tennessee. Many of our foremost Baptist leaders, not only in the field of higher education, but also in all phases of our Southern Baptist work, attended. This was the first annual conference and report meeting--the first half of a two-year study of higher education currently being sponsored by the Southern Baptist Education Commission and the Convention Executive Committee. The final report of this study will be given in June, 1967.

At this mid-point a few matters stand out rather clearly regarding the attitude of Southern Baptists toward their 73 schools.

1. There is probably more serious interest on the part of Southern Baptists in their schools than we have known in the past 150 years of Southern Baptist education.
2. There is likely a greater appreciation for our colleges on the part of Baptists than ever before.
3. Our colleges are academically stronger than at any time in our past.
4. Financial concern for our schools is almost universal among our Baptist supporters.
5. Baptists are not in agreement concerning the use of federal funds for college facilities.
6. Our greatest problem in Baptist higher education is not necessarily financial as is frequently supposed.
7. There is a new emphasis upon arriving at more clearly-defined purposes on the part of the colleges as well as the denomination.

We will await with interest the final results of this exceedingly important study of Southern Baptist schools.

The New College Staff

For some time I have been receiving letters from those who are interested in being identified with the new college. Though we will not be in a position in the near future to enter into contracts, letters of interest are invited. Simply write:

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