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By Steve DeVane

North Carolina Biblical Recorder

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (ABP)- After an unusual gift of a car to a former president's personal aide caused a stir on the campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, auditors made "a number of constructive suggestions for improvements" to financial procedures at the Wake Forest, N.C., school.

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By Brent Thompson

Southwestern Seminary

FORT WORTH (BP)—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees continued making plans to move forward on an undergraduate college during their October meeting.

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Students involved in religious life report better emotional health, research shows

By Adelle Banks

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-College students with significant religious involvement report better emotional health than those with no involvement, new research from the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles shows.

Texas Baptist Men work with Brazil's leaders to form faith-

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Texas Baptist Men work with Brazil's leaders to form faith-based disaster relief network

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Texas Baptist Men recently began laying the foundation for a faith-based disaster relief network across Brazil that could strengthen the work of Christians there while saving the government millions of dollars.

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

Texas Baptist churches in growing numbers seem to believe good things come to those who wait-particularly when it comes to finding a pastor.

By the numbers

Total BGCT
congregations:

5,696

Pastorless
congregations:

744

Anglo: 465

Hispanic: 205

African-American:
42

Other: 32

*Source: BGCT
Research
Information
Services*

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By Jonah King

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-About three U.S. teenagers in 10 have gone on at least one religious mission trip or participated in a religious service project, a new study says.

Texas Tidbits_110804

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Texas Tidbits

Wayland trustees OK funds transfer. Wayland Baptist University trustees have approved a recommendation to use surplus funds toward a student activity center planned for the Plainview campus. The board's finance committee recommended that \$1 million be moved from a surplus operating fund at the Baptist Foundation of Texas into an account of funds already raised toward the Laney Activities Center. The project will be completed in two phases, with the first involving a double gymnasium, indoor running track, weights and aerobics area, classrooms and student lounge. Total projected cost for that phase is \$5.6 million. To date, gifts and pledges for the activity center total around \$2.3 million, and the university

hopes to be able to approach foundations and other donors to help secure the remainder needed to fund the center.

UMHB hosts forum. David Beasley, former governor of South Carolina, will be the keynote speaker at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor College of Business economic development forum, noon to 2 p.m. Nov. 17. Beasley will speak on the post-election United States economy and about global trade and its impact on Texas.

DBU Patriot Weekend offers preview. Dallas Baptist University will offer prospective students a college preview during Patriot Weekend, Nov. 12-13. The two-day preview is designed to provide high school juniors and seniors and their parents information on financial aid options, the admissions process and campus life. Students will have the opportunity to interview for Christian leadership scholarships while parents meet DBU administrators. The weekend concludes with a concert by DBU's student ministry team, Glowing Heart. The cost for students is \$25, which includes lodging and meals, as well as meals for their parents. For more information, call (214) 333-5360, or e-mail admiss@dbu.edu. Students who are unable to attend the weekend in November may register for the next Patriot Weekend, Feb. 11-12.

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Urge lawmakers to do what is good

Is it important that Texas Baptists work together? Well, judge for yourself.

Texas is growing rapidly. By 2010, 9 million Hispanics will live here. This is 23 percent more than now. The non-Hispanic population will increase by 5 percent, or 676,000, so that in six years, there will be approximately 24.5 million people in Texas.

That is why starting new churches, with an emphasis on starting Hispanic churches, must remain a high priority for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. In 1994, there were 801 Hispanic congregations; now there are 1,131, a 41 percent increase. That must continue. We have emphasized working with Hispanic congregations to start churches, and more than 100 Hispanic churches have or are sponsoring new congregations.

CHARLES WADE Executive Director BGCT Executive Board
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Texas Baptist Communications

Texas Baptists are looking for more than a few clean teeth.

Personal morality beats social justice at the polls_110804

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Personal morality beats social justice at the polls

By Kevin Eckstrom & Michele Melendez

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Forget Iraq. Forget terrorism. Forget the economy. The biggest factor shaping Americans' votes on Nov. 2 was the mother of all sleeper issues—"moral values."

Wayland marks 20 years of making a mark in San Antonio_110804

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By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

SAN ANTONIO—When Jim Antenen became dean of Wayland Baptist

University's San Antonio campus two years ago, he discovered it already was a thriving school, settled into a new 33,000-square-foot facility on Interstate 35 with enrollment figures rising each term. He thought things couldn't get any better.

Low-income mentally ill people find hope at the Well_110804

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

DALLAS—Joel Pulis ministers to a previously unreached people group—lower-income people with mental illness.