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News Briefs

- President-elect Bill Clinton, Vice President-elect Al Gore, House Speaker Thomas Foley and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell met Sunday night at the Arkansas Governor's mansion to discuss goals for the new administration. Clinton will meet with President Bush today and Thursday when he makes his first post-election trip to Washington.
- Two Detroit police officers were charged Monday with murder and one with manslaughter in the beating death of black motorist, Malice Green. A fourth officer was charged with intent to do bodily harm.
- The government returned to court Monday to fight a court order that gave Keith Meinhold, a petty officer in the U.S. Navy, his job back. Meinhold is an admitted homosexual.
- Parents and students jammed the Wake County School Board meeting Monday to appeal a ban on school prayer. The parents and students feel that the board went beyond a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision prohibiting prayer at graduation ceremonies. Board members said they had no choice but to uphold the ruling.
- Hard to believe it's basketball season again. Four ACC teams are on the Associated Press' Top 25 list. Duke University came in at number three, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill at seven, Florida State University at nine, and Georgia Tech at 14.
- *Saturday Night Live* star Phil Hartman does not want President-elect Bill Clinton to be offended by his impersonation of him. In fact, Hartman voted for Clinton.

Baptist State Convention ruling allows colleges autonomy in choosing trustees

by Tracey Rawls

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention decided Tuesday to allow a dozen convention agencies and institutions more autonomy in choosing trustees.

"This step, which was achieved with broad support, saves North Carolina Baptists from going through the same painful experience suffered by South Carolina Baptists when they lost Furman University," said Marse Grant, editor emeritus of the *Biblical Recorder*.

The proposal, *The Report of the Institutions Relationship Study Committee*, called for the allowance of "up to one-fourth of the trustees or directors of each college, university, social service institution, *Biblical Recorder* and Foundation" to be members of Southern Baptist churches outside of NC. The remaining trustees and directors "must be members of Baptist churches affiliated with the Baptist State Convention." All trustees and directors would be elected by the Convention. Previously, the Convention had nominated all trustees and directors.

The report also called for allowing the institutions or agencies to nominate up to one-half of the trustees or directors, "with a corresponding reduction in Cooperative Program support." For example, if the institution nominated 40% of their trustees, then Cooperative Program support would be reduced by 40%.

The dozen agencies and institutions affected by this proposal are the *Biblical Recorder*, Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, NC Baptist Foundation, Campbell University, Chowan College, Gardner-Webb



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The Board of Trustees and Meredith administration are pictured above (front to back, left to right) Dr. Allen Burris, Margaret Parker, Dr. John Weems, Dr. Murphy Osborne, Charles Taylor, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Dr. LaRose Spooner, Jean Cooper, Barbara Allen, Mary Jon Roach, Ruby McSwain, Betty Coward, Jane Byrd, Faye Broyhill, Rogers Clark, Jo Ellen Ammons, Dr. Luther Brewer, Theo Pitt, Glenn White, George Griffin, Earl Spangler, Norman Kellum, Judge David Britt, Hilton Tetterton, Hubert Ledford, Virginia Poe, Fred Stone, Earl Pope, Ernestine Newman, Fred Smith, Dr. Robert Outland, Robert Bryan, Dr. Leon Smith, Robert Lewis, Claude Williams, Dr. Mack Thompson, Everett Henry, Charles Barham, Ron Withrow, and George McCotter.

College, Mars Hill College, Meredith College, Wingate College, Baptist Children's Homes, Baptist Retirement Homes and Baptist Hospital.

Last year Meredith College received \$975,360 from the Cooperative Program.

"I do not know how Meredith will respond [to the proposal]. That's an issue for the Board of Trustees ... we did support the amendment because we think it is a healthy thing for NC Baptist colleges and universities," said Chuck Taylor, Vice President of

Business and Finance.

Approximately a dozen Meredith College administrators attended the Convention — some as delegates from their churches. Meredith sponsored a booth at the Convention, and several administrators worked at the booth. Meredith also sponsored a dinner for alumnae who came to the Convention.

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