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**BSU-ERS Honor Two Killed  
Enroute To Convention**

DALLAS (BP)--More than 3,000 students attending the Texas Baptist Student Convention dedicated the closing service of the three-day gathering here to two persons killed enroute to the 51st annual event.

Lynn Ann Pinson, an 18-year-old freshman at Texas Tech, was killed instantly when a bus load of Baptist Student Union members from the Lubbock School overturned on a rain-slick road near Jacksboro, Tex. The driver T. R. McCurry, 51, of Lubbock, died later in the hospital where 13 students were hospitalized with injuries.

The students at the convention were visibly saddened, but one explained to an inquiring newsman why there was no air of pervading gloom.

"The loss of Lynn and Mr. McCurry is painful to their families and friends," the co-ed explained, "but we who believe in the power of Jesus Christ know that death is not the end. That's why we can face tragedy without morbid gloom."

David Dixon, 20, state Baptist Student Union president from North Texas State University, Denton, Tex., called on the students to stand in silent prayer for the accident victims.

"Tragedy in the midst of our Christian celebration here may seem ironic," Dixon told students from 81 campuses in the Sunday morning service at Cliff Temple Baptist Church, "but strangely it adds a significant note of reality because of the painful suffering around us which we, as Christians, must minister to."

In their business sessions, the students voted to raise \$31,500 for summer missions projects and endorsed a statement against liquor-by-the-drink.

The liquor-by-the-drink statement, adopted by unanimous standing vote, said, "Texans can vote for stronger enforcement, better liquor laws and against legalizing open saloons by voting "no" to Proposition Two on Nov. 3.

"The same concern for human life that moves us to work for peace motivates us to work against looser liquor laws when drunken drivers kill as many persons each year as have been killed during the entire war in Southeast Asia," the statement continued.

Students will raise \$31,500 for summer missions to send 60 of their organization to eight foreign countries and a number of cities across the United States next summer.

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**Journeyman To Philippines  
Miss Diane Williams, Dies**

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LEXINGTON, Ky. (BP)--Miss Diane Williams, Southern Baptist missionary journeyman to the Philippines, died Oct. 18 at Saint Joseph Hospital, here following an extended illness. She had returned to the states last March on medical leave after Filipino doctors had diagnosed her illness as aplastic anemia.

A funeral service was held Oct. 20 in Winchester, Ky., with burial in Winchester. Stanley A. Nelson, director of the Foreign Mission Board's journeyman program, represented the board at the services. Some former journeymen to the Philippines who are now attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., also attended.

Miss Williams was employed by the board in April 1969 for a two-year term of service in Nigeria, but was reassigned to the Philippines. She resided in M'Lang in the providence of Cotabato where she taught elementary school for the children of missionaries.

Miss Williams was born in Biloxi, Miss., but spent most of her years in Lexington and Winchester. She was graduated from the University of Kentucky, Lexington,

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Bible Way School  
Begins In Guyana

by Mary Love

RICHMOND (BP)--The Bible Way Correspondence School has been launched in Guyana, South America, with its first course, "This Is Jesus." In the first four weeks, 460 letters were received from persons requesting the course.

Adapted from the highly successful Bible way school in Zambia, Africa, the course was written by Manget Herrin, Southern Baptist missionary associate, and edited by Motie Surdeen, a Guyanese pastor.

"This Is Jesus," read an advertisement in three Sunday newspapers, "Free Bible correspondence course from the Bible Way Correspondence School. Please enroll me and send me the free course."

Some who answered the ad filled out the questions in a test booklet and sent it back to be graded. Of the first 32 who returned the booklet, 14 indicated that they had accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Bible Way puts a Bible study about Jesus into the hands of inquirers, helps inform people about Baptist churches in Guyana, and provides a follow-up program for new converts.

A letter with a certificate, an invitation to attend the nearest Baptist church or mission and the pastor's name is sent to the convert. Then a letter giving his name is sent to the pastor.

Mailing, grading and writing letters is being done in Herrin's office at his home. A sequel has been written and will be ready for the press as soon as another local pastor edits it.

In this young, sophisticated nation where education is of prime importance, the Bible way correspondence school can make a real impact and is filling a need long recognized by the Guyana Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). With Catholicism, Hinduism, Islam and spiritualism prevailing in Guyana, many people who would never attend an evangelical church are writing for the Bible Way Course.

The Bible Way Correspondence School was started in 1964 by Southern Baptist missionaries in Zambia. It has enabled a small staff of missionaries to teach Bible courses to about 12,300 Africans since then. Groups of missionaries throughout Africa are duplicating the correspondence school's ministry.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Mary (Mrs. Charles P.) Love, Southern Baptist missionary, is the SBC Foreign Mission Board's press representative for the Guyana Baptist Mission. She has been a homemaker in Georgetown, Guyana, since her missionary appointment in 1956. A native of Texas, she attended Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

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Children's Materials Editor  
Joins Sunday School Board

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Robert A. Brown, former pastor of churches in Tennessee, has joined the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as editor of children's curriculum materials in the church training department.

A native of Rutherford, Tenn., Brown served as pastor of Northern's Chapel Baptist Church, Rutherford; Spring Hill Baptist Church, Trenton; and Westover Baptist Church, Jackson, all in Tennessee.

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Brown is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

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Baptist VIEWpoll  
Martin B. Bradley, Director

Survey Shows Dallas Preferred  
As Site For SBC Annual Sessions

10/21/70

by Kenneth Hayes

NASHVILLE (BP)--Baptist VIEWpoll results reveal that a representative panel of Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers prefer Dallas, Tex., over 11 other cities suggested as possible Southern Baptist Convention sites.

The poll involved choosing any three of the 12 cities listed. It revealed that 53.9 per cent of the pastors and 52.8 per cent of the Sunday School teachers selected Dallas as one of their choices for location of annual convention sessions.

Ranking second as a choice was St. Louis, Mo. This preference was indicated by 53.1 per cent of the pastors and 48.7 per cent of the teachers.

Third and fourth places go to Miami Beach, Fla., and Houston, Tex., but the leaders were not agreed on the order of these choices.

Pastors made Miami Beach their third choice (50.8 per cent) and Houston their fourth (48.7 per cent); while teachers rated Houston third (42.2 per cent) and Miami Beach fourth (36.4 per cent).

The other eight suggested cities--Atlantic City, Chicago, Phoenix, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Minneapolis and Portland--appealed to less than one-fourth of the representative panel as most suitable annual SBC sites.

VIEWpoll findings were based on 92 per cent response of the panel members.

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Adrianna Bonham Named WMU  
Editorial Services Director

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BIRMINGHAM (BP)--Miss Adrianna Bonham has been elected director of the editorial services department of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) here.

Miss Bonham came to the national WMU office earlier this year as consultant in general administration, research, and program design.

Previously she was editor of Adventure and Storytime, children's papers published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

She has also served as manuscript editor at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and as an editorial assistant at the denomination's Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.

A native of Port Arthur, Tex., Miss Bonham is a graduate of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

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Baptists Blast Military  
'Use' of God and Religion

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Religious liberty demands that government not use religion for its own ends, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs declared to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

The government is guilty of such misuse of religion by requiring attendance at religious service in the nation's military academies, the Baptist agency said in a "friend of the court" brief filed in the case of Anderson V. Laird.

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In this case, two cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and nine midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis brought suit against the Secretaries of Defense, Army, Navy and Air Force in behalf of all cadets and midshipmen.

They charged that the compulsory chapel attendance regulation at the academies violates their religious liberty and is prohibited by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The cadets and midshipmen lost the first round of their fight against compulsory religion in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Judge Howard F. Corcoran ruled that the compulsory chapel attendance rule does not violate the Constitution.

He also declared that such a rule served the secular purpose of the military in the training of future officers.

The case has been appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals where it will probably be argued early in 1971. It is possible that the case will continue to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Baptist Joint Committee has an interest in the case because it believes that the principle of religious liberty and voluntarism in religion is jeopardized by the decision of the lower court, according to the committee's brief.

The Baptist brief was presented to the U.S. Court of Appeal by Attorney Joseph B. Friedman, who worked in consultation with John W. Baker, associate executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee.

Four arguments were developed in the brief. They are:

1. Required attendance by cadets and midshipmen at religious services establishes official religions. The brief also pointed out that exemption from attendance of those who object does not alter this violation of the "no establishment" clause of the First Amendment.

2. The "free exercise" of religion is denied the cadets and midshipmen by compelling them to attend religious services.

3. Mandatory chapel attendance for the future military officers constitutes a religious test for holding an office or public trust under the United States in violation of Article VI of the Constitution.

4. The principle of religious liberty which has permeated American constitutional development demands that government not use religion for ends appropriate to itself.

In support of the first two arguments the Baptist brief quoted from earlier Supreme Court decisions which upheld the First Amendment to the Constitution.

In the church tax case (Walz V. Tax Commission) the Supreme Court said: "The general principle deductible from the First Amendment and all that has been said by this court is this: that we will not tolerate either governmentally established religion or governmental interference with religion...."

Earlier in Everson V. Board of Education the court said: "Neither a state nor the federal government can set up a church. Neither can pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or prefer one religion over another. Neither can force nor influence a person to go to or to remain away from church against his will or force him to profess a belief or disbelief in any religion. No person can be punished for entertaining or professing religious beliefs or disbeliefs, for church attendance or non-attendance."

The Baptist brief continued the argument against compulsory religion in the military academies by declaring that "the government must not be allowed to 'use' God as an aid in military training."

The Baptist argument continued: "any attempt by government to manipulate God and religion for proximate human purposes, however worthy those purposes may be in their own milieu, is tinged with blasphemy and is also unconstitutional."

Reason cited for the Baptist blast was that the Pentagon argued in the District Court that the compulsory chapel attendance practice "is purely secular and an integral part of the military training accorded to the various groups of cadets." Judge Corcoran upheld the Pentagon argument. The stated purpose of the military in the compulsory chapel attendance "is to instill in the cadets an understanding of the religious values which can at times motivate the men who will ultimately come under their command."

The Baptist brief pointed out, using the lower court's figures, that more than 95 per cent of the officers in the armed services have not had this special use of religion afforded at the academies.

"The training of officers is a secular objective of government," the Baptist brief declared. "It is constitutionally inappropriate for government to use religion to achieve this goal. Worship or attendance at worship services must not be used as a training exercise," it concluded.



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