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**Students Plan "Speak Up"  
Feature For Convention**

ST. LOUIS (BP)--An estimated 100 to 200 Baptist students are expected to attend the Southern Baptist Convention June 1-3 here, and for the first time have part on the official convention program.

The students will present music, testimonies, slides and narration depicting what they are trying to do through the church in the world, and will man an exhibit booth featuring a slide presentation and dialogue.

Theme for the student presentation, scheduled at 10:10 a.m., Wednesday, June 1, will be, "Students Speak Up."

"The biggest thing we hope to accomplish is to create a better atmosphere, a better rapport, between students and the Southern Baptist Convention," said Bob Young, a senior at Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.

Young, chairman of the six-member student steering committee that is planning student participation at the convention, further explained that the attitude in the SBC seems to be that "students and the older generation are poles apart.

"We want to help the older generation see that we can work together through the church, and that we really want to help meet the needs of the world, if the church will let us," said Young, president of the Baptist Student Union (BSU) in Tennessee.

The six-member steering committee planning student participation at the SBC is composed of the state BSU presidents for Tennessee, Texas, Missouri, Georgia, Virginia and Colorado.

Young said that the students requested, and were granted, a 20-minute spot on the program by the convention's committee on order of business.

In their presentation, the students will present music by The Bridge, a folk music group sponsored by the Baptist Student Union at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, a solo by Mrs. Bill Estes of Nashville, a graduate student at George Peabody College, and testimonies by three students active in the Baptist Student Union.

Speaking will be David Dixon, immediate past president of the Baptist Student Union of Texas and student at North Texas State University, Denton; Miss Louis Weaver, new president of the Virginia BSU and student at Radford College, Radford, Va.; and Joe Wylie, football star at the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Coordinating the continuity, narration and visual aspects of the presentation will be Darrell Baergen, professor at Southwest Texas State Teachers' College, San Marcos, Tex.

In addition to the 20-minute spot on the convention program, the students will have a dialogue room behind their exhibit where students and adults can discuss any topic openly and freely on an unstructured basis.

Young, however, said he hoped adults attending the convention would not confuse the students participating in the St. Louis convention with a group called "Baptist Students Concerned" which picketed the SBC in Houston and New Orleans in 1968 and 1969.

"Some people will automatically associate us with Baptist Students Concerned, but I really don't anticipate that problem" after the convention begins, Young said.

Earlier this year, Dixon, one of the steering committee members, wrote an "open letter" to Baptist students involved in BSU organizations across the county, urging them to attend the St. Louis convention, and to participate as elected church messengers.

Dixon said the students got the idea for participating on the convention after discussing the matter with Carl Bates, president of the convention at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly last summer during student week. In December, the convention's committee on order of business approved the idea, and the six-member steering committee was organized to plan the program.

Dixon said in the open letter that the purpose of the presentation was "to evolve a multi-media program concerned with motivating students, laymen and ministers to become involved both individually and corporately in meeting the needs of our world."

In a telephone interview, Dixon added that he hoped it would also "help students to feel more of a part of the SBC." He observed that often students "feel left out," but added quickly that he did not feel convention leaders feel they should be "left out... They are open and responsive to use," Dixon said.

Young said that a Monday afternoon orientation and planning session would be held at Third Baptist Church of St. Louis, May 31, at 3:00 p.m., for all students attending. Purpose of the meeting would be to plan schedules for manning the booth, hear from SBC leaders on how the convention operates, and share views on "why we have come."

Young also pointed out that the student participation and part on the program is being financed by the students themselves, and the state Baptist Student Union organizations. Earlier, Young sent a letter to each state BSU organization requesting financial support.

The St. Louis Baptist Student Union Center will provide some free housing on a dormitory-type basis for the students who need accommodations.

Bill Blase, BSU director for colleges in the St. Louis area, said he was planning for about 100 students. Young said he expected about 200 to attend.

Blase said housing would be available for students who bring bedrolls and sleeping bags at the Baptist Student Center, 8230 Natural Bridge Road; at the Christ Memorial Baptist Church gymnasium, and the Friendship House of Third Baptist Church.

Blase, and two other SBC workers with students, W. Howard Bramlette of the SBC Education Commission and Miss Nell Magee of the National Campus Ministries of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, were asked by the committee on order of business to work with the student steering committee as "advisors" on the presentation.

Other students on the steering committee are Bob Marlow of University of Colorado, Denver; Frank Cofer of the University of Georgia, Athens; Stan Barnhill of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.; and Stan Smith of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.

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Cows, Horses, Pigs Donated  
To Beef-Up Ecuadoran Stock

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By Stanley D. Stamps

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador (BP)--A plane load of purebred livestock which Southern Baptist missionaries will use to upgrade the herds of Ecuadoran farmers has arrived here.

The animals, donated by farmers in the United States, were trucked to the Centro Agricola Bautista (Baptist Agricultural Center) at Chone, about 100 miles north of Guayaquil.

Fifteen Jersey, Charolais and Brahman calves, five quarter horses, and nine Yorkshire and Duroc Jersey pigs were donated through the Agricultural Missions Foundation, an organization of Christian farmers interested in helping agricultural mission projects overseas.

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Samuel L. Simpson, Southern Baptist missionary, and Glenn Heath, member of Agricultural Missions Foundation, accompanied the shipment on a chartered cargo plane. Simpson is on leave from the Baptist Mission of Ecuador to continue his studies in Agronomy at Mississippi State University. He and Heath live in Starkville, Miss.

Missionary Richard D. Clement, director of the Centro Agricola Bautista for the past two years, was on hand to receive the livestock.

The animals were donated for the center's livestock breeding program to help many of the farmers in the Chone area to upgrade their stock.

One goal of the program is to develop hardy milk cows for the tropical coastal region of Ecuador where dairy production is very low. Presently dairy farming is done primarily in the cooler climate of the Andean valleys.

The four Jersey calves included in the shipment will be used in breeding experiments to develop a crossbreed compatible to coastal climate. Recently a half-Jersey, half-Brahman calf was born on the farm at Chone.

The shipment makes a total of 55 cattle at the Agricultural Center, heretofore mostly beef breeds. Forty-five hogs and eight quarter horses round out the breeding stock.

The breeding program has been the most successful aspect of the experimentation-demonstration project at Chone, Simpson said. The project was begun in 1966 with the purchase of about 75 acres of rich farm land in Ecuador's most heavily agricultural province, Manabi.

The swine breeding program has been outstanding because most of the farmers in the area can afford a hog, Simpson observed. Cows are too expensive for many of them, although a growing number are starting small herds, he added.

Row crop experiments were conducted in the early stages of the farm project, but insect plagues and water problems soon ruled out cotton and watermelon production. Corn, soybeans and other feed crops, peanuts and some truck crops proved to be more practical.

In cooperation with Ecuadoran agricultural agencies, several varieties of corn and peanuts were planted to determine those best suited to the area. Corn production contributed to another aspect of the project, livestock feeding.

Center Director Clement and Foreman Rafael Maldonado have demonstrated improved feeding methods and the use of several high protein food substances which previously were considered of little value.

They have demonstrated how to fatten cattle faster in less acreage than required previously. Maldonado, who studied in an agricultural high school, has become recognized as an authority in hog production.

Among other techniques demonstrated to local farmers is that of preplanting cultivation for better weed control and water conservation. In an area where the machete is the main, and often the only tool used by the farmer, his hard work often has resulted in small production and poor quality.

The Centro Agricola Bautista also is concerned with people's spiritual needs. Soon after establishing the farm Simpson, aided by an Ecuadoran Baptist worker and some students from the Baptist Theological Institute of Guayaquil, began a mission in Chone. This city of nearly 20,000 is the commercial center for a large area.

The mission continues under the leadership of Ecuadoran Pastor Ramon Espinoza. Clement and his family attend and assist in the services. Clement also has served as pastor, on a quarter-time basis, of a church in a remote rural community in the province.

Ecuador missionaries hope that the farm will become a center of operations for an extension program with both agricultural and spiritual outreach.

The Clements are returning to the states from furlough soon, and the Simpsons do not expect to return to Ecuador for another year. Meanwhile, missionary Edgar Ables will oversee the operation with assistance from the agriculture committee of the Baptist Mission and Foreman Maldonado.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Stanley D. Stamps, Southern Baptist missionary in Guayaquil, is press representative for the Baptist Mission of Ecuador.

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