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### Brotherhood Commission Adopts Budget, Elects Two Top Leaders

MEMPHIS (BP)--Trustees of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission meeting here in annual session approved a record \$658,800 budget and elected two key leaders for the denomination's organization of men and boys.

Elected as executive secretary for the commission was Glendon McCullough, personnel director for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Atlanta; and named as chairman of the 36-member commission was John J. Smarge, a utilities contractor from Silver Spring, Md.

McCullough, 50, will become the chief administrative officer of the SBC missions education agency for men and boys, effective Nov. 1. Smarge, 46, is the new chairman of the trustee group which oversees policy for the agency.

In another major action, the commission called for a crash program by the commission staff to develop a plan aimed at more effectively involving men in the Baptist Men's arm of the Brotherhood program.

The new budget represents an increase of more than \$128,000 over the 1970-71 budget of \$530,000. Most of the increase is earmarked for field services, promotional materials, salaries and added help for states where Southern Baptist work with laymen is weak.

Funds for the budget will come from a \$281,000 allocation from the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, plus \$377,800 in anticipated revenue of sale of Brotherhood periodicals and merchandise.

The commissioners also approved the appointment of a three-man committee to study the feasibility of a conventionwide annual men and boys missions offering.

Proponents of the idea suggested using the proposed offering to finance such projects as college scholarships for Royal Ambassadors preparing for the ministry, mission tours for pastors just entering the ministry and for subsidy of camp fees for Royal Ambassadors who are unable to pay their own way to summer camps sponsored by the mission-education organization for boys.

Smarge, the newly-elected chairman of the trustees, is a deacon and Sunday School department superintendent at Colesville Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Md.

Other new commission officers include Hovie D. Revis Jr., pastor of Laurel Baptist Church of Greenville, S.C., vice chairman; and Amos Ledbetter, pastor of Round Tree Baptist Church, Thomasville, Ala., recording secretary.

Aug. 3-4, 1972, was set as the date for the next meeting of the commission. The trustees voted to invite representatives of state Brotherhood directors to attend all meetings of the commission and its executive committee and authorized the commission chairman or executive committee to call for a vote of the trustees by mail on urgent matters that might arise between annual sessions.

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Baptist Pastor Calls "Jesus People" Wedding Most Spiritual

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CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP)--A Southern Baptist pastor here, after officiating at an outdoor "Jesus people" wedding, called it the "most spiritual" wedding he had ever conducted.

Bob Worley, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church here, officiated at the wedding on the lawn of a farm home near Carbondale.

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About 150 guests, most dressed informally, attended the ceremony. The groom wore casual slacks; the bride, a peasant dress.

"The emphasis was not on expensive wedding attire, commercial flowers and candles, but on the spiritual significance of marriage," Worley said.

The service began with the 150 guests forming a giant prayer circle, holding hands, with the bride and groom in the center of the circle with the pastor.

After exchanging vows, they knelt in prayer while Worley placed his hands on their heads.

"After I pronounced them man and wife, and they kissed, the group broke out in spontaneous statements such as 'Praise God' and 'Praise the Lord,'" Worley said. The marriage ended with prayers for the newly-married couple.

The groom is Matthew Daub, a recent convert from Judaism and the bride is Barbara Crawford, a native of Illinois.

"Premarital counseling with these young people was a refreshing experience," Worley added. "All they could talk about was their desire to be truly wedded in Christ. There was little concern with material possessions and other problems that bother so many young couples."

The groom, who is also an artist, gave pastor Worley a pencil sketch of the Crucifixion as an honorarium for the ceremony.

"The sketch meant more to me than any monetary gift possibly could," Worley added.

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#### Arkansas Widow Gives \$250,000 To Ouachita

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)--A widow from Dermott, Ark., Mrs. Scottie Evans, has donated \$250,000 to Ouachita Baptist University here to help finance construction of a new student center.

It is the largest single gift by a living individual in the history of the school, according to Daniel Grant, president of the university.

The contribution, in stocks of the Combined Insurance Co. of America, will be used toward the construction of a new \$1 million student center. Mrs. Evans said she felt after a visit to the campus that replacement of the current student center, built in 1940, is the university's greatest building need.

Mrs. Evans' husband, Leonard B. Evans, was district manager of the Combined Insurance Co. of American before his death in 1960.

She said she first became interested in Ouachita University through the influence of her pastor at Dermott Baptist Church, and that her interest increased when her grandson was a student here.

"God has blessed me in so many ways that I want to show my appreciation by sharing in this worthy cause," said Mrs. Evans at a luncheon here.

She added that she hoped her gift would inspire others to contribute to the current Arkansas Baptist State Convention campaign to raise a total of \$4 million for two Baptist schools, Ouachita and Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, Ark.

The Evans gift equals the amount pledged in the campaign recently by Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Pastor of the church, W. O. Vaught Jr., is chairman of the convention's fund drive to raise \$3 million for Ouachita and \$1 million for Southern Baptist College. Nearly 1,200 churches in the convention will be making pledges until Dec. 31.

Plans for the proposed new student center, the first unit of new buildings to be constructed at Ouachita from funds from the campaign, have already been completed by architects. The Evans gift will enable construction to start next spring, Grant said.