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College President Pledges Help to Save Athletics

DALLAS (BP)--William E. Thorn, president of Dallas Baptist College has personally pledged \$10,000 to a student-led drive to raise the funds to save the school's athletic program.

The Dallas Baptist board of trustees voted recently to terminate the college's participation in intercollegiate athletics beginning in June in order to stay within a balanced budget for the 1977-78 fiscal year.

A school official estimated that the sports program at Dallas Baptist College, which includes basketball, baseball and soccer, costs about \$100,000 a year.

Student leaders requested permission from the school administration to attempt to raise the money to keep the athletic program alive.

In the first 24 hours of the drive, they received more than \$22,000 in pledges from parents, Dallas area business leaders and school administrators.

Thorn said the students attending the college on athletic scholarships will be picked up by other existing scholarships if the students fail to raise enough funds.

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WMU Annual Sessions
Highlight World Missions

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Emphasizing the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) bold mission objective to evangelize the world by the close of the century, the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), meeting here June 12-13, will feature representatives from all levels of the denomination's missions enterprise.

The WMU annual meeting includes foreign missionaries, international speakers, representatives from Baptist agencies and churches, and personnel involved in associational, state and national missions efforts in the United States. The theme is "World Listen! Let All Who Have Ears Listen."

A Bold Mission Rally, at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 12, will launch the two-day meeting. It will feature a special drama involving dramatic narrations by triplet ministers of music and youth, Gerald, Darrell and Harold Ware of the First Baptist Churches of Pauls Valley, Atoka and Weoka, Okla., respectively; actors from William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.; missionary and international speakers; and music by "Jubilation," a group of students from Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz.

The rally, planned jointly by the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards and WMU, will be followed by an "Hour of Prayer for Bold Missions," including 38 separate prayer groups led by state WMU presidents and home and foreign missionaries.

National WMU President Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., has issued a special invitation to pastors and WMU leaders within easy driving distance in a six-state area surrounding Kansas City to bring special groups to the rally.

Three Monday sessions, set for 9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m., cover all aspects of SBC missions.

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John Claypool, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., and William G. Tanner, executive director of the SBC Home Mission Board, will deliver major addresses at the Monday evening closing session.

Other program highlights on Monday include a special feature Monday afternoon, entitled "Big City, Listen!"; addresses throughout the day by Mike Mojica, home missionary, Laredo, Tex.; Robert Tremaine, home missionary, Miami, Fla.; Carlos Owens, foreign missionary, Moshi, Tanzania; and three meditations by Josephine Pile of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, from her new book for WMU, "Listening Woman I Am: Messages From God."

Dale Cross, director, Chicago Metropolitan Baptist Association, will lead the "Big City, Listen!" presentation, which also features James Queen, church planner for the association, and Don Sharp, associate director of missions.

Carolyn Weatherford, WMU executive director, Birmingham, will deliver her annual report and WMU will conduct its regular business, including election of officers.

International and missionary speakers in the dramatic presentation in the Bold Mission Rally are Allen Elston, missionary to Indians, Warms Springs, Ore.; Jimmy Anderson, missionary to Indians, Shawnee, Okla.; Jose Borrás, president, Baptist Convention of Spain, Madrid; Lambert Mills, pastor, St. Johns, Antigua, West Indies; and Samuel Fadiji, pastor, Ogbomoshó, Nigeria.

The rally will be promoted jointly by other meetings preceding the SBC annual convention. They are the Pastors' Conference, Ministers' Wives Conference, Church Music Conference, Evangelists Conference and Directors of Associational Missions Conference.

The drama at the rally will be written and directed by Ed Seabough of the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Phillip C. Posey of William Jewell College will coordinate the music, Mrs. Janice Glover of William Jewell College will coordinate dramatics and Campbell Thomas of Peter Wolfe Associates, Dallas, will direct technical aspects.

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Furman To Install
Johns as President

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GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--John E. Johns will be installed as ninth president of Furman University in ceremonies scheduled Friday, April 22, at 10:30 a.m. in McAlister Auditorium of the Baptist school.

F. W. Bonner, chairman of the inaugural planning committee, said a "modest, informal ceremony" is planned in keeping with Johns' desire for a simple, inexpensive inaugural. Instead of a guest speaker or major presidential address, the ceremony will feature brief statements by four persons closely identified with Furman.

Also participating in the investiture will be Furman President Emeritus Gordon W. Blackwell; trustee chairman, Thomas S. Hartness; and South Carolina Governor James B. Edwards.

Johns, named president of Furman in August, 1976, is former president of Stetson University, a Baptist school in DeLand, Fla.

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Annual Meeting
Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)
H. Roe Bartle Convention Hall

June 12-13, 1977

Kansas City, Mo.

Theme: "World, Listen!"
"Let all who have ears, Listen!" (Matt. 11:15 Montgomery)

Sunday Afternoon, June 12, 3 p.m.

Bold Mission Rally

(Planned jointly by Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and WMU and promoted jointly by SBC Pastors' Conference, Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference, Southern Baptist Music Conference, Southern Baptist Evangelists Conference, and Southern Baptist Directors of Associational Missions Conference.)

Hymn--"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

Prayer--Mrs. Tom Barber, Johnson, Kan., president, Kansas-Nebraska WMU

Drama--Bold Missions from Adam to tomorrow

Writer and director--Ed Seabough, director, personnel recruitment services, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Music Coordinator--Phillip C. Posey, director of instrumental studies, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

Dramatic Coordinator--Mrs. Janice Glover, theatre director, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

Technical Director--Campbell Thomas, Peter Wolf Associates, Dallas, Tex.

Music--"Jubilation," group of Grand Canyon College students, Phoenix, Ariz., directed by Bill Risinger, minister of music, First Baptist Church

Dramatic Narrators--Gerald Ware, minister of music and youth, First Baptist Church, Pauls Valley, Okla.

Darrell Ware, minister of music and youth, First Baptist Church, Atoka, Okla.

Harold Ware, minister of music and youth, First Baptist Church, Wewoka, Okla.

Actors--Students from William Jewell College

Missionary Speakers:

Allen Elston, missionary to Indians, Warm Springs, Ore.

Jimmy Anderson, missionary to Indians, Shawnee, Okla.

International Speakers:

Jose Borrás, president, Baptist Convention of Spain, Madrid

Lambert Mills, pastor, Antigua, West Indies

Samuel Fadiji, pastor, Ogbomosho, Nigeria

Hymn--"Come All Christians, Be Committed"

Hour of Prayer for Bold Missions--38 separate prayer groups led by the state WMU presidents, home missionaries, and foreign missionaries

Prayer Guide Writer--Carolyn (Mrs. Claude H.) Rhea, author and schoolteacher, Birmingham, Ala.

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Monday Morning, June 13, 9:30 a.m.

Hymn--"This Is My Father's World"

Prayer--Mrs. Donald Murphy, Kansas City, Mo., president, Missouri WMU

Meditation--"Messages from God to Woman"

Josephine Pile, senior design consultant, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Report of the WMU Executive Director--Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Ala.

Hymn--"O, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Address--"Spanish World, Listen!"

Mike Mojica, home missionary, Laredo, Tex.

Special Music--

Address--"Pleasure World, Listen!"

Robert Tremaine, home missionary, Miami, Fla.

Missions Mandate--Scripture Choir, William Jewell College students, director by Janice Glover

Monday Afternoon, June 13, 2 p.m.

Hymn--"Because He Lives"

Prayer--Mrs. Wayne Dehoney, Louisville, Ky., president, Kentucky WMU

Meditation--"Messages from God to Woman", Josephine Pile, Nashville.

Feature--"Big City, Listen!"

Dale Cross, director, Chicago Metropolitan Baptist Association, with James Queen, church planner, and Don Sharp, associate director of missions

Hymn--"We Are Called to Be God's People"

Business--

Special Music--

Address--"Africa, Listen!", Carlos Owens, foreign missionary, Moshi, Tanzania

Missions Mandate--Scripture Choir

Monday Evening, June 13, 7 p.m.

Hymn--"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Missions Petition--Scripture Choir

Meditations--"Messages from God to Woman", Josephine Pile, Nashville, Tenn.

Special Music--

Address--"America, Listen!"; William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Challenge Address--"Speak Out, Reach Out", John R. Claypool, pastor, Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

Hymn--"Send Me, O Lord, Send Me"

Adjournment

Music director, Charles E. Lovell, Jr., minister of music; organist, Gus L. Berry, Jr., organist; and pianist, Robert Hunt, pianist, all of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.; choral music, Temple Choir, Cliff Temple Baptist Church.

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Executive Director--Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Ala.