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Pastors' 'Amen'ed, But
Anita Steals the Show

By David Wilkinson

ATLANTA (BP)--A line-up of some of Southern Baptists' best known pulpiteers drew frequent applause and traditional Baptist "amens," but it was entertainer Anita Bryant, the only non-minister among the major speakers, who stole the show during the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in Atlanta.

Miss Bryant received an immediate standing ovation from a standing-room-only crowd of 20,000 persons Sunday night at Atlanta's World Congress Center. Escorted by Georgia state troopers, plainclothed security guards and a throng of reporters, Miss Bryant sang and shook hands as she worked her way to the platform.

The appreciative audience continued to voice its enthusiastic support throughout Miss Bryant's half-hour combination of testimony and song with 10 rounds of applause, including another standing ovation as she concluded with "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

As approximately 2,000 gay rights activists demonstrated outside, Miss Bryant chose not to avoid the subject of gay rights as she has done at most of her religious appearances. "I believe with all my heart that the people outside should not be picketing Anita Bryant," she said. "They should be picketing the ministers of this nation for telling it like it is."

She thanked Southern Baptists for their support of her controversial anti-gay rights stand and requested their continued prayers and noted she had heard from many former homosexuals who thanked her for her efforts.

"Many times I have been at the end of my rope and I have asked, 'Why me?' I don't have the qualifications, the education, the intellect. I don't know how to express myself. I'm not a minister. I'm a woman, a woman with a mother's heart."

In addition to Miss Bryant, Southern Baptist pastors heard from a dozen other speakers during the two-day conference, including an opening address by black pastor Fred Sampson of Detroit and a closing sermon by evangelist James Robison of Hurst, Texas.

During a brief business session they elected Homer Lindsay, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., president. Lindsay succeeds Bailey Smith of Del City, Okla. Cecil Chambers, pastor of Centerville Baptist Church, Anderson, S.C., was elected vice president, and John Hatch, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lakewood, Wash., was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Speakers touched on a variety of subjects, from pleas for renewed emphasis on evangelism to exhortations for more Bible-based preaching, along with warnings about too much pride, jealousy and materialism in the ministry.

In his message, Robison criticized some of the "liberal" Southern Baptist pastors, saying that "if you're guilty of distorting spiritual truths through liberalism, you're not a Southern Baptist. You're not even a Christian."

He also condemned some of "the brethren" in the denomination for trying to exclude conservative, evangelical pastors who "refuse to bow down to potential god of denominationalism."

In a typically fiery message, W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, challenged his fellow ministers to "stick to the unchanging, inerrant Word of God" in their preaching. Too many pulpits today are filled by "half taught, jackleg preachers" who only "rehash" what they have read and seen, he said.

Pastor James T. Draper of First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas, chided the ministers for allowing selfishness, jealousy and materialism to influence them as he called for more humility and unselfish service.

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"It's amazing how many more souls could be saved if we (ministers) didn't get credit for it," said Draper, also warning the pastors about the danger of becoming "overconcerned" with "building up material possessions and bank accounts, when we ought to be concerned about preaching the Word of God."

John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, told the preachers that the present generation has been entrusted by God with the task of winning the world to Christ. He challenged the pastors to spend their primary energies on missions and evangelism.

Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla., sounded a similar note, stressing the importance of evangelism in the preaching ministry. "The work of the pastor is to do the work of the evangelist," he said. "People have given many reasons for the decline of baptisms in the Southern Baptist Convention, but I believe the reason is that pastors don't have the work of evangelism in their hearts."

Henry also asked the ministers to take strong stands on moral and social issues, adding, however, that they could expect "persecution" for preaching on such subjects.

The conference also included addresses from Don Moore, pastor, Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Ark.; Billy Weber, pastor of Northway Baptist Church, Dallas; evangelist Sam Cathey of Owasso, Okla.; Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis; Tom Elliff, pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., and Joe Underwood, director of evangelism and church growth for the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

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Forsake Not Your Family
Religious Educators Urged

By Bracey Campbell

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ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptist education workers were admonished not to forsake their family responsibilities in fulfilling their church work during the 23rd annual Religious Education Association meeting prior to the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta.

J. Allan Peterson, executive director of Family Concern, Inc., Wheaton, Ill., said he had seen church workers' families break up all over the country because the man of the family zealously "shares the bread of life with others but has only the moldy crust for his own family."

Peterson was one of several speakers who talked to the 387 participants at the two-day conference in the Peachtree Plaza Hotel keyed to the theme of "The Church Reaching Out Through Religious Education."

"I see families of Christian workers shattered all over the country because we don't get our acts together at home. A man who builds the greatest Christian education empire in the country but loses his family in the process gains nothing."

Peterson, a radio commentator and writer of several books on the subject of family life, said all denominational workers share the problem of "integrating God's call to the ministry and God's mandate to take care of your family."

He said religious workers often retreat into their own occupations when things get rocky at home. "You can tell others how to live their lives, but you too often don't take the time to do an adequate job with your family."

Urging educational workers to "model their messages" of Christian family life, rather than teaching them, Peterson said, "You need to major on action...not just talking and thinking about what should be done in your homes."

Peterson added that some of the most important dates marked on a church worker's calendar should be those reserved for family activities.

The educational leaders heard success stories from a number of peers and reports from several key personnel in denominational work.

Reggie McDonough of Nashville, secretary of the church administration department at the Sunday School Board, said church members who once asked what they owed their church are now asking what the church owes them. This change in attitude is part of a skepticism of the public toward the integrity and style of institutions and leaders, McDonough said.

The educational directors from the booming First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., said sagging church programs can be turned around with a focus on planning, prayer and evangelism.

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Frances Hendricks, who coordinates the Sunday School work at the inner city Jacksonville church, said the church has tripled in membership (to 8,411) over the last 10 years. She said the surge is related to the 500 persons visiting prospects every week and to 2,000 'prayer warriors'--persons committed to spending at least 15 minutes daily in prayer.

New officers elected include president, Charles Lowry of Alexandria, director of church program services division, Louisiana Baptist Convention, and president-elect, Lawrence R. Klemptner of Fort Worth, minister of education and administration, Travis Avenue Baptist Church.

Others elected were vice president, Robert S. Cook of Jacksonville, Fla., church training department, Florida Baptist Convention; vice-president, Hazel Morris of Fort Worth, assistant professor of childhood education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; secretary-treasurer, Melva Cook of Nashville, family ministry department, Sunday School Board; and assistant secretary-treasurer, Harriett Buff of Columbus, Ga., church member at Eastern Heights Baptist Church.

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Missions Hold Baptists

Together Priest Tells Writers

By Jim Newton

ATLANTA (BP)--No matter what disputes divide the Southern Baptist Convention, they will not tear the denomination apart because of Baptists' commitment to bold missions, a Roman Catholic priest told religion newswriters covering the 121st meeting of the SBC in Atlanta.

"A commitment to missions is what keeps the Southern Baptist Convention together, and it is what distinguishes Southern Baptists from other major religious groups in America," said Joe O'Donnell, who serves as the liaison between Roman Catholics and Southern Baptists for the Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Inter-Church Affairs.

O'Donnell traced similarities and differences between Catholics and Baptists during an address to the Religion Newswriters Association's annual national meeting at the Peachtree Plaza Hotel.

No two religious groups in America are so similar who have stronger stereotype images and more misconceptions about each other than Baptists and Catholics, O'Donnell said.

He disagreed with stereotype opinions among Catholics that all Baptists are tee-totalers against use of alcoholic beverages, and that Baptists are "holy rollers" in their worship services. Instead, he said, consumption of alcohol among Baptists is similar to use of birth control methods by Catholics, and worship services in Baptist churches are more conservative than many Catholic services.

O'Donnell, southeastern regional director for the Glenmary Home Missioners based in Newnan, Ga., said that although Baptists strongly support separation of church and state, they are not "bigoted at all" toward Roman Catholics.

Baptists are no better at church giving than other denominations, even though Southern Baptists have the image of being great tithers, he said. He compared the Baptist creation of the Cooperative Program unified budget plan in 1925 to Vatican Council II. "Southern Baptists really began to grow after that," he said.

Every Baptist church is autonomous, but they have become more and more a structured people because of the Cooperative Program, he said.

"We have a system of bishops, but they have a very similar thing through a peer structure." Although Baptists do not have a theological structure, they do have an "invisible hierarchy" and often joke about Nashville being their "Vatican City," he said.

The major differences between Baptists and Catholics is Baptists' understanding of salvation, O'Donnell said. Whereas Baptists view salvation as "that moment in life when a person knows he is a child of God," they reject the views of the sacramental church that the sacraments or church membership help believers reach salvation.

After Baptists are "saved" they feel they must "witness" of their salvation experience to others, O'Donnell said. This, plus their emphasis on missions, is what separates Baptists from other religious denominations.

O'Donnell said that because of Baptists' emphasis on local church autonomy, Baptists and Catholics have become involved in dialogue between ministers and priests on the local level. "If we are to be successful in the ecumenical movement, that's what we will have to do in

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other denominations," he said.

"I don't know how any Christian unity will ever be achieved between Roman Catholics and Southern Baptists, but I sincerely believe that the Holy Spirit will work it out," O'Donnell said.

O'Donnell spoke during the Religion Newswriters annual awards banquet, when religion editors of three daily newspapers received the association's top awards for excellence in religion news coverage.

Jeanne Pugh, religion editor of the St. Petersburg Times, received the James O. Supple Award, the top award, for the best religious news weekly section in a daily newspaper. Virginia Culver of the Denver Post won the Harold Schachern Award for the best series, and Ron Lee of the Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia, Mo., won the Louis Cassels Award.

Marjorie Hyer, religion news editor for the Washington Post, who previously was first vice president, was elected president, succeeding W. A. Reed of the Nashville Tennessean.

Named first vice president was Ben L. Kaufman of the Cincinnati Inquirer, previously treasurer. New second vice president is Russ Chandler of the Los Angeles Times. Other new officers include Louis Moore of the Houston Chronicle, treasurer, and Carol Fouke of the Register-Star in Rockford, Ill., secretary.

During business sessions, the religion news writers voted down a constitution amendment which would have opened their membership to religion news specialists for the electronic media.

Bill Willoughby, religion editor for the Washington Star, opposed the amendment suggested by Ed Briggs of the Richmond Times Dispatch, arguing that the proposal was premature since the concept of employing full time religion editors is in the "embryonic" stage in the broadcast media.

During a luncheon address, Don Ranley, journalism professor at the University of Missouri, Columbia, called for schools of journalism throughout the nation to offer courses on religion news coverage, saying journalism schools are training science writers, education writers, and other specialists but not religion writers.

Professor Ranley disclosed results of a survey of 57 religion news editors for daily newspapers with 100,000 circulation, saying that 37 of the responding religion writers said they felt journalism schools should offer courses in religious journalism.

All but three of the 57 respondents indicated a "religious preference," and 37 of those surveyed said they attend church or synagogue at least once each week. Only seven said they "never attended except as a reporter." Of the 54 listing a religious preference, 12 said they are Roman Catholic, 10 Baptists, and seven Methodist.

Generally, Ranley said, most of the religion news editors never planned to become a religion reporter, and most just "happened" to become religion writers. Most are convinced of the importance of religious news and the obligation of the media to cover it, he said.

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Campus Ministers Urged

To Care For Personal Needs

By Debbie Stewart

ATLANTA (BP)--Ministers who neglect their personal needs while solving other people's problems may push themselves to "the brink of mental problems," a chaplain to nursing students told a campus ministers' meeting in Atlanta.

Pearl Duvall, campus minister at Georgia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Atlanta, spoke at the closing session of the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers annual meeting.

Mrs. Duvall said that ministers on college and university campuses should follow Christ's example in ministering to a world that includes people who are "sick to the core." She explained that the scope of the campus minister's concern may include homosexuals, lesbians, arsonists and potential suicide victims. The campus minister must be concerned both with Christian students and non-Christians.

As a chaplain and minister to nursing students, Mrs. Duvall said, she works with young people "who are dealing with death, dying and euthanasia" when their friends back home are "talking about the latest music."

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Campus ministers need to care for their own emotional health by obtaining intellectual and spiritual stimulation, time with family, and possibly even seeking counseling themselves, Mrs. Duvall said.

She noted that campus ministers "are unique as pastors" because they work with people who are influenced by cultural forces, changing various student generations from activists to pacifists to strict proponents of traditional religion.

The Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers meeting preceded the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

The other major speaker at the campus ministers meeting on Sunday and Monday was Andrew Lester, associate professor of psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Lester described campus ministers as "pastor diagnosticians" who need to quickly recognize depression in students.

Don Gurney, campus minister at the U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., was elected as president of the association. He succeeded Dick Bumpass, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., who received the association's first President's Award for outstanding service.

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Allen Urges Baptists
To Bold Action for Missions

By Orville Scott

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ATLANTA (BP)--The president of 13 million Southern Baptists called his denomination to a worldwide Bold Mission Thrust undergirded by prayer, commitment and "bold doing."

Jimmy R. Allen, spoke to a record-breaking crowd at the first session.

More than 20,000 messengers had registered by the time Allen spoke, breaking the previous record of 18,637 set in Norfolk in 1976.

To the applause of the messengers, Allen called for Baptists to avoid debating the authority of the Bible and to live God's Word and share his Word. The basic problem about the Bible isn't whether we agree on how to describe its authority, it is whether we trust its promise," said Allen, pastor of the 9,000-member First Baptist Church of San Antonio, Texas.

Allen said the confused world needs no theoretical explanations. "It needs the one who is God's answer to man's need...Jesus."

The SBC president said the Bold Mission Thrust, the SBC plan to evangelize the world, is catching fire. He described a service in which 500 young people in one night committed themselves to two years in the Mission Service Corps, a plan allowing volunteers to serve on home and foreign mission fields for one or two years. Noting that "Bold Giving" is another part of the Bold Mission strategy, told of 100 couples pledging \$1 million for the program over and above their tithes to Mission Service Corps.

Allen called for total ministries--spiritual and physical--to hungry and hurting people and to combat the entrenched evil.

More than a million people are expected to die of hunger in Ethiopia alone this year, he said. If each Southern Baptist would give a dollar a week for world hunger--"far less than a meal we might miss"--it would mean \$673 million a year, he said.

Allen said a world hunger offering would be taken at the convention's Wednesday evening service, and he challenged the messengers to demonstrate their concern by skipping a meal and giving the money for world hunger.

Noting that American family life is in trouble, he said that not only are families being fragmented by lightly-given promises and self-centered attitudes, but the very idea of commitment to marriage is under assault.

He rapped television for being "preempted by the profitmakers and committed to dumping the garbage of violence and twisted sex into our living rooms." The consumer has a right and a role in changing that, and "we'll look at it together," he said.

He also accented "Bold Doing," noting that a cynical world will pay little attention unless there is a closing of the credibility gap about Jesus. "Southern Baptists have largely exorcised the demon of racism which crippled our mission witness for years," he said, "but other challenges to Christian behavior remain. Without doing, our teaching is vain."

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Allen called for "Bold Praying" to help Southern Baptists "recover our spiritual vitality." He said some may ask, "Are you trying to go back to the old fashioned prayer meeting of brush arbor revivalism?"

"No," said Allen, "we are trying to go back to the old fashioned prayer meeting of the First Century when they prayed boldly...and power came--compelling, transforming power."

The president called for his denomination to reaffirm its ecclesiology that the headquarters for the denomination is in the local New Testament church. "There are not great churches and little churches," he said. "There are only small ones and large ones. If Bold Mission is to be, it must happen in the churches.

"Here we stay in touch with the common people who heard Christ gladly...If we lose that touch, we become a cut-flower denomination, severed from our root system."

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Ministers Wives Urged
To Use Crisis Experience

By Linda Lawson

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ATLANTA (BP)--More than 600 Southern Baptist ministers' wives were advised to use the experience gained from working through personal crises to help others with similar problems.

Marge Caldwell, author, counselor and lecturer from Houston, said, "Your valleys are the most important thing that will happen in your life."

She cited her father's alcoholism, the death of a fiance three weeks before their marriage, and an extended period of depression as crises that have enabled her to better understand and help people.

"Out of everything God does bring beauty and love," she said.

In bringing greetings to Atlanta, Mrs. George Busbee, wife of Georgia's governor, urged Christians to pray often "for all those who work in making the democratic process function. Your public officials covet your prayers for themselves and their families," she said.

Officers installed for 1979 were Mrs. Virjama (John) Hamilton, Ames, Iowa, president; Mrs. Grace (Ralph) Langley, Houston, Tex., vice president; Mrs. Lola (Jon F.) Meek, Syracuse, N.Y., recording secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Margaret (Linwood) Peterson, Roanoke, Va., corresponding secretary. Mrs. Carolyn (James) Coggin, Fort Worth, Tex., was elected president for 1980.

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SBC Votes Record
\$75 Million Budget

By Dan Martin

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ATLANTA (BP)--The largest budget in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention--\$75-million--passed on a voice vote at the 121st annual Southern Baptist Convention, with no audible dissent.

The action came during the opening business session of the nation's largest Protestant denomination in the Georgia World Congress Center.

In addition to approving the record budget, messengers also routinely approved a plethora of bylaws modifications which contain only clarification changes.

The only dissent came as messengers voted on Pittsburgh as the site of the 1983 convention. Presiding officer Olan Runnels ruled the aye votes carried the motion despite shouted opposition. Messengers accepted New Orleans as the site of the 1982 convention without a murmur.

The 1978-79 Cooperative Program Budget, which funds Southern Baptist work at home and abroad, compares with \$63,400,000 budgeted for 1977-78.

In other action, the messengers approved other Executive Committee recommendations,

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including a logo for voluntary use by Southern Baptists to identify convention relationship, continuation of the newly-organized Mission Service Corps for another year and that Bold Mission Thrust be the denominational theme, p79-82.

Messengers were invited to be involved in the work of the committee to find a successor to Porter W. Routh as executive secretary of the Executive Committee. Routh is scheduled to retire in August, 1979.

"We ask your prayer, support and suggestions," said Brooks Wester of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, chairman of the search committee, during the report of the Executive Committee to the convention.

Messengers also approved a five-year capital needs proposal which will total \$16,705,985. The capital needs distribution for 1978-79 includes \$1,671,000 for a library and faculty offices at Golden Gate Seminary and \$329,000 for a child care building at Midwestern Seminary.

The bylaws changes include second reading approval of a proposal which will limit an SBC president to two one-year terms in office, with a year out of office before the president would be eligible to serve again.

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Lindsell Assumes BFMF
Post To "Sound the Alarm" By Dan Martin and David Wilkinson

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ATLANTA (BP)--Harold Lindsell, editor emeritus of "Christianity Today," has been elected president of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship.

Lindsell, who retired May 1 from the editorship of the evangelical magazine, succeeds LaVerne Butler, pastor of Ninth and O Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., who was president of the ultra-conservative organization for three years.

"I have lent my name to them (BFMF) because I am very much afraid of what will happen to the Southern Baptist Convention down the road," Lindsell expounded. "I think the convention has got to face the question of what constitutes a true Baptist....Southern Baptists have not faced this honestly."

"Every Baptist has the freedom to come to the Bible and understand it as he sees fit. But does a man have the right to be a Unitarian and still remain a Baptist? Does he have the right to say Jesus Christ is not God, like (Robert) Alley said at the University of Richmond and still stay there?" Lindsell asked.

"He is free to be a Unitarian, but does he have the right to remain a Baptist? That is the question Southern Baptists have to face," Lindsell said in a private interview.

According to Bill Powell, editor of the Southern Baptist Journal, publication of the BFMF, the organization believes the "question of the inerrancy of the scriptures is a watershed question for the denomination." Lindsell, 64, has written two books and is working on a third about the authority and inerrancy of the scriptures.

Noting he believes some faculty members in Southern Baptist schools and seminaries do not believe in the inerrancy of the scriptures, Lindsell said he is worried what will happen to Southern Baptists if they get away from biblical orthodoxy.

"We will decline in evangelism and missions orientation, following a pattern of other denominations. For instance, the United Methodists lost one million members in the last 10 years...(funds) declined 50 percent.

"United Presbyterians have lost 600,000 members in the last 10 years and their mission task force has declined by two-thirds," he continued.

"The reason is that they have gotten away from biblical orthodoxy," he said. "Somebody has got to sound the alarm (for Southern Baptists)," he said.

He alluded to a dip in baptisms in the SBC, as churches recorded the lowest number of conversions since 1949, but said he "is not prepared at this point" to say the reason is a departure from biblical orthodoxy. "But I think if you'll check, the churches where new converts are being baptized are theologically orthodox...conservative."

He said he is writing a new book called "Battle for the Bible II," which contains a chapter on Southern Baptist "liberals."

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Lindsell said th BFMF "is a small group and powerless," but says he wants to give the problems visibility.

Through his editorials and other writing in "Christianity Today," Lindsell played a prominent part in the conservative-moderate split in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. Asked about his role in the LCMS split, Lindsell said he "hopes to have influence in the SBC on what has been the traditional position.

He said he has not written articles for the magazine since he left, but added he does have the privilege of submitting articles to it.

Asked about his own denominational relationship, Lindsell said, "I am a Southern Baptist. I was ordained in the First Baptist Church of Columbia, S.C., 34 years ago. I have been a member for 13 years of First Baptist Church of Alexandria, Va.

"When I was at "Christianity Today," it was a trans-denominational publication which ministered to all sorts of people. I didn't make a great deal of it (being a Southern Baptist)."

In a news conference later, Lindsell voiced support for entertainer Anita Bryant and took issue with statements made by SBC President Jimmy Allen in his presidential address.

Lindsell told reporters he admires Miss Bryant for her courage in opposing gay rights legislation, adding that he would personally support her nomination as first vice president of the convention.

He declined to call his support an "endorsement," saying only that "I would cast my vote for her." Miss Bryant lost the first vice presidency 6,807 to 3,273 to A. Douglas Watterson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

Lindsell criticized a remark included in Allen's presidential address that "our confused world does not need to be treated to the scene of Christians' tearing at each other's vitals over whether their beliefs are being described in just the right jargon.... While we are debating the various ways of describing our ammunition, the enemy is taking our world."

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First Woman With Doctorate
Ordained By Richmond Baptists

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Dr. Anne P. Rosser has been ordained to the ministry by Monument Heights Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

A member of Monument Heights Church, Dr. Rosser hopes to enter a pastoral counseling and teaching ministry on a church staff level. Her husband, Aubrey Rosser, is pastor of Monument Heights Church.

She was graduated from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, with the doctor of ministries degree, May 14. Her husband received an honorary doctorate from the University of Richmond, his alma mater, in 1976.

The Rossers hope to eventually have a joint ministry, but have no immediate plans for such. They have four sons.

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SBC Has A
'Piece of the Rock'

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ATLANTA (BP)--Wanda Allen, wife of Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio, Texas, sat quietly in the audience of more than 20,000 Baptists while her husband delivered the annual president's address to the convention.

Commenting on Allen's explosive, rapid-fire style of speaking, a "little old lady" sitting next to Mrs. Allen turned and asked, "I wonder if he always talks that fast."

"I hear he does," Mrs. Allen whispered in reply, not revealing her identity.

"Well, I feel like I've been to a rock concert," the unidentified lady added.

When Mrs. Allen related the incident, it prompted a friend to observe: "Well, Jimmy's been known to rock a few boats before, but I never knew he was a rock concert star."

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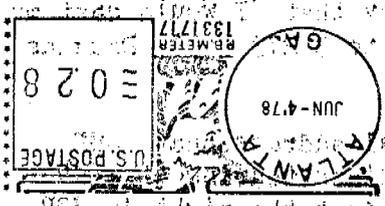
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