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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Unless congregations increase their support, Baptist collegiate ministries could become the ministries of interested individuals rather than of churches, campus ministers warn.

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Tarleton student ministry sets up shop in a campus tavern

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

STEPHENVILLE-A couple of days each fall, the Baptist Student Ministry at Tarleton State University encourages college kids to go to a bar-not to drink, but to enjoy a free meal and hear the gospel.

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DALLAS—Unprecedented success collecting shoes and socks for orphan children worldwide has led to the urgent need of additional funds for shipping and storage, according to officials at Buckner Orphan Care International.

Tiffany Taylor, director of the Shoes for Orphan Souls project, said more than 220,000 pairs of new shoes have come to Buckner in 2003, leaving the organization strapped for cash to ship the shoes, socks and shoelaces.



Some of more than 200,000 pairs of new shoes donated to Buckner's Shoes for Orphan Souls project sit boxed in a warehouse, waiting for shipment to orphans around the world.

“We were hoping for 150,000 new shoes,” Taylor said. “So in some ways, we're suffering from our own success.”

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)- "Stay with us. Pray with us. Evangelize with us," the president of the Baptist World Alliance urged the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee Sept. 22.

Billy Kim said he "invited myself" to travel from Korea to present a five-minute BWA report regularly provided during the Executive Committee's two-day meetings in Nashville, Tenn.

Kim did not directly reference the circumstances prompting his appeal. Earlier in the session, however, Morris Chapman, president of the Executive Committee, welcomed Kim and the BWA's general secretary, Denton Lotz, to the meeting and briefly noted that a BWA study committee formed several years ago by the Executive Committee has been reactivated.

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Episcopalians meeting in Dallas say church 'under condemnation' by God

By Kevin Eckstrom

Religion News Service

DALLAS (RNS)-Claiming they are the "rightful heirs" of the Episcopal Church, more than 2,700 conservatives sketched out the foundations for an "emerging church" that will result from what seems an inevitable split with their denomination over homosexuality.

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CYBERCOLUMN: Is this all there is?

By Donna Van Cleve

I couldn't wait for my senior year in high school. The seniors were the top dogs who had all the status and power on campus, seemingly coasting their way through that last year.

Homecoming queens, editors, sweethearts, favorites, valedictorians, salutatorians, the most fill-in-the-blanks, the most likely-to-whatevers, scholarships, honors. All these were bestowed on seniors for their accomplishments in their educational, extra-curricular and social endeavors.


Donna Van Cleve

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Although religious conservatives were among the most ardent boosters of the effort to recall California Gov. Gray Davis, they may end up with more than they bargained for.

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Joseph Fiennes, who plays Martin Luther in the new movie about the Reformation leader, posts his 95 Theses on the Wittenburg church door (left) and watches preparation for a scene during filming. The movie was backed by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Striking a balance in 'Luther' movie

wasn't easy

By Ted Parks

Associated Baptist Press

LOS ANGELES (ABP)—It starts with a young German law student belly-down on the ground begging God to save him from a lightning storm. It ends with the spiritual, cultural and political transformation of Europe.

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Executive Board elects Ogletree and OKs NAMB cooperative agreement

By Mark Wingfield

Managing Editor

DALLAS—The Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board elected its first African-American chairman Sept. 30 and ratified a revised cooperative agreement with the North American Mission Board.

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Road trip

Twenty residents of South Texas Children's Home in Beeville, a ministry of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, participated this summer in a World Changers missions project in Cheyenne, Wyo. They repaired the homes of the elderly and the poor and participated in worship and Bible study with other youth from across the country. For many of the children's home residents, the 1,300-mile roadtrip was their first opportunity to leave Texas, to see mountains and to stay in a hotel. But the emphasis was on missions, said campus administrator Greg Huskey: "We want our kids to be able to come full circle and give back what has been given to them. It's just an amazing thing when these kids get the chance to do that. When they have been shown God's love, they will go out and give that love freely to others, and that's what it's all about."

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