

# Local

## Speakers' Christian contrasts

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FORT WORTH — T. Cullen Davis, a millionaire already on his way to becoming a notorious Texas legend, and the Rev. Bailey Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention who has taken his share of criticism recently, appeared together at the Tarrant County Convention Center.

And the differences between the two are as striking as the similarities.

In recent years, both men have shared harsh headlines: Davis for murder and Smith for anti-Semitism. But at the 1981 James Robison Bible Conference which ended Saturday, where the two men spoke back to back, it was apparent they both had overcome their problems — Smith with his faith unwavering and Davis with a new-found faith.

Davis, dressed in a gray three-piece suit, told the crowd of 9,000 in a low-key voice about Jesus coming into his life. Smith, wearing a beige blazer and dark brown slacks, was a thunderous voice celebrating the fire of Christian revival.

"Sinners seek to be saved when revival comes to town!" Smith bellowed into a microphone, bringing the crowd to its feet in a frenzy of applause. "Every preacher needs to preach the unerrant, fundamental teaching of these Gospels" — he jabbed a finger into his Bible — "and then there will be salvation!"

"I got along for many years without Jesus," confessed Davis in a humble, unapologetic chairman-of-the-board tone. "I've been in a great deal of trouble the past few years, and I still didn't turn to Jesus or ask him for help."

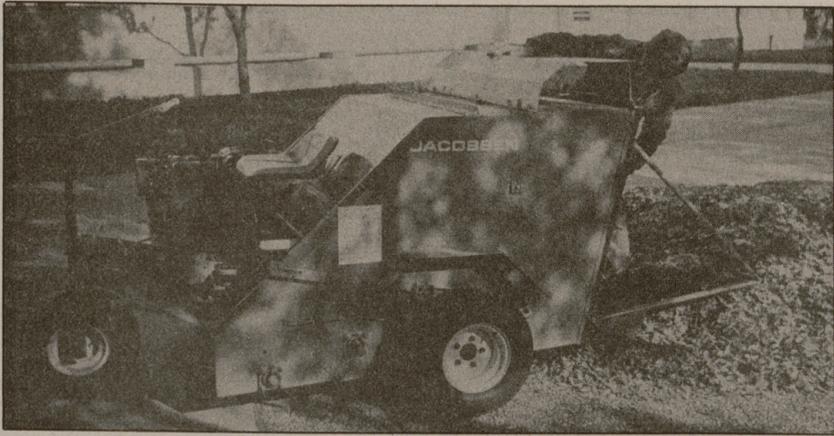
"For many years I got along without Jesus because I was too proud. Pride kept me from coming to church, pride kept me from praying. But when (Robison) talked to me a year ago, I immediately let Jesus into my heart."

Smith has received nationwide criticism for his remark last August at the National Affairs Brief in Dallas that "God Almighty does not hear the prayer of the Jew."

A month later — at the pulpit of his Del City, Okla., Baptist church — Smith was quoted as saying, "Why did (God) choose the Jews? I don't know why he chose the Jews. I think they got funny-looking noses, myself."

But Smith got a standing ovation when he said, "When people come into my church they don't want to hear the word according to the newspapers or the word according to the commentators," he said. "They want to hear the word according to God."

Davis' troubles, on the other hand, had legal ramifications. He was charged in 1976 with killing his 12-year-old stepdaughter and the lover of his former wife, Priscilla Davis. He also was charged with shooting Priscilla Davis and another man at the \$6 million Davis mansion in Fort Worth. Davis was acquitted of those charges. Then in 1979, he was arrested for allegedly plotting to kill the judge presiding over his divorce from Priscilla. That case also proved sensational with testimony about a Davis "hit list" that included 15 persons. But that trial also ended with an innocent verdict.



Staff photo by Chuck Chapman

### Quick pickup

Donald Jones, Texas A&M University grounds maintenance worker, unloads leaves raked off University lawns. Grounds maintenance keeps the campus free of litter and debris even when temperatures drop into the low 30s.

## Basement renovations will not be finished this spring

By SUSAN DITTMAN  
Battalion Reporter

Renovation of the basement of the Memorial Student Center has still not been completed. In fact, it has barely begun.

The renovation was to have been finished by the 1980 fall semester. "Now we are planning on not having the facility for the rest of this semester," MSC Basement Committee Chairman Steve Schulte said.

The reason for the delay was the absence of supplies, said Dwight Smith, advisor for the committee. Materials have not been delivered to the Texas A&M University physical plant, which is in charge of the renovation, he said.

Renovation plans include: an expanded concession area, more electric power, a transfer of the stage from the corner to a central wall, additional stage lighting, resilient flooring, an additional exit and a balcony on three walls.

The committee is also planning to

get neon signs to hang over the door and the stage, Schulte said.

Total cost of the renovation is estimated to be \$39,000, Smith said. "The University has agreed to provide \$31,000 for the project from the bookstore profits, while the MSC is providing \$8,000 from its reserve," he said.

Awaiting the arrival of necessary supplies, everything has been moved out of the basement and members of the committee have painted the walls and door.

Finding places for bands to perform outside the basement has created a problem, Schulte said, but he adding that crowd size for basement events has not really suffered.

The Skunks performed in the MSC Ballroom last semester to a crowd of almost 700, whereas the coffeehouse would have only held 400, he said.

The ROTARY CLUB of Bryan, Texas, is sponsoring the establishment of the student ROTARACT Service Club.

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## CSISD OKs election deal

The College Station Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a joint election agreement with the City of College Station and set an April 4 election date at a special board of education meeting Monday night.

The joint election agreement states:

1. All election costs would be shared in each voting precinct with identical locations and identical presiding judges.

2. Joint elections would be held as long as lawfully possible.

3. The implementation and management of these annual joint elections would be on an alternating basis.

Management and implementation of elections include securing election judges, locations, official ballots and election materials and a contract for election supervisory services.

The College Station school board consists of seven members elected to three-year terms — three elected one year and two during each of the succeeding years.

A runoff date of April 25 was also set at the meeting.

In the event that both the City of College Station and the CSISD school board need to hold a runoff election, it will be conducted according to the stipulations provided in the joint election agreement.

However, if only one of the governing bodies needs to hold a runoff the responsibility of expense lies totally with that party.

Candidates for the CSISD school board must win the election with a majority vote in order to escape a runoff election.

## Blatchley files for council

Texas A&M University's director of student affairs, Ron Blatchley, filed for Place 1 on the Bryan City Council this morning.

He said he made the decision after thinking about it for several months.

Blatchley, 38, listed seven specific "critical issues" which Bryan will face in the next few years: a mass transit system, a municipal airport authority, street repair, high turnover of city employees, updating the city's equipment and technology, improved parks and recreation facilities, and close monitoring of city power plant business.

Today is the first day to file for the April 4 city elections.

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<p><b>THURSDAY EVENING SPECIAL</b></p> <p>Italian Candle Light Spaghetti Dinner SERVED WITH SPICED MEAT BALLS AND SAUCE Parmesan Cheese - Tossed Green Salad Choice of Salad Dressing - Hot Garlic Bread Tea or Coffee</p>		
<p><b>FRIDAY EVENING SPECIAL</b></p> <p>BREADED FISH FILET w/TARTAR SAUCE Cole Slaw Hush Puppies Choice of one vegetable Roll or Corn Bread &amp; Butter Tea or Coffee</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY NOON and EVENING SPECIAL</b></p> <p>Yankee Pot Roast (Texas Salad) Mashed Potato w/ gravy Roll or Corn Bread &amp; Butter Tea or Coffee</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY SPECIAL NOON and EVENING</b></p> <p>ROAST TURKEY DINNER Served with Cranberry Sauce Cornbread Dressing Roll or Corn Bread - Butter - Coffee or Tea Gilette Gravy And your choice of any One vegetable</p>

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