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# University fights admission of males

United Press International  
OLUMBUS, Miss. — Mississippi University for Women has asked its alumnae for support in its fight to maintain the school's status as a single sex institution.

to introduce legislation that would prohibit males from attending the all-women's university.

The letter comes on the heels of a 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling requiring the university to admit Joe Hogan of Columbus as a nursing student.

"We will take every legal step possible to appeal the 5th Circuit

Court's decision to the Supreme Court," said the letter. "Also, we are contacting the Mississippi Congressional delegation to seek legislative relief. We will ask them to introduce a bill in Congress that would enable 'The W' to maintain its status as a single-sex institution and the unique heritage it has had for almost a century."

Alumnae were also urged to contact Mississippi and Texas members of Congress.

"Texas Woman's University could be adversely affected by this

case, and we hope the Texas congressmen will join Mississippians in introducing such legislation," the letter said. "Those of you who live in Texas may wish to contact the Texas members of Congress. If we are successful in getting such legislation introduced, we will contact you again and ask alumnae from all states to encourage your respective congressman to pass the legislation."

TWU does admit men in some academic departments.

Stroble said some congressmen

have already been contacted, although their reaction has been neither negative nor positive.

The school appealed the case to the Supreme Court after the appeals court ruling in June.

Hogan had filed suit in U.S. District Court June 19, 1980, claiming his constitutional rights were being denied when he was turned down for admission to MUW because of his sex. The district court initially ruled in favor of MUW, but was overturned by the federal appeals court.

# Fire in church termed arson

United Press International  
HOUSTON — A fire that destroyed 80 percent of the Dell Dale Baptist Church in Chaney has been attributed to arson, but officials will not say what caused the fire.

Trent said earlier the fire started in an electrical panel and was accidental.

But, Trent said, when investigators returned to look at the debris, clues led them to the arson ruling.

"When you look at it (fire debris) in the light of day, it can be different from looking at it at night," Trent said.

"I'm shocked beyond words," he said. "I simply cannot believe it. That wing was secured and locked and is seldom used on Sunday nights. Very few people have keys to that area. I see no way under Heaven how this can be so."

Church activities now are being held in the undamaged wing of the education building.

# Dallas jails receive citations

United Press International  
DALLAS — Although a state inspection team has cited three Dallas County jails for 29 violations of minimum jail standards, the citations "just a reminder."

The commission criticized all three facilities for not having at least one guard for each floor and for failing to ensure that each inmate is visually checked by a corrections officer hourly.

"It was just a reminder that we need to do something," jail director Charles Matter said Tuesday. "There is nothing unsafe about our jails. We run a good, safe system."

A spokesman for the county commissioners said all but four of the violations have been corrected.

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