

The President's Paragraphs

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Betty would like to go to Oklahoma Bible College and get training in Christian education, but her parents want her to take business college training. Tom wants to go and take training to equip him for the ministry, but his parents feel he should get training as a school teacher and let preaching always be a sideline. Rebecca feels the Lord calling her to be a missionary, but her parents want her to settle down, get married and live close to them.

Who should get their way in these decisions? This is a big question. Parents are older and more experienced, and their decisions are so important in helping young people through life. However, in one vital area of life, the feeling and determination of youth must be served.

Parents should never advise their children selfishly. They should not urge them to take positions just for the material gain involved nor so that they might just live close to them. They should have in mind the interest of the son or daughter and what place in life is best for them.

Parents should never try to discourage young people who feel inclined toward

Christian service or who know of a surety that God has called them to a specific ministry. Many times young people go to Bible College against their parents' wishes. This is not good. When God leads young people in this direction, they need the heartiest support of their parents. And parents should be proud if God has called their children into His service.

The work of God often suffers for workers because young people are not encouraged to enter Christian vocations. This is true in our age. So many positions of Christian service need to be filled, but there are no trained workers to fill them.

It is sad to see a person who is in middle age just entering Christian service, because of some discouragement earlier in life. Their talents have been buried and their potential undeveloped. Now they have to work harder than ever to be a success in the work.

God wants the full life and talents of His workers. If there are youth in your home whom the Lord might be calling, urge them to choose whatever God has for their lives.

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MISSIONARY CONFERENCE SET

The first Missionary Conference to be hosted on the new campus of the Oklahoma Bible College will be an event of April 17-19. This conference, which is designed to interest and stimulate students, pastors, and laymen alike, will feature both the



PLANNING CONFERENCE --- The Rev. Rufus Coffey discusses plans for the Missionary Conference to be held on the OBC campus April 17-19, with President J. D. O'Donnell, right, and faculty member Dan Farmer. Mr. Coffey, who is with the National Foreign Missions Board, works on the field developing stronger missions education programs through conferences such as the one planned at OBC.

Home and Foreign Missions Departments of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Representatives from these departments will be working with the College faculty and student mission leaders in finalizing plans for this annual meeting.

Speakers for the three day conference include Fred Hersey, missionary to Japan; Lonnie Palmer, missionary to Africa; Home Missions Director Homer Willis; and Reford Wilson, General Director of the Foreign Missions Department.

By having regional missionary conference at all of our colleges, the National Missions offices feel that more students will have the opportunity to receive a first hand report of Free Will Baptist mission activities at home and abroad. Realizing the acute need of laborers to carry forth the Gospel on these various fields, the theme for this conference is "Pray ye therefore... that He will send forth laborers." (Matthew 9:38)

Oklahoma Bible College is committed to the cause of missions. Regular course offerings in the field of missions are available each semester. Prayer Bands meet daily immediately after the noon meal to pray for the cause of missions in general and specifically for Free Will Baptist missionaries at home and on foreign soil.

Second Semester Brings Increase In Enrolment

The enrolment for second semester has brought the total registration for the current school year to a new high according to a release from the office of Registrar Eugene Workman. A total of 61 students are now attending classes on the campus of Oklahoma Bible College, an increase of four above the first semester registration.

Three full-time day students were among the second semester newcomers. They are Oklahomans: Tom O'Hern, Hennessey;

Bible School Clinics To Be Conducted By OBC Students

Plans are now being formulated for Vacation Bible School Clinics to be conducted across the state by Oklahoma Bible College students, according to an announcement by Dan Farmer, Business Manager of the College and an instructor in the Christian Education Department. These clinics will be conducted on a district level.

Mr. Farmer stated that these students would be able to demonstrate the study materials and handcraft projects available from various publishing houses. The participating students are now doing intensive work in each department of Vacation Bible School. This will assure that the needs of each church participating in the clinics can be met. The students will also offer suggestions in the use of original handcraft materials.

The sessions, which would be two to three hours in length, would be most favorably held during April preferably on Friday or Saturday. Mr. Farmer stated that the participation of at least four churches in each district would be necessary for such clinics to be feasible. Interested parties may contact Mr. Farmer to select dates for such a clinic.

Maurice Hildebrand, Oklahoma City; and Gayle Gardner, Purcell.

New students enrolled for the evening classes are: Mrs. Fern Duncan, Robert Murrow, Narvel L. Pritchard, Mrs. Mildred Lobdell, and Mrs. Karen Sue Sliger, all of Oklahoma City; Mrs. Pauline Wilson, Clarence Bruce, Palmer Price, Ronald Thomas Moore, and Mrs. Cora Bruce, all of Norman; Charley Scott and Robert W. Craig, both of Moore; Mrs. Anne Argo, and Kermit Argo, both of Lexington, Oklahoma; Melvin Gene Gibson, Edmond, Oklahoma; and William M. Bryan, Jones, Oklahoma.

Nine Named For Academic Excellence First Semester

The names of nine students have been placed on the President's and Dean's Lists in recognition for their academic accomplishments during the first semester at OBC. One student maintained a straight "A" average in all of her classes to head the President's List. She is Linda Williams, a sophomore from Norman.

To be admitted to the President's List a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average. To be listed on the Dean's List, a 3.0 grade point average must be earned by the student.

PRESIDENT'S LIST:

Linda Williams, Sophomore
Sandy Davenport, Sophomore
Charles Murphy, Sophomore
Edwin Bowden, Jr., Freshman

DEAN'S LIST:

Ava Guinn, Sophomore
Charlyne Hinesley, Sophomore
Albert McDonald, Jr., Freshman
Dale Smith, Freshman
Virginia Steele, Freshman

Tecumseh Young People Hosted On OBC Campus

The Oklahoma Bible College was recently host to a group of young people from the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tecumseh, Oklahoma. The group toured the facilities of the College, sat in on the classes of its choice, viewed a filmstrip concerning Christian education, and climaxed the day with lunch in the college dining hall.

Several members of the group have written their appreciation for the courtesies extended to them. The following letter from one of the visitors is characteristic of the letters received.

"I was a member of the group from Tecumseh who visited the College last Tuesday, February 7, 1967.... Thank you for the wonderful time and the fellowship we had in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"I learned a lot about the college that I hadn't known before.... I had been inter-

ested before in attending the college, but now my interest has grown even more.

"I would also like to say that you have a fine student body. All of the students set a fine example for us during our visit. Please thank them for their friendliness, kindness, and courtesy to us.

"Thank you once again for the wonderful time we had. It was an inspiration and encouragement to me just to see how our college is growing and to see the fine group of students that make up the student body."

Sincerely yours,
Linda Littleton

The group was accompanied by their pastor Rev. Jim Cearley and his wife, as well as several other adults from the church.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Recent guest speakers for Chapel have included Roger Reeds, Director of the National Sunday School Department; Sam Johnson, National Church Training Service Director; Rufus Coffey, Director of Conference Ministries for the Foreign Missions Board; and N. R. Smith, Executive Secretary of Oklahoma. Students also heard Rev. and Mrs. Dan Munoz, faith missionaries with the Bible Lovers League, speak in a Friday evening service giving an account of their work in Puerto Rico. Mrs. Munoz is a cousin of Business Manager Dan Farmer.

The first annual Talent Night will be held in the Chapel of OBC Friday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. The event, which will be open to the public, will feature performances by students in the fields of music and drama. Awards will be presented to the winners.

Students will be dismissed for spring holidays March 23 through March 26.

Attention All Seniors!

High school seniors from across the Midwest will be the honored guests on the campus of Oklahoma Bible College Saturday, April 1, for the first Senior Day. The event will become an annual affair. The day is being planned to better acquaint seniors with the College, its curriculum, faculty, students, and facilities, and to emphasize the value and need for education based upon Biblical principles and obtained in a Christian atmosphere.

Plans are presently being formulated to include messages of timely interest to young people, a Christian film, and periods of entertainment and fellowship. OBC students will be assisting with the events of the day.

It is hoped that pastors and youth leaders in the various churches will urge their graduating seniors to be a part of this day being planned in their honor.