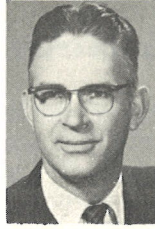


The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



Jacob said, "If God will be with me... then shall the Lord be my God" (Genesis 28:20, 21). The Psalmist wrote, "I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications" (Psalm 116:1). Habakkuk, the prophet of faith, rose above these in his dedication to God and cried, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines..., yet I will rejoice in the Lord" (3:17, 18).

Why do you serve the Lord? Do you serve if, because, or although? All are good reasons upon which to base our stewardship, but the latter is much better. Every man should not only be able to give a reason for the hope that lies within him, but he should also have a reason for his stewardship as well. Because some have much better reasons, they make much better servants of the Lord.

Two chief reasons should underlie every man's service to God. One is based upon love for the Lord Jesus Christ. This, in one sense, could be a "because" reason for "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," and "we love him because He first loved us."

The second reason underlying our stewardship should be obedience to His command. The prophet Habakkuk foresaw invasion, death for his people, and destruction of the land. Yet he stood and courageously gave his message because he knew whom he served. Each of us in his place should find God's will for his life and do what He bids.

Another reason for serving the Lord should be a concern for lost men. If we had a storehouse of food and our neighbors had none, we would be morally obligated to share our food with them. We who have heard the Gospel and have Jesus as our Saviour are morally obligated to those who have not heard the message of salvation.

Oklahoma Bible College can be a means through which you serve the Lord. It is a training center for young people whose lives are dedicated to Christian service. As you join in the work of OBC by your prayers and gifts, you are contributing to the training of young people who will help spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. What you do will make their witness possible. Thus you will be serving the Lord through them.

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FIRST GRADUATION CLASS FROM NEW CAMPUS NUMBERS TWELVE



GRADUATING SOPHOMORES---Twelve graduates received degrees or diplomas in exercises May 26. They were, from left to right, first row: Ava Guinn, Sandy Davenport, and Charlyne Hinesley, each receiving an Associate of Arts degree; Jimmy Cearley, Tom O'Hern, and Dennis Teague, each awarded a two-year diploma. Second row: Ernest Harrison, Jr.; Charles Murphy, Henry Braisher, Robert Grider, Linda Hudson and Ricky Duncan, who were awarded Associate of Arts degrees. A complete story of the graduation activities is carried inside this issue.

Graduates Hear Bethany Department Head

Twelve graduating sophomores of the Oklahoma Bible College heard Dr. Oscar Reed, Head of the Department of Religion at Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany,



CHECKING SCHEDULE---Students and instructors of the summer missionary training school of the Oklahoma Child Evangelism Fellowship check the schedule of activities shortly after their arrival on the OBC campus. The College hosted 40 students from throughout the state who attended the annual ten-day school June 21-30. From left to right are: Mr. David Bandimere, State Director of Child Evangelism; Miss Rose Bailey, State Field Worker; Miss Donna Sturm, summer missionary from Stillwater; OBC student Miss Shirley Martin, summer missionary from Oklahoma City; Mr. Don Stevens, Child Evangelism Director for the Tulsa area; and Wayne Williams, summer missionary from Oklahoma City. The Christian Service Department of OBC cooperated with the State CEF during the past school year in conducting Good News Clubs in Moore and Oklahoma City neighborhoods.

speak on the subject, "Why Be Good?" during graduation exercises Friday, evening, May 26. The class, which was the first one to be graduated from the College since the move to the new 36-acre campus, was presented to President J.D. O'Donnell by Academic Dean Clarence Hearron.

The graduation exercises climaxed a week of activities for the departing sophomores. The events included a breakfast in their honor and the traditional baccalaurette message delivered by the Rev. John West, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa, on Sunday night, May 21.

Three students received their Associate of Arts degrees with honors. They were Charles Murphy, Ada, graduating Summa Cum Laude; Sandy Davenport, Countyline, graduating Magna Cum Laude; and Ava Guinn, Edmond, graduating Cum Laude. Others who were conferred Associate of Arts degrees included: Henry Braisher, Oklahoma City; Ricky Duncan, Moore; Robert Grider, Fort Worth, Texas; Ernest Harrison, Jr., McAlester; Charlyne Hinesley, Tulsa; and Linda Hudson, Tulsa.

Receiving two-year diplomas were: Jimmy Lee Cearley, Tecumseh; Tom O'Hern, Hennessey; and Dennis Teague, Ardmore.

Graduating sophomore Charles Murphy received the annual Key Award given by the College to the student who maintained the highest grade point average for the year. Murphy was also chosen by his classmates as the Best All-Around Boy for the past school year with Sandy Davenport receiving the honor as Best All-Around Girl. Linda Hudson was also recognized during the graduating ceremonies as the Outstanding Student selected by the faculty.

Semester Honor Roll

Academic Dean Clarence Hearron reports that nine students maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average for second semester 1966-67, thus earning the right to have their names posted on the Dean's List. They are as follows:

SOPHOMORES:

Sandy Davenport, Countyline
Ava Guinn, Edmond
Charlyne Hinesley, Tulsa
Albert C. McDonald, Lexington
Charles Murphy, Ada

FRESHMEN:

Edwin Bowden, Booneville, Ark.
Sylvia Fulce, Denison, Texas
Gayle Gardner, Purcell
Mary Jane Ponsler, Oklahoma City

Increase In Enrollment Foreseen For Fall Term

The enrollment of full-time students at Oklahoma Bible College for the fall semester is expected to make a marked increase over the first year on the new campus, according to Registrar Eugene Workman. At the present time applications for the upcoming school year have been received from three states.

OBC students---over 75 of them this past year---are now scattered across Oklahoma and nearby states. But in less than three months, they will be heading toward OBC to begin the fall semester. Perhaps YOU have felt led of the Lord to join that number.

Individuals who plan to be a part of the College family this fall are urged to get their application in early so the necessary processing may be completed before the beginning of school September 11.

Kansas Increases Giving, Establishes Scholarship

The Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptists in their annual meeting June 15-17 in Wichita voted to double their percentage of cooperative giving to Oklahoma Bible College and also to establish a Sharon Rice Scholarship at the College for worthy students of that state.

Giving from the churches of Kansas has been regular over the past months but the percentage increase in their cooperative giving is an advancement for the cause of Christian education in the state.

The Sharon Rice Scholarship, established in the amount of \$6,000, will be invested in church bonds with the interest received being applied to the account of the Kansas student at OBC to whom the scholarship is awarded.

Miss Rice, who was a victim of cancer, went to be with her Lord November 23, 1966, at the age of seventeen years and six months. Throughout the years of her illness, her testimony was a blessing to all who came in contact with her. Although one leg was amputated some months prior to her death in an effort to curb the dreaded disease, she continued to use her talents for the Lord. Sharon was the fiancée of Danny Stubblefield, former OBC student. She was residing in Pratt with her parents at the time of her death.

News Of Students

Jimmy Cearley: Married June 22, 1967, to Beverly Haley.

Ricky Duncan: Married June 30, 1967, to Patricia Klumb.

Dennis Teague: Working in Nashville.
Richard Rust: Summer school at Poteau Junior College.

Linda Hudson: Summer employment in a Tulsa hospital.

Sandy Davenport: Summer employment at an Ardmore factory.