

The President's Paragraphs

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Lot, standing with his uncle Abraham looking out over the plains toward Sodom and back toward the hills of Judah, had a terrific decision to make. What he decided would affect his future, his family's future, and the future of nations yet to come. History records for us the fact that Lot made a sad decision. His decision might have been all right for one who was stronger spiritually. But weak Lot's decision set a trend in his life which led to sadness and despair for many.

Parents and young people in choosing a college for the youth to attend are making a choice which will greatly affect the lives of the youth, his family, and possibly even the nation or world. The college which a young person chooses will greatly influence all the future decisions made by that boy or girl. It will begin a trend in his or her life which will continue for the rest of his life.

Three great choices lie ahead for every young person. The first choice is to live his life selfishly for himself. Like the prodigal son he may choose to leave family and home and live for self only. The

selfish one can "spend all" his life and talents in attaining for self alone.

A second choice is to spend a life which will be hurtful to others. He may not be a Cain, an Absalom, or an Esau, but just make no helpful contribution to life. It may be that through mere suggestfulness like Balaam that he can lead many to sin. Or like the deceiving Judas he may sell out his soul to hurt his master. Or like Absalom with his good looks and winning ways, he may seduce half a nation until they are guided into error and rebellion.

The third choice is to live a life which will benefit society and other people. Following the example of the Master, he can go about "doing good." The Lord might so lead a person to become a great missionary life Paul or a helpful person like Dorcas. He may become a flaming leader like Peter or a quiet follower like Timothy. He may be a martyr to his message like Stephen or preserved like the elder John to influence others with his aged maturity. But all his life he will be the "salt" of his community and a "light"

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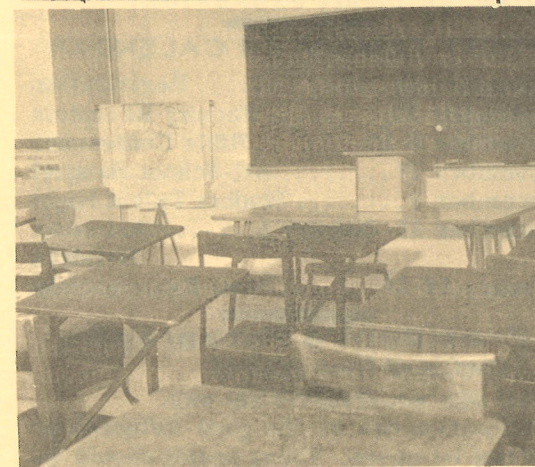
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New Term Seen With Anticipation

As we look forward to another year at Oklahoma Bible College, it is with the anticipation of again following God's admonition to Job, "Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God," (37:14).

Many times we have paused to consider the mighty works of nature which God called to the attention of Job, but for the



READY AND WAITING--The empty classrooms at OBC will once again become centers of activity when the 1967-68 school year begins with registration and orientation September 12 and 13. Classes will begin Thursday, September 14. The annual Faculty Reception for all students is scheduled for Friday, September 15, at 8:00 p. m.

past year, we have been thrilled while we watched the Lord work in behalf of this Free Will Baptist college. We saw His hand manifested in the construction of the campus last summer and in the readying of it for occupancy last fall; in the sending of students who desired an education in a Christian atmosphere and in the gradual shaping of their lives during the school year for greater service in the Lord's work; in the winning of souls through the Christian Service Department of the College; in the supplying of the financial needs of the College through individuals who love the Lord and desire to see His cause furthered through Christian education; and in the recognition of OBC's Bible-centered program by twenty-three colleges across the United States which are presently accepting OBC's credits for application toward a higher degree. Our hearts are encouraged to look for still greater things which God has for His own.

This year, OBC stands on the threshold of the largest enrollment of full-time day students it has experienced since establishment in 1959. As we consider the additional needs which accompany the increase in enrollment, we are reminded that "our help is in the name of the Lord," (Psalm 124:8). We will continue to trust in the Lord to supply the means whereby we shall be able to have the facilities

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Project Extra Continues

Several hundred people have responded to the letter mailed recently urging each person on our Newsletter mailing list to make a contribution to the Project Extra fund.

The building program completed last fall ran \$8,000.00 over the expected cost necessitating the loan from a local bank for this amount. The note has been paid down to \$2,000.00 and now, with the response from our friends across the states and funds still being received daily to apply to this, it is hoped the entire amount can be paid off soon. Some gifts of larger amounts have helped to swell the amount received but every gift has been received with deep appreciation.

Business Manager Dan Farmer states that gifts which have a return address are being acknowledged but some have not enclosed their addresses. To these we would like to say "thanks" as well as to the hundreds we have already acknowledged.

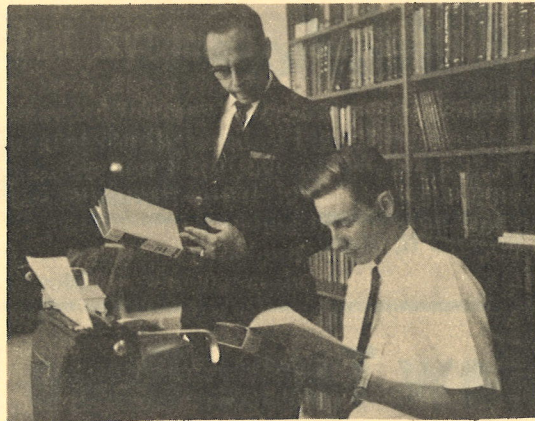
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needed to properly train those who come to us for such instruction this year and in the years to come.

Campus dormitories will open September 11, with registration and orientation for day students to be Tuesday and Wednesday, September 12 and 13. All dormitory students and full-time day students will be expected to be present at this time.

Registration for evening classes will be held Tuesday night, September 12, with classes to begin September 19. The offerings this year include: 6:45-8:25 p.m. - Old Testament Survey or Song Directing; 7:30-10:15 p.m. - Biology; and 8:35-10:15 p.m. - Fundamentals of Speech or Pastoral Epistles.



BEHIND THE SCENES---Academic Dean Clarence Hearron, standing, and Mr. Clarence Bruce, who has been assisting in the OBC library for several months, examine some of the new volumes presently being added to the library. These new volumes were purchased with monies received from individuals and groups earmarked for library expansion.

FIRST SEMESTER CALENDAR

September 12, 13.....Registration
September 15.....Faculty Reception
November 8-10.....Bible Conference
November 17.....All-School Banquet
December 1.....Student Talent Night
December 15-January 1.....Christmas Holidays
January 19-24.....Final Examinations

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to all who would follow his way.

Education can be the good influence or the bad influence. Young people should be guided to a school where the education received will not lead them to make the wrong choices. Oklahoma Bible College will always strive to give a sound education in a Christian environment which will nurture the best in every young person's life. The College will always seek to instruct youth in that which is best for their lives.

Experiences At OBC Related By Two Graduates

"How OBC Influenced Me"

By Ernest Harrison, Jr.

It will take time and experience in the ministry for me to see all of the ways which OBC has influenced my life. I do, however, want to share some areas of my life that have already been influenced. I feel, by being a student and a part of OBC.

I believe that the importance of studying the Bible was one of the greatest influences imprinted upon my life. This was done through the teachers and leaders challenging me to more study of the Word of God.

Another area in which OBC influenced my life was through the emphasis placed on putting Christ first in all that one does. The verse found in Matthew 6:33, which states, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you," is one which I have found to be true.

Another area wherein I was influenced while a student at OBC was the building of my spiritual life daily. Christ said, "Take up thy cross daily and follow me," and through this statement that Christ made, I can see that lives are essentially spiritual.

My spiritual growth and my knowledge of what God has in store for my life in His kingdom have stemmed from the influence that was given me at OBC. It is my prayer always that the things that I have learned while at OBC will be tools that, through God's grace and eternal power, will enable me to accomplish the Lord's will for my life completely.

As I have stated, there are many other areas that will, I feel, become more evident as I continue to live for Christ. It is my desire that love, patience, humility, and understanding will be the make-up of my life and of the lives of all other students who have the honor to be a student at Oklahoma's Best College--OBC.

"What OBC Means To Me"

By Linda Hudson

OBC means Bible study, nightly devotions, classes started with prayer, Christian fellowship, Christian counselors to help lead and encourage one along the way, and so much more than I am able to put into words. I gave myself totally to OBC when I was there for two wonderful years, and OBC gave me back much more than I deserved.

Looking back over those two years, I can see where I stumbled along and slowly climbed to a spiritual height where I believe God can use me. If I had not attended Oklahoma Bible College, I might have never reached that phase of my Christian experience.

We, the class of '67, left our work in the very foundation of OBC. We saw the dream, shared in the burden and work, and experienced satisfaction just as much as anyone else.

OBC will always have a portion of my heart built right into it, and my prayers will never cease that God will bring it into a place of recognition as a school of standards, high morals, and Christian leadership.

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Miss Hudson, Tulsa, and Mr. Harrison, McAlester, were both graduated from OBC in May. Mr. Harrison will enroll at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville in September. Miss Hudson is presently working at a Tulsa hospital.

HARVEST DAY
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