

## The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



Have you ever heard of Jehoiada's chest? Jehoida was the priest who saved Joash from the murderous intent of Athaliah and greatly influenced Joash as long as he lived.

The Jehoiada's chest has a very interesting story behind it. The temple stood in great need of repair. It had gone without proper care for several years, especially during the last six when Athaliah reigned. To get funds to repair the temple, this godly priest took a chest, bored a hole in the lid of it, and placed it by the altar (II Kings 12). Everyone who came to the temple put an offering in it for temple repair.

This effort on the part of Jehoiada was greatly rewarded. The people gave willingly, generously, and joyously. Soon sufficient funds had come in to take care of the needs in repair.

The education program of Free Will Baptists needs a Jehoiada's chest effort to undergird it and put it in position to accomplish the great task which it has.

The Oklahoma Bible College faces this prospect: as fast as we provide facilities

for training, our youth are going to fill them. Present facilities are overflowing. All prospects for building and growth would seem to indicate that our best effort will not be enough. If we plan a broader curriculum or expansion into a third or fourth year program, we cannot have it unless we build to accommodate the increased student body.

Buildings alone are not all that are involved in expansion. Increased faculty and more equipment add to the costs. And then there is always the increase in operation. All these must be considered. A large Jehoiada's chest would be needed to supply all these.

Sunday, October 15, is Harvest Day. In one sense this is our annual Jehoiada's chest to raise the basic budget of Oklahoma Bible College for the coming year. If you get this newsletter, you have already received a gift envelope and a pledge card from the College. You should pray about your response to this need. We trust that the Lord will lead you to give a generous gift for Harvest Day and to pledge a good

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## Harvest Day Investments Help To Assure Future Christian Training

The day and age in which we live has been referred to with many descriptive names. One of these references is the "Age of Investments." The men and women who invest their money in stocks and bonds watch the Wall Street market with a keen eye. Seldom does a week pass by that the average household does not receive by mail an investment proposition in the form of insurance, property, savings plans, or other offerings designed to benefit one in the future.

Oklahoma Bible College is offering the friends of the College an investment opportunity, not for the future but for the present, on Sunday, October 15. On this date Harvest Day will be observed in churches throughout the area served by the College. The investment opportunity is to help shape lives through Christian education by participating in the Harvest Day offering. The offering is received annually at this time in an endeavor to raise the portion of the OBC budget assigned to the churches by the State Association. That portion of the total \$94,030 budget for the 1967-68 year is \$62,030.

The Reverend Jerry Rhoades, chairman of the OBC Board of Trustees and pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ardmore, stated that "the offering is an

investment in the development of Christian lives." He further said, "At this season of the year all of nature reminds us of the goodness of God in the harvest. Our hearts and our lives are filled with thanks for His beneficence toward us. The OBC Harvest Day offering is an opportunity for expression of that thankfulness."

The Reverend Rhoades appealed to pastors to "make a special effort to support Oklahoma Bible College through Harvest Day offerings Sunday, October 15." In echoing this appeal, Business Manager Dan Farmer states, "Without the assistance of the pastors in presenting the needs and the goals of OBC to their congregations, the people will not respond as readily. Without the response of the people, we cannot hope to underwrite this \$62,030 of our budget."

Harvest Day has again been designated for the Sunday immediately prior to the opening of the annual State Association of Free Will Baptists scheduled October 17-19, at Ada. Pastors or key personnel of the churches are asked to report the amount of their Harvest Day offering to the College booth at the state meeting. Dr. J. D. O'Donnell expressed the desire of the College administration and Board of

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# Bible Conference Seeks To Challenge From God's Word

Challenging messages from the Word of God are again expected to keynote the annual Bible Conference scheduled for November 8-10. The event, which will be hosted by Oklahoma Bible College, is expected to draw attendance from the six states now represented on the campus as well as interested representatives from other states.

Speakers will be the Rev. Malcolm Fry, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tuscon, Arizona, and the Rev. Harold Harrison, Promotional Secretary for the National Sunday School Department in Nashville, Tennessee. Both men are very active in the work of the National

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Trustees when he said, "It is our desire to be able to include in our report to the state meeting that the \$62,030 has been underwritten in its entirety by churches and individuals. Trusting in God to impress upon the hearts of the College's friends the need to help us in this effort, we feel that it is entirely probable that the Harvest Day gifts will enable us to make such a report at the state association."

Pledge cards are being used for the first time this year. This will give individuals the opportunity to give systematically for a period of one year. The cards may be placed in the offering plate of the local church or mailed to the College. These pledge cards may be counted toward fulfillment of the church budget for those churches who have included OBC in their budget.

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amount to be given each month during the next year. Though you cannot pass by a Jehoiada's chest and drop in your amount, you can give it in your church offering or mail it to the College.



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Association of Free Will Baptists. Brother Harrison is a native of Oklahoma.

All day services will be held in the chapel of the College with the night services being held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Moore. Meals will be available in the College dining hall.

Special music will be provided by the OBC Music Department throughout the Conference.

The program for the three-day conference is as follows:

### WEDNESDAY EVENING, November 8

7:30 Song Service  
Message.....Malcolm Fry

### THURSDAY MORNING, November 9

9:30 Bible Study.....Harold Harrison  
10:45 Recess  
11:00 Song Service  
Message.....Malcolm Fry

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Message.....Harold Harrison  
12:30 Lunch

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# Staff Orientation Launches '68 Yearbook Preparation

The 1968 Harvester Yearbook of the Oklahoma Bible College was officially begun last week when the selected staff met with the co-editors for orientation.

Serving with co-editors Sylvia Fulce, Denison, Texas, and Edwin Bowden, Booneville, Arkansas, are Richard Rust, Shady Point, business manager; Thelma Haws, Tulsa, layout editor; Nora Mae Jernigan, Fort Smith, Arkansas, copy editor; Judy Hearron, Moore, sophomore class editor; and David Parish, Ardmore, freshman class editor. Faculty member Eugene Workman will be serving as adviser.



**STUDENT BODY OFFICERS---**Following a political bonfire and a night of campaign speeches, the student body selected by ballot their officers for the 1967-68 school year. Elected were, left to right: Dale Smith, McAlester, president; Johnny Williams, Cushing, chaplain; Charles Gann, Tulsa, vice-president; and Carol Standley, Sulphur, secretary-treasurer. These students, by the virtue of their offices, will also head the Student Council. Each class and organization on campus is represented on the Council by their respective presidents.

## SHOULD WE CORRECT YOUR ADDRESS ?

If so, print the proper correction, attach your old Newsletter label and mail to us, Box 343, Moore, Oklahoma 73060.

If you are moving, please notify us prior to the move so that we may make the correction in our file. If you fail to notify us, we must pay ten cents for every Newsletter returned by the post office department.

For any change, we must have your old address with zip code in order to locate your plate in our file.

## Classes Elect Officers

The freshmen and sophomores officially organized their respective classes with the recent election of officers. Those chosen to serve for the current year are as follows:

**SOPHOMORES:** president--Jerry Banks, Sapulpa; vice-president--Earl Scroggins, Ada; secretary-treasurer--Mary Jane Ponsler, Oklahoma City; and chaplain--Richard Rust, Shady Point.

**FRESHMEN:** president--Dock Caton, Ada; vice-president--Doug Brown, Tulsa; secretary-treasurer--Karen Rhoades, Ardmore; and chaplain--Dean Young, Oklahoma City.

## Visitors Address Students

Recent visitors to the OBC campus have included the Rev. Reford Wilson, Director of the National Foreign Missions Department, and the Rev. Jack Paramore, Expansion Director for Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Both men spoke to the student body during the chapel hour and also addressed smaller gatherings of the students.

Other recent chapel speakers have included the Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, the Rev. O. T. Dixon, the Rev. Bailey Thompson, and the Rev. Eugene Hawkins.