

## The President's Paragraphs

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A man recently made the following accusation against the Christian Movement: "Christians do not know their own philosophy, they do not know a strong plan of action, and, most important, they lack passion." This is a serious accusation against a movement which has been dedicated through the years to these very three things. These three things form the center of the Christian Movement.

The philosophy of Christendom is that based upon the New Testament. Probably the above mentioned accuser is referring to the Christian Movement as characterized by liberal doctrine. Having condemned the Bible as archaic literature of another age and having relegated the moral teachings of the Bible to antiquity and unrelated to this age, modern thought is left in a vacuum with no philosophy of life to offer the world. Conservative Protestant Christianity knows a philosophy to offer the world.

The plan of action of the Church should be that of the Great Command, "Go, teach all nations." The Church of liberal thought is engaged in civil rights, anti war demon-

strations, and all types of social actions. They are failing to preach the redeeming gospel.

The lack of passion for lost souls in the modern church develops from the universal gospel which is preached. Men are not lost and headed for an eternal hell according to their thought.

The Oklahoma Bible College has as its purpose the imparting of three things to those students who study in its classrooms: A strong philosophy of life based on the Word of God, a strong plan of action to evangelize the world, and a deep passion for lost souls. You share in the achievement of that purpose as you support Oklahoma Bible College.

### Senior Day (Con't from page 1)

Mr. Eugene Workman, OBC Registrar, urges pastors and youth leaders in the various churches to encourage their graduating seniors to be a part of this special day, which is designed for their benefit, as they seek to choose a college from which to begin receiving their higher education.

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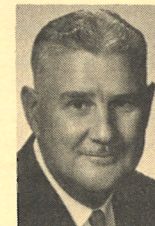
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## Senior Day Activities To Include Talk By Christian Businessman

A Christian businessman and active layman will be the featured speaker at the second annual Oklahoma Bible College Senior Day, Saturday, April 6.



FRANK

Mr. John Frank, founder of Frankoma Pottery of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, will address the gathering of high school seniors from throughout Oklahoma and neighboring states on the subject of "The Creative Christian." The well known authority on ceramics and ceramic art usually illustrates his talks with his portable pottery "kick wheel."

The former instructor of Art and Pottery at the University of Oklahoma started his "studio" pottery in Norman, Oklahoma, in 1933, equipped with the minimum of crude tools and tables. Today, the successful business venture still maintains the original concept that made it accepted as a standard of fine "Pottery"--"every piece should be both useful and beautiful and be a contribution to both art and ceramics."

The day's program will also feature entertainment by OBC students, a question and answer session, a time of spiritual meditation, a look at future plans for the

expansion of OBC's physical plant and her curriculum, and tours of the new men's dormitory which is scheduled to be under construction at that time as well as the present campus facilities.

Registration for the day's activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude in mid-afternoon. The noon meal will be served to seniors at no cost.

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ASKING QUESTIONS--Interested students posed many questions for the visiting Missionary Conference speakers both during and after the sessions March 18-20. The Rev. Robert Shockey, right, speaks with Donna Faught, while missionaries Lonnie Sparks and Earnie Deeds converse with Helen Smith and Shirley Martin.



## COLLEGE CATALOG REVISED IN CONTENT AND FORMAT

The 1968-69 catalog for Oklahoma Bible College will contain several revisions both in content and format according to Academic Dean Clarence Hearron. These changes, some of which were recommended by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, were made to upgrade the program of offerings and to be better qualified for full regional accreditation when the College is prepared to seek such recognition.

Dean Hearron states that the new catalog, which is scheduled for release in early April, will contain programs of curricula for Ministerial Education, Missions



**MISSIONS GO WESTERN---**A western atmosphere prevailed during a recent Wednesday evening prayer service on the OBC campus when the Missionary Prayer Band leaders presented a special missionary program. The emphasis of the evening was centered upon Free Will Baptist home missionary efforts in the United States, Mexico, and the Virgin Islands. Students gathered to listen, to sing, and to pray around a covered wagon which represented the era when both people and the Gospel were carried westward to new frontiers.

Education, Music Education, and General Education. This division of courses into programs of study will make it easier for the student to plan his two-year course of study. These areas of study will be included in both the Bible College and the Junior College programs.

Dean Hearron also stated that courses in American History and Library Science are being tentatively considered for next year. Such enhancement of the curricula is necessary in the attempt to meet requirements for eventual regional accreditation.

### Bond Sales Approach \$160,000 During March

Approximately \$35,000 additional bonds have been sold since the report of February, according to OBC President J. D. O'Donnell. This brings the total amount of bonds thus placed near the \$160,000 mark. This is commendable; yet, with the contract for the construction of the new men's dormitory scheduled to be let only days from this writing, it is necessary that the remaining bonds be sold. With the cost of the new dormitory estimated to be near the \$225,000 mark, it can readily be seen that the amount of bonds sold is not sufficient.

Bonds of all three denominations, \$250, \$500, and \$1,000, yet remain. Any person who is interested in purchasing a bond or knows someone who might be interested in making such an investment, is asked to please contact the College.

### In Sympathy

The College family extends its sympathy to Academic Dean Clarence Hearron and his family in the death of his brother, the Rev. Arthur Hearron of Comanche, Texas, on March 27, 1968.

## Missionary Conference Leaves Mark At OBC

For two days and three nights, students and faculty left the classrooms and gathered with visiting laymen and pastors to hear the challenge of missions presented during the annual Oklahoma Bible College Missionary Conference, March 18-20.

The presence of the Holy Spirit was manifested throughout the services according to both faculty members and students. A great outpouring was sensed by those in attendance at the closing service Wednesday night when a large number of students and concerned laity made their way to the altar for full consecration to the service of God. This was only one of several services in which decisions of dedication were made.

For the first time in their lives, many students came to grips with the fact that their will was not necessarily God's will for their lives. The Holy Spirit impressed upon some the need to present themselves for full-time Christian service. Others came to a better realization of what God's plan for their lives was at the present time. Each service could be described as "a time of soul searching" for every individual in attendance.

Many of the students willingly testified to the meaningfulness of the Conference in their own personal lives.

### WILL PREPARE FOR MISSIONS

Donna Faught, Coweta: "The Missionary Conference had a great impact upon my life. When the Conference began, I was undecided as to what I wanted to do with my life. During the Conference, I turned my life over to God to let Him work out His will in my life. Now my plans are God's plans. I am going to continue to attend Oklahoma Bible College in order to gain the knowledge I will need to do an effective work for God on the mission field."

### ZEAL RENEWED

Jerry Banks, Sapulpa: "Just what happened in my life during the Missionary Conference is difficult to put into words or explain. ... before the Conference I had lost the zeal for Christian work and spiritual devotion. After Brother Shockey preached Monday night, I realized what was hindering my spiritual life, but I did not give in completely to God's will until Wednesday night. ... now there is a peace in my heart and a spiritual zeal to work for God because I now realize that the fields are truly white unto harvest."

### WILLING TO WAIT

Archie Joe Cooksey, Graham: "At the Missionary Conference I learned the importance of Isaiah 40:31. Oftentimes we Christians are willing to do the Lord's will when we want to, but not when the Lord wants us to. Great blessings are in store for us as God's children if we will but wait on the Lord."

### GRACE FOR TODAY

Floyd Wolfenbarger, Springfield, Ohio: "It has always been a part of my personality to prepare for the future. Everything I do I want to know how it will benefit my future work for Christ. However, I faced one serious problem: I didn't know God's will for my future. I faced the dilemma of preparing for an unknown future. Every missionary that I have heard has caused me to want God to send me to his field. During the Conference here at OBC, I found peace. God has not given me a glimpse of His will for my future; He has done something greater: He has given me more divine grace in order to walk by faith today. When tomorrow comes, I will be shown His complete will; but today is here and I must live in His purpose now."