

The President's Paragraphs

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One of the most frightening verses of the Bible is Romans 1:28. It says, "Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind." Often we emphasize acts of sin as means by which men are separated from God. Of course, it is true that acts of sin do this, but we should always remember that thoughts precede actions. The Word also teaches of man, "As he thinketh so is he" (Proverbs 23:7).

You may ask why I say this verse of Scripture is so frightening. It is because of the trend of thought in our nation today. To muse means to think. To amuse is not to think. One of the major industries of our nation is the ungodly amusement industry into whose coffers are paid millions of dollars each day to make us not think. Actually their purpose is to put our thoughts in neutral and give us relaxation from thought. However, in actuality, they turn men's thoughts from reality and substitute other thoughts in their place, the majority of these being thoughts of evil.

Man does not like to think about God and his own sinful condition. It was when the

prodigal son stopped to think that "he came to himself" and "came to his father." If you can get man in position to make him think about his condition, you can often win him to the Lord.

When the prodigal left home his mind was on the pleasures of the world. He did not think of home and all the benefits which he had there. He did not want to retain such thoughts in his mind. In our era of material prosperity men do not like to think of God and eternity, therefore he turns his thoughts to other things. But if God in other ages has given man over to a rebellious mind, what will he do to this generation of men if they persist in pushing God out of its thoughts.

Your Bible College seeks to keep thoughts of God ever before the youth who are in training here. This is not for their sake only; it is hoped that thoughts of God deeply imbedded in their minds will cause them to go forth spreading those thoughts to other minds. The life and speech of each of us should serve as reminders of God to others lest God be dropped from the minds of men.

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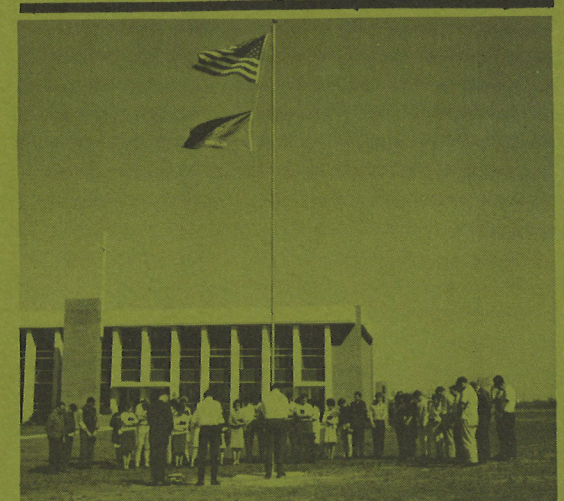
The construction of the new men's dormitory on the Oklahoma Bible College campus is to begin by April 22 according to terms negotiated by the Board of Trustees with the W. D. Douglas Construction Company of Oklahoma City. The Douglas firm was awarded the contract in a meeting of the Board of Trustees Thursday, April 11. Douglas was the low of five bidders who presented their bids for opening April 10.

The three-story structure is the first building of three to be included in Phase A of the campus expansion plans. In addition to providing housing for men students, the dormitory will contain laundry facilities, a lounge area, maintenance quarters, and a counselor's apartment. The structure will be located just north of the road which crosses the campus. The excessive cost prohibited the construction of a lower level which the Board had hoped could be included in the building.

Each of the rooms, which are designed for two occupants, will contain a built-in closet, dresser, and desk. A large bathroom area will be located on each floor.

BOND SALES CONTINUE

The construction of this dormitory and the one to follow next year is being financed through a \$300,000 bond program
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A MOMENT OF PATRIOTISM----At the conclusion of a flag raising ceremony on the Oklahoma Bible College campus, a representation of the student body and members of the faculty pause for prayer in behalf of the country over which "Old Glory" flies. The ceremony was held at the recent initial hoisting of the United States and Oklahoma flags at a prominent location on the lawn in front of the Administration Building. Both the flag pole and the flags were gifts of anonymous donors. Students donated the labor involved in erecting the pole.

Spring Drive To Offset General Fund Decline

A decline in the monthly support of Oklahoma Bible College's general fund resulted in the decision of College officials to launch a special Spring Offering Drive in an effort to rally the many friends of the College to her aid.

This decline of financial support has resulted in a marked deficit in the income received at the College over the expenditures of the past two months. This is a reversal of the trend of last fall when monthly support increased, according to Business Manager Dan Farmer. A decline in giving generally occurs during the summer months, Mr. Farmer noted. This early drop in support for the current year has caused added concern to the Administration of the College.

OBC Students To Give Play, Musical Program

A one-act play and a program of music will be presented by members of the Oklahoma Bible College student body at the opening session of the First Oklahoma Association, Friday night, May 17, at the Northwest Free Will Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

The program, which will precede the introductory message of the evening, is the College's Fine Arts Night for the current school year. In reaching the decision to present the program as a part of the opening session of the associational meeting, College officials and Associational officers were in agreement that the presentation would allow more Free Will Baptist people the opportunity to appreciate the efforts of the students. The presentations will involve members of the OBC choir and the speech class.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Farmer urged both churches and individuals to be faithful in their monthly support of the College and to be prompt in sending their designated gifts for the school. "Apparently many of the churches have suffered financially during the winter months; and in turn gifts to the College have been less than normal. Monthly support to the general fund is urgently needed if we are to meet the quotas set forth in the budget adopted for the College by the State Association. The monthly support must be increased during each of the coming months because of the additional expense involved in the current building program."

SUNDAY, MAY 19 DESIGNATED

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, OBC President, asks pastors to help alleviate the deficit in financial giving by receiving this special Spring Offering on Sunday, May 19. Offering envelopes which may be dropped in the church offering plate or mailed postage free to OBC will be made available to all persons. Pastors will receive further details in a packet to be mailed soon.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Final Examinations May 24-29
Baccalaureate Service May 26
All-School Outing May 30
Graduate Breakfast May 31
Commencement Exercises May 31

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and a \$150,000 gift drive to be staged by the College within the near future. The sale of bonds continue; however, a report from the business office of the College shows that sales have been very slow thus far for the month of April. At this writing, a total of \$165,000 has been placed during the current investment program.

OBC Youth-Led Revivals Deemed Favorable By Pastors

Practically applying that which is learned in the classroom through the Christian Service Department is expected of each student enrolled at Oklahoma Bible College. Many students go beyond the required and seek other places of Christian service in local churches. Some young women teach classes; others use their voices to praise God in song. Often a young man will fill the pulpit of a church in the absence of the pastor, or speak for a youth service, or conduct a revival.

Within recent weeks, a large number of the ministerial students at OBC have had the opportunity to preach in one of several area revivals where a different student spoke each night. The following pastors give testimony to the success of such an endeavor.

LYNN WOOD, Ada, Oklahoma, Free Will Baptist Church: "Having just completed a revival with nine different ministers from OBC, I take pleasure to recommend this type of service to our churches."

"These young men will prove a blessing to your church and will challenge you and your young people to a deeper spiritual life for Christ. I believe it is a means of helping to strengthen both our churches and the young men preparing themselves to better serve the Lord in the ministry."

GAYLE GARDNER, Purcell, Oklahoma, Free Will Baptist Church: "The youth revival had some visible blessings with one soul being saved and others making a fresh commitment to the Lord. But there were other movings of God's Spirit as expressed by one young person who said, 'Since having our youth revival, I have decided I would like to attend a Christian school like OBC.'"

LONNIE McALLISTER, Sunnyside Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City: "We have just closed a four night youth revival during which ten decisions were witnessed. The revival proved a great spiritual up-

lift to our young people and to the church as a whole. The young men did a remarkable job of letting the Holy Spirit direct the services each evening. We would like to compliment the faculty of OBC for the Christian training they are giving the young people who enroll there."

Mid-Semester Honor Roll

Fifteen students earned a 3.0 or better grade average for the first nine weeks of the spring term and have been named to the Dean's List for mid-semester. No one qualified for the President's List for mid-semester as a 4.0 grade average must be maintained for such recognition.

DEAN'S LIST:

Patricia Beck, F Ninnekah
Edwin Bowden, So Booneville, Ark.
Donald Bryan, So Tulsa
Donna Faught, F Coweta
Gayle Gardner, So Purcell
Clyde Gillentine, F Dallas, Texas
Sue Ann Hinesley, F Tulsa
Nora Mae Jernigan, F Ft. Smith, Ark.
Thomas Marberry, F Bryan, Texas
Albert McDonald, Jr., So Purcell
Mary Jane Ponsler, So Oklahoma City
Karen Rhoades, F Tulsa
Vickie Shick, F Fort Worth, Texas
Dale Smith, So McAlester
Floyd Wolfenbarger, F Springfield, Ohio

Visitors Address Students

Recent guest speakers during the daily OBC chapel period have been the Reverend Lloyd Plunkett, home missionary to Seattle, Washington; the Reverend Dave Franks, missionary to Brazil; and the Reverend Clarence Burton, pastor of Berkley Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri.