

## The President's Paragraphs

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The promises in the Scriptures that God will answer our prayers are numerous. These promises are often quoted by some as if we had a service from heaven which simply handed out everything that men wanted just as they asked for it. An investigation of the various promises, however, will soon show that there are conditions to answered prayer. Knowing these conditions is important, but knowing exactly of what prayer consists is also important.

Prayer has been defined simply as "the sincere desire of the heart, unuttered or expressed." This may be a general meaning for prayer, but prayer to God involves much more. The totality of one's relation to God is involved. All men have desires both unuttered and expressed. These may often be expressed to each other and, we might say, most of them go unfulfilled for man is constantly desiring things.

Many prayers in churches are uttered and go unanswered. Many of these are so general that it would be near impossible to be answered. Or they may be so gen-

eral that the petitioner could never know whether they are answered or not. Many public prayers that are prayed contain requests to which the petitioner never expects an answer.

Our Saviour has promised us, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you" (John 16:23). Some have said that God answers all prayer with either a yes or a no. This promise indicates that all true prayer receives a positive answer. Elsewhere we are told that we "ask and receive not because ye ask amiss."

True prayer involves the bringing of our will into harmony with God's will. It is not persuading Him that we need what we ask. True prayer will bring our lives into harmony with His will and will bring our asking into harmony with what will help us accomplish His will.

At Oklahoma Bible College we are asking God for many things and to do great things for us. We know that He is going to do great things for us because we feel that we are involved in the Great Commission.

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## NEWS-LETTER

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## Meet-The-Budget Sunday Seeks To Boost Declining General Fund



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES---for the new men's dormitory finds OBC Board of Trustees Chairman Jerry Rhoades, Executive Secretary N. R. Smith, and OBC Academic Dean Clarence Hearron turning the traditional first shovel of dirt. The 24-karat gold shovel was loaned for the occasion. The recent ceremony involved the College family, local visitors, the architects, and the contractor. Groundwork for the dorm is now well underway after a ten-day delay due to wet ground.

With only the months of May and June remaining before the 1967-68 fiscal year ends, an evaluation of the finances being received to underwrite the current budget revealed that an increase in giving is needed during these two months if the budgetary appropriations for the year are to be met. This decline in giving has resulted in a depletion of the General Fund; in fact, the giving of the past three months has not equaled the operational expenditures which are provided through the General Fund.

College officials are not releasing this information to arouse fear in the many friends of the College, for it is felt that the school now stands on its strongest footing since conception nine years ago. However, the Administration feels that our people desire to know what the financial status of the school is and to show their willingness to meet the necessary operational expenses with added gifts. It is for this reason that May 19 has been designated as "Meet-The-Budget" Sunday in churches throughout Oklahoma and surrounding states.

Most Free Will Baptist families in Oklahoma and many from the neighboring states will be personally approached con-

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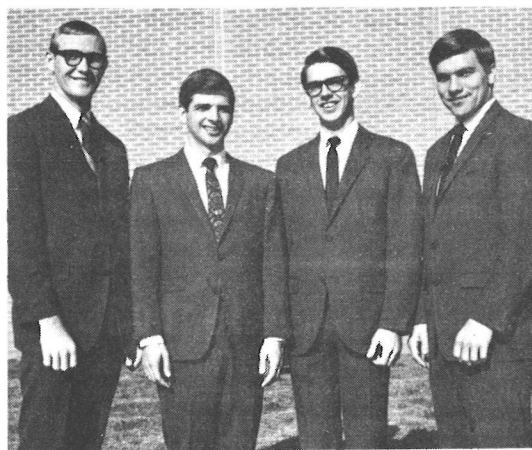
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# Speakers Named For Graduation Activities

A Norman, Oklahoma, pastor and the Southcentral Regional Director of Campus Crusade for Christ will be the two main speakers for the 1968 graduation activities of Oklahoma Bible College.

The Reverend Rue Dell Smith, pastor of the Straight Street Free Will Baptist Church, will deliver the annual Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday night, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. The Reverend Smith, who is active in the State C.T.S. work, is a former student of OBC.

Mr. Jim Craddock, who heads a ten-state region for Campus Crusade for



**THE MALE QUARTET**--- of Oklahoma Bible College has been one of the groups which has represented the College this year throughout the state with the Gospel message in song. Both this group and the girls' groups have sung in revival services, youth meetings, at banquets on campus as well as off campus, and at the annual OBC Missionary and Bible Conferences. Composing the quartet are four ministerial students, left to right: Dale Smith, McAlester; Charles Gann, Tulsa; David Parish, Ardmore; and Richard Rust, Panama.



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Christ, will address the graduating sophomores in Commencement Exercises Friday, May 31, at 8:00 p.m. Often filling the capacity of a collegiate conference speaker, he is able to speak with and counsel many thousands of college students each year about their relationship to Jesus Christ. Mr. Craddock, a graduate of Colorado University in Political Science, has served with the Campus Crusade for Christ for ten years.

The faculty will honor the Class of 1968 with the annual Faculty Breakfast on Friday morning, May 31.

## ALL-SCHOOL OUTING SET

The final examination period of May 24-29 will be climaxed on May 30 with an All-School Outing involving the entire student body.

## Report Of Bond Sales

A total of \$18,000 of bonds were sold during the month of April to bring the total sales to near \$178,000.00.

The bonds are being sold to partially finance the dormitory presently under construction by the W. D. Douglas Company of Oklahoma City and a second dorm which is to be constructed next year. Several denominations of bonds with varying maturity dates still remain to be placed before the \$300,000 bond program is concluded.

## Memo To OBC Prospects

OBC-bound students who have not yet participated in the American College Testing program are urged by Registrar Eugene Workman to do so at the next testing date. High school counselors should be able to provide students with the next testing date in their area.

In addition to participating in the ACT program, prospective students for the 1968-69 school year should submit an application and a health record on forms provided by the College. They should also ask their high school to forward a transcript of their credits to OBC.

The Registrar's office reports that several applications for the fall term have already been received.

## Fine Arts Program Set For Presentation May 17

Members of the OBC student body continue to prepare for the Fine Arts program to be presented at the opening session of the First Oklahoma Association's quarterly meeting Friday night, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. The Northwest Free Will Baptist Church is hosting the event.

The Fine Arts Night will consist of a play presented by members of the OBC speech class and a musical program to be presented by the OBC Choir. The play, "His Pal Bud," seeks to awaken young people to their need of witnessing to classmates. Cast members include Jody Harr, Otway, Ohio; Charles Gann, Tulsa; Pat Beck, Ninnekah; and Arilla Wode, Collinsville; with Karen Rhoades, Tulsa, in charge of the accompanying music.

A variety of musical selections are being prepared for the musical aspect of the program according to Mr. Carroll Thompson who heads the Music Department of OBC.



**STORING ROBES**---Doug Henderson, right, a member of the Free Will Baptist Bible College Choir of Nashville, Tennessee, chats with OBC Academic Dean Clarence Hearron while he prepares the choir robes for transportation to the next stop on the choir tour. The Choir sang in concert for the OBC student body April 18 during their annual tour which included several churches in eastern Oklahoma this year.

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cerning this immediate need of the school by the means of a letter. A self-addressed postage paid envelope will be inclosed in each letter for the convenience of those who will make a sacrificial gift to help alleviate the General Fund deficit or to pledge future financial support to the College.

Failure to meet the budget allotments totaling \$90,300.00 as designated for OBC by the State Association will mean a curtailment in all phases of the College operation. This would mean that many present needs of the school could not be fulfilled and that advances or improvements in the program of the College could not be realized before a new semester begins.