

## The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



There were 250 young people who enrolled in the teen camp sponsored by the state CTS board of Oklahoma held at Robbers' Cave State Park near Wilburton. Over one-third of these said that they planned to attend Oklahoma Bible College within the next four years. Although all of these young people will not live up to this aspiration, undoubtedly many of them will. And, just think, this is just a small percentage of the Free Will Baptist young people of Oklahoma and adjoining states. Every indication is that our College facilities are going to fill as fast as we build them.

This should be a great challenge to Free Will Baptists. To know that our youth are looking to us to provide facilities for them and that they will choose to get their education in a Christian environment over a secular institution should prod us to greater sacrifice on their behalf. The percentage of associations, churches, and individuals who are supporting Christian education is small. It is thrilling to see the response of those who do give. But how much more thrilling it would be to see

every Free Will Baptist in our area giving a monthly gift to Oklahoma Bible College.

Isaiah's challenge to Israel might be adapted as a challenge to Free Will Baptists in building up our program of Christian education. To his people Isaiah said, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes" (54:2). Our complete efforts should be dedicated to building a College program that would be equal to the need we face. Because we have been unable to meet the educational need, many are sending their young people to institutions which teach contrary to the faith we profess. Our colleges should be second to none in providing training for our young people. This can only be done as all of our people contribute to this cause.

Since "without a vision, the people perish," let us maintain a vision and goal as we build Oklahoma Bible College which will ever keep us attracting the finest of our young people to the program of training which we offer.

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## THIRTEEN GRADUATES AWARDED ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREES



GRADUATING SOPHOMORES of the 1968 class included, left to right, first row: Carol Standley, Sulphur; Shirley Martin, Oklahoma City; Mary Jane Ponsler, Oklahoma City; Judy Hearron, Moore; Sylvia Fulce, Denison, Texas; and Edwin Bowden, Booneville, Arkansas. Second row: Joel Kircher, Tulsa; Jerry Banks, Sapulpa; Earl Scroggins, Ada; Dale Smith, McAlester; and Richard Rust, Shady Point. Not pictured are Gayle Gardner, Purcell; and Orville Hood, Oklahoma City. A complete story of the graduation activities is carried inside this issue.



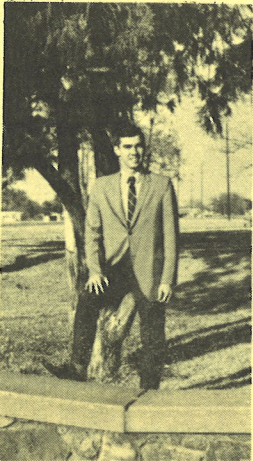
# Challenge Given Departing Sophomores

Mr. Jim Craddock, Southcentral Regional Director of Campus Crusade for Christ, challenged the thirteen graduating sophomores of the Oklahoma Bible College in his Commencement address of May 31, to go forth into a hate-filled, violence-ridden world determined to practice Christian love as demonstrated and commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ. The graduates, who were presented their Associate of Arts degrees by OBC President Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, hold the distinction of being the first class to complete their junior college degree on the present campus. They entered in the fall of 1966 while the existing buildings were in the final stages of construction.

Mr. Edwin Bowden, Booneville, Arkansas, was the recipient of the Outstanding Student Award which is presented annually by the faculty to the individual who, because of his "academic ability, leadership ability, attitude, and general achievement in the area of relationship in



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Sylvia Fulce



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regard to the faculty and other students" merits such distinction.

Miss Sylvia Fulce, Denison, Texas, and Mr. Jody Harr, Otway, Ohio, received the Best All-Around Student awards. This award is presented to a boy and a girl selected by the students for their excellence in all phases of campus life.

The Key Award, annually presented to the student who has maintained the highest grade point average for the year, went to Mr. Gayle Gardner, Purcell, Oklahoma. Mr. Bowden and Miss Fulce were also recognized during the graduation exercises for their service as Co-Editors of the 1968 HARVESTER yearbook.

## Yearbook Dedicated To Prairie Bell Church

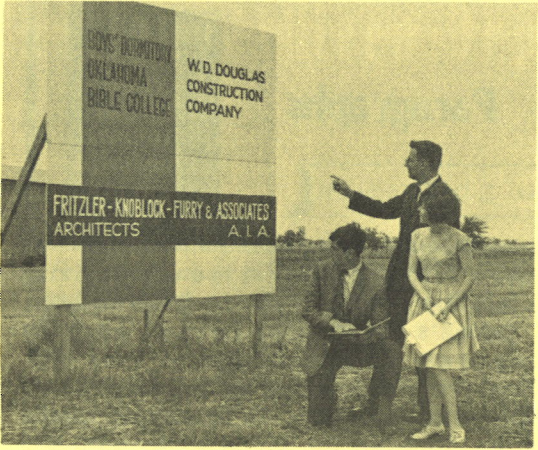
The dedication of the 1968 HARVESTER yearbook was made to a church which is "typical of the churches who have made possible the outreach OBC now enjoys. . . ." Designated for this honor was the Prairie Bell Free Will Baptist Church located near Putnam in western Oklahoma.

The dedication message noted that the church with "Its membership of around twenty-five, though small as churches go, has been one of the College's most faithful supporters. To them, for their concern for Christian education and interest in the total cause of Christ, we. . . dedicate the 1968 edition of the HARVESTER." The Rev. Carl Sharp is pastor of the church.

Individuals who desire to purchase a copy of the current annual may do so at \$4.50 per copy.

### BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE

A limited supply of yearbooks for the years 1963 through 1967 is still available. These may be purchased from the College at \$4.00 per copy.



**MAKING YEARBOOK PLANS--**Discussing ways the present expansion of campus facilities can be incorporated into the HARVESTER yearbook are the recently named officers for the 1968-69 edition: Co-Editors Thomas Marberry, standing, of Bryan, Texas, and Pat Beck, Ninnekah, Oklahoma; and Business Manager Archie Joe Cooksey, Graham, Oklahoma. The expansion under discussion is the new OBC dormitory for men. Workers are now in the process of erecting the walls. Completion of the structure is scheduled for late summer.

### Dean's List Released

Academic Dean Clarence Hearron reports that ten students maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average for second semester 1967-68, and have been named to the Dean's List. They are as follows:

- Edwin Bowden, So. . . . . Booneville, Ark.
- Gayle Gardner, So. . . . . Purcell
- Clyde Gillentine, F. . . . . Dallas, Texas
- Sue Ann Hinesley, F. . . . . Tulsa
- Nora Mae Jernigan, F. . . Ft. Smith, Ark.
- Albert C. McDonald, So. . . . Weatherford
- Thomas Marberry, F. . . . . Bryan, Texas
- Karen Rhoades, F. . . . . Tulsa
- Vickie Shick, F. . . . . Fort Worth, Texas
- Dale Smith, So. . . . . McAlester

## Librarian Joins Faculty

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, President of Oklahoma Bible College, announces the addition of the Reverend Eddie Altis to the faculty of the College. Mr. Altis, a native of Cabool, Missouri, will become head librarian for the junior college. In addition to his library duties, he will be teaching.

One of the first innovations Mr. Altis will undertake when he assumes his new position in July will be the recataloging of the present volumes according to the Library of Congress system. Mr. Altis, who holds a masters degree in library science from



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Denver University, has served as Curriculum Laboratory Librarian the past two years at Southwest Missouri State College in Springfield. During this time he has also been an instructor of library science. Prior to going to SMS in 1966, he was the director of the Kinderhook Regional Library at Lebanon, Missouri, for a two year period. He has been in the teaching field for fifteen years having received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Southwest Missouri State College.

The Reverend Altis has resigned his pastorate of the Rock Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Hartville, Missouri.

### It's National Time!

Seeking to become better acquainted with the people of the Free Will Baptist denomination, the Oklahoma Bible College will again maintain a booth in the exhibit area at the convention site of the National Association, July 15-18, in downtown Oklahoma City. Tours of the OBC campus, which is about 25 minutes south of the downtown area, can be arranged at the booth.