

The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



The Oklahoma Bible College is launching Operation Participation as one of its greatest ventures of faith. When the state association last fall voted to enter a one-half million dollar program of expansion, many gasped at the stupendous task but were thrilled that Free Will Baptists had this faith.

Oklahoma Bible College already stands as a monument to the participation of Free Will Baptists in Christian Education. In at least six vital ways you have participated in the present work. (1) By prayer. The many who hold us up in daily prayer are our strength and we depend upon God through them. (2) By telling others about the purpose of the College. Over and over students come to us because some of you told them about the College. (3) By recommending the College to your friends. Our many alumni especially have been a blessing in this way. (4) By providing scholarships to worthy students. Churches, individuals, and associations in Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma have aided students by various means. (5) By investing in bonds for

campus facilities. Friends of the College have invested over \$300,000 already in bonds which are now being retired. (6) By gifts to the College. The work is supported chiefly by gifts. These have been many and generous, not only from Oklahoma but from many states in the nation.

Operation Participation will chiefly be a gift campaign. We believe that our Free Will Baptist people are interested enough in the work of Christian Education to invest \$200,000 in the Operation Participation. As Free Will Baptists we are being tested as to what value we place upon Christian Education. Our participation in this program, measured against our ability to give, will be evidence of our interest in this phase of God's work.

There are many phases of God's work which are calling for your participation. They must not be neglected. But neither must Christian Education be neglected any longer. Let me urge you to become a participant in this campaign by doing your best. As every person does his part, the work for the Lord will be accomplished.

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Operation Participation Begins Second Phase Of OBC Expansion



CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES--Workmen busy themselves with the laying of blocks for the inside walls of the new men's dormitory. Despite the fact that the plumbers and steamfitters union has been on strike since May 31, work on the project has continued on a limited basis. At the time of publication, the walls of the second story were being laid. A spokesman for the W. D. Douglas Construction Company said they expected to have a portion of the building ready for occupancy at the opening of school September 9.

The second phase of the current expansion of the Oklahoma Bible College to be known as Operation Participation will be officially launched September 1, according to President J. D. O'Donnell. The first portion of the one-half million dollar expansion program for the College was designated by the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists to be financed through a \$300,000 bond program which has been active since January 1 of this year. The remainder is to be raised by the gift subscription campaign now ready to be initiated.

GOAL: 2,000 PARTICIPANTS

The goal of Operation Participation is to enlist 2,000 individuals who are concerned enough about the furthering of the Lord's work through Christian education to give \$100 each for use in the current expansion of OBC. This expansion includes the dormitory which is now under construction and will ultimately provide housing for 56 students, and a similar dormitory which is scheduled for occupancy in the fall of 1969. Both of these structures were approved for construction by the State Association at their annual

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meeting in October, 1967. Partial financing for both of the buildings is provided in the bond program but the remainder must be raised through gifts.

A gift to Operation Participation will also help to furnish each of the new dormitories, aid in the cost of providing adequate parking space in the dormitory area, and defray some of the expense involved in remodeling any of the present facilities which may need immediate attention before they can be fully utilized for future use.

1969 CLIMAX SET

There will be individuals who will desire to give more than the \$100 gift suggested for Operation Participation. Gifts above this amount will assure that the goal of the program will be reached by the planned climax of October, 1969, at the annual meeting of the State Association. Pledge cards will be available for those who desire to be a participant in Operation Participation but who would prefer to do so on a periodic basis during the time designated for the gift program.

GENERAL FUND MUST BE MAINTAINED

Operation Participation cannot be a success if money normally given to the General Fund is channeled instead into this gift program. The monies for the General Fund must continue to come in

each month through designated gifts and through the State Cooperative program if the normal operation of the school is to be adequately maintained. Gifts to Operation Participation will be used solely in expanding the facilities of the College. They cannot be used to pay monthly operational expenses or other charges normally incurred during each month. Operation Participation can only be a success if gifts given for this campaign are not those normally expected for the General Fund.

Phase A of the campus expansion plans is designed to provide adequate facilities for a 200-member student body. Phase A includes the two new dormitories previously mentioned and a multi-purpose building needed to relieve the crowded conditions in the chapel, dining hall, and library. The Board of Trustees has not yet presented this building for the approval of the State Association. However, the student body increase of the 1967-68 school year and the expected increases in the next two years make the construction of such a building almost mandatory for the near future.

Sophomores Present Gift

The 1968 class of graduating sophomores presented the College with a monetary gift of \$33.83 to be applied toward the purchase of the new Free Will Baptist Hymn Book for the Chapel. Jerry Banks, class president, made the presentation.

WAYS IN WHICH MANY HAVE ALREADY PARTICIPATED

- * By praying--which is most vital
- * By telling others about the purpose of the College
- * By recommending Oklahoma Bible College to their friends
- * By providing scholarships to worthy students
- * By investing in bonds for buildings and facilities
- * By giving a gift to the College

WAYS EVERY INDIVIDUAL CAN PARTICIPATE

- * By continued prayer
- * By stressing to our youth the need of a Christian education
- * By continued support of the General Fund
- * By further investments in the OBC bond program
- * By giving a \$100 gift to Operation Participation

Opening Of Dorms First Activity Of School Year

The activities of the 1968-69 school year will get under way Monday, September 9, at 2:00 p.m. when the dormitories will officially open for all students who will be residing on campus.

The orientation and registration periods for day students will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 10 and 11. All new and returning students, whether residing on campus or off campus, will be expected to be present for all orientation and registration sessions. Prior to the opening of school, students will be provided a schedule of activities for these two days and other information pertaining to the new semester.

There will be services in the College Chapel for all students on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. Classes will begin on Thursday, September 12.

EVENING SCHOOL TO BE CHANGED

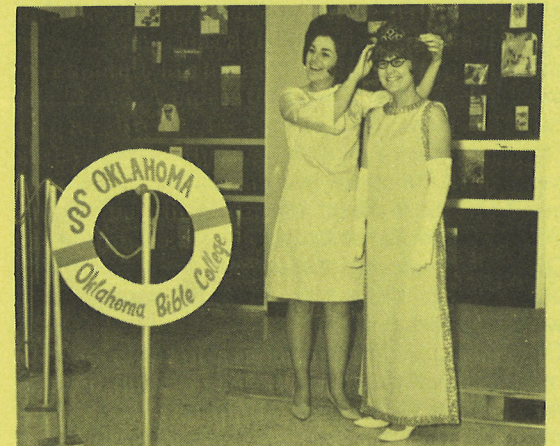
Two changes will be initiated in the program of the evening school beginning with the 1968-69 academic year. The first change involves the time of the evening classes. Night classes will be held on Monday evenings instead of Tuesday evenings as has been the custom of past years. The second change will be the requirement of all students who are enrolled in the evening school to participate in the Bible test annually administered by the College.

All students who wish to enroll for night courses should note that registration will be held on Tuesday evening,

September 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and concluding at 7:30 p.m. This will allow faculty members and those night students who wish to do so to participate in the evening services scheduled in the College chapel.

All night students, whether they are enrolled for a 6:45 p.m. class or an 8:35 p.m. class, will meet on Monday night, September 16, at 6:45 p.m. at which time the Bible test will be administered. Following the test each class will meet for abbreviated periods.

Course offerings for the evening classes will be listed in the next issue of the Newsletter or may be obtained at the College in late August.



AUXILIARY QUEEN---Graduating sophomore Shirley Martin is crowned 1968 OBC Auxiliary Queen by president Sylvia Fulce Brown at the conclusion of the group's annual spring style show. The theme of the show, which concluded the year's activities, was "Sailing Into Spring." The queen was chosen by the group as the member who had contributed most to the success of the auxiliary work for the year. Miss Martin was program chairman for the group.