

The President's Paragraphs

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Before me today are facts and figures on a large eastern university which has a faculty of 1300 and a staff of over 3000. The budget of this university is \$55 million. Student aid alone amounts to almost \$5 million. These figures dwarf the work being done at Oklahoma Bible College if material values are the only means of measurement which you use.

Presently, the Oklahoma Bible College is in a half a million dollars development program. Of this amount \$300,000 will come from a bond program now in progress. The remaining \$200,000 is to be raised by gifts from Free Will Baptists. Our annual budget will go beyond the \$100,000 mark for the first time this year.

Even these figures stagger our minds until we measure them against the need which exists for Christian education. A friend of the College recently said, "I'm glad to support the College when I see what is happening to our young people in other colleges across the country." Oklahoma Bible College is training tomorrow's spiritual leadership. The greater our investment in this leadership, the greater

the dividends for tomorrow. At the present we cannot match the \$55 million per year investment that is being made in the institution mentioned above; however, the development program and budget of OBC are within our reach as we all work together.

An expanding education program should characterize Free Will Baptists for the next several years. A strong foundation in education will help insure the supply of adequate leadership in our expanding work. The present programs of expansion at OBC are steps toward the goal of ever reaching more souls for Christ. Join in this work with us.

DORM CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Construction on the new dormitory has continued at a good pace since the plumbers strike was settled in mid-August. This delay prevented the contractors from having a portion of the structure ready for occupancy by the opening of school. The men students are being housed temporarily in a large dwelling in southwest Oklahoma City.

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FALL TERM SEES INCREASES IN OBC ENROLLMENT AND STAFF

For the third consecutive fall term, Oklahoma Bible College has experienced an increase in the enrollment of day students. However, different from the preceding years is the fact that the faculty and staff have also increased.

An unofficial report from the office of Registrar Eugene Workman shows that of the total enrollment of eighty-four, registration for the day classes numbers sixty-nine students with fifteen students enrolled in the evening school division. Of the day students, sixty-one are carrying twelve or more credit hours. Last fall only fifty students were enrolled full time.

A breakdown of the total enrollment finds the freshmen class with fifty members, the sophomore class with twenty-two members, while twelve students are classified as special students. Represented on campus are the states of Ohio, Washington, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, California, Colorado and Oklahoma.

Additions to the OBC staff are the Reverend Lynn Wood who is serving as the full time Promotional Director for the College and the Reverend Ted Wilbanks who is teaching private music.

The Reverend Wood, who is currently serving as moderator of the Oklahoma



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State Association of Free Will Baptists, will coordinate the efforts of the College in the promotion of all phases of the College work. During the next few months, a large portion of his time will be devoted to the promotion of Operation Participation, the \$200,000 gift campaign officially launched September 1 to raise the remainder of the construction costs for the dormitory now being built and the one scheduled to be completed by the fall of 1969. Mr. Wood will soon be developing an itinerary of speaking engagements at churches and associations in the mid-western states.

The new Promotional Director, who holds a B. S. degree from Grand Canyon College in Phoenix, Arizona, has just resigned a five-year tenure as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ada.

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NEWS BRIEFS

HARVEST DAY, the annual fall drive which seeks to underwrite the general budget, is scheduled for Sunday, October 20. This is the Sunday prior to the opening of the State Association and should be an opportune time for pastors and lay leaders to promote this important aspect of the College program.

THE ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE, a time of singing, preaching, and spiritual fellowship, will be held November 20-23. Services begin on Wednesday evening and will conclude Saturday morning. The **DEDICATION** of the new dormitory will be one of the closing highlights of the conference on Saturday. Further details will be published later.

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He has also pastored churches in McAlester, Oklahoma, and Phoenix, Arizona. He is married to the former Jo Ann Barber and they have four sons.

The Reverend Ted Wilbanks, a native of Fresno, California, joins the music department of the College following a successful pastorate in Durham, North Carolina. Following his graduation from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, where he received a B. A. degree in 1964, he served as Minister of Music at Central Free Will Baptist Church in Royal Oak, Michigan, and pastored the Ashland City, Tennessee, church.

Mr. Wilbanks did post graduate work in the music field at Austin Peay State College in Clarksville, Tennessee, and is presently studying at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. He has received a talentship in piano at OBU. He is married to the former Kaye Thomas of North Carolina, and they have two daughters.



DISCUSSING FUTURE PLANS--Academic Dean Clarence Hearron, left, uses the architect's model to explain future plans for the OBC campus to the Reverend Andy Lay, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kirksville, Missouri. The Missouri pastor was one of two representatives chosen by his state association to serve on the President's Advisory Council. The Advisory Council, which is composed of elected representatives from states in the Midwest, met with the OBC Board of Trustees in their fall meeting September 4.

Yearbook Staff Named

The selection of the 1968 yearbook staff was completed when five additional members were named to fill key positions.

Serving with co-editors Pat Beck, Ninekah, Oklahoma, and Thomas Marberry, Bryan, Texas, are Archie Joe "Dusty" Cooksey, Graham, Oklahoma, business manager; Sue Mullins, Alma, Oklahoma, layout editor; Gloria Followwill, Arlington, Texas, copy editor; Nora Mae Jernigan, Fort Smith, Arkansas, typist; Karen Rhoades, Tulsa, Oklahoma, sophomore class editor; and Coy Donakey, Polo, Missouri, freshmen class editor. Faculty member Eugene Workman will be serving as adviser.

Experiences At OBC Related By Two Graduates

"How OBC Influenced Me"

By Earl Scroggins

What makes a man? It is something more than just living a good life, having a good job, or being a famous person. A person cannot call himself a man unless he has made a change inside by accepting Christ as Lord and Saviour.

In the year I spent at OBC, even a country boy like me has been able to better realize that a man is someone who stands for what is right morally and spiritually. Because I have attended both a secular college and a Bible college, I can safely say that there is no comparison between the two. I have learned at OBC to have more responsibility and to take a greater part in the work of Christ than ever before.

The atmosphere at OBC had a great affect upon me. If you ever dreamed or wanted to live and study in a wonderful Christian atmosphere, then OBC is for you. The young men and women attending are there for one reason and that is to prepare for a better work for the Lord.

Although some people discredit the value of an education received at OBC, I will always cherish and remember the days I spent there. I know that many things have an influence upon a person's life, but I believe that Christ, because of my stay at OBC, has been able to impress upon me a greater burden for the "lost" and that the year I spent at OBC has been one of the greatest helps in molding my spiritual life. No matter what others say, I am standing behind our college one hundred per cent.

THIRTY MINISTERIAL STUDENTS

Enrollment figures show that thirty ministerial students are registered at OBC for the 1968 fall semester.

"What OBC Means To Me"

By Carol Standley

When I entered OBC in the fall of 1966, my spiritual life was at a low ebb. I had tentatively made plans for a desired career. While I was at state youth camp, the Lord began to deal with my heart about attending OBC to prepare my life for service for Him. There was a period of inner struggling and prayer through which I yielded my wishes to those of the Lord--for Him to use my life.

The experiences encountered at OBC were such that gave spiritual strength to my life, new courage and a greater desire to do the Lord's work. Thanks can only be given to the Lord for making it all possible.

Prayer became a reality for many prayers were answered. The Bible became alive and meaningful through my studies and the instruction of our professors. Many new acquaintances were made and friendships became dearer.

It is a great challenge to every Christian young person to seek God's will for his life and then prepare for it. Only true happiness is found in doing the Lord's will.

The two years spent at OBC were great and memorable ones. I shall always give thanks to the Lord for sending me to OBC where the faculty and so many friends helped OBC come to mean what it does in my life today.

Editor's Note: Mr. Scroggins, who was married September 6, 1968, to Miss Sandy Davenport, a 1967 graduate of OBC, is presently enrolled at East Central State College, Ada, Oklahoma. Miss Standley is currently employed in her hometown of Sulphur, Oklahoma. Both were 1968 graduates of OBC.