

The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell



All progress takes time. Time is an efficient catalyst in all human affairs. Time is a medical treatment in healing, education, and all genuine progress. Those who are always in such a hurry to get things done and make things happen like they want them are grossly ignorant of God's workings in time. The violence, mob actions, and other self-seeking ways of our time contribute nothing to true progress. Social and religious changes come gradually because people have to have time to think things through. Religious fanatics, rabid social preachers, and professional "do-goodies" do not accomplish permanent gains by exploiting fear and bigotry.

In our Free Will Baptist denomination better literature programs, enlarging mission and evangelistic efforts, and greater education programs are coming into effect each year. These advances are not accomplished in a moment nor overnight. They result as a by-product of honest leadership and infinite patience. Supposedly "best leadership" is often lost because they do not have the patience to

wait on the Lord and on the people to respond to their "leadership."

Oklahoma Bible College is not half built. It will never be completed. It will always be in the process of growth and buildings. Progress in the school will come as a by-product of the planning and action of God's people as they give themselves in dedication and devotion to this purpose. God has done great things for us. He will yet do great things through the College. What is accomplished will never satisfy some. Others will watch and work and give to make the College become what God intended it to be. Time will bless and make fruitful every effort to make this College an instrument in God's service.

Memorial Volume Given

Life Pictorial Atlas Of The World becomes the latest memorial volume to be added to the Library's collection. Librarian Eddie Altis donated this book as a memoriam to David O'Donnell, the late son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. O'Donnell.

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OBC AWARDS TEN CANDIDATES ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREES



GRADUATING SOPHOMORES of the 1969 class include, left to right, first row: Sue Ann Hinesley, Tulsa; Lewis Ray Howell, Lone Grove; Nora Mae Jernigan, Fort Smith, Arkansas; and Patricia Joan Beck, Ninnekah. Second row: David Lee Parish, Ardmore; Karen Ellen Rhoades, Tulsa; David Myron Sutton, Oklahoma City; Arilla Margaret Wode, Collinsville; and John Clyde Gillentine, Dallas, Texas. Graduating in absentia was Albert C. McDonald, Jr., Charleston, Arkansas. A complete story of the graduation activities is carried inside this issue.

Layman Addresses Graduating Sophomores

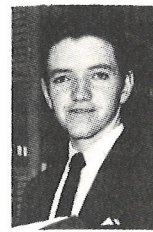
The third graduating class to be granted Associate of Arts degrees by Oklahoma Bible College, since the College was authorized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to offer such a degree, heard a Free Will Baptist layman during Commencement exercises May 30 construct a mental picture of the world in which they were entering. The address was delivered by Dr. Douglas J. Simpson, a member of the faculty at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, currently on leave of absence to pursue a doctoral degree in the Philosophy of Education at Oklahoma University.

Academic Dean Clarence Hearron presented the 1969 graduates to President Dr. J. D. O'Donnell who awarded the degrees. Graduating sophomore Clyde Gillentine of Dallas, Texas, was the recipient of the Key Award annually presented to the student who has maintained the highest grade point average for the year. Mr. Gillentine, the father of four children, held a full-time job and pastored a church while pursuing his degree at OBC.

Other students honored during the Commencement exercises included Mr.



Followwill



Terry



Marberry

Thomas Marberry of Bryan, Texas, who was named Outstanding Student by the faculty and was also recognized for his service as Co-Editor of the 1969 HARVESTER yearbook. Miss Pat Beck, Ninneka, Oklahoma, was also cited for her work as yearbook Co-Editor.

Receiving the student-selected Best All-Around Student awards for 1969 were Miss Gloria Followwill, Arlington, Texas, and Mr. Richard Terry, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Dean's List Released

Academic Dean Clarence Hearron reports that fifteen students maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average for second semester 1968-69, and have been named to the Dean's List. They are as follows:

Pat Beck, So.....	Ninneka
Gerald Davis, F.....	Oklahoma City
Roger DePriest, F.....	St. John, Mo.
Clyde Gillentine, So.....	Dallas, Texas
Sue Ann Hinesley, So.....	Tulsa
Ruby Horaney, Fr.....	Moore
Nora Mae Jernigan, So..	Ft. Smith, Ark.
Thomas Marberry, So....	Bryan, Texas
Larry Messer, Fr.....	Salina, Kansas
Paul Meyer, Fr....	Corpus Christi, Texas
Sue Mullins, Fr.....	Alma
David Parish, So.....	Ardmore
Karen Rhoades, So.....	Tulsa
David Sutton, So.....	Oklahoma City
Arilla Wode, So.....	Collinsville

'69 Yearbook Dedication Made To OBC President

The dedication of the 1969 HARVESTER yearbook was made to a man who has "labored... to build an educational institution which can be used by God to advance His work on earth." The announcement that Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, President of OBC, had been chosen for this honor was revealed during the annual Commencement exercises.

The dedication message noted that during the four years he has served as President, "Dr. O'Donnell has faced seemingly insurmountable problems in the construction of the present campus and in the maintenance of a quality educational program. Yet, he has always maintained his characteristic air of quiet confidence." Dr. O'Donnell, who is widely known in the Free Will Baptist denomination, is a member of the First Church at Norman.

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

News Of Alumni

1967 OBC graduates Ava Guinn, Charlyne Hinesley, and Ernest Harrison were awarded Bachelor of Arts degrees from Free Will Baptist Bible College May 15; Charles Murphy received his B.A. degree from Bethany Nazarene College May 19.

Judi Akin (68-69) was wed to Steven Randall on May 9 in Ada, Oklahoma.

Mary Jane Ponsler ('68) became Mrs. Steven Davis on May 29 in Oklahoma City.

Judy Hearron ('68) and Dale Smith ('68) were married May 31 in Oklahoma City.

Shirley Martin ('68) and Edwin Bowden ('68) were wed June 7 in Oklahoma City.

Thelma Haws (67-69) and Richard Terry (67-69) married June 7 in Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

PARTICIPANTS REPORT

Over seventy-five churches representing six states have notified the OBC Business Office of contributions to the Support Our School (SOS) Drive which was observed in early May. The total given, according to the reports submitted by the participating churches at the time of this publication, has now reached the three thousand dollar mark. The purpose of the drive was to supplement the declining general fund.

Oklahoma Associations which are represented in the number of churches reporting their participation include Arkansas Valley, Canadian, Center, Eureka, Northeast, South Grand River, Gaines Creek, Dibble, Union, Progressive, Southeastern, Hopewell Number Two, First Oklahoma, and First Mission.



NAMED TO YEARBOOK STAFF--- The success of the 1970 edition of the HARVESTER yearbook appears bright as indicated by the faces of these recently named officers. Sue Mullins, center, of Alma, Oklahoma, was chosen by the faculty to serve as Editor. Named as her Assistant Editor was Vickie Ross of Oklahoma City. Filling the position of Business Manager will be Andy Percy, Hackett, Arkansas. Additional staff members will be chosen at the beginning of the fall semester.

Fall Semester To Begin In August

An August start for the 1969-70 academic year at Oklahoma Bible College will allow the first semester to end prior to the Christmas holidays. College officials noted the procedure is now being followed by a number of colleges in an effort to free students from final examination preparations during the Christmas vacation.

OBC will begin its fall semester with the opening of the dormitories on August 25. The semester will end December 19.