

## The President's Paragraphs

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The words of Paul in Philippians 4:8 give us a very profound truth. After listing all the truly valuable things in life, he closed the verse with these words: "think on these things." Had any of us written these words, we probably would have said, "Do these things." But the deep insight and wisdom of Paul led him rather to urge us to "think."

Paul was really enunciating a rich and comprehensive concept of stewardship. What he was doing was insisting upon the stewardship of the totality of life which included the stewardship of the mind. In reality he was saying, "Calculate the basic values of life." This principle will lead us to consider the basic principles that guide our conduct and to give ourselves to the more enduring elements of morality. As one ponders the "pure" and the "good," he is enabled to face the multiplied concerns and issues of the daily life with principles to guide him.

Paul was surely familiar with the proverb which says, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). He probably also was familiar with the words

of Jesus who said we were to love God "with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37). The stewardship of ideas leads to the building of distinctive character. The stewardship of ideas also leads to a kind of conduct that enhances one's Christian experience.

The purpose of a Christian education is to lead young people to "think" on the higher things of life. Oklahoma Bible College does not stress intellectualism just for its own self. This is selfish and leads to arrogance. The "thinking" emphasized by the College is one that leads young people to a profound stewardship of life. Its purpose is to enlarge the distinctive capacity of the mind given by God. Its intent is to sharpen every skill, develop every talent, and enrich every natural gift for the glory of God who bestowed them.

In Oklahoma Bible College there is no place for laziness of the mind. It is desired that each student will probe deeply the revelation of Jesus Christ and lay hold on its truths which are so desperately needed in this hour. With courage and excitement this should also be the commitment of every believer in Jesus.

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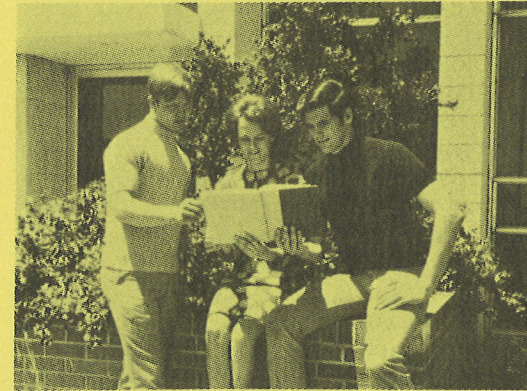
## NEWS - LETTER

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## Year-Long Self-Study Initiates Needed Steps To Gain Full State Accreditation



**YEARBOOK LEADERS NAMED---** Two Missouri students and an Oklahoman were chosen by the faculty of Oklahoma Bible College to give leadership in producing the 1971 HARVESTER yearbook. They are Doyle Hawkins, left, of Norman, Oklahoma, who will serve as Business Manager; Janice Fogerson, Mountain Grove, Missouri, who was named as Assistant Editor; and Wesley Bigelow, Kansas City, Missouri, who will be Editor. The remaining staff members will be chosen at the beginning of the fall semester. Advertisements from churches, associations, and businesses are now being accepted for the '71 edition.

Positive efforts to gain full accreditation with the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education are continuing through the Self-Study now underway by members of the administration, faculty, and staff of Oklahoma Bible College. The Self-Study relates to the purposes, policies, and programs of the College as they now exist and sets forth projected improvements. The partial first draft of this report was presented to the OBC Board of Trustees in official session June 4-5. The Self-Study was initiated in December, 1969, and the final report must be presented to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education on or before December 1, 1970.

### THE CURRENT STATUS

Article XI of the Oklahoma Higher Education Code, enacted by the Oklahoma Legislature, provides that "a private educational institution shall be accredited under regulations and standards prescribed by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education unless such institution is accredited by the regional accrediting agency." At the present time, this governing body has authorized OBC to operate as a junior college and to offer appropriate Associate in Arts degrees.

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# YEAR-LONG SELF-STUDY UNDERWAY

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OBC currently is listed in the AACRAO Report of Credit Given with the following footnote: "Undergraduate credit given for courses substantially equivalent to those offered by the University of Oklahoma." Twenty-five other colleges and universities in thirteen states have indicated a willingness to accept students from OBC on the basis of validation.

## AREAS OF SELF-STUDY

The ten basic areas of institutional self-study are: (1) Philosophy and Purposes, (2) Control and Administration, (3) Faculty, (4) Students, (5) Finances, (6) Physical Plant, (7) Educational Program, (8) Library, (9) Extension and Community Service, and (10) Auxiliary Activities.



THE OBC BOARD OF TRUSTEES met in an official two-day session June 4-5 at a private lodge near Checotah, Oklahoma. Conducting business at this annual meeting were, left to right, first row: Andy Lay, Missouri; O. T. Dixon, Oklahoma; Jack Richey, Oklahoma; and Ernest Harrison, Sr., Oklahoma. Second row: James Murray, Oklahoma; Bill Barber, Oklahoma; OBC President J. D. O'Donnell; Bailey Thompson, Oklahoma; Oklahoma Executive Secretary Homer Young; Bobby Ferguson, Texas; and Trymon Messer, Kansas.

## WHAT DOES ACCREDITATION MEAN?

Accreditation of a private college by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education means simply that the State Regents recognize the standards of education at the institution to be such that credits earned by students may be transferred to member institutions of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and be received with the same academic respect as credits transferring between and among member institutions of the State System. It also means that a private institution so accredited is expected to maintain standards of education similar to those maintained in institutions of the State System.

The standards of education prescribed by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education at institutions in the State System include standards for admission to, retention in, and graduation from these institutions.

After the Self-Study report has been filed with the Chancellor's office, it will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee which will determine whether, in its judgment, the institution is ready for the accrediting examination. If so, the examination visit will be made during the second semester of the 1970-71 academic year. A team of examiners will visit the College to ascertain that the quality of the educational program at the institution is such that meets standards for accrediting of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Thereafter, the recommendation of the examining committee should be one of the following: (1) that the institution be fully accredited, (2) that the institution be accredited provisionally with a re-examination within one or two years, or (3) that the institution not be accredited but should pursue its program of improvement and re-apply later. This recommendation, along with other pertinent information would then be submitted to the State Regents for final action.

## Monthly Gifts

Okla. Cooperative Giving.....	\$780.53
Designated Giving by Associations:	
Canadian.....	10.00
Center.....	477.50
Dibble.....	203.89
First Mission.....	786.58
First Oklahoma.....	1,556.37
Gaines Creek.....	78.25
Hopewell #2.....	271.38
Northeast.....	238.90
Poteau River Valley.....	468.76
Progressive.....	179.72
Roberts-McGee.....	12.47
South Grand River.....	476.15
Southeast.....	1.00
Union.....	74.00
State Woman's Auxiliary.....	431.62
Alumni Library Project.....	155.00
Prayer Band Scholarship Gift...	11.28
Other States:	
Alabama.....	42.78
Arkansas.....	336.13
Colorado.....	10.29
Iowa.....	3.50
Kansas.....	358.32
Missouri.....	39.68
Mississippi.....	40.00
Tennessee.....	70.00
Texas.....	265.69
Total Giving for May, '70...	\$7,379.79
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Gifts needed each month to meet	
current budget.....	\$7,750.00
Total gifts rec'd. for May...	\$7,379.79
Gift Deficit.....	\$370.21

## CAMPAIGN GIFTS TALLIED

Business Manager Dan Farmer reports that "College Day '70" funds totaling \$5,276.04 have been received through the OBC business office as of June 24. He expresses appreciation on behalf of the administration to each church that participated in this drive which was staged May 3 in an effort to recruit new students while offsetting the usual summer slump in gifts.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Two OBC faculty members were recipients of master's degrees in graduation exercises held at their respective universities. Registrar Eugene Workman was graduated from the University of Oklahoma on May 31, with a Master of Education in General Administration. Bill Jones, who served as Dean of Men and taught in the fields of Bible and missions this past college year, was awarded a Master of Arts in Teaching from Oklahoma City University in ceremonies May 23. Mr. Jones has resigned his position with OBC to become Director of Communications with the National Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department in Nashville.

Mr. Ted Wilbanks, who heads OBC's Music Department, received the Bachelor of Music degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, on May 30.

The OBC Music Department is seeking three pianos in good condition to be placed in private practice rooms. Any individual wishing to donate one of these instruments is asked to contact the College business office. Transportation to the campus will be arranged.

## News Of Alumni

Sympathy is extended to Robert ('67) and Deanna Grider in the death of their three-day old daughter, Jacinda Kay, on June 17, 1970, in Dallas, Texas.

Earl Scroggins ('68) received his Bachelor of Arts degree from East Central State College, Ada, in May, 1970. He has assumed the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Henryetta, Okla.

Jerry Banks ('68) was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree on May 21, 1970, from Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. He and his wife, the former Janice Baskins of Norfolk, Virginia, have moved to Colquitt, Georgia, where he is pastoring the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church.