

Oklahoma Bible College

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OBC GRANTED JUNIOR COLLEGE ACCREDITATION BY REGENTS

Oklahoma Bible College, which will be known as Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College as of July 1, 1971, has been approved as a fully accredited junior college by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. This milestone in the history of a college which began as a Bible institute in a church comes less than five years after the College moved to its permanent thirty-six acre campus. The accreditation was approved on April 27, 1971, but College officials were not notified of the action until mid-May.

Accreditation by the State Regents

means that students' transcripts of credit will be accepted at other colleges and universities in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education with full academic respect. This is especially important to prospective students who desire to further their higher education beyond the junior college level but who want to receive those first two years in a Christian atmosphere. Previously, doubts about the loss of credits in transferring reportedly have hindered some prospective students from enrolling at OBC.

In granting accreditation to OBC, the State Regents also state that the institution is expected to achieve and maintain the same standards of education as are maintained at colleges and universities in the State System. The College is, therefore, subject to examination again next year.

Positive steps to gain accreditation were taken in December, 1969, when College officials met with representatives of the State Regents and initiated the Institutional Self-Study which was a year in preparation and involved all members of the faculty and staff. The Self-Study was presented to the State Regents in late November, 1970, and was reviewed by representatives of the State Regents. In February, 1971, a team of evaluators representing the State Regents visited the campus and based their recommendations

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DISCUSSING SELF-STUDY--Dr. Gerald Williams, center, Junior College Co-Ordinator with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, discusses with members of the College administration the Institutional Self-Study, the submission of which was a prerequisite to accreditation.

The President's Paragraphs

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell

This is my last time to come to you through the medium of this newsletter column. It has been good to visit with you through this means. Although I am leaving the College, my hopes for its future remain great.

For the College to grow in the number of its student body, the adequacy of its physical facilities, and the size of its faculty are among my desires for it. However, I would like to list a few things that should supersede even these. The denomination should desire the following for Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College:

1. High academic standards. There is nothing wrong with academic excellence. Though every student cannot excel, Free Will Baptists should try to challenge all, including the academically superior, to enter the College and train their minds for service. Those of lesser abilities should dedicate themselves to attain their best.

2. Superior moral standards. In a day of immoral or even amoral attitudes among the youth of our nation, the students of Hillsdale College should be challenged to maintain superior moral standards of conduct. They should take pride in being "different" for Christians are different.

3. A truly spiritual atmosphere. The materialism of the world makes the spiritual seem out of step, but Christian students need as never before to be made aware of the admonition of Jesus in Matthew 6:33. He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness."

4. Doctrinal purity. The College should always remain committed to the conservative faith which maintains a loyalty to the Bible as the revealed Word of God and Jesus as the incarnate Son of God who brought redemption to sinful man.

5. An evangelistic inclination. Though the College is entering liberal arts approach, sight should never be lost of the need to train all Christian students to impart their faith to others.

As long as these are goals of the College, the College will justify itself as an arm of the Free Will Baptist denomination. It is these goals which make it great and keep it related to the cause of Christ.

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Acting President Named

Academic Dean Clarence Hearron has been appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve as Acting President while a new president is being sought.

Monthly Gifts

Okla. Cooperative Giving....	\$706.59
Designated Giving by Associations:	
Canadian.....	58.00
Center.....	1,702.00
Dibble.....	495.20
Eureka.....	5.00
First Mission.....	1,166.79
First Oklahoma.....	1,387.48
Gaines Creek.....	224.14
Hopewell #1.....	31.35
Hopewell #2.....	496.41
Northeast.....	86.90
Poteau River Valley.....	380.54
Progressive.....	97.15
Southeast.....	68.00
South Grand River.....	526.00
Union.....	159.00
Miscellaneous Okla. Gifts....	133.16
TOTAL Okla. Gen. Giving	\$7,723.87
Designated Giving:	
Scholarship Fund.....	113.00
Alumni Library Fund.....	3.61
State Woman's Auxiliary (Library and Gen. Fund)..	137.95
State Master's Men (Gen. Fund).....	120.00
Other States:	
Arkansas.....	246.19
California.....	10.00
Colorado.....	15.96
Florida.....	5.00
Kansas.....	322.65
Kentucky.....	5.00
Missouri.....	268.63
North Carolina.....	5.00
Tennessee.....	25.00
Texas.....	350.49
Virginia.....	40.00
Foreign:	
Africa.....	20.00
Brazil.....	10.24
Puerto Rico.....	5.00
TOTAL Other Giving	\$1,329.16
**Grand Total-May, 1971	
\$9,427.59	

'71 Yearbook Dedicated To First Church, Ada

The 1971 HARVESTER yearbook is being dedicated to "The people who compose the congregation of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ada..." read Dr. J. D. O'Donnell during the Commencement Exercises for the 1971 graduating class.

The church has long been active in the support of the College and led all other Oklahoma churches in giving for the years 1968 and 1969. During 1969, their giving topped the \$400 mark with a gift of approximately \$481.55 each month of that year.

In the dedication message, the current pastor Rev. Delbert Akin and the immediate past pastor Rev. Lynn Wood were cited for their part in keeping the congregation "informed of the College's progress and needs..." whereby they are willing to support this Christian education endeavor.

Yearbook Officers Named

A Kansas sophomore has been selected by the faculty as the editor for the 1972 HARVESTER yearbook. He is Tom Holdeman of Cheney. Serving as assistant editor will be Rick Young, Spencer, Oklahoma. Derrell Clark, Pocola, Oklahoma, will be filling the office of business manager for his second consecutive year. Other staff members will be selected at the beginning of the fall semester.

Calendar Of Events

July 12-16.... National Association Week
August 23, 6:00 p.m.... Dining Hall Opens
August 23, 8:00 p.m.... Opening service
August 24, 25, 8:30 a.m.... Fall Registration
August 24, 7:00 p.m.... Night Registration
August 26, 7:45 a.m.... Day Classes Begin
August 31, 6:45 p.m.... Night Classes Begin

ALUMNI REAFFIRM SCHOLARSHIP PLANS

The Alumni Association of Oklahoma Bible College reaffirmed its desire to establish a \$500.00 Alumni Scholarship Program during the alumni session May 8. It is hoped that each alumnus will contribute \$5.00 to this effort. The Executive Committee was empowered to work out the details concerning eligibility and the awarding of this scholarship.

Mr. Wyman Straughan was elected as president of the group for the 1971-72

News Of Alumni

Janice Fogerson ('71) and Alvin "Buddy" Drake ('71) were married May 21, 1971, at Mountain Grove, Missouri.

Roger DePriest ('70) and Connie Berrong were united in marriage May 28, 1971, in St. Ann, Missouri.

Robert Scroggins ('67-'69) and Pat Garner were married June 4, 1971, at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Dennis Teague ('67) is serving his second term as a summer missionary to France.

Accreditation (Continued)

to the State Regents upon their examination of the Self-Study and their personal evaluation of all phases of the College's operations.

Accreditation as a junior college has been a goal actively sought after by outgoing president Dr. J. D. O'Donnell and the entire College staff. The realization of this goal became even more imperative in January, 1970, when the Board of Trustees instructed the College administration to broaden the general education offerings of the curriculum in order to build a stronger Christian liberal arts program. The implementation of this directive is underway but it is contingent upon the funds available for the purpose broadening the curriculum.

college year. Other officers elected were Edwin Bowden, vice-president, and Judy Smith, secretary-treasurer. Chosen to serve on the Executive Committee were Charles Murphy and Tom O'Hern.

Other items of business approved were: to continue publication of the Alumni newsletter as deemed necessary by the secretary; to send a questionnaire to all Alumni seeking to determine the best day and hour for the annual May meeting; and to amend the group's Constitution and By-laws by substituting the new name Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College where it now reads Oklahoma Bible College.

The fall meeting will be held in conjunction with the OBC Bible Conference. The dates for that Conference have not been announced.

"COLLEGE DAY" GIFTS REACHING OBC SLOWLY

As of May 31, only \$1,382.16 "College Day '71" gifts had been received in the OBC business office. Other "College Day" gifts may have been detained in their district associations but will reach the state office at a later date.

Business Manager Dan Farmer urges those who pledged gifts during the "College Day '71" drive for the months of June, July, and August, to be faithful in fulfilling these much-needed pledges.

Dean's List Released

Six students maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average for the second semester of the 1970-71 college year and have been placed on the Dean's List. They are:

Martha Hearron, So..... Moore, Okla.
Ruby Horaney, Sp..... Moore, Okla.
Connal Howeth, Fr..... Purcell, Okla.
Bob Littlefield, Fr..... Rose, Okla.
Rue Dell Smith, So..... Norman, Okla.
Sherry Young, Fr..... Okla. City, Okla.