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Sugden Pleas to Grads for Triumphant Living

Dr. Howard F. Sugden, of the South Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan addressed the senior class at the 1960 spring commencement, Monday, May 30. He chose the subject: 'A Triumphant Man For a Turbulent Hour.'

Sugden stated that he wished to place the members of the graduating class squarely against this restless day in which we live. Says Sugden, 'We believe that for such a time as this there needs to be 1) An Authoritative Message, 2) An Adorned Life, and 3) An Advancement in Godliness.' Development of these three ideas in the lives of both graduates and all other Christians would lead to the edification of our hearts.

Six Voted to Delta Epsilon Chi

Four graduating seniors and two alumni have been voted to Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society by the faculty of the college. The seniors are: Gretchen Gallagher of Fort Wayne, Bob Liechty of Berne, Kenneth Mays of Fort Wayne, and Dave Stout of Mooresville. The alumni are: Loyal R. Ringenberg of Grabill, and Gordon Neuenschwander of Berne. Delta Epsilon Chi is a national honorary society sponsored by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges.

To become eligible for membership, seniors must maintain a grade point average of 3.3 or better and must have exhibited strong Christian character and leadership ability. Honorary membership for alumni is based on outstanding intellectual achievement and Christian character. Alumni nominees must wait 10 years after graduation.

Loyal Ringenberg received his diploma from F.W.B.C. in 1928. He received his AB from Taylor, MA from Winona Lake School of Theology, and Master of Theology from Winona Lake.

Seminar Scheduled

The annual meetings of the Seminar on the Improvement of Instruction and the Christian Deans and Advisors of Men will be held cooperatively at F.W.B.C., June 13-17. The theme for the combined meeting is: 'The Development and Evaluation of Christian Personality.' Dr. Herbert W. Byrne, Dean of Education, will coordinate the activities.

Speakers for the evening sessions include Dr. Henry Brant, a Psychologist with the Missionary Internship program in Detroit, Dr. S.A. Witmer, President of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, and Past-President of F.W.B.C., Professor W. Howard Schoof, Dean of Students at Detroit Bible Institute, and Dr. Jared F. Gerig, President of F.W.B.C.

Workshop sessions will emphasize teaching general psychology and music appreciation. The psychology seminar will be led by Dr. Claude R. Rickman, Dean of Central Wesleyan College of Central, South Carolina. The music appreciation seminar will be led by Dr. Rene Frank, Director of the F.W.B.C. School of Music.

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Commencement Again

Commencement is upon us again. That seemingly contradictory word is being heard on campus. The end of something is always the commencement of something else. For sixty young people, school life at Fort Wayne Bible College will be coming to an end. For these same sixty there will be a new beginning, an entering into a new phase of growth, of life, and of service. We know you join us in wishing for them the rich blessing of God’s grace and goodness.

General Omar Bradley has said, ‘We’ve learned how to destroy, but not to create; how to waste, but not how to build; how to kill men, but not how to save them; how to die, but seldom how to live.’ We assert with some strength that we believe that the graduates from Fort Wayne Bible College have, on the contrary, learned to create, to build, to save men, and to live themselves. This is the very essence of a Bible College education.

Our graduates will go forth with a constructive saving mission to the world. This mission involves reaching, going into all the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Several are committed to foreign missionary service. They become the long arm of the church reaching the far regions of the earth where darkness and night still reign.

The great mission of the church also involves preaching. Young men have been trained in the art of proclaiming the truth of the Word of God. They will find their place of service not only on mission stations in foreign lands but in the pulpits of churches at home. They have been trained to become pastors, evangelists, shepherds and leaders in the work of the church. There is no greater calling nor higher honor than to be used of God in a preaching ministry of the Word.

Teaching is also a vital part of the church’s mission. Many will go into teaching in public schools, in mission schools, in Christian day schools, and in the local church schools. To be a teacher in this day and age is a challenging thing. To combat and offset the materialistic and technological with the spiritual and the moral, is a most critical challenge. It has been said that people become what they are taught, and it is our sincere hope that our graduates are ready to teach this generation and some to come what it means to know Christ and live the Christian life. Their teaching will have a redemptive character and a saving ministry.

Henry Ward Beecher said that ‘education is the knowledge of how to use the whole of oneself. Many men use but one or two faculties out of the score with which they are endowed. A man is educated who knows how to make a tool of every fac-

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Faculty-Staff Changes

The Governing Board has approved promotions for six members of the college faculty and administration.

Dean Cyril H. Eicher, has been promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor. Eicher is Dean of Students and teaches pastoral training. He has also been appointed faculty advisor of the Fort Wayne Bible College Alumni Association.

Miss Edith Ehlke, College Librarian, has been promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor.

Mr. Wesley L. Gerig has been promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor of Bible and Theology.

Miss Eunice Conrad has been promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor of English.

Miss Joy Gerig has been promoted from secretary to Acting Director of Christian Service. In this capacity she will train and coordinate the teams which go out from the Bible College to churches in the surrounding area.

Mrs. Grant Hoatson has been promoted to the office of Dean of Women. Mrs. Hoatson, was acting Dean of Women last fall.

Darrel W. Kraft, Instructor in Education and speech, is leaving the college for the pastoral ministry in Plymouth, Indiana. Rev. Stanley Leonard has accepted an appointment in his place. Leonard has an AB and ThB from F.W.B.C., an MRE from Biblical Seminary in N.Y., and will receive his MA from N.Y. University this spring.

Edison Reynolds has accepted a call to replace John Zurcher as director of Maintenance at the college. Reynolds is presently pastor of the Faith Missionary Church in Colorado Springs. He graduated from F.W.B.C. in 1951. Zurcher, his wife Bernadine and three children are leaving for Haiti as M.C.A. missionaries late this summer. John graduated in 1958 and his wife in 1960.

New Registrar Chosen

The Reverend Herald Welty, of Mooresville, Indiana, has been appointed registrar to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Harvey L. Mitchell.

Welty received his diploma from Fort Wayne Bible College in 1940 and returned to receive his Bachelor of Religious Education degree in 1957. He went on to Indiana Uni-
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President Tours West

Dr. Gerig announces that he plans a summer promotional tour through the West. His schedule is as follows:
- Jun 18-24 Hume Lake, Calif. Youth Camp
- Jun 26-29 Roseburg, Oregon
- Jun 30-10 Portland, Ore. Camp Meeting
- Jul 15-22 Southern California
- Jul 22-24 Phoenix, Ariz.
- Aug 4-14 Elkhart, Ind. Camp Meeting

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versity where he received his MS in education in the field of counseling and guidance. He has served as a pastor since 1940, with the past two years spent at the Grace Missionary Church of Mooresville.

Mitchell has accepted the post of office manager and will assist in public relations for Young Life.

Mitchell’s refreshing sense of humor and humble sincerity have won him the admiration of students and fellow faculty members alike.

The Lord shall guide thee continually.

Six Voted To Delta Epsilon Chi (Cont’d)

Mitchell Neuenschwander Ringenberg

Ringenberg is executive secretary for Fort Wayne Youth For Christ. He has taught and acted as registrar at the college, and his book, ‘The Word of God In History’ is used as a text in Bible Survey courses.

Gordon Neuenschwander received his diploma from F.W.B.C. in 1949. He received his AB degree from Bethel College in Kansas in 1951, and has done graduate work at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart. He joined the First Mennonite Church in Berne as assistant pastor in 1956, and became pastor in 1958, and has done an outstanding job in this church with 1,320 members. He is president of the Berne Ministerial Association and vice-president of the Mennonite Central District Conference.

Women’s Auxiliary Votes

At the Spring Fellowship Meeting of the F.W.B.C. Women’s Auxiliary, held in April, the following new officers were elected:
- Mrs. James Beltz, president; Mrs. M.L. Klopfenstein, Vice President. The Women’s Auxiliary have graciously accepted an invitation to serve at the Annual Alumni Spring Banquet on May 27.

Commencement Again (Cont’d)

ulty —how to open it, how to keep it sharp, and how to apply it to all practical purposes.

Pray with us that every graduating senior will know how to use the whole of himself in a dedicated ministry to the world which will glorify God and hasten the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. To this end we dedicate ourselves to the hundreds of young people who will yet come to F.W.B.C.

Catalog Ready

The 1960-61 Catalog is going to press as this issue of Vision goes into the mail.

The new catalog has basic changes reflecting a re-organization of the divisional makeup of the college. There will be five basic divisions next year: The Division of Christian Ministries, the Division of Education, the Division of General Education, the Division of Music, and the Division of Extension Studies.

Those who are interested in procuring a copy of the new catalog should write to the Office of the Registrar.

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