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N. C. A. Grants Candidate Status

The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has granted Fort Wayne Bible College candidate status. F. W. B. C. is the first Bible college to receive such from N. C. A.

Dr. Gerig says, "This is a major step in our continuing process of seeking and achieving accreditation by the North Central Association. Within three years we expect to meet all requirements for accreditation."

He points out that this does not imply that the Bible College is planning to become a liberal arts college. "We are a Bible college, and we expect to be accredited as a Bible college. Our main purpose is to train young people for church vocations. We seek accreditation in order to demonstrate that the quality of education at F.W.B.C. is equal to any other type of education as evaluated by such standards."

Candidate status does not guarantee accreditation a few years hence. It does indicate that the N.C.A. feels it has sufficient grounds for believing that the Bible College can meet all standards for admission within a three-year period.

Among their findings the N.C.A. commended the physical plant and its maintenance, and said that the library is "a small but beautiful and functional building, something of an architectural gem in the opinion of one examiner."

They found the faculty and student morale very high and "strongly committed to the religious objectives of the college." They commended the Governing Board, administration and business officers.

They suggested strengthening the general education program while noting that major programs are adequately taught and "reflect the avowed aims of the college to provide the students with an intensive and systematic study of the Bible, an acquaintance with the Gospel message and an enrichment of their spiritual life."

They noted with praise the increase in library holdings and suggested further increases in the future. They said that we have a "truly dedicated faculty," and suggested increasing salaries, lightening loads, and adding new teachers, especially in the general education program. The College has already taken steps in this direction.

Commenting on the ability of Bible College graduates the report said, "The

college submitted solid and convincing evidence from Indiana University that its graduates have acquitted themselves well there."

In its summary the report stated, "The college is strongly committed to its central religious purpose. There is a motivating force of great power which exerts itself at all levels from the trustees to the students.... The church, though not a large one, stands behind the college and aids it in many ways including the all-important matter of helping provide or secure both capital and operating funds."



"Faculty Four" Go West

A team from F.W.B.C., called the "Faculty Four," is traveling to the west coast this summer on a quick tour which will bring them to Santa Barbara for the Missionary Church Association General Conference, July 23-26.

Members of the team pictured left to right are Mr. Thomas Zehr, assistant pastor of the First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne; the Rev. Timothy Warner, chairman of the department of missions; Mr. Ira Gerig, associate professor of music; and the Rev. J. Harlan Wright, college regional representative. Their mature voices and winning personalities combine to make a delightful program that is both enjoyable and inspirational. If they are in your area be sure to hear them.



Expository Preaching

It has been said that the inspiration of the Bible is proven by the fact that it has survived so much poor preaching. It is not only poor preaching on it, but totally

ignoring it that is significant.

Most preaching in our day is topical, or textual at the best, where the text becomes more of a pretext than anything else. A text becomes something nice to begin with and then depart from, with good possibilities of never returning to it.

We are living in the days prophesied by Amos, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it." (Amos 8:11,12)

Great expository preaching is a lost art for several reasons. There is first the lost sense of the importance of God's Word. Dr. Paul Rees has well said, "Why expound a book, or a chapter, or a paragraph, if its trustworthiness had been either repudiated or slicked over with doubt? Liberalism produces no Alexander Maclarens." Liberalsim cannot be blamed alone. Evangelicals are doing little more than paying lip-service to the Word of God. The centrality of the Scriptures in evangelical preaching is sadly lacking and the saints are wandering to and fro seeking the Word of the Lord and are not finding it.

Mental and intellectual indolence defeats expository preaching. Jeff Ray has written that "patient study, and laborious digging and earnest praying" constitute the price of it. Few preachers are ready to pay the price of spending at least 20 hours a week in the study pouring over and wading through the Book. F.B. Meyer has said it well, "Expository preaching is the consecutive treatment of some book or extended portion of Scripture on which the preacher has concentrated head and heart, brain and brawn, over which he has thought and wept and prayed, until it has yielded up its inner secret, and the spirit of it has passed into his spirit."

The average pastor who has become a "jack of all trades" (including public relations, fund-raising, promotion, organization, psychiatry, building, community leader, etc.) might well rethink his task in terms of the priority which should once again be given to the Word of God and the expository

preaching of it.

A lack of "know how" on the part of the preacher himself defeats this type of ministry in the pulpit. The principles and techniques of expository preaching are given only passing notice in the total field of homiletics. Our schools are at fault here, and teachers are at fault who possibly have down-graded expository preaching unconsciously by the over-emphasis on life-situation preaching wherein there is a reflection cast upon the applicability of the Bible to modern times.

Fort Wayne Bible College does not overlook this important ministry of the Word of God. In five semester hours of study in the field of homiletics, two of these are devoted wholly to expository preaching. We are concerned that these young

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Around the campus ...

Faculty Summer Travels

Summer will find the faculty traveling widely. As already reported, Dr. and Mrs. Gerig will be in Israel teaching. They will go by way of Africa, stopping at their son's mission station in Sierra Leone, seeing their new granddaughter for the first time. They will also see England, some of Greece and other North African countries and near eastern lands.

Dr. and Mrs. Simpson will see the Holy Lands this summer with some visits to European coun-

tries as well.

Dr. and Mrs. Rene Frank will visit friends and relatives in Europe, especially in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Klopfenstein will visit Jamaica and Haiti in June, delivering messages in churches and the commencement address at Jamaica Theological Seminary.

Other faculty members will travel from coast to coast and from northernmost U.S. to the southern states. Some travel is for college business, some for further education, and some just for pleasure.

Chorale Concert Recorded

Having made a good recording of the Chorale Home Concert, a 12 inch LP record was produced, mainly to fill student requests. The Chorale is looking forward to an eastern tour next spring. with a recording date at R.C.A. studios in New York where a 12 inch stereo recording will be produced.

Organ Compositions Published

Hope Publishing Company has published a collection of Dr. Rene Frank's organ compositions: "Eleven Short Organ Hymns." The collection is dedicated to Mr. Ira Gerig, associate professor of music. These short hymns are designed to be used as preludes, postludes and offertories.

Another composition by Dr. Frank, "Jesus Lives," has been published by Hope. It is been published by Hope. a hymn anthem for church choirs. A number of other compositions have been accepted for publication. Watch for further word.

Graduating Class

The Class of 1964 has 53 members with degrees being received in 17 programs. About two-thirds of the degrees are in programs in Bible, pastoral training, missions, Christian education or sacred music. Four are in the social science program and 18 are in the elementary education program.

> E. DeLayne Hirschy Lois B. Huff

May R. Imler

Karen L. Lantz

James A. Larnard

Milburn R. Nantz

Phillip L. Rice

Betty Z. Spader

Esther L. Spieth

Duane R. Steiner

Sandra L. Tucker

Lawrence E. Uczen

Kent L. VonGunten

Alice Joy Weddle

Robert L. Wheat

Rudolf J. Wiens

Sharon J. Zerby

Elmer E. Rupp, Jr.

Richard C. Speicher

Doris Ann Niswander

Anita R. Laymon

Fran J. Locke

Those graduating on June 1 are: George W. Ashley Karl L. Bell Shirley J. Berty Stephen N. Binkley Arlan J. Birkey Philip D. Buchanan Howard L. Cadaret Judith R. Calvin Elizabeth Campbell

Eileen M. Clark David W. Dyck Robert F. Dye, Jr. Clarence L. Eash James G. Ebersole Duane A. Ford Patricia Ann Fowler Phillis K. Freeman Mary Ellen Gudeman Hugh T. Gushiken Dolores A. Hake

Janyce L. Harris James W. Harshaw, Jr. Glenda J. Hebblethwaite

Mrs. George (Cecelia McCrea) Ashley Mrs. John (Henel Imler) Blomberg Mrs. John (Karen Heffner) Durst Mrs. Tim (Sharon L. Butcher) Evearitt

Mrs. Walter (Eleanor Wann) Johnson Mrs. David (Mary Esther Lupton) Keller

Mrs. Don (Eva Stone) Rice Mrs. Robert (Wahnetta Hammon) Wheat

Women's Auxiliary Gives Scholarships

Miss Judy Dunlap and Mr. Kenneth Brisco were each presented a \$100 scholarship by the Fort Wayne Bible College Auxiliary during chapel on February 18. The women took charge of the chapel service, taking part in a skit showing the activities of the Auxiliary, with Mrs. Eunice Cox, president, presiding.

On Tuesday, April 14, the Auxiliary held their spring fellowship meeting. Both scholarship recipients gave testimonies and a faculty group presented music. Miss Eunice Conrad, assistant professor of English, gave a pictorial devotion, using slides she has taken on travels throughout the country.

Mrs. Omeda Haifley of Grabill was elected president and Mrs. Hazel Mills, re-elected treasurer for the coming year. Mrs. Elaine Oyer continues as vice-president and Mrs. Bess Klopfenstein continues as secretary.

Expository Preaching (Con't)

men preparing for the ministry know something of the basic techniques in this kind of preaching of the Word. We feel an obligation to do something about this modern famine of the Word of God.



Dr. V. Raymond Edman

Commencement Weekend

A full week-end of activities is scheduled at Commencement time starting with the Alumni Spring Banquet, Friday, May 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Evangelical United Brethren Church. Reservations must be received at the Alumni Office by May 22 (adults \$1.50, children \$1, seniors free). Following the banquet there will be a brief business meeting at which time election results will be announced.

At 8:30 Friday, after the Alumni meeting, the Annual Spring Concert will be presented in Founders Memorial Auditorium. Featured will be the Fort Wayne Bible College Band, the Chorale and Mr. Ken Mays at the piano. The program has a variety of styles from concert marches to a Schubert piano composition, from hymn variations for band to classical Christian choral arrangements. the program is open to the public without charge.

On Saturday, May 30, at 8 p.m. seniors and parents meet faculty and staff at the Senior-Parent Reception in Founders Lounge.

On Sunday, May 31, at 3 p.m., Dr. Edward Augsburger will deliver the Baccalaureate address: "The Challenge of Twentieth Century Christianity." Music will be provided by the Chorale.

Commencement is at 10:30 a.m., Monday in the Founders Auditorium. Speaking will be Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College. His topic is "The Hinge of History."

Senior Class Donates Speaker System

The graduating class donated a speaker system for the Founders Chapel as their gift to the College. Five Atlas Columnir sound columns, each containing four speakers, are distributed evenly along each wall. This makes six columns for the chapel and four for the gym.

The improvement in sound is immediately apparent, especially when the gym is open for large functions. The new system prevents blasting when close to the sound source, and offers uniformly smooth coverage over the entire listening area.

The College gives deep thanks to the senior class and to Mr. H.A. Beltz for installing the system in time for use at Youth Conference.

Dr. Gerig Elected N.A.E. President

Dr. Jared F. Gerig, president of the College, has been elected president of the National Association of Evangelicals for a two-year term. He succeeds Dr. Robert A. Cook, president of King's College.

Cook, president of King's College.

As N.A.E. president, Dr. Gerig holds the college of the National Christian Physical College on March 13.

Taylor, general director of N.A.E. and mem About 200 Christian Colleges plus physical ber of the F.W.B.C. governing board. Other education teachers from a great many other newly elected N.A.E. officers are: Dr. Rufu Colleges are members of the NCPEA. Jones-first vice president; Olson-second vice president, Dr. Co C. Burnett-secretary and Mr. Carl Gunder son-treasurer.

Mrs. Gerig is publicity director for the Women's Auxiliary of the N.A.E.

Upon their return to campus, Dr. and Mrs. Gerig were honored at a surprise reception in the Student Lounge. The affair was planned by the faculty and staff, and had congratulatory messages from the Governor—the Hon. Matthew Welsh, from Dr. George Ford, Mr. J. Francis Chase, the Rev. Tilman Habegger, the Rev. Eli Steiner, Mr. Stanley Miller. Congratulatory speeches were given by Fort Wayne City Comptroller—Mr. Ivan McKathnie, the Rev. Cornelius Vlot for First Missionary Church and the M.C.A., by the Rev. Howard Dunlap for the Alumni Association and the Christian Union Church, by Mr. Forest Balziger for the Governing Board. by Roy Meyer for the student body and by Dr. Edward Simpson for the faculty and staff.

Coach Heads

ominations.

Dr. Gerig will work closely with Dr. Clyden meeting at Greenville College on March 13.

Bounded in 1956, the NCPEA brings the field of physical education. They share experiences, methods and techniques in order to be better qualified in their field.

> Other officers elected were Dr. Robert McCollum of Trenton State College-vice president, Miss Joyce Ballard of Malone College—secretary, and Mr. Richard Lively of Houghton Academy—treasurer.

> Coach Morley joined Fort Wayne Bible College in 1959 after teaching and coaching in several other Christian colleges and having played professionally or semiprofessionally in baseball, football, basketball and track.

