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Classes Elect Student Officers

Class officers for the current school year were recently elected in special class meetings. According to Cyril H. Eicher, dean of students, they are as follows:

Seniors — John Zurcher, Berne, president; Joe Cunningham, East Fultonham, Ohio, vice-president; Ann Eicher, Fort Wayne, secretary; James Sowers, Wooster, Ohio, treasurer; Ardene Smith, Peoria, Illinois, student council representative; Charles Cole, Hampstead, Md., athletic director; and Prof. Eicher, advisor.

Juniors — Glen Schade, Pleasant, Mich., president; Mary Warner, Davenport, Iowa, vice-president; Dorothy Nesseth, Madison, S. Dak., secretary; Paul Weidner, Reading, Pa., treasurer; T. A. Strader, Royal Oak, Mich., athletic director; William Paul, Chicago, student council representative; Robert Mason, Fort Wayne, chaplain; and Prof. Harvey Mitchell, advisor.

Sophomores — Wesley Christian, Grabill, president; Ronald Mayforth, Benton Harbor, Mich., vice-president; Dorothy Rupp, Bryan, Ohio, secretary; Ronald Hodgkin, Fort Wayne, treasurer; Etan Pelzer, St. Joseph, Mich., student council representative; Paul Brennan, Ottawa, Ohio, athletic director; Jerry Meyer,

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Flu Cripples Classes

Illness made an unprecedented mark on the student body of the college recently, with some 55% of the students affected. About 170 students were victims of the respiratory flu. College officials were forced to dismiss classes from Wednesday morning through Friday, October 9-11.

Due to the illness, the Youth Conference, originally scheduled for October 18-20, was postponed, with a possible rescheduling in the spring.



Faculty musicians look at scores in anticipation of their program "An Evening with our Composer-Teachers". Left to right, Richard Gerig, Ira Gerig, Dr. Frank, and Dr. Lundquist.

Faculty Composers Plan Unique Program To Include Works by Newest Teacher, Dr. Lundquist

Original music compositions by members of the faculty will be performed in a program of the School of Music on Wednesday, November 13, in Founders Memorial auditorium at 8:00 p.m. The theme will be "An Evening with our Composer-Teachers," and the program will feature compositions and arrangements by Dr. Rene Frank, Dr. Matthew Lundquist, Ira Gerig, and Richard Gerig.

Dr. Lundquist, who will contribute several anthems to the program, joined the college's teaching staff on September 25. He is a distinguished composer of church music, musicologist, organist, and choirmaster. Among his works are some 200 sacred choral compositions published by America's leading music publishers. He has composed three symphonies and several oratorios. He also has taught at several other colleges and universities, the most recent being Concordia Teachers College at River Forest, Ill.

A vocal ensemble, directed by Miss Betty Stanley, will perform three of Dr. Lundquist's anthems, "Lift Up Your Heads", "Easter Song", and "Lent". August Stelhorn, instructor in organ, will play three choral preludes on hymn tunes, one by Dr. Lundquist and two by Dr. Frank.

A song cycle, entitled "Triptych of Heavenly Love", composed by Dr. Frank, will be sung by guest artists Miss Margaret Albert, contralto, and Henry Simminger, baritone. Miss Albert will also sing two spiritual songs by Dr. Frank on texts by the Japanese poet Kagawa, entitled "Songs from the Slums."

Ira Gerig, pianist, will perform his improvisations on the hymn tunes, "Foundation" and "My Jesus I Love Thee." Two hymn arrangements by Richard Gerig will be sung by the choir of the First Missionary Church where Mr. Gerig is minister of music. The arrangements are his settings of "Sun of My Soul" and the Scottish hymn tune "Crimond".

The composers will give informal comments concerning their compositions, together with their objectives in the ministry of sacred music.

with the president . . .

Dr. S. A. Witmer



Observation made by reporter hours after Russia launched the first satellite: "Scientists calculate, politicians ponder, military men reckon, and laymen wonder." We should like to add a fifth reaction from Mr. A. Bible Christian.

This being called man has always been a strange paradox. Of the earth, earthy, he nevertheless has persistently tried to escape from the mire that holds him and of which he is a part. By dreams and visions, by reflections and aspirations, he has envisioned his spirit released from clay to soar the heights of a supernal world. No doubt this modern age of flight was born, in part at least, from this outreaching bent of the human spirit.

But the big problem has always been that man in this life could not shake loose the mire that bound him. The men of Babel with their puny ideas of the universe thought they could elevate both body and spirit high enough to reach heaven! Ever since that failure, men have been content to dream and aspire for the spirit's release—until our day!

Now the twentieth-century technologist proposes to take the problem boldly in hand. He will escape the earth but he will take his body with him. Put mire and mind and spirit all in a space ship and head for the stars!

The thrust that pushed the first satellite 560 miles into space is hailed as the first rung on the ladder that reaches to the heavens. The next push up will be to the moon. The next will carry men. The next will stop at the planets, and then out beyond to the stars! Actually flight to the stars by light propulsion is seriously discussed by scientists in the jubilee number of the *Atlantic Monthly*. One predicts that man will leave the earth for the first time during the next hundred years.

But another writer points out some formidable problems in carrying men into outer space. When he takes his earthly body with him, he will have to take a lot of clay along in the form of oxygen, food, and water. Carbon dioxide and waste products will have to be disposed of, but how in a sealed ship? Temperature will have to be controlled within narrow limits or man will either freeze or fry.

Meanwhile Mr. A. Bible Christian wonders about all this fuss. For him the first flight of man from the earth has already taken place when Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended to the Father. The flight of human spirits redeemed by the blood of Christ to a supernal world is a daily occurrence as they leave for a while these temples of clay to be with their Lord. The same God who made earth for man's home has also provided by resurrection a new kind of organism that is fitted for life in a terrestrial world. Mr. A. Bible Christian isn't worrying about the drag of the mire when the Lord returns. With an incorruptible body he will soar far beyond planets and stars and galaxies in nothing flat! The mire will have been left behind!

Enrollment Reveals Good Representation of Churches, States

Statistics for the fall semester recently released by Harvey Mitchell, registrar of the college, reveal an enrollment of 306 students, representing 27 church denominations and 23 states and countries.

According to classes, the enrollment is as follows: freshmen, 78; sophomores, 89; juniors, 54; seniors, 46; and unclassified students, 39. There are 176 women students, and 130 men.

In addition, there are 23 girls enrolled at the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing, in a joint program with the college. The total number of students enrolled in FWBC programs, therefore, is 329.

Grouped according to the major departments of the college, 142 students are majoring in courses in the College of Bible, which includes preparation for the ministry and missionary service; 134 are enrolled in the School of Education, which includes preparation for Christian education and public school teaching; and 30 are enrolled in the School of Music, which includes preparation for the ministry of music and public school music.

There are 10 foreign students, eight children of missionaries, and three students who themselves are missionaries.

States contributing four or more students, in order, are Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Iowa, Tennessee, Kansas, and Maryland. Students from outside of the United States come from Hawaii, Jamaica, India, South America, and Canada.

The denominations represented are:

Missionary Church Association	96
Baptist	45
Christian and Missionary Alliance	25
Christian Union	18
Congregational	11
Methodist	11
Evangelical United Brethren	10
Presbyterian	9
Mennonite	8
Church of God	6
Evangelical Mennonite	5
Nazarene	5
Brethren	4
Lutheran	4
United Brethren	3
Assembly of God	2
Christian	2
Christian Congregational	2
United Missionary	2
Evangelical Congregational	1
Evangelical Free	1
Evangelical Methodist	1
Four Square Gospel	1
Pilgrim Holiness	1
Protestant Episcopal	1
Salvation Army	1
Wesleyan Methodist	1
Undenominational church	13
No affiliation	17

Calendar of Events

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Oct. 8	— FWBC Auxiliary Membership Tea	Feb. 16	— FWBC Sunday, Christian Union churches
Nov. 13	— School of Music program, "An Evening with our Composer-Teachers"	March 4	— Guest Artist concert (to be announced)
Nov. 16	— Basketball, Grace Seminary (there)	March 16	— FWBC Sunday, Missionary Church Association
Nov. 23	— Basketball, Spring Arbor (there)	March 21	— Founder Day (program at 9:30 a.m.)
Nov. 28- Dec. 1	— Thanksgiving recess	March 28- April 6	— Concert tour, A Cappella Choir
Dec. 8	— Christmas concert, A Cappella Choir (2:30 p.m.)	April 3-6	— Easter recess
Dec. 14	— Basketball, Purdue Center (here)	April 19	— Home Concert, A Cappella Choir
Dec. 20- Jan. 5	— Christmas recess	April 22	— FWBC Auxiliary spring meeting
Jan. 11	— Basketball, Southeastern Christian College (here)	April 23	— Senior recital
Jan. 16	— Basketball, Goshen College (here)	May 14	— Student recital
Jan. 18	— Basketball, Spring Arbor (here)	May 17	— Northwestern University Choir concert
Jan. 22	— Student recital	May 30	— Senior chapel
Jan. 25	— Basketball, Purdue Center (here)	May 31	— Spring Concert, School of Music
Feb. 3	— Registration, second semester	June 1	— Baccalaureate (7:30 p.m.)
Feb. 8	— Basketball, Grace Seminary (here)	June 2	— Honors Convocation (9:40 a.m.)
Feb. 11-14	— Spiritual Emphasis Week, Dr. Norman Grubb	June 3	— Alumni Day
		June 4	— Senior Class program
		June 5	— Commencement (10:30 a.m.)

Student Missionary Fellowship, featuring missionary speakers, weekly on Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

"Crossroads", Sundays on WOWO (1190 kc) at 9:05 p. m. (CDST).

Gospel teams and speakers, weekends in churches of the general college area.

Events and dates subject to change if necessary. Activities intended only for students and staff personnel not listed.

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faculty reflection . . .

Dr. Rene Frank
Professor of Music

Mrs. Frank and I go for a stroll around the Southwood Park neighborhood just about every evening. Southwood Park people are just a bit more important than those residing north of Rudisill Boulevard, and they are against the erection of non-residential structures in their midst. Our strolls have involved us more deeply than most of the college family in this zoning controversy you have heard about. We see these homes. The people behind their windows, or those working on their well-kept lawns, see us; and we can sense something of their well-bred resentments. But deep down in our hearts we know it was the Lord who has provided the South Campus for us. He will see to it that this beautiful meadow will be transformed into a bustling cluster of college buildings, with your children and grandchildren roaming along gleaming walks and among shady trees. And it will all be for the best of our neighbors and their offspring, if they only knew it.

Through a Sunday School lesson the Lord has shown me the best solution for our problem. In Daniel 2 we read of Nebuchadnezzar's disquieting dream. The image of a man with limbs made of various metals was eventually interpreted by the Holy Spirit through Daniel to mean a series of dynasties that were to take over the King's realm in succession. For the moment the very dream eluded Nebuchadnezzar. He threw his astrologers into consternation, for he demanded not only an interpretation from them, but they even were to recall the image which the King had forgotten. Daniel intervened. First, he asked for time; second, he used that respite to share the burden with his praying friends; third, unitedly they "desired mercies of the God of heaven concerning the secret." (Dan. 2:18). When God revealed the secret to Daniel, he first blessed God before even going to tell the king. He also interceded for the heathen astrologers. The King marveled at the solution and gave God the glory, astrologers were saved, and in the end Daniel and the three Hebrews were exalted.

Do I have to spell out the meaning of this story to you, praying friends of the college? Could there be a more glorious result of this spell of opposition than such an answer to our united prayers—that we would see not only the buildings erected soon, but blessing and salvation for some of our neighbors in Southwood Park?

FWBC Assumes Active Role in CASC, CISC

Fort Wayne Bible College has recently become active in two educational organizations aimed to promote the functions of small colleges. They are the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges and the Council of Indiana Small Colleges.

CASC is a voluntary association of 4-year private colleges of arts and sciences committed to an active program of development consistent with membership criteria in the various regional accrediting associations. It maintains executive offices in Washington, D. C., and now includes 53 colleges in 28 states. To be admitted to membership, a college must be recognized by its state department of education, or state university, or at least three regionally accredited colleges. One of the purposes of CASC is to promote the unique contribution which each college can make to its own constituency and to the nation as a whole.

Dr. S. A. Witmer, president of the college, attended the organizational meeting of CASC in Chicago in 1956. Dr. Herbert Byrne, dean of education and Dr. Rene Frank, professor of music, attended the conference of CASC in Tennessee in August.

Walter E. King, assistant to the president, attended the organizational meeting of CISC in Indianapolis in July and was named secretary-treasurer of the group.

OFFICERS (From page 1)

Edgerton, Ohio, chaplain; and Prof. Betty Stanley, advisor.

Freshmen — David Eicher, Fort Wayne, president; Paul DeMerchant, Royal Oak, Mich., vice-president; Eunice Simmons, Hyattsville, Md., secretary; Carolyn Perry, Corning, N. Y., treasurer; Larry Eicher, Fort Wayne, chaplain; and Diana Lovell, Anahola, Kauai, Hawaii, student council representative; and Wesley Gerig, advisor.

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