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Faculty Promotions

The Governing Board has announced promotions for the following faculty members:

Dr. Edward Simpson has been promoted from Associate Professor to Professor and has been appointed Dean of Education after serving as acting dean for the past year.

Mr. W.O. Klopfenstein has been promoted from Assistant Professor to the rank of Associate Professor. He will continue to serve as chairman of the Division of Extension Study.

Coach Oswald H. Morley has been promoted from the rank of Instructor to Assistant Professor. He will continue to be chairman of the Department of Physical Education and Health.

Mr. Richard M. Elmer has been appointed Librarian for Reader Services. He has been serving as Assistant Professor of Music and supervising the Instructional Materials Center at the library. Miss Elke will continue her services as Librarian for Technical Services.

Dean Cyril H. Eicher has been re-appointed as faculty representative to the Alumni Board.

All present faculty members have been rehired for the coming year.

J.F. Chase Honored

At a special all-school banquet, May 15, Mr. J. Francis Chase was honored for his past 25 years of service on the Board of Directors of the college. Rev. Tillman Habecker presented him with a set of the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia from the Governing Board. Dr. Gerig presented him with a citation from the college administration and faculty and Judy Calvin presented him with a copy of the 1963 Light Tower, which was dedicated in his honor, in behalf of the student body.

The yearbook dedication reads in part, “Our students have a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for the Christian attitudes you have expressed and for the faithfulness and devotion to Christ that you have shown in working with our board.

“Your influence has led our administration in abiding by their original goals, therefore our college remains and will continue to be as Christ-centered as it began. We recognize that what our college is results indirectly from the Governing Board—working through the faculty and staff and ultimately through the students as individuals—and the Governing Board is directed by you. Though other policies and principles in this world are constantly changing, ours have never wavered.”

“So we thank you, Mr. Chase, for your Christian love expressed in service to us, and above all, we thank God for sending us such a willing servant to work for us and with us.”

Teacher Joins Faculty

Mr. John Bechtelheimer joins the faculty as assistant professor of music in the fall, teaching courses in vocal and instrumental music and music education and directing choral groups.

Mr. Bechtelheimer holds the B.S. degree in music education from Manchester College and the M.A. degree in music education from Indiana University. He has taught in public schools since 1950 and since 1955 has been teaching in the Fort Wayne Community School System. Mr. Bechtelheimer is married and has three children.
Summer Days at F.W.B.C.

Summer days at F.W.B.C. are exceedingly busy days although a full-scale summer school is not held. You might be interested to know what the summer of 1963 is bringing forth in keeping with present plans.

Major and all of the planning will be the beginning of construction on a new girl’s dormitory on the south campus. This dormitory will house over 100 students and provide pleasant lounges, recreational areas, and an apartment for the house parents. It is estimated this dorm will cost about $350,000 furnished. The furnishings in each room will cost $750 for two students, and it is hoped that all rooms will be furnished as memorials. The setting for this building is a beautiful wooded area in the southeast corner of the campus, directly south of the new S.A. Lehman Memorial Library.

The building of the above dormitory will probably mean the abandoning of Providence Hall at the end of the school year of 1963-64. This building has served for over twenty years and was built as a temporary dorm during the Second World War. The new dorm will house approximately 40 more students than Providence Hall.

The last phase of the modernization program in Schultz Hall will also be completed this summer. Three summers ago we were given the word by engineers that Schultz was sound and worthy of a complete overhaul. Our own maintenance men under the leadership of Edison Reynolds, Director of Maintenance, plus a crew of students, have done one wing each summer. The cost of the complete modernization will approximate $100,000. A rededication of the new Schultz Hall will take place on Alumni Homecoming Day, Oct. 12, 1963.

Every summer brings a complete and thorough cleaning program for all buildings. A student crew remains for the summer months to accomplish this major task. The enlarged campus demands several men who will devote their full time taking care of lawns, shrubbery and flowers.

F.W.B.C. has become known for its clean buildings and beautiful campus. Recent insurance appraisals estimate the present value of the campus at two million dollars. This is a sizable investment of the Lord’s money on the part of His people who are concerned for the Christian and Biblical education of our children and young people. It is our responsibility to maintain this extensive property in a way that will extend its usefulness and honor God Who is a God of beauty and order.

Summer never comes but what faculty members are engaged in various public ministries throughout the country. Some teach, some preach, some go to school, some represent the college in promotional activities. All try to get a little much-needed vacation. My own ministries will include a two-weeks preaching mission in Jamaica high-lighted by the commencement exercises of the Jamaica Theological Seminary in Kingston. A trip to California in August in the interests of the south campus development program will practically finish the summer.

We solicit your constant prayers for F.W.B.C. All indications point to a good enrollment in the fall. This is serious business, this matter of training young people in deeply spiritual things. We must help them to find the will of God, and then be prepared to do it with full dedication and devotion.

Applications Approved

The following are a few joyful statements by next year’s prospective freshmen who were notified that their applications were approved:

“...When I received the letter stating that I was accepted I set down and cried. This has been my life’s ambition. The Lord has now made it possible for that dream to come true; praise His holy Name!”

“It was a joy to receive your letter of my acceptance to Fort Wayne Bible College next year. I believe with all my heart that this is the Lord’s will for me.”

Speech Contest Winners

Winners of the Wiswell Speech Contest, May 15 were as follows: Judy Dunlap--$50, David Barr--$35, Franklin Pyles--$15. The $100 award money was donated by Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Wiswell. Mr. Wiswell is an alumnus and former faculty member.

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Judges for the contest were Mr. C. Eugene Price, speech teacher at the New Haven High School, Mr. Jack A. Fitzgerald, a parole officer and Mr. Royden W. Parke of Wade Advertising.

The topic assigned was, “Christianity and Science.”
Sprucing up, going out or just staying at home, Schultz is a fine place to live!

Schultz Hall Remodeling Completed This Summer

The Governing Board has approved plans for the final phase of modernization of Schultz Hall men's dormitory during the summer. Cost of this third phase is estimated at $15,000.

Upon completion of modernization of the south wing the total cost for modernization will reach almost $100,000. This cost is higher than originally anticipated because the maintenance personnel did extensive rewiring and replumbing to insure adequate facilities for many years to come.

Work being completed this summer includes remodeling student rooms on the first and second floors, making a small apartment for the dorm supervisor and a reception lounge on the first floor and construction of an informal lounge for the men on the ground level near the Kampus Korners snack shop.

The photos accompanying this article show the wonderful change for the better in men's dorm life.

Student Officers

The Fort Wayne Bible College Student Association held an election of officers for the coming school year on March 12. Elected were Roy Meyer of Lima, Ohio as president; David Dyck of Berne, Ind. as vice-president; Juliann Leas of Columbia City, Indiana as Secretary and Niles Kageyama of Koloa, Kauai, Hawaii as treasurer.

Roy Meyer is a junior, studying toward the Bachelor of Arts degree in pastoral training and missions. Roy is presently treasurer of the Student Association and vice-president of the junior class. He is a member of the Garden City Christian Union Church in Lima, Ohio.

David Dyck is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. David F. Dyck, M.C.A. missionaries to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Dave is a junior at Fort Wayne Bible College studying toward the Bachelor of Arts degree in missions in preparation for missionary linguistics work. He presently holds offices as junior class chaplain and treasurer of the Student Missionary Fellowship. Dave is a member of the First Missionary Church of Berne, Indiana.

Juliann Leas is a junior, studying toward the Bachelor of Religious Education degree in preparation for work in Christian education. She presently holds student posts as junior class representative to the student council and is a member of her dormitory governing council. Juliann is a member of Jefferson Chapel (Methodist) in Columbia City, Indiana.

Niles Kageyama is a sophomore, studying toward the Bachelor of Arts degree in pastoral training. He also serves posts on campus as president of the sophomore class and treasurer of the Missionary Church Association Student Fellowship. He is a member of the Missionary Church in Koloa, Kauai, Hawaii.

Foundation's Gift Honors M.M. Rupp

The Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Foundation, Inc. has donated $250 to the college. Mr. Thomas J. Cassady, Fort Wayne manager, is shown presenting the check to Dr. Gerig while Mr. David Saylor, account executive, looks on.

Mr. Cassady said, "I feel that it would be appropriate at this time to make this contribution in memory of Mr. Maurice M. Rupp. It gives me great pleasure to hand you this check."
Transfers' Impressions

Several transfer students have told their impressions of that first moment on the Fort Wayne Bible College campus.

Rosemary Gingery: "My first visit to FWBC was last year during Youth Conference. I was most impressed by the vital spiritual atmosphere created by the students and faculty."

Kenneth Brisco: "My impression was of beautiful buildings, a spiritual atmosphere in classes and sports, a fine Christian service program, and top-notch professors."

Betty Spader: "My first impression of FWBC campus was that it is like home. The students greeted me and I could tell I was in a very friendly, Christlike atmosphere."

John Kingery: "I like the small college atmosphere, the spiritual atmosphere and the warm friendly attitude of the administration and staff that I got when I first arrived on campus."

Betty Mullet: "My first impression of B.C. was one of confusion, since I arrived late. After learning to know some of the students, who were so friendly, I knew Christ was here, and this was really what I was looking for."

Karen Steiner: "My first impression of Fort Wayne Bible College came last year at Youth Conference, when I found the Christian atmosphere to be a determining factor for serious thoughts of transferring. This college definitely has more than a campus. It has a reality of Christ."

Delta Epsilon Chi

The faculty honored three graduating seniors and two alumni by electing them to membership in Delta Epsilon Chi, national honor society of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges. The announcement was made at Honors Convocation, May 20.

Seniors presented with keys and certificates were Mary Zeiter, Vernon Blue and Vincent Rupp Jr. Alumni honored were Harvey Mitchell ’29 and Waldo Schindler ’29.

Harvey Mitchell has been pastor in M.C.A. churches and served F.W.B.C. as a faculty member and administrator between 1946-1960. resigning the post as registrar to accept his present position as office manager at the national headquarters of Young Life Campaign in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He has served as editor of The Missionary Worker, has written for Sunday school publications of the M.C.A. and on the Board of Trustees of F.W.B.C.

Waldo Schindler served as M.C.A. pastor, 1931-1939 and then with his wife, went to Gabon, Africa as a missionary under the C. and M.A. He is returning now for his fifth term. He has been field chairman and for the past two terms was superintendent and principal of Central Bible School, Bongolo. The Gabonese government awarded him an official decoration for distinguished long-time service to the Gabon. He is the first white man and first missionary to receive such a citation which gives him full privileges of citizenship in Gabon.