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OUR NEW STUDENTS

The halls of LCBM are once again echoing with the voices of students returning for another year of study. Many faces are new but already these new students are contributing to the life of our school.

The freshmen, 21 men and 16 women, come from throughout Ontario, Eastern and Western Canada. Representing 12 denominations, the students have enrolled in courses leading to Bachelor degrees in Arts, Theology, Christian Education and Sacred Music. Twenty-one of the new students have post-high school training. Among these are two doctors, four nurses, three teachers, one student lawyer and ten with previous theological or university training.

Two of the new students have won Ontario government scholarships because of high marks obtained on Grade XIII departmental examinations.

EIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY FACULTY

An \$800.00 Scholarship and Bursary Fund has been established and personally maintained by the Faculty of LCBM. Scholarships are awarded to students of outstanding spiritual and academic achievement.

The following students received 1964 scholarship awards: Richard Qiring, Bonnie Schultz, Ray Scott, Frank Bale, Faye Laycock, Christine Langlois, Dawna Bucknam, Dale Green.

Friends of the College interested in sharing in the training of our young people through investing in scholarships are urged to contact the College. An investment today lasts through Eternity!

FACULTY RETREAT 1964

The faculty held their annual retreat on September 2-4 at the Sahara

Motel in Sarnia. Three new faculty members joined the group and blessed us with their testimonies as to the Lord's guidance in their lives. Physical recreation, academic discussion and spiritual refreshment provided a well balanced program. The Lord's presence was experienced in all the sessions of the retreat. Dr. Hal MacBain of Sarnia forcefully reminded us of the spiritual needs of our life and ministry. This retreat proved to be a real preparation for the responsibilities of the new academic year.

DAY OF PRAYER

On Thursday, September 17th, classes were cancelled so that we might hear the Lord's voice, humble ourselves and seek His guidance for this new school year. Rev. Fred Davison '51 challenged us to be genuine, growing Christians in the opening session of the Day of Prayer.

The faculty, student body and staff met in individual groups to pray throughout the day. The entire college family attended the morning communion service conducted by Dr. J. C. Macaulay. At this service the new communion set presented to the school by the Class of '64 was dedicated. Our Day of Prayer was climaxed by an evening service led by the staff. We praise the Lord for the spiritual impact of this day.

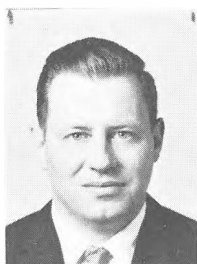
"... that in all things He might have the pre-eminence."

Cover Photo

Faculty members and students pictured during reception for new students and new faculty are left to right: D. F. Johnson, Assistant Professor of Philosophy; Stuart Lightbody, London; Dr. J. C. Macaulay, President; Donald Leggett, Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew; Lorna Hill, Norwich; Verona Dutton, Paris; Gloria Curtis, Tillsonburg and Charles Pettapiece, Thamesford.

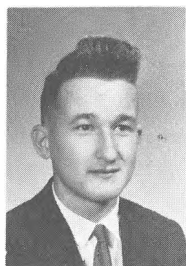
FRESHMEN TESTIMONIES

Dr. Ross Gillman



"I thank God that He has a plan for the life of each and every Christian and that we can know His will for our lives. Several years ago I committed my life to the Lord for service on the foreign mission field should He lead me there. God's plan included training in medicine. When I completed my medical preparation I felt definitely that I needed further grounding in the Word. The SIM recommended that I receive this training at LCBM. My desire is that I may be carefully and thoroughly prepared to do the task which God has given me."

Telford Penfold



"Last January I heard of LCBM from Christian friends. Immediately I began to ask God if it were His will for me to come here. However, since I was unsure of God's will I applied to another university. Because I had little money for college I asked God to help me secure a job. About two weeks before high school was dismissed a job was offered to me through which I was able to earn a large portion of my expenses.

Following a visit with me by Mr. E. Cassidy, LCBM Field Representative, I toured the college. I was thrilled to find that I could study the arts in a Christian college. I prayed again and was convinced that it was God's will that I attend here."

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that God will grant wisdom, understanding and strength to our faculty as they begin another year of teaching.
- Pray for our new students that they may quickly adjust to school life.
- Pray for our returning students that they may be prepared for this year of studies and that they may continue to grow in Him.
- Pray for our seniors returning from Retreat that each may know God's will for his life following graduation.
- Pray for the Christian Service of the students as they serve in London and the area.
- Pray for our special lectures with Dr. Henry Brandt, Christian Psychologist, October 19-21, 1964.

STAFF CHANGES

Marion Pounds, '62, Faculty Secretary, moved to Waterloo where her husband, Gerry, '63 will be attending Waterloo Lutheran University.

Marilyn Bell, assisting in Public Relations was married on September 18th. We praise the Lord for the provision of three secretaries. Miss Linda Miller, was appointed August 17th, as faculty secretary.

Miss Helen Hofstetter '49 formerly with Scripture Union joined the staff as secretary to the Dean of Students and Christian Service Department.

Previously the secretary for London Youth for Christ, Ann McGuirl '62 accepted the position of Public Relations secretary effective August 31st. Join with us in the dedication of our entire staff for this coming year.

PRAISE THEMES

- For the quality and dedication of our freshmen class.
- For the supply of kitchen and maintenance staff required this year.

Chapel Echoes VI

By DR. J. C. MACAULAY, President



Psalm 143:10 - "Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy Spirit is good: lead me in the land of uprightness."

Why should the will of God be done in my life? Simply because He is God. Whoever is our God must have his way with us. If we are insisting on having our own way, we are by so much claiming the place of God, and denying His godhood, while seeking to establish our own. We remember Lucifer's series of "I wills" in Isaiah 14:13, 14. He was determined to be his own God, and that is exactly what is involved in our lack of submission to God. The logic of this text is inescapable: "Thou art my God; therefore, Thy will."

Did you notice that word "teach"? There is a profound implication here — that I can neither know nor do the will of God without being taught. The knowing and the willing and the doing do not come naturally, for we are sinners, and need to have our faculties trained in this holy exercise. This, then, is the prayer of the disciple. The student may say, "Teach me the body of doctrine, the techniques of service, the philosophy of the Christian life, the history of the Christian church," but the disciple prays, "Teach me to do thy will." One may be the most brilliant student and be no disciple. We want all our students to be disciples, who

make their studying part of their obedience to the will of God. That lifts it onto the plane of discipleship.

When we speak of doing the will of God we quite naturally have in mind the big epoch making decisions of our lives. The dedicated Christian seeks to be led of God in the choice of a career or calling, in the important question of marriage, or other great matters in which a mistake could have tragic and life-long repercussions. But this is a prayer for every day, and a prayer for all day, and a prayer that should cover all our conduct, all our decisions. Was it not Thomas Carlyle who said that the casting of a pebble from his hand altered the centre of gravity of the universe? We cannot know how far-reaching an apparently small act may be. Therefore we must surround all with the prayer "Teach me to do thy will." Practice in the small things will fit us for the big decisions.

The rest of our text tells us the character of the will of God. "Thy Spirit is good." Therefore, whatever God's Spirit leads us to do will be good, kind, beneficent. "Lead me in the land of uprightness." Indeed God will never lead us in any other land. His will can never have a streak of dishonesty or lack of integrity. This is one of the tests to apply to anything that offers itself as the will of God. To learn that lesson is to have a big answer to our prayer.