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*Vicky Thornton is in her senior year at OBC and John Brouwers is in the Class of '90. Both are student residence advisers.*

**THE MOST POWERFUL INFLUENCE**



Wm. J. McRae, DMin  
President, OBC/OTS

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ust this week I played an association game with my oldest daughter. I asked her what the first thing was which came into her mind when she thought of an influential life. I have been asking that question a lot lately.

Interestingly, responses are surprisingly similar. Mary-Lyn replied, "I think of a holy life." That's it, I thought. Is there any human influence greater than a holy life? A life

focused on reflecting the very character of God?

Not according to Pascal. "The serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world next to the Spirit of God." Chalmers agrees: "The beauty of holiness has done more, and will do more, to regenerate the world and bring in everlasting righteousness than all the other agencies put together."

In this issue of *Update* we look at the influence of singles. For some, singleness is a temporary state; for others, it is for life. In either case my impression is that when singles live holy and godly lives, they have a great influence on society. This is certainly true of Linda Cannell, John Stott and others you will encounter in the following pages. I see hundreds of singles every day on campus of whom this is also true. I see the Lord in the holiness of their lives.

A holy life is an influential life. Don't you agree?

What kind of an influence are you having?

**A TUESDAY MORNING CHALLENGE**

In the fall issue of *Update* we reported the board of governors' approval of plans for a major capital campaign to address facility expansion and faculty needs at OBC/OTS. The campaign has been given the theme *Commitment to Excellence*.

Campaign steering committee chairman J.D. Smith is asking OBC/OTS friends to pray for *Commitment to Excellence* every Tuesday morning. Please pray with us!

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**Single Life**

**I** am a single, never married, middle-aged adult. The fact of my singleness has seldom, if ever, been personally difficult. I believe I can say that I am quite content as a single person, and have enjoyed a wide range of ministry experiences. I am aware however that several of my acquaintances don't believe me and others are amazed that I am 'coping' so well!

**My singleness is a gift**

The prevailing attitude of society and the Church seems to be that singleness is a waiting period. Many single people also confront attitudes that suggest single persons are irresponsible, unsuited for leadership, limited to certain roles or tasks, and less than complete. Sadly, the belief that completion of personhood is found only in marriage can paralyse single adults and prevent them from sharing life and ministry with others.

Marriage can be a beautiful expression of the love two people share and I will gladly affirm marriage as the norm biblically and culturally. Most of my closest friends are married couples. I value the love between them and appreciate their enjoyment of each other. I enjoy being enjoyed by their children and grandchildren. I have shared joys and sorrows with these friends and my life is richer for it; singleness is a gift rather than a burden. A high view of marriage need not imply that singleness is an undesirable aberration.

There are several examples in Scripture of the influence of single people. When Ezekiel's wife died the Lord commanded him to continue his ministry (Ezek. 24: 15-18). Jeremiah was directed by God not to marry (Jer. 16). Both Jesus and John the Baptist were unmarried. Among the disciples only Peter is explicitly identified as a married man... though others could have been. And Paul apparently was unmarried when he wrote I Corinthians 7:1-40, affirming the desirability of singleness.

Mary, Martha and Lazarus shared a home and it is generally assumed that Mary and Martha, at least, were unmarried. Mary Magdalene was probably unmarried. As with most apparently unmarried persons in Scripture, she was a prominent and significant servant of the Lord. Luke, in Acts 21, describes Philip's four daughters as virgins who prophesied. And the marital status of such persons as Lydia, Timothy and Titus is unclear.

**Neither marriage nor singleness is consistently identified with effective ministry**

Paul's words in I Corinthians 7:32-33 cannot be discounted, nor can the evidence of God's direction to individuals to

remain single (apparently for particular circumstances as with Ezekiel and Jeremiah). However, I believe it is unwise to 'use' Scripture to prove that in devotion and service to God singleness is always a superior state.

Neither marriage nor singleness is consistently identified with effective ministry. In other words, marriage and singleness are both viable and honorable options for the one who ministers.

Can we identify areas where single adults have a unique influence? In many cases single people have more focused time and energy to give to the Lord and his service, particularly those without children. They may be freer to build relationships with the Lord and others. They may also have more freedom in how they use their money.

However, in other cases single people can have equal or greater demands on time and energy from children, work and aging parents. A single person often has to do alone what married people can share – management of home, entertaining, etc.

But where greater freedom exists, single people need some structures and accountability. People or ministry projects which require the single person to spend time and money outside himself or herself are necessary. Friendship with married couples holds obvious dangers... but there is a richness in these friendships which should be allowed and encouraged. The structure of a family and relationships with all members of the family are great gifts for the single person.

Also, it is important for single people to cultivate relationships with people of all ages – including children. They need the opportunity to leave a personal legacy for the generation that will follow. They need to make at least one

piece of this broken world a better place for the children who are finding their way. It is sad when single persons deny themselves these opportunities... sadder still when an insensitive Church and society hinder them.

### **If single people are to have an influence, they must make their singleness work.**

If single people are to have an influence, they must make their singleness 'work' – in the same way that marrieds have to make their marriage work.

Some ways for this to take place are:

1. Embrace the potential and giftedness of life *now*. It is foolish to lose wonderful years waiting and hoping for a marriage which may never come.
2. Actively reach out to persons of all ages. Determine to leave a legacy for others.
3. Refuse to believe the subtle (or overt) messages that single people are incomplete, inadequate, immature. Believing this can cause the single person to ignore opportunities for development.
4. Keep growing. Find a church that allows single people to use their gifts; volunteer for ministries you feel called to in or through the church.
5. Act as a normal person. Establish a home, entertain, use your resources in service to others, get involved in your community.

When single people are denied completeness in the Church, in friendship and in service, both society and the Church are less complete. When single people retreat from life, they deny the Church and society the richness of their influence.

*Linda Cannell, EdD, is professor of Christian education at OTS.*

### **JOHN STOTT ON SINGLENES**

*In March 1987, John Stott visited the OBC/OTS campus. At the conclusion of a lecture Dr. Stott invited questions from the floor. The following is his impromptu response to a question about his own singleness.*

In my 20's and early 30's I did some dating and I was expecting, as we all do, to marry. But when the time for decision came, I lacked any assurance from God that he meant me to go forward. So I drew back. And it is only gradually that I have come to the conviction that God has called me to be single. I think the reason is that He has called me to a rather unusual kind of ministry that involves a great deal of absence from home and travelling which I would not have been able to continue doing if I had had the responsibility of a wife and children.

I, of course, believe in Genesis 2:18 which says "It is not good for the man to be alone." In fact, it's a very important verse of Scripture because you will remember that in Genesis 1, we come across the refrain many times, "Behold it was good," "Behold it was good," "Behold it was very good." Then suddenly we are jolted when we read "It is not good." What, something in God's creation that is not good? Yes, it is not good for the man to be

alone. He is a pathetic apology for a human being without woman.

Genesis 2:18 teaches that sexuality, masculinity and femininity and indeed marriage are the general will of God for human beings. Sexuality and marriage are celebrated throughout the Old Testament, not least in the Song of Songs. So we need to begin a celebration of sex and marriage and sexual experience within the commitment of heterosexual marriage, as being the creation teaching of God.

Singleness then is inevitably the exception that proves the rule. We mustn't glorify singleness as if it were a better state than marriage. Both marriage and singleness are good, provided one is in the will of God about it. Each is a *charisma* (1 Corinthians 7:7).

One final thing, let us remember that Jesus our Lord was single, and yet he was the perfect human being. If Jesus was perfectly human, though single, we must conclude that marriage and sexual experience are not indispensable to human fulfilment. It is possible to be a fulfilled human being without marriage and sex.

## A HEALTHY CHALLENGE



*Craig Tucker enrolled in the BTh program in September.*

In 1986 Craig Tucker visited Zimbabwe, where his parents had been missionary teachers for some time. There he came face to face with the God he had been avoiding. A strapping police constable from Bowmanville, Craig went to Africa upon his father's death to represent the family as eldest son. In those four weeks away from home, he realized that he was standing at a crossroads in his own life.

He looked back and saw his conversion at age 14, followed by a shaky attempt to follow Jesus. For a short time he was seriously involved with the Navigators, but finally he totally abandoned his faith. Now he couldn't avoid God any longer. 'It was either despair or take a stand with God.'

So, in September 1986, Craig took that stand. He quit drinking. He and his wife Jeanne began to work on rebuilding their marriage. And the Lord brought healing to their family and power to follow him. Soon they found a church to attend. Eventually, their children also came to know Jesus. Craig says, "My whole life changed – both my attitude and my outlook."

Craig knew about OBC because his parents spent a year taking courses during a furlough. His pastor also attends OTS part-time. Craig enrolled last September because he and Jeanne anticipate that God may be preparing them for some kind of ministry, and they acknowledge the need for training. "I'd quit police work today if I had a definite call from God. I need this time to learn, to sit at his feet before I go out to minister."

Craig really feels his experience at OBC is a healthy challenge. A lot of his ideas are being tested against what he is learning from Scripture and by rubbing shoulders with Christians from varying backgrounds. But he knows he needs a broader understanding of God and the Church, and chose OBC for this very reason.

It has been a while since Craig was in school. But, the first day of classes in September, he was encouraged to find a half a dozen other mature students in his classes. He finds the Tuesday program ideal because he can arrange his shifts to attend. "It's not hard to find someone to trade a Saturday night for a Tuesday shift," says Craig.

Next year his eldest daughter hopes to attend OBC – this could become a family affair!

*The Tuesday program at OBC is a concentration of courses one-day-a-week designed specifically for people returning to studies.*

## WHERE GOD WANTS ME TO BE



*Donna Hyland is in her second year at OTS, majoring in youth ministry.*

It's great to know you're where God wants you to be! When I was 17 I sensed God's call to serve him full time. As a teen Jesus Christ had penetrated my confusion and loneliness through the friendship and concern of someone to whom Christ was real, and I hoped to do the same for others.

By the time I had graduated from university though, I thought I should look for a career in business, and for four years I was in banking.

But as with Jonah, the Lord didn't let go of me and his will for me. Finally ready to let him direct my life, we picked up where I had left off. My OTS application, which I had completed four years prior, was still on file so off to seminary I went.

For me it was important to attend an evangelical seminary and one within an urban context. Since I was headed for ministry with youth, I wanted to be where I could get solid, practical experience to complement my studies.

Beyond those things, I have discovered at OTS the community spirit I'd heard about – a real spiritual bond among students and faculty. This will be hard to leave behind when I graduate in December of this year!

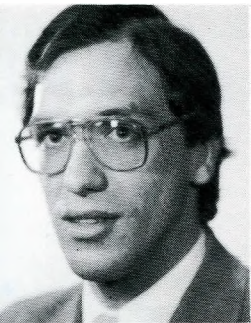
As a student I benefit from the commitment of the faculty not merely to 'educate,' but to see that each student develops in his or her relationship with God and is *trained* to be a better minister of the gospel of Christ. In the midst of studies it's easy to lose perspective and see your degree as your ultimate goal. But the professors don't let you get away with that. They place a big emphasis on how what you're learning applies first of all to you.

The field work I am currently doing with Youth for Christ is practical experience now and preparation for work with teens from Ontario Housing projects when I graduate.

Already I am seeing God at work through this – in me as I am 'stretched' in some weak areas, and in the girls I meet every week in groups or one on one.

I think I am finally learning the truth of Proverbs 3:5 which says:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.



*Michael de Billy is a medical doctor who studied at OTS from 1985-1987. He is currently serving with Overseas Missionary Fellowship in Korea. The following is an 'interview' we conducted with him via cassette tape.*

*Describe your experience in coming to know Jesus.*

I was born and raised in a Roman Catholic family in Quebec City. While attending law school I took a tour of

Europe and met a Chinese American Christian from Hawaii, who challenged me to receive Christ. This guy seemed to have a peace and a joy that others did not have. I had been searching for truth and purpose in my life. So I thought to myself, what do I have to lose? That night, 10 years ago, I asked Jesus Christ into my life. The next few days I knew I was a different person. So I, a French Canadian, received the Lord in Rome through a Chinese American student! It was quite an international conversion and I guess a fitting one for a missionary.

*Why did you go to OTS?*

After graduation from law school I studied medicine at McGill then did two years of residency at McMaster University Hospital in Hamilton. During that time I felt the call to be a missionary and decided to go to OTS to get some training.

My time at OTS gave me some of the tools I needed to serve God. It broadened my mind on many theological points and helped me crystallize my faith in God. Seminary challenged my spiritual life too, not just through the courses but through interaction and fellowship with the students and professors.

For my field education assignment I was the student pastor for 150 high school and university students in a large Korean Presbyterian Church in Toronto. My time in that church was wonderful! I got to know those Korean Canadian students, to know their thinking, to become friends with some of them, and I was able to introduce some to the Lord and disciple them.

*How did you make the decision to go to Korea?*

I am sure some of the readers must be wondering already why a French Canadian would go to Korea as a missionary. Korea has one of the highest rates of born again Christians in the world; supposedly over 20 per cent. My own province of Quebec has an evangelical population of only .5 per cent.

Well, not only was I converted by an Asian person, but as I began to share my faith, most who came to know the Lord happened to be Asians. And as I became the spiritual "father" of these young people, my love and burden for Asian groups kept growing.

I was interested in missions and was eventually challenged by an OMF missionary in Korea to consider that country. He told me about the University Hospital in Pusan, the second largest city of Korea with a population of about 4,000,000. The hospital wanted a missionary to teach medical ethics ►

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# Can you pass the test?



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1. Combined credit student enrolment at OBC/OTS has topped 1,000 this year.



2. Last year almost 1,200 credit and diploma students were enrolled in OBC Evening School.



3. There are over 4,500 alumni of OBC/OTS serving God around the world.



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For this year's phonothon the alumni committee has set a goal of \$20,000\* – and now we need your help!

So please give generously when you are called.

*\*This \$20,000 represents a portion of the overall alumni contribution goal of \$155,000 by May 31, 1989.*

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## BIRTHS

Nicholas  
to Mr. & Mrs. Bruce  
MITCHELL, '87 on August 3,  
1988 in Kenya, East Africa.

Jonathan David  
to Mr. & Mrs. Brian  
Schouwstra, BTh '86  
(Elizabeth VANDER VEEN,  
BRE '85) on October 8, 1988  
in Willowdale, ON.

Lindsey Rebecca  
to Mr. & Mrs. Kent MacLeod  
(Karen, BRE '83) on  
September 6, 1988 in Truro,  
NS.

Bethany Verna  
to Mr. & Mrs. Brian  
CRAWFORD, BTh '82 (Linda  
CARR, BRE '81) on  
September 13, 1988 in  
Central Thailand.

Gloria Margaret  
to Rev. & Mrs. Daniel  
BENNETT, MDiv '86 on  
September 28, 1988 in  
Kitchener, ON.

Alyssa Jean  
to Mr. & Mrs. Tim DAVIS,  
'84-'89 on September 5,  
1988 in North York, ON.

Ian Edward  
to Mr. & Mrs. Ted REID, BTh  
'85 on September 9, 1988 in  
Mt. Forest, ON.

Bethany Joy  
to Mr. & Mrs. Livingstone  
HUFF, BTh '82 on June 22,  
1988 in Toronto, ON.

Alyssa Nicole  
to Mr. & Mrs. Allan GRAY,  
BTh '83 on July 1, 1988 in  
Toronto, ON.

Jacob James Ernest  
to Mr. & Mrs. Stan DYCK (Jo  
Anne WILSON, BRE '76) on  
September 15, 1988 in  
Mississauga, ON.

## DEATHS

Werner WELAND, '50  
(husband of Alice WEBER,  
'50) at Burlington, ON,  
August, 1988.

Ronald ELLIOTT, '43  
(husband of Grace  
MATHESON, '44) at Dundas,  
ON, December 5, 1988.

Marie SHULTZ (nee  
TIMPANY '33) at Cambridge,  
ON, December, 1988

Rev. Lew FARRELL, '50 at  
Hampton, NB, November 27,  
1988

Dorothy V. PALMER, '38 at  
Toronto, ON, October 1,  
1988.

Isobel Marie BURCHER (nee  
PETERS, '51) at Kingston,  
ON, August 9, 1988.

Lillian V. HICKS, '27 at  
Toronto, ON, October 21,  
1988.

Lori K. VAN ETTEN (nee  
WISLER, BRE '78) in Western  
NY, August 25, 1988.

Muriel NIVEN, '30-'31 at  
Scarborough, ON, November  
15, 1988.

Laurene CARNAHAN (nee  
LITWILLER, '32) at Stayner,  
ON, April 19, 1988.

Ada STECKLEY, '59-'62 at  
Stouffville, ON, November 2,  
1988.

Ella HILDEBRAND, '29 at  
Edmonton, AB, October 26,  
1988.

## MARRIAGES

Sherry LEWIS, BRE '88 to Rod  
GAUTHIER, BRE '88 on  
October 8, 1988 at Niagara  
Falls, ON.

Heather HEATON, BRE '88 to  
Andrew BRONSON, BTh '88  
on December 3, 1988 at  
Mississauga, ON.

## MISSIONS

Edward and Josephine  
GRIMSHAW (nee ROGERS,  
'52) are retired from  
missionary service with SIM in  
Nigeria.

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## PASTORAL

Ted and Lorraine REID, BTh  
'85, now pastoring at First  
Baptist Church, Collingwood,  
ON.

Bruce ROBERTS, BTh '87,  
now pastoring at Eddystone  
Baptist Church, Grafton, ON.

## NEWS

Miranda LAU, MDiv '88 was  
appointed co-ordinating  
chaplain at Etobicoke General  
Hospital, Toronto, ON.

Kryisia LEAR (nee  
PAZIEWSKI, BTh '70) has  
now left Christian News to do  
freelance writing and editing.

James CUNNINGHAM, BRE  
'68 is the newly appointed  
director of development and  
public relations at Trinity  
Western University.

Lois STEPHENS, BRE '84 is  
now on staff at Rosedale  
Baptist Church, Toronto, ON.

Alexander PARACHIN, BTh  
'83 was ordained on  
December 3, 1988 in  
Unionville Alliance Church,  
Unionville, ON.

Brent CARTER (husband of  
June ESSON, BRE '73) has  
assumed the position of  
pastor of Community  
Fellowship Baptist Church in  
Wallaceburg, ON.

## A LETTER FROM AN ALUMNUS OF THE CLASS OF '39

*Dear Dr. McRae,*

*My years in Toronto Bible College have remained with me as  
three and a half years of great blessing. I firmly believe had  
I not had the grounding in the Bible and related subjects I  
received at TBC my story to date could be very different.*

*I well remember what my roommate said to me before  
leaving one theological college in preparation for ministry:  
"I came here to college believing the Bible to be the Word of  
God, and I leave not knowing what I believe." This could  
well have been my story too, but for those most valued  
years at TBC.*

*My recommendation to everyone who is thinking of going  
into ministry has always been to go to a good sound Bible  
college, and of course I recommend OBC.*

*I am now near the end of the road in this life down here.  
Jesus Christ is more real, more blessed (to me) and I look  
forward more eagerly every day to his coming, and the  
completion of my salvation.*

*Christ is surely our all and in all.*

*In Christ,  
Rev. George S. Honour (1939)  
Anglican minister*

*What a wonderful encouragement to hear of the long term benefits  
of OBC in the life of a graduate!*

### DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE?



Sandra Scott, BRE '76, serves with The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Mali, West Africa.

When I sensed God leading me to go to Bible college I wondered if this was my own idea. Then he reminded me of the words of Jesus to Simon Peter: "Do you truly love me more than these?" (Jn. 21:15) He brought to my attention all the things I wanted – new car, trip to Europe, husband, new wardrobe, etc. With a lot of tears I admitted these things had been more important to me...

My intention was to attend OBC for the one-year special course, having obtained a leave of absence from Bell Canada. However three weeks into the term the Lord indicated I was to enrol in a degree program and in 1976 I graduated with a Bachelor of Religious Education.

During my second year at OBC, I began to think about my future plans. Many possibilities were open for me, but I found my attention drawn to missions. Eventually the Lord confirmed his call, and I left for France in 1978 for one year of French studies before going on to Mali where I am still serving. For two years I studied Bambara, the local language. Then I worked as the mission secretary and bookkeeper at our headquarters while also teaching literary classes and Sunday school.

Cultural adjustment is a gradual process. I feel the first term is always difficult. There are so many new things to learn! During my second term though, many things came into perspective.

I deeply appreciate my co-workers. I have some very close friends among other singles on the field, but I also feel strongly that it is healthy to develop close relationships with families too.

As far as singleness and ministry vs. marriage and ministry are concerned, I do not like such comparisons – each has its distinctive gifts and opportunities.

A single woman may have more hours to give for study and teaching, but a married woman has a unique ministry in demonstrating and modeling family relationships and parenting. The important thing is to be faithful to the Lord and fulfil one's responsibilities.

### MICHAEL DE BILLY

and Bible to medical students. It is a Christian hospital but most of the medical students are not Christians.

It is true there are many Christians in Korea, but because the Spirit of God is working powerfully there, the need for workers is also great.

*What has been the nature of your work thus far?*

I have been in Korea for one year now. Starting in March of this year I will be on the teaching staff of the University Hospital. Until now though, most of my time has been spent learning the language. I have also been involved in my church, teaching the Bible and challenging young people to receive the Lord.

Prior to the Olympics in Seoul I trained people in evangelism and how to reach nominal Christians for Christ. During the games it was impossible to walk down the street without being stopped by a Korean Christian who wanted to share the gospel with you!

*What role has singleness played in your life and ministry? Do you see marriage as a possibility for you?*

Singleness has mainly been an asset for me. First I think it is much easier for single people to leave and go to another country than it is for those with a spouse and children. Singles can be more flexible, and more available to the people they disciple.

Of course the single life has its own difficulties. I guess loneliness is more common if you're single than if you are married. Also there is the fact that married life is the norm in society, in Canada, in the US – and in Asia. So if you are single you are 'different' and it makes it harder for you to have a ministry to married people.

There are few Protestant male workers in Korea who are not married and the pressure to get married is very strong. In fact, as many as 50 per cent of Korean couples may be married through matchmaking.

In my opinion both marriage and single life in the New Testament are acceptable and good and what we must do is try to understand what God's will is for us and in what situation we can function best as God's servant.

I have had opportunities to get married, but after I prayed and considered it I believed it was not God's will. I am not searching to get married, but if it seemed that the Spirit was leading that way then I would not hesitate to get married.

*What are your future plans?*

The more I experience the more I see how you cannot predict the future. I also don't think that because you are a missionary you need to remain a missionary for the rest of your life. But if the testimony of the Spirit in my life is that I am at the right place and God continues to use me here, then I would have no reason to wish to be elsewhere.

I think that the most encouraging people to be reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ are students. Students are at a crossroads in their lives. Many of them are very responsive to the gospel, and I feel very happy and privileged to work with them. I don't think right now there is anything I would like to do more than that.

In conclusion, for me the issue is not whether I am married or single, whether I serve God in Canada or Korea, I think the issue is doing God's will wherever I am. Then I feel his joy and his peace.



## Ontario Bible College: Preparation for What?

What do students come to OBC to study? What do they do after graduation? Good questions but not easy ones to answer, because OBC is different things to different people. The basic reason students cite for coming to OBC is because they want to gain a deeper relationship with God and get to know the Bible better. Indeed, all of our degree programs have at least 30 hours of Bible and theology. That is a significant part of what makes us a Bible college. Beyond that, however, there are large differences in what students want from OBC.

### TRADITIONAL MINISTRY TRAINING

Some enrol in programs designed to prepare them for traditional forms of ministry – music ministry in a church, youth ministry, camping, missions, pastoral ministry or educational ministries. Others enter the pre-seminary program, gaining a solid foundation in biblical and general studies prior to graduate seminary training.

### CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE IN THE MARKETPLACE

Many students, however, come to OBC in order to combine serious biblical studies with arts and social sciences. For example, at OBC students can prepare for work with pre-school children and the developmentally disabled. These programs are offered in co-operation with neighboring community colleges and graduates earn appropriate certification as well as a Bachelor of Religious Education degree.

In fact, more and more men and women come to OBC because they want to be effective disciples of Christ in a secular vocation. They realize they need a foundational knowledge of the Bible and a Christian view of life and the world. They are attracted by the fact that their work at OBC is gaining good transfer credit at other college and university level institutions, and they are willing to spend a little more time to build a foundation for a life that is actively seeking to represent God in secular society.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

Of course, not all OBC students are recent high school graduates. Through night courses and the once-a-week Tuesday courses, many keen Christian lay people are enjoying the opportunity to grow in their knowledge of God and his Word, and to learn basic ministry skills.

Our desire is to continually offer courses of study which will establish, educate and equip Christians of all ages to live for Christ and serve him in our world today.

## ATHLETICS AT OBC: THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Physical education and athletics at OBC continue to provide students with a welcome relief from studies, an avenue for exercise and an opportunity to develop friendships. It's an exciting and integral part of student life.

Along with the regular physical education program all students of the College take, OBC and OTS offer great intramural sports. Last fall the women of 5C dorm captured the volleyball title and the OBC out-of-dorm men won the flag football championship against a team from the Seminary. The leagues were a lot of fun and drew the students closer together.

The *Swordsmen* varsity teams represent OBC in competitions with other colleges and with churches. In local leagues OBC has men's and women's volleyball teams, two basketball teams which remain undefeated, and men's hockey.

The teams are gearing up for the 'Quads' tournament in March. This is an olympic style tournament involving four Christian colleges in Ontario. For seven of the last eight years OBC has captured the 'Quads' championship and we hope to reclaim the trophy this year!

New this year is OBC's representation in the Ontario College Athletic Association. The men's volleyball tournament last October may be the beginning of a greater challenge, not only to excel in athletics, but also to be ambassadors for Christ in the Ontario athletic community.

Steve Wilson, Community Life Department

## OBC CONTINUING EDUCATION SPRING 1989

### Diploma Division

#### MARCH 7 – APRIL 18

##### Tuesdays

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

*First and Second Peter*

M. Blair

*Developing The Church*

*Library Collection*

J. Johnson

*Discovering and Using Your*

*Spiritual Gifts*

R. Duez

*Christian Family and Parenting*

J. Brownlee

#### MARCH 9 – APRIL 20

##### Thursdays

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

*Old Testament Survey (2)*

J. Vold

*New Testament Survey*

S. Brush

*How To Be A People Helper*

P. Smith

*Discipleship For Lay Leaders*

T. Hwang

#### MARCH 4

##### Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*Preparation For Marriage*

G. Taylor/R. Wilson

*Making A Good Thing Better*

*Marriage Enrichment*

W. & M. McRae

**Summer Courses** will be offered in the evenings from **May 15 – June 30**, 1989. Contact the Evening School registrar for more information (416/226-6380).

## HOLY LAND STUDY TOUR

A Holy Land study tour sponsored by OBC and OTS will take place May 8 - 22, 1989 in conjunction with Discovery Tours. The cost of the tour is \$2,447 per person and includes airfare, hotel, two meals a day, and transportation and entrance fees to the sights to be visited. This is a wonderful opportunity to see and learn more about the places and people of Scripture. Dr. John Unger, professor of Christian education at OBC, will be the host. Call him for more information. (416/226-6380)

## GRADUATION

Now is the time to plan to attend the graduation services of Ontario Bible College and Ontario Theological Seminary. Mark your calendar!

OBC will graduate close to 100 students in the service to be held at Peoples Church, 374 Sheppard Avenue East, Willowdale, on **Saturday, April 29, 1989** at 7:45 p.m.

OTS graduates, numbering in the 80's, will receive their degrees on **Saturday, May 6, 1989** at Bayview Glen Church, 300 Steeles Avenue East in Thornhill, commencing at 7:30 p.m. The speaker for the evening will be Dr. David McKenna, president of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.

## OTS CONTINUING EDUCATION SUMMER 1989

### Special Courses

**MAY 11 - JUNE 22**  
Tuesday and Thursday  
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

*1 Corinthians 723*

Kevin Quast

*General Revelation 833*

John Vissers

### Summer Session

**AUGUST 7 - 18**

Monday to Friday

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

*Gospel of Matthew 892*

Roy Matheson

*Pentecostal Heritage 950*

Kenneth Birch

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*A Theology of Evil 964*

Douglas Webster

*Ancestors, Spirits, Witchcraft and the New Age Movement: A*

*Adult Education 756*

Linda Cannell

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 25**

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*The full year of Elementary Greek*

321-322

Erwin Penner

*Christian Response 886*

Paul Hiebert

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

*Pastoral Care and Crisis*

*Intervention 741*

David Sherbino

*History of the Chinese Christian*

*Church in North America 786*

Samuel Ling

**AUGUST 14 - 18**

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Evangelism & Discipleship*

*of Youth 594*

Laird Crump

### Build Your Faith

OTS and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

**AUGUST 21 - 25**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

*Jeremiah 811*

Marion Taylor

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*The Finality of Jesus Christ in a World of Religions 837*

Clark Pinnock

*Small Groups in the Church 646*

John Wilkinson and John McLaverty

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

*Listening: A Key Component in*

*Ministry 678*

Rod Wilson

## NEWS

### Accreditation received for OTS, renewed for OBC.

Word was received in late January that Ontario Theological Seminary has received full accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools. We thank God for this evidence of the Seminary's development, which should help to ensure standards and open more doors for our graduates for further training and service.

OBC's accreditation status was reaffirmed just last October for another 10 years by the American Association of Bible Colleges, without any reservations. This is apparently very unusual!

These are significant achievements for both the College and the Seminary. We are grateful to God and to the many people involved in the process.

On November 11 a thousand friends and supporters of OBC/OTS poured into the elegant Canadian Room of the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. As we shared a beautiful meal together, a program consisting of music, drama, moving student testimonies and reports on the College and Seminary was presented. It was a wonderful way to celebrate God's work among us over the past year and to be challenged to look ahead to **New Directions for a New Generation.**

**Reach the City**, the OTS-sponsored conference on urban ministry was held in October with distinctly Canadian speakers. Glenn Smith and Tim Ernst of Christian Direction in Montreal led the sessions on "Partnership in Urban Ministry." Participants included pastors and associates of city churches, as well as people ministering to the business community and the inner-city poor and homeless.

In November an overwhelming 260 people attended the fifth annual **Christian Writers' Conference.** The atmosphere was electric with the interaction of keen minds, stimulated by lectures and seminars given by Elisabeth Elliot, Marlene Lefever and a host of others. Participants came all the way from St. John's, Newfoundland to the east and Medicine Hat, Alberta to the west. Audrey Dorsch, editor of *Faith Today* magazine, presented to Leslie K. Tarr, nationally recognized freelance writer, the first Leslie K. Tarr Award for his contribution to the field of Christian writing in Canada.

Many of you have been praying that **Dr. Milton Wan** of Hong Kong, who has been appointed director of the OTS Chinese ministry program, would be given a visa so that he and his daughters might come to Canada. We give praise to God that the visa has been granted, and we look forward to having Dr. Wan with us permanently.

Those of you around campus have probably noticed the **new bus** shuttling people to and from Finch subway station, bearing boldly the OBC and OTS logos in blue against a white background. We are thankful to the Lord to have this new bus to provide much better transportation service. *John Spratt*, a retired friend of OBC/OTS, was of great help doing necessary leg work prior to the purchase in late August, 1988.

# Calendar of Events

All events take place on the Bayview campus unless otherwise indicated. For further information on any events listed here, call 416/226-6380.

## 1989

- Feb 25** **Today's Teens** conference in conjunction with Youth for Christ. Featuring Josh McDowell.
- Feb 27 – Mar 1** **Academic Lecture Series** on Proverbs with Bruce Waltke of Westminster Theological Seminary
- Mar 7 – April 20** **OBC Evening School** diploma courses Part II (see p. 11)
- March 17, 18** **OBC sports tournament** with other colleges
- March 19, 20** **Experience OBC**
- April 24-28** **OBC final examinations**
- April 29** **OBC graduation** (see p. 12)
- May 1-4** **OTS final examinations**
- May 6** **OTS graduation** (see p. 12)
- May 8-22** **Holy Land study tour** (see p. 12)
- May 11 – June 22** **OTS special courses** (see p. 12)
- May 15 – June 30** **OBC Summer Evening School**

## ON TOUR



## MUSIC MINISTRIES

- March 3-12** **Choir** tour – Ottawa, ON; Skaneateles, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, NY  
**Octet** tour in northern Ontario: North Bay, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Blind River, Little Current, Espanola, Parry Sound, Bala
- March 12** **Choir** at Banfield Memorial Church, Willowdale, ON – p.m.  
**Octet** at Bayview Glen Church, Thornhill, ON – p.m.
- March 14-19** **Band** tour – Orangeville, Kitchener, Barrie, ON
- April 2** **Choir** at Bayview Glen Church, Thornhill – p.m.  
**Octet** – Peoples Church Telethon, Toronto  
**Octet** at Unionville Baptist Church, Unionville, ON – 6:30 p.m.
- April 9** **Octet** at Flamboro Centre Baptist Church, Millgrove, ON – 11:00 a.m.  
**Instrumental** group at Eglinton Baptist Church, Toronto, ON – 11:00 a.m.  
**Band** at Braidwood Bible Chapel, Peterborough, ON – 7:00 p.m.  
**Octet** at Willowdale Baptist Church, Willowdale, ON – 6:30 p.m.
- April 16** **Choir** at Richview Baptist Church, Etobicoke, ON – 6:30 p.m.
- April 29** OBC Graduation – **Choir, octet, band** (see p. 12)

# BECAUSE YOU NEED TO KNOW...

Nothing can take the place of those special people in your life... your spouse, children and friends. Your love, energy and resources are often directed toward these special individuals. But what will happen after you are gone?

At Ontario Bible College/Ontario Theological Seminary we want to help you prepare for your family's future and to feel the satisfaction of faithful stewardship of the resources God has given you. In an effort to help you in this process, we have prepared a practical booklet explaining the facts about will planning and how it can benefit you.

And it's yours *free!* To request your copy of 'Basic Facts About Your Will,' simply complete the form below, clip it out and return it in an envelope to:

Ontario Bible College/Ontario Theological Seminary, 25 Ballyconnor Court, Willowdale, Ontario M2M 4B3.

## PLANNED GIVING OFFICE

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Ontario Theological Seminary  
25 Ballyconnor Court  
Willowdale, Ontario M2M 4B3

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PASS THIS ON TO A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

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# OBC '89

Who should you be telling about it? Someone you know could benefit from learning how OBC can equip him or her to serve God in ministry, in the marketplace or on the mission field as they make their decisions about what to do after high school. So tell them about **Experience OBC**. Pass along the information below so a high school student you know can register.

## HEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT...

*Now is the time to register for **EXPERIENCE OBC '89**. Your chance to see what Ontario Bible College is all about. Sit in on classes, interact with students and profs, and take part in all the things that make OBC a great place to study – sports, chapel, dorm life... Fill in this form and send it in, or call Liz Schouwstra at 226-6380 if you want more info. By the way, bring your gym stuff too!*

**Wednesday, March 15, 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.**  
**or Sunday, March 19, 8 p.m. to Monday, March 20, 6 p.m.**

*It only costs \$10 for the whole day (\$12.50 after March 13) and that includes meals and, for out-of-towners, dorm accommodation Sunday night.*

**Act now before it's too late!**

*Ontario Bible College is located in TORONTO (Willowdale), just south of Steeles Ave. and just east of Bayview Ave., off Garnier Court.*

Send to EXPERIENCE OBC '89, 25 Ballyconnor Court, Willowdale, Ontario M2M 4B3.

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I will be coming  Wednesday **OR**  Sunday/Monday