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News Update (Ontario Bible College and Ontario Theological Seminary). (Fall 1993)

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ONTARIO BIBLE COLLEGE & ONTARIO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



President Bruce Gordon

PRESIDENT'S CALL TO PRAYER

On behalf of Ontario Bible College and Ontario Theological Seminary, I want to thank you for your faithfulness in praying for these institutions. This ministry of the College and Seminary belongs to God and exists to bring Him glory. My wife Denise and I received the following note recently: "We have been praying for you. May God bless and strengthen you as you serve Him." It was not signed and we do not know who sent it. However God does. Our Father knows when we need encouragement. Over the past year similar notes and calls have come, impressing on us the encouragement prayer brings. It has been our practice to send out a monthly prayer calendar. We are replacing this publication with the enclosed card listing thirty-one areas for which you can pray specifically through each month of the year. We know that many of you take this invitation seriously and it is a blessing to realize that literally hundreds of people are praying for specific areas of ministry at OBC/OTS. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and support.

ENROLLMENT IS ON THE RISE

"We are up 17% in full time students at the College."



Ontario Bible College and Ontario Theological Seminary held its joint Convocation on Wednesday September 15 in Hooper Chapel signalling the beginning of the academic year. Dr. Victor Shepherd, the

newly installed chair of Wesley Studies at OTS addressed the two student bodies.

We are thankful for our increased enrollment—up

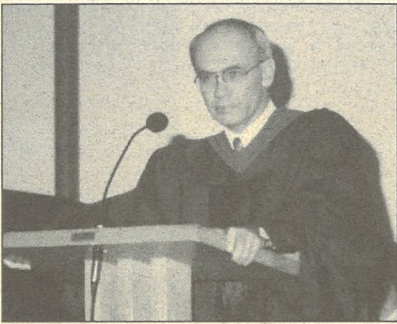
17% in full time students—at OBC. Dr. Rod Wilson, Vice President and Academic Dean at the College, reported to the Board of Governors that this is the second largest class in the last six years. He also pointed out that the average age of our full time students is now 31 years old and part time students are averaging 42 years of age. Dr. Ian Rennie, Vice President and Academic Dean for the Seminary reported that enrollment figures are similar to those of last year with more students taking part

time studies. Rennie stated that the trend in graduate studies is that students want to be in ministry related work and study part time. More and more young and middle aged adults are wanting to work in Christian ministry and are doing so at great sacrifice.

President Gordon believes that our strong enrollment is an indication that the ministry of OBC/OTS is greatly needed and that the hand of God is upon the work.

WESLEY CHAIR INSTALLATION

Dr. Victor Shepherd



Denominational leaders and congregational representatives along with faculty and staff gathered in Hooper Chapel on Sunday, September 26, 1993 to celebrate the installation of Dr. Victor

Shepherd into the Chair of Wesley Studies. This chair is sponsored and funded by the Free Methodist Church, The Brethren in Christ, The Salvation Army and the Standard Church. Bishop Gary Walsh of the Free Methodist Church brought the prayer of dedication following Dr.

Shepherd's address. In his prayer, Dr. Walsh asked that in these days of unprecedented need across the land that God's Spirit would be outpoured in this place of gathering and equipping of Christians.

Dr. Shepherd is presently teaching Historical Theology at the Seminary.

FOUNDATION BOARD INAUGURAL MEETING

"It will be rewarding and fun to be part of the future plan for renewal at these institutions."

The OBC/OTS Foundation Board held its inaugural meeting on September 21, 1993. Dr. Bruce Gordon, President of Ontario Bible College/Ontario Theological Seminary was officially named President of the Foundation.

The board elected Geoffrey Moore to its chair. Moore, President of Geoffrey L. Moore & Associates Ltd., a real estate consulting company dealing with planning, development, leasing and management of shopping centres and retail areas in

multi-use projects across Canada, comes with broad experience in management, with specific skills in gathering and processing data for decision making. He is an active member of Spring Garden Baptist Church in Willowdale.

Moore is joined by Foundation Board members D. Miller Alloway, Robert Bernardo, Robert Smith, Selwyn Belsher, Bruce Nethercott, Laurine Schmelzle, Claude Simmonds and Knud Simonsen.

The mandate of the Foundation Board is to raise funds for the following areas of need for OBC/OTS:

- Annual operating needs;
- Enhancements to the

campus facility for either renovations or new structures;

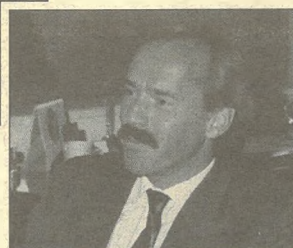
- Restricted endowment's for growth and development;
- Financial aid funds for students in the areas of scholarships and bursaries.

Dr. Jon Dellandrea, President of the Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation and friend of OBC/OTS is working with the Foundation Board and Director of Development Mary Ann Buffam as they build a strategic plan for development and institutional advancement.

Moore addressed the board members by saying that he was a long time supporter of OBC/OTS and its ministries and felt that together with the other board members it was not only going to be rewarding but fun to be part of the future plan for renewal at these institutions.



Above: Geoffrey Moore and Bruce Gordon, at the inaugural meeting of the Foundation Board
Right: Jon Dellandrea, President of the Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation





ONTARIO BIBLE COLLEGE CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL

1994 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of Ontario Bible College. Originally named Toronto Bible Training School (1894-1911), the school was renamed Toronto Bible College in

1911 and remained as such until 1968 when it merged with London College of Bible and Missions to become Ontario Bible College. The 100th Anniversary calls for celebration and praise to God as

it is rare that an institution can reach this landmark and still adhere to the principles on which it was founded. We are planning a year of celebration and a calendar of events will be provided in the near future.

HOMECOMING 1993

The OBC Alumni are invited to a reunion day, Saturday, November 6, 1993. All are welcome to visit the campus, reunite with old friends and become a part of the continuing vision for the future of the institution.

The festivities begin Friday night with a concert by Steve

Camp. The agenda for Saturday includes a mid-morning brunch, informative seminars, class reunions, corporate worship and will conclude with an Alumni Banquet. We encourage all alumni to participate, especially in the Friday evening concert and the Saturday evening

banquet. We hope it will be an evening of nostalgia, fun and thanksgiving.

Registration cost for the day is \$20.00. If you wish to purchase only a banquet ticket, the cost is \$12.00. Registration forms are available from the Alumni office at (416) 226-6380, extension 2113.

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OBC ARTS NEWS

A series of three Chamber Concerts will take place at Ontario Bible College in '93-'94. This concert series affords an opportunity to hear top quality musicians perform in an informal setting. These Chamber Concerts will take place on three Friday evenings,

October 15,
December 10,

and January 28. All concerts will begin at 8:00 pm.

Single ticket price is \$14.00, \$10.00 for students. Dessert and coffee are included in the price.

For reserve tickets and further information call (416) 226-6380, extension 2151.

Tickets may also be purchased through the college bookstore in person or by

phone, (VISA and Mastercard,) at extension 2188.

This past spring, OBC held its first Arts Festival and plans are under way for a second Arts Festival with a special evening of performance on Friday, March 4, 1994. Reserve this date in your calendar. Details will be announced soon.

CHAMBER CONCERTS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 15

Classical

Judy Au - piano
Paul Meyer - violin
Peter Rapson - cello

Performing works by César Franck
Schubert and Canadian composer
Victor Davies (composer of
Mennonite Piano Concerto)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 10

Classical/Advent.

Ruth Fazal - violin
Martin Spencer - tenor
(Plus some other singers to be confirmed)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

Jazz/Gospel

Elizabeth Davey - piano
Michael Kumor - violin
Sharon Tiessen - cello
Plus Andrew Donaldson - with small choir



Sharon Tiessen at Convocation '93

MATCHING GIFT

Are you employed by a matching gift company? Many major corporations and companies will match 1 to 1 the gift you make to OBC/OTS. This will double the impact of your gift. How do you find out if you work for a company that participates in this program. Check with your company or call the OBC/OTS Foundation office at 226-6380, extension 2210 or toll free, 1-800-663-6052, and we can provide you with this information. Participating companies include Northern Telecom, Kraft Canada and General Foods Canada, IBM, Bank of Montreal, Mutual Life Insurance, Ford Motor Company of Canada, Chrysler Canada Ltd., MacDonalds Restaurants of Canada Ltd. as well as many others. Remember to make your gift count twice.

Please send me:

- OBC Catalogue
 OTS Catalogue
 Forgivable Loan Program Information
 Estate Planning Information
 OBC/OTS Investment Fund

Yes, I want to be a partner with OBC/OTS as it reaches toward the future!

Please find enclosed my gift of \$ _____

Name _____

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Please make cheque payable to OBC/OTS Foundation
25 Ballyconnor Court, North York, ON M2M 4B3

H O M E C O M I N G C O N C E R T



Steve Camp

live in concert
Friday, November 5th
at 7:30 p.m.

BAYVIEW GLEN ALLIANCE CHURCH
300 STEELES AVE. E., THORNHILL

SPONSORED BY OBC

TICKETS: \$10. (IN ADVANCE),
\$12. (AT THE DOOR).

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

OBC CAMPUS SHOPPE, EXT. 2720

OR CONTACT:

STEVE WILSON AT 226-6380,
EXT. 2190

OBC/OTS ANNOUNCES NEW STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND THE FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM



Purpose The Forgivable Loan Program (FLP) is designed to financially assist eligible students in obtaining an education at Ontario Bible College and/or Ontario Theological Seminary.

Eligibility All students may apply. The amount of interest-free Forgivable Loan for which a student potentially qualifies is based on the following considerations:

- The actual cost of education

at the college or seminary for the year in which the loan is to be provided, and

- The level of financial need that cannot be met by personal resources, scholarships, bursaries and grants, including those from the provincial and federal government.

The Program Donations to provide financial assistance will be received as charitable donations. As funds become available, students who are declared

eligible and who actively participate in canvassing for donations will be among the first to receive the assistance.

At the end of each academic year, the loan will be forgiven; and in keeping with the provisions of Revenue Canada, in the case of a student forgivable loan, the amount is not to be carried into income.

For more information contact Rev. Glen Buffam at 226-6380, extension 6711.

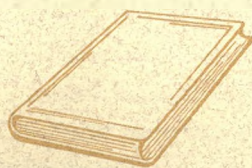
OBC/OTS INVESTMENT FUND

The OBC/OTS Investment Fund is being established to raise funds through the holding of RRSP funds and institutional "private term investor term deposits." The fund is backed by the security of our campus properties and will be

used to reduce bank indebtedness. An interest rate of prime will be paid and the term will be for a minimum of 1 year. This fund will be administered through the OBC/OTS Foundation.

This is an excellent oppor-

tunity to assist OBC/OTS in reducing covering costs on bank debt. As this fund grows, surplus specialty funds from interest savings will be applied onto the debt as part of a strategy to move to a debt-free position within the next 3 years.



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OBC ALUMNI - WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

Finding a former classmate can be just like looking for the proverbial "needle in a haystack." But not anymore. Soon a directory of our alumni will be available to help you locate your old friends.

The new Ontario Bible College Alumni Directory, scheduled for release in October/ November 1994, will be the most up-to-date and complete reference on over 5,500 Ontario Bible

College alumni ever compiled! This comprehensive volume will include current name, address and phone number, academic data, plus ministry and business information, (if applicable), bound into a classic library quality edition.

The alumni office has contracted with the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc. to produce this Directory. Harris will soon begin researching and compil-

ing information to be printed in the Directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumni. (If you prefer not to be listed in the Directory, please contact the Alumni Office in writing as soon as possible.)

The new Ontario Bible College Alumni Directory will soon make finding a Ontario Bible College alumni as easy as opening a book. Look for more details on this project in future issues.

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