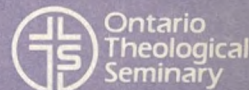


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Creditors vote for solvency

At the November 7 meeting, OBC/OTS's creditors accepted the Trustee's proposal for debt settlement. The school's liabilities have been reduced by 50 per cent; the amount due is to be paid over five years in equal installments beginning December 31, 1996. In January the Trustee paid in full all debts under \$500. The school owed 345 unsecured creditors \$2.4 million.

These included suppliers as well as individuals who had made personal loans totalling \$746,000, of which \$400,000 has been forgiven. The settlement includes repayment of \$300,000 in restricted funds; \$600,000 had been borrowed from the restricted funds to cover operational expenses. The administration continues to be in touch with the provincial Public Guardian and

Trustee regarding full repayment. OBC/OTS also has mortgages totalling \$3.3 million.

After the vote, witnessed by a number of creditors, faculty and staff and a dozen students, interim president Brian Stiller apologized on behalf of the school. He assured creditors that the school intends to repay the whole debt to the best of its ability.

In an interview, Stiller commended major creditors, such as Beaver Foods and Mitchell Family Books, for being "unbelievable in their support." He also expressed gratitude for those who forgave personal loans.

After the decision, the school celebrated: "You could walk down the halls and see smiles," said Stiller. Later, he quietly cautioned, as he swung his glasses, that OBC/OTS isn't assuming that the past no longer matters: "We face enormous challenge to make good the past before we grow into the future."

President Stiller hands out papers at the first meeting of the Board. He reported on the creditors' vote that night. To his left are (l-r) Jacob Birch, Michael Ho, J.D. Smith, and William McRae, the chancellor.

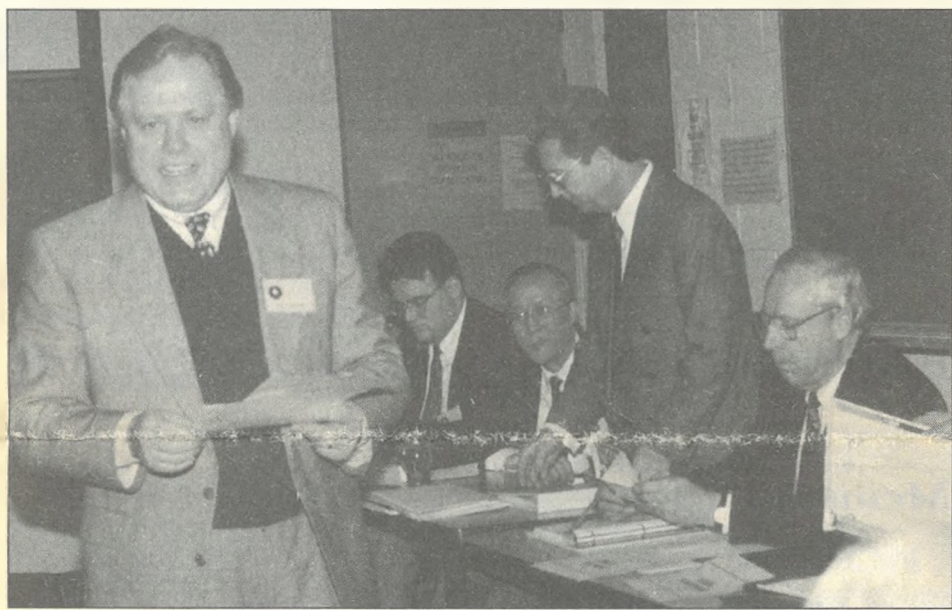


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NEW, NEW, NEW Seminary adds options

The Seminary has expanded the two-year Master of Theological Studies (MTS) degree to provide programs for two more areas of study: one for specialized ministry training and the other for intensive academic and research studies. The previous program will remain as an option for spiritual formation and will be known as the Christian Foundations focus. Focus groups on campus responded very positively when they heard about the new opportunities.

The new MTS focus in Specialized Ministries will prepare students for professional or lay ministry in youth work, missions, worship leadership and for the Chinese church. (It is not designed to train men and women for ordained pastoral ministry.)

Many students seeking vocational preparation will welcome the two-year length, which is a year shorter than the Master of Divinity program. Biblical language study is not required. In most tracks students with more than four years' professional experience will be able to negotiate alternative arrangements for field education with the program co-ordinator.

For those seeking an intensive academic program and to focus on preparing for further studies, the new MTS Biblical/Theological focus offers high concentrations in Old Testament, New Testament and Theology. Intensive language study is required in this track.

More information is available from the Enrollment Services office.

New summer programs

This summer the Seminary is participating in two new programs. For the first time the Seminary and College are offering joint courses. Students may earn two graduate or three undergraduate credit hours for most of them and they pay tuition according to the credit-hour schedule of each school. Courses planned include: Open to God—Meeting Him in Listening Prayer and Scripture with Rosemary Green, Children's Ministry with Linda Cannell and Evangelism Today with Michael Green.

From July 1-12, OTS and Canadian Theological Seminary of Regina are jointly offering four credit courses at the Ottawa Summer School of Biblical and Theological Studies sponsored by Dominion-Chalmers United Church.

Full summer school listings are on pages 6 and 7.

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New Board of Governors established

In early December, the new Board of Governors took responsibility for the governance and future of OBC/OTS. The Board's two most important tasks, according to the new chair, Archie McLean, are finding a new president and deciding on the direction of the schools. The latter will come out of the strategic planning now under way.

Archie McLean was elected as chair at the annual corporation meeting held November 27, 1995. As CEO and vice-chairman of Maple Leaf Foods Inc., he brings a history of leadership in the business world to the position. He has also served in church and related ministries.

Among the members who bring prior experience with OBC/OTS to the board are: vice-chair David Collins, an alumnus ('90), Geoffrey Moore chair of the OBC/OTS Foundation Board, and Mark Boehmer who served on the Corporation. Jacob Birch ('93) and Laurine Schmelzle ('67) graduated from OBC, while Jonanne Fenton ('91) and Michael Ho ('87) are OTS graduates. OBC alumni president, Godfrey Green ('82) is a voting member by reason of his position, while the

president, Brian Stiller, is a non-voting member. Chancellor William McRae is invited to meetings.

Four committees were established: Presidential Search chaired by McLean, Academic chaired by Norman Kerr, Strategic Planning chaired by Mark Durst and Finance/Audit chaired by



Miller Alloway, Jr. and Archie McLean, chair. See new Board of Governors listing pg. 2

David Stiller. The presidential search committee also has staff and faculty representation. As well, Wm. McKechnie is responsible for governance and Jonanne Fenton for board orientation.



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PARKING ADDED

Stories of parking squeezes on campus have almost reached mythical status over the years. To ease the problem, the Campus Facilities department widened the lot behind the Seminary to add another 50 spaces, and freed up another 30 by assigning an area for general faculty/staff parking; spots were sometimes left empty when places were reserved for individuals. Commuter students can use this area in the evening.

LIBRARY ON LINE

Dial-in access is now available to SCROL, the J. William Horsey Library catalogue. In order to use it, you need a computer, a modem and a small MS-

DOS-based program. You can buy the disk for \$1 from the circulation desk; an instruction sheet with a help number is included.

At this point 35,000 of the 77,000 volumes are computerized, said Chris Beldan, technical services librarian, with well over 1000 titles a month being added. This service and library membership are open to the public; memberships are \$20 for four months or \$48 for the year.

MEAL PLAN SAVINGS

In January, OBC/OTS adopted a new meal program for residence students that allows them to save up to \$400 per

semester. Students purchase one of three plans and the business office credits that amount of money to their accounts.

The sum is recorded on a convenient "ca\$h button," a new device the size of very thick dime. When students present the button in the dining room or Katimavik, the student lounge, their purchases are automatically deducted from their credit.

The three plans accommodate the preferences of light, moderate and heavy eaters, an approach which will also reduce food waste. Commuter students may "buy" a button and anyone can make a cash purchase.

According to Larry Willard, vice-president of Operations, the move may

also attract more students to the residence.

**ROCK SOLID—
a beat for '90s youth**

Free and in concert—the Craig Douglas Band, Who's the Man and Big Picture at Rock Solid.

The OBC Student Council will present Rock Solid, its first ever Christian Music Festival on Saturday, March 30, 1996. It is designed to present Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord to community youth and youth groups.

Contact Steve Wilson, OBC/OTS director of Student Activities, 416-226-6380. ext. 2190 or Mat Learn at ext. 2439 for details.

Support continues to be strong

As of January 30, friends had given \$1.2 million to Operation Restore. For OBC/OTS to meet its goal of \$1.5 million, Operation Restore needs to raise an additional \$300,000 by May 31, 1996.

Individuals and groups have helped by hosting fund raising events. Board member John Harlton organized a breakfast in London, Ont. at which guests gave \$31,000. In October the OBC jazz ensemble sang at a concert sponsored by friends in the Korean community.

To increase operating income the school raised tuition fees by an average of 9.1 per cent in September and January. The fee per credit hour is \$150

at the College and Seminary. Winston Ling, vice-president of Finance and Administration, says he will do everything in his power to ensure that there is no tuition increase in the fall and winter semesters of 1996 and 1997.

In its continuing effort to reduce costs, the school adopted a meal plan that will end up costing the school less to offer and can save most residence students money. (See In Short, pg 2).

As well, expenses are "still under control," said Ling, "We are grateful to staff and faculty for keeping expenses within budget."

Finance VP appointed

In early November, Winston Ling accepted the position of vice-president of Finance and Administration and chief financial officer of OBC/OTS.

A chartered accountant, Ling retired after 14 years as executive vice-president of finance and as chief financial officer of Extendicare Inc. When he arrived the company served 4000 clients; now it provides accommodation for 26,000. He next worked as a consultant to the president of Crown Life Insurance and as vice-president of development for the Company.

Ling sets high goals; he wants to retire the school's debt in less than five years, to re-establish its financial integrity and to work with the team to establish hope. Yet his approach is humble. "I can do so little and am glad that the Lord—the perfect Lord with a perfect track record—guides." Even in his recreation Ling welcomes challenge: he and his wife Stephanie regularly roller blade.

President, Brian Stiller said, "Given the challenging plans we have, Winston Ling's appointment not only gives us brilliant financial and administrative management for today, but his creative mind will enable us to plan for growth in the future."

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Miller Alloway, Jr.	3-E	President of Compass Communications Consulting, Ltd.	King City
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Michael Blair	2	Pastoral team leader, Walmer Road Baptist Church	Toronto
Mark Boehmer	2-E	V.P. of Chartwell Electronics Inc.	Unionville
David Collins	2-E	Senior pastor, Steeple Hill Bible Church	Pickering
Mark Durst	3	President of Patriot Computers	Newmarket
Jonanne Fenton	1	Associate pastor of counselling, Kingsway Baptist Church	Mississauga
John Harlton	2	President of Urban Animal Management Inc.	Granton
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Norman Kerr	2	Administrator, Knox Presbyterian (Spadina)	Mississauga
Peter Kong	1	Professional engineer & president, MAPS International Inc.	Richmond Hill
Laurie Lowe	3	Manager, Cost recovery program for Mutual Life of Canada	Waterloo
Patricia McGee	1	Health care executive: hospitals and Ontario Government.	Markham
William McKechnie	1	Lawyer; co-founder Chartwell Baptist Church (Oakville)	Mississauga
Archie McLean	1-E	CEO and vice-chairman of Maple Leaf Foods Inc.	Toronto
Geoffrey Moore	2	President Geoffrey L. Moore and Associates Ltd.	North York
Beverley Muir	1-E	Principal, Glen Park Public School (North York)	Mississauga
Laurine Schmelzle	1-E	Student, University of Waterloo; volunteer	Thornhill
J.D. Smith	3	President of Dial Insurance Co.	Markham
David Stiller	3	Retired business leader; consultant to missionary enterprises	London
Gary Walsh	1	Bishop of the Free Methodist Church in Canada	Mississauga

E-member of Executive



Checking their papers (L-R) Dave Collins, Michael Blair, Laurine Schmelzle (hidden), Godfrey Green, Gary Walsh and Laurie Lowe.

John Harlton waits to post his name. (L-R) Jim Barnett, Pat McGee, Harlton and Norm Kerr.



Thank-you for stepping in

In January OBC/OTS hosted a dinner to thank those who served on the cabinet during the crisis to turn the school around. (L to R) Gary Walsh, volunteer chaplain, W. Ward Gasque, academic dean and VP of OTS, Lynn Smith, VP of Student Affairs, Larry Willard, VP of Operations, Ben Harder, volunteer VP of Development, Winston Ling, VP

of Finance and Administration (joined the Cabinet in November 1995), John Franklin, interim academic dean and VP of OBC, Brian Stiller, volunteer interim president and David Stiller, volunteer VP of Finance. B. Stiller, Franklin, Gasque, Ling, Smith, and Willard comprise the present Cabinet.



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Strategic planning process brings hope

Findings from research on the future of OBC and OTS show that support is strong but more PR is needed.

The 160 men and women who recently participated in focus groups as part of the strategic planning process came with questions and left with hope. "The response has been overwhelming," writes John Wilkinson, director of Strategic Planning, in his report entitled *Beyond the Crossroads*. He said that when people discovered what OBC and OTS really did, their enthusiasm for the school's future jumped. "Being part of the process also gave them a deeper sense of...commitment to what God has in store," he reported.

In gathering feedback on the school's direction, Wilkinson amassed 2500 pages of material from a cross-section of the community. People represented churches, ministry agencies, alumni, business and urban ministries, as well as the campus community. Another 180 people participated in the research through questionnaires.

The benefits of the process quickly became apparent. The school gained valuable insights and people left with a better understanding of the current operation. They had come with a clearer understanding of the Seminary than of the College. While their level of support

for the traditional Bible college model was generally weak, they had a strong belief that OBC had a role to play in preparing people for the marketplace. How it should do this drew a mix of opinions.

A good number wanted a greater emphasis at the College on a strong lay training program as a resource to the church. Another group wanted a focus on specialized ministry training, such as the current Early Childhood Education program or youth ministry. Still others expressed great interest in having an alternative to public universities, with more of an arts emphasis.

Few knew that OBC already has a liberal arts emphasis, the Bible/humanities major in its Bachelor of Religious Studies program. Wilkinson noted that those who called for foundation training didn't realize that the College offers a one-year Christian Studies program that draws 28 per cent of the first year students. The majority thought the Seminary offered primarily a "major" in pastoral studies. Actually, the MDiv Counselling program is just as popular and other study options include Educational Ministries, Intercultural/

Missiology and Youth Ministry, with tracks in Chinese studies in the Pastoral and Intercultural foci.

Rather than making recommendations, Wilkinson simply listed, in an organized way, the respondents' suggestions. The recommendations will be drawn up in a collaborative process in which focus group members will be able to respond to the initial report. The Cabinet (senior administration), Strategic Planning Committee, campus community and Board will have input into the final vision casting and reframing of the institution. Wilkinson estimates that the report will be ready by May for the Board of Governors' final decision.

The research process also provided internal benefits. Faculty and staff were encouraged by the degree of outside interest. And "for the first time, students have been invited to provide input...Staff have been recognized as having something significant to say." Wilkinson added, "The message has been communicated that the basis for decision-making on the future of OBC/OTS goes beyond a faculty, administration or Board [of Governors] agenda."

Comments from focus groups

CHARACTERISTICS VALUED

- Evangelical
- Transdenominational
- Diversity (theological, age, culture, gender appreciation)
- Location (Greater Toronto Area)
- Faculty (committed, academic integrity, caring, professional)
- Accreditation

SELECTED SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

OBC/OTS

- Develop strong partnerships with churches, church-related agencies and educational institutions.
- Expand the library.
- Use more adjunct faculty for specialized areas and field experience.
- Create more flexible delivery systems (satellite locations, on-line education).
- Have strong support for continuing education. Develop a strong adult education model.
- Develop a resource centre to help churches with ministry development, in-service training, etc.
- Create a broader cross-cultural community and understanding.
- Improve communications and alumni relations.

Undergraduate

- Make distinctions clearer in similar programs offered by OBC and OTS.
- Offer more joint programs with other colleges and universities.
- Develop co-op programs (programs with work terms) even if it means adding a year.
- Seek wider transfer of credits to universities.
- Offer seminars and one-day workshops related to special needs and interests.

Graduate

- Add a two-year Doctor of Ministry program.
- Expand emphasis into training for lay ministry.
- Revamp field education program. Encourage internships in all vocational majors.
- Place more emphasis on management and communications skills.
- Place more emphasis on character, spiritual and ministry formation.

Financial

- Develop clear vision and mission; communicate it and the money will be there.
- Develop a definitive development plan.
- Develop long-term alumni commitment, partnerships/alliances.
- Put emphasis on endowments, legacies and wills.

Out of Africa

by Jonathan M. Wilson

Neither was born in Africa but both were profoundly changed by their experiences on that continent. The stories of students Steve Bussey and Dawn Chung reflect a marvellous scriptural theme: God working from within the diversity of the nations to bring healing to his world.

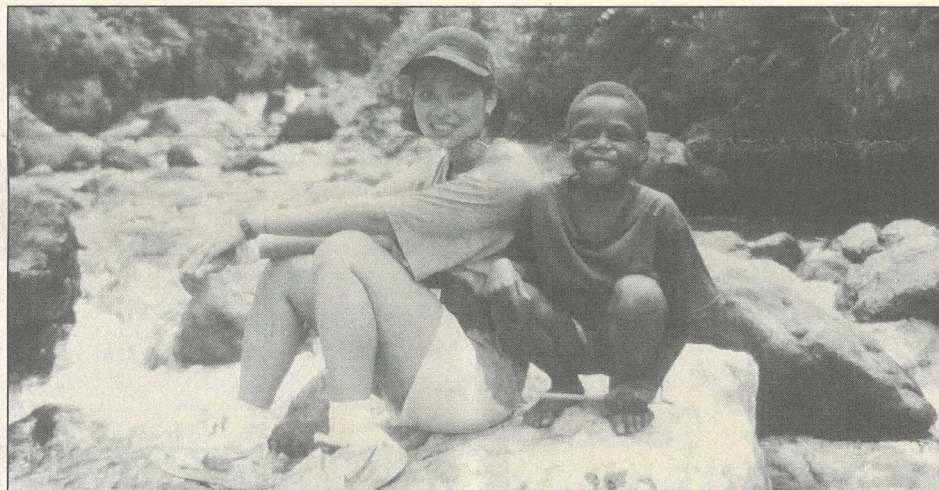
Steve Bussey, born in 1973, in Chatham, N. B., and raised in the Salvation Army, went to Zimbabwe as a "missionary kid" at 12. He says candidly, "I thought to myself: 'God is being really cruel to me....I hated it and didn't ever want to go back to Africa again.'"

His aversion extended to missions itself. "I didn't ever want to be involved with it; didn't want to think about it."

Yet Steve still wanted to serve God. All his life he had felt called to be a Salvation Army officer. This desire guided his thinking even when God stripped away his support systems. Hearing tanks rumble past his front door and seeing Zimbabwe's terrible poverty, resulted in a struggle with culture shock that forced Steve Bussey to rely totally on God.

Then a family move to South Africa changed his perception. There, Steve's involvement with inner-city children evoked a deep desire to minister cross-culturally and a commitment to do so for his entire life. There he also met his South African fiancée, Sharon Tuck.

After returning to Canada at 16, work with First Nations people in northern British Columbia intensified



Dawn Chung during a trip to Irian Jaya with a friend from the Yali tribe.

his interest in ministry. Shortly after, in 1992, Steve was accepted into OBC; he says he was amazed to get the news as his earlier education had suffered because of repeated moves. At the College, his leadership skills soon became evident. This year he is World Vision's Metro Toronto representative for the 30 Hour Famine and helped organize MissionFest in Toronto.

In 1992 Dawn Chung, a Chinese Jamaican faced a challenge. After a vision for overseas ministry drew her to short-term service in the Central African Republic (CAR), a friend urged her to consider seminary training. Dawn's first thought was "people like me never go to seminary."

Drawn to OTS by its community and its spiritual focus, she began studying in 1993. She had enrolled in the Missions track, but found that work with youth in the CAR had added new focus in the vision. A switch to the Youth Ministries track was a "natural transition."

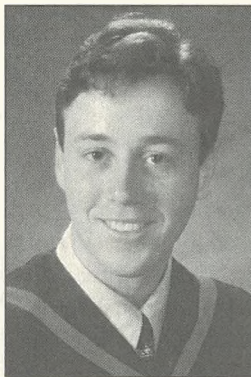
While learning practical and biblical truths at OTS, Dawn also found herself on a spiritual pilgrimage. Prior to attending OTS, and during her studies, Dawn sometimes feared lack of accom-

plishment and growth. She saw "God as very small and...my problems as being greater—that I had to take care of myself." With the encouragement of faculty and friends, she gained a deep trust and intimacy with God that enabled her to make painful sacrifices.

As she emerges from times shrouded in darkness, she praises God. "I have had blessings in and of themselves, but the greater blessing was that God would use me as his voice and hands."

At 22, Steve is about to graduate with his BTh. In August he will return to South Africa to marry and undertake ministry. While her future is not clear, Dawn will graduate with more than an MDiv degree. She will leave healed and with a clearer vision. Both will leave thankful for the rich input from the diversity of the school community and the African continent.

Jonathan Wilson, a "missionary kid" himself, was born in Irian Jaya and now studies at the Seminary.



Steve Bussey

CELEBRATE AT GRADUATION

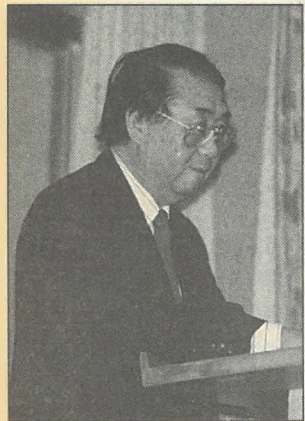
Join Steve and Dawn and many others to bless our graduates.

OBC: April 20, 2 p.m. OTS: May 11, 7:30 p.m.

Both at Agincourt Pentecostal Church, Finch Ave. and Kennedy Rd., Scarborough, Ont.

Celebrating Ian Rennie's contributions

The 130 guests at Ian Rennie's retirement party on November 24 shared an evening of memories and humour. "Excellent" was registrar Steve Roy's summation of the reception, dinner and program that followed. In one of many tributes to OTS's former dean, Don Lewis, a former student and



Heartfelt appreciation: Dr. John Kao, pastor at Toronto Chinese Community church, spoke.

now a faculty member at Regent College, said he went into academics because of Rennie's mentoring. William Walker, Clerk of the Session when Rennie was minister at Fairview Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, spoke appreciatively of their long relationship. Walker's surprise appearance evoked a huge smile from his friend.

On a quieter note, guests honoured

the memory of one of Rennie's colleagues, historian George Rawlyk of Queen's University, who had died suddenly that week.

Friends of the Seminary gave Ian and Lee Rennie an antique print of John Knox and contributed to their travel fund. The OTS Chinese alumni gave a Chinese painting. Professors Kevin Quast and John Vissers presented him with the list of contributors to a *Festschrift*, a book of essays to be published in his honour. At graduation last May, Dr. Rennie's appointment as distinguished professor of Church History was announced; Rennie came as dean in 1977.

The evening was organized by W. Ward Gasque, the present dean, and Laurine Schmelzle, a dynamic volunteer and now a member of the Board of Governors. In an interview, Gasque said, "OTS's strength and breadth in many, many ways depends upon the strength



Preach it brother: Dr. Rennie, with long-time friend William Walker, while alumnus Pei-Kang Dai enjoys the exchange.



Lee and Ian Rennie

of Ian Rennie who sacrificed scholarly publication because of his focus on developing strong evangelical institutions like Regent and OTS."

FOR OUR PRAYER SUPPORTERS

In His name

Please pray that

- ▶ A president who can provide godly leadership will soon be found
- ▶ The strategic planning process will continue to go well
- ▶ Graduates will be clear on their next steps
- ▶ The spring/summer school enrollments will be high
- ▶ God's blessing will be on the OBC/OTS community
- ▶ Operation Restore will exceed the \$1.5 million goal

Give praise for

- ▶ God's bounty in providing for our financial needs
- ▶ Strong leadership on the Board of Governors
- ▶ Students who take God's call seriously

ANNUAL R.A./R.A. ALUMNI Floor Hockey Challenge

March 16.

See Sports, back page.

RSVP Jennipher MacCormack at 416-226-6380, ext. 2186.

Class of '86 Do you know where these people are?

We need your help finding these people from the OBC Class of '86. We need their addresses or a contact, so we can notify them about their class reunion at Homecoming this fall.

If you can help us, call the Alumni Office, 416-218-6789 or fax 416-226-9464. Thank you.

Mrs. Rebekah S. Beerman
Mr. & Mrs. Todd Braithwaite
Mr. & Mrs. Edward W. Brown
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Mr. John D. Carpenter
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Mr. Andrew E. Gilbert
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Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth A. Ingram
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Mrs. Debbie L. Marling
Miss Margaret Reid
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Sider
Mr. & Mrs. Barry W. Smith
Miss Sun Sur
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff A. Teed
Mrs. Dawn L. Tobin

Musical collaborations delight many

Collaborations between graduates and an OBC faculty member have delighted listeners in recent months. In February, OTS graduate Alan Wiseman ('89) composed a choral arrangement of Psalm 126, a song of thanksgiving, for OBC/OTS and the Operation Restore program. The song concluded a taped message in which President Stiller invites listeners to become involved in a monthly giving plan.

Diane Speirs, a professor in OBC's department of Ministry Studies, rehearsed the nine-voice a cappella group that sings the piece. Wiseman then conducted for the taping. The school sent out the tape with a letter as part of Operation Restore.

Speirs describes the work as a rich two-part choral piece with a reflective first section that moves into an energetic, contemporary segment. She praised the experience for also giving the singers an intensive workshop experience. The recurring phrase "The Lord has done great things for us..." expresses the gratitude felt on campus and among many of our friends for God's blessing in the 1995 crisis.

Earlier, Wiseman, Speirs and OBC graduate John Keddy ('94) had contributed to the success of Brookstone Production's Christmas presentation in Toronto last December. A *Toronto Star* reviewer highly praised the dual bill, *Gift of the Magi* and *Merry Crisis*. His only complaint—the audience didn't laugh enough the day he was there.

Diane Speirs gave musical direction and provided piano accompaniment. Wiseman composed seven songs for *Merry Crisis*, a contemporary takeoff of *Gift of the Magi*. And Keddy, Brookstone's technical manager, designed the lighting; he has contributed to many College productions.

In the same weeks she was rehearsing at Brookstone, Speirs planned and rehearsed the ensemble and the choir for a November concert in Hooper Chapel and organized a sing-along Messiah for the next week. Both were very successful, with audience members asking for a repeat next year.

"The Lord has done great things for us..."

IN MEMORIUM

Douglas Percy (1914-1995)

On November 26, 1995, Rev. Douglas Percy, 81, went to be with the Lord. A friend, and colleague in the OBC Missions department, Rev. William Wallace, said, "the number of young people he influenced (who) went into missions are in the hundreds" (*The Toronto Star*).

Rev. Percy used his leadership skills to serve God. While in high school he worked in Inter-Varsity's Pioneer Camp, eventually becoming associate director. He served on the student cabinet at Toronto Bible College, graduated in 1936 and that year married Betty Willis ('35), who predeceased him in 1981. In 1937 he was ordained by the Congregational-Christian Church. The Percys then served in Nigeria with SIM Canada from 1938-1948.

In Canada, Rev. Percy served as editorial secretary at SIM and as a part-time teacher at TBC until 1958. He wrote 16 books; the first, *Hidden Valley*, published in 1951, won Zondervan prize for fiction. He joined TBC full-time in 1958, teaching missions and heading the public relations area. Alumni remember his encouragement, his impassioned appeals at missions conferences for commitment and his attention to detail at the huge graduation services held at Varsity arena. He retired in 1981.

The OBC/OTS archives department arranged a library display in December so students could learn of Rev. Percy's contributions. At the December 6 memorial service at Calvary Church, Toronto, Jack Phillips, former Canada director of SIM, said, "Today, if we were to praise Doug, he would be chagrined. By word and deed his purpose was to praise God and bring glory to his Lord and his Heavenly Father by all that he did."



Betty and Doug Percy during their teaching years.

Alumni Keeping in Touch



THE COLLEGE

THE TWENTIES

Grace Ferris ('29) went to be with the Lord September 6, 1995, aged 92.

THE THIRTIES

Ruth Childs (nee Granton '36) celebrated her 80th birthday, August, 1995.

Thomas and Mary (nee Davis '36) Schauf celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 22, 1995.

George and Ruby Wilkinson ('36) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 16, 1995.

THE FORTIES

Norene ('42) and Harold Wardlaw ('62) are working hard to help Harold regain some functions he lost after a stroke.

Glenn and Helen Hepburn ('44) are active in volunteer and church activities, as well as in the Gideons of Canada.

THE FIFTIES

Ruth (nee Phillips '51) and Ivor Greenslade (BTh '52) returned in September after being in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Paul and Margaret (nee Allan) MacKnight ('56) are experiencing blessing in their ministry in Italy.

Margaret and Dr. Ken Dresser ('58), Irian Jaya, ask for prayer for the Atak in learning to read and study God's Word.

Arnold and Judy (nee Ott) Thiessen ('59) are in Canada until July '96; they can no longer live freely among the Molbogs in the Philippines.

THE SIXTIES

Keith (BTh '60) and Anne Donald are home until April 1996.

Shirley Funnell (BRE '60) is typesetting the New Testament in the Atta language. She prays that the Atta, a nomadic Philippino people will be prepared to receive God's word.

As Ruth Thomson (BTh '62) finishes translating the New Testament into the Kayapo language, she is running into delays and frustrations.

Kathy Bell ('62) is on furlough for eight months; she sells Christian literature from her car in Pakistan.

Annemarie Hattenhaven (BTh '62, BRE '73) was in India for November and December.

Rev. Johan and Helen (nee Feasby BTh '63) Tangelder are involved in the Asian Christian Fellowship at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ont.

Bruce and Priscilla Simpson ('65), Barranquilla, Columbia, seek God's continued work in campers' lives.

Doris Nesbitt ('65) is readjusting to Canada after 28 years of mission work in Africa.

Grace Allison (BRE '66) is excited as a new church is being built outside of Kola Ndoto, Tanzania.

Roswitha (nee Schumacher '67) and Bill Plant ('67) are pastoring full time at Grace Fellowship Baptist in Hope, B.C.

Lenore Cates (BRE '68) does Bible studies in Forest, ON. Pray for God's provision of prayer and financial support.

Joanne and Larry Clements (BRE '69) are back from Africa and living in Newmarket, Ont., as he receives therapy at a cardiac rehabilitation centre.

THE SEVENTIES

Elaine and Terry Regnault ('70) returned to Chaurousse, France.

Sheila Burgess ('70) is on six months furlough.

Pat and Carl Whitehead ('71) returned to Papua, New Guinea, in July.

Flo Friesen (BRE '71) received her MA in Intercultural Studies from Providence Theological Seminary in April 1995. She teaches part time at Providence College in the Intercultural Studies department.

Bev Boyle (BRE '71) seeks to establish more Bible studies in Zaragoza, Spain.

Muriel and Roy Hirons (BTh '71) ask for prayer for strength, usefulness as Roy's eyes grow weaker.

Leesa and David Knights (BTh '72) ask for prayer as Leesa adjusts to new medication. Pray for energy and discipline in exercise and setting priorities.

Since 1990, Carol and Richard Horn (BRE '73) have been involved in puppet ministry in southern Ontario.

Ruth (nee Waldon BRE '75) and Tom Oliver (BRE '79) are on home assignment from Kenya.

Sharon Dickinson (BRE '76) arrived in Bukidnon, Phillippines, safely. In July she started in the Nasuli Library.

Ken and Shirley Hoffman (BRE '77) ask for prayer for Shirley's health problems.

Pat Lillie ('77) celebrated the translation of the New Testament into the language of the Girawa people in New Guinea.

Rev. Robert W.J. Barlow (BRE '78) and Deborah Anne Alston were married September 16, 1995. Robert is doing MRE studies at McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ont.

Born to Wolfgang ('79) and Donna ('79) Fernandez, a baby boy, Zachary Nolan, on September 18, 1995.

Kevin (BTh '74) and Joyce (nee Lambie MTS '79) Richardson returned to Nigeria in January to continue writing and publishing texts in Hausa for the Bible schools.

THE EIGHTIES

Linda and Dave Buchner (BRE '80, MTS '90) praise God for the 20-25 International students who come for weekly Bible study. They ask for prayer for their finances.

Heather Forsyth (BRE '83) teaches at a new school, the Kang'itit Girls School, Turkana.

Sandy (nee Janzen BRE '83) and Dave Roberts (BRE '84) returned to Mongu after furlough. They are translating the Jesus Film into the Lozi language.

In Paris, Suzanne and Peter Brown (BTh '84) ask prayer for continued encouragement.

Ruth Ann and Norm Leduc (BTh '84) are in Saskatchewan on home assignment from England. Norm is pursuing an MA in management at Briercrest Biblical Seminary.

Born to Jane (nee Gibson, BRE '84) and Paul Fabok (BRE '84), Joel, December 10, 1994.

Born to Nancy (nee Wright BTh '85) and Gary Wahl (BTh '85), Helena Maria, October 20, 1994.

Born to Heather (nee Gage BRE '85) and Steve Wilson (BRE '87), director of Student Activities OBC/OTS, twin boys,

Jayden William Alexander and Jenkin Matthew Robert, June 6, 1995.



"Wow, this is Christmas!": Jenkin and Jayden

Born to Jacqueline and Brad Dickin (BRE '86), Sarah Jacqueline, August 1, 1995.

Born to Lynette and Cameron Whalen (BTh '89), James Cameron Roderick.

THE NINETIES

Born to Marvin (BRS '90) and Colleen Penner (BRE '90) on March 20, 1995, Zachary. Marvin pastors at the Evangelical Free Church, Blue River, B.C.

John Paeng (BSM '90) and his wife Katherine now live in London where John is youth pastor at London Korean Christian Church.

Sharon A. Stinka (BRE '90) was appointed editor of Youth Publications for the Salvation Army, Canada and Bermuda on July 1, 1995.

Born to Eleanor (nee Engberts '90) and Frank Vandermeulen ('92), boy, Jared William, July 27, 1995. They began a two-year training program with New Tribes Mission in August 1995.

Donna Henry (BRS '91) and Matthew Timpson were married on July 22, 1995.

Joy Hamilton (BRS '92) and Wayne Deneault married on July 15, 1995, in Shawville, P.Q.

Born to Karen (nee Powell BRE '92) and Craig Strong, Brendan Joel, August 24, 1995.

Lisa Josefik (BSM '92) and Jim Goldsworthy married on September 17, 1994. Lisa works as a volunteer music director in her church.

Duane Heslinga ('93) and Leigh Bennallick married on May 6, 1995, in Hamilton, Ont.

Hugh Morrison (BTh '93) and Tracey Ross married on June 10, 1995, in Cape Breton, N.S. They live in Burnaby, B.C.

Tanya Hodgins (BRE '94) and Scott Nyp (BRE '95) married on August 5, 1995, in Brantford, Ont.

Glen Heslinga (BTh '94) and Pamela Stringer (BRS '95) married on July 22, 1995.

Jennipher Mauger (BRE '94) and Philip MacCormack married on May 20, 1995, in Cape Breton, N.S.

Gord MacCormack (BTh '94) and Ginny Vuksanovich married on September 2, 1995, in Scarborough, Ont.

Kim Swackhammer (BRE '94) and Andrew Wheeler married June 10, 1995.

Dawn Louise Wilson (BRE '95) and James Clement Berry married in Orillia on October 28, 1995.



THE SEM

THE SEVENTIES

Joyce Lambie '79 see "Kevin and Joyce Richardson" under OBC Seventies.

THE EIGHTIES

Paul Friesen (MDiv '83), a professor at OBC, defended his dissertation Nov. 3 and was granted a PhD in history from the University of St. Michael's College.

On December 20, he was ordained to the Anglican diaconate at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto; Paul will serve as assistant curate. Linda Nicholls (Cert. '83), rector of Holy Trinity, Thornhill, preached at the ordination.

Carolyn and Douglas Brown (OTS '88) are working with 21 villages in Zaire that have responded to the Village Development Program.

Born to Sonia and Steve Dettweiler (MTS '89), Micah John, March 13, 1995.

Stephen Jones (BRE '73, MTS '87) became pastor of Colborne Street Free Methodist Church, Kingston, Ont., on September 1, 1995.

Marian and Phillip Holley (MTS '86) are trying to develop a business in Indonesia to help the tourism industry.

Lois and Bill Fietje (MDiv '84) are excited that God has opened many opportunities to represent OMF International. Bill is Canadian director.

Buchner '90 see OBC The Eighties.

THE NINETIES

Mary-Elsie Fletcher (MDiv '95) works as the director of Ministry Advancement with the Free Methodist Church in Canada.

Bee Lee Soh (MDiv '92) is in language study in Sapporo, Japan.

Doris and Joseph Najem (MDiv '93) are preparing and implementing a church planting movement in Lebanon and neighbouring Middle Eastern countries.

Prepared by Jennipher MacCormack, Development department secretary, and Sandra Green, Alumni secretary.



After the vows were taken: Jennipher (nee Mauger) and Philip MacCormack.

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Strategic planning process brings hope

Findings from research on the future of OBC and OTS show that support is strong but more PR is needed.

The 160 men and women who recently participated in focus groups as part of the strategic planning process came with questions and left with hope. "The response has been overwhelming," writes John Wilkinson, director of Strategic Planning, in his report entitled *Beyond the Crossroads*. He said that when people discovered what OBC and OTS really did, their enthusiasm for the school's future jumped. "Being part of the process also gave them a deeper sense of...commitment to what God has in store," he reported.

In gathering feedback on the school's direction, Wilkinson amassed 2500 pages of material from a cross-section of the community. People represented churches, ministry agencies, alumni, business and urban ministries, as well as the campus community. Another 180 people participated in the research through questionnaires.

The benefits of the process quickly became apparent. The school gained valuable insights and people left with a better understanding of the current operation. They had come with a clearer understanding of the Seminary than of the College. While their level of support

for the traditional Bible college model was generally weak, they had a strong belief that OBC had a role to play in preparing people for the marketplace. How it should do this drew a mix of opinions.

A good number wanted a greater emphasis at the College on a strong lay training program as a resource to the church. Another group wanted a focus on specialized ministry training, such as the current Early Childhood Education program or youth ministry. Still others expressed great interest in having an alternative to public universities, with more of an arts emphasis.

Few knew that OBC already has a liberal arts emphasis, the Bible/humanities major in its Bachelor of Religious Studies program. Wilkinson noted that those who called for foundational training didn't realize that the College offers a one-year Christian Studies program that draws 28 per cent of the first year students. The majority thought the Seminary offered primarily a "major" in pastoral studies. Actually, the MDiv Counselling program is just as popular and other study options include Educational Ministries, Intercultural/

Missiology and Youth Ministry, with tracks in Chinese studies in the Pastoral and Intercultural foci.

Rather than making recommendations, Wilkinson simply listed, in an organized way, the respondents' suggestions. The recommendations will be drawn up in a collaborative process in which focus group members will be able to respond to the initial report. The Cabinet (senior administration), Strategic Planning Committee, campus community and Board will have input into the final vision casting and reframing of the institution. Wilkinson estimates that the report will be ready by May for the Board of Governors' final decision.

The research process also provided internal benefits. Faculty and staff were encouraged by the degree of outside interest. And "for the first time, students have been invited to provide input...Staff has been recognized as having something significant to say." Wilkinson added, "The message has been communicated that the basis for decision-making on the future of OBC/OTS goes beyond a faculty, administration or Board [of Governors] agenda."

Comments from focus groups

CHARACTERISTICS VALUED

- Evangelical
- Transdenominational
- Diversity (theological, age, culture, gender appreciation)
- Location (Greater Toronto Area)
- Faculty (committed, academic integrity, caring, professional)
- Accreditation

SELECTED SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

OBC/OTS

- Develop strong partnerships with churches, church-related agencies and educational institutions.
- Expand the library.
- Use more adjunct faculty for specialized areas and field experience.
- Create more flexible delivery systems (satellite locations, on-line education).
- Have strong support for continuing education. Develop a strong adult education model.
- Develop a resource centre to help churches with ministry development, in-service training, etc.
- Create a broader cross-cultural community and understanding.
- Improve communications and alumni relations.

Undergraduate

- Make distinctions clearer in similar programs offered by OBC and OTS.
- Offer more joint programs with other colleges and universities.
- Develop co-op programs (programs with work terms) even if it means adding a year.
- Seek wider transfer of credits to universities.
- Offer seminars and one-day workshops related to special needs and interests.

Graduate

- Add a two-year Doctor of Ministry program.
- Expand emphasis into training for lay ministry.
- Revamp field education program. Encourage internships in all vocational majors.
- Place more emphasis on management and communications skills.
- Place more emphasis on character, spiritual and ministry formation.

Financial

- Develop clear vision and mission; communicate it and the money will be there.
- Develop a definitive development plan.
- Develop long-term alumni commitment, partnerships/alliances.
- Put emphasis on endowments, legacies and wills.

Out of Africa

by Jonathan M. Wilson

Neither was born in Africa but both were profoundly changed by their experiences on that continent. The stories of students Steve Bussey and Dawn Chung reflect a marvellous scriptural theme: God working from within the diversity of the nations to bring healing to his world.

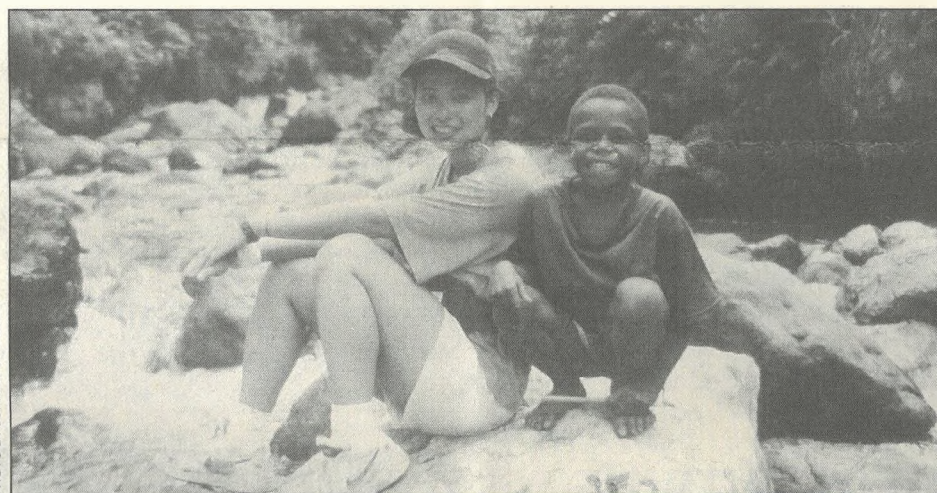
Steve Bussey, born in 1973, in Chatham, N. B., and raised in the Salvation Army, went to Zimbabwe as a "missionary kid" at 12. He says candidly, "I thought to myself: 'God is being really cruel to me....I hated it and didn't ever want to go back to Africa again.'"

His aversion extended to missions itself. "I didn't ever want to be involved with it; didn't want to think about it."

Yet Steve still wanted to serve God. All his life he had felt called to be a Salvation Army officer. This desire guided his thinking even when God stripped away his support systems. Hearing tanks rumble past his front door and seeing Zimbabwe's terrible poverty, resulted in a struggle with culture shock that forced him to rely totally on God.

Then a family move to South Africa changed his perception. There, Steve's involvement with inner-city children evoked a deep desire to minister cross-culturally and a commitment to do so for his entire life. There he also met his South African fiancée, Sharon Tuck.

After returning to Canada at 16, work with First Nations people in northern British Columbia intensified



Dawn Chung during a trip to Irian Jaya with a friend from the Yali tribe.

his interest in ministry. Shortly after, in 1992, Steve was accepted into OBC; he says he was amazed to get the news as his earlier education had suffered because of repeated moves. At the College, his leadership skills soon became evident. This year he is World

Vision's Metro Toronto representative for the 30 Hour Famine and helped organize MissionFest in Toronto.

In 1992 Dawn Chung, a Chinese Jamaican faced a challenge. After a vision for overseas ministry drew her to short-term service in the Central African Republic (CAR), a friend urged her to consider seminary training. Dawn's first thought was "people like me never go to seminary."

Drawn to OTS by its community and its spiritual focus, she began studying in 1993. She had enrolled in the Missions track, but found that work with youth in the CAR had added new focus to her vision. A switch to the Youth Ministries track was a "natural transition."

While learning practical and biblical truths at OTS, Dawn also found herself on a spiritual pilgrimage. Prior to attending OTS, and during her studies, Dawn sometimes feared lack of accom-

plishment and growth. She saw "God as very small and...my problems as being greater—that I had to take care of myself." With the encouragement of faculty and friends, she gained a deep trust and intimacy with God that enabled her to make painful sacrifices.

As she emerges from times shrouded in darkness, she praises God. "I have had blessings in and of themselves, but the greater blessing was that God would use me as his voice and hands."

At 22, Steve is about to graduate with his BTh. In August he will return to South Africa to marry and undertake ministry. While her future is not clear, Dawn will graduate with more than an MDiv degree. She will leave healed and with a clearer vision. Both will leave thankful for the rich input from the diversity of the school community and the African continent.

Jonathan Wilson, a "missionary kid" himself, was born in Irian Jaya and now studies at the Seminary.

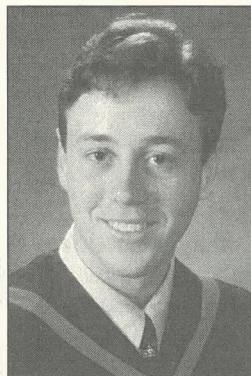


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Steve Bussey

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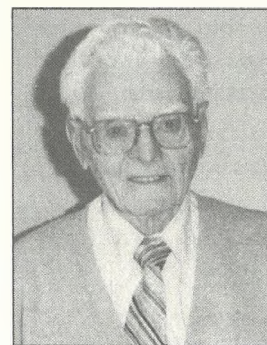
OBC: April 20, 2 p.m. OTS: May 11, 7:30 p.m.

Both at Agincourt Pentecostal Church, Finch Ave. and Kennedy Rd., Scarborough, Ont.

Honeyman lectures

A Christian perspective on the arts

Author and educator, Dr. D. Bruce Lockerbie, chairman/CEO of PAIDEIA, INC. is speaking March 25-27 at a lecture series he has instituted to honour his uncle, The Reverend John Honeyman. Honeyman was an OBC faculty member until 1974, and, in retirement, paints watercolours, teaches painting and still fiddles up a storm on his violin.



John Honeyman, scholar and artist.

Honeyman, a Scots immigrant, came to Canada in 1929 and to the Lord in 1932. After completing his education he was ordained by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He taught New Testament Greek at London Bible Institute (1946-1952), and later at Toronto Bible College, where he also taught English. He served as registrar at both institutions and, in London was instrumental in negotiating an academic relationship with the University of Western Ontario.

For some students he "was the first representative of a thinking Christian," said a friend, "someone who knew the value of education put to use in Christ's service...His love for Jesus Christ was manifest in his loving demands upon those he taught."

Lockerbie will speak March 25-27 in Hooper Chapel on "The Life We Image, a Christian Perspective on the Arts." Rev. Honeyman will be honoured on the 25th at a reception followed by lunch; pastors and Christian leaders are invited. (See back page, Calendar.) The Honeyman lectures are intended to be an annual event.

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STUDY PART-TIME AT OBC AND OTS.



May 27-June 1, 8:00 a.m.-5 p.m., all day retreat format. (Lunch included.) Four (4) credits

Spiritual Companions—Traditions, Themes and Trends in Spiritual Direction Today (SUMS 0845) Charles Nienkirchen, PhD, lecturer in spirituality; professor of Christian history and spirituality at Rocky Mountain College, Calgary, Alta.

June 3-7, 9:30 a.m.-noon & 1:30-3:30 p.m. Two (2) credits

Communicating the Christian Faith Today (SUMS 0846): Terry Winter, DPastTheol, visiting lecturer; evangelist, author and communicator (With OBC)

Urban Missions and Evangelism (SUMS 0851): Thomas Hwang, PhD, lecturer in mission and director of OTS's Korean ministry program

June 10-14, 9:30 a.m.-noon & 1:30-3:30 p.m. Two (2) credits

A Theology of Cross-Cultural Leadership (0835): Thomas Hwang, PhD

Proclaiming God's Word—Foundation for Lay Preaching (SUMS 0847) Robert Daley, DMin, visiting lecturer; minister at Simcoe Gospel Chapel, Simcoe, Ont.

June 17-21, 9:30-noon & 1:30-3:30 p.m. Two (2) credits

Financial Development for Christian Institutions (SUMS 0848): Ben Harder, PhD, adjunct professor of non-profit organizational management; president, Harder Associates, St. Catharines, Ont.

Teamwork in Ministry (SUMS 0849): Justin Dennison, DMin, visiting lecturer in leadership studies; senior pastor of Bramalea Baptist Church, Bramalea, Ont.

SUMMER BIBLICAL LANGUAGES INSTITUTE

Open to OTS and OBC students
July 22-August 23, Monday-Friday,
8:30 a.m.-noon & 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Eight (8) credits for OTS students and six (6) for OBC students.

Elementary Greek I and II or New Testament Greek I and II (NEWT 0321, 0322): Erwin Penner, PhD, lecturer in NT Greek; professor of New Testament, OBC

Hebrew Grammar and Greek Exegesis (OLDT 0611, 0612): Robert J.V. Hiebert, PhD, lecturer in OT Hebrew; professor of Old Testament, OBC

SUMMER SESSION

August 5-16, Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-noon & 1:30-3:30 p.m. Four (4) credits

Children's Ministry (CHED 0553): Linda Cannell, EdD, lecturer in educational ministries; associate professor of Christian Education at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Ill. (With OBC)

Ezekiel (OLDT 0619): Rebecca Idestrom, PhD, visiting lecturer in Old Testament

Learning and the Art of Teaching (CHED 0555): Gary Newton, EdD, visiting lecturer; assistant professor of educational ministries, Denver Seminary, Colo. (With OBC)

The Pastoral Epistles: (NEWT 0628): Andrew Lau, PhD, lecturer in New Testament; pastor, Richmond Hill Chinese Community Church, Richmond Hill, Ont.

Theological Foundations for Marriage and the Family (THEO 0630): Douglas Webster, ThD, visiting professor; senior minister, First Presbyterian Church, San Diego, Calif.

BUILD YOUR FAITH

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August 12-16, 9:30 a.m.-noon & 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Evangelism Today (BYF 0946): Michael Green, DD, author, educator and advisor on evangelism to the archbishops of Canterbury and York, Church of England (With OBC)

Ministry of Nurturing to Youth (BYF 0951): Duffy Robbins, MDiv, associate professor of youth ministry, Eastern College, Saint Davids, Pa.; author and lecturer to and about youth. (With OBC)

August 19-23, Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-noon & 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Two (2) credits

Historical Perspectives on Revival (BYF 0961): Ian S. Rennie, distinguished professor of Church History

Lessons from the Book of Acts for the Contemporary Church (BYF 0921): W. Ward Gasque, PhD, dean and professor of biblical studies; author and lecturer

Living as a Christian in a Pluralist Society (BYF 0991): Don Posterski, DD, vice-president, National Programs, World Vision Canada

Studying the Bible Through Art (BYF 0992): Laurel Gasque, MEd, lecturer in educational ministries and Christianity and art; coordinator of graduate student and faculty ministries, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada

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Discernment and the Will of God (THEO 0530): Gordon Smith, PhD, dean, CTS

Movements of Christian Renewal in History (HIST 0661): Ian S. Rennie, PhD, distinguished professor of Church History, OTS

The Petrine Letters: A Living Faith and Faithful Living (NEWT 0528): Allen Churchill, DPhil, senior pastor, Dominion-Chalmers United Church

Ravished by the Spirit: Spirituality in Canadian Church History (HIST 0665): Darrel Reid, PhD, religious and intellectual historian

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SPECIAL LECTURES JULY 2-4
Claire Hoy, journalist, Toronto;
Margaret Ogilvie, professor of Law, Carleton University, Ottawa; Ian Rennie.

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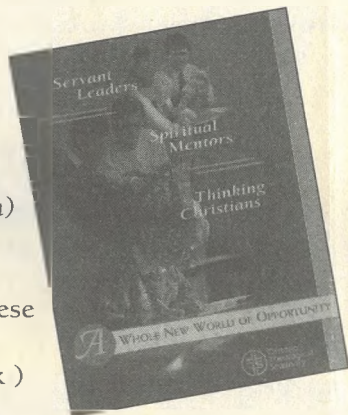
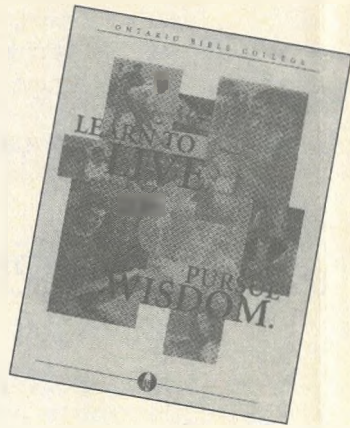
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Faculty and staff notes

Passages

Brian Cunningham, professor of counselling, OTS, had his designation of "Approved Supervisor" for the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy reaffirmed for the next five years.

Ward Gasque, dean of OTS, elected to executive of the Institute for Biblical Research.

Kevin Quast, professor of New Testament, leaves in July to pastor Steele Heights Baptist Church, Edmonton.

Irving Whitt, professor of missiology, member of Vision Committee for Toronto MissionFest.

Media

James Beverley, professor of theology and ethics, interviewed by *Ottawa Citizen* and two American Christian radio stations on the "Toronto Blessing."

Brian Cunningham wrote "Key Problems Men Face," *Faith Today*, Jan.-Feb. issue.

Robert Hiebert, professor of Old Testament, OBC, reviewed *The Asterisked Materials* in the *Greek Job* by Peter J. Gentry for *Hebrew Studies*, the journal of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew.

Victor Shepherd, Wesley Professor of theology, OTS, wrote a series on Church leaders for Fellowship Magazine and "Reason, the Gospel and Catholicity" for *Theological Digest and Outlook*, January 1996. He read a paper on "John Wesley's View of Christian Perfection" to the Wesley Theological Society.

David Sherbino, professor of pastoral studies, OTS, produced a teaching video on Spiritual Formation for the Free Methodist Church in Canada.

Spoken word

OBC interim dean, John Franklin, preached at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Toronto, for Christian Unity Week, Jan. 27.

Paul Friesen, professor of history, OBC, will speak on Evangelicalism and Anglican Spirituality, St. James Cathedral, Toronto, March 20. (See "SEM," pg. 5.)

In Dec. Ward Gasque spoke to members of the London Ladies Group and their husbands, a total of 60 people. He lectured on the Gospels at Runnymede Presbyterian Church in the fall.

Donald Leggett, professor of Old Testament, will be at Erin Mills Community Bible Church, Erin Mills, on Tuesday evenings in April.

From March 1-11, the chancellor, William McRae, will be with Parliament Menonite Brethren Church, Regina, Sask., for a family conference and a marriage seminar and from Mar. 17-20 at the Interchurch Conference, Fort Erie, Ont.

In Nov. Ian Rennie, distinguished professor of Church History, gave the Hayward Lecture, October 1995, at Acadia Divinity College, Wolfville, N.S. on renewal movements. He will teach in the spring at McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ont.

Renovations make bookstore more inviting

Recent renovations have made the campus bookstore a more comfortable place to shop. A low cost expansion into a storeroom added another 350 sq. ft. of floor space for a total of 1100 sq. ft. and a new look. What was a cramped rectangle has become an open inverted "L" shape that makes movement easier. "Everyone is thrilled," said bookstore manager Andrew Bronson. "Most customers felt the change was needed."

Bronson expects to add more philosophy and theology titles as well as more computer programs in response to increased interest. Programs, which range from \$45-\$189, include bibles, atlases, dictionaries, concordances and other study aids.

Parking has also improved. Spaces close to the front entrance are now designated for bookstore patrons.

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March 18 Encounter Day, OBC/OTS. Prospective students visit and tour

April 20 Graduation OBC. Agincourt Pentecostal, Scarborough, at 2 p.m.

April 22 Spring courses begin at OBC

May 11 Graduation OTS. Agincourt Pentecostal, Scarborough, at 7:30 p.m.

May 13 Spring Courses begin at OTS

Arts and Concerts

To March 27. Exhibit of Richard Bannister's sculpture on College's second floor and in Hall of Missions. Bannister works in wood and metal and has exhibited previously in the US, Canada and Mexico.

March 8. 7:30 p.m. OBC presents Michael Card, premiere singer/songwriter, at Queensway Cathedral, Etobicoke, ON. On campus during the day. Free seminar on Christians in the Arts tentatively planned. Concert tickets \$12.50 (10 or more), \$15 advance, \$17 at door.

Tickets at OBC/OTS bookstore, other Christian bookstores, by phone (1-800-667-0237, VISA only) or at door. Call 416-226-6620, ext.2190, or 519-751-3106.

March 25-27. Honeyman Lectures with Bruce Lockerbie speaking on *The Life We Image, A Christian Perspective on the Arts*. Public events in chapel: 25th and 26th, 10:45-11:30 a.m.; 26th, evening lecture, time TBA. (Pastors' and leaders' lunch on 25th. RSVP the OTS Dean's office.)

March 27. Evening with sculptor Richard Bannister

March 29. 8 p.m. Spring Concert by OBC Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble in Hooper Chapel.

March 30. Afternoon and evening, Rock Solid Music Festival. Free to area youth groups and their friends. Contact Steve Wilson at ext. 2190 or Mat Learn, ext. 2439.

April 22-May 5. OBC Jazz Ensemble tours Ontario.

Sports

Come and cheer. All events in gym. Contact Steve Wilson, 416-226-6380, ext. 2190.

March 8 Men's Basketball (MBB) vs Eastern Pentecostal Bible College, 7:30 p.m.

March 13 MBB vs Redeemer College, 7:30 p.m.

March 15 MBB vs Emmanuel Bible College 7:30 p.m.

March 16 Annual R.A./R.A. Alumni

floor hockey games. Women's game at 2:30 p.m. and men's at 4:30 p.m. Come to play or cheer. Call Jennipher MacCormack, 416-226-6380, ext. 2186, if you plan to attend.

March 23 MBB championships—OCCAC (Ontario Christian College Athletic Conference), all day starting at 9 a.m.

April 13 Youth Ball Hockey Tournament sponsored by OBC Athletics. All day starting at 8:30 a.m. Open to boys 10-13. Cost \$5 each. Free T-shirts and lunch for all participants. Also contact Nicole Craig at ext. 2523.

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