



WESTERN RECORDER

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Thousands of students across America are preparing for "Adventures in Learning" as they go on to college. In Kentucky, Baptists are a part of these new adventures through their support of three four-year Baptist colleges. In addition, Kentucky Baptists support a school of nursing, an adult preacher's school and a Baptist high school. This issue of *Western Recorder* is devoted to our Baptist schools with the hope that Kentucky Baptists may benefit by knowing more about the educational institutions in Kentucky they help support.

What If You Become Emotionally Ill?

by John H. Boyle,

Professor, Psychology of Religion, Southern Seminary

Some years ago, at the close of a worship service I was conducting as chaplain of a mental hospital, one of the patients handed me a match cover on the back of which he had written these words: "Even the humblest of us has a cheering section in heaven. Let's don't disappoint them." In addition to that cheering section in heaven the emotionally ill need one here on earth as well. Yet, in spite of the more sophisticated attitude our society in general has toward such persons, there still remains a stigma on them.



Boyle

There used to be a time when people feared hell. Now, for some, the fear of hell has been replaced by the fear of mental illness. It is not rare for a person who is in the midst of some emotional turmoil to say, "Do you think I'm losing my mind?" or "I'm afraid I may be going crazy." Perhaps there is an essential similarity between the two—hell and mental illness. For in both, one of the primary characteristics is that of isolation, estrangement, or "cut-offness" from the world, others, one's self and God.

Most of us at some time will become involved with emotional illness either by becoming ill ourselves or by relationship to someone who has become ill in this way. When this happens the emotionally ill person often experiences intense loneliness, fear, anxiety, guilt and, at times, a sense of doom. His behavior may become strange and different from what it used to be. It, together with things he says, may appear to be nonsense.

It is important to keep in mind that there is sense in the nonsense. Such strange talk and behavior is the emotionally ill person's way of communicating the confusion and chaos, the fear and dread, which he is experiencing. It is also his way of coping with the terrifying strivings and urgings within him which he may feel are about to overwhelm him at any moment. His fear, for example, that others are out to destroy him may be the way he copes with the angry feelings inside him which would result in his destroying someone if all controls are gone. Often such a person feels extremely guilty and rejected by God and others.

Though the extremely ill person has lost touch with reality to some degree, he is nevertheless often quite sensitive to what is going on around him. He certainly can tell when others fear him, care for him, or are merely putting on a pretense of caring. In seeking to minister to such a person we should be thoroughly honest, without being harsh. Don't ridicule, but simply tell him you do not hear the voices which he says he hears. We should be compassionate without being "gushy." Don't come on too fast with excessive warmth and affection—you will scare him off. We should be firm without being cruel. Don't allow him to behave in ways that injure himself and others but restrain him by persuasion and by physical control only when absolutely necessary.

If you should find yourself becoming unusually moody, depressed, hostile, agitated, anxious, fearful, or despairing of life and its meaning, you may be in need of some skilled help. If your behavior suggests that you are withdrawing from life and from your routine responsibilities and are distorting reality you will need to seek counsel and guidance. Your physician and pastor will be the ones you may turn to first. If they should recommend you see a psychiatrist or other professional counselor, remember that such trained people can be instruments of God's healing power to bring order out of chaos and companionship in the midst of loneliness.

DEVOTIONAL



Bill Whittaker
First Baptist
Church, Sturgis

Friend To All

Luke 7:31-50

In a note of appreciation to his pastor, a high school graduate explained his absence from the worship services with these words: "As bad as I hate to admit it whenever I went I felt very uncomfortable . . . If I looked like everybody else and always cut my hair perhaps the 'hairy eye-ball' would have skipped me." Such an excuse is far from being acceptable to God but it does raise the issue of the way we expect others to conform to our image of what they ought to be before we can accept them as co-laborers with God.

How many people have felt unwelcome in God's house because they were unlike us? A secret requirement exists in many of our churches that requires an individual to be of the same cultural and economic level before he is fully accepted. Consider the poverty-stricken, the uneducated, the alcoholic, the hippie, or the thousands of youth who merely dress *mod-ern* and let their hair grow. Do we accept these as persons, as they are, or must they conform to our specifications?

The problem is ancient; one which the Master faced during His ministry. He encountered the vehemence of his peers when he touched a leper, talked in public to a woman, had dealings with the Samaritans and dined with a tax collector. These individuals had been isolated from society, but he reached out to them in love and acceptance. In His presence they did not feel censured. As they were they responded to His love and accepted the will of the Father. The Lord's example is witnessed also in His choice of the twelve. Each of these men had his own distinct personality. Some of them had great emotional problems to overcome. Still the Lord accepted them and in company with Him their potential was fulfilled.

Prayer: Lord, help us to be a friend to all, to accept others as they are and not try to conform them to our will but to yours. Amen.

Changes Abound As G'town Opens

Approximately 550 freshmen and transfer students will bring the enrollment to more than 1400 as Georgetown College opens her 142nd fall term. Registration is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, with classes to begin the next day.

Several physical and academic changes will confront the returning students and faculty. The most apparent evidence of change will be in the school's scenery. Eight new small residence halls are under construction. Georgetown is attempting to complete its dormitory development, begun in 1956, by the fall of 1971. The current \$2,435 project will create a nomadic existence for many of the students as they move from place to place during the late stages of construction in the winter.



Dr. Robert Mills,
Georgetown
President

When these halls are finished, it will bring investment in the new housing at Georgetown to slightly above \$5.5 million in the last 15 years. The project will give the college 1,200 beds in fire-resistant dormitories. This is the optimum number Georgetown plans to house.

The biggest movement of students will come after the first semester when aged Rucker Hall, a 75 year old residence for women, will be vacated preparatory to its razing. The residents of Rucker will be moved to other dorms for the second term. When Rucker Hall is taken down, Georgetown will put up the last two of the eight halls in its place.

Administrative and academic changes have been significant. Carl Fields, long-time academic dean, has been elevated to the position of vice president and

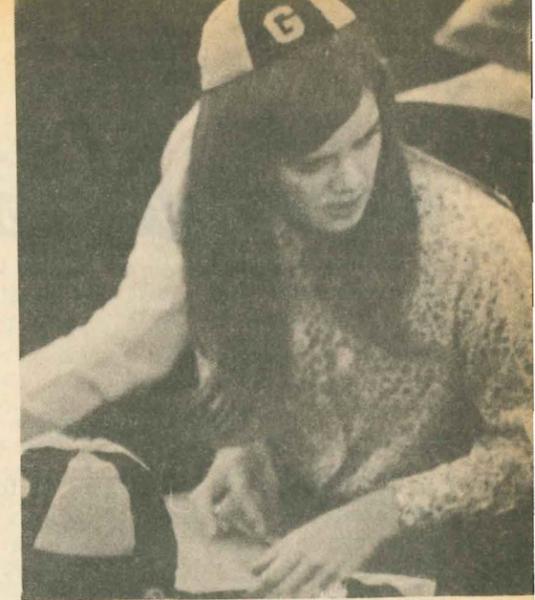
provost, and Thomas Corts, former director of development, has accepted the newly created post of executive dean. Filling the position of financial aid director is David Harrod, and Robin Oldham has been added to the staff of the admissions office. L. B. Hempel has joined the personnel of the development office.

Miss Betty Kuusisto will serve as dean of women during Miss Catherine Bates' leave of absence at Hong Kong Baptist College this year. Betty LeSueur will aid her as assistant dean. James Bergman will return to his duties as dean of men after a summer-long leave as head staff counselor at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

New faculty members have been added for the coming year. Alan Gragg, Margaret Greynolds, Kenneth Robbins, Tom Holloway and Tom Dowling will be among the new faces in the classrooms. Returning from leaves are K. M. George and Mrs. Macy Wyatt.

The least noticeable developments to the outsider looking on are probably the most significant for the academicians. The entire administrative staff and faculty is going through a rigorous self study which is required every decade by the regional accrediting agency. Added to the faculty's own intensive analysis of itself is the responsibility of launching three new educational experiences this fall. An Honors Program for upper-classmen will be premiered, as well as an In Service Institute for math teachers. The third development is the American Studies Program. This is the Commonwealth's first such program. It was recommended after many months of thorough investigation by students and faculty.

Ralph Curry, professor of English at Georgetown, was named to direct the studies. The program will include course work in English, history, sociology, social work, speech, political science, eco-



Eager freshmen, marked by their beanies, compare notes during their first convocation at Georgetown College.

nomics, religion, philosophy, art, education and geology. Courses in the various departments are drawn together through two special seminars, one aimed at sophomores and one at seniors. Fred Hood of the college's history department will conduct the seminars.

A new department will take its place in the college catalog this fall. For the first time Georgetown has separated its Bible and philosophy department into two entities. The Bible department has been renamed the religion department.

Alan Gragg has been selected as chairman of the newly created department of philosophy. His special teaching interest is in the philosophy of religion. The new chairman makes frequent contributions to journals and periodicals. He joins Georgetown after having served as chairman of the philosophy department at Furman University.

A score or more of the college's faculty are being uprooted from their offices and classrooms in further changes this year. Pawling Hall is being suited for a new role. Part of the front section is being converted to office quarters for President Mills. The remainder of the building will become seminar-classroom and faculty office space. It has been principally a student residence since 1844. Now faculty from four or five departments will move from scattered locations around the campus and be brought together at Pawling.

Georgetown moves into the space age of the 70's with her own mark of the times. During the summer a computer system has been installed in the science center. In time most of the college's business, academic and alumni records will be transferred to computer programming.

All in all, Georgetown's 142nd year gives promise of fresh achievements and steady progress in the world of higher education.

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"Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once for all delivered to the saints"—Jude 3

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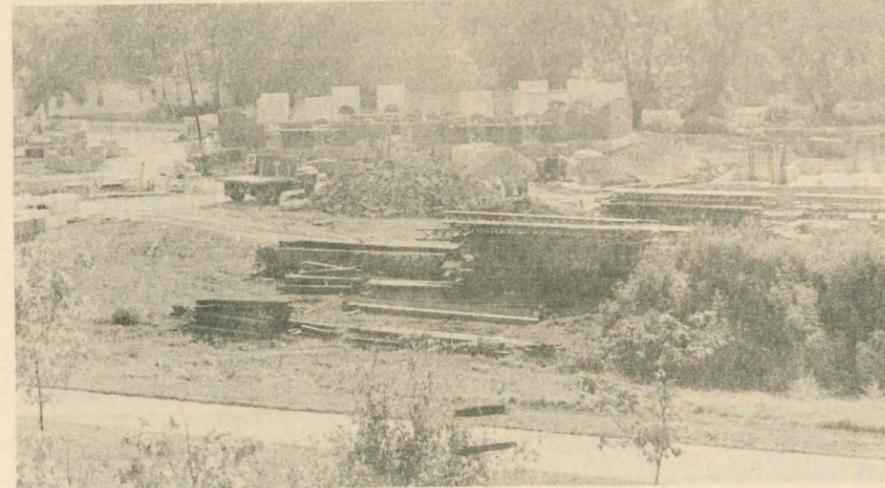
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Several small new residence halls are under construction on the Georgetown campus



The Sunday School Board Is Trying Valiantly

The decision of the trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to comply with the request of the Southern Baptist Convention to withdraw and rewrite Volume I of the Broadman Bible Commentary came as no surprise. (See report on page 16 of last week's *Western Recorder*.) The Sunday School Board has always tried to comply with the Convention's requests which is as it ought to be as long as we claim to operate by the democratic process. The voice of the majority in Denver was loud and clear and the Sunday School Board leadership heard it.

To recall Volume I of the Commentary will not be too difficult. The action in Denver stimulated the sale of it and likely few copies of the first edition are left to be withdrawn. The task of rewriting it, however, is far more difficult and the special committee assigned the responsibility of suggesting how to rewrite it will have no easy job. Making some revisions and changes by use of footnotes and other additions would not be too difficult but to rewrite it poses real problems, especially since the motion in Denver called for rewriting it according to another theological viewpoint.

Who will do the rewriting? Bible scholars generally expect their materials to be edited but rewriting to conform to another viewpoint is unheard of for scholars of integrity. And so the original writers — G. Henton Davies for Genesis and Roy L Honeycutt, Jr., for Exodus — will hardly agree to redo their work. Whether or not the rewriting can be done without starting all over with other authors is a problem for the special committee.

In the meantime the question of what will happen to other volumes of the Commentary remains. Volumes II, VII and VIII are already in circulation and little criticism of these has been heard so far. Writers of the remaining volumes have been instructed to proceed with their work and so the apparent intention is to complete the whole set as originally planned.

The eventual fate of the project depends upon whether critics will attack the volumes one by one and whether convention messengers will agree with the critics. Hopefully we are by the most trying hour for this project.

The board took other actions which indicate sensitivity to criticism of other materials it produces. These actions should assure critics of sincere efforts on the part of the board not to publish needlessly objectionable material. Three actions of the board in particular were significant in this respect.

One was the decision to cancel the release of the October-December quarterly and teacher in an optional curriculum series for college age young people because they "were not up to editorial standards of the board." Another was instruction to the staff of the board to edit carefully all literature hereafter to make certain its interpretations are consistent with the Southern Baptist Convention doctrinal statement, "Baptist Faith and Message" and "with the generally-accepted views of Southern Baptists." A third action was the instruction to the staff to continue work on a manual of doctrinal guidelines for editors and writers of materials.

Those who have been concerned about what they consider disturbing trends in Southern Baptist literature doubtlessly will be pleased with these obvious efforts by the board to produce materials in keeping with "generally-accepted views of Southern Baptists." They must remember, however, that no matter how conscientious and sincere editors and writers might be in following accepted guidelines, some subjective opinion is always involved in editing and this means there will still be materials which are objectionable to some.

Some Southern Baptists will feel the actions of the board go too far in trying to satisfy its critics. They feel that a considerable latitude is needed in producing literature for the wide variety of Southern Baptists today and that some of the criticized materials are the best we have ever had. These should remember the price for working together as fellow Baptists is to practice some give and take.

The Sunday School Board is caught in the middle and is doing its best to serve the Lord and all Southern Baptists. If we exercise the privilege of criticizing those who minister through it, we should also discharge our responsibility to pray for them. This is our only hope.

In Appreciation Of Our Kentucky Baptist Schools

Much of this issue of the *Western Recorder* is used to present Baptist schools in Kentucky and their outlook for this school year. The purpose is to increase the knowledge and enhance the appreciation of Kentucky Baptists for what we are doing in the way of providing training for future leaders of our churches and communities.

The 1970-71 school year will be one of the most difficult in the long history of our Baptist schools. It will take all the skill and dedication of the administrators and teachers to meet the challenge. It will also require the understanding and prayers of Kentucky Baptists.

Our Baptist schools for years have had an uphill battle in finding adequate finances to keep going. Unlike state supported schools they do not have access to tax funds for their operations. The spiraling costs of buildings, equipment, salaries for teachers and other personnel have not been matched by increased income. Gifts through the Cooperative Program, though a fair share of the available funds have provided a smaller and smaller proportion of the budgets of our schools.

Income from the limited endowment of our schools and their other resources have not filled the gap. Consequently the tuition and other charges to students have had to be raised higher and higher to fill this gap and this has discouraged or prevented many parents and young people who would prefer to attend our Baptist schools from doing so.

Finances are not the only problems of our Kentucky Baptist schools. Another major problem is the image of our schools in the minds of many Kentucky Baptists. The use of government funds, conduct standards and the place of religion on the campuses are but a few of the controversial issues that have made our schools the object of severe criticism by some.

BIBLE AT FACE VALUE

Dear Editor:

The writer makes no claim to elite liberal Biblical scholarship. While attending the seminary the writing of a few of these liberal theologians were discussed. In these discussions it was discovered that each one who questioned the religious authority and accuracy of the Bible built his argument around some "pet" theory of his own. This theory was bolstered by a half-dozen other theories, which were introduced as axioms, although they had no historical proof supporting them.

People who believe the Bible, who seek to follow its author, accept Christianity as an authenticated historical religion. This belief is sustained by many honest witnesses who were associated with its author. Added to this verified historical account, the born-again Christian has the witness of the Holy Spirit who is the *earnest payment* which guarantees

Some of our schools come in for more criticism than others but each school chooses the course it feels is proper for its purpose. Untrue rumors about our Baptist schools hurt them in the minds of many Kentucky Baptists.

In spite of these and other difficulties our Kentucky Baptist schools are providing blessings that only eternity will reveal. Most of those who teach and otherwise serve these colleges consider it their God-given ministry. Teachers strive for academic excellence in their classes but they are more concerned for their students and their development as persons. Administrators take a personal interest in the students and this is not found in many colleges today.

The products of Kentucky Baptist schools through the years are the proof of their use by the Lord. Thousands of those coming through these schools have or are now serving throughout the world as missionaries, pastors or as Christian laymen.

There is a plus to education in our Baptist colleges. Not every student accepts the extra dimension in our Baptist schools but there is a better opportunity for young people to find the Lord's plan for their lives where this dimension exists.

In these troublesome days on college campuses many parents are searching for schools which offer hope for stability and order. Hopefully our Kentucky Baptist schools offer such a prospect. At least the disruption and disorderly disturbances which plagued many campuses in the nation and some in Kentucky last year did not occur on any Baptist campuses in Kentucky. This doesn't mean it won't happen before these words are cold but we can be thankful it has not happened so far.

The rapidly changing education scene makes it uncertain what the future of our Baptist schools might be. But as long as we have them let us be grateful and use them for the glory of God.

continue to march forward under the banner of the victorious Christ.
Dallas, Texas C. B. Jackson



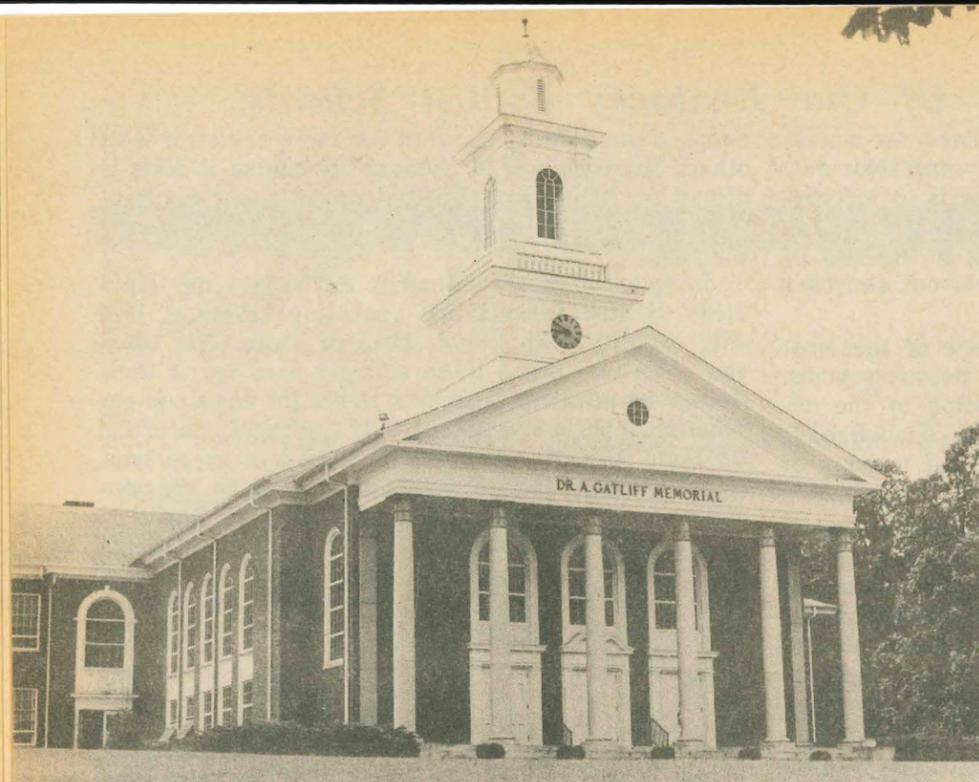
PEACE SYMBOL

Dear Editor:

As one who expressed concern over your use of the broken cross emblem on the *Western Recorder* cover of October 25, 1969, in relation to the theme of peace, I would like to express my appreciation for your editorial of August 8, 1970. You are to be commended for your diligent research of facts and for your admission of error in judgment when you used the emblem on the above mentioned cover.

I rejoice in the thought that countless Baptist homes in Kentucky have been enlightened about this ancient pagan symbol so frequently used by the followers of the Anti-Christ movements that are so widespread in our nation today.

Louisville, Ky. Mrs. William E. Rodman



Cumberland Welcomes New Students

Cumberland College, home of the "Fighting Indians," on the threshold of a new decade of learning, is preparing for the 81st year on Friday, September 4, with the opening of its "teepees" (dormitories) to just over 500 "little papooses" (beginning freshmen) and approximately 1250 "braves" (sophomores and upper-classmen).

Student Government Association president Mike Duncan announced the following schedule of events for opening week beginning with the Women's Student Government sponsoring a reception for all freshmen which will be followed by a movie on the lawn of Johnson Hall on Friday evening. Saturday, the Baptist Student Union will sponsor a get-acquainted social at 6:00 p.m. behind the library. On Monday, September 7, President and Mrs. Boswell will hold a welcoming reception at their home. The remainder of the week will be taken up in registering and further socials sponsored by various campus clubs and organizations with classes starting on Thursday, September 10.

Cumberland College is located 120 miles south of Lexington, Kentucky, and 80 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee, just off of Interstate 75 in Williamsburg, Kentucky. Williamsburg is one of the state's oldest cities, long known for its friendly atmosphere toward Cumberland College students. Located just minutes from the majestic Cumberland Falls, Williamsburg is a place of natural beauty and healthful surroundings. Today the Cumberland

College student is greeted with a beautifully landscaped 25-acre campus, dotted with new buildings as evidence of its growing student body. A faculty of over 100 members and a skilled administrative staff are ready to serve students with a variety of major fields—emphasizing teacher education.

Cumberland College was founded in 1889 as the Williamsburg Institute. At that time in the section around Williamsburg, there were almost no public schools and practically no high schools or colleges. Under the aegis of Mt. Zion Association of United Baptists, the Williamsburg Institute was organized in which was to be taught English literature and the scientific branches. Since its founding there has been an uninterrupted association with the Baptist denomination.

The Institute began its services with only one building and two teachers. Along with the growth in building facilities, in staff members, in enrollment, in finances and in the curriculum, there has been a widening in the influence of the College. Among graduates and former students of Cumberland are two governors of Kentucky, missionaries and ministers serving at home and abroad, educators of national prominence, physicians, engineers, judges, legislators, attorneys and many others.

By 1913, the name "Institute" no longer was appropriate or descriptive of the college courses being taught. By due process, the name of Institute was changed to Cumberland College. In 1916,

Cumberland was made a first class junior college, in which status it remained until 1961 when it became a senior college. Today, Cumberland College, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1964, is a four-year, coeducational, liberal arts and sciences institution with a strong program in teacher education. Better than 75 percent of those graduating in education remain in southeastern Kentucky to teach.

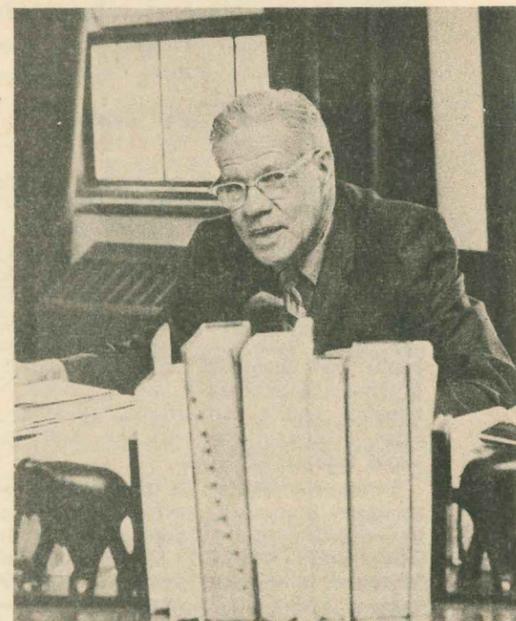
About 70 percent of the students come from the communities in southeastern Kentucky and northeastern Tennessee.

More than 52 percent of the students at Cumberland receive some degree of financial assistance. The average family income in the area that Cumberland serves is only 30 percent of that of the nation taken as a whole. Statistics show that 50 percent of the college students nationwide come from homes in the upper 25 percent income bracket. At least 50 percent of the students at Cumberland come from families in the lower 25 percent income bracket.

While concentration at Cumberland is on the typical student, aid is also given to a substantial number of students from other states such as Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania. Cumberland never has enough money for student aid.

Cumberland College has a modest endowment of about \$1,500,000.

It costs less to attend Cumberland College than any other private, denominational, four-year accredited college in the nation. At the present time we have managed to keep tuition, fees, room and board to the low sum of \$1,350 per academic year.



Dr. J. M. Boswell
President, Cumberland College

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Thus far Cumberland has been able to keep the cost to the student at a minimum by utilizing facilities throughout the campus which were built some 50 years ago, rather than have a substantial debt. Presently the College has an indebtedness of less than \$900,000 which will be amortized over the next nine years.

It is expected that Cumberland College will continue to operate at approximately its present level, possibly expand to 2,000 students. Continued efforts will be made to develop funds for building and operation.

In order that Cumberland College can meet its avowed purpose to help the student develop intellectually, spiritually, physically and socially, buildings and facilities must be provided as rapidly as is financially and physically possible.

Cumberland has launched a program to provide conformity between its nu-

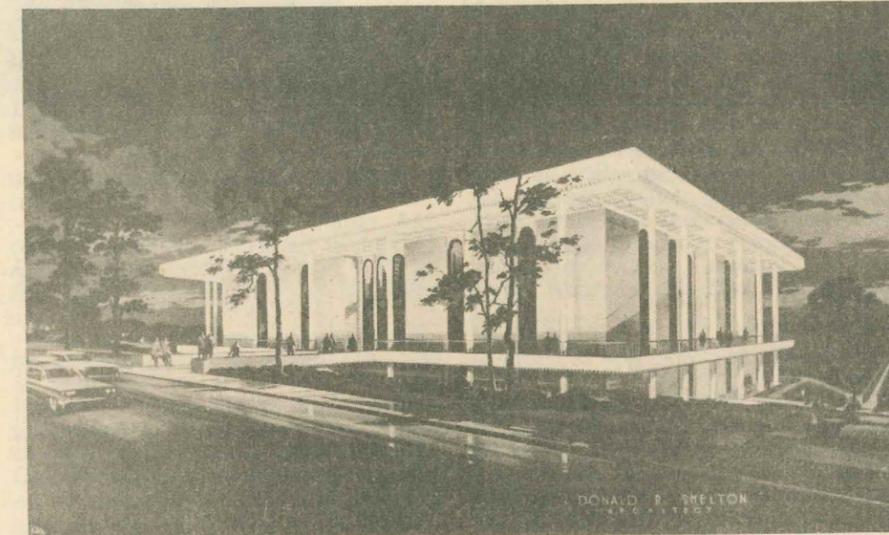
merical and physical needs. The college makes available gospel teams composed of three to seven students who on invitation go to churches in the area for special religious services of duration from one to two days. Special non-credit courses in religion and particularly in Bible are taught off campus by members of the religion department of the college.

for construction have been sought. The men's dormitory plans are already completed. Architectural studies for the women's dormitory and the fine arts wing must be undertaken.

To date, better than 80 members of our faculty have subscribed \$86,000. In addition to the generous pledge by the faculty, the 244 members of the 1970 graduating class presented President Boswell with a pledge of better than \$14,000. Boswell spoke of these pledges and others as being "representative of the devotion which the staff and students feel toward Cumberland and its program of outreach and Christian higher education."

In keeping with its main objective, the college has special programs to aid in enriching the spiritual lives of the people of this geographical area.

Under one program Cumberland supplies interim ministers to the many



Planned for the 1970-71 school year is a student center. Artist's conception shown.

Our initial efforts during 1970-71 are to provide the maximum number of dollars to finance the construction of a student center, men's and women's dormitories, and the first wing of a fine arts building. Cumberland College is in great need of these four buildings.

1. Student Center
2. Completion of Men's Dormitory
3. A Women's Dormitory
4. A Fine Arts Building
5. Completion of the Science Building
6. Field House and related facilities

A student center is badly needed. Presently, a room under the gymnasium is used as a combination student grill and book store but it is inadequate as a facility for student congregation or lounge.

This building program will move forward as funds are available. Plans are drawn for the student center and bids

Cumberland's program in teacher education plays a vital role in the relationship of the college community. Cumberland also sponsors annually both a science fair and mathematics contest for students in the region and a meeting of guidance counselors for public schools in the area. Cumberland students, under the direction of staff members, conduct special story hours for children of the community. The college students also engage in a home reading program for the benefit of children in the area.

We are very proud of the work which Georgetown, Cumberland and Campbellsville Baptist colleges are doing to provide Christian training and academic excellence for more than four thousand youth.



End of the year

The Convention budgetary year ends August 31 and we have been praying that the churches would send in their mission gifts and Cooperative Program gifts postmarked not later than August 31.

Day by day in August we have been receiving about the same total dollars for the Cooperative Program as last year. The two big factors which could make the difference are 1) whether the treasurers get their checks in the mail on time for the regular pledges of the churches and 2) whether a sufficient number of churches have special over-and-above, because-we-really-care gifts for the Cooperative Program. Our goal is \$4 million this year and \$4.1 million next year starting September 1. Our deepest thanks for your sharing in the world mission tasks of Kentucky Baptists.

Start of school year

Summer vacation is over, the schools are opening and students are back in old routines or in new ones as they enter college for the first time. It is an exciting time.

This issue of *Western Recorder* features our Baptist colleges and our BSU work. You will want to read every word of it.

Every Baptist should visit these college campuses, as well as Oneida Baptist Institute for high school youth and Clear Creek Baptist School for adult preachers. During the past seven years great strides have been made in new buildings and improvements on every campus. Each school has an outstanding president and faculty. They deserve the interest and support of every Baptist. God bless our students here.

Student work, BSU, involves not only our Baptist campuses but also all our state and private schools — wherever Baptist students attend. A new student Center will be dedicated at Morehead on October 3. Every Baptist student, wherever he goes to college, should be a vital part of our student program. A College Orientation Conference was held at Cedarmore August 19-22 for those planning to attend college this fall. Baptists are interested in their youth.

Campbellsville College Opens With New Personalities, New Programs

Campbellsville College's 64th year in higher education began Monday, August 24, offering students a personal approach to a well-rounded education in a Christian atmosphere.

A new calendar schedule for summer and regular terms has been adopted and was initiated at the beginning of the summer session, 1970.

Under the new program, the fall semester ends on December 19, with final examinations before the Christmas holidays.

The eight-week summer session ended July 31 with a record enrollment of 434 students, an increase of 47 over last year's total. An additional 42 students attended the college's first post-summer school term August 3-14.

The new program will be of significant advantage in that the two to three weeks of school following the Christmas holidays, which was employed under the old system, will be eliminated. Another advantage is the fact that an early dismissal at the end of the spring semester will permit students needing summer jobs to work for a longer period.

President W. R. Davenport in his second year at Campbellsville states, "The purposes of our college are: to provide a program of higher education under Christian principles and in a Christian environment; and to inspire the student to highest ideals of service to God, to the nation, to the church and to the world community."

Davenport, before accepting his present position, was chairman of the department of education at the University of Michigan, Flint College, Flint, Michigan.

Two new vice presidents, a new dean of women, several faculty and staff members, a new food service and a new

gymnasium will greet the students this fall.

David L. Jester has been appointed vice president for academic affairs.

He comes to Campbellsville from the school of basic studies, Almadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria, Africa, where he was principal (dean). He founded the school in 1968.

Jester received his AB degree from Georgetown College in 1951; BD from Southern Seminary; MA and EdD at Columbia University in the field of educational administration of teacher education and higher education.

Jester defines Campbellsville College as a community of learning where we intend to improve the search for relevance, to intensify our determination, to better understand students and society and the needs of both; to develop the intellect and the soul and the application of intelligence and faith to the world's needs and challenges; to focus on the question of values, purposes and philosophy so that they might be more exact and sharply defined; and to develop an integrated curriculum with interdisciplinary programs, team teaching and learning, independent study, area studies, exchange programs, honor programs.

He notes that in a community of learning we must learn how to learn, to love, to live and to lead.

Roy R. Ray, Jr., has been named vice president for student life. He succeeds L. Paul Prather who is resigning to do full-time teaching at the college. Ray has served as Baptist campus minister at the University of Houston and recently at Texas Christian University.

Ray holds a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Rice University and has earned a law degree at



Dr. W. R. Davenport
President, Campbellsville College

Texas University. Also, he has just completed work on a doctor of education degree at Southwestern Seminary with emphasis on counseling psychology.

Ray feels that each of us has shortcomings and that when we fail, we "fake it" and try to be something or someone that we are not. The solution to the problem is to be discovered by admitting what we are and learning to accept each other, realizing that we fail at times. This, according to Ray, is the purpose of the student life office.

Students will be welcomed by five recent faculty appointments.

William Bennett, a 1968 graduate of Campbellsville College, will be a part-time professor in the social science department.

Bennett received his AB from Campbellsville College, majoring in history and minoring in political science and has now completed a MA in political science at Western Kentucky University.

Eladio P. Bolanos has been appointed assistant professor of Spanish.

The 30 year old Peru-born Bolanos received his AB from Cedarville College in Ohio, his BD from Bethel Theological Seminary and his MA with a Spanish major at the University of North Carolina. He has also attended the Catholic University of Peru, Moody Bible Institute and Ohio Wesleyan University.

J. Foster Eldredge has been named assistant professor of French and German. He comes to the campus from Belmont College in Nashville, Tennessee.

He received his AB from Howard College, a MA from Vanderbilt University

and has done additional graduate work at Andover Newton Theological School and at the University of Zurich in Switzerland.

Reginal Shiflett, 27, will be a full-time professor in the physical science department.

Shiflett received his PhD in physical and general chemistry from the University of Virginia.

Howard B. Williams, PhD candidate in theater arts at Indiana University, with minors in English and speech, was also appointed.

New residence hall director for North Hall will be Mrs. Golden Terry of Owensboro, Kentucky. Mrs. Terry is a retired elementary school teacher who received her BA in elementary education at Kentucky Wesleyan College and has taught for 39 years in Owensboro schools.

Greyhound Food Management is the new campus food service. GFM is a subsidiary of Greyhound, Inc., with over 500 restaurants and catering services across the nation.

An optional five or seven day meal ticket for dormitory students highlights the package deal with GFM.

Charles Stroud of Tell City, Indiana, has been chosen by GFM to be the new resident food director.

Stroud, a Korean War veteran, has recently completed schooling in restaurant management in Nashville, Tennessee, under Greyhound Food Management.

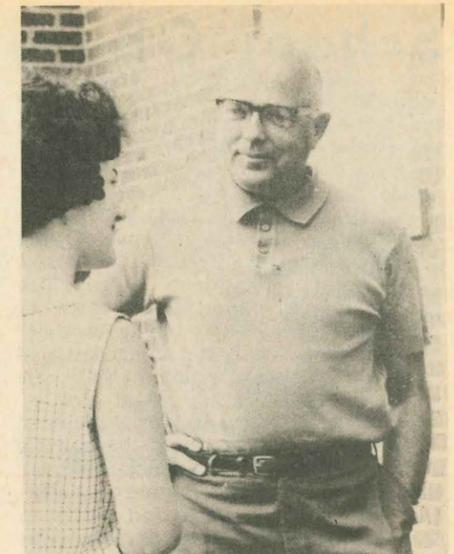
Dedication ceremonies for the J. K. Powell Athletic Center were held April 30, 1970.

The new structure, which will seat 2,000 persons around the only tartan playing floor in Kentucky, houses a junior olympic size swimming pool with six racing lanes, two diving boards and an electric scoreboard.

Other facilities include a weight lift-



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Vice President, Student Life

ing room, a gymnastics room, office space for the physical education department staff and a number of classrooms.

"I love it!" exclaimed Baltimore Bullets star Wes Unseld of the new athletic center during a visit at the college's basketball clinic.

He smiled, "In the 100 games I play a year, I wouldn't have bruised knees if I could play on a floor like this."

A series of convocations will be provided this year for all students as a part of the college's program of a liberal arts education in a Christian atmosphere.

Programs are chosen from various academic disciplines and fields of endeavor and are presented within the context of Christian concepts. Normally,

eight programs will be offered each semester.

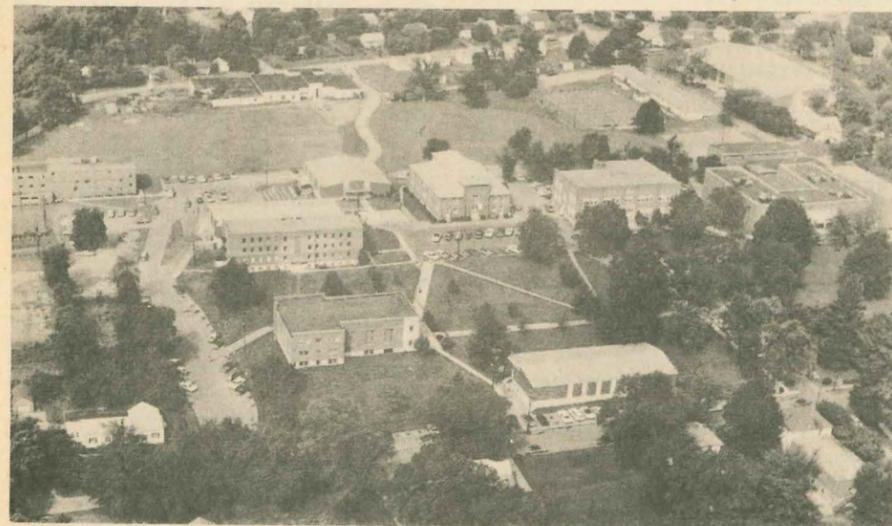
Dormitories will open for the fall semester on Sunday, August 23 at 1:00 p.m. New student orientation will begin Monday at 1:30 p.m. and continue through Wednesday.

Seniors, other upper division students and all lower division students except freshmen will register on Tuesday, August 25.

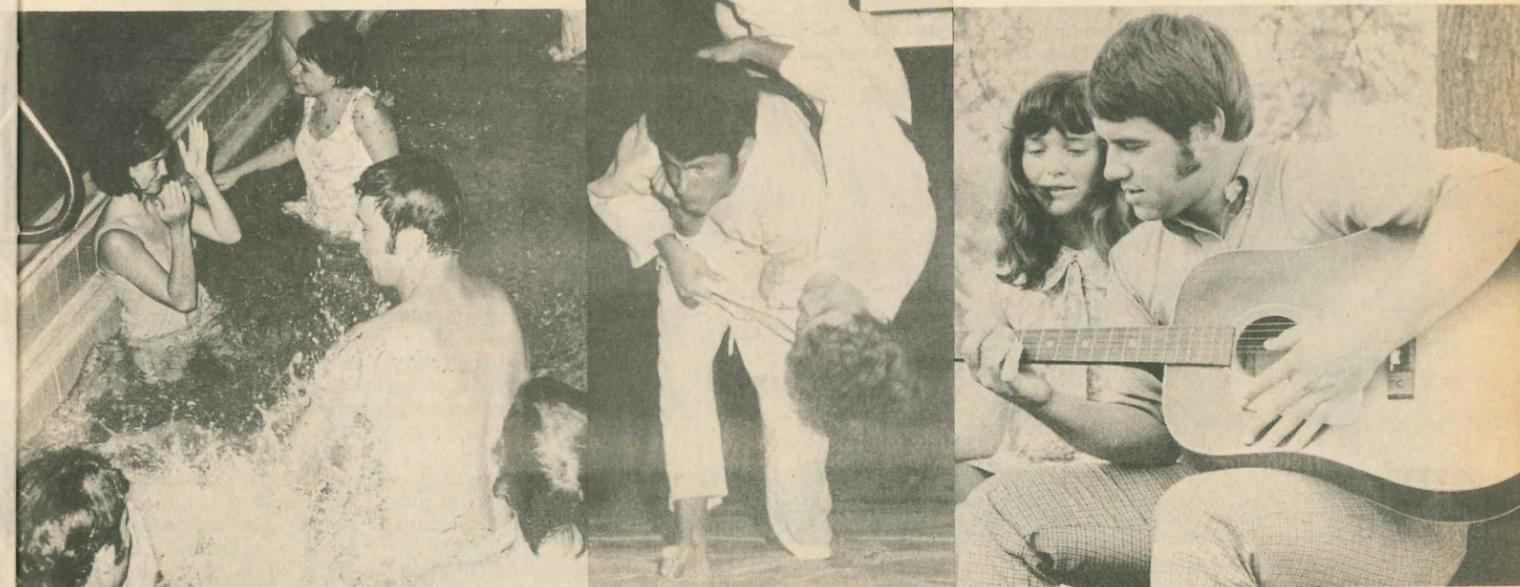
Freshmen registration will be held Wednesday from 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Registration for Saturday and evening classes will be held Saturday, August 29 at 9:00 a.m. The last day to enroll for the fall term is September 4.

Classes commenced Thursday, August 27 at 8 a.m.



Aerial view of the Campbellsville College campus

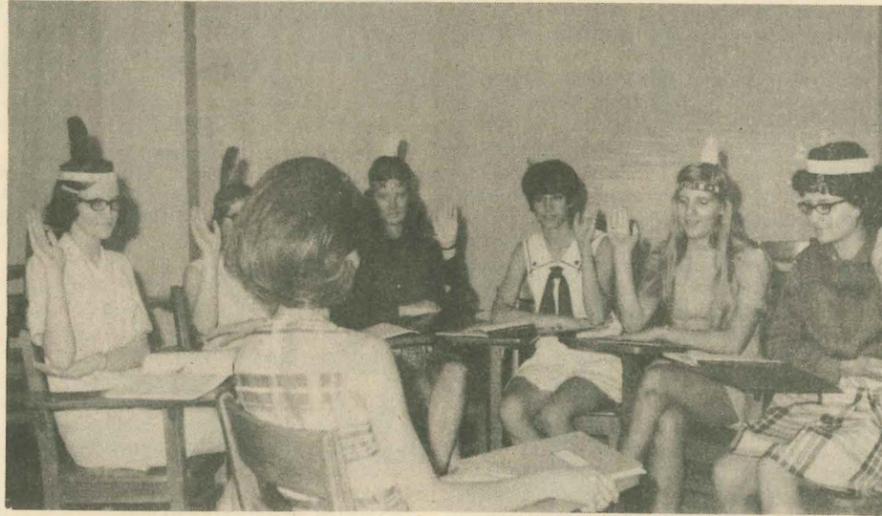


School Of Nursing Progresses On All Sides

Nurses wear feathers! At least the new nursing students at Kentucky Baptist Hospital (KBH) do! The class of 1973, which entered the school on August 17, soon found that the pre-junior class "cowboys" had designated them as "indians," and that a required part of their attire for the next two weeks would be a headband with feathers. The pre-junior class entertained their 67 "little sisters" and one "little brother" at a party on Wednesday night, designed to acquaint the freshmen with the school from a student point of view.

Other orientation activities included an official welcome from the faculty at a faculty-freshman picnic, handbook and library orientation, and registration for classes at KBH and Jefferson Community College. The Baptist Student Union, which serves as the campus religious organization and seeks to provide spiritual strength to all students regardless of denomination, sponsored an ice cream social and vesper services. Student government activities (SGA) will wait until students are a little better acquainted with the school, since an SGA-sponsored supper and carnival on September 8 will provide freshmen an opportunity to sign up for committee and organizational functions that interest them.

The school has seen several significant changes within the past year. A major stride has been the development of an intensive recruitment program. In the past two academic years, 140 students have been admitted, an approximate 40 percent increase over the preceding five years. Much of the success of this program is due to the capable leadership of the newly employed director of recruitment and admissions, Miss Ruth Schindler. Miss Schindler, who is a 1962 graduate of KBH, has been at her position for a year and during that time has traveled more than 7,000 miles and visited more than 80



Freshmen demonstrate "greeting" to big sisters for instructor Mrs. Linda Fern.

high schools. In addition, nearly 400 prospective students attended open house events at which they were given an opportunity to tour the hospital and the school, meet the administration and faculty and ask questions concerning the nursing program. Nursing students at KBH and alumnae have also contributed to recruitment for the school by making visits in their home communities and schools.

In addition to the emphasis on recruiting new students, the faculty is making concerted efforts to retain present students by better screening of them as applicants and by offering a remedial math course for those applicants who are well qualified in all other academic areas. Other steps in retaining students can be seen in the improved guidance and counseling program. The school now has a contractual agreement with a clinical psychologist. His services are employed when a student's

scholastic or social difficulties seem to have an emotional basis. The faculty believes that this service to students can be the deciding factor in motivating a dissatisfied student to stay in school or in helping a borderline student to improve her grades.

In February of this year, the faculty received word that the school has been re-accredited by the National League for Nursing for a full six years. Six years is the longest period of accreditation granted by the agency. Obtaining this re-accreditation brought much satisfaction to the faculty and was compensation for the long hours spent in preparing for the re-survey.

During the past three years, intensive efforts have been made to improve the curriculum and educational qualifications of the faculty. Curriculum offerings have been enlarged and strengthened, and much time and effort devoted to curriculum study and revision. New faculty members include an addition to the medical-surgical faculty, Miss Martha Bickett, and replacements for emergency room and psychiatric instructors, Miss Donna Montgomery and Mrs. Linda Blair. The faculty believes that the results of these efforts are reflected in the excellent scores on the state licensure exam obtained by the class which graduated in June, 1970. These scores show a 100 percent pass rating, and the class mean on the exam was considerably higher than any attained in recent years. Much of the credit for these improvements goes to the associate director of nursing education, Mrs. Myrna R. Myers, and to the faculty of the school, who have worked tirelessly in their efforts to provide meaningful and creative educational experiences for the students.

Other changes are seen in the makeup of the student body. KBH is no longer an all-girls' school. The first

male student, Jerry Paris of Louisville, comes to the school with an interest in nursing derived from two years as an Army corpsman. Paris plans to work as a nurse-anesthetist after graduation from the school and completion of further training in anesthesiology.

Just prior to the opening of the 1969-70 school year, the school was approved by the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization to educate students from all foreign countries. The first such student at KBH is Miss Saramma Joseph, member of the class of 1972. Miss Joseph is the daughter of a Pentecostal minister in Kerala, India. She attended Lexington Baptist College prior to her enrollment in the school of nursing.

International understanding is also improved through the presence of Mrs. Lucette Trueblood. Mrs. Trueblood, a senior student, is a native of France and spent two and one half years in a British school of nursing before coming to this country.

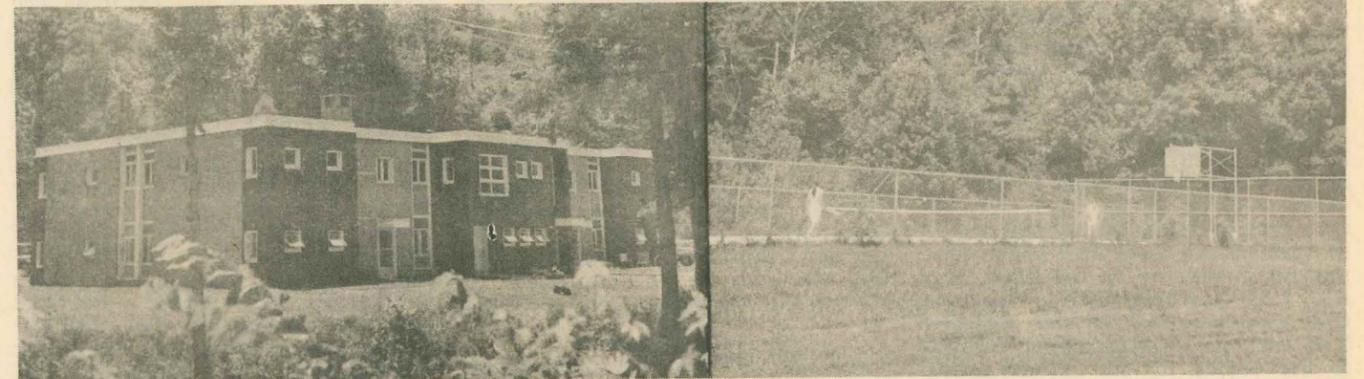
In addition to their study of nursing, students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities. This year, seven students attended the National



Miss Billie Green (rt.), KBH's BSU director, visits BSU president Miss Judy Newton.

Student Nurses Association convention in Miami and three students and a faculty member attended Student Week at Ridgecrest. Students will be given time off from classes to attend the Kentucky Association of Nursing Students

convention in October. Provision is made and encouragement given for attendance at all activities which prepare students to assume their place as responsible and professional members of the nursing profession and society at large.



Clear Creek Classes Full

Clear Creek Baptist School, a Bible institute for adults, located at Pineville, Kentucky, is gearing for its 45th annual session.

Founded in 1925 by the late L. C. Kelly, then pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pineville, Kentucky, it has provided theological training for God-called men whose educational background did not permit their entering college or a seminary. Clear Creek is a Kentucky Baptist school but its outreach is convention-wide.

The enrolment is full for the new year with classes beginning September 8. New students coming in, as well as returning upper classmen, will find classrooms full and a shortage of housing facilities.

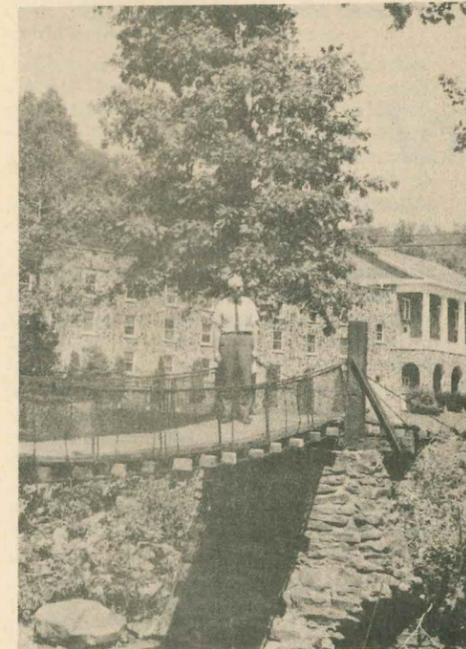
To help alleviate the housing problem three new apartments have been prepared, an area for mobile homes has been bulldozed, landscaped and utility hook-ups for six homes are available.

A combination basketball and tennis court has been completed and helps to serve the recreational needs of the campus.

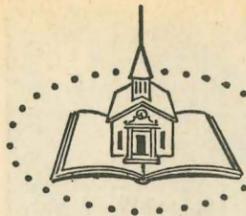
On the sentimental side, the swinging bridge across Clear Creek (a school landmark) has been repaired and awaits the tread of adventurous feet.

The regular three-year course of study is still the standard for students. Beginning this fall a fourth-year is offered to those students who finish with a high academic rating. It is a post-graduate type of study and will have a limited involvement.

President D. M. Aldridge said, "We are looking forward to this 45th annual session of the Clear Creek Baptist School and praise the Lord for the opportunity to be of service to Kentucky Baptists, the Southern Baptist Convention and the Kingdom of God."



Two of the new instructors are Mrs. Linda Blair and Miss Martha Bickett. Mrs. Blair's area is psychiatric nursing while Miss Bickett's is medical surgical nursing.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



(These Lessons for September 6, 1970)

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Will I Suffer For Doing Right?

I Peter 3:13-22

Through His Word God has repeatedly warned Christians who are faithful in their obedience to Him, instead of having an easy time they may expect opposition and persecution from the hostile forces in the world which are working against God and those who are closely identified with Christ in the doing of God's will. Fellowship with Christ inevitably leads to or results in the endurance of hardship or in being subjected to suffering.

The reality of suffering

Many of the early Christians were subjected to suffering on account of their faith in and devotion to Christ. Knowing that many, incited by Satan, would be anxious to harm the Christians and that many of his readers would have to suffer persecution because of their stand for Christ, Peter wrote to warn them of the fiery trials that awaited them. What these fiery trials were, that Peter saw, we do not know. The early Christians were hated by the Jews and misrepresented by the Gentiles. This was due to ignorance, to bigotry, to the enmity of the natural hearts against God, and to the fact that the conduct of the Christians was a severe rebuke to the manner of life of those who were not Christians. Being a Christian in no way exempts one from the common experiences of humanity nor does it assure one that he will never have to bear persecution or suffering.

The reaction to suffering

Suffering is not a mark of disfavor with God. Why then is suffering permitted? Through suffering the reality of the faith of the Christian is made evident and he is enabled to prove to the unbelieving world that God is able to deliver any who put their trust in Him. We should have faith in God regardless of what our experiences may be. While there is no merit in suffering as such, God often uses it as a smelting furnace in which to test the character of His children and to reveal their strength or the lack of it.

To suffer for righteousness' sake is an honor and a privilege of the Christian. Peter here very wisely draws a needed distinction between suffering that comes directly from the hand of

God and that which one brings upon himself. What a tragedy that so many make martyrs of themselves and ascribe to God what is strictly their own fault! Let us never be guilty of that. If any believer in Christ steps outside the circle of God's will for his life and thereby sins, he must suffer for it. The Christian must see to it that if he suffers that it is for his good deeds rather than for his misdeeds. When his heart is right with God and the life is obedient to His Word, the conscience will be clear and free from the sense of guilt, even if suffering for Christ must be endured.

Trust in Christ and dedication to His Lordship will guarantee clean conduct and a clear conscience. If we are going to emerge with glory to God, we must sanctify the Lord in our hearts and give Him first place in our lives. If we will only let the doing of His will be the supreme concern of our lives, we shall never fail. Such an attitude of mind and heart will inevitably attract others who will want to know the secret of our joy and the serenity of our spirits.

The result of suffering

Here we are reminded that Christ, Who was sinless, suffered greatly. The example which He set in His sufferings

should encourage Christians in the midst of all their unmerited sufferings. Christ's patience in His sufferings should be a great incentive for Christians to persevere when they are subjected to unmerited and unjust treatment.

Christ did not die on the cross simply as a martyr for the truth. It was sin that crucified Him. On the cross Christ made up before God for all that we fail to be and to do. The efficacy of His death is revealed in the fact that it was substitutionary. He died for those who had violated the laws of God and man. He suffered violently, intensely and ignominiously "that he might bring us to God." Christ died that we might be saved. Because Noah and his family, in obedience to God's command, had already entered the ark prior to the flood they survived. As the water bearing up the ark saved the lives of those who were in the ark, those who are in Christ have been saved by His atoning death and resurrection. Their baptism, which is a symbol of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ and portrays their experience in dying to the former life of sin, burying it and being raised to walk in newness of life, is the answer to a good conscience toward God.

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

A Way Of Peace

Genesis 26:17-29

Isaac was one of the common people who lived to the praise and glory of God. He is still regarded as one of the three great patriarchs of Jewish history. From the portion of his life which is presented in this chapter we hope to get some helpful suggestions for our own conduct. From his sins, which are typical of those that mar the lives of many believers today and hinder their testimony for the Lord, take warning; in his virtues we may recognize an example; and in his blessings we may receive encouragement.

At a time of famine in Canaan, Isaac left his home and journeyed to Gerar and sojourned in the country of Abimelech. There he enjoyed the blessings of God

and prospered greatly. Isaac's prosperity irritated the Philistines and they became exceedingly jealous and envious. They displayed the diabolical sin of envy by filling with earth and debris the wells which had been dug by the servants of Abraham during his sojourn there. How blind envy makes those whom it possesses! It causes people to rob themselves of what they need and would enjoy because they cannot bear to see others enjoy them. How foolish! Implying that Isaac was the cause of the trouble, Abimelech ordered him to leave Gerar. He departed, but did not go very far.

Isaac's desire for peace revealed

In the valley of Gerar, Isaac immediately set himself to the task of re-

opening the wells of his illustrious father because they had been in the past for the sake of those who needed an adequate supply of water then and for all who might come that way in the future. He rendered a valuable public service but when water was obtained the Philistine herdsmen came out and contended for the well, demanding the water for their own use.

Being essentially a man of peace and much preferring to suffer injury rather than to do wrong, Isaac moved on instead of fighting for his rights. How much happier many of God's children would be today if they would only emulate Isaac's example! To commit to God every injustice which may be done to one and to trust Him for deliverance constitute the secret of entrance into sweeter communion with God and greater personal satisfaction.

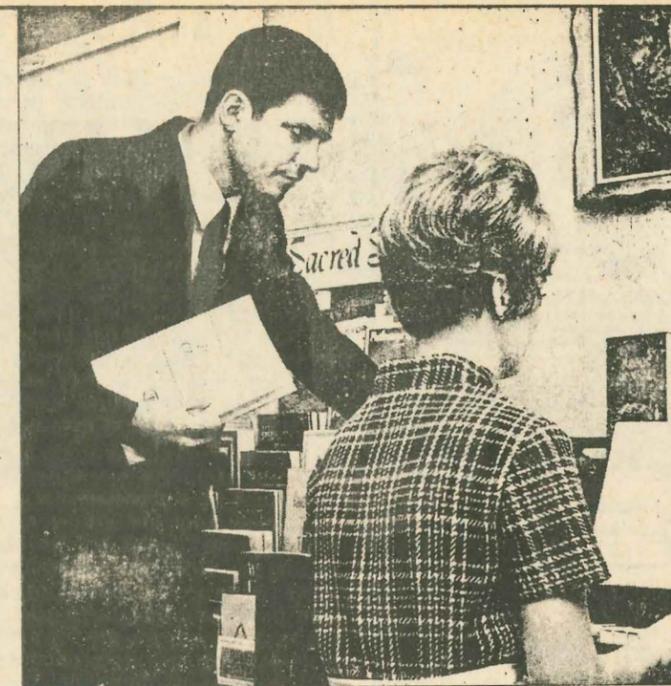
Isaac named the well which was the subject of controversy, "Esek," which means "contention" or "strife," and let the Philistines have it. His servants then proceeded to dig another well, which Isaac named "Sitnah," meaning "hatred." Some distance away they dug another well and Isaac called it "Rehoboth," which meant "room." His patience and perseverance daunted the Philistines and finally overcame them, whereupon Isaac said, "For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." In due time Isaac returned to Beersheba where he had a vision, erected an altar and reestablished his home. What a memorable experience!

Isaac's desire for peace rewarded

From this incident we learn that a person who is fully dedicated to the doing of God's will can accomplish far more by making some personal sacrifices than the unyielded life can ever achieve by being cantankerous.

Personal blessings and the consciousness of God's presence were not the only good effects of Isaac's return to Beersheba. When he got back there where God wanted him and lived a separated life, others were influenced for good by his conduct. His manner of life under provocation and his testimony for God impressed and attracted Abimelech who sought him out, acknowledged that it was quite obvious to him that Isaac's God was with him and was far superior to all other gods, and for this reason he wanted a covenant of friendship with Isaac.

Convinced that Abimelech and his companions were in good faith, Isaac took them into his confidence and made a covenant of peace, which was so much to be desired. In sweet fellowship with the Lord is the very best place for any Christian to abide. As we live in fellowship with Him, others who are watching our lives will be drawn closer to Christ because of what we say and do.



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BSU's Reach Students At All State Campuses

In addition to work on Baptist campuses, Kentucky Baptists through the state student work department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention sponsor Baptist Student Unions on the state university campuses, some private colleges and at most community colleges.

Below are some of the highlights of the upcoming state program and a brief description about the BSU activities involved in the opening of school.

State program

The BSU Presidents-Baptist Campus Ministers meeting was held at Cedar-moore, August 20-22, 1970. Sixty persons making up the top level BSU leadership of Kentucky spent hours planning and projecting programs and emphases for 1970-71.

The State Student Convention is planned for October 16-18 at Elizabethtown. An attendance of over 1,000 is anticipated. Some of the speakers and leaders will be Kenneth Chafin, secretary of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Convention; Bill Pinson, professor, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; and Gene Bolin, student department of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Two International Student Conferences are to be held. One will be November 27-29, 1970, and the other February 5-7, 1971.

The Leadership Training Conference is scheduled to be held in Williamsburg, March 26-28, 1971.

BSU Council elections are to be held at the beginning of the second semester rather than toward the close of the second semester.

Two new state programs are being instituted. During November and December there will be four Youth Evangelism Clinics. Attendance will be limited to five or six students from each campus. These students are to be trained in how to train others in youth evangelism.

The other innovation will be four area talk-listen conferences. Groups of students and adult BSU leadership will spend hours together in efforts to hear what each is saying, thinking and believing.

University of Kentucky

Incoming Baptist freshmen and transfers have already received several communications from the UK Baptist Student Union and area Baptist churches.

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Shortly after their arrival on campus the new students will be visited by BSU leaders and invited to a "Welcome Social" at the BSU center Friday evening, September 4.

Three dinner-dialogue programs offer opportunities for the new Baptist students to participate in discussions with faculty members, focusing on the goals, needs and aspirations of the students.

Additional information about the UK Baptist Student Union program is also presented in newsletter form. Joe Smith is Baptist campus minister.

Eastern Kentucky University

Vesper services on Monday and Tuesday evenings, along with a BSU choir program on Thursday evening, augments a program of discussion and study groups for the Baptist students at Eastern.

Douglas Sjolander, campus minister, explained that Baptist students are involved in tutoring programs and working in local community centers. Eastern's BSU also provides youth teams for revivals and retreats to area churches.

Morehead

The Baptist Student Union will be showing off its new Baptist Student Center when school opens this fall. But campus minister David Book emphasized that a ministry to students can not be contained in a building. BSU groups will be doing popular religious folk musical presentations on various parts of the Morehead campus. Revival teams and other youth led groups will be sponsored by the BSU.

The basic program will center on seminars and study groups delving into moral and ethical problems.

University of Louisville

The University of Louisville Baptist Student Union welcomed new students during a picnic on Saturday, August 22. The group also sponsored a "Welcome Booth" during orientation week to explain the program of activities to inquiring students.

Weekly luncheons are held on Friday in the library lecture lounge. The first of these meals is scheduled September 4. The food is provided by various WMU organizations from Louisville area churches. The BSU also plans a fall retreat at Cedar-moore Baptist Assembly September 11-12.

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Dwight Lyons is campus minister. His office is located in Leopold Hall. A BSU lounge is maintained in room 31 of the University center.

Western Kentucky University

Tony Romeo heads the Baptist Student Union program at the Bowling Green campus. The year's program has been named "Impact," seeking to make an impact for Christ at Western. In addition to the usual social activities, the BSU members work in mission projects in the community as well as provide youth teams for Baptist churches.

Murray State University

Lloyd Cornell directs the work of the Baptist Student Union at Murray. A pre-school retreat for the executive council allowed time for planning the year's work. During freshman orientation an open house was sponsored at the Baptist Student Center.

During registration, BSU members will pass out literature describing BSU activities and invite students to attend BSU functions.

Registration week will also find the BSU sponsoring a social hour for all new students. A hayride is also planned in addition to the fall retreat.

The second Sunday afternoon of the fall semester, the area churches will furnish food for a dinner at the BSU center. Local pastors will explain part of their church's program to the stu-



BSU presidents attending the Cedar-moore retreat were (standing clockwise) Mike Vance, Donald Butt, Judy Newton, Steve Mallory, David Wright, Dallas Ackerly, Ronald Bryant, Richard Jones, John Aldridge, Jim Austin, Bob Cornett. Seated are (right to left) Michael Mitchell and Steve Proctor.



Campus ministers present at picture time were (front row, right to left) Lloyd Cornell, Dennis Hamm, associate in student work department, Chester Durham, secretary of student work department, Miss Billie Green, Mrs. Donald Waggner and Joe Smith. In the back are (right to left) David Book, Dwight Lyons, Otto Spangler, Paul Larsen, Elwin Wilkerson and Donald Sjolander.

dents and invite them to attend the community churches.

Berea College

Campus minister Paul Larsen will lead a visitation program to incoming freshman students during the first month of school to provide a personal contact with each student. During registration, the BSU will sponsor a movie, Friday, September 4. The following Sunday, BSU leaders will assemble at the center on Chestnut Street, behind the Berea Baptist Church, following the freshman orientation to discuss religious opportunities at the college. All students are invited to meet the BSU leaders and campus minister at the center.

A retreat and a fellowship are also scheduled to add to the regular activities of vespers on Tuesday afternoon, discussions on Fridays and a singspiration on Sundays.

Western Kentucky area

The western area of Kentucky opens the new school year with a series of get-acquainted parties at the six campuses.

Baptist students at Kentucky Wesleyan College and Brescia College began the series Tuesday evening, August 25, with a party at the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association Building in Owensboro.

Henderson Community College plans its party for the Green Valley Baptist Association Building near the college campus. Tim Hall is president of this group which has already set a \$1,000 goal for summer missions.

The BSU at Madisonville Community College is in its second year. Miss Jo Evelyn Scott is president there.

Hopkinsville Community College BSU is led by president Mike Ezell. Last year the BSU raised \$850 for summer missions and held numerous youth revivals. Ron Bryant is the BSU president at

Paducah Community College. The BSU is represented in the orientation program of the Paducah school as well as on the opening program.

BSU work in the western Kentucky area is directed by Otto Spangler.

Eastern and southeastern Kentucky

The BSU at Ashland Community College will use the facilities of a converted house, located across the street from the college, for its BSU center. Announcements about the program will be posted on area bulletin boards.

Prestonsburg Community College is led by Mike Vance. The group plans to reopen the youth center at the city park for several nights after local football games. Work in a mission church and several socials and Bible study periods are also planned.

Southeast Community College in Cumberland has the oldest BSU in the area, according to area director Quinton 'Chip' Lockwood. Harold Patterson, a teacher at the college is the volunteer director. Program notes are posted on area bulletin boards.

Somerset Community College BSU last year was recognized by the student government for outstanding community service. Donald Butt, BSU president, plans many of the same programs, such as tutoring, for the coming year.

Hazard Community College BSU began last school year with the election of officers in the spring. Buron Richardson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hazard, is helping the group establish itself.

Elizabethtown Community College has Roger Welcher, minister of youth at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, serving as campus minister.

Welcher said this year's program will include retreats, films, discussion groups, panels, guest speakers, talk-back sessions, vesper services and a counseling program.

Church Keeps Staff After Race Debate

After eight hours of debate and 10 ballots, members of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, narrowly defeated a motion to fire their pastor, youth director and entire church staff.

The vote was 237 in favor of firing the staff and 241 opposing it, a margin of four votes.

Opposition to the leadership of the staff has been intensifying, observers said, since a Negro woman and her daughter, Mrs. Winni Fred Bryant and Twila, presented themselves for membership on June 28.

The church was scheduled to vote on final acceptance of the Negro pair on Wednesday night, August 26, one week following the defeat of the motion to fire the staff on August 19.

The business session relating to the effort to fire the staff was a continuation of a meeting started on July 22 when a motion was offered to dismiss J. Herbert Gilmore, pastor of the church for the past 23 months, and Miss Betty Bock, youth director for the past 10 months. Gilmore is the former pastor of Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville.

In the debate, a Birmingham attorney, Ollie Bland, charged that Gilmore was "scripturally unsound" and responsible for the disharmony and disunity in the church.

Bland mentioned specifically Gilmore's views on the Genesis account of creation and the flood, the Jonah story, the virgin birth of Christ and the infallibility of the Bible.

Harry Dickinson, professor of sociology at Samford University (Baptist), Birmingham, countered that there is a distinct difference between the law and the interpretation of the law. "What you have heard is not what Dr. Gilmore believes, but what Mr. Bland has interpreted he (Gilmore) believes," Dickinson said.

Another Birmingham attorney, Hobert Grooms, Jr., the son of retired Fifth Court of Circuit Appeals Judge Hobert Grooms, Sr., defended Gilmore and claimed that "it is a bunch of bunk" to charge that Gilmore's theological views comprise the main issue.

Saying Gilmore is as "solid as a rock, theologically," Groom stated that the only disunity the pastor had caused was in making some of the members so miserable they couldn't stand it.

Miss Bock, who headed the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union work with the Young Woman's Auxiliary before joining the church's staff

as minister of youth activities, said that she was primarily responsible for the action before the church, not the pastor.

Miss Bock, who directed the tutorial program which led Twila to accept Christ and she and her mother to join the church, said the "entire issue before us tonight is race."

Miss Bock listed the events leading up to the action of the night and pointed out "there was no trouble until five Negro boys attended Sunday School in February." She added there were 14 resignations in the children's department in two weeks after this.

She also stated that in a deacon's meeting the deacons had agreed the issue was not theology but race.

Miss Dorothy Scott, a former missionary journeyman to Africa, pleaded for defeat of the motion to fire the staff because of the effect it would have on mission work around the world.

Another layman who opposed Gilmore, Curtis Knapp, charged that the pastor had attacked the free enterprise system which was paying his salary.

Knapp, who admitted he had attended the church only twice since Gilmore had been pastor, said he was disappointed with Gilmore's sermon and one by Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, who spoke on one of the two times he attended.

"I come to worship, not hear politics and an atheist quoted from the pulpit," Knapp said. "We need to keep politics and church separate," he exclaimed.

Grooms, in a later discussion, refuted the charge of "politics in the pulpit," saying that a former pastor urged the church in 1954 against voting for a Roman Catholic for president and "some of you say he is the greatest pastor we ever had. If that's not politics, what is?"

Gilmore spoke only once during the eight-hour debate in answer to the charges. He praised the church for its commitment to stay downtown in a racially-changing neighborhood and minister to the needs of all.

"I simply took what you said seriously. I am merely implementing the commitment you have made," Gilmore said.

There were 10 different ballots, seven of them written, taken during the eight-hour meeting. Members of the church were given the written ballots as they entered.

An instructor at the Birmingham Baptist School of Nursing spoke during the debate and pointed out that though she had been a member for several years she had not seen many of those present in the church before.

Numerous motions and amendments were made during the eight-hour session.

One of the motions would have excluded Miss Bock from the original motion to fire the pastor and youth director. Al Griffith objected to her being fired because there were no charges brought against her.

Another amendment would have commended the pastor and youth director and pledged the church's complete support. It was defeated by an estimated two-thirds majority.

A member of the church staff, Carlisle Driggers, minister of education, offered an amendment adding the names of Mac Goss, associate pastor; John Sims, minister of music, and his own name to the original motion listing church staff members to be fired. Driggers and Sims are both former Kentucky ministers. Driggers was pastor of 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville. Sims was associate pastor at Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville. Both resigned to accept their Birmingham posts because of the church's commitment to minister to all people in a downtown situation.



Gilmore



Driggers

Sims

Driggers motion was approved. Another amendment to put off the vote for another week was defeated, as was an amendment to pay the staff through December 31.

As the final motion came before the group asking that the entire staff be fired effective immediately with salaries paid through September 30, John Chandler, a former minister of music at the church but now with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, pleaded for the members to recognize that "the eyes of the world are upon you" as the action was taken.

It was 2:30 a.m. when the final ballot was taken, defeating the motion to fire the staff. When the result was announced, there was a sudden hush of silence. Some wept after the results were announced.

The situation in the church has attracted nationwide publicity. If Mrs. Bryant and Twila are admitted, they will be the first Negro members in the 98-year history of the church. (BP)