Summer Conference Sponsored by Alumni

A week-long summer Bible conference sponsored by the alumni association has been planned for July 27-August 2, with the Rev. George Schmeiser of Philadelphia, Pa., as the main speaker. Members of the college faculty and alumni will also participate in the musical program, devotional messages, workshop sessions, and recreational activities.

A special attraction for the conference will be housing available in the new air-conditioned dormitories. Sessions of the conference will be scheduled in the air-conditioned dormitory lounges and college library. Children’s meetings are being planned for morning sessions of the conference and a nursery will be open in the evening for the younger children.

In addition to a program of recreation on the campus, arrangements are being made for afternoon swimming sessions and trips to Lookout Mountain, Oak Ridge Atomic Energy Museum, Fall Creek Falls State Park, and other points of general interest.

This summer conference program, which is an outgrowth of a week-end conference last year, will provide opportunity for family groups to visit the Bryan campus in its scenic mountain setting and combine spiritual refreshment with a planned recreation program.

Moderate rates have been set to make it possible for family groups to participate. A folder with full details on the conference program will be available shortly. Paul Levengood, ’42 has served as chairman of the planning committee and Richard Cornelius ’55 has been named director of the conference.

Seminarians Address 31st Commencement

Two Christian educators, both seminary presidents, are the speakers for the thirty-first annual commencement events of May 31-June 2, concluding the thirty-fourth year of the college. Forty-nine seniors representing thirteen states and fourteen academic majors are candidates for degrees.

Dr. E. Bryan Keisler, president of Central Lutheran Theological Seminary in Fremont, Nebraska, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening, May 31, in the local high school auditorium. His sermon topic, addressed particularly to the graduates, is “Life’s Paramounts.”

Dr. Vernon C. Grounds, president of the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary in Denver, Colorado, will deliver the address at the graduation convocation on Tuesday morning, June 2, on the college campus. In his address, entitled “Ecumenism,” Dr. Grounds will examine the present ecumenical movement in the light of its relationship to contemporary evangelical Christianity.

A native of South Carolina, Dr. Keisler holds five earned degrees, including the doctor of sacred theology from Temple University, Philadelphia. In addition he received an honorary doctorate of divinity from his undergraduate alma mater, Le Noir Rhyme College.

Dr. Keisler went to Central Seminary in 1947 as professor of practical theology, a position he still holds; and in 1950 he became president. Prior to that time he served some twenty years in pastorates in Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina. He served briefly on the faculties of Newberry (S.C.) and Carthage (Ill.) colleges. He is a veteran of both World Wars, serving as a chaplain for four years in World War II.

Dr. Keisler has long been interested in Bryan College. He was named for Mr. Bryan; and, although not a native Nebraskan, he shares the wide-spread admiration for Mr. Bryan in that state.

Dr. Grounds is a graduate of Rutgers University, Faith Theological Seminary, and Drew University, from which he holds the doctor of philosophy. He was honored with a doctor of divinity degree from Wheaton (Ill.) College.

In 1951 Dr. Grounds went to Conservative Baptist Seminary as dean, and in 1955 he was made president, succeeding Dr. Carey S. Thomas. Previously he was dean of Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, N. Y., for four years and pastor of Paterson (N. J.) Tabernacle for ten years. Dr. Grounds is widely regarded as a writer and speaker for the evangelical point of view, and has contributed to many religious periodicals.

Theophilus Patnaik ’63 is currently a student at Conservative Baptist. Other Bryan graduates to attend there include: Dean Koontz ’52, Morris Morgan ’51, Lester Farrington ’50, Robert Miller ’55, David Harmon ’56, and Robert Conrad ’59.
Completion of Dorms Features Open House

Just one year after ground-breaking for the two dormitories on Bryan Hill, open house was held on March 15 with some two hundred guests coming to view the buildings. The completion of these two dormitories constitutes a major step in the total long-range campus development program.

The dormitories are currently known as East Hall (for women) and West Hall (for men) until more permanent names can be chosen. One hundred students can be accommodated in each building which also provides a counselor's apartment. The floor plan for three of the floors includes 14 residential rooms, two baths, laundry, and storage rooms. The main floor contains eight residential rooms, dormitory office, kitchen, lounge, counselor's apartment, laundry, bath, and storage rooms. The student rooms, designed for two students each, are approximately 15 by 15 feet in size, with built-in study desks and storage beds. Wardrobes, covering one wall, contain a chest drawer and closet space, with storage space above. Each room has a latching window with an illuminated mirror and cabinet. In addition to the built-in furnishings, the rooms are equipped with polyfoam mattresses, study desk chairs, and drapes. The built-in furniture is by Palmer of Denmark, South Carolina; the heating and air conditioning, by Carrier.

The interior finish is stacked "Solite" concrete block walls, with "V" joints for architectural effects. One wall of each room has an identifying color, with the other walls and corridors neutral in color. Wardrobe walls and furniture are in birch, natural finish. Wardrobe walls are covered with vinyl tile, with alternate stripes of two colors to enlarge the room visually. The two baths on each floor have quarry tile floors and glazed block walls.

The exterior finish is of variegated buff brick to harmonize with the administration building, with the addition of mosaic panels of chipped marble. Construction is of reinforced concrete floors and roof, with acoustical plaster ceilings, to produce an AAA fire-resistant structure.

Although grading and seeding has been done on the lawn in front of the dormitories, shrubbery is to be added; and the furnishing of the dormitory offices and lounges remains to be done.

The total cost of the dormitories is $720,000, of which $600,000 constitutes a loan from the Federal government through the Housing and Home Finance Agency. The firm of Wilson, Mccullough, Yeargin, of Charleston, N. C., served as architect for this project, and general contractor was M. A. Tipton Company, Alcoa, Tenn.

Guest accommodations are available this year in one of the dormitories for friends who might be passing through the area and would like to share a bit of life on a Christian college campus.
Lions Lead in Spring Competition

Baseball

After losing the opening double-header with West Georgia College, the Bryan Lions baseball team bounced back to win two out of three and one of the games was a no-hitter pitched by Ralph Heath, winning 2 to 0. This is Ralph’s second no-hitter in two years.

Members of the team are: Ralph Heath, Frank Heath, brothers from Dunnellon, Fla.; Wayne Brooks, Richmond, Va.; Ron Klee, Collingdale, Pa.; Bill Joyner, Miami, Fla.; John Burns, Hamilton, O.; Ryland Donald, Dayton, Tenn.; Paul Biggs, Dayton, Tenn.; John Stone, Hazard, Ky.; Oscar Perry, Louisville, Ky.; Roy Eldridge, Soddy, Tenn.; and Bob Pettus, Greenville, S.C.

The remaining games will be played with Tennessee Temple, Hawkins, John Marshall University of Tennessee freshmen, and Maryville.

Track

Sparked by the all-around performances of Floyd Dilling, Idaville, Indiana, and double winners Ralph (no-hit) Heath, Dunnellon, Fla.; Jerry Robison, Elwood, Ind.; Gene Barchuk, Chicago, Ill.; and David Llewellyn, Sebring, Fla., the Bryan College thinclads have jumped to a 5-3 record this spring with two meets yet to go. The Lions hold victories over Berry (2), West Georgia, Shorter, and Maryville.

Dilling, who runs first in most any event, has pulled the “hot trick” (three firsts) three times in addition to seconds and thirds. In one meet Floyd was involved in four first places and in another he broke Dave Holland’s (‘59) pole vault record with a leap of 11’ 6”. Jerry Robison, who consistently scores doubles in the shot put and discus, has broken his own shot put record three times this year—it is currently 45” 2”.

Ralph Heath, an outstanding pitcher on the baseball team, is averaging 12 points per meet with a triple win in the 100, 220, and broad jump. Gene Barchuk has contributed first in the one mile and two mile; and freshman Dave Llewellyn has scored doubles in the high and low hurdles (held by Larry Gramiciana ‘59) with a 26.7 clocking. Joe Coats, Emmett, Idaho, and Wayne Hamilton, Miami, Fla., have also been important figures in the Bryan victories. Bob Andrews, Saginaw, Mich.; Mac Browning, Arlington, Texas; Ray Ferriman, Miami, Fla.; and Brad Lohman, Berwick, Penn., are adding essential points in the Lions’ bid for an outstanding track season.

Summer School Features Freshman Eligibility Program

A new feature of the summer school program which opens at Bryan on June 8 will be the offering of at least two courses (English composition and Old Testament survey) designed especially for entering freshmen. These courses which are open to all students will be taught for a controlled group of new students whose academic records indicate that they need a trial period to determine whether they are eligible for college.

The summer schedule will be divided into two terms: June 8 through July 10, and July 13 through August 14. Most of the classes will be held in the morning, Monday through Friday, with a weekly chapel on Wednesday at 9:45.

The preliminary schedule of classes for continuing students includes science, history, psychology, literature, teacher education, and mathematics.

New students who wish to enroll for the summer session should write to the Director of Admissions for detailed information.

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