

Students Represent Several Countries, Broad Backgrounds

This year's record enrollment, which now stands at 361, brings together a student body of wide geographical and denominational backgrounds. Students come from twenty-four states, reaching from Maryland to California, and from seven countries outside the United States—India, Free China, Germany, Cyprus, Canada, Jamaica, and Hawaii.

Twenty-five church denominations are included. Among these the highest represented, in order, are Missionary Church Association, Baptist, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Methodist, and Christian Union.

Several missionaries are taking additional study while home on furlough. Sons and daughters of mis-

Your Prayers Needed

We urge our friends everywhere to pray with us that construction of the building project scheduled for July 1, 1957, might begin on time. Pray specifically—

- that necessary funds will be on hand by that time, as indicated in the September VISION, and

- that Rev. Walter King, assistant to the president in development, will be led of God as he promotes the project while traveling in the East this month and elsewhere during the winter and spring.

sionaries are also enrolled, coming from India, China, Columbia, Dominican Republic, Sierra Leone, and Philippine Islands.

Among the students of foreign backgrounds, at least two are typical
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Csehy Concert Trio To Give Program Here

The Csehy sacred concert trio will present a program in Founders Memorial auditorium at the college on Wednesday, October 31, at 8:15 p.m. The program will be under the auspices of the School of Music and will be open to the public.

The trio is composed of Wilmos Csehy, violinist, Gladys Csehy, accompanist, and June Mattheiss, soprano. The program will include a repertoire of both classical and sacred music. In addition to solo selections, there will be ensemble performances using violin, vibraharp, cathedral chimes, musical glasses, and piano.

The Csehy's, with headquarters in Flemington, N. J., have performed widely in churches, conferences, rallies, concerts, broadcasts, and evangelistic services.



LIGHT TOWER PHOTO

Students of varying national backgrounds are shown in Founders lounge with Mayme Hodges (far left), Detroit, vice-president of the Student Council. Continuing to the right, they are Harold Ayabe, Lawai, Kauai, Hawaii; Hugh Palmer, Mandeville, Jamaica; Katherine Wu, Taipei, Taiwan, Free China; Richard Birkey, son of missionaries in Hong Kong; Hannah Shinde, Bombay, India; and James Roussos, Peyia, Paphos, Cyprus.

with the president . . .

Dr. S. A. Witmer



Crisis

If ever the church of Jesus Christ faced a critical opportunity of service, it is NOW. Never before has the clarion call of Christ had more meaning than today: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Let us take a look at the dimensions of the crisis in this country alone. From every quarter comes the demand for more and more professionally trained young people—more doctors, more engineers, more technicians, more teachers. In the field of teaching the demand is far greater than the possible supply. At present there are a little over a million teachers in elementary and high schools. In three more years, 1,600,000 will be needed—an increase of 750,000 including replacements for the annual dropouts of 50,000. That would take nearly half of all the college graduates of the country for teaching alone.

The dynamic birth rate since World War II accounts for this demand. Not long ago there were 20,000,000 boys and girls in grade schools. Soon there will be 30,000,000. As the full force of the upsurge of youthful population reaches the high school, the present 7,000,000 enrollment will increase to over 10,000,000. Even now colleges have 2,500,000 students—a million more than before World War II. But by 1970, the number will double to an unprecedented 5,000,000!

Now this dynamic growth in population presents *just as great a challenge to the church* as it does to educational and industrial leaders. It will take more Sunday schools, more churches, more trained teachers, more gospel ministers, more evangelists, more directors of Christian education, more trained musicians to minister to these multitudes. And the spiritual and moral crisis calls for servants of Christ who are Spirit-anointed, in tune with His purposes and moved by His compassion.

Schools such as Fort Wayne Bible College whose mission is to train workmen for the "whitened harvest field" have come to the kingdom for such a time as this! Here at FWBC the opportunity of providing a program of Christ-centered, Bible-oriented college education is thrilling in its dimensions. The need for more facilities becomes more acute with the challenge of deepening crisis. A new library and a new classroom building have become a "must." We pray that many of God's stewards will catch the vision of opportunity and sense of immediacy of CRISIS.

Classes Elect Year Officers

Class officers recently elected at the college are as follows:

Seniors — Gaius Steiner, Flint, Mich., president; Bob Mundy, New Castle, Ind., vice-president; Pat McCune, Berne, Ind., secretary; Elvin Myers, Altoona, Pa., treasurer; and faculty advisor, Don Kenyon, assistant professor of Greek and theology.

Juniors — Ben Williams, Anahola, Kauai, president; Bruce Gerig, Fort Wayne, vice-president; Marilyn Hara, Detroit, Mich., secretary; Harold McKnight, Dayton, Ohio, treasurer; John Zurcher, Berne, Ind., chaplain; and faculty advisor Harvey Mitchell, registrar, professor of general education.

Sophomores—Bob Liechty, Berne, Ind., president; Frank Burke, Hampstead, Md., vice-president; Barbara Smith, Peoria, Ill., secretary; Paul Weidner, Reading, Pa., treasurer; Ken Hewitt, Riverside, R. I., chaplain; and faculty advisor, Betty Stanley, assistant professor of voice and piano.

Freshmen — Paul Brennan, Ottawa, Ohio, president; Jerry Meyer, Edgerton, Ohio, vice-president; Donna Burd, Camden, Mich., secretary; Jesse Adams, Chattanooga, Tenn., treasurer; Don Steltz, Pylesville, Md., chaplain; and faculty advisor, Hazel Yewey, assistant professor of history and English.

College Hosts Dinner For City Business Men

About twenty-five business men were guests of the college at a public relations dinner on the campus recently. The men, who represented a cross-section of vocational areas, heard a report on the growing program of the college.

Twelve students, representing varied backgrounds, told of their life's goals in coming to the college. Dr. S. A. Witmer presided, and Dr. Herbert Byrne explained the educational program of the college. Descriptive literature was distributed to the guests.

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of those who plan to return to minister in their own countries. Hannah Shinde, Bombay, India, plans to return to the Far East to do Christian social work. James Roussos, Paphos, Cyprus, of Greek Orthodox background, plans to do evangelistic work among the Greeks.

"Bridgebuilders" Begins Third Year of Showings with Successful Ministry

"Bridgebuilders", motion picture of Fort Wayne Bible College, moves into its third year of public showings this fall with a record of use that has taken it throughout the country and to Africa. Since its release in the fall of 1954, it has been viewed by some 122 audiences totaling over 18,000 people, and it has been shown to a Fort Wayne area television audience. About 2,000 attended its Fort Wayne premiere in May of 1954, and 600 saw the California premiere.

Showings have been conducted largely on a direct mailing basis. However, the film was shown on a deputation tour by a faculty team in the east and midwest during the summer of 1955. It was sent to Africa in March of that year for showing before alumni there. It appeared on TV in connection with the college's fiftieth anniversary week.

Shows Bible College Value

The film sets forth the distinctive qualities of Bible college education as seen in the life of an alumnus of the college, Jake Schierling. Jake,

now a missionary to Sierra Leone, West Africa, returned to the states to make the film in the fall of 1953. The film shows him at work in the rugged country of Sierra Leone, and shows his pre-college days and college life at Fort Wayne which led to his life of service as a missionary. Throughout, the spiritual values of Bible college life and training are portrayed.

Request your showing now . . .

Two new prints of the film are available for immediate use. Pastors, youth leaders, and other authorized personnel will benefit greatly by scheduling the film for local programs. Rental fee is \$12.00. Be sure to indicate alternate date.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT "BRIDGEBUILDERS" . . .

Jacksonville, N. C.—

"We were well pleased. It is an excellent film."

Bellingham, Washington—

"This was one of the finest films on missions we have had. Also concerning a Christian school it was very good!"

Bronson, Michigan—

"We had a good service with twenty young people consecrating their all to Jesus Christ."

Jackson, Michigan—

"There was a good spirit of desire to serve Christ better, and the following Sunday night twelve dedicated their lives for Christ's work."

Santa Barbara, Calif.—

"Jake Schierling spoke to our group in person. We had both a fellow and girl (high school age) accept Christ for the first time."

Emmett, Michigan—

"There were two hands raised for total consecration. Many were deeply moved. The spiritual challenge was appreciated by all."

Chesterfield, Indiana—

"Approximately fifteen raised their hands indicating a desire for prayer."



PASTE ON POSTCARD AND MAIL

"BRIDGEBUILDERS" SCHEDULING REQUEST

Church or group _____

Pastor or director _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Date desired _____ Alternate date _____

Signed _____

Mail to Promotion Office, Fort Wayne Bible College, 800 W. Rudisill, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Confirmation of booking will be sent following receipt of scheduling request.

Around the campus . . . faculty reflections

"Service in Training" a reality

W. O. Klopfenstein
Director of Christian Service

"Training for service and service in training" has been a Fort Wayne Bible College "trademark" for a number of years. Training for service is based upon a solid Bible-centered curriculum which enables the student to acquire a genuine, balanced grasp of the Scriptures and related fields; service *in* training emphasizes experience gained during school years through supervised activities in various types of Christian service. With an expanding curriculum to match today's needs, our Christian service program likewise assumes new significance.

Service in training properly begins with a freshman's second semester. For students gifted in music, there are opportunities to serve in vocal and instrumental duos, trios, and quartettes. About a dozen students serve regularly on our Sunrise Chapel radio staff. There are frequent calls, too, for song leaders, choir directors, pianists and organists. Child Evangelism challenges some 25 to 30 young people each year with its specialized training and experience. Year after year, calls come from local and suburban churches for Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, children's workers, and pastor's assistants.

Student groups conduct services throughout the school year on Saturday and Sunday nights at two of the city's rescue missions. Downtown street meetings are held on Saturday nights during the autumn and spring when weather permits. Other areas of need served by our students include tract distribution, visitation work, Christian friendship among foreign students in Fort Wayne, and gospel team speakers.

During the school year of 1955-56 our students conducted a total of 1,410 services; gave 1,265 addresses; presented 337 object lessons; taught 1,429 Sunday School classes; taught 429 Child Evangelism classes; assisted in 472 children's meetings and clubs; made 1,582 house calls and 235 hospital calls; distributed 23,769 tracts; dealt with 970 persons; gave spiritual help and counsel to 547 people; and reported 235 conversions. Five gospel teams conducted 292 services and covered a total of 11,518 miles. The experience thus gained is, we believe, an invaluable part of training for Christian service. Surely, in this day of exacting demands, the call to service involves a call to prepare for service. And this preparation rightly includes both classroom and practical experience!



Auxiliary Requests Material For Projects

Women of the Fort Wayne Bible College Auxiliary are inviting friends of the college to help stock its pantry shelf and provide baby furniture necessary for carrying out its projects during the year.

Particularly needed are grocery staples which the Auxiliary plans to give to married students as necessary. In addition various items of infants furniture in good condition are requested, to be made available on a revolving loan basis to married students with babies. Groceries and furniture should be brought directly to the campus where they will be placed in the Auxiliary's stock room.

In addition to material aid, another project of the Auxiliary is a prayer-mother plan which was initiated at the group's Membership Tea last month. Each student is remembered in prayer by one of the women of the Auxiliary.

Coming Events

- Oct. 31—Csehy concert trio, 8:15 p.m.
- Nov. 22-25—Thanksgiving recess.
- Dec. 9—"The Messiah", 2:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14-Jan. 1—Christmas recess.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- Nov. 29—Goshen College (there).
- Dec. 1—Grace Seminary (there).
- Jan. 8—Baptist Bible Seminary (here).
- Jan. 15—Goshen College (here).
- Jan. 29—Grace Seminary (here).
- Feb. 2—Philadelphia BI (here).
- Feb. 4—Nyack Missionary College (here).

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