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Trustees Abolish Segregation Policy; Martin Reveals \$835,000 Bequest

Samuel H. Bell, Daughter Name College Beneficiary

BY GREG GOVAN
Davidsonian Feature Editor

In 1936, Davidson College received a letter from one of its two oldest alumni saying, "I cannot encourage you to think that I shall ever contribute to the Alumni Fund." At Thursday's meeting of the Board of Trustees, President D. Grier Martin announced the largest bequest in the history of the college from the family of this same man, Samuel Henry Bell.

The story of how \$835,000 came to Davidson makes what President Martin called "one of the most unusual and appealing stories of loyalty and generosity ever told in the history of higher education in America."

Dr. Bell was a native of Rocky Point in Hanover County, N. C. He entered Davidson in 1867 and graduated with the class of '70. After theological training at Columbia Seminary he held pastorates in Georgia and Pennsylvania before being commissioned as a chaplain in the artillery in 1897.

Always a loyal alumnus, he provided for a bequest to the college in his will, with the income to go to his daughter, Mrs. Mary Bell Mitchell, during her lifetime. Much of this was invested in a Rhode Island textile mill owned by Dr. Bell's son, Merle.

Fate played one of its many tricks here, for despite the decline of New England textiles after World War II, the Bells managed to salvage most of the bequest and additional larger investments. Invested in stocks, the capital appreciated greatly during the remainder of Mrs. Mitchell's life.

The original bequest to Davidson, now multiplied, was dealt yet another twist by chance. Mrs. Mitchell provided in her will for the support of her husband and a cousin, as Dr. Bell had provided for her; both of these persons, however, died before her, leaving Davidson the sole recipient.

Mrs. Mitchell's will provided that the approximately \$835,000 is to be held as the Samuel Bell Memorial Fund, the income of which shall be used for scholarships known as the Samuel Henry Bell Scholarships, to be awarded for such terms and upon such conditions and rules as shall be established from time to time by the corporate

authorities of said College.

In addition to securities and cash, the college also receives by virtue of the will the house in Lancaster, Pa. next door to "Wheatland," home of President James Buchanan. Almost all furniture and personal effects, were left to the college. Also included is the home and farm, "Silent Woods," near Wilmington. The college is making arrangements to see that the few things specifically designated for individuals are carried out according to the wishes of Mrs. Mitchell.

Among the personal effects which the college received was one of Dr. Bell's notebooks. It contains his observations, reminiscences, philosophy and religion, all in the full rhetorical prose of the late nineteenth century. The following passage is dated June 10, 1906:

"But I doubt whether anyone can be truly at ease without drawing deep help from the assurance that there is a Will beyond our wills—a will that is unerring and that is moved by love. Never a mother hushed her baby more sweetly to rest than the trusting soul is rocked in the cradle of our Father's care."

It was probably this faith that was at the core of his dedication to duty in the chaplain's service. There are records of his being praised highly for his "exceptional efficiency" by his superiors. He is cited as excelling in his religious work, and an extract from 1912 states that Capt. Bell "attracts more men to his services than is usually the case."

While stationed in Harlingen, Bell collected a library as a source of "employment, profit and education to the sick of this large garrison." Capt. Bell also received commendation from the War Department for his work as volunteer translator of French military publications.

During the yellow fever epidemics in Cuba, Capt. Bell performed the service of burial for victims of the disease in spite of the fact that it was then thought to be highly contagious from contact with the corpse of a case of the fever. Although he did so at what constituted a risk to his life, Chaplain Bell buried every American yellow fever victim at Camp Columbia from September 1899 to the summer of 1901.

Although he retired from active duty shortly after 1912, Bell felt the need to re-enter the service with the U.S. entry into World War I. He petitioned Senator Lee S. Overman of North Carolina and won an appointment at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. A letter from James Sprunt, of the Wilmington Cotton Sprunts, dated May 1, 1918, congratulates Bell on "your meritorious record and your call by the Surgeon General of the Army to active duty."

During his retirement until his death in 1942, Bell continued to be a loyal son of Davidson and his loyalty was proved long before it was known that he had left such an endowment to the college. In President Martin's report to the trustees, he stated this indirectly when he said that "coupled with a feeling of deepest gratitude to that person is a sense of frustration which comes from having no one to whom an expression of appreciation is appropriate."

SAE's, Honoraries Elect New Officers

Late election results include the announcements that Mac Smythe, Bill Lynn, and Porter Halyburton have been named the presidents of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Le Cercle Francois, and Sigma Upsilon, respectively. Other officers selected in the SAE's semi-annual election include Tommy Stafford of Henderson, vice-president, and Tommy Tuttle of Greensboro, treasurer.

The French Club filled out its slate of officers with Bob Winslow as vice-president, Alex Bernhardt as secretary, and Algie Guess as treasurer.

Other officers of Sigma Upsilon chosen at the honorary creative writing fraternity's annual picnic are Bill Ferris, vice-president, David Suter, secretary, and Walt McNairy, treasurer.

Staples Delegate

Chaplain George Staples was among 85 delegates who attended the annual conference of the National Association of College and University Chaplains held at Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa., recently. The theme of the three day session was "Styles of Salvation" and featured national speakers on various aspects of the subject.

Congolese Students May Enter In Sept.

BY TOM LOPLIN
Davidsonian Senior Reporter

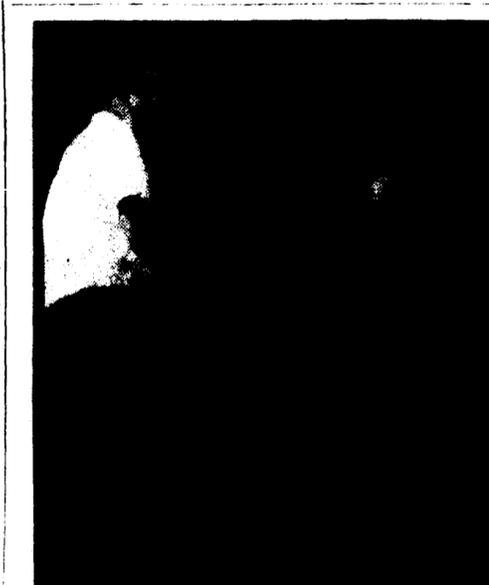
The Trustees of Davidson College yesterday approved by a large majority a policy opening the college to students regardless of race or nationality.

The trustees also approved Board of Trustees. He also said \$200 per year salary increases for members of the faculty and officers of the Westminster Fellowship had petitioned for a statement of policy that would permit students to enter Davidson regardless of race.

President Martin said, "I do not expect any sensational development in regard to this matter. It will have no effect on 1962-63 because we now have a complete student body with a long waiting list. There is a good possibility, however, that one or more Congolese students will be here next fall."

The bequest announced by President Martin is the gift of Mrs. Mary Bell Mitchell of Lancaster, Pa., daughter of alumnus Samuel Henry Bell of the Class of 1870. The gift calls for the payment of \$835,000 to be used for the Samuel Henry Bell Memorial Fund. Davidson's interest in the Duke Endowment is larger, but of a different nature in that it is administered for the college by the Duke Endowment.

The bequest leaves it up to the college to set the standards for the scholarships. President Martin said, "These scholarships will be given within the general framework of our present scholarship program. The Scholarship Committee of the Faculty and the Trustees will study the matter to determine the requirements for winning a Bell Scholarship." Martin added that it will be 1963-64 before (Continued On Page Two)



SCHOLAR HARRISON WELLFORD — leading fellowship winner in the graduating class receives an attache case from Alumni President Archie W. McLean, '31, for the distinction he has brought to Davidson. Wellford's awards include a Marshall scholarship, a Woodrow Wilson fellowship, and a Danforth Foundation Grant. (Photo by Gene Wells)

Bevy Of Prizes Doled In Annual Ceremony

Professor of philosophy Dr. George L. Abernethy announced recipient of the 1962 Thomas Jefferson Award in annual Awards Day ceremonies Tuesday. Carrying a stipend of \$500 for scholarly pursuits, the award is sponsored by the Robert E. McConnell Foundation.

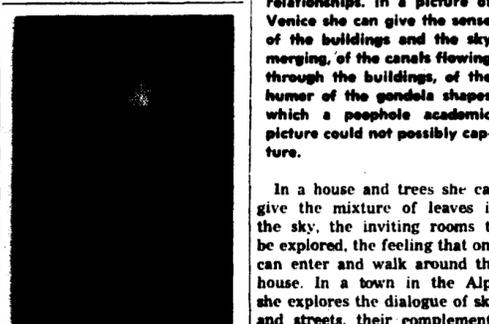
Abernethy commented: "Of course, one must realize that it is difficult for faculty members to make a critical estimate of each other's work. The award caught me completely by surprise."

Earlier in the last assembly of the year, the seniors staged a new traditional walk-out and President D. Grier Martin blamed himself for having Awards Day so late in the year. Approximately twenty-seven students and two fraternities were recognized. The I.W.O. Spirit Trophy went to Phi Delta Theta and the Sportsmanship Trophy to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Non-fellowship awards had not been previously announced. Senior winners of these awards were Charles Harris (the Greek Prize), D. G. Martin (the Tommy Peters Trophy), and Preston Nowlin (Wall Street Journal Prize).

In the Junior Class, recipients were John McElfresh (the Jersey Spanish Award), Danny Carrell (the Sentelle Scholarship), Bill Clingman (the A.K. Phifer Scholarship), Gene Wells (the David H. Howard Scholarship), George Neely (the Chemstrand Scholarship), and Bob Cordle (Stowe Scholarship), and John Boylin, Freshmen Allen Callender and David Walker won the Physics Prize and the Hay Bible Award respectively.

Professor Abernethy recognized the major fellowship re-



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER —Harlow Branch, Jr., president of the Southern Company of Atlanta, will be the featured speaker of graduation exercises on Sunday, May 27. There are 164 candidates for degrees.

Faculty Will Add Six; Seven Plan To Leave

BY MAC PLAXICO
Davidsonian Associate Editor

Dear Frontis Johnston announced that the Board of Trustees approved six new faculty members at their spring meeting Thursday.

Jesse Clifton Albergotti, AB, Wheaton, will be an assistant professor of physics. He is now a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at the University of North Carolina where he will finish his PhD in nuclear physics this summer.

Walter Meeks, Jr., AB, MA, University of Alabama, was appointed assistant professor of French. He is now a candidate for his PhD at the University of North Carolina. Meeks has taught French for 12 years at the University of Alabama, Cumberland College, the University of North Carolina, St. Mary's College, and the University of South Carolina, where he is now an assistant professor. He was a Fulbright Scholar in France and expects to complete work on his PhD this summer.

Eugene F. Miller, AB, MA, Emory University, will be a political science instructor. He is now a Danforth Fellow at the University of Chicago and plans to complete work on his PhD in political philosophy in 1963.

Wesley H. Tilley, AB, University of Texas; MA, PhD, University of Chicago, was appointed associate professor of English. He has been teaching humanities and English at the University of Florida for the past 12 years.

Herbert S. Wilcox, AB, Stetson; MS, Florida State, was named instructor in mathematics for one year to replace Prof. R. R. Bernard, who will be on a leave of absence.

Erick-Oska Joachim Siegfried Wruck, AB, MA, Rutgers University, was appointed assistant professor of German. Wruck was a native of Germany, but married an American and is now a citizen of the U.S. For three years he has been an instructor in German at Rutgers, where he was graduated magna cum laude and where he has already completed his graduate work for a PhD.

Two student assistants have been appointed. Joe Kelly will be an assistant in the Department of Biology and Don Stowell will be an assistant in the Department of Drama.

President D. Grier Martin announced Thursday that Dr. George Staples will be on leave of absence next year to study on a University Fellowship at Yale Graduate School. Six persons are selected each year for this program, which allows them to follow their own interests, attending any classes they care to and doing research work.

Staples will do his research in the area of communicating religious ideas through the medium of literature, particularly the modern novel. While studying, Staples will also teach a course at Yale Divinity School in "College and University Ministries."

Seven faculty members will be absent next fall, either leaving permanently or studying on leave of absence. Wade Burley, assistant professor of education, is returning to graduate school at the University of North Carolina to complete his PhD.

Also studying on a leave of absence, as previously announced, are Prof. R. R. Bernard, Prof. H. A. Bryan, and Prof. S. D. Maloney.

Leaving for positions at Charlotte College are R. A. MacRae, instructor of physics, and R. W. Rieke, visiting professor of history. Prof. John Sneden is leaving, having turned his resignation in earlier this year.

At their spring meeting the Board of Trustees approved a \$200 per year salary increase for members of the faculty and administration.

Other increases will be a 3.9% for laundry personnel, 4.5% for buildings and grounds, and 5% for secretarial and administrative assistants.

"The increases are made to keep our salaries in line with increased cost of living and improved college salaries across the country," President D. Grier Martin explained. "We are making every effort to maintain our faculty salary leadership in the South among liberal arts colleges of Davidson's type."

Pruitt Previews Paintings As Hamilton Show Opens

BY BILL PRUITT

To make a painting start with the four sides of the canvas. Mrs. Leone Hamilton, whose works will be shown in the Fine Arts Center starting today, is quite verbal in her explanation of her work and approach. Of prime importance is the architectural structure of the picture.

"I begin when every line in a picture has been related to the four sides can the planes of color work. This structure with in the area of the picture is a plastic quality. Color is used to create depth.

"I have worked with the idea of pure abstraction for 15 years. Mrs. Hamilton is thinking of pursuing this direction now—although she cannot be sure how much more she will do in this vein. Unlike her other work, which comes largely from objects and landscapes, these works have all thus far been taken from people.

Her abstract with a blue and a red shape was developed with the red shape being the model's stool and the rest of the canvas working with it. There is a complex movement around the blue subject, light moving to dark which sets the blue in motion and provides a picture full of atmosphere and deep dimension.

Many of the things Mrs. Hamilton says of paintings are similar to what James Bunn Gardner said. This is understandable—they have studied (Continued On Page Two)



In these works can be seen a whole world of space and relationships. In a picture of Venice she can give the sense of the buildings and the sky merging, of the canals flowing through the buildings, of the humer of the gondola shapes which a peephole academic picture could not possibly capture.

In a house and trees she can give the mixture of leaves in the sky, the inviting rooms to be explored, the feeling that one can enter and walk around the house. In a town in the Alps she explores the dialogue of sky and streets, their complements of each other. Then she explores the far-reaching effect of the Alps.

In her "Table on the Terrace," which has an affinity to Matisse, may be seen the touch of humor she can give to her pur-

(All Unsigned Editorials by the Editor)

To Educate All Youth . . .

Neither the Charter of Davidson College nor the By-Laws of the Trustees have ever stipulated that race, nationality, creed or class should be a condition for admission to the student body of the institution.

(A Statement of Policy, The Trustees of Davidson College, May 17, 1962)

The vote was not close at all. The meeting concluded in fine spirits. I'm very happy about the whole thing.

To be the end of a long-waged, intense battle on the part of THE DAVIDSONIAN, the Trustee's decision to abolish segregation by race came simply and undramatically.

We express our hearty thanks to the Trustees for what we consider their wise and Christian decision. The new policy of the college is a re-affirmation of the ideal and the spirit of the college's original Charter of 1837.

We express our gratitude to the

A Worthy Suggestion

The pages of this paper have been used many times to underline poor student attendance at lectures and presentations in the fine arts.

For this reason we welcome the recent suggestion made by Dr. MacCormac in the realm of required vespers and chapel.

Under his plan certain on-campus presentations, such as lectures or musical programs, could be attended in substitution for required ones.

We would take the idea one step further and ask that, as in former years, attendance at off-campus vespers also be counted in the required number.

The advantages to such a plan are fairly obvious. On the one hand it would allow the student more selectivity in those programs which he feels would widen his horizons most and provide the best entertainment.

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Complete Students

the new scholarships can be included in the existing program. Dr. Richards said that the Trustees accepted the bequest with a feeling of joy and gratitude.

Most of the Trustees were visibly excited by the vote for integration and by the announcement of the bequest.

Feelings one way or another about it.

Rev. Albert McClure did give the general reaction of the Trustees about the new scholarship fund when he said, "I feel quite excited and grateful about the whole thing. I don't want to sound pious, but I feel there must have been a guiding hand in the fact that a man who said he would never contribute to the Alumni Fund was responsible for the largest gift yet."

Paul Proulx

(Continued From Page One) with some of the same people. However, for what is a lyric quality and a use of beauty

(with no overtones of "pretentiousness")

These paintings may serve as a better entrance to an exciting world of art that is opening around us. I hope not for reasons extraneous to their works as works of art.

Assistant Chaplain Calls For A More Diverse Davidson

BY VAL FRAKES Interim Assistant to the Chaplain

One could say many flattering things about Davidson and its students. It attracts bright and gifted applicants. Its projected humanities course is a bold attempt to restore unity to the modern and fragmented mind.

Homogeneity is one of Davidson's greatest liabilities. As Jeff Wampler noted in last week's DAVIDSONIAN, the vast majority of students here are Southern, Anglo-Saxon white, Protestant, and middle to upper class—the latter meaning that they are most likely economically and politically conservative.

Homogeneity decreases the rough and tumble of an academic community. For it is the sometimes startling encounter with men of different backgrounds that jers one to examine his own values, assumptions, and loyalties—to ask the questions which make history, philosophy, and literature of great concern.

At Davidson more than the secular university the encounter with different ideas must occur through the medium of books. While the value of books is not to be discounted, neither is the meeting of students from different milieus in the dormitory as well as the classroom.

Few bull sessions among students seem to range beyond the exchange of sexual fantasies. But then, how can two sons of the bourgeoisie discuss a concert? And why should they engage in lengthy conversation about economics or politics?

Suggestions? Integration becomes all the more attractive. Although Negroes have inhabited the same communities with whites, their cultural experiences have been extremely different. Negroes would bring much-needed diverse perspectives to the campus.

Because I had two articulate and informed Roman Catholic laymen as professors in my sophomore year, I was led to wrestle seriously with the claims of the Roman church—even to consider instruction for membership.

Letters To The Editor Goodman

Dear Editor: As I look through this year's edition of Quips and Cranks, I definitely feel that Rob Abernethy and his staff deserve commendation for publishing one of the better annuals that has been produced at Davidson for the past several years.

However, this year's Quips and Cranks, as last year's, omitted from its activities section one of the more active campus organizations, the Wildcat Pop Band.

I hope that next year's Quips and Cranks staff will not overlook certain "young" campus groups, such as the Band, which are at least as active as some of the "original" organizations.

Students

In behalf of the international students I want to express our deep appreciation to the Richardson Foundation, Faculty, Freshmen, Student Body, THE DAVIDSONIAN, and Davidson community for offering us the opportunity of studying at Davidson College and for making our stay here enjoyable and profitable.

market-place of ideas. If a few non-Christians can make a college a better market-place of ideas, then they ought to be hired—in order that the college may glorify God to the fullest extent. Presumably, a church-related school seeks to do the latter.)

Several seniors with whom I have talked blame the fraternities for cajoling students into the "cool" (I don't get excited about truth, drama, music, God or anything else.) approach. Better to allow enthusiasm to carry one on even to folly and mistake than always to stand detached, looking sophisticated! The cool attitude robs the individual of growth and stultifies the air for others.

There are many students running loose at Davidson who seem not to have examined the political and social convictions they have brought from home: labor unions are evil and "socialistic," Negroes are inferior, the great battle of the twentieth century is to save the status from those men in Washington, etc.

It seems to me that a church-related school may properly insist that the Gospel be proclaimed and taught with vitality and scholarship within its walls. However, the college, like the state and the church, most serves and glorifies God by fulfilling the peculiar function which God assigned it as an institution in Creation.

The college's peculiar task is to be a seat of learning and a ferment. Negroes would bring much-needed diverse perspectives to the campus. Davidson would do well to spend great effort in attracting more students from the North and West.

John Goodman

Exchange Student Defends Belgian Activities In Congo

BY JEAN-PAUL DEFAUW Richardson Scholar

In 1959, as the result of a billion dollar ten-year plan, the Congo possessed the most advanced economic infrastructure of black Africa. Almost half of the ten-year plan budget had been earmarked for the development and modernization of the transportation system.

It expanded public utilities, social progress and scientific research. In the latter field, the work of the "Institut de Recherche Scientifique en Afrique Centrale," generally known as IRSAC, an institute established in 1947 to coordinate, promote and prosecute scientific work, both physical and social, has been highly praised by George Kimble in his book, "Tropical Africa."

These achievements in the field of mining, manufacturing, power sources, agriculture, commerce, economic infrastructure, public and social welfare and scientific research, demanded money. From 1949 to 1958, investments in the Congo amounted to 2.81 billions of dollars of which 1.4 billions were public and 1.46 were private investment.

But the economic development of a country needs more than just money. Capital needs labor, and the development of a country needs people. Our economic achievements in the Congo are the products of men. George Kimble states that from the time the Belgian Government took over the responsibility for the Congo, it was fortunate in the caliber of the men guiding its development.

Men are needed and capital is needed and both demand guarantees based on international law. Once peace is restored in the Congo, these elements: men, capital and guarantees will not fail, and our work will be taken up again by Congolese and foreigners alike.

It is my deep conviction that the countries which, as a result of the wealth of their soil, their geographic situation or more advanced technology, have reached a higher degree of development, have a real duty to the less developed countries.

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