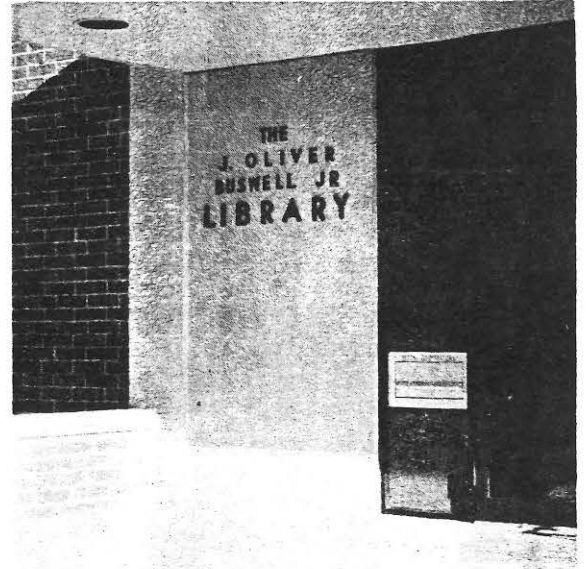
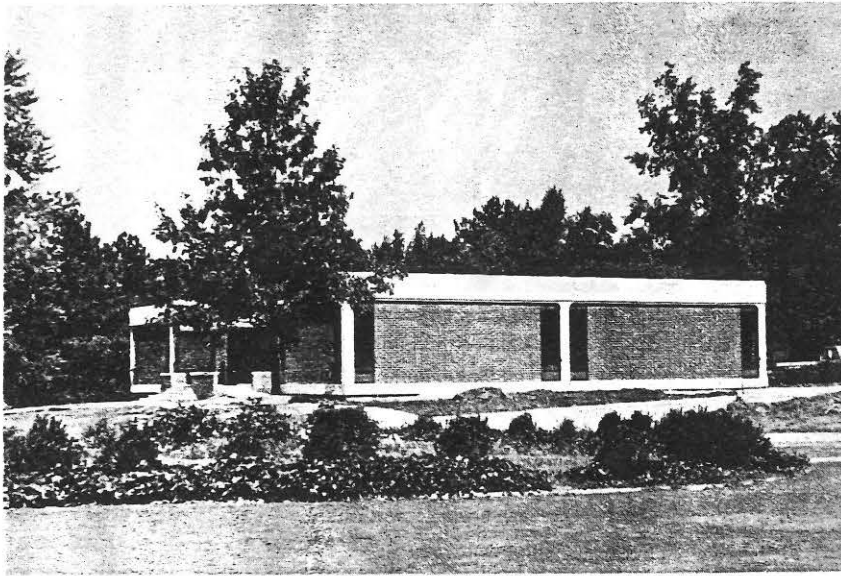




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NEW LIBRARY DEDICATED

When the cornerstone was put in place by Arthur Stoll, chairman of the board of trustees, the new seminary library was complete. The cornerstone laying took place in a brief ceremony on the afternoon of January 9. The library was the first building constructed on the campus to meet the specific educational goals of Covenant Theological Seminary. All previous construction had been for the purpose of adapting existing buildings as best this could be accomplished to the needs of the seminary. The new library was named by the board of trustees in honor of Dr. J. Oliver Buswell, Jr.

The library was dedicated in an impressive service on the same Friday evening. A large crowd of friends of the seminary attended the service which was held in the lower floor of the new building. A temporary chapel is provided on this floor which will be ultimately used to accommodate more stacks and individual study carrels as the library expands. The total capacity of the building is 100,000 volumes. Most of the members of the board of trustees were present as the service of dedication had been planned to coincide with the annual winter meeting of the board. The library building had been in use since early in December when on one busy day, through the combined efforts of students, faculty, and staff, the entire book collection was moved from the shelves in the first floor of the administration building which had

formerly housed the library to the new facility in the center of the campus.

Presiding at the service of dedication President Rayburn explained that although the building was named in honor of the leading theologian of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, who was also for some years the dean of the faculty of the seminary, it was dedicated to the glory of God whom Dr. Buswell had served faithfully in many capacities. He further explained that God had provided the building in His own wonderful way and that all construction costs had been fully met. Only a comparatively small amount remained to be paid on the furnishings.

First speaker on the program of the service of dedication was Dr. Hugh Johnson, a member of the board of trustees who gave a brief history of the building. It was Dr. Johnson who first proposed to the board undertaking the raising of funds for a new library which he hoped would be completed in the year of 1975 and which he therefore named "Project 75." The library was actually completed and occupied in the year 1975.

Dr. Wilber Wallis gave a summary of the life and labors of Dr. Buswell. He likened him to Mr. Great Heart, an allegorical character in Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. He included the account of Dr. Buswell's early intellectual struggles as well as his powerful and effective defense of the Christian faith. He spoke



Board Chairman Arthur Stoll lays the cornerstone.



Trustees Richard Ellingsworth, Ed Gorab, Marion Barnes, James Orders, Clark Breeding, Lanny Moore, and Robert Martin at dedication service.



Students, faculty, and staff at cornerstone laying.

A special feature of the dedication service was a solo by James Oliver Buswell IV, Dr. Buswell's grandson, a concert violinist who is an artist-in-residence at the University of Indiana and who also carries on an extensive concert career appearing both in solo recitals and in solo appearances with major orchestras. "Jamie," as he is known to his friends, played Bach's Solo Sonata No. 1 in G Minor.

Dr. Joseph Hall, seminary librarian, offered the prayer of dedication.

particularly of his straightforward championing of the doctrine of the vicarious atonement of Jesus Christ. Under the impressive portrait of Dr. Buswell which hangs in the entry of the new library is the caption, "Pastor, chaplain, author, educator, theologian." The



Dr. Hugh Johnson gives the history of "Project '75."



Dr. John Buswell reads letter from his father.

Violinist Jamie Buswell delights listeners.

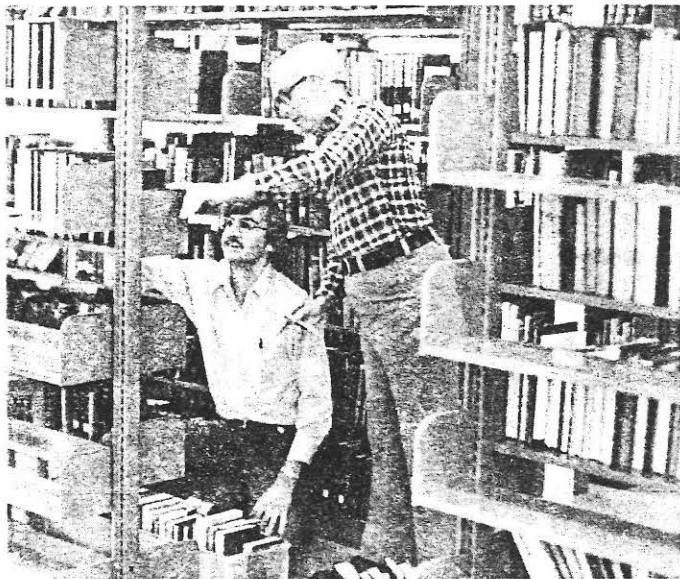
Special speaker for the occasion was Dr. J. Oliver Buswell, Jr.'s son Dr. John Buswell, who for a number of years was dean of students at the seminary and who is presently associate pastor of the Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church of Greenville, South Carolina. Dr. Buswell's sermon on the last few verses of Romans 8 was entitled, "More than Conquerors."

The members of the audience were invited to tour the library following the dedication service, and there was a unanimous expression of delight over the comfortable study facilities and the attractive decor of the building which includes not only the book stacks and study areas but also offices for the librarian and his staff, special facilities for microfilm and microfiche viewing and for listening to tapes, and an attractive seminar room.

The Friends of the Library of Covenant Seminary have accepted as a special project the purchase of the Encyclopedia Britannica's Library of Religion in America on microfiche. This collection is the equivalent of 1,700 books. It is now in use in the library, and the purchase price of \$4,200 included the microfiche viewer. Slightly over half of the purchase price has been contributed through the Friends of the Library.



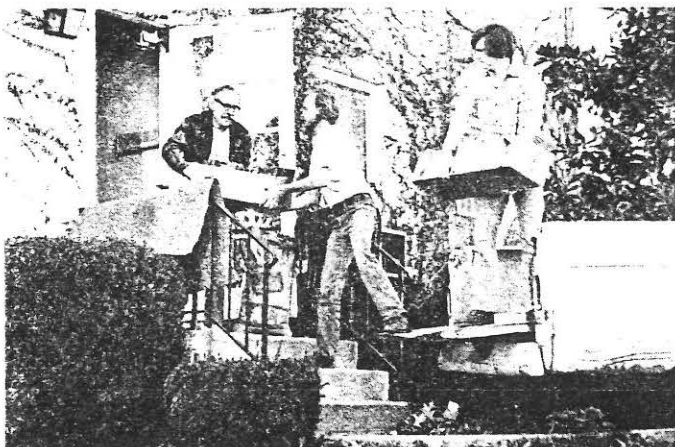
They arrive at the receiving room of the new library.



The books are taken from the old stacks and loaded in boxes.



They are distributed to the stacks in the new library.



The books leave the former library in the administration building.

This Newsletter includes pictures of the groundbreaking and dedication as well as exterior and interior shots of the Buswell Library. We trust that all of our friends will rejoice with us in the Lord's provision and thank Him for His goodness to Covenant Seminary.

CALHOUN GIVES ENGLISH BIBLE LECTURES

The first alumnus of Covenant Seminary to return as the special English Bible lecturer is the Rev. David Calhoun who gave an intensive course on the book of Jonah during the January Inter-Term. Calhoun graduated from Covenant Seminary summa cum laude in 1962 and remained for another year completing the Th.M. degree in Old Testament. Having taken his undergraduate work there, he returned to teach at Columbia Bible College for four years. He then joined the West Indies Mission and became principal (president) of Jamaica Bible College where he also taught theology and church history. More recently he has served with the international branch of Men in Action in the West Indies and in Italy. He is

currently working on a doctorate in historical theology at Princeton Seminary which has already awarded him a Th.M. in New Testament.

The special lecturers are chosen by the faculty because they have demonstrated the fact that they are exemplary expositors of the Scriptures. Mr. Calhoun thrilled the students with his skillful teaching. There was much spiritual blessing in the course as well as much valuable exegetical material.

HORN CREEK FAMILY CONFERENCE

Driving west from Pueblo, Colorado, one goes over one of the lower passes in the Colorado Rockies. At the top of the pass is a breath-taking view of the spectacular Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains with its many snow-capped peaks. At the foot of one of these giants is the Horn Creek Lodge where each year Covenant Theological Seminary sponsors a Family Conference during the last week in June. This year the conference will begin with dinner on June 19 and end after breakfast on June 26.

The comfortable, rustic lodge, a few miles from the village of Westcliffe, is an ideal setting for a combined vacation and spiritual renewal. This year's evening speaker will be Dr. William Kirwan, and Dr. Rayburn will conduct the early morning Bible Class before breakfast. After breakfast the entire day is free to enjoy the recreational opportunities that abound in the area such as fishing, hiking, swimming in a heated pool, sightseeing, rafting on the swift Arkansas River, horseback riding and the like.

Reservations are already being accepted at the seminary. A \$25 refundable deposit will hold a reservation for a family. Rates for the week, including the famous meals, are as follows: Adults, \$65; Children, 4-12, \$35; Children under 4, \$5 per week per year. All reservations should be sent to the Office of the President, Covenant Seminary, 12330 Conway Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63141.

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ALUMNI NOTES

Early in January the Valley Presbyterian Church of Sepulveda, California, which is pastored by Dr. Louie M. Barnes, Jr., class of '74, voted to become a congregation in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. This church has grown rapidly under the ministry of Louie Barnes and it now has two satellite churches, one of which is pastored by Michael Lomax of the class of 1975. The Valley Presbyterian Church will greatly strengthen the Presbytery of California and will be one of the largest churches in the Reformed Presbyterian denomination.

Don K. Clements, class of '74, was commissioned a lieutenant (junior grade) and assigned to the Navy Chaplain Corps during commissioning ceremonies at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina, November 21. Conducting the commissioning ceremony for Don was Chaplain (Lieutenant Commander) J. Robert Fiol, class of '66. Bob is stationed at Parris Island and is chaplain for the Woman Recruit Training Battalion there. He has recently completed a masters' degree in counseling.

In Loving Memory

During the past six months, Covenant Seminary has received gifts in memory of the following:

Mr. Bert C. Anthony	Lydia Nagel
Mr. Floyd R. Chapman	Mr. Clarence Shurtz
Mrs. Sarah Goldstein	Mrs. Phil Silsby
Mr. Gary W. Hutchison	Mrs. Thelma Tyson
Mr. Waldo Johnston	Mrs. Helen Verhaar
Mrs. William Killam	Mr. J. C. Watson
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