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OBU-YBC MERGER ON TRACK

The Oklahoma Baptist University – Yellowstone Baptist College merger talks are winding their way through the complex academic process. Along with policy issues to be determined, OBU accreditation standards must be met on the YBC campus. OBU is working diligently through the maze of requirements.

A joint task force has been adopted by both institutions and will meet in the spring. Their main agenda item will be the OBU proposal to YBC. The proposal writing chair has been assigned to Dr. Mark McClellan, the Dean of OBU's Hershell Hobbs School of Theology.

When the merger is completed sometime in 2012 or 2013, OBU will begin looking at adding other degrees on the YBC campus. This will certainly add to the attractiveness of a local Christian college.

The merger will give YBC immediate accreditation of every class and every degree on the Montana campus. It does so with YBC itself retaining ownership of the YBC property. If all goes as planned, this will be a win-win for all involved in the education of our students to reach the Northwest.

From the President...

What's the significance of an envelope? Specifically, the envelope enclosed in The Vision? The envelope is an invitation to become a Friend of YBC. It is through this group, the Friends of YBC, that the Lord is realizing His dream that is Yellowstone Baptist College.

It is through Friends of YBC that YBC started in 1974 with two rented classrooms at Eastern Montana College in Billings. In 1980 it was a generous Friend of YBC who provided the initial check to purchase our nine acres on Shiloh Road. In 2003 it was a generous Friend of YBC who enabled us to begin the academic year with Fall Convocation in a new 7,000 sq. ft. chapel building. In 2009 the new 8,000 sq. ft. Ida Dockery Owen Library opened because of checks from Friends of YBC. In 2010 three acres on the south side of campus, necessary for YBC's Master Plan, were purchased. In 2011 YBC again ended the fiscal year in the black and remains debt free because of the help of undesignated giving of Friends of YBC, especially significant in the midst of a national economic crisis.

I am deeply grateful to the Friends of YBC, and to you who will become a Friend of YBC this December. Be assured, it is through you the Lord will secure the future of Yellowstone Baptist College.

Dr. Bill Phillips

YBC Students in Ministry Summer/Fall 2011

At Yellowstone Baptist College ALL students are required to be involved in ministry at least one hour per week. However, this summer and fall MOST students have gone the extra mile and become heavily involved in ministry and/or mission projects.

Mark Fowler and his wife, Ashley, worked in Toronto, Canada for two weeks with YBC alumnus Jeremy Langley. They were involved in street and campus witnessing, sharing Christ with Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists on six different campuses!

This summer a group went on a mission trip to Saratoga, WY, connecting with the WY SunShare Team to assist First Baptist Church. They conducted a day camp, prayer-walked the community, worked with children in a community center, and did door-to-door survey work.

Tyler Frank accompanied his church, Emmanuel Baptist in Billings, on a mission trip to Brazil. He interacted with the indigenous Canela Indian tribe, reaching out to them through games and Bible stories.

Derek Anderson, spent ten weeks as a Summer Missionary in Missoula, MT. He worked with two different churches and helped with their outreach activities.

Other students spent time this summer working in children and youth camps, local missions, and Child Evangelism Fellowship Bible Clubs. Currently, a group of four YBC students travel to Crow Agency each Sunday to assist with Bible Study and worship in the morning and music and missions programs in the afternoon.

It is encouraging and challenging to observe the dedication to Christ and the passion for people exemplified in the students at Yellowstone Baptist College. Many of them are full-time students, have at least a part-time job, and yet make time to do the most important thing...minister in Jesus' name!



TYLER FRANK: GENEROUS, MISSIONARY, STUDENT



Tyler Frank, OBU sophomore on the Billings YBC campus, recently spoke in chapel and at the Montana convention's annual YBC luncheon about his mission trip to Brazil. His enthusiasm was evident, his ministry important.

YBC is proud to have representatives like Tyler. He is a top level student both academically and in student leadership circles. Tyler is one of five YBC Ambassadors representing the college at various functions in Montana and surrounding states.

Tyler's family knows generosity also. As part of the 2011 dinner theater, Tyler's family not only purchased tickets, but donated locally grown beef from their farm for the silent auction.

When you pray for and support YBC, you are helping YBC train young men and women like Tyler for ministry in Montana and beyond.

2012 SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT WITH DAVID PENDLETON

After hosting over 900 guests at the Alberta Bair Theater in downtown Billings in April of 2011, and raising more than \$18,000 for scholarships and the library, YBC is ready to do it all again this spring. David Pendleton, world renowned Christian ventriloquist, is 2012's scholarship fundraising headliner. This year's goal is \$30,000.

Much of the success of the first event was due to the early financial support of those helping with the pre-event expenses. Theater rental and fees, printing and promotion, advertising, and the headliner's expenses will be about \$8,000. Once again this year we are asking for help with these early expenses. An envelope is provided for those who wish to help with this area or for general year-end gifts to the college. Simply enclose a gift and mark the appropriate boxes on the envelope: *Chancellor's List, President's List, Dean's List.*

The benefits of events like these go far beyond scholarships. By securing the premier site for the arts, YBC is seen as hosting a first-class event in a unique venue. As YBC ventures into the business section of downtown Billings, knowledge of YBC is enhanced every year. This event is a win for YBC in multiple ways.

2011 MONTANA SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION MEETING AT YBC

YBC was grateful to host in October the annual meeting of the Montana Southern Baptist Convention and the Montana Pastors' Conference. The two-day event was an opportunity to display both the campus grounds and the student body. Classes were in half session so delegates could view the college in progress. The students used the other portion of their classes to mingle and serve where needed. Many of those attending who had not previously visited the campus were amazed with the quality of students, the elegance of the chapel and library buildings, and the manicured grounds with its hundreds of trees, shrubs, and flowers. It was a great way to display the investment Montana and other supporters from around the country have made possible.

DINNER THEATER - SOLD OUT!

A sold out dinner theater in the YBC chapel netted over \$8,000 to be divided between recruitment, student life, and scholarships.

A 30-student army of servers, kitchen prep, and set up and take down crews, were the hit of the evening as the three-course meal progressed. The menu included salad, brisket, ribs, and chocolate covered cheesecake.



Q & A WITH THE YBC ADMINISTRATION

Q: How do I apply to YBC / OBU?

A: The first step is to contact Alesia Fowler, VP of Enrollment. She has all the information, forms, and timelines you need. Plus, she's fun to work with and will help you day and night. Well, okay, maybe just day and day.

Alesia's email: afowler@yellowstonebaptist.edu

YBC website: www.yellowstonebaptist.edu

Q: What happens when I am accepted?

A: The next person you'll deal with is Cheryl Hewett, VP of Student Life. If it has to do with dorms or anything else outside of academics, she's the go-to person. Treat her well - she assigns the dorm rooms!

Q: What about classes at YBC / OBU?

A: Bruce Cannon, VP of Academic Affairs, will guide you through class registration, degree flow charts, and all things pertaining to the classroom. For best results, laugh at his corny jokes - it's sad to see him laugh alone!

Q: Who really runs YBC?

A: That would be Cyndi Bendt, Administrative Assistant to the President. She's new, but she's good. Be nice to her because she selects your photo for your student ID. Can you say, "driver's license photo?"

Q: No, seriously, who really runs YBC?

A: That would be Dr. Bill Phillips. He's been the President for 18 years and has a heart full of mercy for the students. Because of his tireless efforts, you'll get a great education at YBC. Just don't ask him to sing "The Lion Sleeps at Night."

TUITION - LOW AND BUILT TO STAY THAT WAY

YBC has a mission to graduate students debt-free. Our low tuition, only \$200 per credit hour, is designed to keep our mission a realistic possibility. Many of our instructors teach as part of their administrative duties and several are able to simply donate their time and experience in the classroom. Quality and affordability - it's a great combination. YBC thanks all those who give time or treasure to make debt-free graduation achievable.

2011/2012 TUITION

Tuition per credit-hour:	\$ 200
Online tuition per credit hour:	\$ 200
OBU / YBC fees per semester:	\$ 200
Books per semester:	\$ 300

Per semester Room

and Board options:

Room with half meal plan:	\$1,360
Room with full meal plan:	\$1,600

SCHOLARSHIPS and WORK STUDIES

YBC offers many scholarships available to qualified students. Work studies are also available so students can have tuition reduced by working on campus four hours per week. About 85% of YBC students receive financial aid in the form of scholarships and work studies. Apply early for admission and financial aid to guarantee the best possible package. (YBC does not participate in student loan programs.)

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