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WESTMINSTER DEDICATION MAY 18 THREE-YEAR CAMPAIGN VICTORIOUS



Westminster House

A three-year, Synod-wide campaign reaches its climax on Wednesday, May 18, as Presbyterians from throughout Georgia convene here for their annual meeting and the dedication of a brand-new Presbyterian University Center, "Westminster House."

The Center was built at a cost of \$170,000 from funds contributed by Presbyterians throughout the state. Money was pledged over a three-year period ending this month.

The building is the first of its kind to be constructed in Georgia & will serve as a base-of-operation for Presbyterian initiated religious work on the University of Georgia campus.

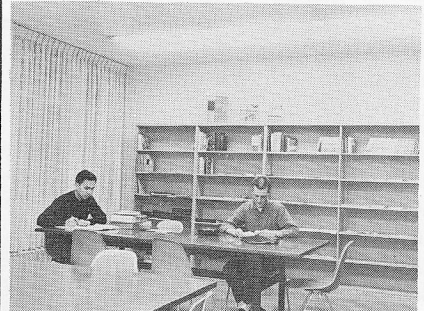
Carmichael to Speak

Dr. Oliver C. Carmichael, former President of the University of Alabama, will address the One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Synod of Georgia in Athens on May 18 and 19. His principal address will be delivered on Wednesday evening, May 18, at the dedication of Westminster House. His subject: "The Challenge of the Churches in Higher Education."

Dr. Carmichael is distinguished in many ways as a leader in the field of Higher Education. He has been Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and is presently a Consultant for the Fund for the Advancement of Education and the Ford Foundation.



His second address will come on Thursday morning at the general session of the Synod and is entitled, "The Message of the Church in Our Generation."



Westminster Library

Dare We Be The Church?

... William W. Rogers

A Salute



J. N. Hartford, Sr.

With the building of Westminster House the Synod of Georgia has taken a plunge into a new and exciting kind of work. It has moved boldly onto the most challenging frontier of the Twentieth Century. What does such a ministry most urgently need?

It needs freedom -- the freedom to be the Church within the life of the university. The New Testament Church turned the world upside down. The Church can still turn the world on its ear, if we dare to let it.

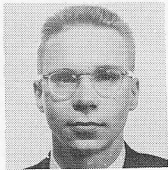
But it needs more than freedom. The campus ministry needs to be shared by students and faculty who will take the Church and the university with utter seriousness. Both are in danger of death from weak and tepid spirits. The Campus ministry must be shared by men and women who will dare to learn what the Gospel is, who have not yet made their peace with the world and who will take the risk of living under the authority of the Word.

The year ahead will be one of testing. We will then decide whether to be the Church, or another conventional, self-preserving institution.

Mr. James N. Hartford, Sr. has probably had more to do with making Westminster House a reality than any other man in Georgia. He did much to persuade the Synod of the strategic importance of the work at the University of Georgia, and was the first Chairman of the Synod's Joint Committee on Campus Christian Life in Athens.

For the past year and a half, Mr. Hartford has been Chairman of the Building Committee for Westminster House and has served the Synod with many hours of hard and careful work.

... PROFILES ...



JIM MINNICH

Jim Minnich from Atlanta, who will receive his B. S. Degree from the University in June has just been awarded a ROCKEFELLER THEOLOGICAL FELLOWSHIP. This will enable him to spend a year in graduate study in theology. As his seminary, Jim has chosen Union Theological Seminary in New York City in order to participate in the field of "psychiatry and religion" which is offered there.

Jim has had an interesting background having served almost 3 years in the U.S. Army and studied at the Universities of Edinburgh, Mercer and Georgia. He has completed all requirements for Medical School and hopes to practice psychiatric medicine.



JANE HANGER

Meet Jane Hanger, a rising senior at the University, from Fitzgerald, Georgia. Jane is working on her B.S.H.E. Degree with a textile major looking forward to working in the field of fashion.

Jane is serving as President of Westminster Fellowship at the University and is Vice-Moderator of the Synod of Georgia Westminster Fellowship. In addition to her W.F. responsibilities her leadership is felt elsewhere on campus. She is an officer of the national honorary professional home economics society, treasurer of Pi Beta Phi sorority, chairman of World University Service and is on the College Board of the "Going To College Handbook" published in Richmond, Virginia.



RICKY THURMAN

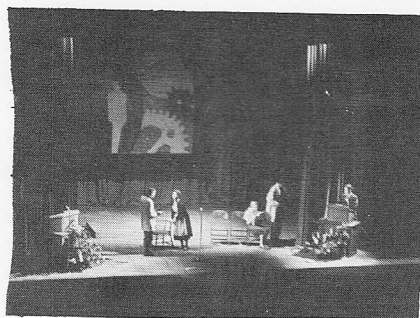
Ricky Thurman, also active in W.F., hails from Jefferson, Ga. Ricky will receive his B.A. in June majoring in English. He looks forward to entering Graduate School here in the fall.

Ricky has worked hard for his degree within a three-year span; however, even with these responsibilities he has "branched out" on campus. He is Treasurer of Westminster Fellowship, a three-year member of the Dixie Redcoat Band, a member of Scabbard and Blade (honorary military society) and a Cadet Lt. in the Airforce ROTC. Upon completion of his studies Uncle Sam claims 3 years of his time before Ricky can turn attention to his goal of college teaching.

EDITORIAL REPORT

A Year With Westminster

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Missions Conference

This has been a good year for the Campus Christian Life Program in Athens. The long delay in waiting for the new center (July to November) was a set-back, but much has happened in spite of a very late start in the new facilities.

Since the beginning of Winter Quarter Westminster House has been the scene of an increasing amount of campus activity (see article on page four). The Westminster Fellowship has had some of its finest programs at Westminster and has attracted many university students and faculty to its various functions. Highlights: a chancel play, "Christ in the Concrete City," done in the Chapel as part of a service of worship; "The Crisis in Our Schools," a panel on which Dean Brazeal

of Morehouse College and Mr. James McBride Dabbs, Presbyterian author of The Southern Heritage discussed the ethical issues underlying the current public school desegregation crisis; and a religious play written by one of our Presbyterian faculty and performed arena-style in our new assembly hall, called "Just As I Am."



Students at November Life and Mission Retreat

The most outstanding off-campus functions have been the fall and spring retreats. In November the Canterbury and Wesley Fellowships joined W.F. for a conference on "The Life and Mission of the Church" with Mr. Bola Ige of Nigeria, West Africa, as the principal speaker, and in April the W.F. spent a week-end on Hilton

Head Island with the Rev. Harry Smith of Chapel Hill, N.C., discussing "Faith, Sex and Love."

Other activity has included the formation of a new Married Student Fellowship which meets fortnightly at Westminster, and student/faculty seminars on "Biblical Theology," "The History of the Christian Church" and "The Christian Faith and Contemporary Culture." A total of thirty-five students from W.F. have attended conferences at Montreat, N.C., Augusta, Covington, Rock Eagle and Athens, Ohio.

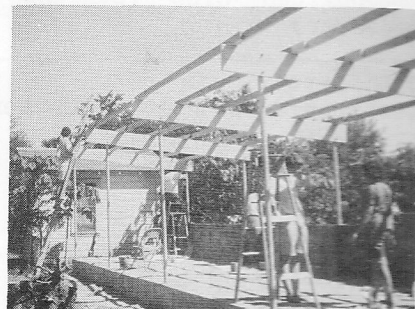
Summer service and study projects are stressed at Westminster. Last summer Sylvia Randall, of Rockmart attended a six-weeks "Y" Leadership School in Berkeley, California, while Steve Fifield of Atlanta and Mary Blanche Owen of Columbus participated in a World Council of Churches Work Camp in Brownsville, Texas, (Directed by the University Pastor and his wife.) This summer Mary Bird of Conyers, and Bob Hartford of Athens will be in projects in New York and Sweden.



Faith and Culture Seminar



Spring Retreat



Work Camp Project

Activity At The Center

Westminster House, still crisply new, has been the site of many varied activities since its opening in December and will continue to serve an increasing number of functions in the future.

There have been over one hundred, scheduled functions in Westminster House ranging from parties to philosophical discussions and involving many hundreds of students, faculty and townspeople.

Principal events held at Westminster have been the Sunday evening meetings of the Westminster Fellowship, regular study groups and seminars and the fortnightly meetings of the Married Student Fellowship.

Special events have included a week-long Institute on Religion in Higher Education, a Religion-In-Life-Week faculty dinner, a Campus Christian Life week-end consultation and a University sponsored Marriage Clinic.

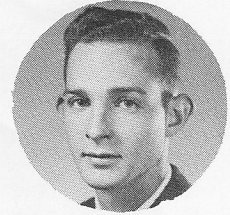
Westminster also provides a meeting place for many committees, boards and associations, in addition to those which are officially connected with Campus Christian Life. These have included the Program Committee of Religion In Life, the Greek Chaplains' Association, Students for Public Education, the University Chaplains' Association, the Presbytery of Athens and The Cosmopolitan Club (overseas students.)

MARY
BIRD



Mary Bird, Vice-President and Program Chairman of Westminster Fellowship, from Conyers, Georgia, who is a rising senior at the University, has been accepted to attend THE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. This six-weeks summer program for men and women students gives a period of correlated experience which illumines the Christian faith and its relevancy to contemporary life with practical methods for developing effective student Christian leadership. Six semester hours are involved (college credit is available) plus extensive field trips in New York itself. Specific study will be in the areas of theology, ethics and group dynamics. It is quite an honor to Mary, and to Westminster Fellowship, to have her accepted for this intensive study program.

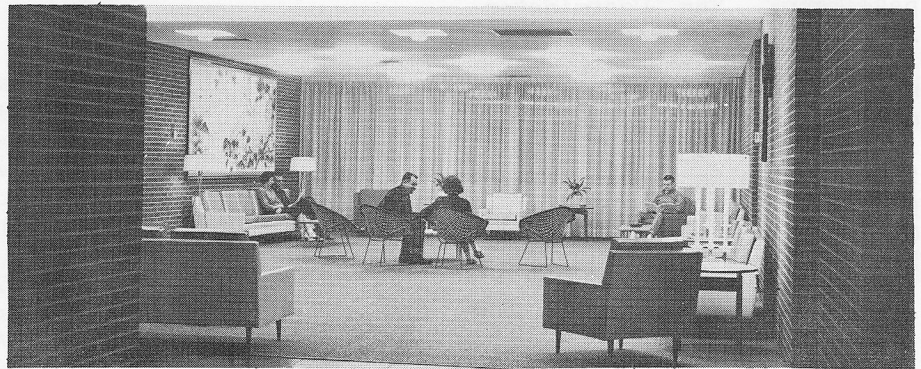
BOB
HARTFORD



Bob Hartford, a senior at Georgia Tech and a native of Athens, Georgia, who has attended many of the W.F. activities here, has been accepted as a participant in the World Council of Churches ECUMENICAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE workcamp in Sweden this summer.

Ecumenical workcamps grew out of the ruins of World War II. They started as an expression of concrete Christian service which could be done on an ecumenical and international level. From one camp in 1947 it has expanded to fifty camps around the world in 1959 with more than 1000 college age persons participating. Reconciliation has remained a basic purpose of workcamps - reconciliation between youth from different nations, races and churches.

We are thankful, and humbled, to see Bob working in this way to witness to the unity of the Church of Christ.



The Lounge, Westminster House

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