

You spoke about our alumni at Faith. Our first year there we were very fortunate in having Dr. Buswell as a supporter. Dr. Buswell had been instrumental in sending a large number of students to Westminster from Wheaton. He became a member of the Independent Board and was put on trial by the Chicago Presbytery of which he was member. He was standing very solidly with us. We had originally thought of starting a seminary at Wheaton. Did I mention to you about the man who was going to leave us money?

Neher: Yes.

I mentioned that. Wheaton refused to go through with it, and Dr. Buswell though he could not be a member of our Board under the circumstances was very friendly with us, and these students he sent to Westminster decided they knew a lot more than he did now. It was rather baffling his contacts there. He gave us his support and help. The year we started we had 5 seniors, 3 middlers, and 15 entering students. A very considerable number of those students were from Wheaton.

When we were thinking of having a seminary at Wheaton he had had me come there and speak in chapel two successive days. That had introduced me, and between that and his recommendation we had a very good group of entering students. Not all of the group were from Wheaton by any means but a very sizeable number were. Just 3 yrs. after that -- 2½ later -- Dr Buswell was dismissed as president of Wheaton. It was fortunate for us that our connection came before he was dismissed, because I already had a connection at Wheaton and I went out the year before we started, and the next year when we started Dr. Buswell said, When are you coming out and present the seminary?

I thought, I went last year. Let Dr. Harris do it. So Mr. Harris went out and spoke. He had a few people at Wheaton who were very enthused about his talk. Very enthused. But I think I reached a larger number than he, and our second year we had hardly anybody from Wheaton that came to the seminary. But he did have one or two who had a tremendous attachment to him. He made a very fine impression on them.

But I decided that for reaching the students perhaps I had a special nack. So the next year I sent and spoke, and that year when they dropped Dr. Buswell just before I got there (or maybe it was the 4th year) anyway they dropped ~~me~~ him just before I got there. Dr. Buswell had been travelling over the country raising money for the college and promoting it all he could. When he was on campus he was rushing from one task to another so much he did not have a chance to butter up the faculty and students and try to keep them friendly with him.

There was a coach there who Dr. Buswell thought was very good but was a little rough in some of his language, and some of the people were very down on the coach. Then there was a dean of students, a teacher of education, a fine man with a lot of fine ideas but quite disorganized. There was a group there that liked the coach m very much and wanted to get rid