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Flatt preaches at Brazilian lectures, visits alumni

by Tammi Mullins
Staff reporter

Dr. Dowell Flatt, division head of Freed-Hardeman College's Bible department, was the featured speaker at the Annual Brazilian Lectureship recently while visiting missionaries in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Flatt took a 10-day trip to Brazil Dec. 30 through Jan. 8 to visit and encourage five missionary families from Freed-Hardeman who are working in Belo Horizonte, a city of over 3 million people. These families include the Eddison Fowlers, the Tim Mathenys, the Glen Robbs, the Jamie Richardsons, and the F. H. Gates family, who played host to Flatt during his visit.

While there Flatt delivered six lectures on 2 Corinthians at the lectureship, spoke at three church services, and conducted home Bible studies. He said the Brazilians are very receptive. "That's one of the encouraging things about it," he said.

He spent his days visiting in the homes of church members and non-members. He said the people there are friendly and hospitable. "Every house you went in, they'd want to fix you something -- iced tea, orange juice, especially orange juice."



Dowell Flatt, division head of the Department of Bible, toured the town of Ouro Preto, Brazil, during his recent trip to assist missionaries who are F-HC alumni.

Brazil was the 18th country Flatt has visited. He has toured countries in North America, South America, Europe, Asia and Africa on campaigns. "I try to go somewhere every year after Christmas to cheer up the missionaries and their families and to preach," Flatt said.

"It just pulls at you to see these missionaries. You want to tell them how proud you are of them."

He said the work at Belo Horizonte, overseen by the Henderson Church of Christ, is an excellent work. There

are eight congregations of the church in this area. There are about 80 congregations and about 50 missionaries in Brazil. Flatt said that sounds like a lot until you realize Brazil is about the same size as the United States, excluding Alaska and Hawaii.

"The cities are the most impressive things you see with millions of people in front of your eyes," he said. "You can see the great responsibility of the Great Commission. We need many more workers."

Student Center to get new look

Renovation plans near completion

by Lisa Springer
staff reporter

Are you tired of visiting friends in a "bus station" with the color scheme of a painting from a 2-year-old? Are you tired of ceiling graffiti falling in your hair and clothes making for an interesting conversation? If you answered yes to these questions, then get excited about the new Student Center.

Student Services Dean Jim Selbe is excited about the prospect of renovation the Student Center. "This will be the student's largest fund raising project in the history of Freed-Hardeman College," says Selbe.

The plans for the new Student Center renovation are to be announced Feb. 15, Selbe said. A mixture of students, faculty and staff have formed a steering committee of about 40 members.

Last Tuesday night they met to discuss the changes, additions and subtractions that will be made to the Student Center. Every class, organization and social club is represented in this committee to better promote this project.

Some of the changes will include a different style of cushioned seating, an enlarged, collegiate style snack area, a larger game area, plus physical changes that will be made to appeal to the off-campus students.

Before the committee can release specific details about the project, certain physical problems such as heating and cooling and pipe repair will have to be resolved to prevent further delays. To properly complete this project it will take \$100,000. The proposed fund-raising tool is a jogathon on April 12.

Prizes will be awarded to those who raise the most funds. "The prizes will be a major incentive and motivator for the students who will become involved."

Don't miss the exciting details on Feb. 15.

Lectureship Preview

Monday

Appreciation Dinner for preachers age 80 and older, 5 p.m.

'Why We Love the Bible,'
Dowell Flatt, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

'Loving the Bible as the Final Authority,' **Guy N. Woods**, 7:30 p.m., followed by **F-HC Chorus and Sonshine Singers**.

Wednesday

'Preaching the Bible We Practice,' **Leroy Brownlow**, 7:30 p.m., followed by **Picking and Singing**.

Thursday

F-HC Lions play Arkansas College, 5 p.m.

'Wherewithal Shall a Young Man Cleanse His Way?,' **David Salm**, 7:30 p.m., followed by recognition of **Mr. and Miss F-HC and Sing Song**.

New York experience offers valuable lessons

Vega interns with United Nations

"I've always had dreams of being an ambassador. This internship made this a reality," said Matthew Vega, a sophomore Honors major from Independence, Kan., when referring to his Honors semester at the United Nations in New York City.

Vega, chosen along with 39 other students, participated in the Honors semester held nationwide by the National Collegiate Honors Council. He was chosen after presenting an essay and an application that stated his college credentials, extra-curricular activities, and grade-point average. The judges were looking for diversified people that were creative in their writing skills, he said.

The semester focused on politics. It was dealt with on a local community level, as well as global. The participants took 16 hours of classes. These included campus development theory, urban cultures, economics, city as a text and their independent study or internship.

They did projects, wrote papers,

by Kristi Barker

Staff reporter

made speeches, and Vega said he read over 40 books. The students were not given any tests, textbooks, or lectures, *per se*. He attended classes, but not always in a classroom. According to Vega, "Our textbook was the city." Their informal classes took place in unique areas, such as the subway, where they could observe different types of people.

On the local level he was assigned to work with students at the Brooks Avenue School. This is located in the most impoverished area of the Bronx, Vega said. It has a 65 percent dropout rate. His task was to interview and work with the students.

When he interviewed sixth graders to learn what they wanted to be when they grow up, Vega found they had hopes of holding jobs such as doctors



Matt Vega

or lawyers. He then interviewed students in eighth grade about their future. Their responses included: "I don't care"; "I already know how to make money"; or "What are you doing here?" He contributed their change of attitude and goals to abuse, crime, and their atmosphere. "They never had the opportunity I had."

Also on the local level, he worked on renovating neighborhoods in Brooklyn. "On the local community level, I saw an atmosphere that you don't see in Kansas."

On the global level of his internship Vega worked at the International

Peace Academy of the United Nations, located in Manhattan. He worked especially for the Norwegian Council in New York. He did research at the United Nations library and talked with Security Council Members, and members of missions on the subject of the Iran/Iraq war. He then produced a 50-page paper on why the war is still going on.

Vega's career ambition is to be involved with foreign politics in the United States Government. "I want to be a regional expert," he said. His strong interest is in Arab studies because of his previous studies of the Iran/Iraq war.

Asked what he was looking for in a job, he replied, "not to have a fancy title, or money, but one that will be able to influence how the United States deals with other countries." He added that he wants a job "that will make a difference in the world, even if it's a small part. He commented his internship benefited him incredibly.

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Financial aid requires responsibility

by Michelle Gilliland
Assistant editor

The life of a college student is plagued with many new ordeals, some positive and some negative. One of the more negative ordeals is finding or having some form of financial aid. Many college students rely solely on financial aid for their education. As a student who does rely on such aid, the thought that it may be dwindling to a very small amount alarms me. The government is now informing parents and potential students to turn their attention away from aid and to savings bonds or some type of saving policy because of the lack of money available for aid.

The government sets aside a certain amount of money for financial aid for college students. Through either wrong distribution or mishandling, this money has been depleting quickly. States and cities are advising parents to set aside

savings accounts for their children's higher education. The government is informing prospective college students about the small amount of money left for financial aid. What does this offer for us—the present and upcoming college students?

Hope. One thing there is plenty of. Some states are offering double reimbursement for savings bonds, if the prospective student has decided on a college. Others are preparing savings accounts at low paying costs and high interest rates. Also, some financial aid is left for students who have certain economic needs.

The thought that financial aid is depleting at such a rate should make us aware that our college educations are very important and responsible. If you are planning to have children who go to college or continue your own education in graduate school, start saving now. It is the safest way to insure a higher education.



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Lectureship memories linger

by Tim Dills

Reminiscent senior

It is 10:45 am in Loyd Auditorium. The devotional is over and my mind slips away from reality for a few moments. Lectureship will arrive on our doorsteps soon. As resident reminiscence senior, I call on my memories of lectureships past.

When I first came to F-HC, I stood in registration line for five hours. After that experience I thought surely I will never have to wait in such a line again. Little did I know that a month later I would be in similar lines again. Lectureship had arrived.

Lectureship: time to check out those lime green leisure suits and light sky blue polyester knit dresses.

Lectureship: time to check out the Associates' kitchen when the lines in Gano and the Lion's Pride are unbearable.

Lectureship: time to remember a lecture on rock music from an expert of 11 months and how this man lost his credibility by not knowing what he was talking about.

Lectureship: time to sit in the balcony during chapel (just never look for a bald-headed friend from up there).

As a student I have often found lectureship week to be a burden and challenge. Here we are suddenly invaded by hundreds of people. It seems as if they take over everything. They clog the lines as we hurry out of chapel for our 11:30 classes (of course by this time it is already 11:40 a.m.) They gather an hour early to line up at Gano, causing the line to stretch to the Craft Cottage. They camp out in our dorm lobbies and insist on watching "Firing Line" when we want to

watch "Love Connection."

Through it all I do hold many favorable memories of Lectureship week. I recall the incredible lessons by Bert Thompson. Few will ever forget having the opportunity to hear Guy N. Woods also. There's also the Sonshine Singers and Chorus and Pickin' and Singin' and the naming of Mr. and Miss F-HC. And we can never forget that it usually snows during the week. (But if it doesn't snow, rest assured that we'll see a minor flood.)

I also find it a time to renew friendships. Alumni return and we sit around at the truckstop or in the dorm recalling "the good ole days." People I have known throughout my life return and enable me to share memories from years before with them. And through it all the student body seems to grow closer out of a sense of surviving the week. And the week will be gone as quickly as it arrives.

I return to reality by hearing the phrase, "Shall we go?" The announcements are over. Next week will find the balcony full of students eagerly waiting to fill out those attendance cards while listening to 20 minutes of announcements (half of which are dedicated to Sylvia Harris and the Associates). For now it is time to leave. Lectureship arrives next week.

It is 11:05 a.m.

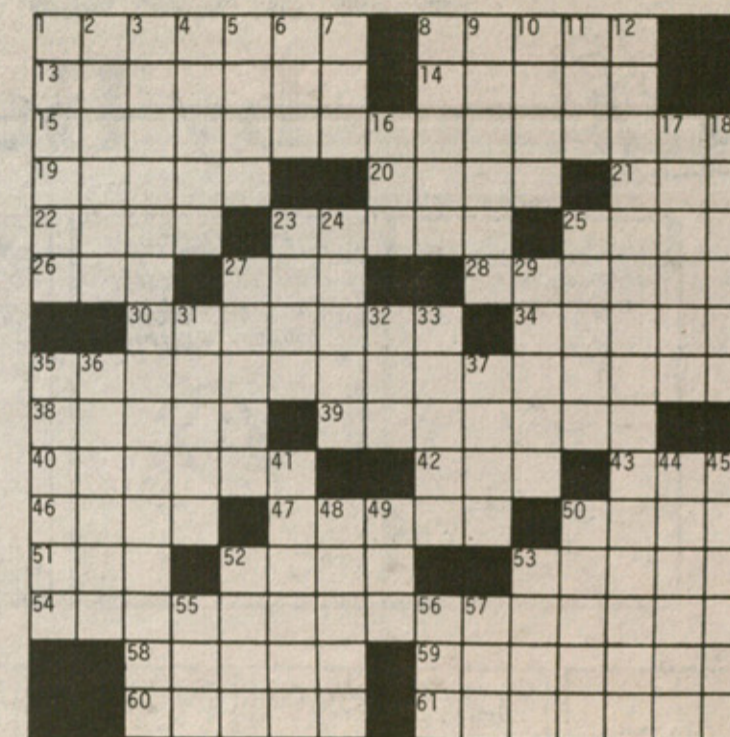
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Asked what brought him the most enjoyment, he replied, "There was so much, it's like comparing apples to oranges." He said he enjoyed getting on the subways and watching the different types of people. He also liked interviewing important people, and just walking down the streets. The most relaxing thing he found to do was to put his headphones on and take a jog

through the Brooklyn Promenade. Here, with the best view of the Manhattan skyline, he stopped to think and pray. "You need a form of relief, and this was mine," he said.

Vega described his first impression of New York as being "cold, dangerous, and big." After a month, he said it became "overwhelming, frustrating, but very exciting."

collegiate crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Moscow-Washington connection (2 wds.)
- 8 Cut short, as a takeoff
- 13 Crane of fiction
- 14 Synagogue scroll
- 15 Old Robert Conrad TV series (4 wds.)
- 19 Part of TWA
- 20 Iowa State U. site
- 21 Dixie (abbr.)
- 22 March-command words
- 23 beer
- 25 Give a hoot
- 26 Sixth sense
- 27 Massage
- 28 Sioux Indians of Nebraska
- 30 Pertaining to the wind
- 34 Fit to be tied
- 35 Mozart's birthplace (2 wds.)
- 38 Style of painting (2 wds.)
- 39 Scrolls
- 40 Change the actors
- 42 Pretending shyness
- 43 "Kapital"
- 46 Scrooge's words
- 47 Gathers in
- 50 Girl's name
- 51 "on parole francais"
- 52 Old Ireland
- 53 Darn
- 54 Relief from boredom (3 wds.)
- 58 Approaches
- 59 Dunk
- 60 Common
- 61 Skin swelling
- 17 Prefix: layer
- 18 of Galilee
- 23 Former British singing star
- 24 "in the hand..."
- 25 A la
- 27 Dole and Byrd (abbr.)
- 29 Young girl
- 31 Poet Pound, et al.
- 32 Mature
- 33 Civil rights organization
- 35 Fruit-derived acid
- 36 "Do I dare to eat?"—T.S. Eliot
- 37 Japanese herbs
- 41 Judge and jury (2 wds.)
- 44 Loath
- 45 Finn's friend
- 48 Uneven, as if gnawed away
- 49 WWI group
- 50 Descartes and LaCoste
- 52 Actor Richard
- 53 Ancient Gauls
- 55 Once named
- 56 Kinsman
- 57 950, to Brutus

DOWN

- 1 "deck!"
- 2 Yellow shades
- 3 U.S. mountain range (2 wds.)
- 4 Grassy areas
- 5 Wading bird
- 6 pros.
- 7 Actor Byrnes
- 8 "Once upon"
- 9 Ravel composition
- 10 Commands (abbr.)
- 11 deal
- 12 Rommel's battle-ground (3 wds.)
- 16 Move like a tail

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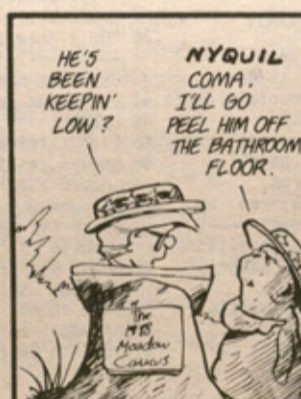
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