SGA and Missions during the 60s at JBU

The Student Government Association at JBU during the 1960s did not focus only on typical student government activities, such as planning events, sponsoring school projects, and being a liaison between the students and the school’s administration. Throughout the 1960s SGA pushed the students to raise money for a new student missionary project. During the 1963-1964 school year all student senators were given a missionary to whom they would write letters and keep in contact with in order to learn the missionaries’ needs; after deliberation and prayer SGA would choose a certain number of missionaries to support and raise money to split among them. SGA led the students and community of JBU to raise $2,000 or more each year, and in most cases the goal was met. Wycliffe Bible Translators was the usual recipient of the money raised if a specific missionary could not be decided on. SGA also borrowed a number of films about missions from Wycliffe Bible Translators and held events showing these films to encourage students to support missionaries.

One of the missionaries supported was Mary Shaw, serving in Baja Verapaz, Guatemala. Mary and her coworkers were in the process of translating the book of Luke when they were asked by the JBU SGA if they had any financial needs which the school could possibly meet. The missionaries did: they requested an apartment, for $2,500, where they could not only work on translating the Bible, but also provide medical attention to the community. The students also supported Dave Carnahan in Chiapas, Mexico. SGA sent $3,700 to missionaries in Tanzania in 1965; the funds were used to build a new church building. In 1966 missionaries in Congo were given the raised monies and were able to purchase a truck. The truck was used in the building of schools and for transportation.

The JBU SGA during the 1960s did host the usual events such as the Welcome Banquet and the ‘All School Party,’ and worked with the JBU administration for the placement of the name of the major on a diploma. But they also raised thousands of dollars to support missionaries all over the world, truly making a difference for eternity.

It has been estimated that there are probably thirty five million men, women, and children in America who are tobacco users, and that probably this number is added to daily by nearly three thousand who begin the use of tobacco in some form. The statistics of the church will show that the average age at which people join the church is about sixteen, and it is estimated that the average age at which boys begin the use of tobacco is eleven...I was in a city recently where a man presided over the destinies of a church and had had the hands of ordination placed upon him who openly smoked cigarettes, and who brazenly flaunted his lawlessness by walking into places where cigarettes were sold to purchase them regardless of who might be witnessing his contempt for law.

According to government statistics we spent last year $2,110,000,000 for tobacco...We will probably spend this year a billion dollars for education. The nation’s coal bill may run to eight hundred million dollars. We probably spend for our churches and missions less than one half billion dollars. In other words we are smoking up and chewing up more money in our tobacco bill alone than the combined cost of all religious activities, education advancement, and the production of the heat and power for the entire nation.

Excerpt from Slime Pits
**ECHOES OF THE PAST**

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**America, All Nations Become Science Minded**

By Sandy Vouga

We are now existing in a complex, highly advanced world. Never before in history have such great achievements been made over so short a time. History is being recorded now telling the story of atomic energy, radar, nuclear science, and other achievements to numerable to account for. With these achievements we find such names as those of professors and doctors of our leading universities, and men in research laboratories throughout the country. Some of these men are unknown to us, just another Smith or Jones. Perhaps one of our names will go down in this panoramic story just as the names of men have already been recorded, making them famous for their great achievements, and discoveries.

These great men, though some unknown to us in name, have given their lives for the advancement of science in our country. We know little of the hardships and failures these men have undergone to obtain their final goal; success. In most cases, this success came through a long process of trials. It is fortunate in America one is allowed to learn and work through mistakes and failures without the fear of excommunication or penalty. If on a first mistake, one is condemned or punished, how could our scientific knowledge stand where it does today?

America is not alone in great scientific achievements. However, we have accomplishments in highly technical and specialized fields that have left some countries far behind. In turn, we are constantly working with some of these and other countries in fields of research to advance both our and their knowledge in the race for human survival.

It would be a fortunate thing if all countries could unite their scientific knowledge and work together towards a better world. As expressed in President Eisenhower's recent State of the Union Message. A program of science for peace might provide a means of funneling onto one place the results of research from scientist everywhere and from there making it available to all parts of the world.

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**PERFECTION**

A majority of boys like girls who:
- Do not swear.
- Do not tell dirty jokes.
- Do not treat their dates indifferently.
- Are “pleasingly plump.”
- Are not “Gold Diggers.”
- Who like athletics.
- Do not smoke.

Are not boisterous.
- Are “truly feminine.”
- Show their date that they appreciate entertainment.
- On the other hand in the opinion of girls, the “perfect specimen” should:
- Not drink.
- Never honk his horn for his date.
- Never tell his girl friend whom she can date.
- Not be boastful, bashful, sarcastic, boisterous, or jealous.
- Be courteous at all times.
- Never talk about girls to his date.
- Never be late for dates.
- Refrain from “cave-man” tactics.
- Always tell the truth.

-October 21, 1938 Threefold Advocate