

We were disappointed that some fine students that we thought would come to Faith went to Fuller, but we had that experience through the years. In those days-- no I guess the draft was vital then. Before that it used to be that we would have students who would be signed up with us for a year ahead and then would decide at the last minute to go to some other seminary. Of course ~~we~~ we used to have it the same way the other way-- others would decide to come to us the last week or two before school started.

But after the draft came then students had to make up their minds further ahead. That affected that situation. We always got a good contingent up to '56 from Wheaton, but during those years we ~~would~~ would have gotten more if it was not for the way that Fuller during these years attracted the students.

As you think through those years it hard to think of the things that are of particular interest. Are a lot of them. Dr. Stam came to us in '48. I mentioned that. He came and they ~~gave~~ gave him an LL.D. before he left. He was a great help intaking over a part of the amistration as dean and registrar. He was a very real help. He'd been a great help to me before at Wheaton, and probably we didn't have quite as easy a time in attracting students from Wheaton when he was no longer there to work with us. He was a real help.

He was there from '48 to '52. In the spring of '52 our student body was the larges it had ever been up to that time. WWe had had to take on new facilities for dorm and we had had to buy another building 3 blocks the opposite direct on from where the church was and move certain classes down to the church to have larger space for them. We were just too jamed. Finances fell behind.

We had a meeting and Dr. McIntire said, We'll have to cut our product according to the resources available. That was very discouraging. He said when he got hom he felt rebuked for that. That was a mistake and instread we should proceed to aise the money to bring things up to date and get them. We looked around for a property and he found -- this man who had a real estate business who was active in reaching Roman Catholics for Christ (Alex Dunlap) he found the place. S<sup>o</sup> we found the Weidner estate which had been empty for some time and we went up and looked at it.

It was a fine property, and we decided to get it. Then that gave him something to make a big appeal for. It was not to try to pay back expenses, but it was to try to get a great step forward. So we sold all our other properties and moved up there. The decision was made--I'm not sure school was out when the decision was made -- but in Wilmington we'd had this fine church which was solidly behind us. We had nothing like that here. We still had support from the Wilmington and Collingswood churches but we were not near any large church that gave us great help.