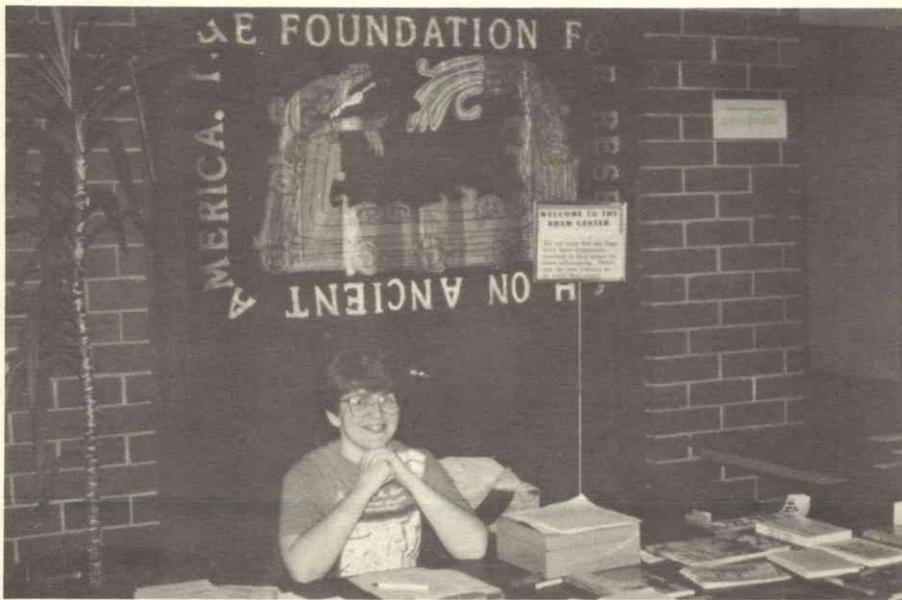

MIGHTY SUMMONS

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Brenda Trimble (pictured) and her sister Linda Trimble coordinated registration for the weekend conference at Graceland.

Scenes and Thoughts from the Book of Mormon Seminar at Graceland College

"It was great!" "I loved it, but it was too short!" "Excellent!" "I enjoyed it very much." These were all comments by those who attended the Book of Mormon conference held at Graceland College on October 25-27.

Barbara Higdon, president of Graceland College, and John Sellars, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Graceland, initiated the weekend-long event. Officers and members of the Foundation worked with them to plan and jointly host the activities focusing on the Book of Mormon. The theme for the weekend—Adventure With The Book of Mormon—epitomizes the events that

took place.

A concert of popular Christian music performed by Graceland students and other groups opened the conference. Julie Gatrost organized, planned, and produced the concert.

Mormon and Moroni (Theo Boyd and Doug Smith) appeared Saturday morning to set the stage for the remaining activities. Presentations were given throughout the day, with some being held concurrently. A frequent criticism of the conference concerned the concurrent sessions. Participants suggested having only one at a time or repeat them so they

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Helaman's Two Thousand:

I am most grateful for the commitment and desire of members of Helaman's Two Thousand to help the Foundation be an active, alive organization promoting the message of Jesus Christ and the truth of the Book of Mormon. Your monthly and annual contributions have enabled FRAA to move out in so many ways. One of the most important—and a major step forward—was purchasing a home of our own. Many thanks to all of you for making it happen!

Over the last four years as chairman of the development committee for FRAA, I have had an intense interest in the development of this latter-day army of contributors. The maintenance of the program, however, and continued efforts to raise funds require a great deal of time. Since I also function as editor of *The Witness* and *MIGHTY SUMMONS* and director of the library, little time remains for raising funds.

We need a director of the development committee; hopefully, someone with experience in fund-raising with nonprofit organizations. If you can help FRAA in this way, or if you know someone who might consider it, please call Michael Gatrost at 756-3737 or Sherrie Smith at 461-FRAA.

I personally want to thank all of you for the fantastic support given these past three years. May God bless you as you continue to serve.



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could attend all the sessions. These comments are appreciated and will be considered when planning any future seminars.

Dale Godfrey, vice president of FRAA, with help from Rae Simmons and Venna Johnson, coordinated and conducted a Book of Mormon jeopardy game for Graceland students. Faunce House won the contest prize.

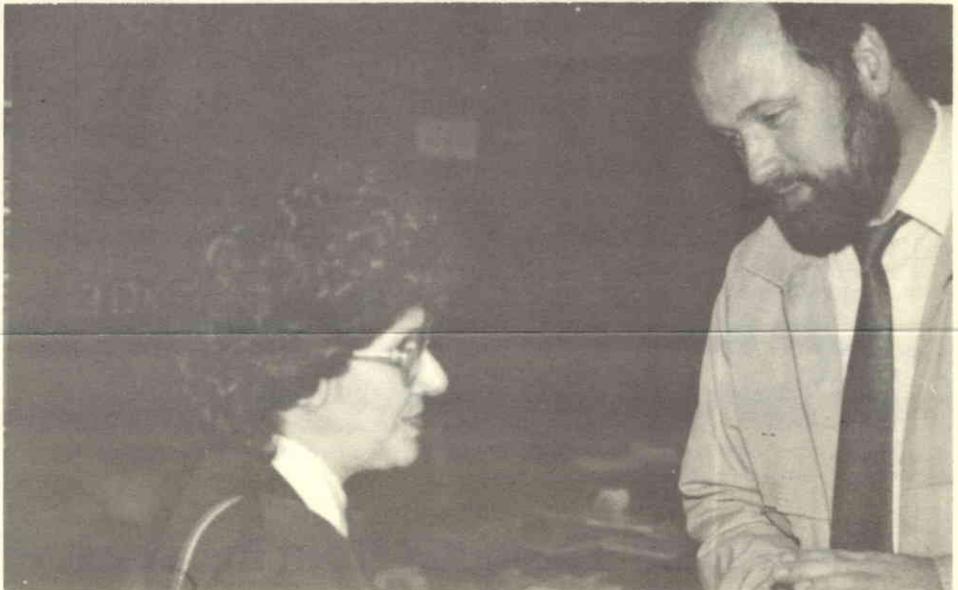
The Foundation gave each student participant and performer a complimentary copy of the Book of Mormon. The Foundation also donated several copies of the Book of Mormon to Gaylord Shaw's Book of Mormon class.

Saturday evening, Graceland students again shared songs of inspiration, and Theo Boyd portrayed former Apostle Arthur Oakman.

Visitors joined the regular Sunday morning campus Book of Mormon class taught by Gaylord Shaw.

Following that, a testimony service for students and visitors began with Barbara Higdon, Michael Gatrost, and Julie Gatrost giving lead testimonies.

Read more about the day in the next issue of *The Witness*.



Audio Tapes from the Graceland Book of Mormon Weekend Conference

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- Tape#1 - Ministry Among the Navajo - Vernes Collins
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- Tape#3 - Mesoamerican Archaeology - Lyle Smith
Hebrew Literary Structure Found in the Book of Mormon - Angela Crowell
- Tape#4 - The Jesus Tradition in 3 Nephi - Gregory Prymak
Biotechnology: Friend or Foe? - Larry Oiler
- Tape#5 - Axioms for Life in the Book of Mormon - Ron Smith
The Question of Quetzalcoatl - Mary Jo Jackel

Note: Due to mechanical difficulties, the presentations by Gaylord Shaw and Aaron Smith were not recorded, and therefore are unavailable.

Many of the presenters enhanced their talks with visuals. Without these, the lectures may be difficult to understand.

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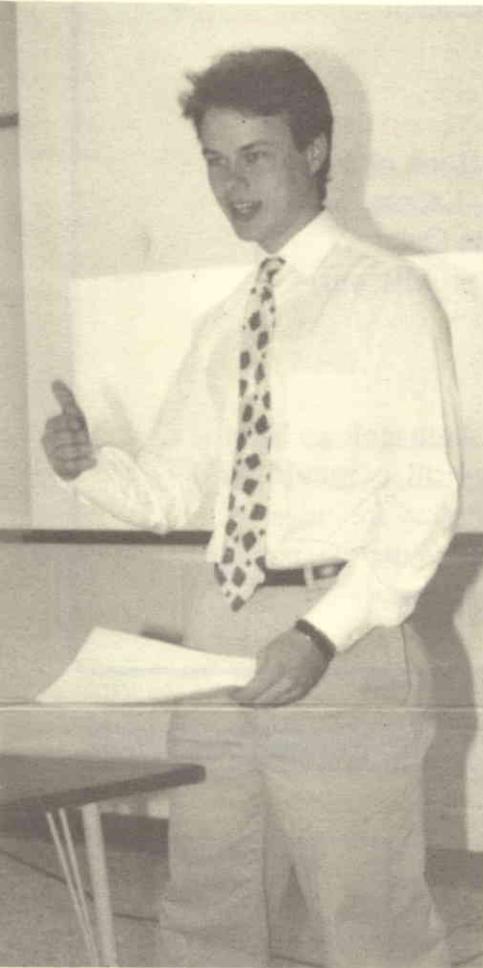
Enlisted in Helaman's Two Thousand

Total Income from Helaman's Two Thousand
(January-November includes building)

Only through the faithful commitment of the Two Thousand is the Foundation able to continue its work for the Book of Mormon. With the addition of the new members, the income has increased, but the expenses incurred causing other projects to be postponed.

Those of us at the Foundation want to share with the world the blessings found through the Book of Mormon. Let's make this happen! Thank you for believing!

concurrent sessions were held, allowing a choice for the attendees. Angela Crowell and Ron Smith, two of the presenters, compare notes before hand, and Aaron emphasizes a point in his presentation on "What is the Book of Mormon?" Several visitors not acquainted with the Book of Mormon attended his presentation.



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Archaeology News

Late December saw six members of the Foundation make a trip to Mexico for the specific purpose of photographing certain recently discovered stelae and other well-known ruins. Video as well as 35mm pictures were taken.

For several years, it has been a goal of the archaeology committee to produce videotapes with dialog to help explain the correlation between the ruins in Mesoamerica with the Book of Mormon. Topics may cover Book of Mormon chronology versus Mesoamerican chronology; features of Book of Mormon literature versus Mesoamerican literature; and a comparison of the internal structure of Maya and Egyptian writing systems. The tapes will include good views of the ruins.

It is hoped that the videotapes will reach a wide audience of those interested in the Book of Mormon yet unable to travel to the sites themselves. Once edited and prepared (perhaps by early spring) the videotapes will be for sale. Contact Jim and Penny Dunning, book steward coordinators for FRAA, at

210 W. White Oak, Independence, Missouri 64050.

The trip is being funded by special contributions, but we also welcome your additional support. Most of all, though, we request your prayers that the Lord will bless the completion of the project. We pray it will not only be completed quickly and expeditiously, but that the results will bring a witness and testimony of Jesus Christ and the Book of Mormon to those who view them. LLS

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A recent (November 20, 1991) newsletter from the Institute of Maya Studies, an affiliate of the Museum of Science in Miami, reports that work is being done to compile a new archaeological atlas of Mexico. At present the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) in Mexico administers only 155 archaeological zones open to the public of the 13,562 zones registered in 1988. It is also claimed that 4 to 6 million zones exist in all Mexico.

What an amazing amount of ruins! Surely "the people were as numerous almost, as it were the sand of the sea" (Mormon 1:7).



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*God is marshaling his army
For the rescue of his truth;
He is calling now to battle
Both the aged and the youth.
You can hear his mighty summons
In the thunder of his word;
Let us then be valiant soldiers
In the army of the Lord!*

The Hymnal #321

Coming Up

January 19

FRAA Annual Meeting
2:30 P.M. at the Waldo Avenue
Restoration Branch

February 3, 10,
17, 24
March 2, 9

Monday Night Book of Mormon
Archaeology Lecture Series
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January 3, 1993

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