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[Part 1 - Perry Havens – Summary]

In a monologue, possibly prepared as a script for a slide show, Perry Havens, an early staff member of Trinity Junior College [TJC] recounts the first few years of the college's growth and development.

Chosen by a group of Evangelical visionaries, the Seal-Kap farm became the campus of the first junior college in the province of British Columbia. The owners of the farm, who had just turned down an offer of two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, not only reduced their asking price to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, but each one donated another five thousand dollars to help get the college started. A kick-off banquet brought supporters from across North America in unexpected numbers, including representation from the municipality, the province, and UBC. The Mannix Construction Company donated labour and equipment to procure resources for new campus' required buildings, while other donations of money came from women's groups in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenstad cooked for the original student body of seventeen in the converted Seal Kap Ranch House, which also included the Business Department. The old dairy barn became the 'barnasium,' where the basketball team practiced. The parents of one of TJC's first students donated the funds to build the library building and purchase many of its books. Rising enrolment numbers, though, required the construction of the Arts and Sciences Building, which was ready for use in the fall of 1964. The rising enrolment also helped TJC to become the first junior college in Canada to be granted mortgage money through the Federal University Housing Act, allowing the school to erect new dormitories. The old kitchen facilities were developed as well, moving to the new dormitory building.

**Perry Havens:** Those of you here tonight who have been in the Langley district for a long time, know more about the Seal-Kap Farm than those of us who have come more recently. It is our understanding, however, that its fame went throughout the area as a dairy, and particularly as a place from whence came the special type of Seal Kap, which helped to retain the freshness of the high quality of milk which came from its prize herd of cows. And we know, not from hearsay, but by firsthand knowledge, that it must have been a place where friends shared the hospitality of the owners in the comfort of their big ranch home, in relaxing hours in the cool waters of their swimming pool, and in the savouring of the delicious steaks that were broiled over the dancing flames of their huge out-of-door barbeque.

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In a recent highly commendable issue of the Langley Advance, which set forth in word and picture the changes that have taken place in this area over the many years, it was said that history was made when the Seal-Kap farm became the campus of the first junior college in the province of British Columbia. The idea of this college was not the projection of the thinking of someone in some far off place, but was conceived in the

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hearts and minds of Christian people in the lower mainland of British Columbia. That it should have been people who were members of the Evangelical Free Church was only a providential coincidence. When God wants to get something done, He is glad to get the ear of anyone who is willing to hear. These men of faith and vision took the proposition and sold it to the National Conference of their church

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and as a result were given authorization to look for a suitable campus site.

One of the men on that committee, who was convinced that the Seal-Kap farm was the place, actually worked on the farm in his younger days. But by now the owner had died and the farm was in the hands of two businessmen who were holding onto it until the right party with the right kind of money and a worthy purpose should come along. The committee had been authorized to offer one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, but the two men had just previously turned down an offer of two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. It was a kind of ridiculous situation to say the least, but when the holders heard what the property was wanted for, and after giving it serious thought for quite some time, relented and accepted the offer.

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Not only did they come down seventy-five thousand dollars on the price, but each one gave another five thousand dollars to help get the college started. With the deal made for the campus, the committee arranged a banquet to kick off the project. The response was far greater than they expected, and over five hundred people attended, not only from the Lower Mainland of BC, but from several of the northwestern states and the province of Alberta. At the head table, the municipality, the province, and the University of British Columbia were represented. So, Trinity Junior College was on its way with a campus, and a lot of interest, but with only the original farm buildings.

Encouragement to break ground for buildings came from other sources. The operators of a couple of building moving firms in New Westminster had eyes to see and ears to hear.

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They saw a call for bids to dismantle some construction camp buildings and move them out of the mountains near Squamish from the Mannix Co, uh--Company. God told them He wanted some of those materials for Trinity Junior College and they obeyed. The upshot of the, of the matter was that the College got about twenty-five thousand dollars' worth of those materials as practically a gift, as the two building movers put their heavy equipment to the task, and dedicated pastors and laymen donated labour for several days. With those materials, dormitories were built and the campus was taking on a very nice appearance.

But more than dormitories were needed, and to provide a chapel, a library and some classroom space, women throughout North America put in their babysitting money, etcetera, etcetera,

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and at the national conference at Winona Lake, Indiana in June 1962, presented President Hanson a cheque for some eighteen thousand dollars to encourage the construction of the

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chapel library, a picture which has appeared in publications no doubt hundreds of times to symbolize the courage of pioneers who decided to undertake the impossible.

The Seal-Kap Ranch House has given valiant service in the beginning days of TJC, housing the business offices, the offices of the president and the dean, and even the kitchen and the dining room. Suffice it at the moment to give you a glimpse of Mr. and Mrs. Jenstad, who, by the way, reside on Queen Street here in Fort Langley, doing their best in the cramped quarters of the little kitchen. The serving counter, where students drooled

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over their delicious servings. And the living room, converted into a dining room. And the master bedroom meeting the needs of the business office, which, of course, now has been moved into the dining room since this year’s new building provides ample space for the feeding of the students.

The big dairy barn has also served nobly, as what the students fondly call the ‘barnasium,’ where the TJC Spartans get their basketball practice to go out throughout the lower mainland and even beyond and across the border to chalk up their victories. The original student body numbered seventeen, and for them the buildings you have seen sufficed. But with a growth in enrolment – forty-nine the next year, and then a hundred or so the next year,

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and on to an enrolment of two hundred and seventeen at the present – more buildings had to be provided. The honourable Leslie Peterson, BC’s Minister of Education, took part in turning the sod and was the guest speaker at the groundbreaking for the Arts and Science Building, the construction of which took place in the summer of 1964 and which was ready for use in the late fall of that year. This building provides classroom space sufficient for three hundred students, three science laboratories, a snack bar, and offices for the faculty. Four sciences are taught at Trinity Junior College: chemistry, physics, geology, and zoology, plus strong courses in mathematics. This building is valued at a hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars, but because of contributions of labour,

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equipment and materials from folks who had ears to hear, the total cash cost was reduced to around seventy-five thousand dollars.

Then came the new library, for, of course, the original little one has long been outgrown. The daughter of a family in the state of Illinois was a member of that little original student body of seventeen. Her brother John has just come this year, and the parents are deeply involved at Trinity Junior College, to the extent of giving us this library outright and to the putting of many of the books on its shelves. They too had ears to hear and obeyed. Need we say how much it would cost to provide this building, and do you know what it costs to buy books in these days?

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The experience of Trinity Junior College has been one of continuous pain - the pain of growing. In the 1966-67 school year, we were not able to house all the students who wanted to live on campus, and so, we had to improvise housing for them off campus. Consequently, the college administration found it necessary to do something about more

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dormitory space. Here again, Trinity Junior College has made history. TJC is the first junior college in Canada to be granted mortgage money through the Federal University Housing Act with a result that this beautiful building graces the skyline of the campus and is filled to capacity this year with some one hundred and thirty-four students. Plus this, three of the four original dormitories units are also filled.

Guess what.

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The administration is again faced with a perplexing problem; what to do with a further increase in enrolment that is expected next year.

This new building has one large central lounge and recreational area, plus seven smaller ones, and suites for the dean of men and the dean of women. Only one corner of the lobby can be contained in a single picture, and we did manage to get in the serving line and a little bit more in the new dining hall.

Remember the little dining area in the ranch house, and the cramped quarters in which the Jenstads had to work in the old farm home? You can imagine how happy they are with their new kitchen. And down that hall, beyond Mr. Jenstad, are two walk-in coolers and one walk-in freezer. As we contemplate what has taken place

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on the campus of Trinity Junior College, we can only exclaim in the words of Marconi, when the first wireless message was received: “What hath God wrought?”

We bring this narration to a close with a hearty invitation to each of you to visit the campus of Trinity Junior College and see more than we could possibly show you or tell you in these few minutes.

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Part 2 - Perry Havens/Calvin Hanson Transcript of slide show presentation  
ca. 1965, Summary

The story of Trinity Junior College’s growth and development as the first Christian liberal arts college and the first junior college to be located in British Columbia speaks of God’s faithfulness. The campus of the college is in an area of the country suited for student and tourist alike. Upon crossing the Canada-US border at the beautiful Peace Arch crossing, American students will see the natural wonders of the Pacific ocean and the idyllic Coastal Mountains. Other natural wonders close to TJC campus include Capilano Canyon and its suspension bridge, Grouse Mountain and Mount Baker.

The Evangelical Free Church of America undertook successive steps to purchase a site for the campus’ site. Following an impressive attendance at their kick-off banquet, a selection committee selected Reverend Calvin Hanson as the first president of Trinity Junior College.

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The Mannix Construction Company donated half of the prefabricated materials of an old construction site in Sumas. Volunteers and donors provided the labour and materials for the construction of the new campus. Many of the farm’s old building became college facilities, like the ranch house (administration building), barn (gymnasium), and smaller buildings (classrooms). Two weeks before the school opened, the school hired Mr. and Mrs. Ingvald Jenstad as cooks.

Members of the National Women’s Missionary Society of the Evangelical Free Church donated \$18 000 toward the construction of the chapel library building in 1962, fulfilling the needs of the ever increasing enrolment; the student body grew from seventeen students in 1962/63, to forty-nine the next year, and one hundred and one the year after that. Construction of another new building, the Arts and Science building, began in the summer of 1964; it was ready for classes that fall. TJC’s faculty are of strong intellect and sound spirituality.

The school has a four-pronged missionary program. The school ministers to those students who don’t know Christ, it prepares students to be Christian leaders in thier respective careers, it equips some students to the mission field, and it brings in international students to prepare them to bring the gospel back to their home country.

**Perry Havens:** In the southwest corner of the beautiful evergreen province of British Columbia, approximately one hundred and twenty-five miles north of the city of Seattle, and only eight miles north of the US-Canadian international border, God chose a former dairy farm, which, by His guidance and enabling, was in four short years to be miraculously transformed into a college campus. The story of the founding and growth of Trinity Junior College, the first Christian liberal arts college and the first junior college to be located in British Columbia is the story of the faithfulness of God. More faithful than the re-occurring eruptions of Old Faithful itself, have been the miracles one after another that God has wrought at Trinity Junior College.

The student is fortunate to be able to pursue his higher education in a country which is truly God’s country, and is as attractive to the tourist as to the student.

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The welcome hand to Canada is extended at the beautiful International Peace Park, only twenty miles from Trinity Junior College, with its gleaming white Peace Arch, which declares the peoples of Canada and the United States to be of one common Mother.

To feast one’s eyes on natural beauty takes the slight effort of looking in any direction. On one side are the arms of the Pacific Ocean, which reach into the interior, forming beautiful bodies of salt water and providing sheltered harbours into which sail ocean liners from the Orient. On the other three sides of the campus can be sited towering mountains skirted with the Douglas Fir and capped with snow almost the year ‘round.

Exciting adventures within easy quick reach of the student at Trinity Junior College and enough to keep the tourist busy as long as he can stay to accept Canada’s hospitality. A walk across the cable suspension bridge two hundred feet above the floor of Capilano Canyon is breathtaking to say the least.

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Or a ride up Grouse Mountain provides a thrilling panoramic view of the cities of Vancouver, Burnaby, and New Westminster, with their combined population of some three quarters of a million, and the beautiful Fraser Valley beyond, wherein is nestled the campus of Trinity Junior College and which is dominated by lofty and majestic Mount Baker.

The progressive and bustling city of Vancouver is near enough for frequent visits by TJC students and is unusually attractive to the tourist. Vancouver boasts the second largest Chinatown in North America, where many happy and interesting hours can be spent touring the curio shops and dining on delicious Chinese food in the truest and most authentic Oriental atmosphere.

Horseback riding is available to the student at reasonable fees at a riding stable only a mile or so from Trinity Junior College.

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Trinity Junior College shares in the natural beauty of the country in which it is located. These scenes of incomparable natural loveliness are for the enjoyment of the student of Trinity Junior College as he saunters or hustles from class to class.

In these days of man's boasting of his achievements in science and his building of great cities and industrial empires, God is laying bare His arm of power in the salvation of souls, and God's people are catching the vision of Christian education.

The Evangelical Free Church of America was challenged with the possibilities of founding a college in the great Pacific Northwest, by men of faith and action in that area. The annual conferences of 1959, 1960 and '61 took successive steps to authorize the looking for the purchasing of a suitable site for a campus. Encouraged by these favourable conference actions, those men of faith arranged for a kick-off banquet in December 1960.

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They had faith the size of the mustard seed and made arrangements for an attendance of a possible one hundred. But God did the exceeding abundantly above all they could ask or think and five hundred people came from all over the Pacific Northwest to pack the gymnasium of the Langley high school.

When God wants to get a work done He looks for a man. In a miraculous way, the school planning committee and Reverend Calvin Hanson, former missionary to Japan, were brought together. The committee proposed and Hanson accepted the presidency of Trinity Junior College. God has used President Hanson in an unusual way to lead the committee and faculty of the college through its critical pioneer days.

Among the already existing substantial buildings on the former dairy farm, was a large ranch house which has proved to be especially adaptable as an administration building.

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There was also the huge barn, and smaller houses that have since been useful. In anticipation of the construction of dormitories and classroom and library facilities, in October, 1961, those men of faith and vision held a ground-breaking with scarcely any material means in sight to go farther than the ceremony itself. But they took the step and left the miracle for God to work. The Mannix Construction Company operating

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throughout western Canada had a construction camp in the mountains, about fifty miles from the college site. They called for bids for the dismantling and removal of those buildings. When our friend, Pete Friesen, a building mover, saw these calls for bids, he and another Christian building mover accepted the challenge as an opportunity for God and Trinity Junior College and they approached the officials of the Mannix Construction with their bold proposal.

There had been previous circumstances which God had used to move the hearts of the officials of Mannix construction

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to agree to the amazing deal that if these building movers would dismantle the buildings and bring them out of the mountains, Trinity Junior College could have half the prefab materials. Then devoted pastors and laymen responded with their hands in a labour of love and TJC received a gift of about twenty-five thousand dollars worth of materials at the ridiculously low cost of one hundred and thirty-seven dollars, just the cost of providing meals and lunches for those pastors and laymen.

With those materials, and more dollars coming in from Christian friends near and far, dormitories began to break the skyline of the campus. And more dollars and voluntary labour got the landscaping done, and the campus of Trinity Junior College, as you can see, is becoming a lovely place for young people to spend their college days.

Now we go back to the ranch house and see how it has been transformed into an administration building.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ingvald Jenstad are stirring up something to delight the taste buds of TJC students. We were within two weeks of school opening in 1962 without a cook in sight, but God sent the Jenstads to us just in the nick of time and they have remained with us ever since. The students just love this couple for the wonderful people that they are and for the excellent meals that they produce. With twenty-five years of experience behind them, they are not only the best of cooks but know how to buy groceries, etc, to keep the kitchen costs down.

Mr. John Habistad of Vaschon Washington, has given some two thousand dollars worth of carpentry work to Trinity Junior College as illustrated in the building of the serving counter, which is being tried out by some of those original seventeen students.

About one third of our students thus far are coming from the United States side of the line, and an American Thanksgiving dinner is in progress in the dining room, which was formerly the dairyman's living room.

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A limited amount of employment is provided for students on the campus. Sharon Van Soest is at the typewriter working off some of her college expenses. Sharon was one of our first graduates, and this past spring graduated from Seattle Pacific College in education. Our students, without exception, have transferred to other colleges and universities without loss of credit. Sharon evidently liked Trinity Junior College so well she recommended it to her younger sister, Eileen, who attended the college last year and is with us on this tour.

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The dairyman had his own private swimming pool. Some use of it has already been made, and no doubt it will be increasingly useful as we are able to provide the necessary equipment to heat and filter it.

We think TJC has the distinction of coining a new word. That new word is ‘barnasium,’

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which simply means a gymnasium in a barn loft, and here it is. Our basketball team was able to make the finals this past year in their league and came only a bit short of the championship itself. We expect great things in this area for the college in the future as we are able to improve our athletic facilities. In the meantime, this is one of the ways TJC is making the dollars of donors stretch.

It was the members of the National Women’s Missionary Society of the Evangelical Free Church who were used of God to give TJC the boost it needed to provide the chapel library building. This building was their 1962/63 project toward which they contributed \$18 000 – God bless them. This building provided chapel, library and classroom facilities for the first two or three years of our existence.

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Trinity Junior College has had the gratify growth-- had a gratifying growth in the enrolment in students in its three year experience. It was a small body of seventeen in 1962/63. These are not actually those students, just the same number to show you how small the student body was that first year. That number was nearly tripled with an enrolment of forty-nine in 1963/64. There was again another big percentage increase when the 1964/65 enrolment, numbering one hundred and one, more than doubled that of the previous year.

In transforming a farm into a college campus more than buildings are needed. It was necessary to install our own sewage disposal plant, and it will probably surprise you to learn that this system, capable of caring for several hundred population, was put in for the very low figure of ten thousand dollars. This was one more instance of how dollars are stretched at Trinity Junior College.

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The idea of the Arts and Science building was conceived in the fall and winter of 1963/64 and its construction went forward in the summer of 1964. And to the amazement of everyone, construction progress kept on schedule through that summer and the building was ready for use for the 1964/65 school year. The Minister of Education of the Province of British Columbia was the guest speaker at its ground-breaking, and Dr. Arnold T. Olsen, president of the Evangelical Free Church of America, spoke at its dedication. In his dedication address, Dr. Olson pointed out that the members of the Evangelical Free Church of America are giving to Christian education only two cents out of each dollar in their total giving to the Church. Then he significantly asks if we thought we could be proud of the fact that we are giving so little for the education of our youth, that we have put this area of our church responsibility on such a low rung of the ladder of our Christian stewardship.

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Trinity Junior College has nine full-time male instructors besides two part-time instructors. Two have their doctorates and others are working in that direction to provide the college with an increasingly strong faculty. Beyond this, and even more important, is the fact that these are Bible-believing, Bible-loving teachers who are able to counsel the student in the things of the Lord. The willingness of these teachers to serve sacrificially, with salaries much less than they could get elsewhere, is a challenge to the students and to God’s people everywhere to a sacrificial commitment to the Lord and to His work.

I know that you will be pleased to hear from President Calvin Hanson, and it is my pleasure to present him to you in the setting forth of the objectives of Trinity Junior College.

President Hanson.

**President Hanson:** I think that we have a missionary program here that is evident in four dimensions.

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First of all, we have on campus quite a number of young people with no real commitment to Jesus Christ. We have young people here this year from almost every conceivable denominational background, and some with absolutely no church connection. We’d like to challenge you to pray with us that before the year ends these shall come to know Jesus Christ in a vital way.

And then because our curriculum here is oriented to the colleges and universities, we would like to challenge our young people to put their roots down deep into the Word of God as they’re getting started in their academic career, so that when they go on to finish their work at the universities, they’ll be able to do so as a real witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and make the gospel meaningful on the university campuses

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and then out into the businesses and the professions with a total dedication to Jesus Christ.

And then thirdly, we certainly hope that God will through dedicated faculty and staff challenge some of the young people who have come to us to full time missionary service. More and more mission boards are demanding something in the way of college preparation as well as bible preparation, and we trust that some of our young people will go from us to minister overseas in the missionary program.

And then we have a unique fourth dimension here this year with a young lad who has come to us all the way from Hong Kong as our first truly international student. He’s already been active in God’s work in that land and, following his further training here, he’ll be returning to the ministry in Hong Kong.

And so we challenge you to consider this project in Christian higher education

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as a part of the missionary outreach of the church.

**Perry Havens:** The Lord Jesus Christ has told his church to pray the Lord of the Harvest that he will thrust forth labourers into the harvest fields. As President Hanson has already said, missions is emphasised at Trinity Junior College. Missionaries like Miss Verla

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Peterson of Venezuela speak often in the chapel to keep the great commission before the students as they seek guidance for their future.

And miracles have not ceased at Trinity Junior College. Once again this summer, God has made it possible to make necessary and important expansion and improvement in our academic facilities. Our Free Church family is providing the full cost of this beautiful library, which will accommodate the library needs of two hundred students in its first phase.

But, please, do not be misled by this. Trinity Junior College is not without need of your financial help.

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We serve a great God, a God who works miracles even today, and as you share with us in sacrificial stewardship, we know that you will also share in — [tape cuts out]

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