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November Seminars See Results

Laymen and past partners of Oral Roberts University pledged contributions for 75 rooms and eight houses in the future men’s high rise dorms during the two seminars held last month.

As a result of these donations, ground breaking ceremonies were held to mark the beginning of construction for the new dormitory. November 28, at 2:00 p.m. at the close of the World Outreach Conference, President Oral Roberts, surrounded by the student senate and partners attending the seminar, broke ground for the dorms.

The new dormitory will have 300 rooms and house 600 men. The rooms are $2500 each and the houses are $16,000 each. The two million dollar dormitory is scheduled to be completed in September 1967.

In an interview with Mrs. Roberts she told the purpose of the

Campaign Set For Nation

President Roberts formally announced a nationwide campaign to raise funds of $15,340,000 for Oral Roberts University. The conference held November 6 at 11:00 a.m. at the Timno-Barton Auditorium.

In his address President Roberts asked the people of Tulsa “to catch a part of the vision.” He asked Tulsa to give $3,340,000—10% of the total investment. “For every nine dollars we ask Tulsa to give only one of it.”

The chart for the proposed campaign: $1,000,000, Nation; $3,700,000, Oklahoma; $3,340,006, Tulsa; for a total of $15,340,000.

President Roberts stated the four needs of the school: new buildings, endowment, funds, and scholarships. He then gave a breakdown of how the money would be spent: $10,293,000, building; $2,050,000, support for budget; $5,000,000, endowment; for a total of $15,345,000.

Music, Drama Departments Present Opera, “Amahl and The Night Visitors”

By Joyce Klapstein

Oral Roberts University is very privileged to have on its campus many foreign students this year. Especially during the Christmas season when everyone feels a bit nostalgic, sentimental, and a trifle homesick, one’s mind wonders just how these students feel at this time.

Thomas Jacob, a seminarian from India, is fast becoming quite Americanized, for this will be his third Christmas in the United States. “Turkey and dressing is fine,” says Thomas, “but in India we always have meat, curry, and rice.” Both Hindus and Christians alike celebrate Christmas; the Hindus because they think Christ was a great and honorable teacher, and the Christians because they believe that He is the Son of God. An Indian custom that would prove popular in America—a whole week of exchanging gifts, from Christmas Day until New Year’s. Not only are the homes decorated beautifully—so are the women. Gala and expensive sari adorned with large amounts of one’s finest jewels are appropriate for the ladies.

The Union of South Africa has a fine representative in John Meyers, a dedicated and sincere Christian. John is enjoying his first American Christmas, for he has only been in the States for ten months. Already he has noticed the similarities, for he says, “The decorations are the same, the holiday spirit is the same, and unfortunately, Christ is left out of your Christmas, too.” Eyes twinkling, John tells of the worker’s children who used to come to their farm on Christmas Day and ask for “Chress-man, Bass” meaning “Candy, Booze.” Dressed in their finest, they would raise their shiny faces and sing a sweet and unsolicited melody for the “bass” and his family.

Lovely Darlene Usher from Trinidad, West Indies, will be celebrating an American Christmas for the first time in years. The daughter of missionaries to this tropical island, Darlene has come to appreciate the Trinidadian celebration so much that she is almost biased! Each Christmas Day starts with a church cantata at 6:00 a.m., followed by a broad breaking feast. At this time everyone is given a piece of bread to break in small pieces to share with his friends in the church, sealed with a kiss. After the service, a turkey breakfast is partaken of, and the rest of the day is spent opening gifts, visiting friends, and taking gifts to the poor families.

To Kayoko Uozumi, a native of Japan, this year is her first “real” Christmas. Last January, Kayo came to know Jesus Christ as her own personal savior and now for her the Christmas season is taking on a new meaning. Previously, all she had known were the decorations, the tree, and the cards sent out just for fun at parties. Now she is enjoying every minute of sharing with her many spiritual brothers and sisters in a joyous and meaningful event. Kayo’s special message to the students is, “We must also remember to give thanks to Jesus.”

AМАI.NOT HS ФT НIgh VISITORS—The Music and Drama departments of ORU rehearsing for the opera, “Amahl and the Night Visitors,” which was presented last Sunday and Monday evenings.
Whom the Bell Tolls?

This Christmas season is a time of giving, of receiving. A time when young and old alike feel the excitement and warmth of the Christmas holidays.

God has blessed America with many priceless gifts and yet we will never realize their value until we, as Americans, renew our sacred pledge to pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support the survival and success of freedom and liberty. We need to remember that even as we have been blessed, we in turn are to bless others.

There is a question that runs through my mind, evident only in the sealed crevasses of the heart; a heart that has hid the secret desire of a free race since the Creation. . . . "What is this life, that we worry not for whom the bell tolls, for our selfish desires have made it toll for tomorrow".

"Civilization," relates H. G. Wells, "is a race between education and catastrophe." And we, the American people, who determine the winner of that race have become lax and unprepossessing of this great and noble responsibility. In the Bible we read, "Who will prepare for the battle if the trumpet sounds an uncertain note?" Now is a time when we Americans, long divided by frauds and prejudices, should be joined together, seeking our way forward, seeking to find freedom in diversity and unity -- produced by the American ideal in his Inaugural address . . . "With a good faith I believe the late John F. Kennedy answered the question when he spoke of the American ideal in his Inaugural address . . . "With a good conscience our only reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own."

Guest Editorial

The Purpose of Christmas

By Dr. J. D. Measick, Executive Vice-President

We are approaching the Yuletide Season, and it is a time of great happiness to the hearts of the people of America, as it is to any other season. It is a time of remembering and remembering a change of presents, of listening to wonderful hymns and sermons relating to the Babe of Bethlehem, and re-emphasizing one’s relationship with God. As I write this I am listening to the carol while it plays on my mind and I am reminded of the Biblical message. This message really extends much beyond that. It is also a call to the unsatisfied that they may be united with the Master love and in with their fellow man in Christ.

The coming of Christ ushered in the world a new era with far reaching beams of light that brighten the way for all people to come to Him who is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. The Church is a way of unsufficiency, sacrifice, and self denial, but it is compensated with fellowship, joy, and the warmest message you and I can give to others; all with the realization that this is Christ’s way. We must remember that our chief purpose in life is to extend Christian principles and precepts to help make it possible for others to feel and rejoice that “the reign of the god is come” and that He is, and was caught up into heaven that He might send His Holy Comforter to us in order that our lives might abound in multiplying His love.

I wish every one of you a blessed Christmas and suggest that you search your hearts in extending your efforts to lighten the burdens of your parents and others while you are at home by helping in every way possible to bring joy and happiness wherever you are. "Glory to God on high and peace, good will, to all men."

What Does Christmas Mean to You?

Charlotte Howell: I like Christmas because it’s the celebration of Christ’s birth and because of the happy and loving spirit of Christmas.

Jacee Bass: Christmas cards are my favorite part of Christmas.

Eloise Zachm: Being with Sammy and sharing Christmas with him.

Carolyn Shipley: The think I like most about Christmas is that it is the only time when we’re especially aware of giving love as well as receiving it.

Carl Hardaway: I’ll be glad to go home to be with my kids and friends.

Ruth King: A family decorating a Christmas tree together and singing carols as they do so.

Amiee Coles: Being with my girl friends.

Louis Martinez: Homeland! Karen Bach: Going home for Christmas vacation and once I get there, the smell of the Christmas tree.

Lois Harris: Going home to be with my family and the Christmas plays at church.

Sue Mutton: The attitude that people have at Christmas.

Dulce Usbiel: The joy of giving to others.

Kathy Strout: Because finally for one day of the year the whole world thinks of Christ.

Dewey Echole: Because it means for two weeks I can catch up on the work I didn’t do all semester and find out how much I don’t know.

Hope Sutherland: I like Jesus.

Dennis Corrigan: The music. The Christmas season has given us some really fine music to appreciate.

Lorna Moore: The naturalness of the Christmas tree in the home. If the tree becomes Overburdened and Iritic, and the tree brings Christmas into the home in a natural way.

George Moore: I like eighteen things--the 15th of December, the 17th of December, the 25th of December, the 26th of December, Pauline McClure: The simplicity of the sweet baby Jesus.

Star Akins: The warmth and cheer of togetherness that we always experience at Christmas.

Carl Lawson: I like to watch little kids asking Santa Claus for Christmas presents. Some give a whole long list and others ask if he’s real or not.

John Griffith: The spirit of giving and getting and especially the bowl games.

Cory Nickerson: The thing I like most about Christmas is when all the crazy choir concerts will be over.

Tony McConnell: Holidays, man.

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Rev. Patterson Shares Faith

A prominent leader in the charismatic renewal of today, Rev. Dr. Gary McConnell, shared his personal ministry with ORU students December 5-7.

Until recently Father Patterson was the rector of St. Andrew’s Cathedral, Prince Rupert B.C., Canada, and dean of the Diocese of Castlegar. Patterson is known for his charismatic outlook and his effective use of the pentecostal experience. In the United States, Canada and Russia, having spoken to some of the largest congregations and conventions. In 1965 he made a special trip to Great Britain to minister in Anglican churches and to counsel with Bishops and leading clergymen.

While on campus Father Patterson spoke to classes and also shared his testimony in both Seminary and University chapel services. The Anglican’s emphasis to the students was the faithless life in Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In an interview by some of the students, Father Patterson related how he received the pentecostal experience under the ministry of a Franciscan monk, Norman Scovel. Rev. Scovel had been sent by his bishop to "stamp out the tongues movement" in the Church of Santa Barbara; however, he returned home actually received his pentecostal experience himself. The persistence of Scovel’s testimony to Father Patterson eventually got the secret of the power of God through the Holy Spirit. In the days of questioning and seeking, Father Patterson finally prayed, "Well, Lord, I’ll have it with tongues," and he received the joy of Pentecost.

Editorial Overview

Our grateful thanks to Dr. Richard L. Stoppa, Chairman Department of Speech, for his timeless article in the November "Oracle", for "adults only.

President’s Corner

Christ-Your Gift?

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

God gave the first Christmas gift—His Son—a gift to be shared with an entire world. But know that you were the only person ever to live, your loving God would have given all for you alone.

Christmas is the celebration of the first Gift... isn’t it?

Walters Shamrock

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Editorial: Christmas Season.
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Junior Varsity Edges Phillips During Exciting Final Seconds

Although trailing by seven points with only one minute and 30 seconds remaining the ORU Junior Varsity scrambled to edge Phillips Junior Varsity 89 to 88 on November 28.

A sparse but enthusiastic crowd welcomed the J.V.'s to their home court after they returned from a disappointing road trip on which they dropped 4 games. Several of these losses were by only a few points.

The Titans controlled the opening tipoff but after a slow four minutes were trailing 6 to 2. James Joyce was fouled as he made a driving layup. Joyce converted the free throw and the Phillips lead was cut to 11 to 10. Moments later Gaddy hit for two points to pull the Titans to a 13-13 draw.

For the remainder of the first half, the Titans kept a lead of about five to six points—always getting buckets when they needed them. However, Phillips quickly closed the Titan lead to one point just before the half ended. The count at half time was 35 to 34, Titans.

At the start of the second half, driving layups by Billups and Waggonblatt gave our boys a 43-38 edge. The lead was short lived. Phillips kept knocking at the door and with eight minutes remaining pulled to a 68-68 tie.

For most of the remainder of the game, Phillips led by a small margin. Their lead grew to seven points with a minute and a half left. Coach Duke countered with a desperate full court press. After much scrambling the Titans pulled within one point.

With 30 seconds showing on the clock, James Joyce was all alone going in for the winning layup—that's what the crowd thought. But instead of going for the cripple, James went up to stuff the ball through the net, and he bounced it off the back part of the rim. Luckily the Titans forced the ball out of bounds, and Joyce made amends by hitting a good reverse layup for the winning bucket.

Varsity Squad

The Titan varsity squad recently met and weathered some exceptionally tough competition. Outstanding among this season's contests were the Ouchita, Midwestern, and Evangel games.

OUCHITA BAPTIST

On November 22, Ouchita Baptist University came to the ORU campus. They were fresh from their victory over Oklahoma Baptist University, last year’s NAIA champions, and were in high spirits. But the Titans had a very sobering effect on the visitors. ORU grabbed a quick lead in the opening minutes of the clash but had to fight to stay within striking distance of Ouchita. Gary Gagnon kept them there with 11 points in the first half. Bobby Hodge burned in an additional 10 to help.

The second half, however, was a different story as the Titans outscored Ouchita 47-31. Mel Reed led the attack with 14 points. Bobby Wallis came up with some defensive maneuvers. He stole the ball twice, accounting for the tying basket and the 2 points that put the Titans ahead to stay with 13 minutes left in the game.

Gagnon was high for the Titans with 17. Bobby Hodge hit for 16 before he was fouled out with 9:21 to go. Mel Reed got his total of 14 in the second half. Paul Massey came off the bench to net 10.

Midwestern University

Six days later, the Titans faced the especially rugged Midwestern University in Coyote Field House. ORU fought all the way through regulation time and on into overtime. Gary Gagnon and Carl Hardaway led the first half attack with 16 and 8 respectively. Earl Beechum, 6'5" All-American, netted 16 for Midwestern while his teammate Jim Wall pumped in 11. At halftime, the teams were deadlock at 43-43.

Mel Reed and Bobby Hodge did all they could to pull it out in the second half. Big Mel and little Bobby combined for 31 counters, hitting 16 and 17 respectively. But Midwestern had three ball-players in double figures in the last twenty minute segment. Regulation time ended with a 77-77 tie. But Midwestern outscored the Titans 11-8 in the five minute overtime period to pull off an 88-85 victory in their season opener.

Evangel College

In the most recent clash, the Titans met and defeated rival Evangel College on Evangel's home court. ORU had a tough time of it in the first half as the team just could not hit. Arnie Coles' 8 points led the way for the Titans in the first and the blue found themselves down 50-27 at halftime. But the squad came to life in the second half.

The biggest second half output for Evangel was 7 points by Bobby Curtis. This was not enough however, and the Titans of ORU added a 69-52 victory to their treasury of conquests.

Mel Reed was the big gun for the Titans with 19 points. Arnie Coles added 16.

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Bobby Wallis (34) and Carl Hardaway fight for the ball in Tiger jump.