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## Valentine Delight...



REIGNING ROYALLY—Sweetheart Queen, Linda Hunter, poses for her official portrait at the Sweetheart Tree Banquet held in the ORU cafeteria.

# Linda Hunter Reigns Queen Of Valentine Sweethearts

The 1967 Valentine's Banquet proved to be a "night to remember" for Queen Linda Hunter. Reigning graciously with her lovely court, Linda was a sparkling and radiant sight to behold.

"It all seemed like a dream and I can't remember exactly what happened. All I kept thinking was what an honor it was just to be up there and I didn't expect to be crowned as Queen. When my name was announced I couldn't believe it." This statement sounds like Linda for modesty seems to be one of her many virtues. When she found out about her nomination she prayed that the Lord would have His will and that she could be a better witness because of it.

A native of Tulsa, Linda excell-

ed in her first love—music, during her junior high and high school years at Edison. She played in the marching band and orchestra, and was elected Band Queen in her senior year. The golden harp was "her" instrument along with the piano and percussion instruments.

To Linda, coming to ORU and being a music-piano major is really a "dream come true." One day in 1960 she and her mother were driving by the campus property and saw the sign that announced the opening of ORU in 1965. Her mother said, "Linda, that is the year you graduate from high school and I'd like for you to go to school there." However, harp and piano scholarships to Arkansas State and Tulsa University were offered and

thoughts of attending ORU faded out of the picture. It wasn't until three weeks before school was to start that Linda decided to turn down the other schools and enroll in Oral Roberts University, and she couldn't be happier about her decision. "The challenges and opportunities in the music department are unlimited and I feel so lucky to be a part of it. I know that the Lord certainly guided and led me to this school."

The driving force that has kept Linda through the many frustrations and joys of college life has been a day by day prayer life. Linda truly reflects in her own life that "prayer is the most important thing in life and the only way to get to know God better."

## 'Sweetheart Tree' Gala

A Valentine delight for all the students was the recent Sweetheart Banquet held Friday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Timko-Barton Hall. Entering to the strains of the beautiful "Sweetheart Tree," couples enjoyed the elaborate decorations, delicious food, and the aura

of excitement that always surrounds the crowning of a lovely young lady as Queen of the Evening. The gala affair was an evening not soon to be forgotten.

The five princesses nominated by an all-school vote, were Debbie Bjurstrom, Linda Hunter, Cheryl

Longstaff, Jacque Martin, and Janet Mims. The crowning of the Queen by Dr. J. D. Messick, Executive Vice President of ORU, was the highlight of the evening.

Much preparation and hard work went into making this banquet a success. A special "thank you" goes to Mrs. Pauline Lecky, Director of Social Activities, for her work with the many committees that planned and carried out the numerous banquet details.

In charge of the voting committee were Viva Blansit and Dexter King. The decoration committee chairman was Rick Croft, assisted by Noel Doherty, Nancy Geiger, Sam Hillis, and Dexter King. Ron Di Ciccio and Chris Thompson worked on Publicity, and Viva Blansit and Nancy Geiger on the Food Committee. In charge of Entertainment was Dave Neighbors and Cheryl Longstaff. Dave Jones and the Junior Class took care of the clean up.

## ORU Okayed For Oklahoma Accreditation

Tuesday, January 17, 1967, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, approved the request of ORU for accreditation.

Oral Roberts University is now fully accredited by the Oklahoma Board. In a letter from Mr. E. T. Dunlap, Chancellor of the Regents, the decision of the board is stated in full—according to Section 1103, Article XI of the Oklahoma Higher Education Code:

"The Educational Programs being offered by Oral Roberts University in the academic year 1966-67 are approved and accredited by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The institution is to be re-examined, late in the second semester of the academic year in which it will graduate its first class of students with a Bachelor's Degree, for possible accreditation as a four-year Bachelor's Degree granting institution."

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## VISTA Recruiters to Accept Volunteers

A momentous occasion is anticipated on February 20 when VISTA recruiters will be present on the Oral Roberts University campus. Kenneth MacKenzie, an assistant Field Director for VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America), has adopted a new accelerated policy for students who have already received their Bachelor's Degree or who expect to receive it this year. "Our recruiters will now invite qualified students to training programs while we are on campus," he revealed.

This year VISTA will recruit 4,500 volunteers to serve in one of three hundred different capacities from coast to coast and in

Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. These projects are not only multiple but they are varied. VISTA volunteers may serve in Job Corps centers, mental hospitals, migrant camps, Indian reservations, rural areas, and urban slums. It is the prerogative of the individual to state preference.

The opportunities which VISTA offers have provoked the interests of many students across the USA. It is significant that over 75 percent of VISTA volunteers are drawn from college campuses. Before entering the stipulated year of service, six weeks training are required. Volunteers will receive a monthly allowance to cover the

basic living expenses. At the end of the year, they receive in a lump sum a stipend of \$50.00 for each month served.

## 'Newsweek' Article to Feature ORU

In a forth-coming edition of *Newsweek* magazine, Oral Roberts University will be one of several colleges and universities featured in an article on higher education.

First knowledge of the magazine's intentions came in early January when Public Relations Director Ronald Smith was contacted by the *Newsweek* editorial offices. Mr. Smith was informed of the possibility that ORU might be included in such an article, but no

final decision had been made at that time. Permission to send a photographer to the school was requested.

During the following week, Mr. Archie Lieberman, *Newsweek* photographer, was on campus for one day, working with President Oral Roberts and other members of the administration, the faculty, and a group of 20 students. At this time, confirmation of ORU's appearance in the article was received.

## Six ORU Students Receive Parts In Spring Religious Drama

Six ORU students comprise the cast of *Christ In The Concrete City*, to be presented March 30, 31, and April 1 in the Timko-Barton Auditorium.

The play, which has roles for four men and two women, is a Passion Play depicting the life of Christ during the week of His death and resurrection.

Those receiving a part in the play were: Eric Fiscus, Man 1; David Graham, Man 2; Doug Drobish, Man 3; Dave Neighbors, Man 4; Betty Ulseth, Woman 1; and Valerie Humble, Woman 2.

An evening of one-act plays will be presented Wednesday,

March 1, in the Timko-Barton Auditorium. Plays will be student-directed and managed, and after the performances the audience will be given the opportunity to discuss and critique the plays with each cast and director.

Lisa Johnson is director of "Impromptu." Students appearing in "Impromptu" are Betty Swanson, Winifred; Ludwig Martinez, Tony; Robert Russell, Ernest; and Marcia Lucas, Lora.

Director of "It Should Happen To A Dog" is Vange Kennedy. Her cast is comprised of Michael Bailey, Jonah; David Hoyt, Man and Sailor; and Michael Corbett, King and Angel.



DIRECTOR LEWANDOWSKI instructs. Dave Neighbors, Doug Drobish, Eric Fiscus, Betty Ulseth, Valerie Humble, and Dave Graham as 'Student-director', Anita Blackwell, looks on.



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## Seminary Holds Day of Prayer

Faculty and students of the Graduate School of Theology observed a special Day of Prayer on Friday morning, February 6, in the sixth floor lounge of the LRC. Morning classes were dismissed for graduate students in order that the Seminary would have an opportunity for all its members to participate in a group experience of intercessory and soul-searching prayer.

During the three-hour meeting, worship and petition to God were done in moments of solemn meditation as well as in group prayer for specific needs of the members present. A prayer period for the world outreach of Christian missions was directed by Thomas Jacobs which was followed by a prayer from Dr. Frank Laubach on behalf of acute world problems.

Lasting benefits of the Day of Prayer came through the time of spiritual sharing and inter-ministry among the students and faculty. As directed by the Holy Spirit, students gave exhortations and presented testimonials of the experience of Christ in their lives. Special testimonies were given by Peter Yun, Jim Hatcher, Dan McClellon and Ted Spriter, all of whom are new students this semester in the Seminary.

Two special days of prayer, in addition to the daily chapel services, are observed each semester in the Spiritual Life Program of the Seminary. The next Day of Prayer will be held on March 31.

Applications for March 11, 31, and April 8, 1967 administrations of the College Qualification Test are now available at Selective Service System local boards throughout the country. Completed applications should be mailed immediately to the SELECTIVE SERVICE EXAMINING SECTION, Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 988, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

According to the Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the College Qualification Test for the Selective Service System, it will be to the student's advantage to file his application at once. By registering early, he stands the best chance of being assigned to the test center he has chosen.

## Are 'You' Informed?

by Eric Fiscus

As a student of Oral Roberts University, do you know what official opinion is held by the university concerning the Viet Nam situation? Do you know the cut-off date for dropping classes this semester? Could you tell me when the next campus movie is, or what will happen in chapel next Friday? And what is the exact procedure necessary to officially place extra furniture in the men's dormitories?

One of the major difficulties encountered in being a functioning part of such a rapidly expanding institution like ORU is keeping oneself sufficiently informed. Such a tremendous volume of information concerning schedules, special events, and regulations is published in the operation of a university that it is sometimes difficult to remain even moderately aware of what is happening around you.

Such is the case at ORU, and the problems which arise from this lack of effective communication are many and sometimes rather serious. The first result of such a breakdown is the loss of cooperation and harmony among the various groups represented, namely the students, faculty, and administration. When students are not informed as to why certain actions are necessary or when they themselves do not express their opinions and suggestions, misunderstandings arise, and nothing constructive can be accomplished. The problems which follow are simply a result of these misunderstandings.

There are many causes of this problem. The major one is that we really do not make the effort to keep actively informed. Most students do not read the Communicator before they file it in circular file #13. Perhaps it seems that there is too much to remember or just too much to read. Another problem which promotes confusion is the fact that we do not listen to people—in conversations, announcements, or lectures. We are not really interested in what the speaker offers because we feel that what is being said does not pertain to us. Perhaps this is so.

One of the biggest help—factors in keeping informed is this, "Keep track of only those things which relate to your activities and interests." Don't try to remember everything—there is little purpose in knowing everything about a meeting of the Texas club if you are from Alaska. But always keep yourself informed on all phases of your activities.

Actually, Christians should have a head-start on establishing good communications with each other. Perhaps if we exercised a spirit of love, then love would promote understanding. It could work, if we would try it.

Now is the time to turn over a new leaf. Mine is so worn from being turned that it should be replaced. Have a good time this semester (while you're at it, you might pull up your GPA), and hold one thing in mind—I MUST KEEP MYSELF INFORMED! (But not on everything!)

# The Day Before Tomorrow

by Dr. John K. Tuel, Chairman,  
Psychology Department

Human nature abhors unbroken continuity. We like to take the continuous thread of time and tie knots in it. Then we proclaim that everything between certain of these knots is a day or a month or a year. All of the thread on that side of the knot is the "past"; all on this side is the "future". Recently, we told ourselves that a "new year" had begun and now the end of a "semester" has arrived—a time when we sit down and take stock of ourselves—a time when we lay plans for the next phase of life.

This peculiar human pastime is one of the characteristics that set us apart from all other earthly beings. No other creature ponders the past—gloats, grieves and grumbles over the triumphs and tragedies of yesterday. None but man considers the future with forethought and anxiety for what is yet to be. Humans alone confess, re-

pent, criticize, make resolutions, "turn over new leaves", step outside of themselves, transcend themselves. Only man uses "timebinders", i.e., words and symbols, to fish impressions out of the flowing stream of time, thus to preserve them for generations to come.

Yet, this very distinguishing characteristic—this ability to step momentarily out of the continuity of time—can spell our downfall. Existentially, we live on the keen moving knife-edge of the present, on the precise point where eternity-past meets eternity-future. But, intellectually, we dwell now in the past, now in the future. We are prone to forget that it is only in the present that we can act. Much that we plan we never act into being; much that we fear never happens. Our past achievements as well as our failures too often weigh us down and prevent our taking constructive action in the here and now.

It is for this reason that Jesus, while advocating prudent planning

of our projects, urges us to accept life and live it day by day. Paul is even more specific when he reveals his life pattern: "forgetting" the past, "reaching toward" the future, "pressing on" in the present. A great proportion of the verbs in the New Testament are in the present tense, the Greek tense of continuous action. Sometimes this is called the "eternal present"—reminding us that the Lord referred to Himself in both testaments with the words "I am".

It is the mark of youth to be concerned about the near future and of old age to be enamoured of the remote past. But how tragic it is when overuse of man's great gifts of perspective and reminiscence prevent him from being and acting in the present—whose fleeting opportunities will not come again. It is now, today, this moment in which our tomorrows become yesterdays and our dreams memories—in this instant only can we act, can we be, can we become what our Maker challenges us to be.

## Forum Receives Protest Letter

Dear Forum,

I am writing this letter in defiance of all I believe in. I do not like protestations of this sort. But I have been pushed to the wall by the many negative attitudes concerning the Women's Judiciary Board, of which I am a part. I am in favor of constructive criticism given in an attitude of love. And I usually respond positively if explained to properly. But, in this instance, I feel that I should express my thoughts on the abuse that the Board has taken, usually in the form of a big joke.

The Women's Judiciary Board is composed of five conscientious young women who have accepted the responsibility of passing judgment on their peers. This job is not easy. In fact it is extremely difficult. Past experience has shown that when peers are judged by their fellow men, even if for the best reason—the betterment of society through discipline—the result is usually a feeling of antagonism between judges and those judged. The antagonistic feeling is a facet of human nature, but here at ORU where Christ is our basis I expect more than just the normal human behavior. I hope this doesn't sound too idealistic because I live in a realistic world. I'm not one of those "purests" who think this University can function without an Honor Code. The Honor Code is for those few who regard truth and honesty as an unnecessary part of life.

For four months, the Board watched, as a parade of "little girls" played the game of cat and mouse. The thought never entered my mind that I was the latter. If the Honor Code is not respected, and if the Board is repeatedly made a fool of, the foundation of this University will be undermined. The day of "awakening" came, and a deep sense of indignant feelings suddenly was born within me. For four months we have been very considerate to all who have had the opportunity to come before us. Maybe this has been our error, for the mercy we have shown has not accomplished

our purpose. Our main purpose is to be constructive, helpful and educational in our decision making. We try to correct errors so that more serious mistakes will not be made. Perhaps, in our leniency we failed. For I now realize that discipline is the only way some people learn. And if this is so, the Board faces a future of giving penalties which will have a deep affect on the infractor so that she will not violate a rule, whether unintentionally or deliberately.

I like to be assured that not all women are out to play tricks, or to break the Code. I know there are women on this campus who consider the University and what it stands for first, and themselves second. Because this University is God-ordained, because of the label

we immediately accept when we attend here, because Christianity requires self-sacrifice: I feel that we should accept the responsibility which in the past has been ignored, and stand behind this school and gladly accept the demands which are asked.

I hope I don't sound too self-righteous. I make mistakes all the time. I have broken rules. It has taken this "awakening" to shock me to my senses, and to make me realize where my devotion lies.

As a member of the Judiciary Board, I ask for understanding, and that the responsibilities of life, and indeed womanhood be realized and accepted.

Sincerely,  
A member of the  
Women's Judiciary Board

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# Semester Sees Changes

## Pulpit Pastored Once Again By Students' Favorite, Tommy

by Linda Requard

A bright, blue poster recently stretched across the cafeteria wall reading "Welcome Home, Tommy." Such was the joy of Oral Roberts University when Rev. Tommy Tyson returned on a full-time basis to the campus pastorate as of January 29. Truly the Spirit of Christ in Tommy's exuberant personality has endeared him to us.

Our pastor, born and raised in North Carolina, as a young man secured a job in the navy Department and later served in World War II in the Coast Guard. After the war he and his wife, sweethearts since high school, went into the wholesale meat business. But in 1947 Tommy encountered a missionary whose Christian testimony had a revolutionary impact on him. He came to realize that though he had been a member of the Christian church since youth, he had never had a real salvation experience. That year he became a Christian and after his conversion, enrolled in Gilford College in his

home state. Transferring to Duke in his senior year and receiving his undergraduate degree, Tommy felt a call to preach and completed his theological education in the seminary at Duke.

After spending some time in his first pastorate in Durham, Rev. Tyson became aware of a Professionalism within the church and knew he was merely running a religious program. This realization led to a search for a deeper, more meaningful spiritual experience and Tommy's baptism in the Holy Spirit in 1952. Soon Tommy entered the evangelistic field sponsored by the Methodist Church. He has traveled from Maine to California and from Van Couver to Mexico conducting prayer retreats and spiritual conferences for the past eleven years.

Now Tommy returns as campus pastor "with a great deal of anticipation and excitement." He explains, "I envision my role as uniting with many others in helping to create an atmosphere in which every student may reach his full potential as a child of God!"



REV. TOMMY TYSON WELCOMING NEW STUDENTS

## 'Apostle to Illiterates' Teaches on Campus

by Pat Johnson

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, founder and President of Laubach Literacy, is making ORU his home base as he teaches a Graduate School course this semester entitled "Literacy in Missions". The class of approximately 75 students meets two hours weekly and features an added evening hour in which students have an opportunity to gain practical experience by teaching 20 illiterates of Tulsa.

Dr. Laubach, an expert in the field of literacy, began teaching literacy in the Philippines in 1929. While there he began his famous method of "Reach One Teach One" which has caused entire villages to become literate in the space of several months, revolutionizing the field of literacy.

The Laubach Literacy courses are taught by phonetics. In most languages students can learn the basic sounds and alphabet in a very few lessons. English, because of its irregular spellings, is the most difficult language to teach. However with Dr. Laubach's course in *Streamlined English* a student learns the basics in about a year.

One hundred and three countries have received his literacy program in a total of 274 languages.

Through his efforts literacy-literature training programs have been developed at universities and special literacy houses established in India, Pakistan, Egypt, Mexico, and the United States. He is the author of thirty books on his field, the most famous being *Thirty Years with the Silent Billion*, which

relates the story of his lifetime of service in the field of literacy.

Raised in the Methodist church, Dr. Laubach teaches the love of God along with his literacy lessons. Teachers are instructed to share the gospel of Christ after the first lesson. In most areas the earliest simplified book read by the new literate is the *Story of Jesus*. "Literacy has been proven to be an effective way to witness and win others to Jesus Christ," says Dr. Laubach, who is known world over as "the apostle to the illiterates."



DR. FRANK C. LAUBACH

## Chapel Format Includes Students

During the spring semester, students now have the opportunity to conduct one chapel service a week giving expression to the diverse ministry of the Holy Spirit within the student body. The other chapel is under the direction of faculty, staff and special guests while the Friday service continues as an assembly hour.

Rev. Tommy Tyson, Director of Spiritual Life, will help give direction to the student worship and cultivate this ministry. He is anticipating an eager response and encourages all students who wish to participate in any way in the

chapel, to contact him. "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; One generation shall praise thy works to another and shall declare thy mighty acts."

The first student chapel this semester, held February 6 was a profitable time indeed. Students who attended President Roberts' crusade in Memphis, Tennessee shared their impressions of the experience. For many this was their first crusade. It was thrilling to hear these speak of how deeply they had been stirred to witness, and how they had seen God move so powerfully to save, heal, deliver.

## Entomologist Enjoys Education

by Karen Bach

The most recent addition to the faculty of the Oral Roberts University science department is Dr. Ford Harries. Associate Professor of Zoology, he has been at ORU in a teaching capacity since the beginning of the Spring semester, 1967.

Dr. Harries holds various science degrees, among them an M.A. from the University of Utah, and a Ph.D. in zoology from Ohio State University and Washington State University.

Specializing in entomology, or the branch of zoology dealing with the study of insects, Dr. Harries has been the recipient of much recognition and acclaim for discoveries, studies, and research in this field. At the Tree Fruit Research Center, in Wenatchee, Washington, he won recognition for working on the control of fruit insects, the problems of pesticide resistance, and for studies of the mite, a parasitoid insect.

In 1962, he became a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and

also, a Fellow of the Entomological Society of America, both honorary organizations. Additionally, within the past few weeks, Dr. Harries has obtained a United States patent for his discovery of a new insecticide, and is currently participating in the composition and publishing of a zoological textbook.

Although Dr. Harries had various professorates offered to him, he does not regret his choice of ORU. It was a big step for him to plunge into the actual full-time teaching of zoology and biology, since he had been mainly in the laboratory and research fields prior to his appointment to the ORU faculty, but he feels that his tenure at ORU will be enjoyable and beneficial.

"I love young people, and obtain pleasure from being around them and teaching and guiding them. When I visited the Oral Roberts University campus in early November, I was so impressed by everything that I just had to accept the position. I still think that it is great here, and I am very impressed by the campus itself, the



DR. FORD HARRIES

faculty, and the friendliness and kindness of all the people. The students here are of a higher caliber than are found in most other schools; they are friendly, clean-cut, and dedicated . . . I am just honored to be here."

### FEBRUARY IS . . .

. . . the month everyone sets aside to honor their favorite friend—the groundhog!

. . . crisp, cold weather—red noses, frostbite, and slippery slides in front of the LRC.

. . . the month when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of—baseball??

. . . the celebration of one who's done the most to further the cause of love and romance—St. Valentine.

. . . memories of a tall, gaunt man in a stovepipe hat and a young lad chopping down a cherry tree!

. . . only four months away from summer vacation!

. . . 28 days; 672 hours; 40,320 minutes; and 2,419,200 seconds. let's make the most of them!





**INSTRUCTING MUSICIANS**—Prof. Francis E. Jones, professor of violin, works with Ron Metcalf and Sharon Griffin on a difficult piece of music.

## Music, First Love of Violin Teacher

by Judy Correll

"Music is not completely satisfying unless the Lord is constantly present in the heart of a Christian. His presence allows the musician's talent to work and allows him to recognize the thanksgiving that is ever present." This is a statement by Francis E. Jones, professor of violin at Oral Roberts University.

Mr. Jones, son of the artist-father who created the photograph studios for General Electric, is from Schenectady, New York. His mother, a pianist and singer, practiced with him at least one hour a day for eight years, starting when he was seven years old. She banged out each note on the piano and made him play his violin in tune.

After much musical activity in his home town, Mr. Jones studied at the Eastman School of Music and at the Curtis Institute in Phil-

adelphia. From there he went to Europe, studying in Pisek, Czechoslovakia, and Berlin.

Completing his formal musical studies, Prof. Jones returned to the United States and joined the St. Louis Symphony where he remained for 23 seasons under the conductor Vladimir Solschman. During this time, he taught violin at Washington University in St. Louis and at the St. Louis Institute of Music, where he was faculty member and student.

Mr. Jones was the violin soloist on the first radio program beamed to entertain Admiral Byrd at the South Pole.

During World War II, he was field director for the American Red Cross stationed on the Azores, where he assisted in the development of the air evacuation program.

Returning to the United States, Mr. Jones rejoined the St. Louis Symphony and later accepted the position as concert master of the Tulsa Philharmonic and professor of violin at Tulsa University, where he remained for 14 years.

In 1965, he came to teach at ORU. When asked if God led him here, Mr. Jones replied, "Yes, and 'I chased Him here' knowing He was always present on the campus."

Mr. Jones, who after 29 years of marriage still says that his wife is his "best girl," has one son, Francis, Jr., who married a former ORU student, Carol Highland, and is currently the Missile Security Officer at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

## Choir Takes Trip

ORU's concert choir boarded a bus at 10:30 a.m., February 3, and headed for Memphis, Tennessee. They were to sing at the Oral Roberts Crusade held there at Ellis Auditorium.

The group sang at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, for the partners; at 2:30 p.m. for the crusade and again at 7:30 p.m. for the evening service. In the evening service, President Roberts had the students join him in the laying on of hands for the sick. At the services, Mrs. Joyce Shealy sang, "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and was accompanied by the choir.

On Sunday morning, the choir sang selections at the First Assembly of God Church in Memphis. At the end of this performance, the men's ensemble sang at the Park Avenue Church of God, where the trumpet trio (Ron Metcalf, Dennie Weible, and David Holiday), accompanied by Sharon Griffin) also performed. Several of the church members prepared lunch for the choir at the conclusion of the service.

Some of the students were entertained in the homes of families, while others stayed at the Holiday Inn. The students arrived back in Tulsa at 11:45 p.m., Sunday.

## Spanish Teacher Travels Around World, Discovers Life Exciting, Worth Living

by Sharon Gallahan

Miss Berthe A. Stebler, Spanish teacher at ORU has not only been around the world, but she is the first to have climbed the Prayer Tower. Miss Stebler's degrees include: an A.B. and an M.A. from the University of Oklahoma and an M.A. from "Old Mexico."

Her extensive traveling began in 1956 when she visited Hot Springs and various state places. In 1957 she visited Representative Cantu at Mexico City, and 1958 saw her enjoying a three month visit in Europe where she visited England, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, and Holland. In 1959, she concluded a three month trip through Mexico, Central America, and South America, where she did interpreting. In 1960, she visited the Hawaiian Islands, and in 1961 such countries as England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Russia, Poland, East and West Berlin, Holland, Belgium, France, and Portugal. 1962 saw her in Texas, California, the World's Fair at Seattle, and on to Alaska.

In 1963, she attended the Worlds' Teacher's meeting at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and was chosen Muskogee's "Teacher of the Year." One can read about Miss Stebler in the Leadership Index of 1964's *Who's Who*. In 1965, she was chosen as a delegate to the second Worlds' Teachers meeting in Ethiopia, and had the privilege of visiting the Holy Land on her trip around the world. 1966 was the big year in her life, for out of 97,000 delegates in the United States and Canada, she was one out of a hundred chosen to attend the seminar in "Purposeful Living," in Montreal, Quebec. Miss Stebler represented Delta Kappa Gamma at this seminar.

Miss Stebler, who has been a member of ORU faculty since the beginning of the fall semester 1966, finds ORU's teaching equipment far superior to any other that she has seen in other schools. Since she has been here, Berthe Stebler has made history on campus; before Christmas she and the superintendent of Manhattan Construction Company, Dale Hill, climbed



MISS BERTHE A. STEBLER

the Prayer Tower to the top and were the first to do so! Her impression of the Prayer Tower was unexpressable, and the only description she could give was that it was inspiring. The thing that impressed her most was her view of the whole university from the highest point.

## Literary, Fine Arts Magazine Moves Ahead

Oral Roberts University Literary and Fine Arts Magazine will be a reality this year. Andrea Hobbright and Linda Merrick, editor and assistant editor respectively, are determined that the 1966-67 school year at ORU will see the beginning of a fine literary magazine, one which will eventually, they hope, be among the top such productions in the nation.

"All it takes is a little determination," Miss Merrick, assistant editor, declares. So far, the magazine staff has exhibited plenty of this quality in an effort to prove to faculty and students alike that they are seriously intending to publish a Fine Arts Magazine early in the Spring.

They have, for example, already

sponsored a student-faculty basketball game, and a car-wash to help raise funds for this endeavor. Currently, the magazine is sponsoring, in conjunction with the Student Senate and the Music department, a contest for the composition of a School Hymn, or *alma mater*. The deadline for entries will be March 1.

The Fine Arts Magazine was formally dubbed with a name the first week in February, when the ORU student body voted on five title possibilities. The name that the students chose was "Promethia," meaning "of creativeness, wisdom, and originality"—the whole creative genius.

Miss Merrick is quite concerned about student interest and partici-

pation in this creative endeavor.

"This magazine embodies major fields of the fine arts—literature, art, drama, and photography—and we are encouraging contributions from the students in all of these areas. This magazine is to reflect the creative and expressive abilities of the students of ORU. We cannot put this book out without their help and co-operation. If anyone has any contributions to make in the way of original work, they should turn it in as soon as possible to any member of the staff. We will sincerely appreciate your co-operation in helping to make the first ORU Fine Arts and Literary Magazine a success."

## Annual Works for Results

Contrary to popular opinion, the ORU 1966-67 yearbook will be a reality. The annual staff, with Sandy Mullinax as current editor, is working long and hard to produce a book which will impressively record the past history of Oral Roberts University.

Miss Mullinax has much information to offer about the projected 1966-67 yearbook. Its name will be "Perihelion," a word that is Greek in origin, and means "closest to the sun with the most energy or intensity." The book will be a composite work, including both the 1965-66 and the 1966-67 school years under one cover. Finally, the current book will go to press approximately March 15, while last year's book is already being printed.

The "old book," edited by Beverly Hubbard, exemplifies the theme of the "whole man," and deals, in pictures, with every aspect of the whole man.

The "new book," 1966-67, edition by Miss Mullinax, portrays the theme "Shadow of a Mood." It will include nine pages of full color.

Miss Mullinax is extremely optimistic about the yearbook. "I think the old book portrays the birth of a new school, just struggling to survive. This year shows another stage in the development of ORU, but also shows what can be accomplished through co-operation. The staff has worked very hard to get the book out, and I believe the student body will be impressed by it."



## ORU Students Tour Mansion

During December seven of the international students attending Oral Roberts University accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Durasoff to the Governor's Mansion in Oklahoma City for a Governor's International Students' Forum. Present in the group were Hans Bratterud, Arthur Kao, Mary Jane Powell, John Myers, Leonard DeZeeuw, Gordon Smith, and In Duk Hyun.

Mrs. Henry Bellmon met the students upon arrival and registered each by name and native country. After receiving some light refreshments the delegation became acquainted with the other guests and viewed the three-story home.

The highlight of the afternoon was a panel discussion on state government held in the capitol's underground auditorium. Moderated by Governor Bellmon, the discussion ranged from Oklahoma to Viet Nam. Later, students spent another hour asking questions on current issues and the U.S. government. Especially interested in our governmental machinery were John Myers and Leonard DeZeeuw. John also said he was still surprised by the easy-going mannerisms of Americans, as evidenced by the lack of stuffiness and reserve during the discussion.

## Basketball Beauties...



**LOOKING LOVELY**—Surrounded by her royal court, Basketball Queen, Diana Shaw, receives the queen's robe from Gerry Gagnon while princess Diane Blanchard looks on.

## Diana Shaw Chosen 1967 Basketball Queen

by Cheryl Longstaff

Elegant, glamorous, and exciting are just a few words that describe the ORU Basketball Queen Coronation. The spectacular occasion went off in perfect timing and with an interesting performance. The audience was captured into a beautiful Cinderella dream world of colorful gowns and handsome gentlemen in the setting of a shiny white Roman stage. It certainly was a memorable Homecoming night.

Carita Zimmer, with escort Ray Wilkerson, approached the platform first. She donned a pale-pink formal that made a very attractive contrast with her blonde hair and blue eyes. Next came Diana Shaw and her escort Steve Alley. Diana was wearing a fitted, straight, pink, elegant-looking formal. Floating toward the stage on the arm of Steve McKee, Janet Mims certainly looked very outstanding in her

deep green chiffon gown. Eric Fiscus escorted the next candidate which was Judy Merrill. Judy chose a green formal draped in chiffon to accent her fair features. The last candidate was Diane Blanchard with escort Paul Begant. Diane looked very Grecian in green and yellow gown and her hair done up in curls. Completing the picture was last year's Basketball Queen, Marilee Brown, who was wearing a lovely red formal.

All the candidates were positioned on the stage and each beautiful girl anxiously anticipated the announcement of queen. The envelope was delivered and the moment arrived—"Diana Shaw" rang through the gym and a shower of excited, noisy voices filled the air. Diana calmly accepted her new honor as she was presented roses and the crown was placed atop her head.

Congratulations, Diana!

## Prayer Tower Nears Completion

Tentative opening date for the Prayer Tower and Campus Information Center has been set for April 1.

The 200-foot structure upon completion will house the Abundant Life Prayer Group, the Campus Information Center, the FM radio station and KORU studios, and the Abundant Life Mural. The tower will be topped by an eternal flame, significant of the vigilance of prayer, and highlighted with blue light at night.

At the 80-foot level, there is an observation room which can accommodate approximately 500 people and where a display describing the functions of the Prayer Group will be featured. The display will portray a large world map with lights that show the telephone calls received from around the world and the prayers that are offered for each call. Also in this area is a specially equipped room for the 13 member Prayer Group which at present is still housed in the Abundant Life Build-

ing in downtown Tulsa. The FM radio station and the KORU studios, with tentative plans for opening March 1, will be housed at this level.

The Campus Information Center is to be located at the base of the Tower and is to be especially equipped to orient and educate the visitor in the "Whole Man" concept of the university. The display located on the central core of the base of the Tower will feature a world map in gold and pictures using rear lighted transparencies to depict and present the intellectual, spiritual, and physical life of the university. In the small auditorium located in the north side of the base the Abundant Life Mural and a special film will be presented. An estimate of 250,000 visitors will be passing through this information center each year.

President Roberts has indicated that "the Tower will be an impressive symbol of what prayer and faith has accomplished on the ORU campus."

## Impressive Names Add Much to University

by Eric Fiscus

Collect about 500 college students, have them cheer Titans, give them *Oracles* to read, have them autograph each other's *Perihelions*, and you have the nomenclature of Oral Roberts University.

Acquiring an impressive array of colorful, catchy, and sometimes confusing names is one of the more difficult aspects of obtaining full-fledged university status, but during its years of existence, ORU has set a firm foundation for such a collection.

As Shakespeare said through the lips of his romantic heroine Juliet, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." It seems that it would make little difference

to Mr. S. whether we autograph Titans or cheered for Perihelions—we would still have a yearbook and a team. He is right, but our collection of labels has been hard won.

During the first weeks of school, a fierce contest was waged to name the athletic teams of ORU. The name "Titans", a powerful tag for a powerful team, finally won above the headstrong "Mavericks" and the "Flames", a name vulnerable to undesirable cheers. In mythology, the Titans were the children of Uranus whose rebellion resulted in a new order under Zeus. Since we are giving form to a new ideology of education, the name "Titans" is fitting.

This newspaper is the *Oracle*. Its name is not, as some have sug-

gested, a shortened form of *ORACLE*, but a declaration that this publication is the authoritative voice of the ORU student-body.

Although the yearbook has not yet been published, its title has already changed. The *Flame* was its original name, denoting a volume shedding light over the past year. Its present name is "Perihelion", which is the point in the orbit of a planet where it is nearest the sun, the source of light and life. Since the Son is the source of our life, we should have a perihelion relationship with Him.

These are our names—Titans, *Oracle*, and *Perihelion*. No matter how many names we acquire, they will refer to us and to our lives at this Christian school named Oral Roberts University.

## Campus Capers!

Certainly at ORU there is much going on that could be sneaked into the columns of the "Oracle" for a few laughs. Teachers, students, preachers, and staff, all add to the saying, "people are funny" and a little good-intended gossip here-and-there spices up the laughter.

If you have some "goodies" you would like to add, please contact Cheryl Longstaff.

Is it true Mr. Bowden's 8:00 a.m.

## High-Rise Reception Success

Guests of the World Outreach Conference, at Oral Roberts University this weekend, were treated to a High-Rise Reception on Sunday. Women students of the university served as hostesses for the reception, from 3:45 p.m. through 4:45 p.m., as rooms were opened to the various sponsors and guests attending the seminar.

freshman English class grew so large that he had to move it to the LRC auditoria?—"Sure you can handle it, Mr. Bowden?"

**DEEP DARK SECRET:** The Timko-Barton Auditorium is really the "Continental Theatre" on Friday nights.

**FRUSTRATION:** is cutting Humanities and suddenly discovering Dr. Davis out in the hall.

**COURAGE:** is volunteering to be the first to give a speech in Dr. Stoppe's speech class.

**INSANITY:** is what occurs when you find out you've done the wrong assignment.

**WORRY:** is what you do when grades come out . . . you hope they get lost before they reach your parents.

**HAPPINESS:** is successfully hiding in the closet on Sunday morning.

**INTELLIGENCE:** is understanding Mr. Morgan's jokes in Humanities!

## Chief Engineer Leads Varied, Busy Life

by Marcia Lucas

The name Manhattan Construction Company is a familiar one to ORU students. From the first day of school in September, the noisy, busy sounds of progress have been heard throughout the campus.

Today if you'll venture out behind the girl's High-Rise, you'll see the most recent sign of progress—the construction of the new boy's dorm to be finished in September.

Yes, the pounding of hammers and the slush of wet cement is a common occurrence on the ORU campus. And yet, few know who is behind all this construction, who is responsible for the progress seen on campus. The man behind it all—wearing the steel construction helmet, is Mr. Dale Hill, chief engineer for the Manhattan Construction Company.

Mr. Hill has supervised the construction of the LRC, the HRC, the Prayer Tower, and the girl's High-Rise and is presently oversee-

ing the boy's High-Rise.

Dale Hill began his busy career by working on the Poudre Valley National Bank in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Some of his jobs in the Tulsa, Oklahoma City area have been the Tulsa Civic Center and the Dewey Portland Cement Division of this city. In the Oklahoma City area Mr. Hill has worked on the Banana Room of a Produce Warehouse for the Humpty Dumpty Stores, St. Luke's Methodist Church, and he has helped to build Penn Square.

Mr. Hill has been with the Manhattan Company for approximately 20 years. Presently he resides in Muskogee with his wife, Doris, and three boys, (two are twins), and a daughter.

So—next time you see steel girders being swung into place and hear the whirr of electric motors, you'll probably see a man in a steel construction helmet and it will probably be—Dale Hill!



**ENERGETIC ENGINEER**—Supervising the construction of ORU buildings is chief engineer, Mr. Dale Hill.



# Titans Topple Washburn

## Shorn of Victory by CBC

On January 27, the Titans of Oral Roberts University met and weathered what was probably their biggest challenge of the year. On that date, Washburn University from Topeka, Kansas invaded our campus. The Washburn Ichabods were ranked at nineteenth in the nation by the NAIA and were figured to roll over our Titans. However, from the game's start, it was evident that no slaughter was going to take place. The Titans came onto the hardwood determined to play the role of the spoilers and in the first ten minutes of play the Ichabods found themselves down 20-13 on the strength of an 8 point attack by big Mel Reed. By halftime the Ichabods had managed to close the gap a bit but they were still on the short side of a 37-34 tally. Denny Payne's 11 point output in the first half equalled Mel Reed's scoring. Carl Hardaway added 9 for the Titans.

Washburn came out fighting in the second half and the game was soon tied. From that time on it was nip and tuck as Bobby Hodge and Mel Reed battled with Washburn's Stratman and Berlin for offensive leadership. Stratman and Berlin had 8 and 10 respectively in the second half but Reed and Hodge countered with attacks of 12 and 10. The Ichabods managed to gain a two-point advantage in the waning seconds of the contest

but the Titans came right back to equal their opponents' 70 points. This gave the ball to Washburn with only two seconds remaining in regulation time. But as the Ichabods attempted to put the ball into play, Arnie Coles went high into the air to bring down a Washburn pass. He immediately fed Bobby Hodge who made good on a 15-foot jumper just as the final buzzer sounded to give the Titans an all-important 72-70 victory.

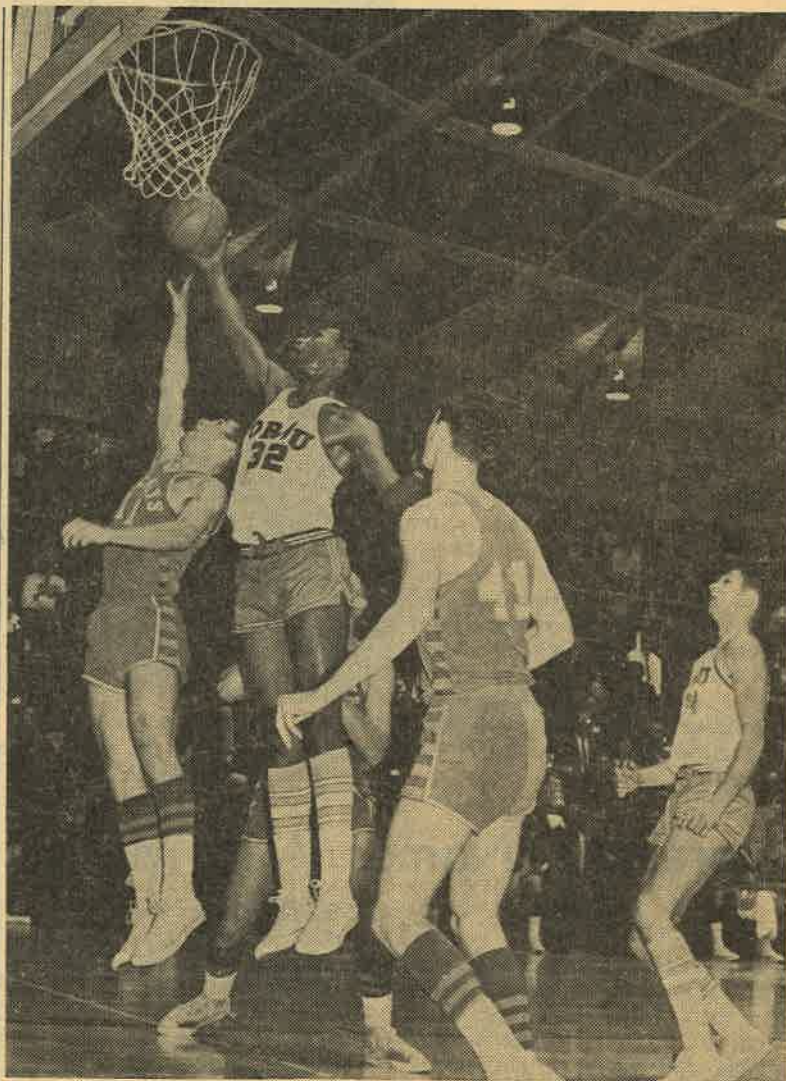
Mel Reed took game scoring honors with 23 points. Bob Hodge aided the ORU effort with 15. Carl Hardaway and Gerry Gagnon were also in double figures for the Titans with 11 and 10 respectively. The Washburn effort was headed by Denny Payne's 18 points. His biggest help came from Stratman with 14 and Berlin with 13.

### BROTHERS BOTHER ORU

The following night in Memphis, the Titans met a strong quintet from Christian Brothers' College. Although this team didn't have the individual talent that Le Moyne possessed, they were a better disciplined ball club. The meeting was closely contested except for a few times when CBC managed to pull away a bit. CBC's biggest lead was a 15 point margin with seven minutes remaining in the game. But Christian Brothers didn't have it so easy most of

the night. In fact, CBC found themselves at the bottom of the tally a great deal in the course of the game. The lead actually changed hands quite often with no team managing to get out of reach. CBC took a 39-35 lead to their locker room at half-time on the strength of a well-balanced scoring attack. ORU's offensive charge was headed by Mel Reed's 12 points. Gerry Gagnon added 9 points to the first half output.

The Titans made a valiant effort in the second half but were hurt by fouls. ORU had 24 fouls called on them in comparison to CBC's 11. Bob Hodge, Carl Hardaway, and Arnie Coles each had to play under the burden of four personals. Bobby Wallis was called out on personals in the final 10 minutes of play. But the Oral Roberts' University Titans managed to do quite a bit of damage in the second half. After finding themselves down by 15 points with less than seven minutes to go, the Titans began methodically capitalizing on CBC's mistakes. They stole passes and controlled rebounds in order to bring the ball down-court and add to the Titan rally. Bobby Hodge led the Titans in this phase of the game as he hit for 16 of his 18 points in the last half of the game. But in the final minutes, the fouls began to fall the wrong way for the Titans and CBC was able to maintain a lead by hitting from the charity line. The Titans did manage, however, to close the gap to 2 points and stole the ball in the



final seconds. But before ORU buzzer sounded and the CBC fans could get the tying shot off, the were celebrating a 79-77 victory.

## JV's Take Trophy

While the ORU varsity was playing a tough brand of basketball in Memphis, the younger member of the Titan basketball family was playing equally well in Oklahoma City. The ORU junior varsity squad was entered in the annual Oklahoma City Tournament and they showed that they were worthy of the invitation. In taking second place in the tournament, the J.V. showed marked improvement and determination.

The junior Titans fought their way into the finals by pulling out a victory in a closely contested bout with Poteau Junior College.

Both Southwestern and ORU were exceptionally cautious in the overtime period. Each team used carefully calculated maneuvers in order to keep possession of the

ball and work for easy shots. One foul shot, however, proved to be the difference as Southwestern pulled out an 89-88 point victory. Don Shell again led the way for the Titans as he pumped in 27 points.

This loss put the ORU junior varsity in second place in the final standings of the Oklahoma City Tournament. Second place, however, was still good enough for a trophy, and the trophy will be a real good-looking contribution to the Oral Roberts' University trophy shelf.

Don Shell of the junior Titans brought home a trophy of his own as he was selected to the Oklahoma City All-Tournament Team. We feel that this tournament gained needed recognition for the talent of the ORU junior Titans.

## Intramural Basketball Swings Ahead

The intramural basketball season opened shortly after Christmas. Teams considered pre-season favorites were Dwight Atchley's *All-Stars*; Jim Lawson's *Green Grasshoppers*; and Bailey's *Bombers*, captained by David Bailey but also featuring Herby Poteete, who starred at Connors Junior College last year.

Also a team that has looked impressive in its first two games is the faculty squad. Unfortunately, Coach Shirley sustained a knee in-

jury in a game last week and it now seems that the pros will ride a rocky road for the next few weeks. Coach Duke is the tower of strength on this team as he scores at will from inside.

The other teams in the league are the *Leftovers* (Taliaferro), *Big Reds* (Williams), *Technicians* (John Lawson), *Tigers* (Burns), *Panthers* (Haines), *Wilkerson's Whimps*, and the *Graduate Students*.

Games are played at 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30 on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Competent refereeing is provided by students from Coach

Duke's officiating class. Schedules of future games are posted in the Learning Resources Center, gym, and cafeteria.

The top ten scorers in the league are: David Bailey, with a 29.3 points per game average; John Lawson averaging 28.5; Carl Lawson averaging 27.5; Ray Wilkerson averaging 25; Jim Lawson averaging 23; John Haines averaging 22; Herby Poteete averaging 21.3; Coach Duke averaging 19.5; Dwight Atchley averaging 18.5; and Ed Gagle averaging 17.3 points per game.

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