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ORACLE

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Do You Belong?

by Mel Goard, Eric Fiscus

You came to Oral Roberts University for some reason. Do you know what it was? We are not speaking of the always-ready string of glib, stock phrases that is your answer to the eternal question, "And why did *you* come to ORU?" We mean the real story behind the fact that you are a student here. Can you remember what brought you here? Think about it.

Several students were sent here as punishment, which is at best a poor reason for sending anyone to school. Even being allowed to attend a school is a great privilege, and certainly no college should be used as a detention home. Many, many students had built at home or in their church an image which had to be lived up to, so it was decided either for or by them that ORU would best fit into their Christian ideal. For some, ORU was a last resort—because of one reason or another, there was no place else to go. But the majority of us doesn't fit into any of these categories—most of us want to be here and want to stay.

There is a reason for *your* being here. Although we have been told that not everyone necessarily belongs at ORU, the general opinion of every group here is that we can and will accept virtually anyone who comes here. If an applicant doesn't fit into the present rigid standards of the school plan, we feel that we can create a new niche for that special personality without doing any serious damage to the structure and progress of the program.

This is not possible. Each time the entrance requirements are stretched just a little to allow admittance to that one special talent, concessions are made which cling to the school like barnacles to a new ship. Unless they are scraped off, they will first slow the ship's progress and finally will sink it. Each time a student is allowed to step outside of the law, the whole legal system, legislative, judicial and administrative, is weakened. The school becomes like that same new ship on her maiden voyage. Any emergency will mean immediate disaster. We must not compromise if we are to survive.

The fact is plain that some students do not belong at ORU. Either they inherently cannot adapt themselves or they have just decided not to fit. In raising their defense, we all object and point out that those who have shown rebellion

are not really "bad people." In most cases, this is unquestionably true, but does being good cancel the lawlessness of "good people" who break the law? How can we differentiate between those who will go free because they have been "good?" It seems that we are saying that law is only really broken when accomplished criminals do wrong. Again—we *cannot* compromise, or we will fail utterly.

Here's the problem. If you don't really want to be here—to live within the law using your entire cooperation and responsibility, if your heart isn't in this venture, then you can think up numbers of seemingly sensible reasons not to keep the law. One student said recently, "Although I don't like it, I'll admit that they have the authority to tell us what to wear on campus because of visitors and stuff, but they don't have any right to tell us what to wear off campus." Perhaps she's right. It does seem silly to tell twenty-year-olds what not to wear downtown, especially when it's virtually impossible to police that sort of law. Of course, there is the small fact that as undergrads we have placed ourselves under "their" jurisdiction, and that "they" are responsible for us.

If we want to live outside the law, we can always find some way to get away with it. Then after we have completely smashed the legal system, and when Christian standards are no longer upheld, we point our fingers at the administration and student government and say, "Just look what *you* have permitted. Do you see what you have allowed us to do?" We are regarding the whole school in the wrong light.

Last year, Rev. Tommy Tyson said something to this effect in one of his sermons. "I'll tell you now that I am going to try my best to squeeze you and pull you and push you until you fit into the mold of my idea of an ORU student. God help you if you allow this to happen." We have regarded the philosophy of this campus as a mold that squeezes us, limits us, and cuts our liberties to the point that we become a "Whole Man." *This is wrong.*

These ideas are guidelines, a framework which can produce a truly whole man. We are not presented with a mold, but we are given a *core* upon which to build our lives, using our capabilities and personalities. If you cannot wholeheartedly accept this core as the basis of your life, you do not belong at ORU. Plainly, if you don't like what ORU has to offer, you should leave. It would be better for everyone if you would.



Love Bug Bites!

by Paulette McCartie

Ah, Spring! Lovely Spring! Glorious Spring! What spell dost thou cast upon thy worshippers?

Has this spell reached down and touched your dormant heart, still sleeping from the winter's icy blow? If not, watch out! For cupid has been unleashed upon the campus of ORU and you could easily become one of his targets! Love is not for you? Ah, for he who runneth the fastest runs into brick wall firstest. But, it seems that certain of the "bitten" have allowed their surging hearts to become a little public.

There has been some talk of the "lovebirds" who seem to think the game room in the Hi-Rise is the place for ear-kissing. It has also been observed that the same "lovebirds" have had trouble eating in the cafeteria because they seem to be unable to chew if they do not have their arms tightly entwined. And I dare say that the library is hardly the place for neck nibbling.

We would agree that this generation is an open-minded one, quick to be understanding of normal hand-holding or affectionate glances in the presence of others. But, please! Spare those of us who are less fortunate than you from your drooling and sighing. We all think your loving one another is wonderful, but we could find better things to do than watch you prove it!

Why Christian Leaders?

by Joe Iaquina

Have you seen the newspapers lately? Bobby Baker created a push for a new code of ethics for Congressmen because of illegal capers. Adam Clayton Powell, lost his seat in the House of Representatives. Now, Senator Dodd is under investigation for illegal use of campaign contributions. And there's a good deal more going on that never makes the headlines.

Let's bring it closer to home. A couple weeks ago, a cheating scandal was revealed at the Air Force Academy. Quite a few young students went home. A few days later a few more went home. How far can it go?

What kind of society allows more protection for criminals than for its law abiding citizens? Recently, an Oklahoma judge released a confessed murderer on the grounds that the police had been too nice in obtaining the confession. The prisoner was guilty of murder; he admitted it and now he's free again.

So where are our Christian leaders? They're too busy bickering among themselves about what will and what ought to be. They're too busy trying to compromise standards, with a decaying society. Regarding the ones who can't see any harm in compromise, go right ahead. I think I want to keep my high Christian standards and values—I feel more like a human being that way.

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THE FORUM

Freshmen Forum,

In our Friday's assembly on February 24, the Freshmen Class presented a panel discussion on the topic, "The Value of Protest." In this rather uninformative and (at times) boring presentation, the moderator confronted the panelists with prepared questions which they had already been given in advance. Yet, the panelists seemed most unresponsive and non-opinionated toward these questions. To have been given questions in advance, the panelists seemed to me to have been rather poorly informed on their topics and actually unprepared to intellectually discuss them.

It is my opinion that this panel utterly missed the mark in their presentation. For they were supposed to be presenting a panel discussion and this means they were "to discuss" the topic confronting them.

Furthermore, it is my opinion that the panel never truly reached the college level in their presentation. They did not, on the whole, present provocative ideas or thoughts and did not stimulate response or even reaction within the audience. There was, however, a single exception. One panelist at the beginning of the program quickly focused his attention upon the anti-war protest movement concerning U. S. involvement in Vietnam and throughout the entirety of the program harped upon a condemnation of the Federal Government and the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This young man went so far as to endorse draft dodgers and draft card burners.

It is my definite opinion that the entirety of this presentation was an absurd waste of the students' time, yet the entire student body was required to attend. For a presentation with such a deficiency of preparation and interest, one which provided no enlightenment for the student body, and one which did not stimulate the students' thoughts, I do not believe should be allowed to be presented on students' time. Furthermore, if programs of this caliber are to be presented during our Friday's assembly would it not be much more profitable to the student body to allow this time for a chapel service? Would it not be more profitable to the student body to be in contact with the Word of God during this hour, rather than to have it wasted by an unprepared and uninformative panel.

Sincerely,
Paul Chappell
Sophomore

ORACLE APPLICATIONS

Applications are being accepted through April 15 for 1967-68 positions on the ORU student newspaper, the ORACLE. Positions are open for Editor, Assistant Editor, and various staff members. Please state your qualifications in a letter addressed to the Editor. Letters will be taken before the Publications Committee for approval of staff position. All interested students are urged to apply!

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Junior Varsity

Final Touches as...

Titan Baseball

Season Opens

Improvement and individual skills were among the major highlights of the season for Coach Duke, our Junior Varsity mentor. "Most of the boys were high school stars and they had to learn teamwork when they came to college. In high school, they were used to handling the majority of the rebounding and shooting responsibilities. But in college, all the boys are stars and they have to learn to work as a unit."

The leading scorer on the Junior Titans was Don Shell. Don is real tough to stop when he gets the ball inside and he has an accurate jump shot inside a 15-foot range. Don's biggest thrill came when he was voted to the all-tournament team for his performance in the Southwestern Invitational Tournament in Oklahoma City. Don came to the J.V. after serving well with the varsity.

Troy Wells played excellent ball for the J.V. when he finally got over his injuries. A serious finger injury kept Troy off the hardwood for the early part of the season. But Troy came back with great hustle and fine shooting to direct the J.V. attack from his guard position. For his good showing, Troy was moved up to the Varsity at the end of the season. He should be a real asset to next year's team.

Bob McHugh had a great year as he played for a time with both the Varsity and Junior Varsity. Bob has a good shot and is a rugged rebounder. He has much potential and should have many rewarding seasons as a cager.

Charles Billups is a smooth guard who also had a chance to play some Varsity ball. Among his many assets are good ball-handling and a fine outside shot. Charles should develop into a fine ball-player.

James Bates is the strongman center of the J.V. James has exceptional spring and dunks the ball as easily as stuffing paper into a trash can. He has the tools to go a long way in basketball—we certainly hope that he does.

Mike Farrimond is the type of player that every coach appreciates. Mike hustles every minute that he is in the game. He had a real fine year as he scored well and pulled down quite a few rebounds. Mike has a real great touch from the corner and a bright future in this game.

From Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

comes Wayne Pense. Wayne could be called "The Move"—for he has a fine assortment of them around the basket. Wayne is a tough defensive player and can really get up on the boards.

Another man who proved valuable to the Titans was Dave Waganblatt. Dave is an exceptional playmaker and backcourt ball-player. A sure ball-handler, Dave can hit an open man with a pass almost instantly. Dave is a good shot from within 15 feet and is a strong driver. He is also quite a leaper for his size.

Big Don Amez also has many moves under the bucket. Don is exceptionally smooth as is witnessed by his fine jump shot. He scores best in elbowland — anywhere around the basket. Don jumps well and was a strong rebounder. His excellent play earned him a tour of duty with the Varsity.

Two first-semester boys who did well were James Joyce and Steve Walters. Joyce was an all-around ball-player as he had a great outside shot and was a fine leaper. Walters was the hustling type player who put out one hundred percent in every game. Mark Schaberg and Henley Brown were two quick guards who didn't get much chance to play before they both suffered knee injuries which required surgery.

A Fine Season

The J.V. won eight games this year. As their schedule was made up wholly of junior college varsities, this was quite a respectable showing. It took a while for the junior Titans to get going but when they did tell they were a fine team. Many of their wins came in the last couple weeks of their season and the last half of their campaign was a success.

Earlier this year in Joplin, Missouri, the Junior Varsity was the victim of a 30-point defeat by Missouri Southern. But when Missouri Southern came to Tulsa, the junior Titans neatly disposed of them with a 15-point victory. That's an improvement of 45 points!

The junior Titans made a fine showing at the Southwestern Invitational Tournament. After winning the first night against Poteau J.C., they lost in the final by one point in overtime. However, they did bring home the second place trophy.

Probably the toughest team that they beat all season was Northern

J.C. from Tonkawa, Oklahoma. Nat Miller, the second-leading junior college scorer in the nation, played for the Northern team that won the Oklahoma Junior College Conference. However, when they visited the Health Resources Center, they fell to defeat at the hand of ORU's strong freshman squad.

Another exciting chapter in the story of the Junior Varsity was the 89-88 victory of the J.V. of Phillips University. In this game, the Titans were trailing by seven points with only one minute and thirty seconds remaining. An effective full court press brought them within one point with only thirty seconds showing on the clock. This set the stage for the most unexpected play of the season. James Joyce was all alone, driving for the winning bucket. However, rather than laying the ball up, James went high in the air for a dunk. He succeeded only in bouncing the ball off the rim and eventually out of bounds but into Titan possession. The Titans brought the ball into play with about twenty seconds remaining and James Joyce sent the crowd home happy as he made good on a reverse layup for the winning bucket.

The last game of the season for the Titan Junior Varsity was against the Tulsa University freshmen team. In the NCAA, freshmen are not permitted to play on the varsity so the TU freshmen team was the best material that Tulsa had recruited this year. Our boys were not fazed by playing the big school. With only minutes remaining in the game, the score was knotted at 71-71. Then we hit a cold spell and were forced to foul the Hurricane J.V. in order to get the ball. We lost the game 83-73, but not before giving TU a big scare.

Reminiscing on the past season, Coach Duke thought that all of his boys did a great job. Many of the losses were by less than ten points and there were several losses by only 2 and 3 points. The Junior Varsity had to play before empty bleachers, which didn't help, but all in all, it was a successful season.

With the completion of basketball season, the campus sports eye focuses on our other major sport—baseball. The ORU baseball Titans started practicing long before basketball season was over and they are now ready to represent the university on the baseball diamond. With Coach Hatchett behind them, they will do a fine job.

Coach Hatchett feels that "as we prepare for this, our second season, things appear somewhat brighter. Last year we had a very short squad with very little experience. The record was 6 wins and 9 losses. We trust that this record will be improved upon even though the opposition will be stronger. Most of the competition will be from four-year schools."

Along with seven returning lettermen, this year's squad is composed of one junior college transfer and twelve freshmen. All of these new players had exceptionally good records in high school and are still improving. The pitching should be stronger and the outfield will be much improved.

Jimmy Lawson, team captain and the leading hitter last season, will again be at shortstop. Herby Poteete, a transfer from Connors Junior College where he led the JUCO conference in hitting with a healthy .407 average, will be at third base. Freshmen Dwight Atchley and Carl Lawson will probably round out the infield as they perform at second and first base respectively. There are also a couple of others who will be exerting pressure on the above mentioned boys for starting positions. Denny Whinery, a very versatile athlete from Tulsa Rogers, can play well at any position on the field. John Lawson, a freshman from Boynton, will be available for both infield and outfield duty.

Boyce Bishop, last year's third

baseman, has been moved to left field to take advantage of his strong throwing arm and big bat. The other two positions are more or less up for grabs by some fine prospects. Phil White, Brian Gellencher, John Griffith, and Steve Alley are the athletes who are contending for these spots.

Catching duties will be shared by Roger Staub and Thomas Rinkel. Roger played well last year, leading the team in R.B.I.'s while playing at both catcher and outfield. Tommy is a small but capable boy from Tulsa Memorial. He seems very durable as evidenced by his winning of the Most Valuable Player award for football at Memorial where he was a star linebacker. With both Roger and Tommy playing, the catching department should be well taken care of.

Rounding out the squad are the pitchers. Most of these boys can play other positions as well and may be used if the need arises. Right hander Bobby Jack Wallis appears stronger and faster than last year. Bobby Jack pitched in American Legion competition last summer and had a very rewarding season. Brian Gellencher, who doubles as an outfielder, is ready to go with the side arm slants. New men include left hander Troy Wells and right handers Joel Downing and Tony McConnell. All of these boys had great high school records and should really assist in this vital area.

This year, there will be seating accommodations at the baseball diamond and it is hoped that the enthusiasm shown by the basketball fans will carry over to the baseball season. There will be four double-headers that will be played here during spring break so everyone that is staying on campus should get outside and cheer the Titan 9 on to victory.

Internationals Down Spartans

On March 4th, the *ORU Internationals* played their finest game of the year as they defeated the Spartan Aviation School of Aeronautics 3 to 1.

The *Internationals* scored early in the game as John Myers kicked the first goal. Playing heads up ball, the *Internationals* penetrated the defense of the *Spartans* frequently in the first half. Several minutes after his first goal, John Myers scored again. Before the half ended, David Bates boomed home our third score from his cen-

ter-forward position to give us a 3 to 0 lead at halftime.

In the second half, the defense held and our team walked off the field with a 3-1 triumph. All our boys had played a fine game.

On February 26, the *Internationals* played the Tulsa University soccer team. TU definitely was the best opponent that we have faced this year. Their players were foreign students who had played soccer for many years in their native lands. Consequently, they had much more experience than we did and their game plan was more

organized. We were outclassed and lost 5 to 1.

Another player who deserves special mention is Sam Retzlaff. Sam plays the right forward position for us. He is exciting to watch as he barrels down the right side of the field with the ball a few feet in front of him. Many opponents also end up watching him for he just runs by them.

As evidenced by their fine performance against Spartan Aviation School of Aeronautics, the *ORU Internationals* have been constantly improving and are a coming team.

1967 BASEBALL SCHEDULE		
OPPONENT	DATE	PLAYED
CROWDER COLLEGE	SAT., March 18	HERE
ROCKHURST COLLEGE	TUES., March 21	HERE
Kansas City, Mo.		
BACONE COLLEGE	SAT., March 25	HERE
MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE	MON., March 27	HERE
Sioux City, Iowa		
BETHANY NAZARENE COLLEGE	THURS., March 30	HERE
EVANGEL COLLEGE	FRI., March 31	Springfield, Mo.
TULSA UNIVERSITY	THURS., April 6	**THERE
JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY	SAT., April 8	HERE
OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY	WED., April 12	Okla. City, Okla.
OKLA. CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	SAT., April 15	HERE
NORTHEASTERN A&M COLLEGE	MON., April 17	Miami, Okla.
EVANGEL COLLEGE	FRI., April 21	HERE
BACONE COLLEGE	SAT., Apr. 22	*Muskogee, Okla.
NORTHEASTERN A&M COLLEGE	MON., April 24	HERE
JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY	FRI., Apr. 28	Siloam Sprgs., Ark.
TULSA UNIVERSITY	SAT., April 29	HERE
OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY	WED., May 3	HERE
BETHANY NAZARENE COLLEGE	FRI., May 5	Bethany, Okla.
OKLA. CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	SAT., May 6	Okla. City, Okla.
All games are scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.		
Two seven inning games are to be played.		
**Site for the games with Tulsa University will be announced later and will be played at 7:00 p.m.		
*Time and place will be announced later.		