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Do You Belong?

by Mel Goard, Eric Fuscus

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 brought you here? Think about it.

Several students were sent here as punishment, which is at best a poor reason for sending anyone to anywhere, since our God can even put a nation in the desert if he wants to. But a few students had come at home or in their church an image which had to be lived up to, so it was decided that if they did not fit in quickly, ORU would just fit into their consciousness. If so, ORU was a last resort—because of one reason or another, there was nowhere else to go. But the majority of us didn'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, we try to 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 admission to that special talent, concessions are made which will cut to the school like barnacles to a ship. Once they are scraped off, they will only slow the ship's progress and finally will sink it. Each time a student is admitted outside of the law, the whole legal system, legislative 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.

Oral Roberts is simply that some students do not belong at ORU. Either they inherently cannot accept them-selves 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. For, who breaks the law without cooperation and responsibility, if barely able to accept this code, is that they can think up numbers of seemingly sensible reasons to not keep the line. One student recently said, "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 they're right. It does seem to tell twenty-year-olds what not to wear downtown, especially when it's virtually impossible to police such a sort of law. Of course, there is the small fact that as under- grades we have placed ourselves under "their" jurisdiction, and that they are responsible for us.

If we want to live outside of the law, we can always and somehow get away with it. Then after we have completely smashed the legal system, and when Christian standards are no longer upheld, we will 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 Tyndal said something to this effect in one of his sermons, "I'll tell you now that I am going to try my best to be a non-complying student. If you put your push you will 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 their campus as a mold that squeezes us, limits us, and cuts on liberties to the point that we become a "Whole Man." This is wrong.

The standards are guidelines, a framework which can produce a truly whole you and me. We will not present with a mold, but we are given a core upon which to build according to our unique personalities. If you cannot whole heartedly accept the core of your life, you do not belong at ORU. If you do, like what ORU has to offer, you should leave. It would be better for everyone if you would.

Do You Belong?

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 unleashed upon the campus of ORU and you could easily become one of his targets! Love is not for you? Ah, for he who runs the fastest runs into brick wall first. 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 Iaquinta

Have you seen the newspapers lately? Bobby Baker created a push for a new code of ethics for Congressmen because of illegal papers. 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 abolishing 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 to do anything about it. 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.

Love Bug Bites!

by Paulette McCartie

Spring Drama To Be Presented—March 30, 31 and April 1

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THE FORUM

Freshmen Forum.

In our Friday's assembly on February 24, the freshmen class prepared a panel discussion on the topic, "The Value of Protest." In an informative and (at times) boring presentation, the moderator confronted the panels with questions which they had already been given in advance. Yet, with our uncooperative and non-responsive attitude toward the questioners, it has been given questions in advance, the panelists seemed to me to have spent more time mulling over their topics and actually unprepared for the question.

It is my opinion that this panel utterly missed the mark in their presentation. For, it was supposed to be presenting a panel discussion because 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, one exception. One panelist at the beginning of the presentation quickly focused his attention on the anti-war protest movement concerning U.S. involvement in Vietnam and throughout the entirety of the program harped upon a conclusion that the free world, the government and the agents of the Fed. 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 absolute waste of the students' time, yet the entire student body seemed rather satisfied. 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 better to have the students present? The student body to allow this time for a change of direction it not be more profitable to the student body to be in contact with the President of God during this hour, rather than to have it wasted by an unprepared and underinformed panel.

Sincerely,

Paul Chappell

Sophomore

ORACLE APPLICATIONS

Applications are being accepted at all cruse positions on the ORU student newspaper. ORU students can apply! Please state your qualifications in a letter addressed to the Editor-in-Chief. Letters must be taken within the Publications Committee approved guidelines. All interested students are urged to apply!
Junior Varsity Times Out

On March 4th, the GRU Inter-

nationally scored early in the game as John Myers kicked the first goal. The game continued in the same manner as the end result was a 5-1 victory for the GRRU.

On February 26, the Interna-

tional played the Tulsa University sec-

tion. The international was the best opponent that we have faced so far in the season. The game was a comprehensive win for our team. Several minutes after his first goal, John Myers scored again. Before the half ended, David Bates boomed away from our third score from his cen-

ter-forward position to give us a

A constant feature of the season was the excellence of the defense. The backline, under the guidance of Coach Grier, played a solid and unyielding game. The defense was the strength of the team, as they conceded only one goal in the 10 games played.

The offense, led by Bates and Myers, scored 36 goals in the 10 games. Bates scored 12 goals, while Myers contributed 14 goals. The remaining goals were scored by other team members.

The season ended with the team finishing in second place in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The team played with great enthusiasm and determination throughout the season. With the season now completed, the team looks forward to the challenges of the upcoming season.