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MEMORIES LINGER ON AND ON . . .

The program read, "Investiture of the President and the Dedication of Oral Roberts University," April 2, 1967, was more than a formal ceremony dedicating a university; it was more than noted speakers, beautiful anthems, bustling crowds; it was an event that will live forever in the hearts of students, faculty, and administration of Oral Roberts University.

Memories of April 2, linger on and on . . . of Rev. Oral Roberts and Rev. Billy Graham sharing the platform and pledging their dedication to the same God and the same Gospel.

Memories of the choir and band singing and playing anthems of praise.

Memories of people . . . Eric Fiscus, Student Body President; Dr. Edna McEachern, distinguished scholar; Dr. John D. Messick, Executive Vice President; and the many, many newspapers and television personalities that recorded the event for all to see and hear.

And of course, memories of the Officers of the Law, who directed traffic, answered questions, and helped maintain order on that memorable day.

Yes, memories linger on . . .



Political Puppets at ORU

By Mel Goard

Do you know which students are filing application for office? Can you name the candidates for all the offices of one class, or can you list all the current candidates for just one office? Are you aware of the political histories of the candidates—What positions they have held, and what they have or have not done? Is your candidate "PART OF THE ANSWER OR PART OF THE PROBLEM?"

The fact that you are currently taking at least 12 semester hours at this university does not qualify you as a responsible voter.

To put it plainly, if you cannot answer YES to at least one of the above questions you do not know what is going on in the political scene, and your vote will be influenced by the surface issues of campaign gimmicks, slogans, promises, and the personal popularity of the candidates.

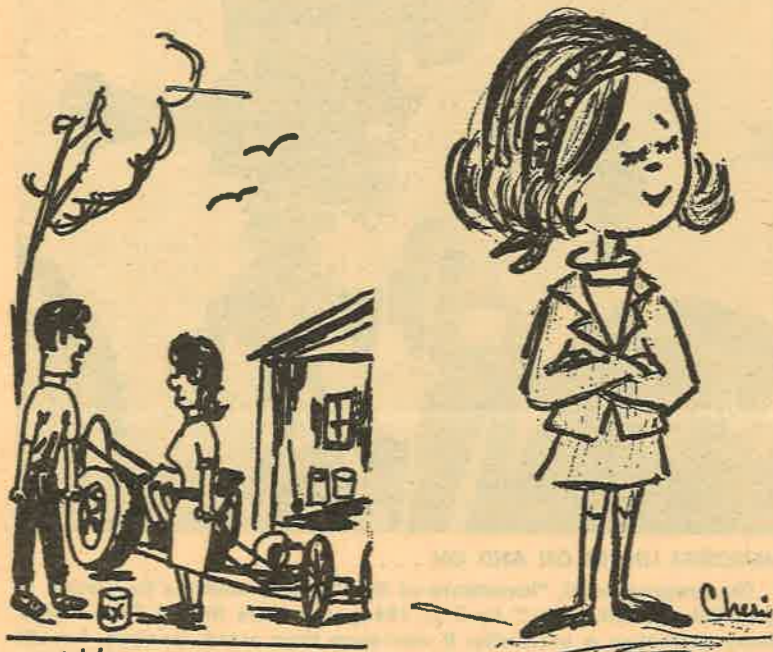
Using these criteria, it is impossible for you to elect the best qualified officers, and without strong leaders, our student government will become weak and ineffective.

Perhaps you are one of the few, who seemingly feels that our system of student government has never directly benefitted you, so it makes little difference who is elected.

Election day is almost here, sobering thought to remember. Don't be controlled by the whims and political dealings of others. Investigate each candidate. Find out why and how he or she is running and what they plan to do with the office . . . Check his personal habits and his professed religious convictions.

You have the right to select the officers who will represent you and ORU, the officers elected will not only represent ORU, but his actions will reflect upon the entire student body.

See you at the poll . . .



WADDA YA MEAN...
WHAT good is it?!!!

Patience is a virtue . . .
Posses it if you can—
Found seldom in a woman
But never in a man.

BOYS WANTED!

Do YOU want to spend an enjoyable summer???

Does the rugged beauty of lofty mountain peaks thrill you? Does the idea of an All-American tan excite you? Can you ignore a few pesky mosquitoes? Do you want to combine summer fun with an effective Christian witness?

If the answer is YES—YOU may find that enjoyable summer in Seattle, Washington. Graduate student, Don McCallum, is looking for interested fellows to go on summer camping trips with teen-age boys. Camping trips would last two to three weeks and would give ORU boys the chance to enjoy scenic Mt. Rainer Park and the chance to mature spiritually by counseling teen-agers.

If this sounds like YOU—contact Don McCallum in Shakarian Hall, Room 434.

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The Humorous Slant

By Dr. C. R. McClure

The Theory of Relativity may be illustrated by Billie Snail's words to his wife: "Lizzie, it's hot today; I think I'll jes' crawl up on this stone by the road and set there, and watch the turtles—WHIZ BY!"

A generation that recognizes the possibility of atomic doom is likely to seek release from its tensions; and, as in Chaucer's "Pardoner's Tale"—the threat of the plague, "The Death," leads men toward two responses: (1) Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow you die; or (2), Pray and prepare your soul for eternity.

We commend, however, the courage which permits a Christian to continue in his normal endeavors, to remain calm, and to enjoy living, including the day's fun and humor as well as the hours of prayer and church assembly.

To this end, I would express a few words of caution: Youth tends naturally to rebel, and rebellion often leads beyond the Golden Mean to excesses of action. And when thought has once been converted into action, it enters the stream of human affairs and goes beyond the control of the originator. All that we do has this character of the eternal: it affects other men. Humor is good, a curative for unhappy moments. We should make it welcome—and keep it clean.

In this regard, all educated people must learn to be their own censors. Some unscrupulous publishers now tempt us with pornographic tales which are, to speak the bold truth, nothing but devices of evil masquerading as art. Great art will express realities without degradation, for it will be guided by a moral purpose and the decencies of polite society.

The President's Corner

By Eric Fiscus

One of the most basic qualifications necessary to casting an intelligent vote in any election is having a clear understanding of what offices are being voted upon. It seems that there is still much confusion as to what our offices are, who holds these positions, and what their duties are. Since the elections are almost upon us, I should like to clarify this situation.

First of all, there are the four regular officers of each class—President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These conduct the business of each class, and they are regular, voting members of the Student Senate.

Over these are the four officers of the Student Body. As officers of the Student Body, they are also officers of the Senate and they preside over its meetings and business. They also serve to coordinate the various class efforts. However, they are *not* members of the Judiciary Boards. No officer is a full-fledged, voting member of both the executive-legislative (Senate) and the Judiciary branches of our student government.

The Associated Men's and Associated Women's Presidents are the heads of the Judiciary Boards. They are also in charge of the

operation of the Dorm Councils, which are elected at the beginning of each year. These two Presidents are ex-officio, non-voting members of the Senate, which gives them the opportunity to present and discuss any legislation, but not to vote on it.

These are the offices that are being voted upon in this election. I sincerely hope that you will vote only after a careful consideration of each of the candidates and offices. We still need more good candidates, and we definitely need you as a voter.

Memorial High School's Surf Club will put on a "Water Ballet Show" in the ORU pool on Saturday night, April 22, 1967 at 7:30 p.m. Admission 50¢.

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!

Seminarians Have Chapel

The Graduate School of Theology meets Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the auditorium of the Prayer Tower for ten o'clock chapel services led by the students. In addition to their own services, the theological students attend the undergraduate chapels on Monday and Wednesday.

During the school year each of the forty-one students is responsible for at least on chapel message. Missions is the topic of discussion on the second, fourth and fifth Friday of each month. The graduate school invites students interested in missions to attend these services.

Honor Code Sees Upgrade

By Jerry L. Martin

For the past few weeks my "spare" thoughts have been focused on the practicality of an Honor Code and its proper place in the Christian student's life at ORU. Without wisdom, it's very easy to look upon the Honor Code as an out-of-date philosophy with "squealing" as its foundation. However, let us remember that an honor-system is useless at Sing-Sing. A ny honor-system thrives where there is sincere honor.

It is my purpose to upgrade the concept of the Honor Code. In my opinion, the Honor Code is based on Love. This love simply compels us to obey certain standards—to confront one another with the picture of our actions and give him the opportunity to make the mature decision that he missed the first time. To say we don't care is to turn our backs on our friends and our endeavors at ORU. The love of a friend is love that says what it thinks is best, not what one wants to hear. In reality—this is the Honor Code.

Going a step further—the administration assumes full responsibility for such a system by giving us the standards as they see God would have them do. It is not our duty to determine whether a rule is either right or wrong. We should simply do as we said we would do when we signed the Honor Code—obey the rules!

I believe that the practical application of such a system lies in Christ. Wisdom, love, and consistency; attributes that are needed, are of God. The goal of moderation with consistency is found in our personal relationship with God. Insight is God-given.

In Memory

EDITOR'S NOTE:

"My Beloved Master" is presented in loving memory of Dr. Warren Straton, who was called to heaven on April 18, 1966, while en route to one of the earthly places he loved best—his teaching position at Oral Roberts University.

By Bob Skirvin

September 7, 1965, I arrived on ORU's campus—it was beautiful! I was completely enthralled until I suddenly realized; my family was in California and I was in Oklahoma; Oklahoma—why, when I was little I used to call all the poorer kids Okies, now I was in "Okie land" alone-alone-very alone.

I prayed and tried to find some comfort, but still I was so afraid—Why am I here? Why am I here, so far from home? At last I fell asleep and dreamed of my home and family.

At 6:55 I took off again with my roommate, Vaughn Thorp, and to breakfast we went. As we passed room 300 in Shakarian Hall, a man came out of the room. He was tall, nearly bald, and almost ugly. Before I had time to stare any more, he said, in a voice so cheerful that it almost scared me, "Good Morning!" What in the world was this? I wondered. He continued, "I'm Mr. . . . (I never caught his name) and I teach art here." "So that is why he is so friendly," I remember thinking, "He is some old kook who's trying to rope everybody into his boring old art class."

He walked outside with us and to my utter shock he said, "What a fabulous morning!" That was too much, "Man, have we ever latched onto a nut this time," my mind seemed to say.

We walked past a marigold bush and I saw a big yellow bumblebee fly to a flower, "Look! That's the first bumblebee I have ever seen!" This character raised his eyebrows, got the most friendly and inspired smile I had ever seen, and with his twisted jaw said, "Did you know the Old Masters—Rembrandt, Titan, and others—used to make yellow paint out of the yellow in that bumblebee's tail?" I was totally put back—this guy was or seemed to be smart!

Then he was really going; Vaughn and I just stopped and listened as he talked to us and told us 'secrets' of the "masters" as if they had just been confided in him yesterday. "Some of the 'masters' even made paint out of eggs—it made a very permanent color that has lasted through hundreds of years while most modern painting loses all color in a few years. These 'masters' got some of their ideas from the Greeks." At this point I was completely enthralled, he made me feel as if I were the teacher and he was the pupil reciting the day's lesson to me. "The Greeks painted all of their statues kind of a pink color—can't you just imagine a whole temple full of pink statues?" This sounded so good I kept thinking as the tall ugly man kept getting prettier and prettier to my eyes. "Sometimes the statues looked so realistic with Lapis Lazuli and Ivory in their eyes, that from a distance the Greeks often mistook the statues for real people."

I listened and listened until I could not contain it any more, "Sir, how do you know all this is true? Aren't all the Greek statues just stone now, and how can you know where the 'masters' got their paints?" He spoke again as if I were the teacher and he were reciting his lesson, "Years ago a young man studied the journals and diaries of some of the masters. The young man's ideas were added to their works and lost materials resulting in rediscovery of lost processes." The modest man never explained that this "young man" represented many young men and he was one of the prominent rediscoverers.

Vaughn and I talked with him through breakfast until we had to go. I walked outside the cafeteria and saw the sun, it wasn't very high yet, the Oklahoma birds were as pretty as California's, and what a beautiful campus—Thank you Jesus!!

The next morning Vaughn and I found him again (I still didn't know his name) and this time he told us of violins. He said so much it would be futile to recite it back, but one thing he said struck me, "... years ago a young man set out to copy the varnishes of the master violin makers. After weeks of chemical analysis the young man discovered how to make one of the varnishes. Science, as it even does now, said it was impossible to dissolve rosin in water, but I—the young man—tried it anyhow. It took one year for the process to be completed and

I have another at home now that has been in a process for five years already.

"Science often says that something is impossible simply because it doesn't take time to wait for a result. It is the same way in life, we often make rash judgments without the time factor."

We talked and soon the man was gone again. The next morning I waited at room 300 again, but he didn't come—"Where is he?" I wondered.

I did not see him again until the next Monday, and then we met all over again; this time I found out his name, Straton. Because I never did know what prefix to use for his name, I always called him "Dr." Straton.

I learned that Dr. Straton didn't live in Tulsa but in Springfield, Missouri, and he taught at Evangel College, too; so we only had him on Mondays and Tuesdays. The first semester passed and I fell in love with the old guy; I just waited for him to come again the next week. Second semester I signed up for sculpture—not because I wanted to learn sculpture, but because I wanted to be near Dr. Straton. I loved to watch his beautiful hands create—they must have been like God's hands, worn after a lifetime of creation, but so loving and tender.

I learned more of Dr. Straton's "vocabulary": fabulous, magnolious, marvelous, butimous, tremendous and others. I learned that a pencil is memory's little helper and paper is memory. We write down something that has existed in the fourth dimension, time, and make it two dimensional or three dimensional. I learned, through a series of drawings, that the chicken came after the egg—this class was one continual learning process.

April 18, 1966, I joyously took off for art class, because like a little boy hoping for a present from Daddy, I was anxious to see what Dr. Straton brought us this time. The nearer I came to the Learning Resources Center the more I wanted to pray. I was speaking in tongues and in English never realizing what I was saying. I walked around the building three times before I finally entered it and then too I was speaking in another tongue. I was headed for the art class, but everything seemed to get darker as I came closer.

At last I entered, Dr. Straton was not there yet. I kept praying as if I were fighting with something in the air. I kept wandering around the room looking at the newspapers and the many art objects there.

Then I felt someone or something say, "Dr. Straton is dead!" I wanted to scream, NO! but I couldn't. I tried to repress the thought, but still it returned, "Dr. Straton is dead." The class was waiting now and we heard a door open and in walked Brother Roberts. I knew my precognition was true, then he spoke, "Warren was killed on the way from Springfield—Killed on the way to your class. You can stay or you can leave, do as you wish."

Vaughn and I left the room and began to walk. I knew Dr. Straton was in heaven, but I was here—without my friend. I cried as we walked toward Harvard Avenue, then the thought struck me, "Let's see Sound of Music." I said nothing to Vaughn, but began to silently pray for this one wish. When we reached 81 Street a car passed us; I knew it would be the one to take us to Sound of Music. Suddenly it stopped and backed up. Mrs. McCendon was driving, "Do you boys want to go anywhere? I just came from the class too, and I am not ready to go home."

Twenty minutes later we were at 36th and Peoria buying our tickets for Sound of Music. I prayed in an unknown tongue through the movie as I realized why we were there, to share a little beauty with a man who lived beauty.

At 11:30, when the movie was over, Vaughn and I proceeded on a walk that lasted the rest of the night. It was a stormy night, but we only saw the sky-lighting lightening and heard God speak in the thunder. On and on we walked until at 2:00 in the morning after being lost we discovered ourselves in front of the Abundant Life Building, suddenly it began to rain. Were we led there? I think God had his hand on us all the way.

The guard saw us outside and invited us in where we ate some doughnuts and talked of our adventures. When the rain stopped we were on our way again—back to ORU.

That night changed my life. I purposed to be like Dr. Straton: to put God first, and beauty under Him only. After that night I realized why I (thirteen years before) had started school too early; it was to give me an insight into life I could have never had, if I had not come to ORU the first year to meet My Beloved Master.

Kappa Epsilon Receives Praise

By Cheryl Longstaff

"Dear Brother Neigel,

"Please accept my personal regards for your fine cooperation and wonderful spirit in making Sunday evening here at Suburban Hills the blessing it was to all.

"Give my thanks to each one and we will be delighted to have any of the team any time."

Pastor Geo. Smith"

This is one of the many letters sent to Kappa Epsilon, just recently organized at Oral Roberts University, congratulating them for successful service in Tulsa.

Kappa Epsilon has two objectives—that of Christian service and Christian fellowship. "It serves as a channel," says president Neigel Scarborough, "to direct talents for students to reach out in the Tulsa community in churches, teen-age evangelism, and personal witnessing on the streets." The purpose of this organization will be to make a constructive contribution to the university and the Tulsa area by way of a creative program of campus ministry, Christian fellowship and service.

Like a small bomb ticking, Kappa Epsilon started a small flame and then exploded into a tremendous influence. Secretaries sent out 100 letters to Tulsa churches and organizations announcing Kappa Epsilon's services. The response to these letters has kept well over 100 members quite busy. This new group, elected as its officers: Neigel Scarborough, President; Sunny Wessel, Vice-President; Darlene Bracken, Secretary; Mel Goard, Treasurer; Cathy Straton, Chaplain. Participation has been so successful that it was necessary to appoint team captains to coordinate activities: Child Evangelism, Karyn Zwick; Follow-up letter ministry, Shirley Whipple; Musical groups, Betty Ulseth;

Ensemble Director, Jon Heltebran; Speakers, Eugene Boyd; Mission Outreach, Don McCallum; International Student Outreach, Hans Bratterud; Student Witnessing, Terry Welsh.

Not only are they a ready service to the community, but they are willing to help and strengthen Oral Roberts University. An active spiritual life committee strives to meet the spiritual needs of the students. A prayer group, accessible any time of the day, is willing and ready to pray for any problem that arises. All campus socials, such as the party at President and Mrs. Roberts home last month, have proved to be successful and fun.

When asked if it was ever embarrassing to walk up to a total stranger and talk to them about the Lord, Neigel replied, "Although we have to exercise discretion, the Spirit provides a boldness." And boldness is the word. Once when witnessing to people at a local Drive-in, Neigel walked over to a car-load of teen-age boys and started to talk to them about the Lord. The boys were confused and asked, "Why are you so interested in coming out here and talking to us creeps?" Cars were constantly circling around the drive-in—people were continually searching for something they hadn't found and Neigel replied, "There is a restlessness among people and we as Christians feel we have found the answer." Of course, the answer is—God.

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WORLD EVANGELISTS Billy Graham and Oral Roberts discuss future plans prior to taking part in dedicatory service April 2.

Graham and Roberts

By Darlene Ulseth

Approximately thirty years ago, two young men stood beneath the spreading branches of an oak tree and together shared a dream. Its materialization was formally legalized on Sunday, April 2, as Oral Roberts University became the reality which attracted thousands. Curiosity was not the magnet. Nor was it the names of renowned personalities. The atmosphere was permeated with the prayerful expectancy of hearts which arose as one to participate in the dedication of a university consecrated to Christian education; the investiture of a President who, as a youth gazing heavenward through the pattern of oak leaves, was acutely aware of an urgency to fulfill and of a consciousness of the measureless power of God.

It was no ordinary ceremony indeed which brought Oral Roberts and Billy Graham to the same platform and for the same purpose. It was no imaginary purpose which assembled scores of representatives from an extensive radius of universities across the country to march, cloaked and tasselled, in the lengthy procession which preceded the preliminaries. In the audience were the faces of students, their parents

and relatives; longstanding friends of Oral Roberts ministry, and citizens of Tulsa and other areas of this state. As Joyce Shealy led in "The Star-Spangled Banner" each was aware of a fierce national pride. With this awareness there deepened throughout the afternoon an invincible pride in this university and in being a part of it. We felt this pride as Eric Fiscus, Student Body President

gave his oratory and as Dr. Messick performed his duties as chairman. In every address of the afternoon a direct challenge was implicit. The speakers included Dr. R. O. Corvin, Dean of the School of Theology; Chancellor E. T. Dunlap, representing the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; Bishop J. A. Synan of the Pentecostal Holiness Church; the Honorable J. A. Hewgley, Mayor of Tulsa; the Honorable Dewey Bartlett, Governor of the State of Oklahoma; and S. L. Braxton, Chairman of the University Board of Regents.

President Roberts and Billy Graham spoke with a directness which had a profound impact upon every listener. This University does not exalt the name which it bears, the President emphasized, but rather, the ministry which that name upholds. It was not the little donkey which bore

'Christ in the Concrete City' Presents Calvary in Contemporary Set

By Dona Wantland

It was a production strangely reminiscent of off-Broadway innovation; no props, black "stage-hand" costumes . . . as if the play were taking place in the wings, rather than on stage. The players were well-rehearsed and, for the most part, refreshingly involved with their dialogue, though at times the involvement itself pushed voice pitch and pacing a bit toward the runaway point.

"Christ in the Concrete City" was written as an honest attempt to relate Calvary to us, on the level of our contemporary lives. Because of the formidable dimensions of the task which the author assumed, the play appeared at

times to break down in its superimpositions. However, there were grand moments. One out of many was an unintentional yet masterful point of relationship drawn in devastating bas-relief. It was when the players as soldiers performed the task of lifting the imaginary cross into the ground; when half-way there, they were caught in a pantomime which resembled most amazingly the famous casting of the "Raising of the Flag at Iwo Jima."

Somehow the terrible and painful irony of that similarity said everything that was trying to be said. For me, at least, it illuminated the distances man has placed between the Cross and his own soul.

Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday that the people hailed exultantly and desired to crown King of the Jews. Rather, it was the Man he bore.

Dr. Billy Graham outlined the three principle purposes in the triangle of our goal; academic, physical, and spiritual excellence. He traced with deliberate intent the growth of such universities as Yale and Harvard which flourished as religious institutions in their embryonic stages of development. Today they have become hardened to their original purpose. What was once consecrated has now become desecrated. Shall this happen to Oral Roberts University? Before this should occur here, Billy Graham declared, let there come a curse upon this University. Every student, every faculty member, every individual in the audience, felt the force of this declaration.

As the crowds dispersed and the ceremony was part, the day was gone only with the setting of the sun. In our hearts the dedication remains a burning challenge. The torch has been passed from one generation to another. Will we carry this torch? Can we fulfill these goals which have been set before us? By the Grace of God we will.

Combined Choirs Give 'Saint Luke'

Combined choirs of Oral Roberts University presented Bach's "St. Luke's Passion" Saturday, April 1, at 8 p.m. in the Timko-Barton Auditorium.

The Passion is the moving story of Christ's trial, crucifixion, and sacrifice. The story was narrated by the Evangelist, Don Haney, with the concert choir singing the chorales and the combined choirs singing the choruses. The part of Jesus was sung by Hans Bratterud and Bill Fritsch was Pilate. Mrs. Joyce Shealy sang the soprano arias and David Huntwork and Dan Fee were the empenitent and penitent Malefactors.

The Passion concluded with the congregation joining the combined choirs on the chorale, "It is finished."

Though Crowds Depart, Memories Remain

"I felt proud and honored to be a part of this University. The whole dedication ceremony was something I will always remember as one of the highlights of my college years here at ORU," says Norlene Ransbarger, a Freshman at Oral Roberts University.

As the awe of those Dedication Services filled many hearts, a bursting of emotions and reactions afterward were hard to recapture on paper. An "Abundant Life" magazine reporter commented that she could not put down on paper, that people were without words, that all they could say was, "This was just great," or, "just wonderful." The atmosphere, the presence they felt was not a tangible thing. It couldn't be touched or reached by human efforts, or expressed in so many words.

Mrs. Wm. Longstaff of Fostoria, Ohio, said, "When I walked on

this campus, I felt as if I stepped off earth for a while and was completely engulfed by a new atmosphere, like another planet, it was a new way of life. I never

cease to be amazed at the new wonders. God has prepared for his students.

Says Darlene Ulseth, daughter of West Indies' missionaries and

student here, "The ceremony which took place on April Second could well have been mere format and display. However, there was a very real and unify-

ing consciousness of the Spirit of God moving amongst us. Each individual could not help but be made aware of the tremendous purpose of this University and of the Faith which has built it. I was singularly impressed by the genuine humility of President Roberts and by the forcefulness of Billy Graham's declaration that if our consecration becomes desecration there should be a curse upon this institution. I feel that through the dedication each of us has been inspired anew and that our aspirations have been revitalized both physically and spiritual."

Dedication means consecration, hallowing, a setting aside for a purpose. Isn't Oral Roberts University also set aside for a purpose—that of education the body, mind and soul of dedicated students and then using this education for the divine purpose and will of God?



Almost 20,000 visitors attended dedicatory services on ORU campus April 2

Tennis Team Looks Promising

Coach Duke is presently building a strong tennis program here at Oral Roberts University. He is attempting to get outstanding players here on tennis scholarships. While we are looking for outside talent, there is already much potential here. The interest in tennis is high among many of the students. Diligent practice would develop many outstanding players.

The core of this year's tennis team is made of Dave Shirk, Paul Massey, and Emery Wold.

Dave Shirk, from Salinas, California, has been playing tennis for about seven years. The strong points of his game are his serve and his defensive play. Dave is very consistent in returning the shots of his opponents. He feels that one should strive to play steadily but he should take advantage of his offensive opportunities when they develop. Another point that Dave makes is that if one is losing, he should change his game plan, but if winning, keep the game plan. The single most important shot in tennis is the serve, feels Dave. Understandably, the serve is his favorite shot. "It's not winning or losing in the actual score that counts, it's doing your best to let the Lord be glorified on the courts; in this way you are a winner every time you play," declared Dave. With such

an attitude, it is impossible for Dave Shirk to lose.

Basketball star, Paul Massey, from Newport, Arkansas is also a fine tennis player. Paul has been playing tennis since the seventh grade. He went to the state meet in Arkansas when he was in the ninth grade. Paul is an all-around player, his strong-point being his tremendous cannonball serve. The main requirements for developing into a good player says Paul, are good form, speed, and daily practice. His favorite shot is the backhand drop shot. Paul thinks the tennis team should do fairly well this year since they can practice every day on our excellent courts.

Emery Wold, from Spokane, Washington, has been playing tennis for three years. Emery's advice for those people who are just learning is that they should practice every day. Some people are discouraged when they don't get good, while playing only an hour and a half per week; they should spend this much time on the game every day to learn to play well. Emery's strongpoint is his serve. He likes to play the net whenever possible. Emery considers a net shot the most important shot in the game because if one is a good player, every shot that he gets at the net, he should be able to place it and put it

away on his opponent. "The most important shot in tennis is one hit where the opponent can't return it." The forehand drive is Emery's favorite shot.

Since we now have our own beautiful courts and our players can practice every day, we are looking forward to a successful season this spring. The boys are playing better now than they were at the end of the season last year. The courts are equipped with windbreaks and lights for the greatest possible convenience of all the budding tennis prospects.

On April 10, our tennis team hosted Holland Hall High School in a practice meet. We won six of the nine matches. Our team played especially well in the singles matches. Massey handily defeated Mole 8-3; Shirk outplayed Maddox 9-7; Fern took Porter 8-2 and in another match Fern defeated Bryan, again by the score of 8-2. Wold lost 8-6 to Hewgley in a close match and Ratzlaff lost to Sallee 9-7 in a see-saw battle.

In doubles competition, Bailey and Paul mauled Porter and Mole 8-3. Farrimond and Shell put down Bryan and Sallee 8-3. However, in the final doubles match Wold and Massey dropped a tough one 8-7 to Hewgley and Maddox.

Internationals Show Improvement

On April 1, 1967, the *ORU Internationals* played *Spartan Aviation School of Aeronautics* for the second time this spring in a soccer game. The *Spartans* were gunning for us, for we had beaten them in the previous match 3 to 1. A strong wind made playing conditions difficult.

The first half found the *Internationals* fighting the wind and the *Spartans*. With the strong wind at their backs, the *Spartans* were able to control the ball in the *Internationals'* end of the field for a majority of the first half. Worse yet, they scored two goals on us.

In the second half, the *Internationals* finally got going on offense and chalked up two goals. However, we were not able to hold the *Spartans* at bay as they also scored twice, making the final score 4 to 2 in their favor. *ORU* goals were scored by Roy Grider and by Paul Williams.

A week later, on April the 8th, the *Internationals* again faced the *Spartans*. Once more, it was a windy day. In the first half, we played disorganized ball and were not able to score on several good opportunities. The *Spartans*, who are a group of students from Iceland, scored two goals from close in to make the score 2 to 0 at halftime.

It looked bad for the *Internationals*, as they were down 2 to 0 and were going against the wind the second half. But we did not roll over dead. Playing brilliantly, the *Internationals* worked

the ball upfield better than they had all year. After a great scramble in front of the *Spartan* goal mouth, Sam Retzlaff kicked in our first goal of the game. Credit should go to our entire forward line, for it was the great hustle and second effort of the whole line that produced the goal.

The game continued into its last stages. It was still 2 to 1 in favor of the *Spartans* with only a few minutes left in the match. Then, suddenly a breakaway developed for the *Internationals*. John Myers drew the goalie out of position and picked home the tying goal. The ball hit the inside of the goal post and bounced in for the score!

The teams came to midfield and the ball was put in play but within a few moments the game was over. It had been a moral victory for the *Internationals*. We had reduced a two goal deficit in the lingering moments of the game while fighting a strong wind and a confident *Spartan* team.

The whole team played exceptionally well in the second half. Our forward line of Paul Williams, Shunji Suzuki, John Myers, Chuck Kawamori, and Sam Retzlaff passed the ball with consistency and accuracy. Playing well at the halfback positions were Marty Andrews, David Bates, and Ken Fox. David Graham and Leonard DeZeeuw provided excellent support for the goalie, Joel Vesanen, at their fullback positions.

SPORTS

Titan Golfers Tee Off

With the arrival of spring, the outdoors is providing more and more attraction to the students of Oral Roberts University. This is just the call that our golf team has been waiting for; and now they have a chance to air their competitive spirit.

The Titan golf team has already jumped off to a rather fine start in this, their second season. The team has beaten John Brown University, Evangel, and St. Gregory's, while dropping decisions to Harding College, Phillips University, and East Central State College. These last two schools are considered quite tough in Oklahoma golf circles.

This gives us a 3-3 won-lost record so far into the season which encompasses 15 team matches. Our golf team will play 11 times in these matches.

The Titan golf team is made

up of Paul Vandruff, Jim Hickok, Roland Williams, Bob Hodge, and Jerry Martin. Others who may see some action before the season is over are Bob McAllister, Mark Pare, and John Jerome. They are coached by Doctor W. Morgan.

None of the boys are very pleased with the way that they have been playing so far this season. Of course, it is still quite early in the season and Coach Morgan is confident that the team will see great improvement in the next couple of weeks.

Golf is a game of small margins and a very small mistake can result in a terrible shot. These margins can only be ironed out and adjusted through practice. Naturally, the boys haven't been able to practice very much here due to the weather. But now that the team is out on the course, they are beginning to show im-

provement. Jerry Martin has had good rounds and several others have shown good performances in spots.

The Titan golfers have a few more home matches yet this season and anyone interested in golf is urged to come out and watch the boys play. All home matches are slated at LaFortune Park. The following is a brief schedule of remaining matches:

April 18—NEO A&M and OMA (OMA)

April 21—Evangel (home)

April 24—John Brown and OMA (OMA)

May 2 (tentative)—St. Gregory's (Shawnee)

May 4 — Bethany Nazarene (Okla. City)

(Fort Smith has requested two matches with us that will probably be played during the 2nd two weeks of May.)

SCHOOL FOR SQUARES

As we listened to Oral Roberts and Billy Graham at the Sunday dedication of ORU the conviction grew on us that Tulsa is going to have an unashamed school for squares.

Given the definition of a square as one who seeks fulfillment by observance of a strict code of personal behavior people would have been astonished half a century ago at the word, "unashamed."

But, as Billy Graham pointed out, we now seem to be involved in a search for happiness outside the realm of personal responsibility. People who seek to curb their appetites and cussedness are no longer "with it." Morals are old hat. Thousands are searching for revelation with the help of psychedelic drugs. The slob presents himself as a philosopher. The grab is on.

It is too early to tell whether the neatly-jacketed and primly-skirted, non-drinking, non-smoking students at Oral Roberts University represent a wave of the future that is still below the horizon. But Man has gone on binges of hedonism and license before and always he has awakened with a vomiting hangover.

Whether Oral Roberts can produce a great university is yet to be seen. It is a new school and quality and dedication of both students and faculty must be proven.

But if ORU can produce academic excellence and at the same time maintain a tradition of personal excellence it will be a powerful combination. For rarely are the two mated. We have some strict church-related schools that are academically narrow and timid of demonstrated truth. And we have many academically-excellent universities which seem perfectly happy to be pouring information into ethical imbeciles.

Oral Roberts is a "can do" man. A lot of people try what they cannot accomplish, and many others don't try where they could succeed. But Oral Roberts, so far, at least, has accomplished miracles of faith. He sets his targets apparently far out of gunshot and then blows holes in them.

No university in the world has a higher aim than ORU—the training of "the whole man," the simultaneous dissemination of learning, high performance and lofty purpose.

We hope he gets away with it.

Lord, how it is needed!

Great Start for Titan Baseballers

It appears as though the ORU baseball Titans have begun a highly successful season. As this paper goes to press, our boys have amased an impressive 11-5 won-lost record over some real rugged competition.

The team, under the direction of Coach Hatchett, is still experimenting in an effort to set up a good solid defense. The team has had a few infield problems that they are trying to work out. These have been primarily mental lapses and a few wild throws that have cost us some runs. The coach is confident, however, that these can be taken care of.

The pitching staff is looking real good for this early in the season and Coach Hatchett is hoping that the hitting will start to improve soon. Bobby Wallis looks to be our strongest pitcher but Tony McConnell has been looking exceptionally tough. Joel Downing and Troy Wells have both looked good in spots but both have been sick and are just now getting their strength back.

Brian Gelencher is our best defensive man. He and Boyce Bishop are very effective in the outfield and they have also been hitting quite well. Brian is leading the team in batting average and in stolen bases. Boyce is more of a long ball hitter. Jimmy Lawson has also hit some long balls. He has quite a few homers and extra-base hits to his credit.

The Titans dropped their first two decisions to Crowder by scores of 5-2 and 4-2. The Titans had an exceptionally bad day at the plate as they could manage only 3 hits in 47 times at bat.

However, the Titans boomed back with a 4-game winning-streak as they took two victories from both Rockhurst College and East Central State.

Rockhurst fell to an 8-7 conquest in the initial battle and a 2-1 defeat in the second encounter. Joel Downing and Bobby Wallis took credit for these two wins. Brian Gelencher got two hits and stole 3 bases in the second game to score both of the Titan runs.

Gelencher was also the predominant figure in our first victory of East Central as he was 4 for 4 at the plate, stole 3 bases, scored 3 runs, and batted in another one. Herb Poteete and Phil White each added 2 RBI's as Bobby Wallis got credit for the win.

Tony McConnell struck out 11 in the second game and gave up only 3 hits as he defeated East Central 4-3.

The Titans had their winning streak snapped by Morningside on March 27, as Joel Downing lost a 5-0 shut-out. However, ORU came back to win the second game on the strength of an outstanding effort by Boyce Bishop. Boyce collected 4 hits in

4 trips to the plate for the Titans. Two of these were doubles and accounted for 2 RBI's. Boyce also stole 3 bases and scored 3 runs. Troy Wells and Denny Whinery handled the pitching assignment for the Titans as we won, 9-5.

Troy Wells took credit for our first win over Bethany College on March 30. Bethany was overpowered 17-2 as the Titans had a team batting average of .417. Carl Lawson was 4 for 4 at the plate. His brother, Jimmy, socked his first home run of the year to account for 3 runs batted in. Herb Poteete and Dwight Atchley each went 2 for 3 at the plate.

The second game with Bethany turned out to be a real slugfest as the Titans took a 16-10 victory. This time, the ORU squad batted an impressive .433 from the plate. Jimmy Lawson belted his second homer as he scored 3 runs and batted in 5 more. Jimmy's other two hits were both doubles. Bishop, Poteete, and Rinkel were also tough with the bat. Brian Gelencher did the pitching for the Titans.

Bobby Wallis got his third win by defeating Evangel College on March 31. Bobby struck out 13 crusaders in the 4-2 victory. Boyce Bishop struck a big blow for the Titans when he smashed his first homer of the year. ORU could only muster 5 hits but their defense held out to give our fourth straight win.

We gained our fifth straight victory that same day as Tony McConnell struck out 12 Evangel ball-players to take a 9-5 decision over the Crusaders. Dwight Atchley was 3 for 4 from the plate while Carl Lawson batted 3 for 5 to score 3 of the Titan runs. Jim Lawson, Denny Whinery, and Tony McConnell each donated 2 hits to the Titan Cause.

Our winning streak was snapped, however, when we met the powerful Tulsa University squad on April 6. Tulsa University was favored to roll over our relatively inexperienced ball club. However, Tulsa had to go into extra innings to eke out a 2-1 victory over our Titans. Bobby Jack Wallis turned in a spectacular performance as he baffled the TU batting staff. Bobby struck out 13 batters from the powerful-hitting Tulsa team.

The Titans drew first blood in this contest as they scored in the very first inning as Brian Gelencher doubled and Carl Lawson drove him in. TU knew right away that they had no easy victory coming to them. Wallis held Tulsa scoreless until the fourth inning when TU scored on a double, a passed ball, and a wild throw to third base. The game remained tied until TU scored on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the 8th. This game proved the potential of the Titans. They cer-

tainly deserve recognition for this fine ball game.

On April 8, the Titans met and defeated John Brown University in both games of a double header. Joel Downing got credit for the first game as ORU dropped JBU 3-1. The Titans found themselves down by a score of 12-3 in the second game but made a remarkable comeback to pull out a 13-12 victory. Denny Whinery earned the win with four innings of relief.

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TULSA UNIVERSITY
OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY
BETHANY NAZARENE COLLEGE
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SAT., April 29
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SAT., May 6

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All games are scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Two seven inning games are to be played.

*Time and place will be announced later.



Roger Staub, sophomore veteran, holds run at home.



John Lawson, freshman outfielder, earn run, to bring TITANS victory.