**Support the Titans**

The time has come for students concerned with the lack of communication between administration, faculty, and student body to speak up and voice their suggestions.

I am referring especially to the decision regarding the cancellation of the Valentine Banquet set on the Social Activities Calendar for February 10. The reasons given for such a decision are: 1) A Valentine Queen would conflict with the Basketball Queen and since we are a small university, two queens are just too many! 2) The entire affair is rather "high-schoolish" and needs to be eliminated.

However, I'd like to point out that although we are a small university, the grand total of two queens hardly seems to be an overpowering figure. The Basketball Queen is elected by and for the basketball team, while a Valentine Sweetheart would represent the entire student body. A women's basketball basketball team is elsewhere in the country. I think the way it was reached was rather "high-schoolish" too. ORU has a Social Committee consisting of faculty, students, and the social director—and this committee should decide matters of social policy. The students are represented and have a voice on it. Perhaps the Social Committee needs to reconsider its purpose and have more of a voice in deciding social policies at ORU.

In closing the spring calendar and in consultation with the social director, I find a Spring Formal listed for April and a Junior-Senior Banquet scheduled for the first week of May. ORU students, however, have expressed in past incidents, the financial strain created in attending two social functions so close together. Also, students need a social function earlier in the semester than when they are here.

My suggestion is that instead of the Valentine Banquet, we have a Spring Formal at the end of February or at the first of March, that is for the entire student body. At this formal one should not begin a new tradition and elect a "Mr. and Miss ORU" to be chosen by the student body on the basis of grades, personality, and talents. In this way students would have a formal affair to look forward to now and the Junior-Senior Banquet would highlight the end of the academic year.

Since communication is such a vital part to the smooth operation of a university, I urge students, faculty, and administration to consider these suggestions.

**500 Ministers Attend Seminar**

Last Friday through Tuesday Oral Roberts University accommodate approximately 500 ministers in a seminar of Charismatic emphasis and interdenominational interest. The seminar staff was headed by hosts President and Mrs. Oral Roberts, Charlotte DeWese, Technical Professor Russell Smith as Seminar Coordinator, Rev. R. F. DeWese and Tommy Tyson officiated alternately at Master of Ceremonies.

The ministers comprised a varied mixture of religion ranging from Roman Catholic to Southern Baptist. They traveled from points as far as Northern Canada and Great Britain.

The instructive purpose of this seminar provided for a well-developed program. Included among the schedule of daily classes were "Evangelism in the Church," taught by Tommie Tyson; "The Charismatic Movement," by J. R. Kimbro; "Healing in Church Evangelism," by Rev. R. F. DeWese.

**Student Ads**

Want to get rid of your mother's corn? Need some extra chapel cuts? Run an ad in the new student classified section of "The Oracle." Only 20¢ per 25 words will produce fast results.

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**Basketball Game Tonight 8 p.m.**

**Students Announce Engagements**

Several ORU students have recently announced plans to marry in the coming months, Among those couples who are both attending ORU are Norleans Ransburger and Don Sherr, Joy Miller and Rudy Strickland, Kathy Juventus and George Moore, Debbie Bjornstrom and Steve Alley, Vic Blaisat and Roland Williams, Nancy Peterson and Paul Massy, Cathy Straten and Gary McClaugh, Sandy Malone and Gary Sulander, and Beth Arnd and Al Feagles.

For Van Vorces plans to wed Sgt. Barry Foster who is stationed in the Orient, Gary's July wedding is planned by Nancy Larson who is engaged to be married to Ron Hansen of Chateau, Montana. Corey Nickerson has announced his plans to wed Cindy Weingardt of Kismet, Kansas, and Anita Blackwell has decided to be engaged to James Bates of Hardy, Arkansas. Sandy Mullinax is making plans for her coming marriage to Allen Williams of Ft. Myers, Florida, and Joyce Crossfield has announced her engagement to Don Shields of Merritt Island, Florida.

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**5 Major Productions Spark Drama Dept.**

"Two major drama productions are scheduled for the spring semester with tentative plans for further productions," announced Prof. Raymond Lewandowski, Chairman of the Drama Department at ORU. A major production in Children's Theatre will be offered February 24 as "Liisa Johnson will direct "Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater" by Martha R. King. Technical Director for the production will be Anita Blackwell.

"The Miracle Worker" by William Gibson is set for the end of March and will be under the leadership of Guest Director, Mrs. John Tuel. Mrs. Tuel has done graduate work at the Yale School of Drama and will be assisted by Prof. Lewandowski, Technical Director.

Prof. Lewandowski related, "All students are urged to attend tryouts, regardless if they are drama majors or minors, as tryouts are open to all students."

**President's Corner**

**Whose Fault the Exodus?**

By Eric Fieau

Every month at Oral Roberts University brings radical change and new experiences for everyone. The coming semester will be no exception.

When it opens, an alarmingly large number of students will not be returning. I presume that a standard percentage of freshmen will be leaving, and while I am sorry to see them go, I am not too sorri for this. In my opinion, the ones leaving because of problems with scheduling and curriculum have a valid reason to go. In several areas of study, the number of courses is not sufficiently large to provide enough hours for the students. In that sense, the program could be improved, and we do expect miracles, it is not particularly comforting to know that hours amounting to three or four non-existent course are required for graduation. One student in this situation was recently advised just to believe and hope that the needed courses would be offered before graduation. This problem should have been forecasted and better planned for. In time, it will resolve itself, but while it affects students now, sometimes, the only solution is to transfer to another school.

To my way of thinking, not many other reasons are very good. For those who are leaving because an ORU degree carries little prestige, I have only this to say. "Consider what you brought here in the first place."

There is a group of students who are leaving because of their studies habits and grades have failed...
Coronation Highlights Game

TITANS Face Rivals

Amid the beauty, fun, and pageantry of crowning a Basketball Queen, there is always the dual-serious battle of winning the Coronation ball game. This contest will likely be no exception as a real grudge fight is expected to take place on the ORU hardwood.

The grudge is one that the Titans hold against Oklahoma Christian College from Oklahoma City. The Eagles of OCC are the only team that the Titans have not met, and defeated, this season. The Titans also the only team that has beaten ORU at home.

Tied at the start and end, the gray and Eagle downed the Titans twice last year to boost their season’s record to 20-5. Earlier this year, the blue, white, and gold met the Eagles in the John McCleadow Tournament. OCC toppled the Titans in this tournament by a margin of 65-68 despite a 27-point effort by Bill Holt. Those “Titans” also hit double figures in the boat but not in the net.

Beside tapping the Titans this year the Eagles have also shown such powerful squads as Oklahoma Baptist University, Southwestern State, Langston, OCC’s record for this season stands at 12-7, an indication of their strength.

The Eagles have 5 returning lettermen and are led by 6’7” Dave Smith and 6’7” Bunny Price-johnson. OCC’s senior center, is an Oklahoma boy who is noted for controlling the boards at both ends of the floor. Price is an exceptional tall shooting forward from Lexington, Tennessee. The Eagles have also found strength in the home court, and are also the team that has beaten ORU at home.

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The Titans warmed up for the big contest with two tough bouts against Corpus Christi and New Mexico. They came away with the two losses, but they return to the court ready and are led by a four-point effort with the Eagles. ORU has also come from a couple of impressive wins over Washington University and Midwestern University, both of whom defeated the Eagles last season. The Titans overpowered East Central State but dropped a decision to the Eagles by two points.

All in all, tomorrow night looks like a hard shaper up to be the biggest challenge of the year for the Titans.

By Don Amex

5 Finalists Vie for Crown

Tomorrow night, the 1968 Basketball Coronation will be presented during the halftime of the ORU vs. Oklahoma Christian College basketball game. The new queen, who will be chosen by the student bodies of both teams, will be crowned by Deanna Shaw, last year’s basketball queen.

Mary Wallace, a candidate from Fort Worth, Texas, will be escorted by the coronation by Hevly Brown. She is an elementary education major and is active in the Pep Club, Le Club Friday, and Drama Club.

Another finalist for the title is Sheila Simpson, a junior business administration major from Glasgow, Kentucky, on the Pep Club, and is active in the Pep Club and Pep Band.

The coronation program will be conducted by Mary Beth Moore, ORU’s first basketball Queen and Professor Steve Dowdow, who will be accompanied by the ORU Band.

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