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Singers Complete Concert Trip

Peterson Notes Success

by Jay Schmidt

Sunday night the University Singers returned to Oral Roberts University from an eight-day Midwestern tour. "It was highly successful in every way," commented Dr. Jesse Peterson, Director.

The 24-voice choir left January 21 for their first program, at the First Assembly of God, Granite City, Illinois. Accompanying the group were Larry Dalton, pianist; Sharon Griffin, pianist and viola soloist; Garry Pollard, Ron McCall and Danny Wolfe; trumpet trio: Ruth Merrell, in charge of lighting; and Tom Ivy, technician. Mr. Gene Elrod accompanied the group during the first half of the tour, and Mr. Charles Ramsay, Jr., the second.

A wide variety of sacred music characterized their presentation. Beginning with classical selections, the program continued with spirituals, folk and gospel songs, including Ralph Carmichael arrangements, and concluded with "You'll Never Walk Alone.

Last week's trip was the first lengthy tour made by an ORU choir. The itinerary included the Open Bible Church, Rockford, Illinois; Moline Gospel Temple, Moline, Illinois; First Church of the Open Bible, Des Moines, Iowa; Assembly of God, Lincoln, Nebraska; Berean Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri; Youth for Christ Rally: Kansas City, Kansas; and Evangel Temple, First Assembly of God, Kansas City, Missouri.

"What impressed me most, commented Cory Nickerson, "was that we worked together toward a common goal and showed that a Christian can be top-notch and not mediocre."

Dr. Peterson, who was officially awarded a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, January 28, remarked, "I have traveled for fifteen years with musical groups, and I cannot remember a more successful tour."

Swick Receives Dark Award

Charles Zwick, a freshman at Oral Roberts University, was recently awarded a radio and television scholarship.

A telecommunications major, Charles was given the award by Mr. Danny Davis of Los Angeles, California. Dark provides a $500 scholarship each year to an outstanding high school senior who has demonstrated special abilities in Speech, and who is interested in pursuing a career in radio and television.

Dark, himself a successful radio-TV advertising, decided to offer the annual scholarship after visiting ORU and seeing the school's technological facilities.

Miss Laurine Hager, Speech teacher and educational leader in Tulsa, made the award on behalf of Dr. Dark, who is a former pupil of hers.

Dr. Messick Resigns As Dean of Academic Affairs

by Darlene Uloth

Thursday, February 1, marked another milestone in the history of Oral Roberts University, as it paid tribute to Dr. J. D. Messick, who has resigned after two and one half years of active service. The ceremony was climaxed by the induction of Dr. Carl H. Hamilton as Dean of Academic Affairs. Dr. Hamilton was appointed as official understudy to Dr. Messick last spring.

Although Dr. Messick has resigned his post position, he still remains a vital part of the machinery of this college, serving as consultant, advisor, and eventual historian. His term as Dean of Oral Roberts University has been characterized as well as proficient.

"When I came here," Dr. Messick's speech on Thursday began, "I joined President Roberts in his vision for a great institution dedicated to the task of educating each student to emerge as a well-prepared individual, spiritually, ethically, culturally, intellectually, psychologically, socially and physically."

He referred specifically to an article published in the "ORU Witness" in 1964 which reflected many of his thoughts at the time.

"The establishment of a traditional liberal arts university," he stated, "is not sufficient justification for the sacrifices being made to give birth to Oral Roberts University. But to provide an environment and scholastic program, where the inner glow of divine inspiration is activated in projected meaningfulness, justifies every sacrificial effort being made by the University supporters."

Concerning the present status of Oral Roberts University, Dr. Messick emphasized the need for an increasingly scholarly atmosphere. He outlined the curricular development and listed the advantages of educational media, level work, and independent research, as well as a well-diversified library.

In closing, Dr. Messick remarked, "We do not have a Utopia. The school is not large enough for every instructor to teach only his own specialty... but we have done well. We have a foundation philosophically and academically of greatness. It will require understanding, patience, work, finances, and dedicated trust in God to achieve the ultimate goal, but we are on the way."

ATTENTION

There will be a reception for Dr. Messick on February 6 between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. in the Timko-Burton Lounge. All students, faculty members, and friends are invited to attend.

Dates to Remember

February 8—Chapel conducted by President Roberts. He will make himself available at this time for questions asked by the students.

February 16-18 — Crusade in Tampa, Florida.
Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

A letter to the editor in the December 11, 1967 issue of The Oracle suggested, in essence, the abandonment of "superficial standards of 'sacred' dress, etc.," and a substitution of "loving one another in Christ." 

I agree with the writers that holiness is the matter of the heart which cannot be legislated. The standards of dress suggested by the administration must then be considered as given for reasons other than to "make one holy." They are in my opinion motivated by something Christian love to which this article referred. Christ said "If you love me, keep my commandments." Paraphrased somewhat of those things are:

Do not offend the weak (Matt. 18:6-7), see also Paul's command (I Cor. 8:11-13).

Love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:31).

Obey them that have the rule over you (Heb. 13:17). This is also Paul's command (Rom. 12:18).

This is an Interdenominational Christian Charismatic Educational Institution. By definition then, many of our brothers and sisters in Christ here on this campus have different Christian codes of conduct. These codes have been implanted in their consciences as a result of their relationship with God and their religious training. Since all students have indicated that they are Christian we must proceed on the assumption that they are therefore desiring to do the will of God in this matter. If we follow the line of reasoning, and we take Christ's words to be the will of God, we then reach the conclusion that we must modify our behavior, in what has been agreed are small things relatively speaking, to avoid offending fellow Christians both on and off this campus.

In addition to considering the Christian community we must also "effectively communicate to Jesus Christ to the world in terms which it can understand." Some of the highest standards for Christian conduct in the world are those standards existing in the minds of non-Christians. These non-Christians continually seek to excuse themselves and their conduct by comparing the conduct of Christians against this hypothetical standard which they hold. I believe that it was for this reason that we were admonished in the scripture to avoid the very appearance of evil.

We must be careful in trying to segregate non-adhering Christian principles from the full implication of the Christian actions which should follow those principles, so that we may avoid the accusation of Jones when he said Show me your faith without works and I'll show you my works. Modified Christian conduct and I'll show you my works, I am not out of myself holiness, but are a result of our holy concern for our neighbor and of faith in Christ for the extent to which we are willing, in Paul's terms, To become all things to all people that we might effectively communicate others.

Robert E. Falter

AMS President Speaks Out

By Joe_lpoincke

We are in an era of more growing pains. Are they natural pain that accompany a growing situation? Many people suggest that they are pains of a process through which the school must go in its way to maturity. I do not agree. I believe many of our problems are unnecessary and self-induced.

Because many of us continue to refuse to accept the Code of Honor as a way of life. The Code cannot stand when it is interpreted as a rigid set of consensual rules set forth only to be obeyed in letter and not in spirit. Let me use an example.

During a recent investigation held by the Men's J Board, a particular individual was being questioned because his name had been mentioned in another testimony. When asked if he had knowledge of others engaged in wrongful acts, he replied with a strong forward, yes. When asked to dig into their names, he refused and raised as a defense the fact that he had spoken to the individuals and told them they should cease their activities. He had knowledge of these activities for over six weeks, but waited until three days before his hearing to approach the guilty parties. Some were sincere in being able to help others, but the majority would rather try to make others do everything that happens and pretend it is not happening.

Are we really what so many people believe us to be, a professional group of dedicated young people? I think not; at least, not yet.

Robert E. Falter

Basketball Royalty with Co-Captain

Marty Wallace Crowned Queen

The crowning of Marty Wolfe, Oral Roberts University's 1968 Basketball Queen, took place on January 13. The ceremony followed the ORU vs. Oklahoma Christian College game. Dance Show, ORU's queen for 1967, crowned the new queen, and Mol Reed, co-captain of the team, crowned Marty and presented her with a dress long stemmed red roses.

Marty was chosen by the basketball team from a group of five finalists.

Coming from Portland, Oregon, Marty is in elementary education major. She participates in the Pep Club, Le Cirque France, and the Powerlift Planned by Bill Teshickson

Coach John Johnson, head of the weightlifting program at ORU, recently announced the new weightlifting program here at ORU; recently announced the first annual Powerlift Weightlifting Championship of ORU to be held on Friday, February 9, 1968 at 6:30 p.m. in the ORU gym. Weigh-in will be between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Johnson also said that official AAI weightlifting rules will be strictly enforced. Johnson is the meet director and will have as judges some of the outstanding lifters in Oklahoma. Competition will be in the Bench Press, Knee Lifts, and Dead Lift categories. Trophies will be given as awards to the first, second, and third place finishers based on the total of the three lifts. These awards will be based on the Hoffman formula of judging.

Coach Johnson is in the process of organizing between 10 and 20 boys to enter the competition.

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