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The Oracle

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President Directs Farewell Note to Graduating Class

by Oral Roberts

I congratulate the Class of '68 on the completion of your respective courses of study; it took discipline, endurance and courage. You are also to be commended for the spirit you have shown in choosing to complete your undergraduate work at ORU. You have chosen to transfer from other schools for the sake of the spiritual values you felt were involved.

We have come a long way and are growing toward maturity as an educational institution. Though we are not yet established with national accreditation, we are dedicated to this goal and are moving rapidly toward its fulfillment. I appreciate the faith you have shown in us by giving a part of your life to studying here.

I want to tell you personally that you are valuable as individuals to us. You've experienced disappointments, academic problems and all the frustrations of achieving an education; still you have come out on top. You have reached an academic peak and at the same time participated in the new life of this campus—in the innovations and changes which are occurring in order to create a vital and practical program of education here.

We have not been bound by tradition, which is one of the advantages of being a young university. Yet I believe we have all been challenged to become more than we ever thought we could be; challenged by the pressures and excitement of reaching to

combine the best of everything man has in his grasp, with the reality of God's presence in an academic framework. You have actually helped evolve new concepts of education.

Now where do we go from here? Graduation is only a few short days away and you will be planning careers on the basis of the education received here. Some of you plan to teach, carrying a sense of spiritual values along with training to a position in which you can be a great constructive influence on others. Some will enter various professional fields or perhaps become engaged in business, where there is a need for young men and women who practice dynamic Christian ethics.

Others will be entering seminary to prepare for the ministry. Humanity desperately needs youth who know how to minister, who know how to understand the pains and frustrations of this age and how to be an answer to the dilemmas of the world today.

Whatever you choose for yourself, utilize your careers as a channel through which Christ can be brought to those around you. Whatever you do, remember that you are His representative to the world.

You have my congratulations and a personal commendation for your accomplishment. The faculty, administration and staff of ORU are all very proud of the Class of '68.



Winners of best actress and best actor awards, Marcia Lucas and David Graham appear in scene from "The Diary of Anne Frank."

15 Outstanding Achievements Applauded by ORU Academy

On May 15, 1968 at 4 p.m., the television studios on the first floor of the L.R.C. were open for all students who wished to attend the first ORU Academy Awards Presentation. Produced by the Telecommunications Class, with Dr. McClendon as advisor and Al Mott as director, the entire program was televised live and recorded on videotape.

Director Al Mott first conceived of this plan with the intention of recognizing outstanding students and faculty members in every department from sculpture to drama. The following categories represent the beginning of what he hopes will expand in the future to include a widely diversified array of talent, hitherto unrecognized, but which can now be appreciated professionally with the Academy Award program.

The winners, presented with engraved plaques in recognition of their achievement, were: Peter Van Lingen — "Buckaroo Days," Best Performance in a sports feature; Professor Raymond Lewandowski — "Diary of Anne Frank," Best Sound or Visual effects for a full length or short program; Dan Dunkelberger — "World Action Team," Best Film Editing or Technical Splicing in a full length or short subject; Robert Armstrong — "Diary of Anne Frank," Best Supporting Actor in a stage or film presentation; Beverly Schmidgall — "Miracle Worker," Best supporting actress in stage or film presentation; Al Mott — "Dial 505," Most original idea or story in a continuing series; Luis Gonzales — "Half a Semester is Better Than None," Best Foreign Actor in an American situation; Professor Raymond Lewandowski — "Diary of Anne Frank," Best Director for a stage presentation; Dona Wantland — "World Action Team," Best Script for a film or video tape or story in a continuing series; Marcia Lucas — "Diary of Anne Frank," Best Actress for a stage or film presentation; David Graham — "Diary of Anne Frank," Best Actor for a stage or film presentation; Mr. David Yoder — "Dello Joio Concert," Best Single Production of the Year in a Musical of dramatic category; James Bury — "Pastels," Best Art Creation; "We'll Tell The World" Singers — "Folk Concert," Best Song Presentation of the year group; and Eric Fiscus — most outstanding citizen of ORU.

Commencement Approaches

On May 26, 1968, the graduation of the first Senior class of Oral Roberts University will be solemnized in a Commencement ceremony beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Timko-Barton Auditorium. Chancellor E. T. Dunlap, representing the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, will address the graduates.

Commencement will be preceded on Saturday, May 25, by a musical recital rendered by the World Action 'Collegians' honoring the Seniors and their parents. This will begin at 8 p.m. in the Timko-Barton Auditorium and will be followed by a Senior reception in the Timko-Barton Lobby, hosted by President and Mrs. Roberts. On Sunday morning, May 26, at 10:30 a.m., the Baccalaureate Service will be held in the Abundant Life Chapel at which President Roberts will present a final challenge to each individual graduate. The Commencement ceremony will climax these functions in which all students are invited to participate.

Dr. Raymond Long, voted the most outstanding faculty member for the year 1967-68, will, in recognition of his achievement, function as the faculty Marshall for the graduation exercises. The student Marshalls are: Mike Spafford, Barbara Tengan, War-

ren Becker, and Sherry Corbett.

Out of a total of 26 graduates, 17 will receive certificates for a Bachelor of Arts degree, 2 for Bachelor of Science, and 7 for Bachelor of Divinity. Dean Hamilton, on behalf of the faculty, remarked, "We are extremely proud of our first Graduation class and of the contribution they have made to the life of the University."

The prospective graduates are: Wanda Lee Belew, Thomas Martin Bomholt, Raymond Eugene Boyd, Hans Bratterud, E. Peter Burdick, Paul Gale Chappell, Betty Sue Dickey, Betty May Ford, Solomon Junzo Furukawa, David Stephen Huntwork, Ronald W. Hutchinson, David Nickerson Jones, Ryuzo Kawase, Priscilla Ruth King, Rose Marie Lanick, Sharon Grey Lewellyn, Ruby Justine Middleton, Gary Lee Sulander, and Lynn E. Thomas. And from the Graduate School of Theology: Gerald Beilstein, Dan Beller, Glynn Dickens, William Kuert, Paul Oxley, John Steinman, and Hiroshi Takeda.

The Senior Class has donated to the school the special glass case placed in the Campus Information Center which will contain the names of outstanding contributors to the University program.

1968-1969 Calendar

FALL SEMESTER

Tuesday, August 27-September 1—Freshman Orientation.
Friday, August 30—Registration—Seniors, Juniors.
Saturday, August 31—Registration—Sophomores, Freshmen.
Monday, September 2—Classes Begin.
Friday, September 13—Last day to enroll.
Wednesday, Nov. 27—Thanksgiving recess.
Monday, December 2—Classes resume, 8 a.m.
Thursday, December 12 — Fall classes end.
Saturday, December 14—Fall examinations begin.

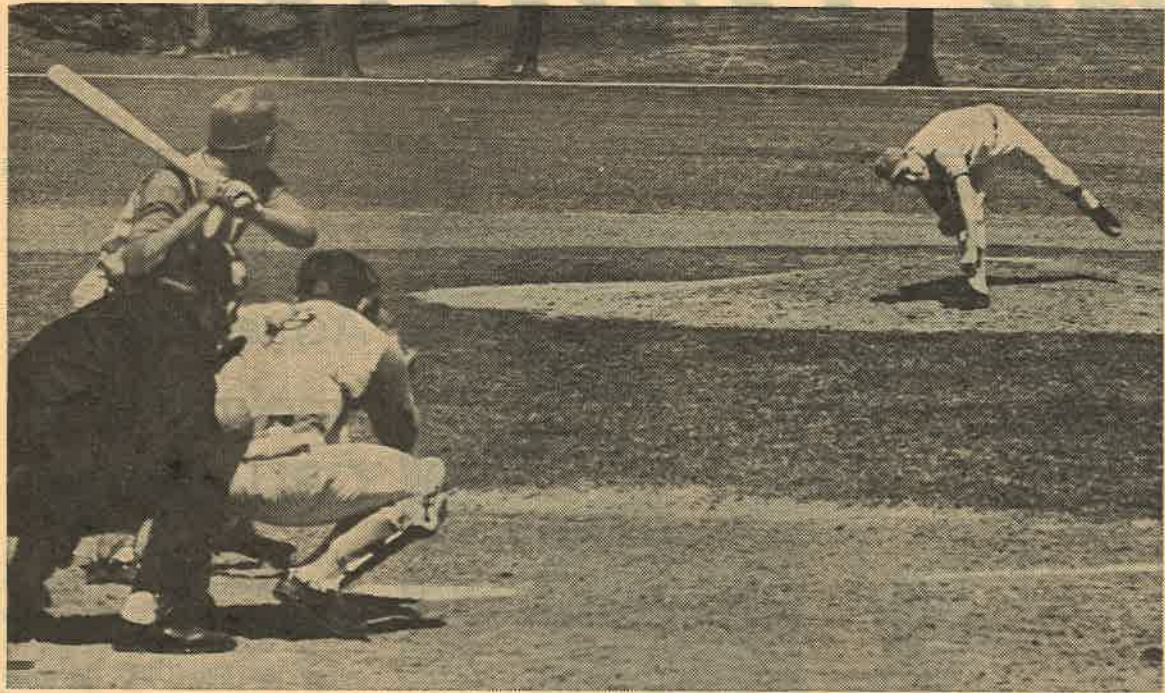
Friday, December 20—Fall examinations end.

SPRING SEMESTER

Friday, January 24—Registration—Seniors, Juniors.
Saturday, January 25—Registration—Sophomores, Freshmen.
Monday, January 27—Classes Begin.
Saturday, March 29—Spring break begins.
Tuesday, April 8—Classes resume, 8 a.m.
Thursday, May 15—Spring classes end.
Monday, May 19—Spring examinations begin.
Sunday, May 25—Commencement.
Tuesday, May 27—Spring examinations end.

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Baseballers Boast Winning Streak



Batters Off to Slow Start; Play Picks Up During Season

by Joel Vesanen

The Oral Roberts University baseball team finished their 1968 season with a record of 15 wins and 21 losses. Hampered with terrible baseball weather early in the season, the team got off to a slow start. By the time the club started playing good ball, it was too late to pull out a winning year. Late in April the team hit a winning streak and they continued to play above .500 for the rest of the year.

On April 24, the Titans began a six game winning streak by trouncing Oklahoma City University 11 to 2 in the first game of a twin-bill. Troy Wells was the winning pitcher. He received good support from Boyce Bishop who drove in 4 runs with a single, double, and homerun. Jim Lawson drove in 3 runs while going two for three.

ORU kept pounding the ball in the 2nd game of the afternoon while whitewashing Oklahoma City University 10 to 0. The winning pitcher was Dennis Whinery. Tommy Rinkel blasted a homerun in the game.

On the following day, April 25, John Brown University, managed by the former Dodger great Wally Moon, came to Tulsa. ORU put them down to defeat twice before the day was over. In the first game Bobby Jack Wallis struck out 12 as the Titans won 6 to 1. Bishop had a homerun and drove in 4 runs. In the second game Tony McConnell stopped JBU 9 to 3. Hitting heroes in this game were Herb Poteete with a homerun and Jim Lawson who went 2 for 3 with 2 RBI's.

On the 27th of April, the Titans travelled to Springfield, Missouri to meet Evangel College in a double-header. Troy Wells struck out 9 as he won the first game 5 to 3. The second game was a little closer with Whinery getting the win in a 5 to 4 squeaker. Herb Poteete went 3 for 3 in the hitting department.

Tulsa University came to meet the Titans on April 29th. Bobby Wallis pitched the first game and lost on a heartbreaking 7 to 6 decision. The second game was all

TU as the Hurricane whipped us 9 to 2. Tony McConnell took the loss.

The next day, April 30th, Bethany came to visit the ORU ballpark. The Titans were hospitable guests in the first game as they lost to Bethany 16 to 6. Troy Wells pitched ORU to a 12 to 3 victory in the nightcap.

On May 2, the ORU ball club began a 3 day road trip to Oklahoma City with two games against Bethany. Again the two teams split wins, Bethany winning the first game 5 to 4 and ORU winning the second 6 to 2. The winning pitcher in the second game was Bobby Jack Wallis.

On May 3, ORU played Oklahoma Christian College in a double-header. The Titans won the first game with Dennis Whinery doing the throwing. Oklahoma Christian College won the second game 5 to 3.

May 4 was the closing day for the 1968 Titan baseball team. The season ended on the same dismal note that it began with as the club dropped two decisions to Oklahoma City University 5 to 3 and 8 to 1.

Bobby Jack Wallis was voted the Most Valuable Player on the 1968 baseball team. He was the number one pitcher on the staff and had the assignment of pitching many tough games.

John Lawson won the batting crown with an average of .318. The only other 300 hitter was Jim Lawson with an average of .302.

The rest of the batting averages were:

Tommy Rinkel	.269
Boyce Bishop	.247
Carl Lawson	.233
Dwight Atchley	.226
Preston Hale	.211
Herb Poteete	.200
Brian Gelencher	.198
Larry Cook	.133

Boyce Bishop led in three power departments with 7 doubles, 4 homeruns, and 26 runs batted in. Other leaders in RBI's were Jim Lawson with 22 and Tommy Rinkel with 15. Jimmy Lawson got the most hits with 29 and led in most runs scored with 26.

Letters to the Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: The opinions stated in these letters are those of the writers and do not necessarily represent the opinions of the ORACLE or the Administration of Oral Roberts University.

Answer to 'Black Power'

In the recent edition of *The Oracle*, in a letter to the editor on Black Power, the question was raised, "... does Black Power lead to peace, understanding, and brotherhood, or riots, revolution, and racism (separation)?"

I believe to answer this question we first have to define what Black Power really means. Charles Hamilton in his book, *Black Power, the Politics of Liberation in America*, states (p. 47, "some observers have labeled those who advocate Black Power as racists; they have said that the call for self-identification and self-determination is 'racism in reverse' or 'black supremacy'." This is a deliberate and absurd lie. There is no analogy—by any stretch of definition of imagination—between the advocates of Black Power and white racists. "Racism is not merely exclusion on the basis of race, but it is exclusion for the purpose of subjugating or maintaining subjugation." The goal of black self-determination and black self-identity (Black Power) is full participation in the decision making processes affecting the lives of black people, and recognition of the virtues in themselves as black people." Black Power is the process of re-educating the Negro who has been "programmed," for the past 300 years, to believe that he is basically inferior to the white man.

As far as riots go I'm a pacifist. But, I'm also a pragmatist, and I cannot fail to acknowledge that riots accomplish what they set out to do, and that is to focus attention the Problem. I think that it is rather pathetic that it takes riots and civil disobedience to wake us out of our apathy. The government constantly proves to rioters, that the end justifies the means. They procrastinate until it is too late before they attempt to initiate any programs to help alleviate the problems in our inner cities.

As to the question of whether

Black Power will cause racism—I believe Black Power is the effect of racism which is already existing in our society. The question which has been asked poses a rather paradoxical problem to the Negro. First of all, he is not allowed to assimilate completely into the American society, but yet it is not desired for him to separate and to identify with other black people. I believe what is being advocated is that the Negro should remain in the state of "limbo", which he has been in for the past 100 years, in order that the racial prejudices which exist in our nation may be perpetuated.

—Henley Brown

Athletic Slight . . .

I would like to express a word of disappointment over the conduct of the recent ORU Athletic Banquet. Although the program was carried through with much success, this is insignificant when compared with the ingratitude shown to two groups of boys who worked long and hard hours in order to represent our school in intercollegiate sports. The students I refer to are members of the ORU Cross-Country Track Team and the ORU Soccer Team, neither of which were invited to attend the banquet.

Being more closely acquainted with the Soccer Team, I can personally testify to their determined efforts. Without any type of scholarships available, the team was still able to compile a 15-5-3 record—the best record of any ORU team with the exception of the tennis team.

Without detracting from the noteworthy accomplishments of some, I do think that the efforts of all should be recognized.

A Student

Fond Farewell

The time has come for Ellen and me to say an affectionate farewell to all of you whom we have learned to love so well. My departure does not represent a change in vision or loss of interest in the University or any of you, but rather an opportunity for wider service and ministry. I have accepted a position of director of graduate studies in public address at Southern Illinois University.

Ellen joins me in bequeathing to all our love and prayers.

Sincerely,
Dr. Richard L. Stoppe

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This letter is to inform the editors, staff, and advisor of "The Oracle" that the editorial entitled "Kennedy's Chances in '68" appearing in the May 3 edition, and which I submitted in my name was not mine. It was an editorial I copied from the April 20, 1968 issue of *Saturday Evening Post*. Any misunderstanding is not the fault of the staff or advisor. Thank you for your understanding.

Paul Paino

EDITOR'S NOTE: "The Oracle" apologizes for printing an edited version of the editorial titled "Does Bobby Kennedy Have a Chance?" appearing originally in the SATURDAY EVENING POST, April 20, 1968. The condensation was printed on page 2 of "The Oracle," May 3, 1968, titled "Kennedy's Chances in '68," and was submitted as original copy by Paul Paino.

"Oracle" readers,

We thank you for your interest and support throughout this past year.

The Editors

The President's Corner

Thanks to You

by Eric Fiscus

Since this is my last article, I will quickly say two things:

First, I must express my thanks and deep gratitude to all those who have helped during these past two years—the two Student Senates I have worked with, the Deans who have helped and guided us, the Administration, and most of all, the Student Body, without those help and support we could have done nothing.

Second, I trust that each of you will support the Senate of next year. An excellent group of officers has been elected, but they will not be able to operate effectively without your full cooperation.

Though the past two years have been difficult at times, I have considered the greatest honor and privilege to serve you as Student Body President. I trust that we will continue to work together to build ORU.