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‘Earnest’: Comedy of Importance

Trivial Play for Serious People
by June Venby

"On the contrary, Aunt Augusta, I've now realized for the first time in my life the vital importance of Being Earnest." So ended the presentation of one of the ORU Drama Department's most successful productions, "The Importance of Being Earnest," a sophisticated English comedy. "Earnest" was presented March 20, 21, and 22 to the ORU community and guests in the Timko-Barton Auditorium. After five weeks of rehearsal under Director Raymond Lewandowski, Director of Theatre, and assistant director Marcia Lucas, an ORU junior Speech major, "Earnest" offered delightful entertainment to its audiences.

"Earnest" written by playwright Oscar Wilde presents a case of mistaken identity. The plot develops as Gwendolyn Fairfax, played Lisa Johnson, and Cecily Cardew, played by Judy Bets, find themselves surprisingly engaged to the same Earnest who as such exists only in their dreams. The importance of this ideal man is the importance of the play.

Steve Nickerson, who portrayed Algernon Moncrieff, and Jim Rodriguez as Jack Worthing were outstanding as the alleged Earnest in this confusion of identity.

Joyce Klopstein, as Lady Bracknell, further complicated the matter with her insistence of upper class values to insure Gwendolyn's welfare. Also included in the cast were: Geraldine Henderson as Miss Primm, Cecily's governess, and Herb Sisson as the Rev. Canon Chaus autistic. Don Haney as Merriman and Eugene Lynn as Lane, butlers of the household.

The next ORU Drama event will be the Children's Theatre production of "The Elves and the Shoemaker" scheduled for May.

OPERATION SUNSTROKE
Have Beach—Will Preach: Lauderdale Team Motto
by Delores Boyd

FLORIDA—the land of sunshine, beaches, fun, romance, and endless other pleasures—is the favorite retreat of thousands of students during spring vacation. This spring break a new crop of college students will be on the beaches as Oral Roberts University sends 95 students on "Operation Sunstroke" to minister at Fort Lauderdale. The students, along with Brother Bob Stamps, Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan, Mr. Raymond Long and Mr. Grady Walker as chaparones, will depart by plane on March 31 and return the following week.

Operation Sunstroke team members have been in training for over a month, meeting twice a week. Various speakers, including representatives from Teen Challenge and Inter-Varsity, counseled the students in methods and approaches for a person to person ministry. Movies were also shown to spark enthusiasm for the trip. Mr. Pete Hammond is director, is working in association with this ministry. Funds for the trip are being provided by each participation student, and two World Action Chapel offerings will be used.

During the first week of spring vacation, 20,000 college students are expected to invade the beaches. The number usually doubles as the week progresses. Each morning from 9 to 12 the team will be in training sessions at the Sheraton Hotel, after which they will spend the rest of the day in personal evangelistic efforts. Operation Sunstroke is an optimistic outreach attempting to cope with very real problems by offering definite and real answers. It deserves our support and prayers.
What Virtue in Dissonance?

The student body at ORU seems to have a conditioned response to change. Like students everywhere, we are apprehensive about plans and decisions made through administrative channels. It is naturally assumed that the students and administration are working at cross purposes with one another and that neither has the best interests of the other in mind.

This drawing of sides is unfortunate. Students have become afraid to express even the slightest approval of administrative action for fear of being labeled a pawn of the administration.

Unfortunately, students have found that there is no better way to get the attention and approval of their peers than to heap criticism on the faculty, the administration, or school policy in general.

In our newspaper we have a column for letters of student opinion. It has amazed me to see this opportunity for self expression used week after week for the cruelest form of verbal slaughter imaginable.

In her book TELL NO MAN, Adela St. Johns says that man has a tendency to kill the thing he really loves. Could it be that a certain permissive atmosphere, along with the pressure to be noticed, has lured us into a critical attitude that is weakening the very thing we really believe in?

Allen Williams

Campus Commentary: Senate—of Students?

The President's Corner

by Warren Becker

Have YOU considered participating in your Student Senate? If not, try it!

Within a month, twenty-two positions will be up for election for next year's Senate: the four Associated Student Body officers, the four officers of each class, and the AMS and ABP Presidents. Each of these offices is extremely important for the proper functioning of the total student body and the University program.

Begin now to carefully consider your place in this program. First, commit the entire matter to the Lord, and open yourself to His leading. Realize that each of these positions requires time and a considerable amount of effort and energy. You're asking for work! You're asking to become a bigger person! But, God will help you! He is your supplier and you're strength.

Next, check the duties of these officers on pages 27, 35, and 36 of the Student Handbook. See if a particular position interests you. Then, find out about the qualifications for office and election procedures on pages 33-35 of the Handbook. See if you qualify. Then, visit some Senate meetings to become more familiar with its organization and operation. See if you can help.

Then, when petitions are made available, pick yours up in the Dixon Area, and devote yourself wholeheartedly to a vigorous campaign. Talk with others: and show them the importance of the Senate. Think of projects, ideas, and new methods of better achieving God's purpose for the student body and the University. Be creative and constructive!

The Spring Elections will be held the last week in April, with the last day and time procedures to be announced by the Senate Election Committee shortly after we return from Spring Break. REMEMBER: Your Student Senate will be as good as YOU make it, with God's help!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I always thought that I would have to go to Minnesota to see the "Land of A Thousand Lakes." Not so. We have at least that many here on campus.

When Oklahoma weather decides it wants to rain, a day's worth is all that is necessary to turn the beautiful campus into something remotely resembling the Florida Everglades, or worse yet, a nice, puffy, even in the low rent district in North Tulsa they at least enjoy good earth instead of quagmire. What makes the average student really bless the contraction though, is the sidewalks. Considering the number of times the side walks were put in one would think it reasonable to expect the water to drain off, . instead, little ruts were fixed on both edges of the walks allowing at least a half inch of water to remain. I say, Bravo to the forethought of the contractor and am suggesting some new innovations in the future—like a moist to collect water in the Student Union.

Tina Doctor

Congratulations!

The following students have been chosen as ORU representative to the Oklahoma Inter-collegiate Legislature:

Dawn Swader
Richard Fern
Steve Watson
Tom Rogers
Clifford Taubert

Alternates: Jamie Bury, David Graham

Student Senate

If That's Not Loving...

by Mike Lee

Breaking the transient stretches of winter brown are sporadic patches of green grass. Lifting their lofty arms to the clear blue sky, homely trees lazily sip on their apparel of green. Little birds that are competent in song fill the air with their melodious chirps. The earth that yesterday seemed cold, inhospitable, and sort of plain has begun to put on a new face as she, too, welcomes spring.

This season of the year is very welcomed by us young men and women because we, too, seem to generate new life and impatiently seek to share this awakening with a member of the opposite sex. This is good, in fact it's terrific, but spring also symbolizes the greatest love story that we will ever know. Thousands of years ago when humanity was without life in its fullest sense, Jesus came to be the spring of our lives. He came to give us hope and a life that we had never known. So great was his concern, so deep his love that he gave his life to assure our happiness. But just as a tree that seems barren suddenly breaks forth with new life, Jesus gave his life, but picked it up again with new powers and newness that is to never be diminished. This has been given to us through salvation and—by the Holy Spirit. This is ours because of you and I and this is the essence of our spring.

When we are strolling hand-in-hand with the one we love, we sometimes tend to see our love as the only one. When we smile into each other's eyes we can see happiness because someone has smiled before us. We can hold our lover's hands in confidence because someone holds our hands much tighter. We can breathe deeply the air of spring, because the air is the ever-present sign of someone who is always loving. Spring will know many loves and hold many memories but the greatest of these will always be when Jesus touched the hands of man with tenderness, kissed humanity with justice and embraced us with love and mercy, and died that we might live to love. IF THAT'S NOT LOVING...

—Clifford Taubert

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Yale Chorus—cultural highlight

By Down Sweder

"Looks just like Vassa," said a member of the Yale Russian Chorus about Roberta University. Obviously, he could not have been looking at the building, for the Chorus recently completed an ambitious tour to Russia. The first five concerts were held in various cities of the U.S., followed by a trip to Russia for three concerts in Moscow and St. Petersburg. The tour was successful in promoting the arts of Russia and bringing the Russian culture to a wider audience.

The Yale Russian Chorus is a student-run organization that performs choral and orchestral music in both Russian and English. The chorus has been active since 1902 and has performed in concerts around the world, including a recent tour to Russia in 2022. The group is known for its high level of musicianship and its passion for Russian culture.

Recently, the Yale Russian Chorus performed a series of concerts in St. Petersburg, including a sold-out performance at the renowned Philharmonic Hall. The choir also performed at the State Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet, and at several other venues throughout the city.

The chorus is directed by Dr. William Nieder, a well-known conductor and musicologist. The group is comprised of over 100 students and is open to all Yale University students, regardless of major.

The Yale Russian Chorus is a testament to the rich history and cultural heritage of Russia, and serves as a bridge between the United States and Russia, promoting understanding and appreciation of each other's cultures.

THE RUSSIAN CHORUS

PLAY REVIEW

Earnest: Good for Laughs

by Tom Dooley

"The Importance of Being Earnest," directed by Mr. Raymond Lewandowski and staged March 20-22, was received with hearty ORU audience approval. The play, written by Oscar Wilde, is proof that a good play can convey its message despite the passage of time. "Earnest," an example of high comedy, was a satire on typical English society of the 1890's. The stylized cardboard characters were brought to stylized cut-out-of-cardboard life through the charming interpretations of the various actors. Steve Nickerson, playing the fun-loving Algernon Moncrieff, romped with a studied grace as a witty young don. Jon Rodriguez, as Algernon's young friend Jack Worthing, played an ingratiating hypocrite, a lovable blarney. Joyce Klappstein, as Lady Bracknell, provoked much response by her polished prejudice and well kept snobbery. Lisa Johnson, as Gwendoline, protected a young Lady Bracknell and unshamed snob. Judy Bess, as Cecily, the ward of Jack Worthing, played a buoyant young girl with a simple view of life, i.e., Algernon. Laughter came loudly for the odd squad of supporting characters. Gerry Henderson took a prim Miss Prism and transformed herself into a proper, prim Prism. Herb Sisson, as Chasuble, the local cleric, created an unbelievably funny prayer-praying pastor. The two butlers, Merriman and Lane played by Don Haney and Eugene Lynn respectively, were beautiful examples of proper servants—no signs of human life.

In general, the cast and directors of "The Importance of Being Earnest" succeeded in taking a trivial play and turning it into serious laughter.

COMING……

A PANEL DISCUSSION ON CENSORSHIP AND THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

featuring two faculty members, two administrators and two students

Moderator: Dr. William Epperson

audience participation

ORU Big Sister Program at St. Viannes

by Becky Hill

Judy Wilkin's little sister is a sophomore in high school; she has a baby that is one and a half years old. Peggy Trebliock's fourteen-year-old sister stole a car. Carol Harris' sister, well acquitted with LSD and marijuana, is trying to quit smoking. She too is only fourteen years old.

These girls' "sisters" all have two things in common: they live in an untried bricking building, three miles east of here, called St. Viannes School, and they, like the other girls at the school, need love from someone who doesn't really have to love them.

Several weeks ago, on a Sunday evening, a few girls from ORU and from St. Viannes School met at Dr. Frost's home for a song fest. The evening was so successful that that fellowship hour has expanded into a "Big Sister" program.

The program is simple: the Big Sister takes her little sister on picnics or sends her a birthday card or, as Ruth Zoppel and Peggy Trebliock plan to do, bring in a pizza for a party or remember her on May day or watches TV with her for a couple of hours.

The girls at St. Viannes watch a lot of TV; they listen to a lot of records and play a lot of board games. On a typical Sunday afternoon, if there's nothing good on TV, they can walk around the gym or toss a few balls at the basket hoop.

Now there's no need to worry about having trouble finding a little sister. You just talk with them for a while, and the girls eagerly take care of that for you.

That's the problem. There are 53 girls at St. Viannes and over 400 girls at ORU, but so far only 15 can find the time to do what comes naturally for most of us—being a big sister.

Recently, the Senate scheduled meetings with President Roberts and Dr. Hamilton in order to discuss goals and programs of ORU. The session with President Roberts centered around the goals of ORU in relation to students and the Senate. President Roberts reiterated the fact that the purpose of ORU is to unite the secular and the spiritual. The students should be living in accordance with the Spirit, and then use education as a vehicle to evangelize the world. ORU is to be a liberal arts college education, without following the social and spiritual trends that are characteristic of other liberal arts colleges. With regard to Senate members, President Roberts felt that they should represent the student body, but their first obligation is to support and protect the goals of ORU.

Dr. Hamilton discussed the basic program and changes in the curriculum for next year. A college of 800 students should offer only five courses. As of the present time, ORU offers thirteen Bachelor of Arts degrees, four Bachelor of Science, four minor areas, and four pre-professional courses. Although this number is too broad for a school the size of ORU, Dr. Hamilton does not expect a radical change in the near future. The philosophy minor, Geography minor, and Political Science major have been deleted. A minor degree in Chemistry will be offered in place of the Chemistry major. Dr. Hamilton was optimistic about a strong undergraduate school of Theology, and a Master's program.

Dr. Hamilton explained the changes concerning the professors. Three professors will take a leave of absence in order to work on Doctorate degrees, two professors will not return because the undergraduate and Theology libraries are undergoing a major expansion. A full professor will be replaced, three full time professors in the music department will be replaced by new professors, and the faculty of the Graduate School of Theology has been reorganized.

The Senate approved a motion to allow the subscription of $120 for Carolee Shipley to reorganize the circulation system for the student, to be placed in the new building. The constitution and by-laws of the Student Government were also discussed.
Imperials Down Hustlers for Intramural Honors

Action! When it came to this problem, action in intramur-
al basketball is the only appropriate.

Playoffs for the championship began when the Blue Imperials met the Cowboys at 8 p.m. Tuesday March 18. The game was a good two-pointer for the Imperials but when the final buzzer rang the Blue Imperials had slipped away with a 63-55 victory. The Imperials were led by Gaddy with 14 points. Ports 13, Hemminger 12, Schultz 2. The Cowboys came up with the right mathematics with Watson Lawrence with 21, Halz 15, Atchey 8, Burns 7 and McAllister 4.

In the 9 p.m. title, which turned out to be a dull and uneventful game, Hustlers Hal and Gaddy 7-6. Tilts came up short, hustled home and set the tone. The Imperials with 57-44. Mrs. Duprec, RL.

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end of the first period to a 1.97 edge. The second quarter saw the Hustlers hang in there to try to reduce the lead to 6 points, and a score of 27-21. The Imper-

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Guke, Trinity has the best ten-

nence on our team. Again in these matches were all very close. In front of a record crowd the heroics of the Titans came out to good use. The Imperials dominated in a game which saw them win the title by 14 points: 1.4 goals in the second half of the third quarter. During the last eight minutes, the score was at one time tied at 41 all. The deciding factor came at the charity stripe.

With Leroy Waite and Skip Schulze caming some last-second free throws the Imperials held on to a 2-point lead to defeat the Hustlers in regulation play by the exciting score of 57-55.

The outstanding clues to vic-

the rebonding of the Imperials, led by Ports, Hem-

ningard and Gaddy; the over-all team effort against the competition; and some clutch free throws.

The sweeping honors went to forward Les Pratt, of the Imperials, who ran up 23 points and 23 rebounds. He was the most outstanding player of the tournament. Scoring for the Blue Imperial team went as follows: Ports: Gaddy 12, Hemminger 11, Waite 7, Schul-

ze 5. The Hustlers scored: Bigandt 20, 10 of which came from those free throws in the second half, as well as three three-pointers. Big-

andt and Van Moore 2.

Two more familiar: Blue Imperials 7; Big-

4; 2. Roadrunners 6; 2. 

4. Cowboys 6 2; 4. 


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Leading Scorers

1. Gerrey Gagnon 30.8 
2. Ray Wilkerson 27.4 
3. Ed Skaggs 25.6 
4. Mel Reed 24.4 

Currently in progress are the 

badminton tournaments which have been seeded: Boyce Bishop seeded in the number one slot. Badminton double competition has Boyce Bishop and Paul Tague (OSU) seeded to take first-place honors.

Coming after the Easter Hol-

The Girls’ Basketball Intermural Tour-

ney and the schedule for the second half of the semester are Texas Central on May 3 and 5, with men’s and women’s singles and doubles. Annual results of the seeded doubles will also be featured. Coach McKenna is also consider-

a playing competition in either football or softball.

The Girls’ Basketball Tournament will see preliminary play-

offs between Championship and the Crusaders, and the Phillips vs. NFF (National Female Hustlers).


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