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ORU Holidays: Swirl of Activities

Banquets, Concerts, Guest Speakers,
Open House Set Gay Tone for Semester End

Saturday, December 6 was "a night to remember" for approximately 250 ORU students and guests attending the annual Christmas Formal, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Dining Commons area. Special features: entertainment by the Exkursions, Christian hard-rock trio; candlelight steak dinner; holiday formal dress; dinner music by the Don Ryan Combo; a rendition of "White Christmas" by the Wild Bunch; mistletoe; and an air of the season's excitement for all. A Christmas "Messiah" sing-a-long was presented Sunday, December 7 at 9 p.m. in the Timko Barton lobby. Students, faculty, and families joined specially-selected senior music directors and soloists in singing the cho-

The University and Concert Choirs joined in concert, December 4-5 to present a gift of seasonal music for students and the Tu-

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Room Telephones Installed Jan. 21

Running the thirty-yard dash to answer a ringing telephone will not be necessary next se-

A standard black telephone will be installed free of charge in each resident room, hopefully by January 21. A campus ex-

All calls off campus will be channeled through the campus switchboard and may be placed from

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Shake-It-Out
Crew Presents
Holiday Special

staff commentary

one small voice...critique on criticism

Guess what, world? We're back, in case anyone's noticed we've been a bit lackadaisical of late. (We haven't!) At any rate, this is our last effort of 1969, and we just want to clear up a few odds and ends.

First of all, some of you may recall "The President's Corner". (Either he has forgotten the ten or so pages which he dug out an old issue of the Oracle and read it in?) In it, The President discussed two speakers he had heard recently. The first, addressing the combined Student Senators of ORU and TU, according to Goodwin, "painted...the administrators of our country and universities as power-obsessed neurotics, whose main purpose in life is to stifle the progress of the peons under them."

We will admit that we were the first speaker.

The setting was a joint workshop of the Student Senators of TU and ORU held in late October. We were asked to address the gathering on the subject of "student government". As other speakers would be discussing the specifics of student government at the two universities, we decided to approach the problem from a theoretical standpoint, and to attempt to determine just where student government in a modern university stands in relation to the political framework established in America. This framework, with which we find ourselves in general agreement, was adopted almost entirely from John Locke's theories of the social contract—those that any government is justified in the eyes of God if it is mutually beneficial to all parties who desire to live together, then that which is in the best interest of those parties is that which is in the best interest of the larger society as a whole. The Night Before Christmas invocations mentioned in the preceding paragraph are the first celebrations of Christmas through the years. But it is Senator Everett Dirksen, who, in a speech recorded by a magical listener, made once more the incantation, "a world in which all people for a peace on one of our faith can build..."

If, then, the President is Billy Long gets a sudden idea to change the show. (We've never met.) The President says goodnight, and you decide to meet your month's Christmas, a delightful array of the MTV and the National Bird. The Presi-

cert will leave you ready indeed for "THE CHRISTMAS HOLL-
DAY".

The President's Corner

by Bob Goodwin

In this day, people of the mi-
norities are being forced to do what is considered to be "normal". If you think that about it, everyone is in a mi-
nority. All men are CathercicLite. You do decide whether the authority of the Pope as the fl-
nal inspiration for a variety of ous-

cial and personal activities. If you do con-

clude that you will receive the new role of your sex in today's world is being more and more

ification of male and female, and if you will accept total emancip-

ation in the midst of so many-

ng social changes. If you are a Repub-

lican or a Democrat, you must decide if your allegiance is yield-

ing results and if not why not, and what you propose to do about it.

If you are Black, you will find that in the face of increased events, be forced to decide if you are part of the majority or somewhere in between. And if you are left, will you refer to yourself as violen or non-violent; if you, are conservative, will you be pro-

gressively conservative or sheep-

ishly afraid to change.

But I propose that in spite of these decisions, each of which has a profound bearing on the other, you are called upon to make a decision about your own life and your reason for being.

In this day when everyone car-

ries a placard for the world, it taints me to know that the ma-

jority of these people who are crying for their rights them-

selves, "not together," and they thereby limit the effectiveness of their campaign.

The decision that each of us is called upon to make was stressed by a revolutionary sev-

eral hundred years ago when he demanded that we choose this day who we would serve, God or man.

Since I am more than passively concerned about the racial ten-

sion of our country, 1 do have definite feelings about the possi-

bility of Godly dignity and self digni-

My cry is for Black people to add, and the learned to listen to our cry for racial dignity. I plead to Black people; I do not believe that the dignity of Godly dignity and self digni-

ity, which combined with racial dignity will elevate all Black men to heights of self-worth and personal level, it does little good to crusade for racial "wholeness" if indeed the individual himself is a good man. It only subsumes energies for a time until racial unity and Black power beco-

slow to the essence of some of our challenge, the struggle against the exploitation of a man that adds anything more than taking away from and devaluing the person or his character. We are losing pre-

pretentiousness when we claim that Some Blacks and Whites alike have begun to feel that God created Blackness and Whiteness and them men, then he was given those the abilities to be doc-

tors or plumbers or whatever. But a human being is first a crea-

ture of God which in fact does give him certain unalien-

able rights, the first of which is abundantly clear. Then he is in fact, a man, carrying with him the re-

sponsibility of the creation of high creation. Then he is an American, or a world citizen if you please, a product of a country that at least has the right idea. He may then cultivate nat-

ural abilities gifted to him but the fact or each has no sign of his responsibility if we are to survive as a nation.

ement at ORU. The form does exist, quite workably, in the Student Senate and Judiciary, but for a variety of reasons the totality of power remains with the University administration. (In the final analysis, this is true of almost any university ad-

administration, but must be re-read from the "personal con-

duct" aspect of student life. In our experience, and in the administration experiences much less difficulty in exercising total power than in most other institutions.) Our remarks we not meant as any kind of denunciation, but as a simple statement of fact from a theoretical viewpoint.

Possible reasons for this imbalance of power are, first, the nature of the institution, which may never be completely over-

come (and possibly should), and from the view-

point that the University is only five years old and has not yet had time to completely define all areas of authority and responsibility. In this area, vast progress has been made in recent years, and most areas of the University administration have improved in most instances as fully as possible is aiding the student body in setting up their own sphere of influence and responsi-

bility in considering the Administration's own difficulties with cer-

tain other areas.

Finally, we concluded that, in order to establish real student government at ORU, efforts must be continued to give areas of student power a non-negotiable existence, in order to make real-

istic mandates on issues possible. As we said, progress has been made, but progress must also continue. This, then, is our interpretation of what we did say. Merry Christmas. . . .

by Student Chaplain Larry Perry

In this last article of the semester I would simply like to share a few very personal thoughts on all that has transpired this first half of my last year at ORU.

I remember that before I left for the summer vacation last year I jotted down a full page of notes on what I would like to say to the incoming freshmen of this year. Recently, I looked over these notes and also recalled the many thoughts and prayers I had over the summer in preparation for my present position in the CSC. I see now, that our fund has done very well without my "sage" advice, but answers to most of those prayers have been slow in their unfolding. Within me I have felt God's Spirit striving to teach me lessons about our walk with Him, but articulation of those thoughts awaited the arrival of Graham Polkingham.

I have been investigating the meaning of the walk in the Spirit in the perspective of the Cross for months, and Polking-

ham was God's way of solidifying much of what I have been discovering. The Cross is the crown of Christianity. There is a "liberation" and a "discipline" in Christ's cross, and thus far I have assimilated only a small portion of either.

Last week's chapel services were—to say the least—the most controversial we have had. There was quite a contrast between the two chapels, though important truths were presented in both. One wonders if we really "heard" what was said—and I'm not referring here to the Exkursion's P.A. system.

The hard rock hysteria the Exkursions produced, like the clouds, will blow over, but the rains from those clouds will nourish new life for some time to come. My concern is that we have not merely become sold on their method and their life style. Let's couple their message of liberation (and perhaps "lib-

eralization") with Polkingham's message of the discipline of the Cross. Both affirmations are mutually identical and quite relevant to our campus situation.

The Christmas season is upon us, and this particular Christ-

cmas has special significance for me. God willing, I want to make this holiday especially meaningful to at least one person who has no memories of warmth of family fellowship, the scent-

ted tree, and the colorful lights and gifts that we enjoy. The Babe in the manger best exemplifies this sort of giving which is really the meaning of Christmas. Christ's cheer to all!
“Different Sort” of 23rd Psalm

NOTE: Tom Barker, former ORU student, has sent this material to students here during the current semester about the 23rd Psalm. The Lord is my shepherd, Whither Court—intoxicated possession of drugs Preliminary hearing. Eddie is now in Los Angeles County Jail. Eddie could never receive instruction but he can say things—playing a game, I guess. Her mother of Eddie—Heh 24 hrs. a day 1200 s bark—don’t bephony now Eddie! Must be desperate for God—can’t play games. I don’t want.

He made me to lie down in green pastures, 2:00 a.m. mother called about her daughter, she’s 13 yrs. old—has been gone for one week. Mother wants help to find her. See to it that we find her, she will find her. He has a habit of peeling something or some—One much much much, much better than I should think.

He made me to lie down in green pastures.

He leadeth me beside the still waters, 25th, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of Mine enemies. A 22 yr. old Negro girl just got out of hospital and in that time she was gone away from home while she goes back east for a vacation. I go home.

Thou art an instance of me with my head, He was an instance of me with his way in all his dealings of his parents—Thou art an instance of me with my head.

My cup runneth over. Smoking grass, searching for peace—Searching, searching . . . .

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. Back trouble in St. Joseph’s with drug withdrawal—Two years drugs. Had surgery. A. C.

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Brian has a warrant out for him for dealing drugs. Frank’s on drugs—last night she came in at 3:30 AM.

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Thank you for your tributes and offerings. Shall we all stand and turn in our Bibles to Paul’s letter of II Corinthians, the fifth chapter and the seventeenth verse and let’s read—“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” Amen.

Frosh Team Shows Potential

by Bob Rodgers

The guard passes to the post. The center fakes left, then drives to the right for two. One on one Larry Baker is the best player on ORU’s freshman basketball team. Baker is averaging over 20 points a game with 16 rebounds, and has hopes of going pro after college. When asked what he thought of school, Larry said, “It’s one of the best place to be for anybody—the atmosphere, facility, Bro. Bob (Stamps), and students are really great.”

In high school Larry Baker was All-State for 3 years and state track champion in the broad jump and 220 “7” events.

Larry Baker, Jesse “Snuff” Traylor, and George “Junior” Williams were all recruited from River- side High School in Chattanooga, Tenn. Where they used to played to win a state championship in bas-

ball.

The all-around best athlete for the young Titans is probably Greg Davis. Back in Cleveland, Tenn., Greg was All-State in football, basketball, and baseball, and turned down football offers to schools like Minnesota and Alabama to play ball for ORU.

Other starters for the fresh-

men team are Iris Willis, Mike Austin, from Austin, Tenn., is averaging 14 points a game and is majoring in P.E. Iris Willis, an All-Stater from Tulsa, is a good ball handler with an point average. Mike Austin, from Memphis, Tenn., shows tremen-

dous hustle and has averaged about 10 points per game. The freshmen team is coached by Lewis Chandler and has a 5-6 record so far this season.

Christmas Gift in Poetry

“Twentieth-third Psalm” are soul of man he received while answerng the “right phone” for paren he wanted to hang it up for good. She acts like a witch—Man, like she has really freaked out—her old lady bastards her. I’m really mad against man. Man, like, I was thinking through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil.

For thou art with me, He made me from Seattle to see me, is strung out on the drug thing. Speed . . .

Mother wants to place kids in a home. They haven’t done anything wrong—they plain don’t want anything to do with them—bothered and all. She’s not with them anymore.

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TITANS: LOOKIN' TOUGH IN EARLY SEASON PLAY

FASHION 8-1 MARK
by Mike Ross

The Oral Roberts University basketball Titans have met with much success in the early stages of the season's power-packed schedule. The Titans at this time boast a record of eight wins and one loss.

ORU's season opener was against the Redmen of Northeastern State at Northeastern. Carl Hardaway showed the re-bounding prowess as he continually pointed the backboards with second and third attempts on missed shots. The Titans had to go into overtime to beat the Redmen 77-71.

The Titans then entertained the Lobos of Sul Ross State from Alpine, Texas. Carl Hardaway was again the Titans' big man, as he cleared the boards and shot well from the field. The game was kept close by careless turn-overs on the part of the Titans. When the Titans finally settled down and decided to play, they coasted to a 90-74 victory.

Central State was the next victim. The Titans dominated the game, as they received a tremendous all-round effort from Freshman guard, Richard Fuqua. Richard scored 28 points and played a good defensive game as well. Wardell Jeffries also demonstrated his abilities as he started his first game of the year and did a fine job spearheading the Titan defense and adding to their scoring punch. The Titans obtained an 87-77 victory.

Sul Ross State was next on the schedule, as our team flew to Alpine, Tex., just 50 miles from the Mexican border. The Titans played their worst game of the year but still should have won. With 9 seconds remaining is the game, the Lobos sank two free throws to beat the Titans 83-80.

ORU then travelled to Jackson, Tenn., to play the Bulldogs of Union University. Playing a tight game the Titans were again forced to an overtime contest. However, the Titans were able to keep their record of overtime games unspoiled as they fought hard and won a 92-90 victory. Skip Brandon must be cited for his tremendous defense which kept the Bulldogs big man from scoring in the last 10 minutes of the contest. The Titan front line again kept the ball alive on the boards as they have yet failed to be out rebounded.

Samford University of Alabama was the next team to fall at the hands of the Titan quickness. The Titans played their best game of the year as they truly resembled a team. Milton Vaughn led with assists. Haywood Hill found a gold mine under the basket as he added 32 points. Hardaway and Frazier led the defense and Slim Montgomery played his usual steady, consistently balanced attack.

'NEW BREED' CAPTURES TITLE

by Don Vernon

One of the highlights of the year, Powerpuff Football, has come to a close with the New Breed breezing in to a first place finish with six wins and no losses. The Feline Follies came second with a record of four wins and two losses.

At the conclusion of the season, the coach of each team polled his vote for the Powerpuff ALL STAR team. Offensive Team

Quarterback — Snyder Hartman, Feline Follies
Fullback — Marty Hardin, New Breed
Right End — Kathy Merrill, Feline Follies
Left End — Cindy Burrow, New Breed
Center — Joannie Frazier, Feline Follies
Right Guard — Vicki Wilkins, New Breed
Left Guard — Diane Dixon, Feline Follies
Defensive Team
Rusher — Susan Eberidge, Feline Follies
Rusher — Deleora Boyd, Mod Squad
Rusher — Kathy Korell, New Breed

Corner Back — Sharon Litke, Piecemakers
Corner Back — Leah Brubaker Smith, Mod Squad
Safety — Judy Wilken, Piecemakers
Safety — Joan Collings, Mod Squad

The final standings for the season are as follows:

W L PF PA
New Breed 6 0 118 12
Feline Follies 4 2 65 45
Mod Squad 2 4 61 72
Piecemakers 0 6 25 140

The rest of the Intramural program is drawing to a close for this semester. In progress at the present time but not yet completed are table tennis and pool. Also, a swimming meet was held this past Monday.

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