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# The Oracle

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## Children's Theatre Presents 'Rapunzel and Witch,' Dec. 12

An imprisoned maiden. A charming prince. A tree (actually an enchanted king). A plant, (actually an enchanted queen). A wicked witch. Lots of action, a colorful set, and fable-like morals.

These are the ingredients currently being spun together by the Drama Department in preparation for the ORU Children's Theatre fall production of "Rapunzel and the Witch" which will be staged Saturday, December 12 at 10 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m. in the Timko-Barton Auditorium. Some 2,000 Tulsa children are expected to visit the campus for the performances, according to Professor Raymond Lewandowski, director of the Children's Theatre.

Based upon the children's story by the same title, "Rapunzel and the Witch" begins as the evil witch, Mother Gothol (Alma Golder) catches Otto (Hal Warfield) stealing radishes from her cave and threatens him with a spell until he promises her his firstborn child. When Rapunzel (Beverly Sperling) is born to Otto and Margo (Janet Fahstock) the parents have a change of heart, and the witch is forced to steal the child from the parents' home.

The witch intends to convert Rapunzel into a child witch before her twelfth birthday as part of a plot to rule the entire world, and is somewhat foiled when Rapunzel learns of the plan and refuses to drink the spell-evoking brew offered her by Mother Gothol. In turn, the witch banishes Rapunzel to solitude in a high tower. With her long, golden hair as an asset, Rapunzel escapes from the tower with the help of the prince (Frank Sullivan). Working together, the prince and Rapunzel cast a spell upon the witch, permanently transforming her into a craggy, dead tree.

Playing the role of the Tree, an enchanted king, is Bob Butcher. Judy Hartman plays the role of Plant, an enchanted queen. Director Lewandowski will play the Stone, and associate director Pepi Ford will play the role of Flower.

Concerning the purpose be-

hind Children's Theatre Lewandowski comments: "We initiated the Children's Theatre three years ago with the thought in mind that as a Christian University, we, more than anyone else, ought to be interested in the children of the community, and bring to these youngsters the best theatre that we possibly could. Too many kids are exposed to nothing more than television, which presents a lot of silliness and violence. By starting Children's Theatre, we felt that we could expose the children of Tulsa to some good thoughts as well as to some good literature, and also give the kids an experience with live theater at the same time."

"For our own actors, the experience of performing before a

children's audience is such a unique experience and so very rewarding. Children are open and expressive in that if they don't like what they are seeing, they simply don't listen. If they are with you, they can encourage you vocally, sometimes running up to the stage to try to warn the actors of an eminent danger—becoming very much involved in what is going on. Children are indeed a very responsive audience for the actors."

Alma Golder, a veteran in Children's Theatre at ORU, sums up cast feeling this way: "Children's Theatre is one of the most rewarding facets of the legitimate theatre, and it's a beautiful outreach for Christian witness to children."



Mother Gothol, (Alma Golder) attempts to bewitch Rapunzel (Beverly Sperling) as Children's Theatre cast prepares for December 12 presentations.

## Bible studies added to dorm life

### 'Discipleship' is theme of informal sharing sessions

by Margaret Crider

According to Gwen Marshall and Ruth Will, Spiritual Life Directors in the WHR, a recent innovation of the Spiritual Life Committee is a weekly or bi-weekly Bible discussion led by a faculty wife on each wing of the women's dorm. During the kickoff dinner held September 28, each of the sixteen faculty wives met the R.C. and wing chaplain with whom she is currently working. Mrs. Inbody is the administrative adviser of this project, and strong staff supporters include Mrs. Chesbro and Jo Frailer.

Concerning the goals of this new project, Gwen remarked: "Our purpose is to: 1. have a Bible study led by a respectable person and 2. bring the ORU community closer together." She stated that these goals will be achieved to the extent in which the girls participate and pray.

The sixteen faculty wives or instructors serving as leaders are the Mmsd. Eland, Kuney, Primrose, May, Dunkleberger, Montgomery, Lewandowski, Hamilton, Farah, Ervin, Tuel, Durasoff, Hendrickson, DeWeese, Inbody, and Rasmussen.

"Discipleship" is the general theme of these learning, discussing, growing, and sharing sessions. The meetings are informal, time and place being left up to each leader and her group. Average attendance is about eight girls per group. A spirit of warmth, unity, and concern pervades each unique meeting. Concerning the benefits of these Bible discussions, both leaders

and girls have many comments.

Mrs. Hendrickson feels that it is an excellent idea for the girls to get together and talk about God. She says the girls offer as much as she does. She states her group's goal as: "To draw closer to God, to know God better."

Having this opportunity of involvement in ORU is satisfying Mrs. Primrose's desire to "be a

little part of the girls." She feels she is now able to "pray more intelligently for them."

One of last year's ORU graduates and an R.C. for two years, Mrs. Eland expresses that she has "wanted to see a program like this become a reality from my days as a student." She lists several benefits of this type of Bible study: "1. growth from dorm setting, 2. closeness in dorm life, 3. digging into the Word, and 4. serious thinking."

Jean Lord, a junior, feels that through these discussions she is: "receiving food for thought—through hearing others' interpretations and getting to know the other girls better."

Sophomore Nadine Angevine says: "You get out what you put in. These discussions are worthwhile for all who participate. They increase your tolerance and understanding of others' beliefs."

"These Bible discussions bring the girls together spiritually," (Continued on Page 4)

## ORU NEWSBRIEFS

### Hayden, Walker speak

Dr. Roy Hayden, ("Middle East Crisis") and Mr. Bill Walker ("Marriage in a Marriage-less Society") will be guest professors of the Faculty Forum Sunday afternoons, December 7 and 13 in the Fireside Room of the Student Activities Center. All students are encouraged to attend these informal discussion sessions.

### Psych Club to meet

The Psychology Club will meet Sunday, December 6 at 2 p.m. at the home of Chuck Ryder. The program will involve encounter group demonstrations. Dr. and Mrs. Tuel will serve as co-facilitators.

### French Club meets

The ORU French Club will be presenting an excerpt from Albert Camus' play, "Le Malentendu" (The Misunderstanding) Monday December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the sixth-floor faculty lounge. Participating students include Cindy Johnson, Lori Haight, and Bob Perry. The performance will be in French. Refreshments will be served, and French Christmas carols will be taught.

### Courses added

The Department of Natural Sciences is offering a new course, "Science and Society," during Mini-semester 1971. This will be a non-laboratory course designed especially for non-science majors interested in contemporary problems as pollution, conservation, population food resources, human genetics, disease, evolution, and drugs.

"Reading in Biology" will be another new course available for the session. This will be a one-hour course including readings on topics of interest to the student and approved by the instructor.

### Civil exams set

Examinations for the Civil Service Commission will be held January 9 and February 13 in Tulsa. Deadlines for applying are December 4 and January 8 respectively. These applications are available from Mr. McKinney in the Business Office. Jobs will be available in various parts of the United States; Post Office positions pay \$3.50 per hour, and other jobs pay from \$79 to \$112 per week.

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## Pre-registration set Dec. 16

### Forms available from Registrar

Pre-registration for the spring semester will be in progress through December 16, 1970.

Students may pick up a yellow program card and a schedule of spring offerings in the Registrar's office. It is important that the major advisor be consulted to discuss courses chosen.

Students must then obtain the major and minor advisor's signatures. If a minor has not been declared, this signature can be waived. If a major has not been chosen, students must obtain the signature of a counselor in the counseling center.

The program card must be completed by class enrollment, December 16. On December 14, complete registration instructions will be placed in the dormitory mail boxes. Commuter students may pick them up on the table outside the mailroom.

## Calendar

### Basketball

Friday, Dec. 4

### Hanging o' the Greens

Sunday, Dec. 6

### Winter Formal

Friday, Dec. 11

### Open House

Sunday, Dec. 13



# 'Individual potential' is Center's chief concern

Mrs. Marie Fischer heads Counseling Center

"Effective learning is the result of careful planning and scheduling of time. A good schedule provides time for work, study, recreation, spiritual refreshment, sleep, (yes **sleep**), and of course, attending a few classes.

The first step is to seek guidance from the Lord, especially in planning extra-curricular activities. And as President Roberts states, "If you want more time, give some seed time to God." A well-planned program can "make time" for things that need to be done. Two things are important: (1) To plan your work and (2) To work your play."

If a student had been having troubles making 24 hours a day fit his schedule, Mrs. Fischer would probably have given him the above advice.

The ORU Counseling Center, located in the base of the Prayer Tower, was created for the specific purpose of helping students realize their individual potential and obtain maximum benefit from a college education in the following areas: (1) to obtain the greatest benefit from available educational opportunities (2) to improve inter-personal and social relationships. (3) to set and achieve appropriate vocational goals. (4) to increase personal satisfaction and self-worth (5) in conjunction with the college chaplain, to attempt to assist the student in spiritual growth.

Mrs. Fischer, the number one counselor, with a major in guidance and counseling, acted as Dean of Women at Southern

California College for fourteen years, served as an intern at Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk, California, and now teaches in the ORU's Psychology Department. Adding to Mrs. Fischer's credits are the following comments by students who have been aided by the Center.

"Counseling has helped me a great deal by analyzing my own actions, motives, and loves, and given me wisdom, new insight and guidance. I have been able to discover my own solutions to many questions in life. In this respect, counseling can and has given help to those who ask and genuinely are willing to accept the answer, and therefore are capable of accomplishing many great things."

"The Counseling Center has been invaluable to me in the

process of finding myself. Besides Mrs. Fischer's deep, alive Christian experience, she is educated in the counseling field of psychology. She has helped me realize that my personality is not something nearly as mystically nebulous as I once thought, and also that I can relate to God more realistically than I ever imagined. She is doing a tremendous work."

"I feel that this center is not only a place to discuss problem areas, but one where students can relate themselves to individuals that are genuinely concerned about their welfare. An aura of love and acceptance exists there. Also Mrs. Fischer has several study helps and other literature that she continually makes available for students' use."



Mrs. Marie Fischer—counselor

## Students, faculty offer candid opinions

### Apathy slaps comments . . .

Last Monday and Tuesday the Student Body had the opportunity to exercise their democratic right in voting on a proposed constitutional amendment which would instate an ACS.

This amendment was and still is vitally important not only to the commuters but also to ORU as a whole. This was an attempt to give the off-campus students a structure identical to that of the AMS and AWS, but one that is more appropriate to them and their needs. They have been striving to eradicate this polarization that seems to exist, and to have a closer and better interpersonal relationship with on-campus students.

This purely honorable and Christian attempt has been slammed, criticized and muddled from the start. After the first election the results were—745 votes cast, 36 votes against, 645 approval votes needed. This gave us an abundance of approval votes for the proposed ACS, but due to the Senate Election Committee's inability to conduct the election properly this election was nullified.

With this election nullified the Senate set up another. This is the election held last Monday and Tuesday. Although I firmly believe that the vast majority, were in agreement with this amendment, far more than the 2/3 needed to pass it, it was not passed.

You now ask why it was not approved if this is true. The answer can be shown in the election returns: 493 total votes cast, 77 of these votes against, and still 645 approval votes needed. This shows that only 50% of the Student Body was concerned enough to vote a second time and more than twice as many people had now been convinced that what the ACS was doing would definitely hurt ORU.

You now see that the off-campus students or commuters have been, in a sense, "slapped in the face with 'Ye ol' Campus Apathy.'" I am wondering what the commuters should suffer because 50% of the Student Body feels that since this amendment does not directly affect them they don't need to vote, whether for or against it. Maybe the solution to this apathy would have been to let them vote at the same time for or against the issue of private rooms in the dorms. Maybe then the Students would have come out to vote.

Again the commuters have been pushed aside as unimportant and again commuters begin to take an attitude of "What's the use!" This may be wrong but I can't say I blame them. They have worked hard to get students to understand, but far too many times people will not understand until they are or have been in that same situation.

All I have left to say now is that I am sorry for the loud tones I and others have made for the commuters because it has all been in vain; beaten down in the end by, of all things **APATHY!**

—Wm. E. Stolberg

### Black students "cut off"

America is basically white oriented therefore its institutions are also. ORU is no exception to any other predominantly white college or university in America. The black student here is being frustrated by the "white life" campus. This campus is white orientated and it doesn't reach the black students socially, spiritually, and educationally.

One may ask: why are the black students here at ORU? As a black student I feel that this campus and the student body can be cultivated of blackness by my being here. True, there is no racist atmosphere existing at ORU, but just because racism doesn't exist **doesn't** mean that the social, spiritual, and educational need of the students are being met.

Our chapel programs are totally white oriented. There has not been anything said or done in chapel that relates to the black student. Not only chapel, but the vesper service has nothing in common with the black student. Therefore the spiritual atmosphere is irrelevant to

the blacks. We have heard great black singers like Lou Rawls, and student singers like John Bayley and Ron Hutchison, but music is not the main hold of black culture. There should be more than black music. What about black theologians, psychologists, historians, or black men who are in government, such as Julius Bond or Edward Brooke?

Oral Roberts University is not reaching the black student socially. In order for a student to accomplish anything as far as the individual being able to relate to his race and others, his college life must be adjunct with the surrounding society. This is not happening to the black student here. The black students do not want to change or produce new patterns in any sense, but any student expects the institution to relate to his identity in some way. There has not been a great number of black students here before, therefore, certain areas in the social realm of the institution are missing.

But black students are here now and it will call for the administration, academic, and social chairman to become acutely aware and concerned about problems that exist among the black students. Because of the lack of blacks on campus the administration and department chairmen have either not bothered to care about or known enough about these problems to care before. I would also assume that some whites and other minority groups are having these same problems.

The whole man can not be educated if the curriculum of the educational process does not relate to the individual. The institution should, in the undergraduate curriculum, have courses that will provide a liberal education identifiable with all students.

One might ask: what is the black student looking for when he chooses to go to a predominantly white university? Basically, black students are like any other student. They are interested in an education. Not just any education, but a **quality** education. I feel that the blacks are aware that the institution is "white oriented" before he chooses to come here. However the university's educational process should not have one compulsory doctrine, but should relate to various ethnic groups. Therefore everyone in the society of the university would have a general education, and the educational process will be relating to the students' particular needs.

Black students do not want a totally black orientated campus when there is a majority of whites on campus, but they feel that there should be something about the social, spiritual and academic life that relates to them. Giving them skills and token integration is not meeting that specific needs, and this is not what a black student is looking for. The question that is facing the black students at Oral Roberts University: how are we going to relate to other blacks after living in an environment that is totally white-oriented, and cut off from blacks?

—Henry Smith

### Faculty member offers ole' . . .

Dear Hearts:

Olé, and a tip of the ten-gallon tube to Pauly Yotter for undulating the old umbilical with regard to this housing problem. I've heard so much comment and complaint that I feel it's time for an administration-student dialogue on the issue. Perhaps other issues of student concern might well be included. In fact, a good hair-pulling and foot-washing ceremony may well purge the souls of many.

William R. Walker  
Dept. of Modern Languages

P.S. Add an amen and alleluia for Charles Redd for his incoherent but timely article on chapel-time apathy (especially in the case of Dr. John Alexander). Be of good cheer, however, for apathy is not an incurable illness. There is a rare and expensive drug—**NOITALUMITS**—that does wonders for the victims after the third or fourth dose. Perhaps ORU needs a couple more doses.

## Dactylologists Visit School

Thursday, Nov. 19, the Dactylology Club travelled to Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri to visit the deaf school there. Comments club president Lorraine Skeba concerning the field trip: "We received an abundance of wealth, besides the material wealth in the form of books and films lent to us. That is the wealth we found in sharing with the deaf, their world their knowledge of life and their humor. We found that they get great satisfaction from the simple things of life—things we learn to overlook."

"The club members are even more motivated to learn the deaf language since the expressions of appreciation for their efforts to communicate with the deaf were shown to them in Missouri."

"While talking with a "hearing" deaf-education student about healing for the deaf, I was made aware of two things. 1) I take life for granted. 2) What it might be like for an "un-tuned-in" listener to suddenly be made aware of all the noises we always hear, such as masses of footsteps and conversations, the clanking of silverware and dishes, a car's motor, airplanes. Think about it."

The club is sponsored by Dr. Alice Rasmussen.



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the president's corner

**unravelling the elections**

by Charles A. Redd

"Let Me Make This One Thing Perfectly Clear . . ."

Much confusion has surrounded the invalidation of the committee I will be able to clear up various misconceptions about the content of the commuter proposal and also the reasons for the invalidations of both elections.

The central idea of the amendment to the student body constitution for commuter students was to give them a basis for organization. Unlike resident students, commuters are spread out geographically and thus are unable to feel like a real part of the campus at times. Also as the size of the student body is increasing, we will need a means of commuter representation on the Student Senate because there are more commuter students who need effective legislation on problems that surround them.

The third point in the amendment is to provide for commuter representation on the Judicial Boards. This would bring the resident and nonresident students together for consultation on disciplinary matters which affect all students.

The freshman class always seems to have problems in getting organized to launch out on their college careers, as everything is new to them and they can hardly be expected to know how to plan activities or where to go for help. This year's class, however, has had an even larger complication in that the election for its officers was invalidated, also because of improper procedures used in conducting the election.

The Student Affairs Committee submitted to the Student Senate a list of reasons explaining why they felt the freshman and commuter elections were held improperly. The Senate accepted these reasons as valid and therefore voted to invalidate both elections on the same grounds.

What I want to point out here, however, is that the Student Senate has an Election Committee which is responsible for conducting all student body elections. This committee is chaired by the Student Body Vice President as directed by the Constitution. It was this committee, then, that did not fulfill its obligations properly; and thus the freshman officers and the commuters were not responsible for the improper election procedures. The Election Committee has made full apologies to those involved and tried to correct its mistakes. It has also been directed to draw up explicit plans to be used in conducting any future student body elections.

Now . . . you may be asking: Was it absolutely necessary that we have re-elections for these two issues? Yes, it was. First of all, the Senate felt that a re-vote would make certain that those freshmen in office would have no reason to doubt the integrity of their offices. Secondly, the commuters needed to feel that the student body is in favor of their proposal. Unfortunately, the commuter issue did not pass because a necessary two-thirds of the student body failed to vote either way. Of the 500 people who voted, only 77 voted "no," indicating that those who are concerned are overwhelmingly in favor of the proposal.

I believe that the student body can be assured that nothing of this nature will ever occur again, because whenever any election is invalidated it is certain to create some ill will and much discontent. The improper handling of elections has been corrected now, and I hope this action will help to create more confidence in the Student Senate.

**Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!—The Oracle**

editorials  
**mental 'stocking' gift**

Stocking presents—those little gadgets which often seem of minor importance on Christmas Day and of immense enjoyment in later months—are a favorite part of each child's Christmas. Without an overt attempt at returning to childhood days, we offer the following "mental stock-

ing present" to the ORU student body in the form of an official administrative statement concerning administrative-student communication, and the potential influence of student proposals. From "Procedures for Implementing Requests of Policy Change":

"All administrative-student communication shall include respect for individuals and groups which comprise the community in keeping with the Christian purpose. The University seeks to establish and identify right-ful avenues of expression; at the same time, define those forms of communication and expression which are unacceptable . . . The ORU community is made up of every fabric of interpersonal relationships . . . In the area of those policies which govern the operation of the University as a whole, it is true that such policies must be reasonably stable; it is also true that they should be subject to change when their usefulness is questionable, or improvement can be found. It should be possible to initiate this process of change from any segment of the total University community. (Including students through the Student Affairs Dean!)

We ask that you study this statement carefully, imaginatively, and conscientiously at your leisure before next semester. We also suggest that you investigate the potential of the Student Affairs Committee with new awareness. The opportunities for improvement of our existence at ORU through concerted solution-oriented student activity seem unlimited.

Might not the *students* at ORU lead the way in anticipating future problems (e.g. housing, commuter, etc.)—and averting them? We think so.

This administrative statement provides the guidelines only. Students must now provide the ideas and incentives. Let's *demonstrate* our concerns, gripes, and creative proposals—constructively, and with year-long Christmas good will.

**And a note of cheer . . .**

Finally, as a parting reminder: finals will soon be upon us. Great men, and not-so-great men, have had much to say about times like these.

"The Student Senate has been established as the agency through which students generally generate suggestions or proposals that can be brought before the various established bodies or individuals who make or administer policy. In addition, there are student members of various faculty and administrative committees, and there are other student groups . . .

"Certain forms of expression are not considered appropriate for the Christian University Community. Therefore, any form of expression which disrupts University activities is forbidden since such interruptions assert duress and pressure which are not consistent with the stated purpose of Oral Roberts University. Students and members of the faculty which engage in such activities are subject to suspension from the University."

With important examinations in mind. Think on these things:

"Art thou in misery, brother? Then I pray Be comforted. Thy grief shall pass away. Art thou elated? Ah, be not too gay! Temper thy joy; this, too, shall pass away. Art thou in danger? Still let reason sway, And cling to hope: this, too, shall pass away. Tempted art thou? In all think anguish lay One truth to heart: this, too, shall pass away. Do rays of loftier glory round thee play? Kinglike art thou? This, too, shall pass away! Whate'er thou art, where'er thy footsteps stray, Heed these wise words: This, too, shall pass away."

—Paul Hamilton Hayne

"God had one Son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering."—Augustine.

"God often afflicts his people to bring them nearer and keep them nearer to himself, to make earth less attractive and heaven more desirable."—E. H. Chapin.

Be of good cheer. Merry Christmas, and anticipate a new, good year. —JLD

**and He came . . .**

Our skies are brightened by the burning flames of missiles. The heavens are filled with sounds from telstar and our taxes are paid with the use of IBM cards. Two thousand years have passed and the life-style has greatly changed since the time our Lord lit the heavens with the news of His coming. The star in the East has long since lost its glow and the angelic chorus has given away to the inter-continental communications system. A three-day journey is no longer required to pay our taxes. But the purpose for which Jesus came is as real today as it was then. Although our physical environment does not remind us of the scene 2,000 years ago, our frustrated mental state is still very dependent upon the reasons for which He came.

In an age of progress and confusion, war and peace, love and hate, Jesus Christ broke through the spheres of time and brought to earth, embodies within Himself, the Avenues to peace on Earth and goodwill to men. Even then He ignored the conventional and comfortable way of man, but came in humbleness and simplicity with a message just as uncomplicated as his birth: the message of love. It was and is so simple, yet so dynamic, that today man walks in awe as he tries to incorporate in his life the

eternal message left to him by the young Jewish man.

I don't know if our contemporary terms can describe the ramifications of His coming. Was he a revolutionary or a conventionalist? I dare say he was neither. His purpose far surpassed any that our contemporary terms can describe. But his coming was applicable to the contemporary needs then and today. To set man free from selfishness and evoke a sense of purpose in life were among His stated goals. To make man aware of the needs of his brothers, and to make us responsible for each other—for these needs He gave His life.

Christmas today will no doubt be celebrated as it has been for years. However, we must not let this season pass without grasping the meaning of it all. We must not let the glimmer of the tree lights blind us to the longing eyes of the friendless. We must not become so engrossed in receiving that we forget to give. And as we eat a hearty dinner, let's not forget the hungry family next door. As you thank God for your relationship with Him, remember your friend who is still searching, because each day can be a repetition of Christmas in the life of some individual. —Clifton Taulbert

# International students tell Christmas customs

by Cindy Davis

"The International Club's purpose is to provide fellowship for the foreign student on the ORU campus," says Ann Marie Kenback, International Club secretary. "We have a common bond in that we are not native Americans."

In addition to providing fellowship with other students attending ORU, the club is trying to plan get-togethers with the University of Tulsa's Friendship House.

As a club project, the international students are trying to supply enough flag poles for the campus entrance, so that each student's country will be represented.

American students are invited to attend the club meetings. "We need to share our cultures because they are so very different," commented Ann Marie.

Some of these cultural differences can be seen in Christmas

customs.

"In India, Christmas is not as commercialized as it is in the United States," says Gloria Hine-Butler. Street decorations are neither as numerous nor as elaborate. Indoors, the houses are decorated with colored streamers and lights. Because of the scarcity of evergreens, the trees are transported from the north. If a family can afford the cost, they rent one of these trees for a few days. During the rental period, they are very careful not to break any of the branches, for the tree has to be returned in much the same condition as when it was first rented. On December 24, gifts are exchanged. In many families, according to Joanne Mendheker, the gift is often a new set of clothing, because it is unthinkable to an Indian that he should go to church on Christmas in old clothes. The idea of giving gifts at Christmas time is so widespread, that even the Hindus exchange gifts at this time.

Helene Haapala remembers celebrating Christmas in Finland with a big dinner on December 24. A highlight of the meal is a special rice porridge into which an almond is placed. Whoever receives the almond in his portion will have good luck. After dinner, Santa Claus comes with gifts for the children. Besides the Christmas tree, which is never artificial, the houses are decorated with evergreen branches. In Finland, Christmas Day is extended to include both December 25 and December 26.

For Lazelle Howes of Jamaica, Christmas is a carnival season. From December 24 to January 1, the days and nights are filled with parties, masquerades and dancing in the streets. The festivities begin on Christmas Eve when Santa Claus delivers the presents. Christmas Day is reserved for getting together with the family and for going to church. On Boxing Sunday, the day after Christmas, a masquerade competition is held. The holi-

day activities climax with the Street Jump Up, January 1. This is the day for dancing in the streets to the rhythms of the steel bands.

According to Ann Marie Kenback, in Norway, the family gets together to celebrate Christmas on the evening of December 24. While they are singing carols, the children sometimes dance around the Christmas tree. The tree is lighted not with electric lights, but with candles. Included on the dinner menu are two special dishes: lute fisk, fish soaked in salt, and riis gröt, a porridge. After dinner, Santa appears with gifts. In a Christmas custom unique to Norway, the children dress up in costumes and go from house to house where they receive cookies and candy. The custom is very similar to the traditional Halloween practice in the United States.

"To the Christian Congolese people, Christmas is a day set aside to worship and to praise God," says Gwen Marshall. They rise at 4 a.m. to attend a three hour worship service. The church is usually decorated with palm fronds and pictures and leaflets telling the story of Jesus. After the service, they return to their undecorated homes for a breakfast of peanuts. Until the afternoon, there is a time of fellow-



Soloists for the December 12 choir concert include Susan Miller, Joanie Gale, Bill Steere, Judy Hartman and Nancy Pollard.

## Music Department plans annual yuletide concert

On Saturday, December 12 at 8:30 p.m. the Oral Roberts University Music Department will present the annual Christmas Concert under the direction of Raffaele Cantanzarini.

The program will feature the highly select 16-voice Chamber Singers, the 100-voice Collegiate Choral, the University Orchestra and University Brass. The program includes a number of traditional and modern Christmas carols, plus a presentation of Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" for so-

loists, choir and orchestra.

Susan Miller and Joanie Gale, currently lead sopranos with the World Action Television Singers, will sing the soprano duet "Laudamus Te." Nancy Brown Pollard, a former member of the World Action Television Singers, will sing "Domine Deus." Other featured soloists for the "Gloria" are Judith Hartman and William Steere.

Another popular portion of the program will be the audience-choir carol sing.

The concert will be presented this year for the first time in the new Student Activities Center Building. Free reserved tickets are available by calling 743-6161 ext. 2907 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

ship and singing. Then, at 2 p.m. they return to the church for another service which lasts four to five hours. This service is actually an extemporaneous musical drama telling the Christmas story.

## Bible studies...

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comments Vicki McDermitt, a freshman. "It is considerate of the faculty wife to spend time preparing and presenting material and to be our friend away from home."

### In the men's Dorm...

According to Jim Donald, coordinator, the MHR's counter-project had a late and somewhat different start. The guys on each wing chose an available faculty or staff member as their leader. Then the wing chaplain invited the professor, on behalf of his wing, suggesting what kind of encounter the guys desired: "rap" session, Bible study, Bible teaching, or a combination of these.

On each floor several wings combine, having requested the same professor for their weekly, biweekly, or occasional sessions. The participating professors are: Dr. Hayden, Dr. Paul, Mr. Bill Walker, Dr. Epperson, Dr. Ervin, and Coach Duke.

Concerning the goals of this new project, Jim remarked, "We have had a desire to involve our faculty, administration, and staff in a more personal relationship with students, coupled with a desire to offer to students—where they live—Christian fellowship and 'mature' teaching from the Bible."

Phil Fine, third floor wing chaplain, reports: "Dr. Paul has been a real blessing as he has looked to the Lord for guidance in his ministry of the Word to us."

"I'm absolutely thrilled at the spiritual awareness and dedication of the students on this hall," expresses Dr. Paul. "This is my first time to have the opportunity to be directly involved in the spiritual life activities on campus. I'm pleased to have a part in it."

Several other professors and staff members have students in their homes each week. The Spiritual Life Committee hopes that more can become involved in dorm-visiting in the coming semesters.

## Young students attend seminar

"This place can't be for real..."

by Dan Carlson

"At night it looks like a giant 21st century space center!" "I thought I was at San Antonio's Hemisfair!" "This place can't be for real!"

These were just a few of the comments of surprise from 460 high school and college students upon their first viewing of the 30 million-dollar ORU campus. From all across the United States they came to attend the Thanks-

giving Youth seminar, November 27-29.

With a schedule of events including inspirational classes, tours of the electronic world inside the LRC, counselling sessions, heavy meals and light refreshments, recreation in the gymnasium and swimming pool, performances by the World Action Singers, and lectures that penetrated into life's real meanings and value, seminar guests

gained insight into life at ORU.

From the comments of the guests the impact of the seminar can best be seen:

"I came here with a deep guilt in my soul. But yesterday is gone—I know I can start a new life when I go back home."

"Learning about speaking in tongues, and that Christ is living today, was a miracle."

"The World Action Singers were really fantastic... one would think they were professionals and not students."

"... an unforgettable experience a faith-strengthening one. It was a new dimension in fellowship which taught me how to live a fuller, richer, and more rewarding life by living daily with Jesus."

"... revealing, strengthening, rewarding, motivating..."

"The beauty of the campus buildings is like something in a dream. The sunken gardens remind me of the Garden of Eden in the Bible."

"There is a very warm atmosphere here, even on the coldest days. The Lord has his hands on everyone here."

The results of the seminar may be summed up this way: "We all agree that this place is not something one can tell about. It is an experience... revealing, strengthening, rewarding, motivating."

## ORU NEWSBRIEFS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Mini jobs open

There will be a limited number of campus jobs during the mini-semester. Application forms are now available at the reception desk in the Business Office. Most jobs will be for 15 hours per week; students will earn approximately \$95 during the 4-week period.

### WACs to recruit

Captain Marjorie Ferrandino, Women's Army Corps Selection Officer for Oklahoma, will be at ORU December 10 in the Student Union Building from 11 to 4:30 and in the Women's Residence Hall at 6:30 p.m. to counsel any women interested in becoming members of the United States Army.

### Barnett plans recital

L. Dale Barnett, senior music major and student of Frank McPeters, will present a trombone senior recital Tuesday, Decem-

ber 8 at 8 p.m. in Timko-Barton Hall. The program will include Vivaldi's "Sonata No. 5 in E Minor," Bozza's "Ballade, Opus 62," and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Concerto." He will also perform three French pieces with the University Brass.

### NCA visits campus

Representatives from the North Central Accreditation Committee visited ORU last Monday and Tuesday as part of the final evaluation process towards full accreditation. Student, faculty, and administrative groups met with the committee to offer progress reports, opinions, and projections for the future.

### Coach invites ORU

Coach Jim Howard of Central High School has invited ORU students to attend Central High games by merely showing their ID cards at the gate. Pre-vacation games will be played December 5, 18 and 22.

### Philosophy offered

"Theology is the queen of the sciences and philosophy is her handmaid," This was the medieval explanation of the ordered intellectual life. At ORU we still believe that philosophy enriches a student's ability to think logically and pursue wisdom in the great questions of life. So comments Dr. Howard Ervin, head of the Theology Department, in announcing the Philosophy 2023 course to be presented during mini-semester. Enrollment for the course must be completed by December 11.

### Sale Extended

Copies of "Promises-Promises," the 1970-71 edition of the student directory, are still available in the bookstore for fifty cents a copy.

### Yearbook takes pix

Yearbook pictures will be taken next Wednesday and Thursday on the first floor of the LRC. It is important to have them taken before vacation.



Letter to the Editor  
Thanks for Thanksgiving

Last week many resident students were unable to return home for Thanksgiving and were forced by circumstances to spend this time of Thanksgiving on a dull deserted campus. Many of O.R.U.'s commuters invited these students into their homes for Thanksgiving Day, where these resident students enjoyed not only good food, a break from Saga, but a time of fellowship, which is the main theme of Thanksgiving.

The commuters have much to be thankful for, and it was in this spirit that residents were invited to share in the blessings that God has bestowed upon all of us. We hope that this act has brought commuter and resident students closer together and into a better understanding of each other. This interpersonal relationship is that which the ACS has been striving for since O.R.U. has an "Off-campus" element as a part of its Student Body.

My personal thanks and gratitude go to those students who so graciously opened their homes and to those students entering as guests. May God bless all of you, and let's all pray that this kind of love may continue to the glory of Christ and the betterment of O.R.U.

Some of those participating commuters were: Linda Salisbury, David Cressman, Dave Hemminger, Brenda Anderson, Chuck Jones, Randy Barr, Hale Wistler, and many others.

—Wm. E. Stolberg

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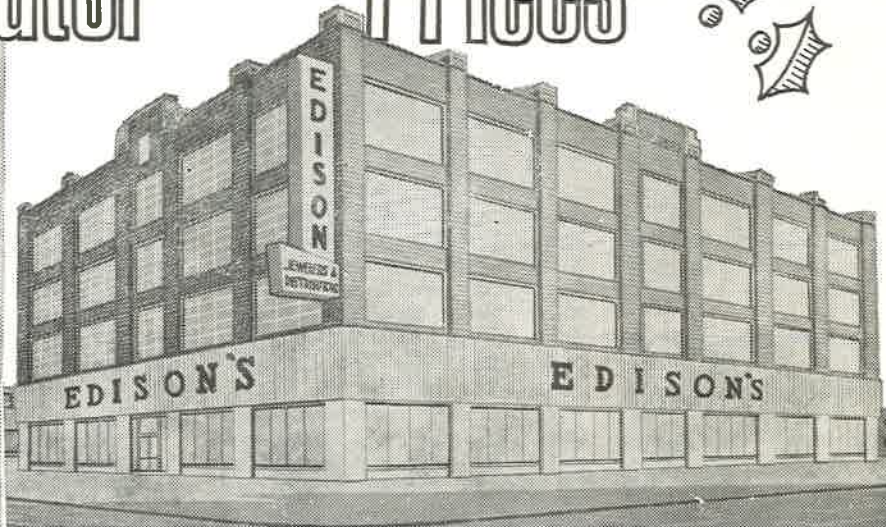
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## sports review

# Titans capture Bison in season's opener

by Colin Bent

Running and gunning to the cheers of "we're number one," the ORU Titans last Tuesday night went hunting and reaped a Bison. The ORU basketball team in their first game of the '70-'71 season came out a different squad in the second half and completely ransacked the Oklahoma Baptist defense beating them 96 to 70.

It was a cold and lackluster first stanza that saw the Titans fighting desperately to gain a substantial lead over the OBU Bisons. But when the buzzer sounded at the half the Titans could only muster a mere one point lead. Both teams had to be content with swapping baskets and the largest margin of difference came with 7:17 showing on the clock when ORU led by four.

Coach Ken Trickey was forced to go to his bench when Eddie Woods the frosh center ran into foul trouble with the game just seven minutes old. Woods committed his third per-

sonal and was forced to sit out the remainder of the half. Trickey also sent in Arnold Coles for a cold Haywood Hill. The basket swapping continued and the half ended at 32-31 for the Titans.

The Titans raced out of the dressing room for the second half and proceeded to outshoot the Bisons. After four and a half minutes into the second half the Bisons were outscored thirteen points to four. It was during this period that Hill and his boys came alive and hit the bucket with increasing frequency. Woods settled down and was taking control of the offensive and defensive boards. During Woods absence in the first half Sam McCamey played a strong game when he was most needed.

In this stanza the Titans appeared to have taken up where they left off last season. Apart from shooting better they were pressing more on defense and combining their plays like a team.

During the final 36 seconds the Titans added seven points from their full court press and

stretched their lead to 26 at the final buzzer.

Trickey should be pleased with the performance of his rookie center Woods who scored the team's high of 20 points and then ripped down 14 rebounds to lead in that department also. Eldon Lawyer the 6-1 guard from Kansas also put in a sterling display and was second highest scorer with 16, not to mention Haywood Hill, the team man, and Rich Fuqua, quarterback, as both did a splendid job in pulling the team together.

In using nine men Trickey got double figures from five of them and an all around even preformance.

It was a capacity crowd which saw the Titans fired up as they ripped through the OBU defense and gunned the game wide open.

ORU meets California State of Fullerton tonight in the Titan fieldhouse. From all appearances they should once more give a good showing. Game time is 8:00 p.m. and follows a preliminary featuring the ORU yearlings against John Brown's J.V.



Frosh center Eddie Woods jumps for Titans in tip-off of season opener against OBU.

## Netters sweep holiday tournament

Van Lingen, Tanabe steal Fort Worth Show

Coach Bernis Duke returned last weekend from Fort Worth, Texas with four of his tennis players who completely dominated the Thanksgiving Invitational Tourney. They hauled in five of a possible six trophies. Explained Duke, "We couldn't enter the Junior doubles because we didn't have anyone under 19 years to accompany Mario Pakozdi." However, he lauded the trophies

sibly 15 were ranked in either the United States or abroad. Players came from such tennis powers as Rice, Oklahoma City University, North Texas, Middle Tennessee State, Pan American and Texas Christian.

"We couldn't have expected to do this well in such a tough tournament," said Duke, who could not help but show his elation.

On his way to becoming men's champ, Van Lingen upended such players as Lindsey Straney of Oklahoma City University, 6-2, 10-8, and third-seeded John Gardener, who had previously beaten him in Tulsa last spring. He also peppered Zan Guerry in a straight set 6-2, 7-5 to advance to the finals. Guerry, a student from Rice, was ranked 11th in the nation last year and seeded number one in the tourney.

While Van Lingen was making his way to the finals, his teammate Kiyo Tanabe was also doing his thing! He trounced Julio Moros from Pan American, then took three sets to defeat Ken McMillen, also of Pan American, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. The young Japanese also beat ORU's former assistant tennis coach, Bob McKenna in straight sets 6-2, 6-3. This sent him into the finals against Van Lingen, but he was defeated by the South African 6-4, 7-5.

Buse and Pakozdi were also entered in the men's singles, but both were beaten in the first and second rounds, respectively. Incidentally, Pakozdi was beaten by Missouri Valley's number one, Merv Webster from South Africa. Buse and Pakozdi also teamed up for the doubles but were defeated in the first round.

Mario Pakozdi entered the 18 and under class and thoroughly

whipped all competition in straight sets to deliver the final trophy. Coach Duke also received word that Ivan Mikysa, Josef Solc, and Erik Ulleburg, who competed in the Arizona State Tournament, had gone through to the finals in the men's doubles but were defeated there. They were also defeated in the semifinals of the singles.

Coach Duke sees a successful

season for his team which begins regular competition in February. He seems very hopeful that Jirka Medonos will return in January. Should this happen, the coach says, "We will have the best team ever to play here." Over the past three years, the Titan tennis team has compiled a 57-5 record, and being the optimist that he is, Coach Duke hopes to top even a record as bright as this.

## TITAN CLIPBOARD

### Trickey named to UPI rating board

Coach Ken Trickey, ORU's Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach, has been named along with six other coaches, to serve on the 1970-71 United Press International basketball rating board for college division teams.

Trickey was also named to the International Basketball Relations Committee three weeks ago.

The rating board is composed of thirty-five coaches, five from each of the seven geographical regions.

The Titan squad has been ranked third in the small college division by **Basketball World**.

### Volleyball gals travel to Dallas

ORU volleyball enthusiasts travelled to Dallas, Texas, Saturday, November 28, to participate in a Regional Tournament sponsored by the United States Volleyball Association, and came away with a tie for third place honors. Playing as part of the Tulsa B-League entry were Carrie

den Hartog, Jean Hartman, Mirradel Abercrombie, and Paula Compton, captain of the team. Miss Francis Albitz, team coach, accompanied the girls and participated as a member of the Tulsa A-League team, which placed second.

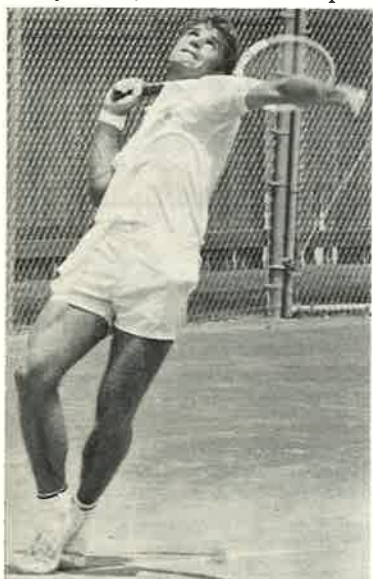
The tournament included entries from Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas, and Colorado. Winners of the event were teams from Denver (Class B) and Fort Worth (Class A). These teams will travel to New York City next spring for national competition.

The ORU girls meet with the Tulsa team approximately four evenings a week, and all are members of the ORU Volleyball Team.



in the men's singles (first and second places), doubles, and the Junior men's singles.

ORU players Peter Van Lingen, Eduardo Buse, Mario Pakozdi, and Kiyo Tanabe entered a field of 80 strong and persistent players. From this field of competition, Duke felt that pos-



Peter Van Lingen—a winner



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