Students plan W. A. trips
Russia, Israel, Costa Rica are target areas

"World Action" means getting involved all over the face of the earth. Meeting approximately 25 ORU students are planning to do this summer—get involved. Four world action teams will disperse to various points on the globe.

Dr. Steve Durasso will be taking his students to Russia, Israel, and Costa Rica. In Russia they will spend one week in Moscow, one week in Leningrad, and one week in Thini and then, on the return flight, stop at St. Petersburg, Paris, and Brussels. Departure date for the Russian team will be August 1, and their return is scheduled for August 22.

Another team, led by Mrs. Ervin, will be making a trip to the Holy Land. While in Israel, the students, Alan Worldon, and Jean Titley, will attend the American Institute of Holy Land Studies. "A unique school that offers Christian students an opportunity to study the Bible where it all happened." This summer's courses offered by the Institute are: Historical Geography of Palestine; Palestinian Archeology; and Modern Israel. Each course is worth three credits.

For the first time, Spanish speaking students from ORU will have their chance to go as a team to a Spanish speaking country. Under the direction of Dr. Bill Walker, the team will leave August 2, for Costa Rica. There will be attending classes in a summer semester. Lectures and seminar will be centered around the great issues of today, discussed in a Biblical framework. Members of this team have not been chosen as interviewers for this summer, but instead for the summer, they will be in high school, practicing and taking next fall's shows.

Senate names new editors
Meeting for the last time Monday, May 17 at 10 a.m., the 1970-71 Student Senate commissioned the following students to editor-in-chief positions for the coming year, thereby justifying all recommendations from the Publications Committee:


dr.-Dr. Kenneth Holmgren, PERIELI—dave Pasko, ROYOMA—J. Leen Kelley

They arem.in their respective positions for the year. Both are communica-

tion arts majors.

Newcomer to the editorial ranks is Ken Holmgren, junior transfer from Iowa Lakes Community College. He will be assisted by freshmen Associate Editors Dan Carlson and Cindy Davis. A theology major, Holmgren has been active on The Oracle staff as sports editor and news contributor. He also holds two years experience as a student editor and staff member for the daily community newspaper in Estherville, Iowa.

125 seniors prepare for graduation
Gov. David Hall will be the speaker at Oral Roberts University’s Commencement Exercises, to be held Sunday, May 30, at 2:30 p.m. in the ORU Health Resources Center.

At present, 125 seniors are slated for graduation, according to Registrar William C. McQueen. They comprise ORU’s third full-baccalaureate class. Seventy-five Bachelor of Arts degrees will be granted, along with 40 Bachelor of Science and 10 Bachelor of Music Education degrees. Dr. Howard Ervin, named "Outstanding Faculty Member" of the year by the student body and faculty, will lead the commencement proceedings.

Earlier in the day, at 10 a.m., the baccalaureate service will be conducted, when in the HRC. The speaker will be Rev. Ralph Wilkerson, pastor of the well-known Melodyland Christian Center in Anaheim, Calif. A relatively young congregation of more than 2,500 members, the interdenominational Center is located just outside Disneyland in a enter entertaining theater.

The Class of 1971 will begin celebrations on Wednesday evening, May 26, with a picnic and swim at the home of President and Mrs. Robert. Two nights later at 7:30 p.m., a faculty-senior mixer is scheduled in the Dining Commons.

A Saturday-night concert for seniors and guests will feature the Chamber Singers; the faculty instrumental trio, "The Internationale," and Stephanie Smay. A group of recent ORU graduates will also perform. The concert will be a reception by the Board of Regents, which will be concluding a 3-day session on the campus.

Sunday morning’s continental breakfast for seniors and guests in the Timko-Barton Hall will be sponsored by the ORU Alumni Association. A panel discussion by five faculty members will follow the show. Admission is $2.50 per person, or $1 per couple. All proceeds will be used to aid ORU students studying in Germany this summer.

Mix, Redd chosen ORU royal duo

Charlie Redd and Linda Mix were voted Mr. and Miss ORU by the 1971 student body, Friday, May 14 as the two students exemplifying the whole man and the whole woman concept at ORU.

For Mr. ORU, the whole man concept means "the maintaining of a balance in the mental, spiritual, and physical areas of his life with emphasis on all three and without emphasis on any one area."

Concerning the whole woman concept, Redd remarked, "The concept is not new, but I believe it is a unique task to attempt in this country at this time. I came to ORU to become a whole person."

"Becoming a whole man is a slow process. You have to be willing to sacrifice time to become involved in activities which affect student welfare, that's why I became involved in Student Senate."

Redd served as ASB president this year, as his sophomore class president, as his junior class president; has been chairman of the concert-lunette series committee; was elected to Who's Who Among Outstanding Students in American Colleges and Universities for the past two years; and was recently selected as an Honoray member of the Honor Society.

A biology, pre-major at ORU, Redd plans to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health Administration at Oklahoma University, added Redd concerning his plan to add ORU courses in the subject of public and private health systems.

Mix, ORU's queen, has been active in campus life, serving as Student government vice president, cheerleader, and with the women's basketball team.

All ORU students are invited to attend the coronation and related activities.

Six ORU professors have been granted sabbatical leaves by the Board of Regents for all or part of the academic year, through 1973.

Dr. Raymond Lang (English), Dr. John Tiel (Psychology), Dr. Paul McClendon (communications arts), Dr. Steve Durasso (History); William Morgan (history) and Evelyn Davis (music) (this week).
An exclusive ORACLE interview

"What we have to say is vitally important..."

In an exclusive ORACLE interview with Editor-in-chief Jan Dargatz, President Oral Roberts discusses ORU life—his criticism of the student body, his dreams for the future, and the rationale for a life according to the Honor Code.

Jan: Several years ago, Jenkins Lloyd Jones praised ORU as a "university for squares"—largely because of our honor code. I know that when many people look at this campus they see only the 21st-century architecture and think, "What is the purpose of an honor code at such a modern school?" How would you answer them?

Roberts: The 21st-century architecture at ORU has to do with methodology—with staying in tune with the ability of man, and the desire of man to keep everything modern. Modern architecture provides man with a picture in his mind of an on-going type of physical and mechanical structure. But the important thing is to build on principles. The buildings at ORU are not the University. The University is based upon the eternal principles for which we stand, which are unchanging. God said in the Bible, "I the Lord your God, I change not.

You cannot move to the left or to the right.

Now, when you go from a little brick building to a modern, glass building, God has His own plan on that because that's an accommodation to the physical being of man. But that's not where it's at. Where it's at is in his inner self—whether he's going to be governed by God or governed by the devil. God told me to build a university based upon the whole man of Jesus Christ. And when you base it upon the life of Christ you have to give a life of honor. A life of morals. I know this is something man reacts to. Man doesn't want it. He wants to be left to himself. He wants to be like a sheep that inevitably gets lost. He wants to strike back at God. If you sent man to his own devices he will ultimately destroy his life or send himself to hell.

Therefore, you have to learn what God has set forth for you to live by. You cannot move to the left or to the right. You must place man under responsibility.

His freedom can only last as long as he uses it with responsibility. For instance, he uses the Honor Code. And I feel that since God told me to build the school, and not somebody else, and that I could only build it through His miraculous power, I not only have the right, I have the responsibility to lay down a code of honor which reflects the principles of the Bible. Secondly, the ultimate purpose of ORU is world evangelism.

Jan: What has been the purpose of ORU and how has it evolved?

Roberts: Without foundation principle everything can change. The University was to be a sacred tool, no more and no less. There's nothing said about it in itself. The sacred tool of the Bible is that God has planned for each of us, it is in world evangelism which is sharing our witness with our fellow man.

Jan: When you mention "tool for evangelism" I think many people would say, "Well, how do you mean a tool for your own personal evangelism?" I'm asking if ORU is a tool that can be used by its students to further their own personal ministry?

Roberts: When I mention the "tool for evangelism," I use those terms in the same sense as Jesus did. Every student that comes to ORU, is a student, I pray that God would send only those who are also sent to ORU. Here we have the possibility of inspiring and teaching that individual student to be an individualistic witness, which is evangelism—is sharing your witness. From that standpoint, it is every student that is an individualistic witness in his own unique way.

There are those who would enter into my own particular methodology of witness, such as those who appear with me on the telecasts. Or those on the athletic teams that share some of the enthusiasm that I have for the Lord. Or those who would try to connect themselves in the highest spiritual and moral way. When it comes to ORU, I believe that it reflects on the school, but it also reflects on the individual.

Jan: In what areas and to what degree might an ORU student witness for the Lord, according to your standards?

Roberts: When people come to me and want me to change ORU to some individual's standards, that is the moment he turns me off. I don't like to see what anybody does or what that anybody does because we weren't raised up to be like "other schools." A student must not try to change the way God set it up, in order to witness for the Lord. But if students will come to the administration from the Bible, if he will start from the Source, if he will come with suggestions to him as to how we can better relate our witness to the world, it can come to consensus. Or to approach in any other way to make us be in accord so that we destroy what we have built up. I'm really put off by the person to reach—if a person will stand up for what he thinks is right and what he believes in, I can listen. Now if he's just talking, I can't really listen to a person, and that is what I dislike.

But if he has something, he can reach me.

I'm not only willing to hear, I'm willing to act. What I hear, I live. When does a Christian who acts on what he's learned, who acts on the word of God, who acts on the word of power. And I act.

Jan: Do you have any suggestions for establishing more rapport between the students and the administration?

Roberts: I think the more that you get those in the group spend time with us and we spend time with you—asking questions—you realize that our point of view is not something that suddenly goes up from somewhere, like a student's opinion often is. Most of us have a very special curricula everything that the student person so begin with. He may be here two years or more four years. He comes and he goes. But we can't come and go. We have to live with the thing. And so we think that what we have to say is vitally important.

I love every student. Each one is very close to him. I could not feel closer to him than if he were my own child. And I talk with him and when he gets in difficulty, with grades or with morals, I talk with him. And when he needs help I help him. I'm not only interested in him, I have the capacity to understand all of this. I think the ORU student is here because he felt inwardly that he should be here. Now he may not articulate it the way that he is going to be guided in being here. So that is an attitude of a personal witness. That is one of the reasons he is here.

Also, I know that generally speaking, our students come from a regenerate society. I don't see much difference between our students and other students from that standpoint. They are all God's children. I don't think that the influence of the Bible reflects on the school, but it also reflects on the individual.

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But if he has something, he can reach me.

The man who acts on a man of power.

I'm not on easy person to reach.

"I'm on easy person to reach."

We've just scratched the surface.

"We've just scratched the surface."
editorials

A few honors still due

There are several members of the senior class who will not receive honors upon graduation May 30 due to test scores from the Undergraduate Record exam. Although these students have earned appropriately high grade point averages, the UGRE scores or an unsatisfactory defense of the Senior Paper will keep them from receiving the honors status indicated by their GPA, (i.e., a drop in honors status or eradication of all honors). It doesn’t seem quite fair when one considers all of the factors which can affect test-taking, the variance in testing methods, and the curriculum offered as preparation. But the criteria are firm.

We do recognize and consider valid the arguments coming from the administration. Honors status should be reserved for the academically elite—a small percentage of each class. ORU honors convocation should rank high or the honor system. In short, the honors of cum, magna cum, and summa cum laude must really mean something. We also recognize that UGRE scores have been established as criteria for honors status, and that the discrepancy of the system are undergoing administrative investigation.

Nevertheless, The Oracle wishes to recognize these students as honor students of ORU, whether or not they comply directly with national norms. Strictly as students we honor them as colleagues of not only potential but also achievement in the classroom, and as the best in the class of ’71.

Holding a GPA of 3.4 or above and worthy of recognition are:

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Peggy Tinklepask
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...happily ever after

Five semesters, over 40 issues and nearly 200 pages of copy later... I’m leaving as editor-in-chief of The Oracle. In looking back to the days of spasmologic publication, no journalism courses, deficit budgets and a small staff—we’ve come a long way. The Oracle is now a thriving, multi-effort weekly newspaper complete with its own academic course listing and a large cooperative staff. I’m pleased but not proud, for the success and development of the paper has involved many willing hands over the course of many months. It’s been exciting and rewarding work. But perhaps the greatest joy I find in resigning is knowing that there are able people waiting in the wings to take over and push for even greater quality and more extensive coverage. As an editor, I have confidence in you, Ken Holmger, and his associates, Dan Carlson and Cindy Davis, will serve you well.

As a parting word I remind you of the issues that have been presented on these editorial pages. We’ve debated the role of Christianity in society, campus problems, student attitudes and individual opinions—virtually assuming that most, if not all ORU students are Christians. I know many of you are not.

May I take this last opportunity to challenge you to seek Jesus as your Savior and Friend? If you seek, you will find.

To those of you who love our Lord, I challenge you to always look for a better life tomorrow than the one you are living today.

And that’s about all there really is to publishing the “Good News.”asta luego.

Jan Lynette Dargatz

The Oracle

Revolution wants you!

By Charles Redd

The Revolution of the 1970’s is upon us whether we like it or not. Many Christians don’t like to think about the problems caused by urbanization, urbanization, racial discrimination, and environmental pollution. Our fellow Americans who are demonstrating a concern are hurting. However, as long as we feel no real pressure or inconvenience caused by these problems, we are sometimes content to isolate ourselves from them. Sooner or later we must realize that Christianity is not an emotional tranquilizer. The end result of such thinking is peace that by-passeth all understanding.

Unfortunately, a byproduct of such thinking is a preoccupation with what God has done in the past or will do in the future, instead of a concentration on what we should be doing right now. Carlyle Marney has said that an attempt to escape the present is also an attempt to escape the heavy demands of Christ.

I believe that the solution to “cop-out” Christianity lies in young people like ourselves who are continuously exposed to this world—transforming ideas about the power of Christ in the life of the individual. If we approach huge problems with feeble solutions our voices will soon become lost in the crowd. The solution to the problem of thinking too far ahead is to concentrate upon those individuals we come in contact with each day. Imagine for a minute how many different people we meet and have the opportunity to give encouragement to in just a week. If we would speak a word to someone about Christ as often as we could without turning people off, I believe we can begin to find our place in the Revolution of the 1970’s. We must help bring back a spirit of optimism to our country. If we don’t, who will?

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Activities—areas which may not have an obvious ministerial over- tone?

Roberts: I think he should take an active role in political areas if that is precisely what he feels God wants him to do. A student must always ask, “Is this God’s will for me?” And if he does this, then he must carry the principle of the Bible right with him—stay out of violence, stay out of bisterness and hate, and above all, learn the difference between a personal problem and an answer.

I could tell you, you can’t be a parrot or an imitator of these groups across the country who thinks you know what they’re doing or where they’re going. ORU students should initiate and not imitate. Jan: What can we do here at ORU while we’re still in the pro-
cress of “learning?”

Roberts: Well, the best way to influence the establishment is to get inside it and get the ear of the people who have the power. You have to bear the eyes of change and your own understanding of God. You’ve got to have something. You just can’t run in and tell a guy how wrong he is. He’s going to spit in your face. You’ve got to show him a better way. With all the young people of today—young, young people are striking a call of unity and yet they are the greatest contributors to the world’s most known. You think you could get change by wearing red dress code or beads or actions? You don’t think they are living under a code? I can read through that and that is why you don’t have any influence on me. Jan: Do you have any final com-
ments to the ORU Student Body? Roberts: I don’t believe that the barrier between our world and the exposure that they have had to the lifestyle at ORU. The change is not to change anything. While we were here we were always changing. I know I will always consider the students as a part of my life and the insights that God has given me. I believe that most of them will serve the Lord in some capacity at the end of their days. As for me, I see our life as a journey, going forth from this campus into the world of today, as students, government, pro athletics, business, education, the ministry, and all types of jobs. We’re whatever field, we will be stand-
...
All sports considered...

'It was a very good year!'  

Ranked teams in basketball and tennis, an 18-3 season for the golf team, a 48-game baseball schedule that featured many improved young teams, and a developing soccer team that will bring back 15 veterans players. This, in a nutshell, was the sports scene at Oral Roberts University for the 1970-71 school year.

The exciting think about it is that more improvement and much returning talent is to be expected next year. Helping to encourage players to greater excellence and to strengthen the recruiting program are several achievements that are presently coming to pass.

Perhaps the biggest thing that happened to sports at ORU this year did not take place on the basketball court or out on the golf course. It occurred in a meeting at Chicago where North Central Accreditation was awarded to the university. April 29 the school received a formal letter announcement of the status and application for active membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association was immediately mailed.

"We expect to be hearing any day from the NCAA," said athletic director Bob Brooks reported, "and we might within the next few to six weeks for the decision. The North Central Accreditation of the 48 member schools in the fifth district of the NCAA must respond to ORU's request. The NCAA saw no problems in gaining active membership.

"Our accreditation and the fact that we will have returning players membership will open a lot of doors for the future," Brooks added.

Titan wrap-up by Kenneth Holmgren

Titan baseball coach Herb Dahl is pleased with the team's performance this season. And not to be minimized in opening doors for the ORU "TITANS" is the Special Events Center progressing daily at the south end of the campus and the first annual Oral Roberts Classic to be held in December. Teams to be featured in the Christmas holiday tournament are the University of Connecticut, East Carolina University, Loyola of Los Angeles, and the host Titans.

Yet another first and a great challenge for the ORU basketball team in the 1971-72 season will be major college standing. Fifteen of the teams scheduled for next season will be major college teams, which will meet the 50-percent requirement.

Only Hardwood Hill will be last off the starting five of the Titanagers, with leading scorer Richard Fuqua, Sam McCamey, Eldon Edwen and Eddie Woods returning next season. Two starters from the 1969-70 27-4 team will also be back in the names of "Slim" Montgom- ery, who was prohibited from playing last season by a knee injury and Milton Vaughn, a starting guard two years ago.

The nation's ninth-ranked tennis team, which finished with a 30-3 mark by winning at Oklahoma State Monday, will lose its leading player Peter Van Lingen after this season, but Coach Ken- ni Dukes is confident that "we'll have a winning season next year.

He noted that the team had lost its top three players from last season, but that "the guys in the middle came through and the teams finished strong." It is uncertain whether this year's No. 2 team will be improved next year, but the rust of the team will, and Czeckoslovakian star Jirka Miedowas may be able to join the team.

Van Lingen, who plans to take to the pro circuit this summer, should be quite successful, his coach thought. The senior who ran a 3:54 mile record this season "can hold his own against pros ranked No. 5 on down and can beat No. 15 on down," he said. "Occasionally he should beat the top four!"

The baseball team also enjoyed a good year, rolling up a 34-14 season record. The outlook is very rosy for next year, as most of this year's team were freshmen and sophomores and there will be three or four new players coming in to help bolster the returning lineup. "Next year ought to be better than this year, and if we improve as much as we did this year (last year's mark was 17-21) we should be in the college world series," Coach Herb Dahl said.

Commenting on the final games against Tulsa University, he was pleased to note that the Titans did beat the Hurricane...The only two times in the last three years that they have fallen on their home diamond, but had to admit that "they just beat us," in the last two shutout wins. Next year the Titan team will have a new baseball field to play on by the tennis courts.

Golf prospects are also looking up, with five of the six starters on this year's team with 18-3 record returning. Golf senior Myron Peace was elected with the balance of the team to the senior-dominated opponents, and is looking forward to tough, hard competition next year. The pro tournament team, playing with a predominantly freshman and sophomore lineup, last fall recor- ded a 2-7 mark against tough competition. Although it was the last season for seniors Paul Ott, Bill Techanchek, Colin Bent, and George Forrester who were three-year veterans of the Great Springs, whose position will be filled by a group of prospects appear good for next season, as fifteen players are expected back next year. The soccer team, prospects for several transfers and freshmen, and a formidable schedule has been planned.

The athletic department also reported that wrestling and track are to receive definite consideration in the future, although nothing has yet been firmly up. Thus, the University sports program is show- ing growth momentum at the end of its sixth season in existence.

TENNIS STAR Peter Van Lingen was awarded the coveted President's Cup at the all sports banquet Tuesday night. Also honored on most valuable players were Ted Geiler, golf; Van Lingen, tennis; Rich Ruzick, baseball; Greg Springs, soccer; Richard Purpura, varsity basketball, and Glen Buntsun, freshman basketball. Haywood Hill was named the first athlete to the Oral Roberts Hall of Fame to be established in the Special Events Center.

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