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the Oracle

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Students plan W. A. trips

Russia, Israel, Costa Rica are target areas

"World Action" means getting involved all over the face of the earth. And that's what 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 Durasoff will be taking a group of students to Russia again this year. In previous years the teams have witnessed through song, and through personal contact with hundreds of people. The earlier teams seem to agree that one of their greatest points for witnessing was simply that they were there and that they cared. This year's team plans to carry on a similar ministry.

The 1971 Russia team consists of: Bill Blanton, Roberta

Cole, Bonnie Davis, Merry Davis, Mike DeArudra, Connie Fireoved, Don Goff, Leilani Hanohano, Roberta Hurlbut, Caleb Loo, Len Nowicki, Raymond Rose, Jerry Six, William Scott, Harry Townsend, and Norma Velez.

These 16 students, with Dr. and Mrs. Steve Durasoff, will be visiting such important Russian cities as Moscow, Leningrad, Bakou and Tbilisi, and then, on the return flight, stop at Amsterdam, 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 Dr. and Mrs. Ervin, will be making a trip to the Holy Land. While in Israel, the students, Alan Worlin

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 they will be attending classes in a summer semester. Lectures and discussions will be centered around the great issues of today, discussed in a Biblical framework. Members of this team have not been chosen as interviews have not yet been completed.

The fourth team is the World Action Singers. They are going, for two weeks this summer, to Hawaii. There they will be taping the September Special. For the greater part of the summer, the Singers will be in Hollywood, practicing and taping next fall's shows.

Freshman honorary pledges seventeen charter members

Seventeen freshmen women were formally initiated into the Freshman Scholastic Honorary, local chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, Sunday, May 16 in the Fireside Room. According to faculty advisor Mrs. Carole Lewandowski, the chapter is designed to "encourage high scholastic attainment in the freshman year among the woman students."

All women earning a 3.5 gpa or above during the freshman year are eligible for the honor, although girls must participate in initiation ceremonies in order to receive the award. An initiation ceremony will also be held in the fall for those women qualifying. Dean Helen Inbody serves as assistant advisor.

Elections held by the Society on Sunday resulted in these appointments: Kathy Magill, junior advisor; Linda Mix, senior advisor; Connie Powell, president; DeAnza Brock, vice-president; Peggy Bevard, secretary; Pat Ash-

ton, treasurer, and Margaret Crier, historian.

Plans call for the establishment of a Junior Women's Honorary and Mortar Board, a senior honorary society for students of proven scholarship, leadership, character, and service to the community, in the coming years.

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:

ORACLE—Kenneth Holmgren; PERIHELION—Dave Paton; PROMETHIA—Joleen Kelley

Both Paton, a junior, and Kelley, a sophomore, have served in their respective positions for the past 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 of background experience as a staff member for the daily community newspaper in Estherville, Iowa.



Mr. and Miss ORU—Linda Mix and Charles Redd discuss their recent selection as ORU's royal duo.

Mix, Redd chosen ORU royal duo

Charles Redd and Linda Mix were voted Mr. and Miss ORU by the 1971 student body, Friday, May 14 as the two students best 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 over emphasis on any one area."

Concerning the whole-man 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 spare 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 vice president, as his junior class president; has been chairman of the concert-lecture 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 Honorary member of the Honor Society.

"A biology, pre-med major at ORU, I plan to obtain a Master of Science degree in Public Health Administration at Oklahoma University," added Redd concerning his future.

Miss ORU agrees with Mr. ORU that balance characterizes the life of a whole woman.

"For me, the concept of the whole woman is learning to share; it is self-discipline; it is the establishment of a clear purpose for living; and above all, it is serving Christ, allowing Him to shape everything."

Linda is outgoing vice president of the Honor Society and is an assistant director of Campus Life at Jenks High School.

newsbriefs

Six ORU professors have been granted sabbatical leaves by the Board of Regents for all or part of the 1971-72 term.

Dr. Raymond Long (English), Dr. John Tuel (Psychology), Dr. Paul McClendon (communication arts), Dr. Steve Durasoff (theology), Dr. William Morgan (history) and Evelyn Davis (music).

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Student payroll checks for the pay period ending May 22 will be available after 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 27. The balance due on work scholarships must be resolved before the summer. Students working during finals week may pick up their checks June 4; you will need to leave a self-addressed stamped envelope at the Business Office if this check is to be mailed to your home.

Newsbrief

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"Triumph of the Will," the official propaganda film of the Nazi Party, will be shown by the German Club Friday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Timko-Barton Auditorium. A panel discussion by five faculty members will follow the show. Admission is 75 cents per person, or \$1 per couple. Proceeds will be used to aid ORU students studying in Germany this summer.

125 seniors prepare for graduation

Gov. David Hall will be the speaker at Oral Roberts University's sixth 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 graduating 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 students, faculty and administration, will lead the commencement procession.

Earlier in the day, at 10:30 a.m., the baccalaureate service will be conducted, also 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 former entertainment

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. Roberts. 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, ORU freshman recently chosen as Miss Oklahoma City. Immediately following 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.

Also informally scheduled is a senior water skiing party, Saturday afternoon at Keystone Lake. Seniors interested in the outing should contact Ron Ringness.

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, Jenkin 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 mechanical in his life ultra modern. Modern architecture provides man with a picture in his mind of an on-going type of physical or 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 of the Bible, which are unchanging. God said in the Bible, "I am the Lord your God, I change not."



"You cannot move to the left or to the right."

Now, when you go from a little red brick schoolhouse to modern architecture, God will smile 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 have 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 leave 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. That's why we have an 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: Has this purpose changed any in the past few years?

Roberts: No founding principle can ever change. The University was to become a tool, no more and no less. There's nothing sacred about it in itself. The sacredness is in the Bible, in the life that God has planned for each of us, it's in world evangelism which is sharing our witness with our fellow man.

Jan: When you mention "tool for evangelism" I think many people may interpret this to mean a tool for your own personal ministry. Does this mean that ORU is a tool that can be used by the student to further his own personal ministry?

Roberts: When I mention the University as a tool for world evangelism, I use those terms in the broad sense—for all of us. Every student that comes to ORU is a student for whom I prayed—that God would send only the students that He wanted here. We have the possibility of inspiring and teaching that individual to become a dynamic witness, which is what evangelism is—sharing your witness. From that standpoint, it is everybody's own personal 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 conduct themselves in the highest spiritual and moral way. When they fail, it reflects on me, it reflects on the school, but it ultimately reflects on God.

Jan: In what areas and to what degree might an ORU student have an influence on this campus?

Roberts: When people come to me and want me to change ORU "like some other school," that is the moment he turns me off. I could care less about what that guy does or what that school does because we weren't raised up to be like "other schools." A student must not tell me to change the way God set it up.

But if students will come to the administration from the Bible, if he will start from God the Source, if he will come with suggestions as to how we can better relate our witness to the world, he can have enormous influence. To approach us any other way means to us that he wants to destroy what we have built up.

I'm really an extremely easy person to reach—if a person will stand up for what he thinks is right and really has something to say. Now if he's just talking, I'll read through him in a second. 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 act on. The man who acts is a man 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 or anyone 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 jumped up from somewhere, like a student's opinion often is. Most of us have been through practically everything that the student is facing today. But the student hasn't been through what we've been through.

The student is in one sense a transient. I don't like to think of him as that but I'm forced to. He may be here one semester, he may be here two years or 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. At the same time I've learned from the students.

I love every student. Each one is very close to me. I could not feel closer to him than if he were my own child. And I hurt with him and when he gets in difficulty, with grades or with morals, it's almost a physical blow to me. And when he excels I rejoice. It's hard for him to see this, but I do have the capacity to feel that way.

I think the ORU student is here because he felt inwardly that he should be here. Now he may not articulate it the way I do, but he feels the Divine guidance in being here. So that places him in a very special category with me. He's an exceptional person to begin with.

Also I know that generally speaking, our students come from a permissive society. I don't see much difference between our students and other students from that standpoint. They are all looking for less rules or more individual freedom and here is where I criticize them heavily.

I don't believe that you can follow Christ and have individual freedom. I believe you give up all rights of yourself. And you ultimately come to the point of "not my will but God's be done." At that point you start becoming



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ing a disciple. Conversion is one experience and discipleship is an entirely different matter. Ultimately, if you don't become a good disciple, you may wipe out your conversion experience. You may return to the world, to an unsaved condition, and lose your soul. I criticize our students because they are not always aware that they are going to be judged for their acts. Whether they think they will or not has nothing to do with it. They will be.

With the University built on the Whole Man Jesus Christ, no one can come out and say, "I'm going to do what I want to do." The moment they step on this campus, they become a member of a group. And there are rules for groups which don't apply to the individual that lives off in a house by himself. The Honor Code requires that they live with one another and that they respect one another's rights. Without the Honor Code the ORU student body would cease to be a group of students who are interested in mankind and interested in being a witness for Jesus Christ. Many of them cannot see that. **Jan:** Am I understanding you right when I interpret this to mean that many of the rules and regulations at ORU are aimed for the benefit and regulation of the group, rather than aimed at infringing individual rights?

Roberts: Absolutely. The Honor Code is for the greater protection of the entire group, rather than for one individual. Because that one individual, if he was separated from the group, might not need to live under all those rules.

Let's take a Bible example. As long as Jesus had his group of twelve disciples He imposed certain regulations upon them. You have to read the four gospels to see these regulations, which were severe but good. Judas Iscariot decided that he would do what he wanted to do, regardless of the group, and he broke the circle. You know, no one could ever get in until Judas broke the circle.

Doubtless we'll have that kind here. You can figure that at least one out of twelve will try to break the circle. You know also that the rest of Jesus' disciples at one time or another deserted the principles—the code of honor—that Jesus laid down.

I'm aware of this at ORU,

too. At times when I walk across our campus, I can feel the anomosity. It's like a physical blow. Other times I feel the warmth and love of the students reaching out to me. But I'm not to be swayed by either one. I'm to walk and hold my balance just as Jesus did when his group was loving him and when his group was deserting him.

Jan: President Roberts, the students at ORU now are just behind the pioneer class and sometimes we fail to see the unique challenges that ORU still presents. We tend to feel that ORU is established and that we no longer have to pioneer, we no longer have a dream. What are some of the things you dream about for the future at ORU, or for the ORU student in the future?

Roberts: I would say that if the students think that ORU is "established" and that we are no longer pioneers they are reflecting a severe immaturity. They must see the campus as a continuing, unfolding process, also they must see their lives in the same way. We are still on the frontier here at ORU and we are pioneering at all times. Accreditation was a must and is only an impetus to make up pioneers even more.

Yes, I dream. We've just scratched the surface. In the first place, we will have many more buildings—each of which will be designed to serve the needs of humanity. Each new building will help us to have a better methodology and a better tool with which to work. I dream someday of our students founding schools and projects which will have immense power for good in the world.

I have had one plan in my mind for years, which I can never see fulfilled until my students reach a certain place. Someday I hope we'll be doing something for the Indians. This is not something clear and precise at this moment, but I look to the time when we'll go down into the hills somewhere and build a school for Indian children, and our ORU students will go down and staff it. It will be here long after we're gone.

Jan: Do you feel that an ORU student should also become involved in social and political ac-

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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. either 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 decisions are decisions.

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 honor students *should* rank high on the national level. In short, the honors of cum, magna cum, and summa cum laude *should* really mean something. We also recognize that UGRE scores have been established as criteria for honors status, and that the discrepancies 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 achievement in the classroom, and as the best in the class of 1971.

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

Twila Allwine
Terry Atkinson
Linda Beares
Jon Beran
Vernon Bettis
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Mary Christianson
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Sally Moore
Sandy Ridley
Melissa Setchfield
Dawn Swader
Peggy Trebilcock
Holly Underwood

... 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 spasmodic 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. I have confidence that the new editor, Ken Holmgren, and his associates, Dan Carlson and Cindy Davis, will serve you well.

As a parting word may I remind you of the issues that have been presented on these editorial pages. We've debated the role of Christianity, 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." Hasta luego.
Jan Lynette Dargatz



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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 industrialization, 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. But 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?

Roberts projects demand for ORU students...

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tivities—areas which may not have an obvious ministerial overtone?

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 bitterness and hate, and above all, learn the difference between a problem and an answer.

I could add, don't be a parrot or an imitator of these groups across the country who don't 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 process 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. Bring to bear your own charisma 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. Many of the young people today—even young Christians—are striking out against conformity and yet they are the greatest conformists the world has ever known. You think you could get them to change one iota of their 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 they don't have any influence on me.

Jan: Do you have any final comments to the ORU Student Body?

Roberts: I don't believe that the students will ever get away from the exposure that they have had to the lifestyle at ORU. The alumni cry and plead with me not to change anything. While they were here they were always wanting change.

I know I will always consider the students as a part of my life and a part of the great work of God. I believe that most of them will serve the Lord in some capacity or another—which is the ultimate of life. I see our students as going forth from this campus into every echelon of society, even government, pro athletics, business, education, the ministry, and all types of jobs. But in whatever field, they will be standouts.

COMMENTARY

How about some heaven on earth?

by Harold Dalton

Christianity has, too often, been presented in its strictly futuristic aspects, either its value as an escape from hell or an eternal reward in heaven. To be valid, Christianity must work now, in our everyday activities. Jesus could not have been more direct when He said: "Thy will be done in earth . . ." (Matthew 6:10 KJV). Jesus also said, ". . . I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10 RSV). A quick glance at the suffering in our world reveals very little "abundant life." Yet, we Christians can offer this and it is our job to do so. With our ecumenical philosophical eye opened, we can see that our goal is, to a large degree, the same as that of "humanism."

Once we have assumed this common goal, it is amazing to see how the philosophical, social, political, racial, denominational, etc. barriers seem to dissolve. We can all agree that Jesus was an ideal human example and had a compassionate love for people—a meaningful goal for us to emulate.

The ecumenical trend is to de-emphasize those points on which we disagree and to emphasize those we agree on. This is dangerous in that it may destroy the essence of Christianity. The essence of Christianity is not social change, but rather personality change. Social reform does not necessarily cause heart change, but heart change invariably leads to social change.

Jesus commissioned the twelve Apostles to preach the Kingdom, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and cast out demons (Matthew 10:7,8). When this power to make revolutionary changes in the personality of a person is lost, we generalize our appeal to "society" and seek unification for strength. Paul gives us the proper appeal to use: ". . . in demonstration of the Spirit and power . . ." (I Corinthians 2:4). We should seek a revitalization of our endowment with power by the Holy Spirit to demonstrate the life changing effect of Christianity and not a re-orientation of our goals.

All sports considered . . .

'It was a very good year!'

Titan wrap-up by Kenneth Holmgren

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

The exciting thing 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 made.

"We expect to be hearing any day from the NCAA, assistant athletic director Bob Brooks reported, noting that it was to take four to six weeks for the decision to be returned. Fifty percent of the 48 member schools in the fifth district of the NCAA must respond to ORU's application, with a favorable vote from two-thirds of those who respond. The NCAA saw no problems in gaining active membership.

"Our accreditation and the fact that we will have active membership will open a lot of

doors for us," Brooks continued. And not to be minimized in opening doors for the ORU "WRAG" cagers are 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 Haywood Hill will be lost off the starting five of the Titan cagers, with leading scorer Richard Fuqua, Sam McCamey, Eldon Lawyer and Eddie Woods returning next season. Two starters from the 1969-70 27-4 team will also be back in the names of "Slim" Montgomery, who was prohibited from playing last season by a knee operation and Milton Vaughn, a starting guard two years ago.

The nation's ninth-rated tennis team, which finished with a 30-3 mark by winning at Oklahoma State Wednesday, will lose its leading player Peter Van Lingen after this season, but Coach Bernis Duke 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 team finished strong." It is uncertain whether this year's No. 2 man Kiyo Tanabe will return next year, but the rest of the team will, and Czechoslovakian star Jirka Medonos 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 up a 33-0 singles 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 bright 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 Dallis said.

Commenting on the final games against Tulsa University, he was pleased to note that the Titans did beat the Hurricane, one of 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 nine will have a new baseball field to play on by the tennis courts.

Golf prospects are also looking up, as five of the six starters on this year's 18-3 team will be returning. Golf mentor Myron Peace was elated with the balance and dedication of the young team that lost only to senior-dominated opponents, and is looking forward to tough, hard competition next year.

The soccer team, playing with a predominantly freshman and sophomore line-up last fall recorded a 2-7 mark against tough competition. Although it was the last season for seniors Paul Ott, Bill Techanchuk, Colin Bent, and four-year veteran goalie Greg Springs, whose position will be up for grabs, prospects appear good for next season, as fifteen players are expected back next year. There are 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 firmed up.

Thus, the Oral Roberts University sports program is showing growth and progress at the end of its sixth year in existence.



TENNIS STAR Peter Van Lingen was awarded the coveted President's Cup at the all sports banquet Tuesday night. Also honored as most valuable players were Ted Gellert, golf; Van Lingen, tennis; Rich Rozek, baseball; Greg Springs, soccer; Richard Fuqua, varsity basketball, and Glen Buntin, 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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