Cultural Affairs Committee

ORU receives $1,000 grant

The Cultural Affairs Committee of Oral Roberts University has been awarded a grant totaling over one thousand dollars, announced Paul Palmer, CAC chairman. The grant comes from the Oklahoma Arts and Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. The go-ahead for the application for the grant came when President Roberts approved the CAC's program for the spring semester on Nov. 15.

The awarding of the thousand-dollar grant will enable the CAC to have one and possibly two more events in the spring, Palmer said, for the grant was an unexpected step in building a sound series of concerts and lectures on the ORU campus. "I first learned of the grant with great excitement when we attended the Oklahoma Unit meeting of the National Arts Council in October," Palmer reported. "I had discussions with Dr. Donald Dillon of the OAHC and he told me what steps I needed to take to obtain the grant. He also put me in touch with Mark Ross of the Tulsa Arts Council who has helped in applying for the grant."

The CAC program for the spring semester is as follows: February 23, 1972—Alan Lomax, "Mr. Folk-Song." March 19, 1972—Igor Kipnis, Harpsichordist. April 19, 1972—Alpha-Omega Players, "The Diary of Adam and Eve." and "The World of Carl Sandburg."

Pre-enrollment dates slated

All students returning for the spring semester must register for their enrollment before Dec. 21, 1971, which is when the on-line registration begins, according to an announcement of $15.

"I encourage everyone to enroll Dec. 15," said Dr. John McQueen, Registrar, referring to the class enrollment procedures to be held on that date. For a period of a week from Dec. 15 to Dec. 21, class schedules, program cards, and work sheets may be picked up in the Registrar's office.

'Three German' plans live-in

"A 'Little Germany' will be simulated on campus this mini-semester as a result of an 'ad hoc' course entitled German Language Institute (Ger 2009)." Seigfried, instructor, is the course who hopes to give students fluency and a command of the language, commented, "Our two-year language program here doesn't give the fluency or the grammatical command. The Institute will probably give students 2 years."

Course plans call for students to live together, take their meals together, and be involved in several extracurricular activities. These will include special parties, songfests (folktungs and hymns), Bible studies, a weekly worship, lectures on the Germany, and a series of movies. The program is open to all students, but will be closed after 20 students have enrolled.

Formal instruction will include at least three hours each morning and two hours each afternoon, five days a week. The time will be divided into shorter, fast-moving sessions in classes and/or the language laboratory.

Two films will also be included. But dates are not set for this event. They are "Russia," an accredited documentary, and "Cinderella," a ballet by Sergei Prokofiev with the Bolshoi Ballet, directed from Lincoln Center.

Other events, if scheduled, will be announced at later dates.

Canterbury court comes

"Christmas Court at Canterbury" will be the theme for the annual Christmas banquet to be held in the Student Dining Com-


Highlighting the formal banquet will be the "hanging of the greens," a family tradition which has been a part of the Canterbury's banquet menu are roast pork, Cornish hens, cheese plates, fruit plates, wild rice, rolls and butter, Russian tea, and flan-ming doves.

Following the banquet, "Ane of a Thousand Dollas" will be shown in the Timke-Barton Auditorium.

Students must pick up tickets in the cafeteria or Mrs. Inbody's office by Dec. 6. The banquet will be served for ORU resident students, but commuters and guests must purchase tickets at $2.50 per person.

All students are asked to bring a toy to be given to the children at Hissom and Sand Springs orphanages.

Pepi Ford directs 'Princess'; play scheduled for Dec. 11

"As a student director I am realizing the importance of relationship between director and cast. There needs to be understanding and respect for each other," states Pepi (Priscilla) Ford, in explaining the challenge of student directing.

Pepi, a 22-year-old drama major from Charleston, N. H., is directing her first play, The Princess and the Swineherd, as part of her senior project. When Pepi first came to Oral Roberts University she was a theology major, but decided to change to drama in her junior year. She has been growing into a love for theater since her freshman year when she worked backstage for A Midsummer Night's Dream in the Children's Theater production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. She was the only girl in this. Since then she has had parts in Sleeping Beauty, Our Town, The Pied Piper, and was assistant director for Rapunzel and The Witch.

The decision on what play to direct was made by countless readings of children's plays. She chose The Princess and The Swineherd because it had the most action and fun.

"Children need a lot of action in order to keep them interested," states Pepi.

The play is set in a time long ago. There is a princess, played by Jan Terri, who used to love her own way. Her ladies-in-waiting are used to giving in to her. Her governess, Esther Hyvärinen, expects excellence from her, but somehow never demands it. Her father the King, Ray Rose, dotes on her. Nimble, the jester played by Bob Butcher, sees her "real" but would give her life for her.

Into this upturning world comes a prince, Steve Bredesen, prepared to fall in love with the princess. He sees what she is like and is saddened. But he still wishes to help her find herself, so he stays at the palace disguised as a swineherd. He fails to win her over, however, and leaves, but not without affecting each life in the court, including the princess.

The story has a happy ending. The princess sees herself for what she is, and those around her also realize themselves. The prince returns.

How is Children's Theater a ministry? "In the children's plays produced at ORU, the plots have been that good conquer over evil. There has been a real love and unity in each different cast which has come across to the children in the audience. This is an important message for children," concluded Pepi.

The Princess and The Swineherd will be performed Saturday, Dec. 11, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 6 p.m. Admission is 50 cents.

Choirs give Christmas concert

ORU's Christmas Concert will be Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Dining Commons. Students wanting to reserve seats may pick up their free tickets from Mr. Casey, the 3rd floor receptionist in the LRC.

The program will be opened by a procession, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Next is the featured short cantata "Good Christian Men, With Joy Draw Near," by D. Buxted. The text of this work comes from three sources: Nos. 2 and 8 are the first and fifth stanzas of a hymn by Erasmus Alber, 1546; No. 3 is taken from Jude 14-15; No. 5, from Rev. 22:12. No. 6 is by an unknown poet. Like many Advent cantatas, this one is strongly colored by the Last Judgment.

Numbers to be sung by the 150-voice choir of the Collegiate Choral and Chamber Singers include an Arisona by J. S. Bach, and two excerpts from the Messiah, Maestro Franco Autori will be conducting the Hallelujah Chorus.

Traditional carols selected for the program will include, "He Came Here For Me," "Carol of the Drum," "Silent Night," and "Carol of the Bells."
Fesseha finds Christian fellowship ‘very good’

by Jon Lindwall

When Fesseha Allawe came to Oral Roberts University from Ethiopia this fall he asked his new Christian friends to pray that the Lord would send a spiritual awakening to his people. He told of the present persecution of the Ethiopian Christians, which some had been taken in jail and all the Christians had experienced a general harassment, both verbal and physical.

Several years ago Fesseha and five other Christians began holding services in his village, Kazaetsch. Since that time many young people have become Christians. When Fesseha came to America he felt especially burdened for some of the Christians who had turned their backs on Christ. This is the burden he shares with the Christians here.

Last month Fesseha, in Ethiopia, (his heart was generally received) received a letter from home telling of a real revival in which many of those who had fallen away were reconverted to their lives to Christ. In addition, many of those who had persecuted the Christians have now returned to Christ. Fesseha feels that this is the fulfillment of the prayers of the Christians here.

Fesseha became a Christian in 1956. He was attending a high school about five miles from his village in the city of Addis Ababa when he heard gospel services in a small chapel and learned that Jesus loved him. Fesseha was raised in the Orthodox Christian Church, the state religion of Ethiopia, but he had experienced some teaching that God’s punishment for sins but I knew nothing of His mercy and forgiveness. I had wanted to know God, but I really didn’t know where to look for Him.” That night in the chapel Fesseha gave his life to Christ. Two weeks later he was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Within a short time Fesseha and some friends left to start a chapel in his village. They rented a small house for the equivalent of about American dollars a month. They began meeting for services and prayer and Bible study about five times a week. After one year more than fifty Spirit-filled Christians regularly attended the meetings. They began looking for a larger house to meet in. They found a house right on a main street, but the rent was the equivalent of twenty-eight American dollars a month. “We didn’t have any money but we believed that the Lord wanted us to have this house. So we signed the contract and trusted that God would supply the money. We didn’t know what we were doing but we did it anyway.” Each month Fesseha reported, the Lord provided just enough money to pay the rent.

Since the new chapel was on a main street more people became aware of what was going on. Passers-by would hear the singing and usually a Christian would be on the street inviting people to come in. “Sometimes I would be leading a service or preaching and I would see people peaking in the windows and doors to see what was going on.”

Two months after they began holding services in the new chapel some persecution began; as time went on it became harder and harder to hold services openly. The Christians were verbally harassed constantly by some of the villagers. At times the harassment went beyond mere words. Six months after moving into their new chapel the government, under the influence of the Orthodox Church, ordered all the independent chapels closed. They were forced to begin meeting underground in private homes.

Since that time some of the government’s tactics, including a few army and police officers, have become Christians, and the government has eased up on the regulations. In addition, many of the former persecutors are now Christians.

Fesseha didn’t expect to find much Christian fellowship here at ORU. He had been warned about the prejudices between blacks and whites in this country. But he had found that “Christian fellowship is very good here. We all help each other for the benefit of our country: ‘Please pray! Pray for your country.’”

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Youth seek voice in political parties

More than 1,500 college-student leaders representing one million students convened today in Chicago for an Emergency Conference for New Voters. The convention, which will run through Sunday, hopes to organize the political potential latent in the eleven million youth recently granted the right to vote by the Twenty-Sixth Amendment to the Constitution. It merits the attention of all, particularly those of us who are in the 18-24 age group.

The meeting is seeking to set up a national strategy by which young people, in cooperation with the already-formed minority and women's caucuses, can form a youth caucus to ensure that one or both of the national parties nominate a candidate acceptable to the young and the poor in this country. Organizers hope to focus the attention of the meeting on important issues, with plans to draw up a list of demands to present to both major party conventions. Student leaders assembled will be instructed on how to pack a precinct caucus in nonprimary states and how to organize a precinct in primary states. The ultimate aim of the conference is to gain real power inside the convention halls of 1972.

Hoping to effect a change in America via the 1972 elections, a steering committee headed by Diane Draper, President of the National Association of Student Governments in Washington, D.C., has established a committee to end the war, achieve "a new beginning for social justice in America" and "a new direction for America's political parties."

It is hoped that the statement of purpose forwarded by the conference steering committee will be attained. However, there are dangers that may threaten success. While many of the conference participants will be student editors and campus presidents, it is also open to individual activists. Attempts were also made to secure delegates from labor, black, Chicano, and other groups as a basis for collaboration on a broader front before and during the conventions. As Draper said, "We're taking all the risks of real democracy."

The youth of America has a great potential for good in the political operations of 1972. May the convention this weekend be a testimonial to the idealism inherent among America's young voters. Let's be watching, let's be praying, that the tragedy of the 1968 Democratic convention not be reenacted and that our peers' aspirations for political reforms become such a reality as is humanly possible. And let us be negligent of our responsibilities in the formation of our American government.

-KGH

News headlines...

Allies demand devaulation of dollar

The United States' major trading allies this week formally demanded devaluation of the U.S. dollar and rejected an American offer to remove the 10 percent surcharge on imports if they revalued their currencies upward.

Finance ministers of the six European Common Market nations, plus Britain, are ready to discuss concrete figures in principle with the United States shows a willingness to allow the dollar to be pegged downward in exchange for European revaluation, a spokesman for the group said.

Senate votes employee pay increase

The Senate Monday voted to grant all 4.1 million federal employees a 5.5 percent pay increase effective Jan. 1, 1972. The pay boost would add $1 billion to the Government's deficit for the current fiscal year.

The vote, attaching the pay boost to Nixon's bill giving him control over prices and wages for an additional 17 months, would override Nixon's decision to delay raises for federal workers until July 1, 1972.

Assassins kill Jordanian premier

Jordanian Premier Waifi Tell, an unrelenting foe of the Palestinians, was killed in an explosion in Amman when an Apparently innocent man, Breed was gunned down at the entrance to Cairo's Sheraton Hotel. The 51-year-old prime minister was representing his country at a 17-nation Arab League Defense Council meeting called to plan joint strategy against Israel.

Russians land capsule on Mars

The Soviet Union became the first nation to land a man-made object on Mars, according to the Russian space agency, Saturday. The Soviets 2 spacecraft fired a capsule containing a hamster and sickle person to the surface of Mars and went into orbit around the planet.

Telephonic proposal gains administration acceptance

ABJ President Rod Jacobsen reported during the Nov. 30 session that the administration has accepted the Telephonic Resolution and work is now being done to requisition phones for student use on the first and second floors of the LRC.

The Meal Ticket Resolution is now in effect. The cost to replace a meal ticket has been reduced from $5 to $1. The penalty for the misuse of a meal ticket, i.e., lending it to another person, etc., has been increased to a N. 7 penalty.

Because of the absence of the Commuter Committee cochairmen, the special weekly meeting was canceled. President Jacobsen read the committee's proposed changes to Bylaw 3 of the constitution. Hopefully, Senate will act on this issue before the end of the semester. One promising step has been taken with the naming of Gary Busch as committee chairman. He will serve two functions: to finalize the proposal and to discharge his duty of constitutional review as ASB vice president.

-Cindy Davis

Bulletin boards should replace individual hand-outs

Is intracollegiate mail necessary?

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Almost every commuter student has been known to look at a bulletin board and say, "Nothing of interest." However, a few students have shown a great deal of interest in the bulletin board.

Of the 2,000 commuters, 260 read bulletin boards regularly, 579 not at all, 1,121 occasionally. Most of the students who do read boards said that they were not interested because "there isn't anything on it," or "the information is not current enough."

The students who read bulletin boards do so for such things as messages from commuter university and SLU, times for basketball games, posters for upcoming events, and anything else that will help them in their daily lives.

Although students are interested in bulletin boards, the bulletin boards do not help them much. The bulletin boards are not placed in convenient places, with a lot of students having to walk across campus to get to them.

One commuter student said, "They should put them in every hall, in the library, in the cafeteria, etc."

Another student said, "I don't think we need bulletin boards. They are a lot of work to maintain and we don't use them that much."

A third student said, "I think bulletin boards are a good idea, but they need to be updated more frequently."

The bulletin boards generally have messages from SLU, SLU SPORTS, and the commuter organizations. The commuter organizations also send messages through the mail, but the students feel that bulletin boards are a more convenient way of getting messages.

The commuters feel that bulletin boards are a good idea, but they need to be updated more frequently and placed in more convenient places.

-Lynn M. Nichols

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Senate Calendar


Dec. 7, Tuesday: Senate, Room 301, Zeppelin Auditorium. All students are welcome.

Dec. 10, Friday: Annual Christmas Banquet, 7 p.m. Make reservations by Dec. 6.
McCamey, Baker return to forward Titan Victory hopes

by Dan Presley

Ed’s note: This is the second of a three-part series on returning starters from last year’s basketball squad. Featured this week are the forwards.

This season’s Titan forwards will have to worry about many other things, among them two returning starters at the forward positions.

Giebel loses first, named best lifter

The first Oral Roberts University Power Lift Championships, held Nov. 18 proved to be “a great success,” according to John Johnson, Coach.

Pitting lifters in 7 different weight classes and 3 events, the contest attracted 22 entries, all ORU students.

A real battle developed for first place in the 165-lb. class. It was not until the last lift of the event that Mike Henry finally edged out Mark Giebel by 5 pounds for first place. Nevertheless, Giebel was named recipient of the Outstanding Lifter Award by a formula which considers body weight and total lift.

Scottsboro, Ala. This year he will be a co-captain for the Oral Roberts’ squad along with guard Eldon Lawrey.

“When he came here last year from a junior college and it took him half the year to really get adjusted,” related Coach Trickey. Looking at his 12.8 scoring average last year and his 80 percent accuracy from the free throw line, some opposing coaches would probably say he advised well enough.

Trickey says that McCamey could be a key player in the tournament. “If you get on the board and get the ball in his hands, you can do anything with him.”

Joining McCamey will be Larry Baker, a part-time starter at forward last season. Baker is a product of Chattanooga, Tenn., where he twice led Riverside High School to the state championship.

The 6-4 junior is cited by Trickey as “probably improving more than any other player we have since last spring. He’s also gained the ability.”

Baker was actually the sixth starter last season but nevertheless managed a 6.6 rebounding average. “This fall,” said Trickey, “he has swung and has really been good. He’s going to be very key to us this year and I hope to keep off that starting team.”

Keep off that starting team! That’s the Titans’ hope. This year’s edition of Titans has so many quality players that the returning starters are by no means guaranteed starting berths again.

Strongly challenging McCamey and Baker will be junior Slim Montgomery, among others. The 6-6 Montgomery is a “returning returning.” He is the number one center on the 1969-70 team that rolled up a 27-4 record, but missed last season because of a knee injury.

The Titans will definitely feel the loss of Haywood Hill, who pulled down 10.5 rebounds and sank 21.9 points in an average game from the forward positions on the 1970-71 team. However, with the returning talent at the forward slots and elsewhere, Trickey is hoping for the best Titan squad ever.

Next week: the center position.

Gool

Junior

Division champ

While most students were busy Thursday evening, the starting lineup for the Titans was taking shape at the O.U. Basketball Building.

Coach Ben Rice’s ORU O.U. tennis team was busy knocking the stuffing out of tennis balls at the Fort Worth Thanksgiving Invitational Tournament. Although ORU, the defending champions of the event, failed to retain their title, the Titan netters did make an excellent showing in the 12-man tournament.

The best performance was turned in by Bobby Godines, who won the championship of the Junior Division for 18 and under, beating German Caruso of Mississippi State 7-6, 6-7, and 6-1. Caruso is the Junior’s champion of South America where he is rated in the top five among the Junior Tennis players here.

Another fine performance was turned in by Joseph Sol as singles play, as he advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to Billy Higgins 6-5, 6-2. Higgins went on to win top honors in the tournament.

Participating in the tournament for O.U. were Solc, Erik Ullberg, Good, Norbert Orthner, Mario Pakzad, and Jose Quartie, Orthner paired with Ul-berg in doubles play, and they won two rounds before bowing out in the No. 1 doubles seeds from Pan American. The team of Solc and Good advanced to the quarterfinals before losing out.

“I think our guys did well considering the competition,” said Rice. Schools represented at the tournament were Texas Tech, North Texas State, Pan American, Oklahoma, Texas, Rice, Houston, and Mississippi State.