Color TV sets available for group viewing

Now students can enjoy video tapes in living color at the three group viewing stations recently installed on the third floor of the LRC. A large monitor with six headphone sets and two smaller monitors with two headphone sets have been added to supplement the existing system of 93 video stations. Instead of dialing, students merely tune to the closed circuit channel indicated in the far left column of the schedule.

Although Tulsa channels are available on these sets, Dr. Jernigan, Vice-President of Learning Resources, reminds students that their primary purpose is academic. He adds, however, that if they are not being used for something else, students may watch outside programs.

Although plans are not definite, Dr. Jernigan says if these stations prove successful, more may be installed throughout the building.

In addition, the dorm monitors located in the study lounges are now repaired and in operation.

Jeremiah People communicate love, unity

Music, comedy, drama—these were the media they employed to communicate their message to students last Friday in chapel and an evening concert. Their message? Let love live.

The Jeremiah People are six talented young persons with a special witness for the world. Their message is geared to the Church, calling Christians to act Christian. Their main theme is the oneness of the body of Christ, despite denominational and theological barriers.

Entertaining? Certainly, but not the main objective. Leader Chuck Bolte says, “We want our message to be more important.”

The group has chosen to identify itself with the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah, who loved his people and was driven by love to bring them words of judgment, words of love and hope.

Jeremiah People have been together 2 years, although only two original members remain. Based in Los Angeles, they are sponsored by the same organization that sponsors the Continen
tal Singers. They travel from on coast to the other.

All the musical numbers are original compositions by Larry Holben and Ron Tewson. Dramatic sketches are written by Larry Holben and Ron Tewson. They have released three records, the latest of which is Let Love Live.

Big bowties back in business

Big bowties are back—yesterday’s skinny caterpillars are full blown butterflies. For the ORU male, bowties provide a refreshing variety in neckwear. Dean of Men Jack Wallace finds bow even dressier that ties with some outfits. “Any bow worn in good taste is acceptable,” says Wallace. However, ORU student men Larry Basile (left) and Mike Tooten will hardly pass the test.

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Fairy tale comes to life

Cinderella, fairy tale favorite, will be presented tonight at 8:30 p.m. and tomorrow at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

This childhood favorite dramatized by Charlotte B. Horpenuing for the children’s theater, is being directed by Judy Ride
nour as her senior project. Leola Walter is the assistant director.

Cinderella is portrayed by Kandy Wallace with Jim Moore playing Prince Charming. Jenny Keast is the cruel stepmother, and Vicki Woodruff and Debbie Goins are the ugly stepsisters.

Beth Iller plays the fairy godmother, with Dennis Whaley as Galafroz; Mick McCabe as Cordiller; Phil Bootwright as the page; and Sandi Martin as Feli
cia.

Tonight’s dress rehearsal is free to all ORU students. Saturday’s performance is open to the public at $1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

General ed to be evaluated

General education requirements take nearly half of an ORU graduate’s total credit hours. Through a series of departmental sym
aposiums, students and faculty will be given an opportunity to re-evaluate these requirements.

The first of these symposiums begins Monday at 7 p.m. in Zopp
t 101 Requirements of the modern languages department will be discussed by a panel of faculty and administration and then stu
dents’ comments and suggestions will be heard.

“We are expecting several ma
or changes in general education requirements to come out of these meetings,” said Dean of Academic Affairs Carl Hamilton. “We want students to have a voice in these changes.”
Welcome Back!

Good afternoon ... and welcome to another Oracle. Every year about this time, the Oracle begins publication for the spring semester. In a way, it's a brand new publication you're reading today. The staff is different from last year's, there are some new features, and, of course, the stories are new.

But the good standards still stand. The Titan talk and Senate soundings will continue to appear each week. The Oracle calendar will continue to keep you informed of meetings. The Oracle staff and reporters will continue to cover campus events as fairly and accurately as possible.

AND, OF COURSE, Fight's finds will be back—giving a pinch of humor to ORU campus life.

A new column this semester is Campus colloquy. For the first time in print journalism, prominent men and women will be addressing the ORU student body and saying whatever they want about life in general. People such as Bill Cosby, Col. Harold Sanders, Lorne Greene, Walter Cronkite, and Henry Mancini are just a few of the contributors. Some are Christians, other are not. All will be reservation—worthy to say.

But columns, and features are no good without readers who are interested in being informed.

That's where you come in.

When you run across something in the Oracle that you like or something you dislike, drop by the office and tell us about it. If you'd like to comment on something you read in the Oracle or if you want to express some of your thoughts on another subject, write a letter to the editor. Your letter will be read by other students who might be interested in that subject, too.

The Oracle is student-written, student-edited, student-funded. It's yours to comment in on.

From a staff survey taken last semester, the majority of students prefer a six-page paper. For most, a four page is too short and a eight page is too long. So we will try our best to publish a six page every Friday that will be concise, yet interesting.

So, welcome to the Oracle. Throughout the semester, we'll look forward to informing you, serving you and hearing your ideas.

Youth fare cancelled?

Come spring break, the cost of a flight home may have doubled, if the Civil Aeronautics Board has its way.

On December 7, 1972, CAB decided that youth standby and your reservation discriminatory and unreasonable. However, the board did defer cancellation of these fares pending further hearings.

An open appeal is being made across the nation to pave the way for continuation of these discount fares. Overwhelming public opinion forced the board from cancelling the discount fares in 1968.

Students are urged to sign the tear-out letter found on page 3, and return it to the Oracle office. The letters will be forwarded to the proper Congressmen.

Letters

First come, first served

Dear Editor,

Although up to this point I am satisfied with the student sections for basketball games, there remains one problem which concerns me. This is the “saving of seats” in the student section by a number of students.

At the last game, a friend and I tried for 45 minutes to find two seats in the student section where we could have a good view of the contest. However, there was not one open seat in the front half of the gold section that was not saved, although nearly half of this area was uncrowded.

Several rows in the front were practically empty except for the coats lying across them representing saved seats. One row was completely empty except for two persons, one at each end. These two were telling everyone that the row was “saved.”

I had arrived at Mabee Center at approximately 5:30 and could have had any seat in the student section had I wanted. But because I wanted to sit with a particular friend, I waited until he arrived at 7:30, and by then it was nearly impossible to get a good seat. I don’t wish to give the impression that I am Goodie-Gooey just because I am trained from saving a seat for my friend. I merely did it because it seemed the Christian thing to do as far as I was concerned. I am sure that I am not the only one who is having a problem with the seat savers.

At this Christian university, it is easy to get away with saving seats. When a person is told that a seat is saved, he is forced to smile and live up to his Christian principles. At a secular school, however, it is almost certain that this would not be tolerated.

Surely this letter is containing a very old and simple solution to this problem: first come—first served. Any person who makes the effort to arrive early to get a good seat should be granted that privilege.

J.V.

Seed faith for machine

Dear Editor,

I'm glad Senate gave $1,000 for the new camera equipment. I believe in seed faith, and that God is going to multiply this money back to the student body. If there were a dollar bill change machine on campus, students could get dimes for laundry. Student Senate doesn't have money to buy such a machine, but maybe our seed faith is about to multiply back to us.

G. B.

Return to right ways

Dear brothers and sisters,

I write this short letter that you all may know the joy which is in my heart. That joy is Christ Jesus. It has been through His grace that I am here now, because I could not have made it on my own.

When I come to school here 4 years ago, I saw the happiness and joy of Christians at this place. I was happy in the Lord, but soon became frivolous and carefree.

The time which I spent here was wasted, and I left. But I praise God that he did not leave me. Not only did he stay with me, but he has changed me and given me something rare, a chance to correct my past error, and more nearly finish what he started in my life.

So I apologize to all of you for wasting your time as well as mine, and by His grace of which I am totally unworthy, I will start again. But I consider myself lessor than you all, because you will not fail as I already have. And I say that whatever of Jesus is left, you brush off the Spiritual table for me, because I come as a beggar, for this is truly a holy place.

Larry Steven Fox
Monday and is one of the richest because it was many were during the civil war (1967-1970) Sunday held a position as a re- The Nigerian Government sent him to Marymount College in small colleges and seven large engi- Spring training was one of the first conferences sponsored by the Yulsa Christian Fellowship. Being an ordained minister before he came to the U.S., Sunday felt urged to change his major to theology when attending the con- stance. Amid the present time what Nigeria wants most is not education or religion; it is Jesus Christ," said Sunday. "I am look- ing forward to going back home to preach the gospel." Sunday participated in many high school sports and was cap- tain of the soccer team. He has three brothers and sisters, four of whom is studying at the Uni- versity of Ibadan. His wife Emu is a daughter of an architect who was killed during the civil war; she's an economics major. When I was on the wrong bus!" my friend sud- denly shrieked. "Oh, I can't stand it! I'm getting so nervous. You don't mind if I smoke, do you? I'm so uptight!" "No, no," I blatantly lied. "Go right ahead." What with the smoking and lying, I figured I had a "mandatory eight" citation by now. Many cigarettes later, a total of 20 hours since Minneapolis, I was in Tulsa. My head was reeling, my clothes in need of fumigating. And then ... the flame of the Prayer Tower, the lights of the campus! "ORU, I love you!" I cried out loud. "Art! I can breathe!" I won’t go into the nauseous details, but I hurried off to the dorm, feeling quite ill indeed. Nicotine fit. I guess they call it. My jacket hung out on the bal- cony for 2 days, my clothes were piled outside my door, waiting for the next wash. I collapsed into bed, and visions of purified air danced in my head. Men- tally, I composed my letter to the busine appropriately named "gray" hoose. "Dear Sir: Thank you for your service, but I believe you should change your advertising motto to, 'Ride Greyhound. And leave the smoking to us!'" Sunday Yakah, "Africa is not 'in the north'," ex- plained Sunday. "People should forget their wildest dreams about Africa. In Nigeria we have many small college and seven large universities, including University of Ibadan, one of the oldest uni- versities in the world. Thousands of Nigerians are studying all over the world. Riverstate is the home state of Africa not dark jungle, says Nigerian by tessah aljaw "The image of Africa as a dark jungle with lots of snakes and crocodiles still exists in many American minds. When people find out you are from Africa, they don't even care which partic- ular country in Africa you come from. That of course is very sad," said Sunday A. Yak- iah, a sophomore theology major from Nigeria, West Africa. The Federation of Nigeria, Africa’s most populous country, covers a larger area than Texas and Oklahoma combined. Ni- geria’s natural resources include coal, nene, tin, petroleum, and natu- ral gas. Cocoa is the main crop. “Africa is in the north,” ex- plicated Sunday. “People should forget their wildest dreams about Africa. In Nigeria we have many small college and seven large universities, including University of Ibadan, one of the oldest uni- versities in the world. Thousands of Nigerians are studying all over the world. Riverstate is the home state of the students.”
Animals predict more winter

Last week, the thermometer set new lows in the Tulsas, with temperatures down to 10 degrees and nearly two inches of snow on the ground. For snow bound students, it was an enjoyable encounter with Oklahoma winter wonderland. For those who live on the streets, "it was less than enjoyable. The cold snap may be gone and the 60's are back, but the days ahead will likely again be nasty.

The forecast of forthcoming misery comes not from the National Weather Service, which depends on metrics, gauges, and raptors, and computers. It comes for the geese who have flown South. Who depend on mother nature.

Geese and ducks have flown farther and sooner South than ever before, says Carl Johnson of Oklahoma Game and Fish Park Service, "a quarter-million blue Canadian geese passed over Tulsa the first part of November. The earliest ever for these geese."

"Even mallard ducks, a pretty tough breed, were driven southwest by the frigid air and snow. In Minnesota, the geese had flown south before the hunting season was open."

Whether man or beast knows better, is arguable. But in the past, geese have always given just as to the type of degree of cold weather for a particular winter.

The main reason the Weather Service shies away from long range forecasts is their admitted general unreliability. "Animals may be not better forecasters than the Federal weathermen, but they certainly are less inhibited in their guesses."

So Tulsa and the rest of Oklahoma may still be in for more winter misery—if one can believe the birds.

Figure's Finds

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The elevator will give me 20 points for answering the "dinger on the wall" after midnight when I usually sleep. Since I always assume World War III has just started, my rate of heartbeat would imminently increase.

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Senate Soundings

Frosh week revamped

How I would enjoy to be able to write a glowing report that Student Senate is passing productive bills that are making the life of students just a little less complicated. However, I cannot.

Senate at ORU is a student organization, but in too many ways it is like a student club. Senators continue to argue over matters of scholastic import (such as whether to call themselves "seniors" or a simple "six"), foment another parliamentary procedure (which would take a whole column in itself) and in general, waste each other's time and patience.

Senate is based upon the Oklahoma State Senate, which is not. I pray, merely an inflated and more rambling version of our own.

In their Monday meeting, the senators did approve a bill which will make Frosh Week more organized and beneficial for all new students. For this, they are to be congratulated.

Upper classmen and new coming persons will be put together in brother-sister relationships. Activities, such as the popular tug-o-war, a camping-out for men, and a slumber party for women, will be planned. Hopefully, these together-activities will make the new students adjustments to college life easier.

This year's graduation speaker has been announced to be Will Miller, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

This reporter will attempt to bring students a candid appraisal of sensitive activity, with as little bias as possible. And I promise to use organization equal to that of senate, only under different rules of order.

Mick McCabe

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TITAN TALK

by Vickie Morgan

Since the last issue of the Oracle the Titans have battled 10 opponents and now stand 17-2 for the season.

On December 16, the Titans traveled to San Diego State to meet and defeat a good ball club. But the win was costly for ORU. Ingram "Slim" Montgomery was injured in the first 4 minutes and has been out since. Senior Larry Baker also was injured and since worn a thigh wrap, while high-jumping junior Eddie Woods twisted an ankle. However, both Woods and Barker have been playing.

In the Nassau Classic on December 19-20, the Titans met defeat when they ran up against Jacksonville. The next night they began their current eight-game winning streak by defeating Hofstra in the consolation game.

The Titans came home on December 23 and defeated the Texas A&M Aggies 117-99. They also dominated the Oral Roberts Classic as they defeated St. Mary's of California 110-96, and won the championship by defeating Montana State 114-68. During the classic, ORU cagers Richard Fuqua and David Vaughn earned their places on the All-Tournament team. Fuqua also won the most valuable player award.

Back on the road again January 3, the Titans defeated a tough Marshall squad 81-76 in Huntington, W. Va.

Playing again at home, the Titan roundballers downed Morehead 103-86, and broke two school records when they walloped a scrappy Brandeis club 123-57. A team record of 93 rebounds came into existence and Vaughn pulled down 34 rebounds to break the record of 30 set by Eddie Woods last year against Lamar University.

Last Tuesday the Titans defeated South Dakota University 92-79. High scorers for the night's contest were Al Bowser with 22 points and David Vaughn with 20.

Tonight the Titans are in California playing Los Angeles State University and will travel to Edinburg, Tex., Tuesday to meet Pan American University.

The Titans now have a home winning streak of 50 games. In fact, Coach Trickey has not lost before a home crowd in 33 years.

With the vast improvement as a team, victory seems to be the only route the Titans will travel the remainder of the season.

As this new semester begins, we at the Campus Store would like to pass a moment just long enough to tell you how much your patience with the usual inconsiderations caused by all the rush at the beginning of each semester is appreciated. Some students, who have been inadvertently undercharged for merchandise, have even gone so far as to let us know by paying the difference. As long as honesty still prevails in such a manner, ORU will never have to worry about losing its integrity or its ideals.

Please visit us often. We're always glad to see you. Have a good semester!

MARGARET RICHIE, PAULINE MILLER, and STAFF

TITANS DOWN SO. DAKOTA, MINUS FQUA

MINUS THE HELP of senior All-American guard Richard Fuqua, the ORU Titans defeated the Coyotes of South Dakota University 92-79, before a crowd of 7,153 persons in Mabee Center Tuesday night.

Leading at the half, 50-40, the Titans carried their 10-point half and widened their lead with 11:24 left in the game to 72-50 with a shot underneath by 7-0 sophomore David Vaughn.

Scoring leader for the Titans' contest was 64 sophomore Al Bowser with 22 points followed closely by Vaughn with 20 and 62 senior Greg Davis with 18. Leading scorer for the Coyotes was Chuck Iversen with 14 points.

David Vaughn, 7-foot sophomore scored 20 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, despite spending 11 minutes on the bench resting from too much running. Trickey said, "The swim teacher had Vaughn swim 17 laps in the Titan pool, and I wanted to rest him."

Fuqua, who was nursing a broken hand, was able to play a key part in tonight's game with Los Angeles State in Los Angeles. If it would have been necessary, Fuqua could have played against the Coyotes. However, it was felt that Fuqua should rest his hand in preparation for tonight's game.

Already the holder of eight Indiana high school state records, Fuqua will not be able to claim them for collegiate games he has appeared in from 70 graduate Carl Hardaway, who set the school record at 105; Fuqua appeared in 95 consecutive games in his three and one half years.

Coach Ken Trickey is probably wondering if his team will ever reach the top ten in basketball polls this season. The Titans teams record now stands at 12-2.

ORU third in offene

ORU is third in team offense according to NCAA statistics with an average of 95.7 points per game. In the rebounding category ORU ranks seventh with an average of 15.1 per game.

Seven foot sophomore David Vaughn measured up to his size in a January 8 basketball game with Brandeis held in Mabee Center. Vaughn overpowered a much smaller Brandeis team snatching 34 rebounds and also scoring 34 points. The Titan center broke the school record for individual rebounds in one game which was previously held by teammate Eddie Woods. The 34 rebounds by Vaughn pulled Vaughn out of (Brandeis) old mark of 26, but also established a new team figure of 92.

With the performance of David Vaughn the Titans outscored Brandeis 123-57. Although the Titans held the upper hand throughout the entire game Brandeis at times looked threatening.

All-American guard Richard Fuqua is currently ranked 30th in (national) individual (scoring) with an average of 22.8 points per game. Due to more balanced team scoring Fuqua has fallen below his scoring average of last year.

Currently ORU has a record of 50 consecutive wins playing at home. The 50th win game Tuesday evening when the Titans rolled over the Coyotes of South Dakota University 92-79.

CAMPUS COLLOQUI

by Bill Cosby

"The sound of laughter is the sound of laughter"

Such personalities as Walter Cronkite, Henry Ford, Col. Sanders, Alan Shepard and others will be sharing their trials and successes with us each week. Some will be Christians, most will not, but all will have comments on life that will develop understanding of other people.

When I was a kid I always had to pay attention to things that were happening. I'd think about things as if I were the main person in it, and I would think about things and figure out why things happened the way they did. I can remember I used to think about things, and I used to enjoy doing it because it gave me a sense of control. I often used to make people laugh, and I enjoyed doing it because it gave me a sense of control. I often used to make people laugh, and I enjoyed doing it because it gave me a sense of control.

The situations I talk about, people can find themselves in . . . it makes them glad to know they're not the only ones who have fallen victim to life's little ironies. For example, how many of us have put the ice water bottle back in the refrigerator with just enough water left so we won't have to refill it?" Be honest now.

That's how I go involved in comedy . . . it just sort of happened. Once I decided it was a way to make a living, the struggle was on. Breaking into show business is one of the hardest . . . longest . . . most discouraging things you can do. If you want to make the old school try, you better have plenty of grits and determination 'cause you'll need all you can muster up.

I was quite satisfied with my work after I got going. Night clubs were good to me . . . and TV suddenly started opening up. It wasn't until "I Spy" came along that I really felt established, at least to a certain degree. It was so completely different from anything I had ever known. Story-telling is one thing, but playing a definitive character, that's something else. I must admit I am usually nervous in anything I just begin, but the experience has really been great for me. I know it's hard to keep pushing yourself into different areas, but you have to if you want to be around in a few years. In this business, if you stand still, you disappear."
Men's hair styling . . . no two bit operation

by roth figi

Where have all the men's barbershops gone? Gone to styling, every one. Between 90,000 to 140,000 hairs grow on a man's head, and the male population is taking an increased interest in how those hairs look.

"Fernando's" is the newest barber shop at ORU, but Fernando do Alvarez, owner and master barber, is the first to admit his saloon is a far cry from the look of the old barbershop. Fernando is an innovator.

Gone is the red and white striped pole, and in its place you'll see a gliterring sign. "It better be fancy," smiles Fernando. "It costs me $5,500!" No waiting in line, no crying children, and no shaving mug displayed on the shelf.

Today you call for an appointment, the age of clientele is 16 and up, and the shop is tastefully appointed with Spanish decor. No barbershop quartet crooned outside Fernando's door, but soothing piped-in music awaits the customer.

"Yesterday one of your faculty members came in, and I gave him his first razor cut!" Fernando proudly announced. "He had always had a regular haircure. The European technique of razor-cut styling may be new to some, but Fernando has used it for 8 years now. One hundred percent styling and personal service guide his shears, for Fernando insists, "We're in business to do whatever we can for the client."

"A lot of men have been parting their hairs wrong for years, putting a lot of vaseline, pomade, or wax on it and saying, 'I'm getting bald!' When you don't have much hair, and put wax on it, all that hair sticks together.

"I've looked plastered down. When I cut a man's hair, and then through the contour of the head, use the blower and brush so the hair is full and looks as it should. If you part your hair in the wrong place, and do not conform to the features of your face you look like a clown."

Yes, many men know. The list, men who have written Fernando's shop (now Nelson owns another at the City-Walk Hotel) is impressive. It includes Johnny Cash, Spivo Agnew, David Duke, Marcus Hanes of the Harlem Globetrotters, and many others. Fifteen percent of the ORU faculty, Fernando estimates, come to his shop and, of course, many students.

Small shears for Sassoon

What about the college man? The latest thing is the Vidal Sassoon technique. It looks much like a permanent, but the work is done with a small shear, cutting the hair at a 45-degree angle.

"We use no hair spray, or anything that makes the hair goopy or sticky," states Fernando, proving that men are still men in his shop. "We use a particular brush, a hot comb blower of 1,000 watts and then it doesn't make any difference if you want it wavy or wavy the hair. With heat, you can relax to the hair, just as you would apply heat to metal to bend and shape it."

What about the man who enters a shop such as Fernando's? From the door in the door, he is studied. Everything is taken into consideration. Clothes, body and bone structure and, most important of all, the shop's design.

Cut to fit head shape

"There are three types of heads, says Fernando. "Round, oval, and hard. If the client has a round head, you make a straight hairstyle that diminishes the big forehead. For a small forehead and a big nose, you bring the hair down like that," he said, pointing to a picture on the wall. "Now the client's own wishes are noted. Before the cut, Mrs. Alvarez, Norka, comes into the barber shop. Then Fernando or one of his other barbers begins the cut. His son, Nelson, explained, "The Sassoon cut is a chunky, heavy cut. First we part the hair on both sides to get an even cut. The hair is sectioned all the way around. After the cut, the hair is blown straight back on the sides, then down and under on the ends, which adds a lot of fullness. Very few girls like their hair flipped out on the end."

Businessmen better business

At Fernando's, the average businessman gets his hair cut more often than a student. A latter returning about every 1½ or 2 months. Does the number of needed cuts mean less business for the styling salon?

"No, we have a greater clientele now," said Nelson. "If everyone would come back every 2 weeks, we probably couldn't get them all in."

How long does the new styling take? "We do more than a regular barbershop," said Fernando. "Sometimes we work with a customer for an hour and a half, an hour, 2 hours, 30 minutes. It depends. Maybe your texture is fine, another's is course. Somebody with wavy hair wants straight hair and someone with straight hair wants wavy hair. Some have light hair that doesn't look good with their complexion, so we put a toner in it, and it makes them look healthier, as if they came from Miami, Fla. That's the way the business is. It's a crazy world!"

Money is often a student's biggest problem, and Fernando has thought of this too. "We always give ORU students a break," he said. "If they shampoo their hair before they come, we charge $5.50 for conditioner, cut, and styling, whereas the man on the street pays $7.50."

Norka, with an apprentice barber's degree, also manages ($3.50), using hot oil. Soap and water are too drying. She cras the cuticle, trims nails straight, and buffs them, then gives a relaxing hot cream massage to the hands. "There's nothing shady looking about it," said Fernando. Norka also gives facials, taking up to 40 minutes. Nelson believes this should be a weekly treatment. "A man, if he's no longer embarrassed to go to a stylist," he added, "they all want to look good."

Oral's hair wanted

Is there any one person Fernando would like to work on? "Yes, I would like to cut Oral Roberts' hair," he stated. The reasons for wearing longer hair are as numerous as the styles themselves: "My dad does not like it, so I do," "It's the style now," "I get more compliments," "I've got a good-looking neck and my hair covers it up."

Perhaps some men are even aware that alopecia is on the increase. Anthropologists now predict, half seriously, that within 100 years, on the basis of biological trends, nutritional deficiencies, and pollution of air, water, and food, all men and women will be bald!