Sterns wins ASB presidency

Bledsoe, Rogers, Bailey also elected

by randy day

Wednesday was a gray day but not for Randy Sterns, who was elected Associated Student Body President. Sterns and his fellow officers-elect Greg Bledsoe, Glenn Bailey, and LaDonna Rogers are expecting 1974-75 to be a year of "active involvement." Oral Roberts University men decided to extend Carlson's term in office as Associated Men Students President. Out of a field of three, Ellen Von Fange was selected to lead the Associated Women Students. Commuters overwhelmingly chose Ron Evans as their president.

"The students were asked to share some thoughts about 1974-75. Sterns places an emphasis on participation, and he's making it a goal that will not be easily obtained. We believe that the right to express student opinion, to be consulted, to be represented in the major decisions that affect the students," Bailey added. "When a decision affects everyone we believe that they have the right to participate in making that decision. Not that they will determine the decision—but they should have an input."

More organization needed

"The first thing is getting kids involved," Bailey said. "The newly elected officers are already turning from their elections to organizing the class elections. Posters for class offices and application forms for persons who want to get involved in Senate committees are being prepared. The officers are looking toward more organization in student government next year."

Both President-elect Sterns and Secretary-elect Rogers are interested in seeing the Senate speak out on academic matters. Teacher evaluation was mentioned as an area in which Senate can continue to work. More credit for off-campus activities (like attending the Center for Studies) was mentioned as an item to consider. Both Sterns and Rogers cited a policy as an area to be worked on. "I'd just like to see Senate become more concerned about teaching and methods of teaching," Sterns generalized. Bledsoe added, "We're paying good money out. The administration has a valid point in that they subsidize us rather heavily, but the students don't see it that way. He could go to any school but he's paying out money to come here and he wants the best education he can get."

Campaign 1974 had unusual, innovative facets which seemed to prove fruitful. Speaking about the ticket idea, Sterns said, "I don't think the ticket won it for us. I think what won it for myself and Greg was we went door to door and the platform and our dedication to it impressed people." Bailey spoke on possible significance of the election. "A thing to be said for these elections was that both high in Senate this year and I feel the election was a mandate for student Senate to continue in what it's doing." Sterns was pleased with the election he "would have to be a little more selective he say," "I think it's really great to see kids get involved. For the first time since I've been at ORU kids were really talking about the issues of concern to them and that's a good sign. I think it's going to continue."

Markley: "A sign in every job"

Students know more about the candidates before they went to the election champlan then ever before. The oral election news supplement, the dial access video presentation, and the presidency of signs and other campaign material, Glenn Bailey reminisced about the elections the year before. "Last year Dave Markley put one ad in every job and he won. All the newly elected officers agreed the campaign that was highly escalated this year. Dave Markley's sign cost nothing. Randy Sterns spent $16. Carts to run an ORU campaign are starting to rise. Why didn't the 1974-75 officers choose to become candidates? Sterns felt he was motivated by the issues. There were about four or five really key things that were important." When Glenn and Randy were first considering running for ASB office, Randy was thinking about running for treasurer and Glenn was considering the presidency. Greg said, "We don't want to lord ourselves over other people or enslave ourselves. I do feel we have to have a certain amount of self-confidence, and we hope we have balanced that out."

Close to the Lord

It is no doubt confusing to many students, faculty, and administration to know that each of the officers-elect are Christians. Randy had something to say about these lines. "Sometimes I'm concerned about it at the debate I went on like maybe I wasn't a Christian or something. I want to clarify that right away, I've sold out to the Lord. If anyone asks what brought me even closer, I realize that's in Him that I have trust," Greg related some of his experience. "I thought, Greg, you're working a lot at your own, but the ultimate thing can't be your own effort. Our own personal weaknesses are like fifty bottles. Randy added to that, "We will be unsuccessful in Senate next year if we try to do it on our own strength. In our own strength we can't do anything." The newly elected officers are in a difficult position. While they will be faced with making change they realize they can't ruin what makes ORU what it is. Greg said, "That Dito had a fantastic point when he said, "We want what's good in a state university without sacrificing what we have here." Most students agree that the entire field of candidates was qualified in different ways to run the government. The newly elected officials, Glenn said, "There's nobody who ran who doesn't have a place in Senate next year. 1973-74 ASB President Dave Markley said it was the best lineup that Senate has ever had."

Many ideas, promises, and declarations have been made in the past several weeks. So far as the Associated Student Body is concerned, what have been the words that have passed. ORU students must move into the action phase with seven new leaders of their choice to lead them.

Editorials available

Applications for Oracle, Perihelion, and Prophetic editorship are now being accepted. Deadline for applying is March 29, 4 p.m.

The applications should state on which publications you seek the position, why you seek the position, the nature of your experience in publications, and your reasons for seeking the A.S.B. position. Applications should be sent to Box 1199, c/o Dan Carlson, Publications Committee Chairman.

This semester's Spring Banquet, sponsored by the Social Functions Committee of Student Senate, is set for March 29. The theme will be "Islands of Paradise," and will have a Polynesian buffet.

The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres at 5 p.m. Thursday followed by the dinner at 5:30. Ray Stevens will perform in concert at 6 o'clock at the Mabee Center with student entertainment afterwards. Tickets for the Ray Stevens concert will be available for $2. Boarding students may sign up for dinner in the cafeteria. Dinner tickets will sell for $2.75 for commuters, faculty, and staff. Commuters may get their tickets in the Student and Social Activities office in the Sub. Faculty and staff should call extension 374. This will be a semiformal affair. For further information about the banquet contact Debbie Mull or Cathy Bowman.

Dr. Hamilton speaking at AAHE conference

Dr. Carl H. Hamilton, Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Oral Roberts University, is presenting a paper at the 29th National Conference of the American Association For Higher Education (AAHE) in Chicago. The conference began yesterday and will end tomorrow.

AAHE is a membership organization of individual students, administrators, faculty, and interested citizens concerned about clarifying and resolving critical issues in postsecondary education. The theme of AAHE's conference this year is "Learning in an Open Society." Many of the more than 60 sessions focus on new learning options on and off campus.

Dr. Hamilton will discuss the subject, "Ownership, Equity, and Rights in College-Produced Instructional materials," joining Richard G. Hacker, Mayor of Gary, Ind., who will present an urban perspective on lifelong learning; and James Gass of the Paris-based Center for Educational Research and Innovation, who will talk about retraining education in Europe, and many others.
Tiajuana Whoopies—they’re terrible!

by ruth figi

Oral Roberts University is a campus of extremes. On one court we have the Titans, and they’re terrific! On the other court we have the Tiajuana Whoopies, and they’re... well, terrible.

Who or what are the Whoopies, you ask? This ORU intramural team can easily be identified by the strange whoopie-like sounds they yell whenever one of their members makes a basket, which is rare, indeed.

The Whoopies sent me a beautiful, hand-treed invitation to their game against the Slatanark Shankers.

Before the game I talked to Frenchy Whitman, manager of the Whoopies, and asked him about the team’s record. “A clean slate,” he boasted. “We haven’t won a game yet!”

Shankter’s coach Steve Martin had “no comment” about his opinion of the Whoopies, but Captain Jim Fowler said, “We’re hopeful.” That comment was made even though the Shankers, members of ORU’s golf team, had never had a practice, and the whole team was fighting the flu. Obviously, they had sooted the Whoopies.

Larry Ludharn, R.C. for the Whoopy Wing (which also includes Rare Breed as their first team, New Breed as the second team), laughed, “Not one of these guys has ever played basket ball before in his life! But our whole wing turns out to watch them play.”

The game was underway. The Whoopies had lost 104 to 7 against the tennis team, but now they were doing well! “We’re hot,” tonight,” said French, with surprise in his voice. Dutch, center for the TW’s and Don Juan seemed to be playing especially hard. At half-time the score was 20 to 8.

During the third quarter, the Shankers were running away with the game, Frenchy leaned over and confessed, “Even our sister wing beat us!”

“Do you like the whole men at their worst?” he asked.

Frenchy smiled a special smile. “Watch for our secret play in the fourth quarter.”

“Your mom, The Big Mac!”

Forward Stonewall gasped. Frenchy gave his boys the word. It was the “Big Mac!” I figured if the score got any worse, that meant they’d all pack it out to McDonald’s for hamburgers.

It was time for the secret play. Mark Long, from the first string, was winked into the game. The men on the bench were hysterical. “That shows the reality of the relx,” one said, as the game continued with six Whoopies and five Shankers, the Shankers evidently not uttering. Now the Big Mac, Don Juan and Pretty Boy set up for the “on-the-shoulders” trick, but first the ball was intercepted by the Shankers. The second time, even with the combined two-man bright, the Whoopies missed the basket.

Finally nothing number six Whoopie, the Rof began to blow his whistle, but Whoopie fans hushed him off the court. When he finally came back to call his technical, he wasn’t laughing. “The next extra man who comes on the court is out of the game!” he said with fire in his eyes.

The whistle blew. Final score: Shankers 87, Whoopies 35.

“We accomplished our mission!” The Whoopies congratulated one another, their motto being, “The last shall be first.”

They’ll give any team a unique game.
Women's Roundballers drop two, close season
by roy hess

Oral Roberts' women's basketball team ended the season on a sad note, losing two games in the state college tournament held at Tonkawa, Okla., March 1 and 2. ORU lost to Southeastern State college of Durant, Okla., and to Oklahoma Christian College of Oklahoma City. Out of the 20 teams participating Northwestern State college held the tournament, Oral Roberts was the champion of the "B" level competition and Southeastern State was second. Peggy Dunham has coached the team to a 3-6 record this season.

ORU played Southeastern in the first game March 1. Southeastern dominated the game from the very beginning and led at halftime 32 to 10. In the second half ORU was again held to low scoring and the game ended 63 to 22.

Beth Smith led the ORU scoring with 6 points followed by Linda Youngberg, Linda Reese, and Sue Chaisser, each with 4, Kathy Blake with 3, and Lynn Ross with 2.

In the second game, the next day, Oklahoma Christian jumped out to an early lead, and led ORU 39 to 18 at the half. ORU made a better showing the second half but failed to capture the lead and lost 60 to 51.

Lynn Ross led the ORU scoring with an impressive 19 points followed by Beth Smith with 12, Linda Reese with 7, Linda Youngberg with 6, Sue Chaisser with 4, Ann Pearlson with 2, and Kathy Blake with 1.
Seniors plan May retreat

Grand Lake, Okla., will be the site of this year's senior retreat, May 9 and 10. It will be a time for relating, basic graduation and for synthesizing past experiences at ORU, according to Rob Querry, Senior Class President.

The Shangri-La resort, a two-story lodge that accommodates 100 persons, offers recreation, including golf, tennis, Ping-Pong, swimming, boating (row boats to charter boats for 10-12 persons), water-skiing, and cycling.

Those going will leave at about 11:45 a.m. on May 9, participate in activities of their choosing until 4 p.m., eat a steak dinner at 6 p.m., and leave when they please.

The senior class hopes to pay for most of the retreat from its treasury, but may need to ask for a $5-$4 charge from each person going.

A central sign-up sheet will be posted in the Social Activities Office. To date, approximately 30 students have signed up. The deadline will be in early April.

Second road rally coming

Because of the success of the October road rally, Associated Men Students and Associated Women Students are sponsoring a second for March 30. The second road rally 7:30 is the same as the first except that starting time will be at 2 p.m. with cars leaving at 2-minute intervals from Miller Center. There is room provided for 60 cars to take part in the event. As before, instructions will be given to the drivers directing them to each check-point until they reach the finish line where participants will be rewarded with games and a picnic-style dinner.

Entry fees will be $1 for drivers and navigators plus $.50 cents for each additional passenger.

Tryouts for troupe set; Midwest tour planned

Auditions are set for March 25 and 26 for the third annual World Action Drama Repertory Company. The 9-member troupe will present Christ and the Concrete City on campus April 25-28 and will tour the Midwest for the month of June.

Auditions will be held in Howard, room 106, between 7 and 9 p.m. Auditions are not limited to drama majors, according to Miss Liu Johnson, World Action Drama director.

Besides the well-known Christ and the Concrete City, the repertory company will take a religious children's theater production, and the playing for young audiences during the day and to adults in the evenings.

World Action Drama is an evangelical outreach of Oral Roberts University. No academic credit is extended for involvement and there is no cost for participation.

Professor Ray Lewandowski who began W.A.D. 3 years ago said, "World Action Drama is intended to bring drama back into the church where it began many years ago. It is also a way of witnessing to our Lord Jesus Christ, both through the production and through the personal witness and testimony of our cast members."

This summer's company will tour Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, and western Pennsylvania. Students interested in booking the troupe in their area or church should contact Miss Luis Johnson in the Communications Arts Department.