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We have a debt to pay

Oral Roberts, President

The idea of a university with high academic standards and centered in Jesus Christ has been burning in me for years. I have seen young people with a spark in their eyes, a dream in their hearts, but with no place to go for full expression of the talents God gave them. Across the years they have come to our crusades and caught the vision of our ministry. They are the great potential of the world, and of the kingdom of God. They are our future ministers, scientists, business and professional people, educators, leaders of our country.

What is going to happen to them? Where can they go to study in an atmosphere of true learning—where the whole man is educated and trained?

The crusades still catch their vision, but the university will help this young man, this young woman, to understand that vision and translate it into a living reality.

We have no choice but to build the university. We have these young people on our hands. As Paul said, “We are debtors.”

God has spoken to our hearts. We have faith that just as He has led us in the other outreaches of this ministry, He is with us in this undertaking.

Picture in your mind hundreds of young people of great promise coming from all parts of the world to this campus. See them studying in an atmosphere of real faith, not hampered by cold unbelief. See them living these important years of their college life and learning about their world, knowing that it is God’s world and they have a unique place in it.

These are your sons and daughters, as
"Where can our boys and girls go to study in an atmosphere of true learning . . . where the whole man is educated?"

well as mine, that I am talking about. We brought them into the world and we owe them something . . . something better than the world can give them. We owe it to them to build a university that is worthy of the great promise God has placed in them.

I believe with everything that is in me that this is God’s University, and this is God’s time to build it . . . and to build it right! People who know this ministry at all, know that because we are led by God, we don’t listen to man; we put everything we have into what we undertake for the Lord. Whatever it takes in faith, in effort, in money, we depend completely upon the Lord as the source of our supply, and as the One who will bring it to pass.

Just as He has brought together our evangelistic team, He is assembling a faculty for this university of that same caliber of men and women. These are people whose Christian experience, character, talents and training are uniquely fitted for them to teach and influence the youth we commit to their charge. These are dedicated people, these are Christian educators with the finest of academic qualifications, people who have caught the vision of what we are trying to do. This same vision our evangelistic team has, they have, and they will spend their lives helping instill that same vision into eager, young minds and hearts.

Even though God leads us, it is not without sweat and toil of our own . . . and even sacrifice. Whether it is securing faculty members, students, or partners to be collaborators with us, we know that it is out of our hands. God will speak to the individual. Perhaps, right now, as you read this, you, too, will catch the vision and take your place by the side of those faithful ones who are with us.
Whether in the crusades or at ORU seminars, young people have caught the vision of this university.

On the following pages you will meet young people who want to attend the university, some of the faculty people who have already signed their contracts with us, and the chancellor and provost upon whose shoulders the academic program of the university rests. You will read of an exciting new concept in the physical or health education of our students being planned for us by a Holy Spirit filled physician. You will see a two-page spread of the beautiful campus as it will be when completed. And whether you are a student, a faculty person or a partner, you can find your own unique place in helping pay “your debt” to the youth of this and future generations.
THE PRIMARY REASON most young people give for going to college is to further their education in order that they may be better equipped in the secular world. However, I feel that as Christian young people we should set our goal higher. We should add to this secular reason—spiritual education.

"Adolescence is the time in a person's life when he begins to form his habits. Things that we experience now will be remembered throughout life. Now is the time we'll begin to work toward God or away from God. To help us young people work toward God, we should have a good, healthy, Christian atmosphere in which to study and develop. For this reason I believe it is important that young people should consider a campus that is centered in Jesus Christ.

"Choosing the right college is hard for just about everyone and I was no exception. Then the Lord provided opportunity for me to visit the new campus of the Oral Roberts University in Tulsa. I was amazed at the beautiful buildings already built and others under construction. I was especially impressed with the educational media planned for installation soon.

"This left only two questions in my mind: Will there be a good spiritual atmosphere? Will there be a good curriculum? I was assured of both of them when we were informed by Dr. J. D. Messick that the faculty would be Godly men and women and that the curriculum was to follow closely that of top universities. I was convinced that this was the college the Lord wanted me to attend."

Paul D. Brigandt, Denver, Colorado

"IN THIS UNIVERSITY I can get not only a first-rate education with superb facilities, but I will also be able to receive the fellowship and healthy atmosphere needed by a Christian person in the critical years of training."

Steve Shakarian, Downey, California
"I HAVE JUST RECENTLY graduated from high school, and some of the problems that I met there made me realize the importance of a Christian environment in higher education.

"So in my thinking and planning for a college education, I started looking for a liberal arts college that was high in academic standards and yet preserved the Christian teaching and principles in which I believed.

"This proved more of a problem than I had anticipated—or at least, it was a problem until I accepted an invitation to attend a youth seminar at the Oral Roberts University. I felt here the warmth of a Christian atmosphere and was introduced to an academic program that far exceeded my fondest dreams. Since I live in Tulsa, I have also had the pleasure to meet some of the fine Christian instructors at the university. Also, I have had the privilege of seeing the vision of Oral Roberts University become a reality before my eyes.

"The beauty of the school and the seemingly unlimited learning potential impressed me first. But the crowning quality that made me decide on ORU is the abiding Christian atmosphere I found there."

Jolene Davis, Tulsa, Oklahoma
“It was a cold day on the campus of Harvard University, that I, a young man, alone and discouraged, became conscious of my need for a Savior and of His great love for me. Shortly thereafter I was thoroughly converted and committed my entire life to Christ.”

That is a thumbnail testimony of Dr. Hugh Davis who, after spending the last twenty years at Baylor and Oklahoma Baptist Universities, has come to join ORU as chairman of the Department of Social Studies.

The way this all happened could only have been God's way. Dr. John Messick, ORU Provost, was seeking a consultant to help build a strong Social Studies Department at ORU. Dr. Davis was highly recommended as consultant by the United States Office of Education, and Dr. Messick sought him out, with no idea that Dr. Davis would have a personal interest in ORU.

Dr. Davis became a consultant, and, on one of his visits, Dr. Messick introduced him to Oral Roberts. When they met, Dr. Davis told ORU’s president,

“Brother Roberts, I have seen you on television many times and I have experienced the Master’s healing touch through your prayers.”

Brother Roberts told Dr. Davis that he was honored to meet him, and then asked him a most unconventional question: “Dr. Davis,” he asked, “as a sincere child of God and as a Christian educator, have you received the baptism with the Holy Spirit?”

“No, Brother Roberts,” he replied. “I have not, but I want to.”

The three men prayed together and parted. Not long afterward, Dr. and Mrs. Davis were invited to attend a Laymen's Seminar at ORU. “At that seminar,” says Dr. Davis, “I met such a cloud of witnesses! They glowed with Christ's Spirit. During the seminar, after one of the sessions, I experienced the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as never before! It was a glorious experience.”

When he returned to his own campus, Dr. Davis began to think of the new university, of the plans and hopes. “And,” he says, “I became conscious of one thing. I wanted to be a part of the program.”

Dr. and Mrs. Davis are now on the ORU campus, both busy helping get the curriculum in shape for the opening term next September. Dr. Davis says:

“My heart has been greatly stirred since coming here. I am amazed at my own exuberance. The advice given by a circus veteran to a young man learning to perform on the flying trapeze seems to apply to me. That advice was: ‘Throw your heart over the bar and your body will follow!’

“Truly my heart is devoted to the task ahead, as is the heart, I know, of everyone associated with the Oral Roberts University. Each time I look over the beautiful grounds or think of meeting the hundreds of students who will soon meet us here, I desire to be a more effective witness to Jesus Christ. Can I do less?”
Dr. McClendon, what has been your background as an educator?

I spent four years at the University of Indiana as a member of the faculty in the Department of Speech and Drama. My last position, before coming to ORU, was that of Chairman of the Department of Speech and Communication at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California.

I have also held part time teaching positions at the University of Iowa and the University of California.

Have you had any experience outside the realm of education?

Yes. Between my teaching at Indiana University and Westmont, I was employed in public relations. At the time I was moderating a series of television programs on U.S. foreign policy for the University of Indiana. A participant on one of the TV programs was president of a national life insurance company. He became personally interested in me and asked me to join his company as director of public relations. The job was rewarding financially, but I did not see many eternal values emerging from my association with this type of enterprise. And furthermore, I did not have the satisfaction one has as a teacher. So after two years I returned to my educational career by accepting an appointment at Westmont.

How does your job as Director of the Learning Resources Center correlate with the professor's teaching?

In the Learning Resources Center we will have a wide range of the latest educational aids—films, television, tapes, computers. It is my task to see that the professor has all the help he needs.

Has your background been mainly in speech?

Yes, speech and communication. As an undergraduate, I worked for three or four commercial radio stations part time.

I have long been a student of electronics. Ever since I was a boy, I have built everything from crystal radios to transmitters.

In college, I was primarily interested in radio engineering, but I became more interested in the "other side of the microphone." So I moved from the physical and electronic aspects of the communications process to the psychological and rhetorical aspects of it.

Do you feel that God has been leading your life to this point of coming to ORU?

Oh, yes. There's no question about it. I feel my life has been led along certain lines for a definite purpose to be realized here at Oral Roberts University.

For example, in prayerfully considering my opportunity to affiliate with ORU as Director of Learning Resources, I had many thoughts. At one point, I thought to myself that what ORU needed was an educational-media man
whose training had been almost entirely in the audio-visual areas. But the more I thought about it, I realized that this in itself was not nearly enough.

Again, I began to see that the Learning Center needed a person who had enough years' experience as a professor to understand thoroughly the professor's great role. But this, in itself, again was not enough.

Third, it was clear that ORU needed a director conversant with public relations since the Learning Resources Center will be a focal point on the campus. Yet such experience alone would also be inadequate.

As I thought and prayed, I wondered where such a person might be found. The Lord seemed to impress upon my heart the words: "Thou art the man." I began reflecting upon my background, noting how each of these areas was represented in my own experience. It was at this point, in the wee hours of the morning, that the Lord quickened my heart toward a firm decision to come with ORU.

With the decision made, I spent this summer in special study in a series of seminars and workshops in instructional technology and educational media at the University of Southern California to further broaden my background and to bring me abreast of the very latest developments in these fast-moving areas.

I feel that what the Lord did for me in Westmont was a kind of dress rehearsal for my coming to ORU.

What happened at Westmont?

Well, for one thing, it was my opportunity there to help design their fine arts hall, and within this there is now a complex of electronic gear including dual channel, stereo-recording facilities and a full-scale quality installation for broadcasting. With the help of two students, I designed and installed the whole complex. I had to survey every type and aspect of equipment, planning for ten years ahead so that it would meet the needs then. This was definitely a warmup for my role here at ORU.

Then, the second thing at Westmont, and I would say the climax of my preparation, was my receiving the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Having been a Baptist all my life, and probably forever will be one, I knew very little about the baptism with the Holy Spirit. My interest began after I had come in contact with a fellow faculty member at Westmont whose life exemplified in every way the real love of the Lord Jesus Christ. At the same time he was a scholar and a top-notch educator.

After many discussions and times of prayer and fellowship, my wife and I both felt that he had adequate scriptural grounds for his position that it was a Christian's privilege to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit, a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ through the Person of the Holy Spirit.

Subsequently, both of us received the infilling of the Holy Spirit.
What does the baptism with the Holy Spirit mean to you as an educator?

In Romans 12 we are told to yield ourselves unto God. I believe that yielding our bodies, our minds, our tongues, and our whole being to the Holy Spirit enables Him to use us and direct our energies to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ which is His prime role in the world—to point to a Person, the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth and in an academic setting one of the main objectives is the pursuit of truth. And so it seems to me that within the framework of the Christian perspective, we are starting with absolute and ultimate Truth in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are seeking various facets of truth in the study of the arts and sciences as complementary aspects of Truth in its most absolute sense.

What do you feel is the potential at ORU?

We are not interested in educating a mind apart from the body. We are interested in the individual as a whole person.

Within the framework of ORU it seems to me that the whole man can be brought together and dealt with in that setting.

We are not interested in training a person to make a living as much as we are in educating him to make a life. And as he grows older, he may add years to his life, but we want to make sure that he adds life to his years.

I might add here that after meeting with President Oral Roberts, I believe he is a man of solid integrity, a man of extraordinary vision and boundless energy.

I would say that ORU, under the leadership of this kind of person, has every opportunity to do an outstanding job in Christian higher education today.
“I’ve wondered many times why I went to Beaumont,” says Dr. James Carl Cox, Jr., Professor of Chemistry at Lamar State College of Technology, Beaumont, Texas. “But now I believe it was really just to prepare me for a new adventure for God.”

Dr. Cox was reared a staunch Methodist and received a real born-again experience at the age of eight.

In 1940, graduating with honors from West Virginia Wesleyan College he joined the DuPont Company as a research chemist. Here he helped develop the synthetic, nylon.

“In 1942, while still at DuPont,” recalls Dr. Cox, “I received the baptism with the Holy Spirit in a little church in Bell, West Virginia. This was an amazing experience. Shortly after this, I went into the Army. And having no contact with Spirit-filled people there, it was several years before I was to learn the full potential of the Holy Spirit.

“After serving in World War II, I received my master’s and doctorate from the University of Delaware while teaching there.

“After this I enjoyed professorships in various places, including four years at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis as Civilian Professor of Chemistry. Also, in this interim I accepted an invitation from the King of Iran to teach at the University of Bagdad as an official of the Iranian Government in the Department of Education.

“When I accepted my present position at Lamar, I had more than a dozen other places to go. That’s why, until recently, I had wondered why I chose Beaumont. Now, I feel that it was in Divine Providence, for here I met Casey Jones, Director of the Full Gospel Businessmen’s Fellowship, who helped me to become a more effective witness for God through the Holy Spirit. Also, Casey introduced me to Oral Roberts, an introduction which, I feel, launched me into a new adventure for God.

“Later, I was invited to a meeting at ORU. And as I listened to President Roberts speak, I felt a tug, a deep concern and interest in this whole program. At the time, I had no idea that I would be invited to join the ORU staff, but I knew that here was a program with dynamic potential and I wanted to be a part of it.

“Many times in the past I had visualized teaching in such a school. Now that this has materialized I feel sure that this is the place where the Lord wants me and I am thrilled everyday as I think about it.”
The Health Resources Center promises to be one of the most unique advances in educating and developing the whole man for a whole life . . .

JAMES C.

"A new
As a CHRISTIAN DOCTOR, I look upon man as a spirit, created in the image of God, living in a muscle and bone house covered with skin, and possessing a free will.

Man is a whole being and for him to be fully grown and find total health, he must be developed in soul, mind and body.

The idea of educating the whole man is not new. And yet, it has never been explored to its fullest potential.

That is why I am excited about a new concept of education in this area of total health, which is being developed on the campus at Oral Roberts University. Physical education, as it is often taught in college, is an orphan course placed in a building all by itself. Not so at ORU. The modern structure you see pictured above on this page will be the center for this concept of total health at ORU. It is called the HEALTH RESOURCES CENTER—as far as I know, the only one of its kind in the field of education.

There will be three main areas in this unique and beautiful building — health education, health development, and health restoration, which includes the offices of the health team.
Looking over the architect's plans and discussing this with President Oral Roberts, this is the way I visualize the Health Resources Center:

As you enter the building and go on into the foyer, you will be surrounded by an atmosphere of health—paintings which illustrate the magnificence of God's creation, along with moving anatomical reproductions showing man in motion—stressing the physical harmony and coordination of the parts of the body. A plastic man will be on display with the inscription "Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost" (1 Cor. 6:19). This area is designed to prepare the mind for health and to illustrate the value of correct weight, good muscle tone, balanced diet and adequate sleep.

Two levels of classrooms adjoining the basketball court comprise the health education area. What will be taught there is not just a required subject for college credit. The curriculum is designed to open the door to a way of life and make the student aware of his own health resources, try developing health habits, organizing thinking processes, and establishing prayer life.

We believe that maximum health for a whole life can be taught and made a living reality to young people. In this health education area they will learn the value of the good feeling that comes from good muscle tone; and the strength and power awareness made possible by lean weights. They will discover the strength from positive thinking and the power from continuous awareness of the Holy Spirit.

The health education leads into the health development area which will include a gymnasium with the usual equipment; a large pool, and a physical conditioning room.

The health restoration area is also entered through the health education area. This area begins with a diorama depicting the seven divine aids for healing that have been emphasized in the Abundant Life ministry.

In the center of the room where these divine healing aids are displayed will be a circular fountain with colored lights on the spray. In the background beautiful music will be heard giving emphasis to the spiritual and mental aspects of health.

This room is to prepare the will so that the student will desire to be well; so that negative attitudes toward health will be sublimated and positive attitudes adopted. The words of Romans 8:6 will be made prominent in this area—"... to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

Proceeding from this room we enter the offices of the health team: chaplain, counselor, physician, nurse, equipped with examining rooms and an infirmary for students.

I believe that good health is a gift of God. This gift is claimed by obedience to God's laws of nature; reverence for God's word; rejection of negative ideas and holding positive attitudes; and most of all, by faith in the power and desire of God to bestow upon us THE ABUNDANT LIFE.

Jesus said to those who believed upon Him, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

To be free means to be free from disease. And disease can best be understood by dividing the word disease into dis-ease. If you are not at ease, you are sick, and if you are sick, you do not have total health. Health is life, and total health is abundant life.

The abundant life in Jesus Christ has been the theme of Oral Roberts' ministry. It is now at the heart of the University, and will be focalized in the Health Resources Center.

Development and growth of the mind, body and spirit is the goal of ORU—not for just a brief period of four years, but to establish a pattern which will enable continued educational development and growth for the whole man for a whole life's span.

As a doctor whose life and practice is grounded in the belief in the abundant life of Jesus Christ, I am delighted to have been a consultant in the formulating of the health resources program at Oral Roberts University. To me, this idea is one of the most significant advances in the field of education today. It holds great promise for the future.
These are thrilling days at the Oral Roberts University as the Board of Regents, the President and the faculty stand shoulder to shoulder and race forward to meet the challenge of opening the University, including the Liberal Arts College and the Graduate School of Theology, in September 1965.

It is an honor to be associated with these distinguished men of vision, integrity and scholarship. We are building our new curriculum, rounding out the faculty list, enrolling students, and developing a master plan for a great future.

In the winter issue of THE OUTREACH we plan to give you a full-scale report of the Graduate School of Theology including its philosophy, curriculum and faculty under contract at the time. You will enjoy meeting these dedicated, accomplished men and what they have to say about training young ministers for the vital role they must play in meeting the needs of people in this generation.

Thus a personal dream of thirty years begins to unfold . . .
ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY is in the midst of assembling a faculty with the highest academic standards and strong Christian character. The University is also in the process of accepting applications from prospective students of sound character with a strong interest in making something of their lives. This is a progress report on those vitally important matters.

THE FACULTY: When we open in September 1965, with the freshman class in the college of liberal arts and the Graduate School of Theology, we expect to need an instructional staff of about 40. As of this moment, approximately half of these faculty members are already under contract, and we are in consultation with several more.

For the Graduate School of Theology, we have the staff pretty well in mind, although we are still inviting other applications. A Bachelor of Divinity degree and a doctor's degree are necessary to meet our standards. These people will also teach in the liberal arts college.

In the college of liberal arts, nearly all the staff has been secured for Social Studies, Art, Speech and Dramatics, Philosophy and Religion, Chemistry, Counseling and Guidance. None will be needed for Psychology the first year. We should like to have applications from men and women with doctor's degrees for positions in the following areas: Biology, English, Economics, Mathematics, Health and Physical Education and a chairman for the Music Department and Head Librarian.

There will, of course, be positions open in all areas for the second year. At that time instructors with master’s degrees will be considered, although the University prefers those with doctorates. Our standards are more than just academic. We are recruiting professors who are committed Christian people, dedicated to ferreting out truth, and are willing to exert great initiative and effort in furthering scholarship. They will be expected to be enthusiastic about new methods of using all educational media available. Above all, those teachers at ORU must be interested in helping each student to develop himself to his full potential. This will mean an emphasis on individual experimentation and research.

We need people who can live happily and
democratically with all others in their professional, social and spiritual relationships.

We are greatly encouraged because of the number already under contract and of the goodly number of applications on hand and those that are continuing to come in. At this point we feel quite confident that before the first class in the Oral Roberts University opens in 1965 that we shall have a highly competent staff in all areas.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS: It is young men and women who will enter Oral Roberts University, not grades or class ranks or test scores. While the overall performance of the student in subjects taken, grades earned, class rank attained, and the recommendation of the school are considered, the student desiring to enter the University will be judged as a whole being—intellectual, spiritual, physical.

We are continuing to accept applications from students and shall answer any inquiry concerning one’s high school program or other questions about attending the University. Some students who have already graduated whose programs do not meet ORU entrance requirements are going back to school this year to meet these requirements. Others are changing their programs in the senior year to qualify while others still are planning to complete their make up next summer.

Any students who have good grades throughout their secondary work and who have good scores on the required tests as indicated in the Admissions Bulletin, but do not meet specified requirements according to subjects, please contact this office so that we may advise concerning ways in which conditions may be met for acceptance. Also any student with intensive drive in a constructive activity (a hobby, for example), or unusual interest in some non-academic area should indicate that when applying. The University expects to maintain a warm, personal relationship with its students.

Address any inquiry to: THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST, ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY, TULSA, OKLAHOMA.

J. D. MESSICK
Ph.D., New York University
Provost and Dean
Information

OPENS: September 7, 1965 with the Freshman class in the Liberal Arts Program. By the fall of 1968 all four classes—Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior—will be fully developed. The Graduate School of Theology opens concurrently with the Liberal Arts College and by 1967 all three classes—Juniors, Middlers, Seniors—will be in full operation.

CURRICULUM: A.B. degree will be offered in History of Art, Applied Art, Drama, Speech, English Literature, History, French, German, Greek, Russian, Spanish, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, and Religion. B.S. degree will be offered in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Business Administration, and Economics.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: Sixteen secondary school credits: 4 of English, 2 of a foreign language, 2 of mathematics, including algebra and geometry, 2 of science, including a laboratory science; 2 of social studies, and 4 of electives. Test scores are to be submitted on either the College Entrance Exam Board tests or the American College Testing Program as well as the scores from an achievement test in English composition, mathematics, and one other of the student's choice.

COST PER YEAR: Board and room, $850; tuition, $850; books (estimated), $50; students activity fee (estimated), $50; for a total of $1800.

WHERE TO GET INFORMATION: Whether you are a prospective student, or you are interested in a faculty appointment, or desire to become a partner with Brother Roberts in building this important university, address your requests to the Provost,

Oral Roberts University
7777 South Lewis
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105

"O-R-U going to do something about this?"

This is the story of two brothers who took a big step of faith when God wonderfully confirmed His Word to them.

Maurice Bate of Cornwall, England has never met Oral Roberts in person. He has never attended a crusade. Yet, he has followed this ministry through the years by reading the magazine. And as a subscriber to ABUNDANT LIFE he received the first issue of the ORU quarterly.

“When the magazine came,” says Maurice, “I read it through. What a tremendous vision! I thought. I was captivated by the article about the 300 present-day “Gideons”—people who are helping build the Oral Roberts University. Something within me said: ‘This means you.’ Me? I argued with the Lord. But I found no soul peace until I consented in my mind to do this.”
"How will I break this to Frank?" was my first thought. He is my brother and partner in our cooperative farming operation.

"On Sunday at church I dropped a copy of the magazine in Frank's car..."

Frank takes up the story here: "Sunday night my wife and I sat by the fire reading. I was just idly thumbing through the magazine I had found in my car—until I came to the last article—the one about the 300 ORU 'Gideons' and I read it through.

"Before retiring we knelt for prayer, but I couldn't get the pillars of the building on the cover picture out of my mind. And I could get no rest until I promised the Lord I would be one of the 300 if He would confirm it in some way.

"Later my wife said: 'Last night while you were reading the magazine, the initials ORU kept going over and over in my mind. This morning when I came downstairs the magazine was still on the sideboard and the letters ORU were looking right up at me and I kept thinking O-R-U going to do something about this?"

"Monday morning I was chatting with Maurice and suddenly he said:

"'You know, somehow I feel that something big is coming up.'

"'Oh,' I said, 'What's this?'

"'I feel the Lord is telling me to be a 'Gideon' for the Oral Roberts University,' he said calmly.

"Then I related how the Holy Spirit had dealt with my wife and me, and we rejoiced together.'"

Today Frank and Maurice are paying on their "Gideon's pledge" and expect to light two of the eternal flames on the ORU campus.
Where is your place on this campus?

ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY has been called a “fresh new breeze on the educational horizon.” We believe it is God’s answer to the needs of today’s Christian youth. And we believe that YOU are part of that answer. Whether you are a prospective student, faculty member, or partner, you have a place on this campus.
LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER: 192,000 square feet, six stories, four above the ground and two below, this modern hexagonal structure has been termed by Ford Foundation "one of the most creative facilities on the American campus today." Housing the library, all electronic media for instructional purposes, laboratories and classroom space for 1500 students, this unique center is the focal point of ORU's academic program.

COST: $3,000,000

YOUR PART: $10,000 (to be paid in three years or less). We are asking 300 friends of the University to pledge $10,000 each in a special "Gideon's pledge." Eternal flames will be lighted and placed near the center in honor of these Gideons.

THE PRAYER TOWER: 200 feet high, will contain the Abundant Life Prayer Group. Situated in the center of the campus, the tower will help set the spiritual tone that is needed. Standing like a shining sentinel and a beacon of hope to a lost and sick world, it will be a haven of rest for students, faculty, and visitors.

YOUR PART: $120 (to be paid in one year).
SEVEN-STORY DORMITORY: 360 rooms, housing 600 students and counselors. This seven story, three wing dormitory will provide living quarters in an atmosphere of faith. A student chapel, to be built on the first floor, will become a place of prayer and a source of guidance for our boys and girls.

COST: $1,600,000

YOUR PART: $26,000 (to be paid in three years). We are asking 18 friends to pledge $26,000 each for construction of 18 floors of living quarters (six in each wing). The whole floor will be named in honor of the sponsor.

YOUR PART: $3,100 (to be paid in three years). We are asking 360 friends to pledge $3,100 each to pay for the rooms (and furnishings) which are to be named in honor of the sponsors.

CLASSROOM SPACE AND EQUIPMENT: The finest facilities are planned for the students. Those who sponsor a "space" for a student will be contributing much to the student's education.

YOUR PART: $600 (to be paid in one year).

My Share in O.R.U.

I have caught the vision and feel that I, too, am debtor to our boys and girls.

I wish to pledge: (check below)

☐ $10,000 toward the building of the Learning Resources Center (to be paid in three years)

☐ $26,000 for a floor in the 7-story dormitory (to be paid in 3 years)

☐ $3,100 for a room in the 7-story dormitory (to be paid in 3 years)

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