"We're seeing a miracle take shape...."

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Eight Major Goals

The Abundant Life Concept has given birth to ORU and the University must ever be true to its inheritance. This concept is already well-known throughout the world. It is the desire of the founding Board of Regents, and of myself, the school's first president, that every person connected with the University, be he faculty or student, know what its goals are and keep his witness true to the Abundant Life which is ours in our Lord Jesus Christ. These goals include:

of the Oral Roberts University

FIRST, EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

ORU is being carefully prepared by experts to become a fully accredited institution beginning with its first graduating class. All the requirements of the North Central Accreditation Agency such as faculty qualification, academic freedom within the framework of ORU's Christian philosophy, a broad curriculum, adequate library, a complete physical campus and a strong endowment program, are being met.

Already a group of top faculty members are at work on the campus. Led by our Provost and Dean, Dr. John Messick; and Dr. R. O. Corvin, Dean of the Graduate School of Theology; men of God filled with the Spirit and eminently qualified both in training and experience, everything is being put in readiness for opening day in September 1965 for both the undergraduate liberal
arts division and the first graduate school which will be in theology. (The School of Evangelism is already in operation.)

ORU will be immediately in the forefront with the excellence of its educational program.

SECOND, A CLIMATE OF POSITIVE FAITH IN GOD

The campus at ORU is planned to become an arena where the whole spectrum of human problems, needs and potentials are faced on the basis that God is a good God; and His only begotten Son Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life; and His divinely inspired written Word is the rule of conduct, and, through faith in a good God, answers can be found. Here problems will be faced as instruments for progress. Problems in all human areas exist to be solved.

THIRD, AN ATMOSPHERE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

On our campus the Holy Spirit is not a doctrine only, but the Person who reveals Christ. With members of the permanent faculty being individually baptized with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, an atmosphere can be created where students can really know Christ through the leadership of the Holy Spirit. They can learn to become witnesses of Christ in all areas of their activities. This we believe will be an atmosphere where it is normal to “speak in the Spirit” in one’s private devotions and where the “walk in the Spirit” and the growing of “fruit of the Spirit” are norms.

In this atmosphere of educational excellence and Holy Spirit guidance, a philosophy of total education will be carried on for our children.

FOURTH, SPIRITUAL AND MORAL PURITY

Where the Holy Spirit fully reveals Christ in His purity and holiness to the faculty and students, there is increased respect for the worth of the individual. In such a climate, where the cross of Christ is real, it will be honorable to think clean, to walk in Christ’s footsteps of personal purity.

An honor system will be inaugurated whereby students are treated as adults. Manliness and womanliness will be emphasized. Alcohol, tobacco, profanity, immorality and other negative concepts are destructive influences in man’s life and will have no place in ORU’s program of helping build a new man. The students’ personal witness will be encouraged as a Christian approach to meeting moral challenges.

FIFTH, SEARCH FOR TRUTH

In an atmosphere of positive faith in God, there will be greater access to that which is good—in the mind of God and man. There is to be a uniting of the intellectual pursuit with the highest spiritual harmony with God. We fully expect to find new knowledge, new answers to man’s needs and a more meaningful way of life.

Students will be encouraged to reach out in every direction in their search for truth, for it is realized that all truth has its origin and completion in God. To know truth one must fully know Christ. “I am the Truth,” He boldly proclaims.

The questioning mind will be encouraged at ORU. There will be encouragement to ask WHY. There will be freedom for such explorations—an atmosphere of openmindedness between instructor and student that is intensely personal as they work together in their
never-ceasing quest for the best of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

SIXTH, A PERMANENT PROJECTION OF THE HEALING MINISTRY

The Abundant Life Concept has pioneered in revealing Christ's life and teachings as they relate to meeting human needs and healing the total man—body, mind and soul. Man is a spiritual being. To heal him, more than his physical and mental illnesses must be healed; his total being must be healed.

The Abundant Life Ministry, out of which the ORU dream has evolved, is being used of God in bringing healing to mankind in many parts of the earth. It will seek through this campus to project the concept that God is a good God; that faith has complete mastery over sin, disease, demons and fear in one's life; that through a point of contact faith may be released toward God for the meeting of needs and for a closer relationship with Him. One can look to God for his supply, and be a dynamic, Holy-Spirit filled witness of Christ.

Abundant Life is full health—spiritual, physical, mental—in appearance and outlook. It is health wherein positive faith in God rejects negative thoughts and poisonous concepts. It is health in which one makes his vocation a mission field and his witnessing for Christ his supreme aim in life; where one willingly fulfills his all-important mission in life, not only to find his place and profession in society, but to give Christ's healing and saving love to all mankind.

SEVENTH, IN-RESIDENCE EXPOSURE

Three 7-story domitories housing 1,800 residence students are to be constructed on campus. The first which houses 600 is expected to be ready by September 1965.

In harmony with the Abundant Life Concept being lived out in the arena where human problems and needs are to be faced in a positive spirit of faith in God, students will learn to live together, studying, playing, praying; competing with each other; dreaming and planning together.

All types of creative activity, including intramural and intercollegiate sports will be encouraged to give opportunity for total expression.

Daily exposure to a Spirit-filled, academically qualified faculty, as well as with each other, will assist students in facing the full challenge of life.

EIGHTH, NO WORTHY STUDENT DENIED FOR LACK OF FINANCES

At ORU, who the student is and where he comes from is not as important as why he is here and what he wants to do with his life. Students will be welcome who are eager for serious study and are willing to pioneer with us.

While the University must depend upon student fees to meet operational costs, it is realized that some worthy and qualified persons may have difficulty in meeting the costs of tuition, books, board and room. For those need-
ing help, there will be some work on campus. Loans may be arranged. Scholarships will be available for a few to be awarded on the basis of merit and need. Partners of the Abundant Life Ministry are being encouraged to provide scholarships for worthy students both in the United States and from the other nations of the world.

We are determined to "trust God" with the students. Through faith we know that ways and means will be provided for them to get their education at ORU. God controls both the known sources of supply and the "unexpected sources." We have learned to live looking to God as our supply. (Philippians 4:19.) He is our supply. He has never failed us.

To see the beginnings of the beautiful campus is to see a demonstration of starting with "nothing" and bringing forth by faith and hard work the start of what God intended.

Let every worthy student willing to enter the struggle with us feel that there is a place for him. We intend to keep building until all who are "supposed to meet us" will find room on the campus at 7777 South Lewis, here in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where we hope to see a new man brought forth to meet the challenge of this age and every age until Christ returns. We are building the University to stand until the return of Christ.

Won't you pioneer with us in meeting these goals?

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The Curriculum and the Inner Glow

JOHN D. MESSICK, Ph.D.
THE ESTABLISHMENT of a traditional liberal arts university is not sufficient justification for the sacrifices being made to give birth to Oral Roberts University. But to provide an environment and scholastic program where the inner glow of divine inspiration is activated in projected meaningfulness justifies every sacrificial effort being made by the University supporters.

The curricula development at Oral Roberts University has been motivated by three major objectives: (1) To provide a comprehensive liberal arts program; (2) To provide within the program potentialities for each student to progress according to his own desires and abilities; and (3) To provide an environment, including dedicated, Christ-centered faculty and staff and worship appointments so that each student may realize the inner glow of the Holy Spirit.

A curriculum is more than a listing of subjects. It consists of all media connected with a learning situation. Therefore, the program at Oral Roberts University will be organized so as to provide the intellectual, social, and spiritual experiences essential to living in the new world-community. The central purpose will be reflected in the educational disciplines; in lecture series; musical concerts; exhibits of the
arts and sciences; in extra-curricular student activities; in association on campus and abroad with students of other nations; and through the weekly colloquium, world events and other information will be provided during the Freshman and Sophomore years. In the Junior and Senior years the colloquium will consist primarily of topics relating to the major disciplines.

Educational media will constitute an important part of the curricula. These include open and closed-circuit television which will be projected to classrooms and student stations throughout the Learning Resources Center; rear screen and direct projection for the three auditoriums in the Center; radio programs, tapes, films, records, etc., which may be dialed from any station in the Center; the dialogue system for language laboratories; programmed learning instruction, and computers for administrative and instructional purposes. A faculty member may also select any supplementary aid to teaching just by pushing a button, whether it be a scene, a voice, or music desired.

Included in the basic purposes are the goals: that every student develop valid techniques for the identification, analyses, and solution of problems; that he acquire inspiration for continued learning, and that he obtain sufficient educational foundation to help prepare himself for a profession or vocation. He is to have a comprehensive background in the broad areas of the liberal arts as well as a concentration in a major subject, and an environment conducive to superior Christian quality. Particular emphasis is placed upon Biblical theism, as well as the liberal arts. All students are required to take at least nine semester hours in the area of religion, with emphasis upon vital reverence and respect for the genuine spiritual values motivated by the desire that all forces of the community life will edify the mind, ennable the heart, and elevate the spirit to its ultimate achievement.

With these objectives in mind, strong, comprehensive curricula have been developed in the liberal arts so as to enable a student to have a wide choice in the selection of his major area of study. The curricula include majors in the History of Art, Art Studio, Religion, Biology, Business Administration, Economics, Chemistry, Drama, Speech, English Literature, History, French, Greek, German, Russian, Spanish, Mathematics, Music Literature, Applied Music, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. Minors are offered in Christian Education and Geography.

Courses will be offered in professional education to satisfy the requirements for certification to teach in elementary and secondary schools; and graduate courses will eventually be available in some areas leading to the degrees of the Master of Arts and to the Doctor of Philosophy.

Preprofessional programs will be available for dentistry, medicine, nursing, medical technician, law, and engineering.

Throughout the undergraduate program, unit and team teaching will be carried on with large classes. These classes will then be broken down into small discussion groups of approximately fifteen students so that they may learn to analyze, evaluate, and debate issues under the supervision of an instructor, as well as among themselves with no instructor present.

Broad assignments will be made on three levels, thus enabling a student to progress at his own desire and ability. When he has satisfied the instructor of his proficiency on the lower level, he will be given the supplementary assignment for the next level. In this way no student needs to wait for another,
Information about the Oral Roberts University and the Graduate School of Theology

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: AB 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. BS 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; student 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.

which so often deadens incentive to go forward. With the procedure built into a curriculum, a student develops initiative and independence in the process with but little direction from the instructor.

In the Senior year all students who have proved themselves capable must do independent research on a chosen problem while all others are involved in a seminar. This enables all to learn the techniques of exploration and assimilation and helps to prepare them for advanced study in graduate education. To further this method, all students are required to write a senior thesis on a subject mutually agreed upon by student and instructors. Then to assure satisfactory mastery in the major area a comprehensive examination is required of all students. This is the final hurdle, including an average of at least a C in all work pursued, before one may be approved for graduation. The cost is high, but the value inherent in the process assures a graduate of whom the University may be justly proud.

Lord Alfred Tennyson said: “More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.” Who can imagine the ultimate attainments of a university whose objectives are rooted in divine supplication and in the basic assumption that the Holy Spirit is to fill every heart and to serve as the inspiration for every motive inherent in any given task connected with the university program. Through God all things are possible if we only believe, and we do!
LIVING on CAMPUS
An Exciting Experience

THE FOUNDERS of the Oral Roberts University envision a campus that will provide a top quality education in the arts and sciences for the students from all over the world. From this point on they envision something even more important and that is an atmosphere, a climate where students will have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and learn to have Him at the center of their studies and their future careers whether they plan to enter the business world, the professions or any other area. The students will be affected one way or another while at the University. Lifelong impressions will be formed upon them by the Spirit-filled faculty, the curricu-
lum, the physical campus and even the rooms they live in.

Each student living on campus is vital to our goal in giving him every opportunity and challenge to develop in the four ways that Christ did as a youth. This means the student is to develop intellectually, physically, socially and SPIRITUALLY.

For this development there must be much more for the students than attending classes, doing work in the labs, entering into a physical education program, etc. There must be the sharing of a Person, a natural joyous sharing of Christ by everyone on campus. Students must come to know Christ as naturally as they breathe, to talk to Him and about Him in a completely unaffected way. The vital Christian experience is not to be isolated in the Department of Religion and put on and taken off when entering or leaving there. Christ is our life. As we know Him, His image is conformed in the warp and woof of our being. Our vocation is to serve Him and our mission field is where we are anytime.

Our students will graduate in their chosen fields and go on into practically all the professions such as law, medicine, nursing, business, the arts, the ministry, politics, etc. Our program is designed to prepare them to fill great needs in the world and to reach their full potential as citizens of their re-
spective nations. We feel it is not enough, however, if they go from ORU with only an academic education which they can get at any other quality institution of higher learning. There is a plus factor in life if we are ready and eager for it. That is, to be a witness unto Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8). Not merely to bear witness, but to be His witness. We are not thinking about a long-faced, pious sort of atmosphere but a campus culture imbued with the joy of Christ, where faces are eager and hearts are happy.

We feel that for the students to benefit fully from the atmosphere and culture we are trying to create that they should live ON CAMPUS.

Our point is best summed up in the following statements, taken from a letter we received recently from a young man who lived on campus for only a few short days, during the Youth Seminar last year:

"My life is richer because of my stay at ORU. From the time my feet touched the pavement on the parking lot I felt the presence of God...I learned more in that one week about the Holy Spirit than I have learned in all my life. I've read many books but until I got in an atmosphere of living and learning, I didn't even begin to realize the power that was in me...."

We expect to find this same spirit permeating our campus when the academic University opens its doors in the fall of 1965.

But for the students to live in this atmosphere, there must be adequate living quarters provided on campus for them. And so we are trusting God for a SEVEN-STORY DORMITORY which will house 600 students.

By the time you receive this magazine, ground will be broken for the big dorm. (Construction of Learning Resources Center is now under way.)

Excitement is in the air. Prospective faculty and students are catching the vision of this unique university that will combine academic and spiritual excellence in a new concept of total education.

Friends and partners of this ministry are responding with a new burst of enthusiasm.

A couple visiting the ORU campus recently, while on vacation, liked what they saw. They said, "We feel God is here. Yes, we'll pledge for a room. We will do it in three years or less as God prospers us." They gave their check for part of the pledge and have been faithfully paying on their pledge since.

A mother and daughter from New York stopped over in Tulsa and briefly visited the campus. After a tour of the present buildings and seeing one of our Seminars in session, they told one of our associates they desired to sponsor a dormitory room and gave their check for $3,100 on the spot. They desire the room to be called by their name and it shall be done.

Some friends of my parents, the Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Roberts, are sponsoring...
LIVING ON CAMPUS at the School of Evangelism during the Youth Seminar resulted in spiritual intimacies like this. These fellows helped each other solve spiritual problems in the light of the Scripture, creating a fraternity that exists only in the Spirit.

A room in their honor, as well as one for themselves. They said, “We feel God wants us to help build these rooms and have a part in the lives of these students.”

A Baptist pastor and his wife wrote that the Spirit witnessed to their hearts that they and their church should sponsor a room. Several laymen have indicated feeling the same witness within. One of them said, “The Lord is putting this school together. I feel it and know it. The least I can do is sponsor a room. Maybe I can sponsor another room later.”

An Episcopalian couple, recently filled with the Holy Spirit, who love this ministry volunteered to sponsor a room saying, “This is an honor to us. Just think of the hundreds of young people who will, through the years, live in this room. We thank God for granting us the privilege to have a part in so many lives.”

A Pentecostal couple said, “This is a dream coming true. We are glad for the privilege to sponsor a room. ORU is going to meet a need that no other college can meet.”

One dear brother who is all alone in the world said that he felt he could not leave this life until he had done something for the Lord in a definite way. He said that sponsoring one of the rooms gave him a feeling of peace and accomplishment for the Lord. Several others have indicated the same sentiments. God is moving in many hearts today.

In behalf of the 41-man ORU Board of Regents, we warmly welcome you to become an honored member of that select group of Christ-led men and women who are opening their hearts that the doors of our dormitory rooms may be opened to students as soon as possible.

You can sponsor a room and its furnishings for $3,100 and have up to 36 months to pay your pledge.

Your sponsorship is your gift to God. These students are the promise of continuing your dreams and your work into future generations.

There is a total of 300 rooms to be sponsored in the first dormitory. Already some 160 rooms have been pledged. We still need 140 room sponsors.

If you feel impressed to sponsor a room please write to us at Oral Roberts University, 7777 South Lewis, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105.

You will want to visit the campus, see the room you sponsored, and see the students who live in it. The room, with your permission, will be named in your honor.
Why I want to go to Oral Roberts University...

"Until last summer, I had not yet decided on the college which I would like to attend after my graduation from Senior high school. I wanted a college which not only had a foundation built on Jesus Christ, but also one in which the deeper experiences with God played an equally important part. I felt that it should provide a Christian atmosphere, away from the atheistic influences of both teachers and students, which so often is not found in the colleges of today. It had to be a school where I could grow both mentally and spiritually to better face the challenges of today's world. I found the school that I had been looking for when I learned about Oral Roberts University. I feel that ORU will have a Christ-centered program that will be challenging to each student who participates in it, free from any atheistic teachings.

"I have been to Tulsa many times and I know that it is a wonderful place to build a college whose Christian influence will be surpassed by none. I believe that some of this country's important future Christian leaders will come out of this wonderful university as shining examples of the Christian way of life."

Marcia J. Robinson
Silver Springs, Maryland
“Ever since I first heard about the Oral Roberts University it has been my desire to attend there. The reasons were, in the beginning, very superficial. However, last summer I received an invitation to attend a Youth Seminar on the Holy Spirit. The Seminar was held in some of the already completed buildings of the University. And it was there that, for the first time, I seemed to grasp the significance behind the building of such a university.

“At this Seminar I saw young men and women from all parts of the country and from many different denominations come together in harmony to worship God and to learn all they could about their relationship to Him.

“We were taught by a group of men that will form the nucleus of the faculty. They are all Christian men filled with the Holy Spirit—and when they delved into the intimate parts of religion, there were no sneers of discontent or disbelief. Nor, was there a flauntly manner of pride that a thus educated man would show. Instead, there was a humble feeling of unity among students and professors and a joyous feeling of fellowship between God and man.

“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
ON SATURDAY, April 18, 1964, nearly 40 educators from many parts of the country graciously accepted an invitation to come to Oral Roberts University and observe the rising dimension of this ministry. They all were highly competent leaders, stamped with uniqueness. Their distinguishing character was the fullness of the Holy Spirit within them. Not only could they compete adequately in their chosen fields but they could reveal Christ.

They came to see what God was putting together on this 220-acre tract, two miles south of Tulsa. Their minds were full of questions. They were searching for answers concerning this new kind of university. Was it just a dream? A bubble on the water? Was it a destiny created by the fiction of two young men under an oak tree 29 years ago? Or was it within the realm of possibility? Was it another miracle in the ministry of Oral Roberts, one of those boys who stood under the oak tree? One thing was certain. It would take a miracle of God to lift this dream from the outer world into reality.

One young mathematics professor suggested, “From a worldly point of view, what Oral Roberts is trying to do here is impossible; but the Lord will undertake. There’s a sign on the wall in the cafeteria which I saw when I first came in. It says, ‘Expect a miracle.’ I believe we will have to start right now.”

Another doctor, a professor of chem-

PANELISTS Mrs. Roberts, Dr. Corvin, Oral Roberts, Dr. Messick and Dr. Davis discuss ORU.
EDUCATORS' DEDICATORY PRAYER insures solid foundation for Learning Resources Center.

Dr. J. D. Messick, mastermind of the Learning Resources Center explains its function.

...istry, expressed the same view, but perhaps with a greater degree of confidence. "It will be a miracle, but I do not believe there is any question as to the growth of this school. It will be beyond expectation. Young people today are looking for a challenge of this type."

Throughout the day each one had the opportunity of watching the School of Evangelism in action. The entire staff of Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association had also been invited to attend this one-day seminar at the University. The morning hours were crowded with activity. The classes, panel, banquet, services all had to be compacted into a day. Our visitors became acquainted with the dynamic, Spirit-filled men who make up the present faculty.

During the afternoon those who felt...
a sincere interest and a compatibility with the basic philosophy, aims and goals of ORU took advantage of their free time to consult individually with members of the Administrative Staff.

Highlight of the day was Brother Roberts' sermon at 7:30 p.m. on "The Chain of God." He told the story of Gideon and his 300 men, how they formed the chain of God.

"When Gideon sprang to his feet and leaped into the arena," he said, "32,000 gathered to him. But soon some of the glory began to fade, and he ended up with 300. These 300 men had the same concept, believed the same thing. They expected miracles.

"They took the necessities of life while they were moving. Their real mission was to be in this chain. They were moving with God. It's not the goal—it's the reaching that counts. We achieve a goal and we keep on moving. God moves on and we move with Him. He seldom lets any man get roots in this world. The permanent thing about God is that He moves, He does things differently, He changes the pattern.

"Gideon's men fought by breaking their pitchers and lighting their torches. This means they broke with tradition. We are breaking the old tradition. A new breed is being born, a new crowd is coming out of the multitude. We are expecting miracles. We are gathering a Spirit-filled faculty. Experts say it can't be done, but we are going to win. We are the chain of God."

At the close of the service, in a very impressive moment, a long, golden rope was woven through the entire audience and threaded through each hand. This was a symbol illustrating the message. We lifted the rope above our heads in prayer and praise and became a part of the chain of God.

On Sunday morning a special breakfast was held for the visiting educators, followed by an informal and open discussion. There was the friendly thrust and parry of diverse notions and opinions. Cautious innovations were suggested by these Spirit-filled leaders, accustomed to reaching out in all directions in the pursuit of knowledge. And all was done within the atmosphere and bounds of the Holy Spirit. The examination of ORU's concept and philosophy was not distorted in any way but was sincere and zestful.

As the morning came to a close, we walked across the campus to the large excavation where the Learning Resources Center is being built, formed a circle and joined our hands in prayer. Here once more stood the chain of God, indomitable champions of a new concept in higher learning, believing for the miracle of completion for ORU.

Now it was up to God Himself, in His eternal wisdom, to choose, to initiate a calling upon their several lives and to ordain which men and women could best fulfill their destiny and His purpose by becoming a part of ORU. And it was their part to dedicate themselves to His purposes.
The vision of the new university was shared by many of the educators who attended the two-day meeting. Here are the comments of some of our distinguished visitors:

JAMES C. COX, JR., Ph.D., Head of Chemistry Department at a State College of Technology in Texas: "Oral Roberts University is one of the most dynamic ideas for Christian education I have encountered in a lifetime of Christian education experience.

"I believe if this program gets noised about you won’t have to advertise hard, you are going to be flooded with Freshman applicants.

"There is no question of growth in this school. It will be beyond expectation. The excellence of the program will insure growth. It will be a miracle.

Young people today are looking for a challenge of this type.

"The program set forth by Oral Roberts is one so obviously in line with the will of God that it will be an inspiration to all prospective faculty and students."

ROBERT F. RICE, Th.M., Missionary to Korea, presently working on his doctorate at Temple University: "I see ORU as a new star on the educational horizon. I thank God for the vision that Brother Roberts has for this University, for bringing in men from both Full Gospel and the historic churches to teach and build with the Spirit and to share with others in this ministry of deliverance.

"ORU already has some of the top men in the country, educationally, and with the added emphasis on being filled
with the Spirit, it has an unbeatable combination. Education, per se, is certainly not the answer, but education with the Spirit of God is very definitely one of the important answers.

“I believe God is using Brother Roberts in helping to bring about an amalgamation of the best in Pentecost and the charismatic awakening in the historic churches.”

JOHN PAYNE, Assistant to the President of a California College for Men: “The potential of ORU is as big as the power of God. It is unlimited, and I really think you have to look at it from God’s standard. When He takes over, unexpected things happen.

“ORU President, Oral Roberts, is an ‘All American’ when it comes to faith. The things that distinguish him are his faith, his audacity—a breathtaking boldness—which can only come from knowing that God is with him.

“ORU is a university where the wholeness of the gospel is accepted, believed, preached and practiced, a school in the tradition of the Trinity—here the Holy Spirit is invited, expected, and present.”

TRAVERS SCOTT ELLIS, Ph.D. in Economics: “I am a graduate engineer in electronics and communications. I have spent my working life in industry, but I have been dissatisfied through most of my academic experience for the lack of the integration of the spiritual and secular in the educational process. The idea of combining these in an overt way, under sound Protestant principles, represents to me a compelling need to express my own contribution in such an atmosphere.

“ORU is a dream, a concept that is unchallengeable in the history of American education, or education anywhere in the world.

“I believe it is a contribution for the bringing in of the kingdom of Christ on earth.”

HAYNES REYNOLDS FRAZIER, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Washington, D.C.: “I believe that ORU, alone, of all the efforts I have encountered in Christendom, is man’s best hope for the early salvation of all those whom God has called.

“It is not enough for us to conceive of our task only as the maintenance of law and order in our own country. We bear the enormous responsibility of the maintenance of the free world, and as you and I would say, the impartation of the gospel throughout the world. I pray that ORU will produce such students of government who will see that their task in the kingdom of God is nothing less than to commit the resources of America to the only task that’s worth the doing, the one which answers all the other needs of the world.

“I believe that we all have a dream—and that is another reason I have come to admire Brother Roberts, he has under God lassoed one of those dreams and brought it into the proportion of a working vision.”


“I went through seven years of university education in Britain’s largest university and ended up in total spiritual darkness. I had never met a person, up to that day, who knew what it was to be saved.

“God saved me and filled me with the Holy Spirit when I was in the British forces and I think it’s a wonderful opportunity and a challenge to be able to shield young people from what I went through—there was no one to tell me the truth about God.

“I do pray that God will bless this tremendous step of faith. I am sure He will.” 

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Q. What is the ultimate goal and purpose of the Oral Roberts University?

Although there is a great demand for the best new educational facilities, this is not the main purpose of ORU. We will be pioneering some of the latest advances in the realm of education, but our main objective is to provide academic excellence in a setting of dynamic Christian faith. Briefly, ORU will be dedicated to giving the student faith and values by which he can live and which will enable him to be Christ’s witness regardless of the profession or vocation in life he chooses to follow.

Q. What is the advantage of the private system of schooling?

Only through the private system of education is it possible to establish and to perpetuate a religious concept, doctrine or purpose. Once a college or university becomes public, these freedoms have to be surrendered, one by one, to conform to public demands. ORU has gone on record for all time, never to accept any type loan, grant, scholarship, financial assistance or other aid that would in any way restrict, influence or control the complete religious and academic freedoms as outlined in its philosophy, concept, aims and purposes.

Church-related institutions comprise less than one fourth of the total colleges and universities now in existence. Their number is steadily declining, which fact in itself increases our challenge to build ORU.

Q. What is the basic difference between Oral Roberts University and other good colleges and universities?

The main difference is the emphasis placed upon soul-winning and healing
"ORU will be a neutral zone, a place where people can search for truth in God's plan for the whole man."

"I am excited about ORU. People tell me this is the greatest thing that has taken place in our generation. And I believe it is part of the revolution that is going on in the hearts of people in the churches today."

Q. What place will the Holy Spirit have in the Oral Roberts University?

I recognize that many other good institutions now operating—the faculty, president and staff—believe in and have through the power of the Holy Spirit while at the same time seeking the best in academic accomplishments.

Q. Why is ORU a non church-related institution?

Although ORU is not church-related to any one denomination, it is spiritually related to many churches and will have a focus which the state or public college or university, or denominational college or university cannot enjoy.

Q. How did ORU come about? How was it born?

Recently, I spent a full half-day with our president, Evangelist Oral Roberts. He related to me his call to the ministry. Brother Roberts turned to me after these hours of discussion and prayer and said, "The same God and Holy Spirit who called me and gave me the outreaches of this deliverance ministry, to which I have tried to be faithful, has also given the call to build the University." He said he felt exactly the same call that he
received in the beginning and has had at various other times in his life.

Q. To what extent is the University in operation now?

The School of Evangelism is already in action. We are conducting ministers' seminars, youth seminars, international missionary and ministers' seminars and laymen's seminars. All are Christ-centered, and the Holy Spirit is the main theme.

Q. What will be the chief role of Oral Roberts with the University?

It is the aim of the 41-member Board of Regents under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to bring into existence a university which will become a top quality institution and which may also become a world center for the delivering power of Jesus Christ for soul, mind and body, and to prepare men and women to be Christ's witnesses.

Oral Roberts has been chosen and charged by the Board of Regents to provide a dynamic leadership which will unify the operation of the University around its primary purpose for being. Oral Roberts will be the chairman of the Executive Committee which is set up to direct the operations of the University. Under this committee will be departmental heads, men whose purpose for being is to provide academic and spiritual strength for their department and the University.

Q. What is the potential of ORU?

Because God has spoken to build ORU, we can believe for its success and for its purposes to be fulfilled.

Everything that is known is being done and will be done to make ORU an international lighthouse, not only of academic learning in a setting of dynamic faith, but with the ultimate aim of winning souls. ORU is destined to bless the world until Christ returns.

ORU BOARD OF REGENTS: These Spirit-filled businessmen were prayerfully chosen to help make ORU a world center for soul-winning and to create high standards in Christian education.
"THIS IS AN EXCITING VENTURE, one that is greatly needed today," commented Will Rogers, Jr., (center), on a recent visit to the ORU campus.

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