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ABOUT THE COVER: When this photo was taken the ORU campus was nearing completion. Seminar students are shown walking down the steps of the Learning Resources Center. In the distance is the 7-story dormitory. In between the two buildings the groundwork has already begun on the Prayer Tower which will be 200 feet high. Opening date for the first class of the University is September 7, 1965!
ORU is the pioneer in the transfiguration of education. It is something we have needed all along. It's like a bright light in the dark forest of current education which has fallen short in developing young people to their fullest capacities . . . in body, mind, and spirit. I believe ORU will make a mark on this world and start a unique trend in the whole field of education."

President Oral Roberts says: The above statement and the quotations used throughout this issue of the ORU OUTREACH are taken from an interview with the young man pictured here (left). His name is Roger Stankay, of Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

As I talked with Roger during the ORU Youth Seminar this past June, I found my mind and heart bombarded by his penetrating thoughts expressed in the refreshing vernacular of youth. Though he is only 18 years old, his candid remarks reflect a deep insight into the problems of education and what is being done about them at Oral Roberts University.

This dynamic young man will be entering ORU this September. His main interest will be in the field of political science. He comes to ORU from an interesting religious background . . . educated in a Baptist elementary school, graduated from an Episcopal high school, saved at Billy Graham's crusade in Philadelphia four years ago. It was through his mother, a faithful partner of our evangelistic ministry, that Roger became interested in attending Oral Roberts University.

If Roger Stankay is any indication of the caliber of students who will be coming to ORU, then there is nothing but bright hope and a promising future for this unique liberal arts university . . . and for the world.
THE LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER has been called by the Ford Foundation "one of the most creative facilities on the American campus today." In this unique 6-story "learning complex" the student will have at his disposal a highly sophisticated information storage and retrieval system, employing the latest in electronic achievement and computer technology.
Education in this country has always lagged behind. We’ve always realized we needed modern advances — space travel, housing, transportation, shopping, industry, etc. — but the backbone of any democracy lies in the education of its people. In many cases it has been and still is being operated in a horse-and-buggy manner.

“In today’s world you can’t get through without knowledge. For without it you tread water no matter how well you know the Bible.

“The world is changing. God does not want someone ignorant of the world around. Even though the orbit you are in is toward Christ — all around you is the world.

“ORU will prepare Christians for life — for more than being a good-hearted Joe. You’ve got to get in there! It’s a fight. You have to be in there — mentally, physically, and spiritually.”
"ORU is a torch which is going to be passed on to other universities — to other individuals and more and more people until the free world will realize that a university like this, based on Christ (such as all great universities once were), will actually be the revival of education in the free world.

"I think ORU is the birth of a new outreach in education. It is a miracle which could have only been thought of and brought to realization by a man like Oral Roberts. Once again men are being given this chance of actual revival in free education, freedom of religion and man in general. It’s going to take a university like this to help not only Christians but the whole free world. They’re going to realize ORU is preserving their original heritage."

At a recent Youth Seminar, Dr. Messick answers the questions of prospective students and shares with them the high aims of this unique university.

The questioning mind will be encouraged and challenged by ORU's academic program.
I had applied to another university and had been accepted five days before I went to an ORU student reception in New York City, and I was happy about it. But once on the campus of ORU I was really sold. I wrote home that it was the greatest thing that ever happened to me."

*President Oral Roberts reflects his deep concern for the future of our young people.*
The give-and-take of new ideas is encouraged at ORU.

Leisure moments between classes provide opportunities for sharing thoughts and developing lasting friendships.

An atmosphere of open mindedness between instructor and student will play a vital role in each student's development as a total person.
"I expected a great faculty, but they turned out to be more than that — they are top-notch Christian professors. They seem to be really interested in helping you — not just a sink-or-swim attitude."

"The Health Resources Center will be the hub of teaching the anatomy of health, as well as a clinic for examination and individual instruction in personal health.

"The whole reason for the university and my being here is to teach people to be whole — a whole person in mind, body, and spirit. Any person who neglects any one of these areas is less a person than they could be. This university is unique in that emphasis will be placed in educating the student in each area of his life — intellectually, religiously and in physical health."

JAMES C. SPALDING, M.D.
Director, Health Resources Center
M.D., Vanderbilt University; member, American Medical Association and American Academy of General Practitioners; thirteen years general practice; now specializing in health education at ORU.

"Education looks for new answers and new methods. It always has. Within a pattern of complex modern inventions, the world changes so rapidly that it makes greater and greater demands on education. This is especially true in the field of English.

"The reservoir of materials in the Learning Resources Center at ORU that can be drawn on will be invaluable. The audio-visual aids that will be available in my own field of Shakespearean and Elizabethan drama vividly illustrate the forward outlook of ORU. I'm very happy to join in this great endeavor."

CHARLES R. McCLURE, Ph.D.
Chairman, English Department
M.A. in English, Ohio State University; Ph.D. in Shakespearean and Elizabethan drama, Indiana University; additional graduate studies at Yale and Stanford; member, American Association of University Professors, and the National Council of English Teachers.
"ORU is a student-centered university. Its selective admission procedures and limited enrollment will insure that each student will receive individualized attention. This first year we are maintaining a faculty-student ratio of one faculty member for every ten students. The following years it will be increased to a ratio of one to fifteen.

"We want to know each student well, so that we will be able to counsel with him, learn together with him, and encourage him to develop his life to the fullest.

"The far-advanced concept of instructional technology which will be utilized, and the total campus plan with which we begin, rather than arrive at after many years of operation, make ORU unique in the nation. The fulfillment which I foresee in this institution surpasses anything I have had the opportunity to participate in before."

JOHN K. TUEL, Ph.D.
Dean of Student Affairs
M.A., in Clinical Psychology, Pepperdine College; Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, University of Southern California; previously Associate Director of the Guidance Research Center at the University of California at Los Angeles.

"I think this is going to be one of the most unique art departments in America. The potential for the serious art student is unlimited. The equipment available and the modern research methods to be used will open a totally new dimension to the study of art.

"All important lectures and discussions will be recorded so that each student will have every available memory aid. Experimental and theoretical production techniques of the great masters will be probed in depth. As far as I am concerned ORU offers the greatest challenge in America today."

—WARREN STRATON
Professor of Art
Sculptor, muralist, painter, restorer of antique master paintings, stylist consultant, graphic designer, violin maker. Sculpture commissions: Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.; American Embassy, Paris, France; Chrysler Building, New York City; British Building, Rockefeller Center, New York City.
THE HEALTH RESOURCES CENTER represents the underlying concept of ORU — that man is to be a whole person, that he can find total health in spirit, mind, and body. This beautiful center will house the gymnasium, swimming pool, and the offices of the health team of chaplain, psychologist, and physician.

THE PHYSICAL
I know college boys that are in the rat race to get bigger marks. They've lagged behind physically. They're out of shape and look like men 40 to 50 years old. Their body loses out. They are so determined to achieve high marks that they may wind up cheating and doing anything to win.

"Dr. Spalding's idea of the whole man is a true university concept. Having a medical doctor, a psychologist, and a chaplain, all on the staff of the Health Resources Center just makes good sense. The Health Resources Center is more than just a gym. It is a health program designed to develop the total person."
Physical fitness has been neglected in Christian universities. Some say, 'no smoking' or 'no drinking,' etc., but even if you don't do these things you are still not going to have the physical punch you need. Physical development can be a positive thing, not just a 'don't do this' or 'don't do that.'

"The physical health program at ORU is one of the things that I think is so great. Your physical development does not depend on an ability for basketball or football or some sport. But the education of the body is considered essential to your spiritual and intellectual development."

Basketball and swimming are two of the sports in which ORU will compete on an intramural and intercollegiate level.

ORU's Willis Rice, State champ from Delaware, works out in ORU pool.
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT —
Considered
an important aspect of
every young person’s
life at ORU.
SEVEN-STORY DORMITORY (background)
will be the center of living for several hundred students . . .
a place where young people will share
ideas, dreams, and ambitions in an atmosphere
of positive faith in God; a climate
where students will have a personal encounter
with Jesus Christ and learn to have Him at
the center of their lives.
Today's challenge will not be beat by a skinny, soft-hearted person who feels safe only when he is sheltered by some kind of Christian atmosphere. The shelter bit is completely out. It is a fight. Wherever you go, whatever you do, it's dog-eat-dog. The only way you're going to move is to be on the offensive. If you stand still, you are dead. Your influence will be completely wasted.

"Here you'll come out as a whole man. You'll be developed as a total personality. The finished product here will be hard and shiny — someone you can put anywhere in the world, with any people in the world under the worst conditions. But because they are trained at ORU they'll be able to stand in any situation with anybody. They'll be able to prove themselves, think, act and function to the maximum. They'll be trained so that they can defend their Christian background. Other people will have respect for them. They just won't think you're someone that's not with it. They'll know you have something."
Young people of all faiths united in the sacrament of the Holy Communion.
I talked to a lot of people here. I haven't heard anyone say anything but this was the greatest—from the food, to the buildings, the faculty, and everything. It's all positive. And they range from Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, and nearly every denomination you can think of."

"In the Department of Spiritual Life, we will be seeking to develop a ministry in the university that will reach each young man and woman. Many denominations will be represented; and we will never seek to take away from a student's religious understanding and background. Instead we hope to contribute to their training, experience and understanding by relating this concept of total ministry to them."

—REVEREND TOMMY TYSON
Director, Department of Spiritual Life
B.A., Duke University; B.D., Duke Divinity School; Elder, North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church; episcopally appointed to ORU as minister to the university.
Part of the thrill in coming here is to come here and be in God’s will. It is impossible to make decisions on your own. If it is with Christ, then the decision is right, there’s a knowing.

"I’m looking forward to coming. There’s a new way of life out here. There’s something out here I can get. It’s waiting. It’s not going to come to me but I’ll have to take it, to go in and get it. It’ll be the kind of work you’ll look forward to.

"I’m anxious to get started. ORU’s so much greater than the literature, so much greater than words. I didn’t know until I had been here. I was really surprised, I didn’t think it could be like that. I know it’s going to give me direction. I’m really looking forward to it.

"I think in a liberal arts university like this where God is speaking to people, we should enter with our minds open to all truth. With Christ as the center, we know we’re going to find the truth."
exploding generation, ORU offers the magnificent challenge to become whole men and women.
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