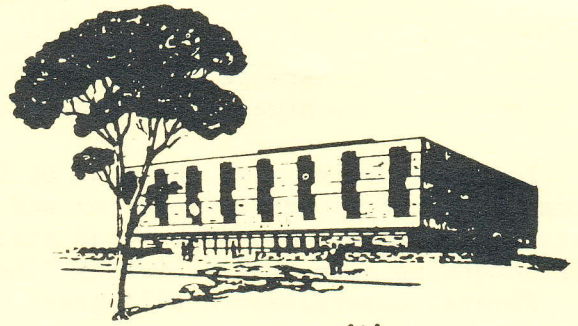


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PROJECT LIFELINE - OU STUDENTS SHIP TON OF SUPPLIES TO VIETNAMESE ORPHANS

Oakland alumnus Richard J. Stier is a Marine artillery officer in Viet Nam. Although fighting the war is his first responsibility as a soldier, aiding its innocent victims has become his chief concern as a human being.

Last December, Stier's battery struggled into the hamlet of Thang Binh, twenty miles south of Da Nang, and found they had arrived one day too late to save an entire battalion of Vietnamese Rangers from being wiped out.

During the weeks that followed, Stier encountered many children whose parents were killed during the Viet Cong assault. As he has described them, "they have the bare minimum of clothing.....they're undernourished, dirty, destitute, and have little to live for..."

Stier's concern for the tragic predicament of the children prompted him to write OU alumni relations director, Dorothy Hope, to see if Oakland students might support a project to aid them.

Mrs. Hope broached the idea with student leaders and, almost overnight, a committee was formed and project "Thang Binh Lifeline" was launched. The campus wide drive to collect soap, clothing, and other supplies got underway in mid-March and by the middle of April, when the project was terminated, more than a ton of material had been collected.



"Thang Binh Lifeline" chairman "Maggie" O'Reilly, Mrs. Hope, Col. Rathbun, and Mrs. Richard Stier (left to right) were all smiles at the conclusion of a successful campaign. Students at right load boxes on Marine Corps truck for the first leg of a long journey to Viet Nam.



Under the leadership of sophomore Margaret ("Maggie") O'Reilly of Pontiac, students hatched a variety of novel schemes to aid the project. The residents of a mens' dormitory, Fitzgerald House, sponsored an "ugly man contest" which collected more than \$40 to pay some of the project's operating expenses. "Soap" dances were held, at which those attending were required to contribute several bars of soap as the price of admission.

Hundreds of OU students became involved in the project in one way or another. Student service organizations helped collect material from deposit points located around the campus. Other students packed and sorted the material as it poured into project headquarters in the Oakland Center.

Fitzgerald House resident Mel Kozek, one of the leading vote getters in the "Ugly Man Contest."

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A word from an Oakland University student on the Kresge Library (illustrated on the title page of the Newsletter) from a viewpoint strictly for freshman!

Learning how to make the most of Oakland's library is a continuing process. It starts formally with freshman orientation and continues into the first semester. From then on, students are on their own. The "head start" is therefore important, and you can expect it to work something along the following lines.

Several upperclassmen will greet you at the door of Kresge Library to lead you on one of the more interesting tours on campus. A brief introduction made by one of the professional librarians will start you on your way. You'll wander through the secret back room (formally called the Technical Processing Center) where you will become acquainted with the various processes a book goes through from the time of its purchase to the moment it's placed on the shelves ready for student use. From there you will have the opportunity of meeting the catalogers whose job it is to assign each book those funny little numbers on the spine, and to see how a Documents Collection works.

Next on the program is a short skit by the Circulation Department. Word has it that the department head has finally got "Minerva" (computer-input machine) to cooperate on a short duet in E flat major for the keypunch. Up to this point "Minerva" has been rather nasty. It seems she has already attacked one student assistant and has an insatiable hunger for student ID cards.

You will then have a short intermission to quench your thirst, smoke a cigarette and chew the rag for a while. You'll then be hustled to the basement, where the "slot machines" are stored (cigarettes, candy, etc.). Your tour guide will engage in any lively topic of interest to you, i.e. extracurricular activities, what you can and cannot get away with, what the snap courses are, dating customs at Oakland and college life, the truth vs. the fiction. All, of course, from strictly a library point of view.

From the basement you'll be led up a winding staircase to the second floor, where you'll find the main collection. Next comes the third floor, where tinkertoys, blocks, a little red wagon and skateboards identify the Instructional Materials Center.

You will also have the pleasure of taking an exam on library use. But don't panic. This exam is for your personal edification and will not in any way be held against you. It will give you some idea where you stand on the use of libraries. A special bonus will be available for all those who "flunk" this exam. You will be invited to take part in a unique course on library skills. It will be given in the early part of the semester when you aren't as rushed for time, and will prove quite beneficial to all those who "volunteer" their time.

A group called the Student Library Committee acts as a liaison from the student body to the library administration. Students have a powerful voice when it comes to library operation (through the SLC). This is the committee that listens to your complaints about the library and sees to it that something gets done.

Most important of all for you as entering freshmen is to become acquainted with the library, and the librarians. Kresge is not a dull place, and the staff is there for you to use. Make them work for their money. They enjoy it.

Joseph Howey, Chairman
Student Library Committee

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BULLETIN

The housing office has informed the Newsletter that information concerning housing for new students enrolling in the fall, 1966 semester will be mailed within the next two weeks. Mr. Appleton, Housing Director, sends his apologies for the delay.

SUMMER ORIENTATION

Mr. Birch, Orientation Director, has asked that the Newsletter inform fall of 1966 freshmen that schedules and assignments for two day summer orientation periods will be mailed at the end of May.