



## University Saddened By Mrs. Wilson's Death

### Construction Totals Reach \$10 Million

Awarding of contracts for a \$600,000 Student Health Center this summer brought to nearly \$10 million the amount of construction under way on the University campus. The three buildings — a \$5.3 million Dodge Hall of Engineering, \$3.8 million dormitory, and the Student Health Center — will be completed in 1968.

Architectural planning is under way by Denyes and Freeman Associates of Pontiac for a \$500,000 public safety and service building, and by Swanson Associates, Inc., of Bloomfield Hills on a \$2 million expansion of the Oakland Center. These facilities also are scheduled for completion in 1968.

The Oakland Center project will increase the floor area from 60,000 to 100,000 square feet, revamp the cafeterias, shift the expanded book store to the present grill area, move the Scholar Shop into the present book store space, and create new lounges for commuter students.

The service building will house the departments of public safety, physical plant, stores, grounds and landscaping, motor pool and the maintenance garage.



Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson

#### IN MEMORIAM

Books and scholarships will memorialize Mrs. Wilson on the University campus. Students voted to select books as their project, financed by a \$1 per semester fee. A number of memorial gifts from the community have been directed to the Scholarship Fund, and the Friends of Oakland are continuing their solicitation of funds for the Matilda R. Wilson Scholarship.

The entire community, but more particularly the University, was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Matilda R. Wilson on September 19. Mrs. Wilson was traveling in Europe where she became ill and was hospitalized in Brussels, Belgium.

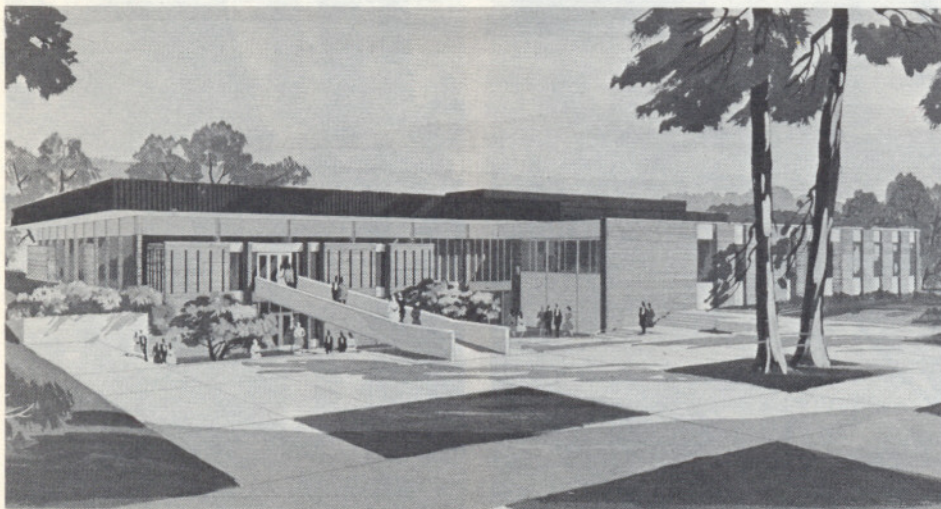
Although she would have been 84 this October, her youthful energy and keen mind left those who knew her totally unprepared for the word of her death. Only a week before she was introduced by Chancellor D.B. Varner to new students and their parents at the freshman convocation in the Baldwin Memorial Pavilion.

Although many knew of her generous gift of the Meadow Brook Estate and \$2 million to establish the University, few individuals outside the University community knew of her great affection for the students, her pride in the University's progress, and her pleasure in being a participant in campus events. Chancellor Varner notes that, "Mrs. Wilson was 'our first lady' to students and faculty, and was the honored guest at all kinds of functions — from jazz concerts to commencement ceremonies."

Her birthday had become the traditional homecoming for Oakland University, and students made Mrs. Wilson's Weekend the highlight of their year's social functions.

Within hours of her death students had created a memorial area in the Oakland Center, met to discuss a permanent memorial, and offered their assistance with a University memorial service. The student choral group sang at the funeral and at the campus service.

At the September meeting of the MSU Board of Trustees a delegation of five students presented a petition asking for a student fee increase to finance a permanent memorial. The Board approved the request in principal, and students are presently considering such projects as a bell tower, books for the library, memorial park, scholarship fund, and an endowed chair.



Architects' sketch of the Oakland Center expansion.



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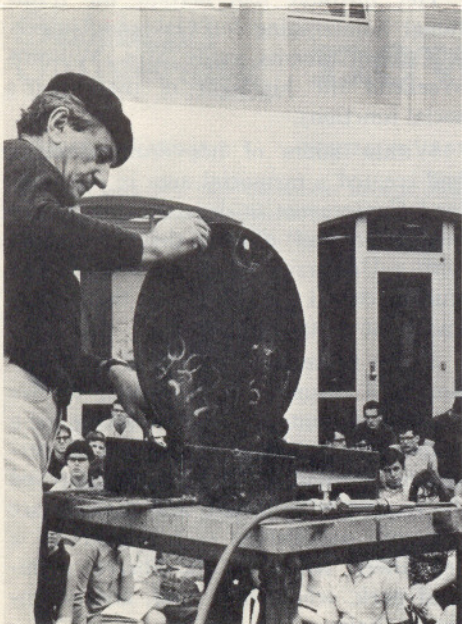
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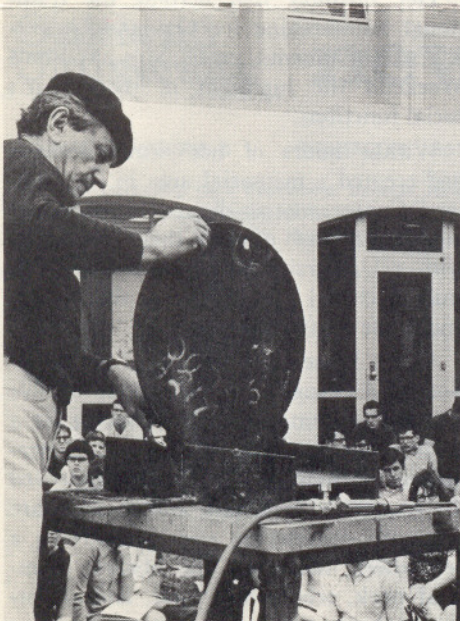
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## FACULTY AND STAFF

Recent faculty appointments include: **Robert H. Edgerton**, associate professor of engineering; **Max Brill**, visiting assistant professor of psychology; **Robert C. Busby**, assistant professor of mathematics; **H. Meredith Ellis**, assistant professor of music; **Jon Froemke**, assistant professor of mathematics; **Glenn A. Jackson**, assistant professor of engineering; **Patrick J. Johnson**, assistant professor of education; **Marshall J. Sheinblatt**, assistant professor of physics; **Luis A. Vargas**, assistant professor of Spanish; **Arturo Biblarz**, instructor in sociology; **Ronald L. Cramer**, instructor in education; **David Hoover**, instructor in music; **Harold Olofson**, instructor in sociology and anthropology; and **Clifford I. Pfeil**, instructor in music.

**William K. Marshall** was named director of the University Book Store; **Kenneth A. Meade**, director of post-graduate professional educational programs in Continuing Education; **Daniel M. Dany**, to the new post of assistant director of personnel; **Barbara Dixon**, assistant director of housing; and **Mary Lynne Howe**, coordinator of student activities.

**Robert L. Donald**, a Detroit junior high school teacher, was named the second Mott Fellow in English beginning in September.

**Amitendranath Tagore**, associate professor of Chinese, is the author of "Literary Debates in Modern China," published in Japan under the auspices of UNESCO.

**Chancellor D. B. Varner** gave the principal address at the annual meeting of the American Society for Engineering Education, held in June at Michigan State University.

**William Schwab**, professor of English, served on a five-man team studying the Philippines' cultural exchange program under a U. S. State Department grant.

**Carl R. Vann**, associate professor of political science, is on a one-year appointment to the UN Secretariat to conduct research on financing social development.

Recent faculty promotions include: **Robert C. Howes**, history, to professor; **Paul Tomboulia**, chemistry, to professor; **V. John Barnard**, history to associate professor; **Carleton W. Smith**, named acting chairman and instructor, sociology and anthropology; **Saghir Ahmad** from instructor to assistant professor of sociology and anthropology; and **Gerald C. Heberle** from instructor to assistant professor of history.



Keeve M. Siegel, president of KMS Industries and leading space-age scientist, has been appointed visiting professor of engineering.

## Board Accepts Grants Totaling \$300,000

Grants totaling more than \$300,000 have been accepted at the July, September, and October meetings of the Board of the Board of Trustees.

National Science Foundation grants to the University included: \$40,000 for research by Herbert Schuel, assistant professor of biology, and his wife Regina, research associate; \$16,652, an institutional grant; \$2,700 for instructional equipment in mathematics; \$15,000 for equipment in physics; \$12,300 for equipment in engineering; \$28,700 for research by Francis M. Butterworth, assistant professor of biology; \$10,000 for research by David E. Boddy, assistant professor of engineering; \$20,000 for research by Gilbert L. Wedekind, assistant professor of engineering; and \$12,500 for research by Louis R. Bragg, professor of mathematics.

Health, Education and Welfare grants were \$74,894 for a summer French Institute directed by Don R. Iodice, assistant professor of foreign languages; \$15,812 for research by James E. Davis, assistant professor of chemistry; \$17,924 for continued support of the Kresge Library; \$39,620 for research by Clifford V. Harding, professor and chairman of biology; and \$5,199 for instructional equipment.

Other grants included \$3,000 from the Research Corporation for research by Steven R. Miller, assistant professor of chemistry, and \$2,000 from the American Chemical Society for research by Joel W. Russell, assistant professor of chemistry.

## OU Students in Hong Kong

Forty-four Oakland University students are in Hong Kong for a semester of study aimed at improving their understanding of the "inscrutable East."

First stop for the group was San Francisco, where they will be booked together on a flight to Tokyo. Formal class work will be crammed into a 75-day period, September 16 — November 29, during which the students will stay at a hotel in Hong Kong. Their itinerary over and back will include stops from one to three days in Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka, Japan; Taipei, Taiwan; Manila and Honolulu.

Oakland University faculty members who will head the group are Henry Rosemont, instructor in philosophy, and Edward L. Buote, instructor in modern foreign languages. They will teach courses in Chinese language, introduction to China, selections from Chinese literature, advanced Chinese studies, diplomatic history of Asia, and philosophies and religions of Asia. Some of the students also will pursue independent studies and directed readings dealing with the Far East.

## FALL ENROLLMENT TOTALS 3,896

A total of 3,896 students have enrolled at Oakland University this fall for an increase over last year of 753, the largest in the eight-year history of the institution.

The total includes 3,650 Michigan residents, up 704 and representing 94 percent of the student body. There are also 212 out-of-state students, up 32, and 34 foreign students, up 17. The increase in students from foreign countries resulted from new students from Canada, Colombia, El Salvador, Germany, Norway, Sweden, British Honduras and Turkey.

The tri-county area (Oakland, Macomb and Wayne) continues to have the largest share of the student body with 3,169 enrolled. Oakland accounts for 2,122 students, Macomb 559, and Wayne 488.

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## ENGINEERS PLAN CAMPUS TRANSIT SYSTEM

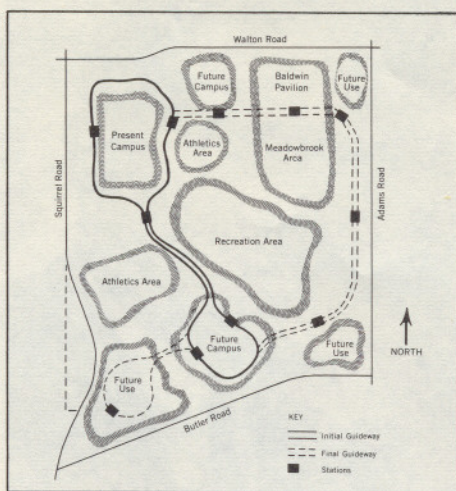
When Oakland University planners began to look at "tomorrow's" transportation problems, they decided to go to "tomorrow's" engineers. They dropped the task into the laps of undergraduate students in the University's School of Engineering.

The question that needed answering was: "How does a small and compact university look ahead to the days when it has to shuttle more than 20,000 students back and forth between half a dozen campuses?"

It was posed to a seminar class of seven undergraduate engineering students, their single assignment being to draw up a preliminary design of a mass transportation system for the University in the 1970s.

Their suggested solution: A \$13.4 million system of 12 gas turbine-powered vehicles riding on a nine-mile long network of tracks and guide rails comprising a "guideway" and capable of moving the population of a small city in class-break time.

The project was more than an exercise for the students. The University's planning committee and professional planning consultants (Johnson, Johnson & Roy of Ann Arbor) had asked for the study in conjunction with the campus master plan. The consultants have recommended that the University, with a projected enrollment of about 30,000 by the mid-1980s, develop its 1600 acres into cluster campuses — possibly four to six—rather than one sprawling campus.



PROPOSED MASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

The students recommended the University consider a specially designed vehicle, 10 feet wide and 30 feet long, with seats for 22 and standing room for 53 more. With a maximum speed of 60 miles per hour, the vehicles could travel alone, or during peak periods, in tandem for a total capacity of 150.

For propulsion, the student engineers recommended gas turbine engines coupled with alternating current electric drive. The special guideway recommended by the students consists of a concrete surface for the rubber-tired vehicles.

Guideways would be sunk into open ditches in the heart of campus areas, both to retain the beauty of the rolling landscape and to muffle the sound. Elsewhere the rails would be at ground level or elevated on a framework of steel I-beams, 15 to 25 feet above ground level.

## Present Request For 1968-69 Budget

The University is asking for an operating budget of \$8,431,215 for 1968-69 — an increase of \$2,267,626 over the current budget. The request has been approved by the MSU Board of Trustees, and presented to the governor's budget office.

The budget proposal is based on an anticipated enrollment of 4,694. It would provide staff for the additional students, restore cutbacks of equipment and supplies in the current year, provide for salary and wage increases, step up library acquisitions, provide for maintenance of new buildings, and allow for an inflationary factor.

The proposed capital outlay budget totals \$9,688,000 of which \$700,000 is for remodeling and additions and the remainder in new construction.

## PARENTS MEET, ELECT OFFICERS

Some 400 parents attended the fifth annual Parents Day at the University on October 28.

At their opening session Walton Lewis, president, presented the Matilda R. Wilson Scholarship to Barbara Klimaszewski, Flushing.

New officers of the Friends are Frederick Hill, Utica, president; vice presidents, Robert Johnson, Lathrup Village; Mrs. Herman McKinney, Detroit; and Mrs. L. R. Ware, Bloomfield Hills. Treasurer is Mrs. Kenneth Goff, Bloomfield Hills, and Mrs. William Tuma, Oak Park, is secretary.

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