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## Construction Begins on Oakland Branch

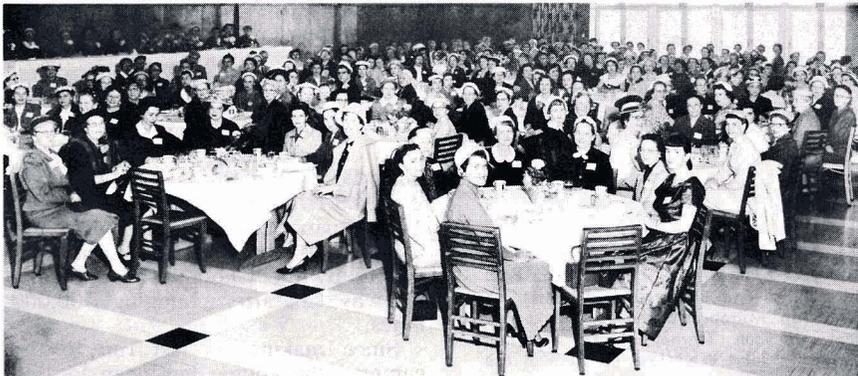
### Alums Discuss Future At Home Ec Reunion

Future needs on and off campus were in the limelight recently when major delegations from many areas of home economics met for their annual reunion at Michigan State. A highlight of the program was a talk by a prominent alumna who urged that more interest be aroused in home economics as a profession.

Miss Margaret B. Daughy, director of consumer education for Dow Chemical Co., challenged alumnae and faculty to help develop more interest in home economics, especially at the high school level.

Miss Daughy, a leader in the commercial home economics field, asserted that home economics is the only pro-

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Alumnae and friends of the College of Home Economics recently held their annual reunion at the University. Here they are gathered for discussions and luncheon at Kellogg Center.

### Tentative Go-Ahead Given New University TV Station

The Federal Communications Commission has made a tentative decision to award use of VHF Channel 10 to Michigan State in conjunction with Television Corporation of Michigan.

Final confirmation of the decision is expected within the next two months, reports Dr. Armand L. Hunter, director of the University's station, WKAR-TV. Reversal of the tentative decision is considered unlikely.

Dr. Hunter says the new station will be the nation's first to combine educational and commercial television on a split schedule basis.

WKAR-TV now operates on UHF Channel 60. In its application for Channel 10, made in July, 1954, the University contended that it was unable to provide adequate educational service on Channel 60.

### Committee Offers Proposals For New Courses of Study

The long-sought goal of a college in the heavily populated area of eastern Michigan came a step closer in May with ground-breaking for the first new building at Michigan State's Oakland branch.

Site of the extension is the 1,400-acre Meadow Brook estate in Oakland county donated to the University by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson in January, 1957. The Wilsons made a gift of the land, its existing facilities and \$2 million to finance the new building, which will provide 39 classrooms, a library and science laboratories.

### Populous Area To Be Served

The M.S.U. - Oakland branch will serve primarily Oakland and Macomb counties. The area is the largest in Michigan without a public institution of higher learning. Within a 15-mile radius of the branch the population exceeds a half million. Projections estimate that nearly one million persons will live in the area by 1970.

Plans call for opening the four-year college in the fall of 1959.

While construction began on M.S.U. - O., attention was focused on the courses suggested for the new extension by its curriculum committee. The group has proposed that the Oakland branch emphasize science and that basic English and "subcollegiate" courses for freshmen be omitted.

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courses of a subcollegiate character," the committee report says. "Nor will the faculty teach either a traditional freshman English course or a general education communications course.

"It will be assumed that only those students will be admitted who have demonstrated in their high school record that they have the proper training and ability to do college-level work."

The committee says that if students need more preparation in the basic tools of learning, such as English, they can enroll in after-school courses taught by high school teachers.

### Not Bound By Tradition

Durward Varner, vice president for off-campus education, explains that the curriculum committee has been encouraged not to feel bound by tradition or custom in its proposals for the curriculum at the new Oakland branch.

In general education, which roughly corresponds with the "basics" at M.S.U., it is proposed that students take cultural history, physical science, biological science, mathematical reasoning, behavioral science and great issues—the last described as "a two-term, senior-level capstone course . . . the issues to be drawn, as appropriate, from all areas of knowledge."

Proposed curricula for M.S.U. - O. include business administration, science and arts, teacher education and engineering.

# Development Fund Supplements Pared Appropriation to M.S.U.

Michigan State's Development Fund is seeking the financial help needed to supplement a reduced legislative appropriation for the University's next fiscal year.

The Fund's annual report for 1957 was mailed to alumni during spring quarter. It included a letter from President John A. Hannah asking for support of the Development Fund.

"We will be operating on an austerity budget next year," Dr. Hannah said, "with even less money than usual for special equipment, library and museum acquisitions, scholarships, and other items such as have been financed in part through the generosity of alumni in years past.

"Under these circumstances, we feel justified in appealing to alumni everywhere to be as helpful as they can in this time of need."

Robert C. Toll, '49, director of the Development Fund, says the annual report is being followed up in many areas of Michigan by personal calling campaigns to those alumni who have not pledged their support.

Toll reminds alumni that the Fund is providing financial help for numerous worthwhile projects.

Allocations are made by the Fund for scholarship awards, research and equipment, the distinguished teacher award, and various purchases neces-

sary to help keep Michigan State a great university.

To date, Toll reports, this year's campaign has brought in about \$30,000 contributed by more than 2,000 alumni.

## Inter-School Science Post Goes to Dr. Quill

Dr. Laurence Quill, head of the chemistry department at Michigan State, has been named vice president of a new inter-university corporation formed to promote scientific research.

The new organization—to be known as Associated Midwest Universities—counts Michigan State and 25 other educational and research institutions as members. It will be associated with the Atomic Energy Commission.

The announcement of Dr. Quill's appointment was made recently by Dr. James Jensen, provost of Iowa State College and president of the university group.

Dr. Quill, in addition to being named vice president of AMU, has been selected as a member of the organization's eight-man board of directors.

Plans call for establishing AMU headquarters at Argonne National Laboratory near Lemont, Ill. The group's main purpose will be to encourage and conduct research in all branches of science, including nuclear physics.

## Alumni Can High - Ball During Campus Visits

Alumni who hanker to be railroad engineers can climb into the cab of the University's big steam locomotive during their weekend visits to the campus.

The 265-ton engine and its tender are on permanent display and have been opened to visitors from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, reports Dr. Rollin H. Baker, director of the M.S.U. Museum.

The giant railway engine was built in 1941. It was donated to the University by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Co. after chugging 500,000 miles.

Since making its last run to the campus, the engine has been located south of Spartan Stadium, just off Shaw Lane, enclosed by a fence.



The Friends of the Michigan State University Library recently held their annual meeting on campus with a dinner at the Union honoring David Randall, rare book librarian of Indiana University. Randall, who addressed the 85 persons gathered after dinner in the lecture room of the Library, is seated at the left above. To his right are Prof. Herman Thornton,

president of the Friends; Prof. Harry Kimber, first vice president, and Prof. Paul Bagwell, second vice president. Standing are Dean Milton Muelder, former president; Jackson Towne, M.S.U. librarian, secretary; John Whitelaw, librarian of the highway traffic department, former president, and Prof. William Drew, third vice president. Randall's talk was well received.