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Hall to Become Conference Center

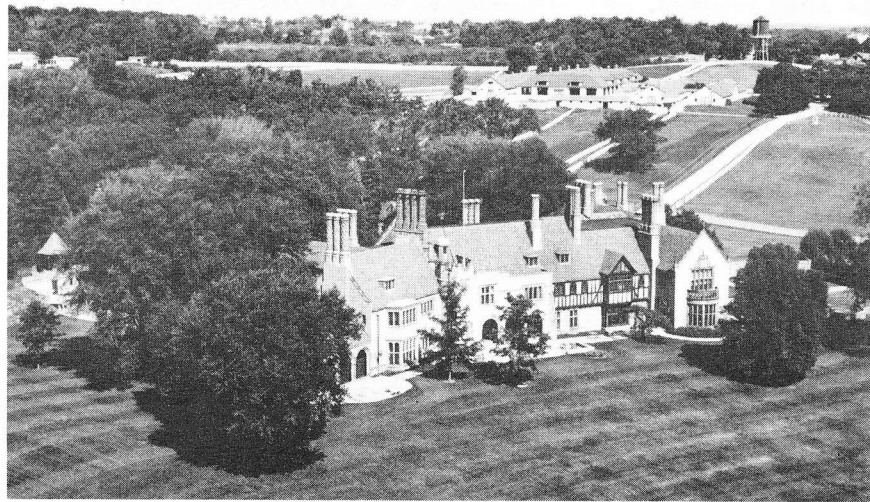
Meadow Brook Hall, the home of the benefactors of Oakland University, has reopened as a resident center for professional and personal development.

The great mansion of more than 100 rooms is being renovated and remodeled through a grant of \$275,000 from the Trustees of the Matilda R. Wilson Fund. The Fund has maintained the estate since the death of Mrs. Wilson in September, 1967, and recently turned over the home and its furnishings to the university to fulfill the charge in her will that the Hall be operated as a "cultural center."

Meadow Brook was the home for more than 40 years of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson, who gave their 1,600-acre estate and \$2 million to found the university, maintaining a life estate interest in the Hall and surrounding 127 acres. Mr. Wilson died in 1962.

Announcing plans for the conversion at a press conference in the Hall, President O'Dowd said the project will be administered by the Division of Continuing Education under Dean Lowell Eklund.

Architectural planning for the conversion will be entrusted to the firm of Tarapata, MacMahon, Paulsen and Associates of Bloomfield Hills. The firm recently handled a similar conversion of Wingspread in



AERIAL VIEW OF MEADOW BROOK HALL LOOKING NORTHEAST

Racine, Wisconsin, the former home of the founder of Johnson Wax Co which has been turned into one of the country's most impressive conference centers.

Dean Eklund said Meadow Brook will embody the "universal recognition that the updating, relearning and unlearning on the part of adults is imperative to the survival of society."

The conference center will serve the continued, a vast population of three cultures--rural, suburban, and urban--as well as one of the major business and industrial complexes of the world.

To assure maximum usage of the center, it will be available to daytime groups when resident groups do not have it fully committed. House tours will be scheduled for the university community, general public, and interested groups.

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The great size of the mansion-410 feet long and 150 feet wide---will provide "breakout space" for groups up to 200, Eklund said. The living room will serve as a general conference room for resident groups and will accomodate seating for between 70 and 100. Two adjoining rooms, the sun room and the library will serve for smaller discussion groups.

The entrance hall will be used as a lobby for registration of conference participants while the massive two-story ballroom, accommodating 150, usually will be reserved during the day for nonresident conferees.

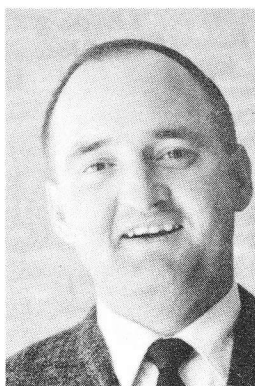
For resident groups lodging in the Hall, conference charges will cover sleeping accommodations, meeting facilities, services (strictly no tipping), meals, and parking. Charges will vary slightly with group size and special services required, but are expected to range from \$30 to \$45 per person per day.

Eleven guest bedrooms, each with a bathroom reflecting the elegance of a bygone era, are being refurbished to handle two to four persons in each room. Twelve staff bedrooms for single accommodation also are

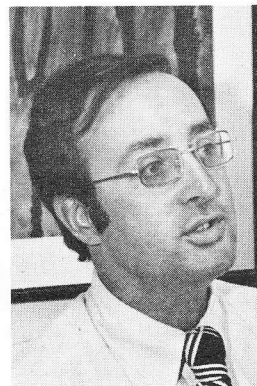
being refurbished, and additional rooms which originally served as sewing, linen, and pressing rooms are being converted into single bedrooms.

Dining will be handled in two separate dining rooms, one seating 50 and serving mainly resident groups, the other seating 100 and available to groups visiting during the day. Evening relaxation and refreshments will be available to resident conferees in The Pub, an original games room in classic English style with billiards, cards, and darts.

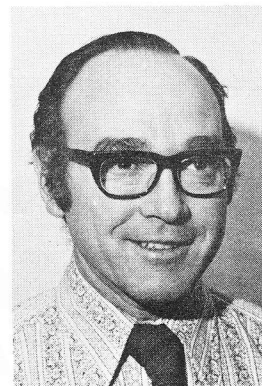
"Considerably more than a conventional conference center," Eklund said, "Meadow Brook is a sanctuary surrounded by acres of rolling countryside, but only a 10-minute walk from the educational, cultural, and recreational facilities of Oakland University. As the only center of its kind close to a major city and on the grounds of a major university, the Hall's potential as a regional center for adult education is unmatched."



GLEN BROWN



WILLIAM F. STURNER



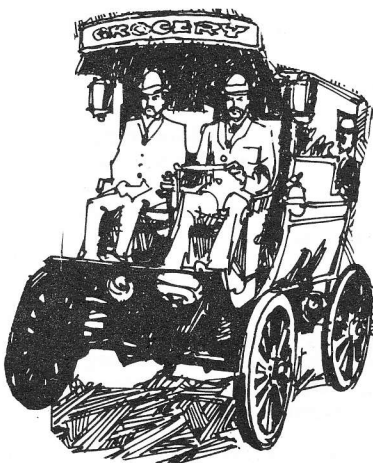
THOMAS ATKINSON

Offices Reorganized

Meadow Brook Hall, built in the style of great manor houses of England, was completed in 1929 at a cost of more than \$3 million. Many of its architectural details were adaptations of several Tudor and Jacobean mansions, including 13 sets of chimneys whose bricks and stonework were custom fabricated for this project.

Some of the furnishings and details were incorporated from an unfinished mansion Mrs. Wilson and her first husband, auto pioneer John F. Dodge, were building in Grosse Pointe Farms when he died in 1920.

The Oakland Alumni will be one of the first major groups to be in the Hall when they get together there on November 13.



Several administrative departments have been reorganized as President O'Dowd took steps to enter the new school year with a new look.

Principal changes were the creation of two complementary departments, the Office of Campus Development and the Office of Campus Planning. Glen Brown, former director of admissions and director of scholarships, was appointed assistant president for campus development. William F. Sturner, former vice provost, was named assistant president for planning.

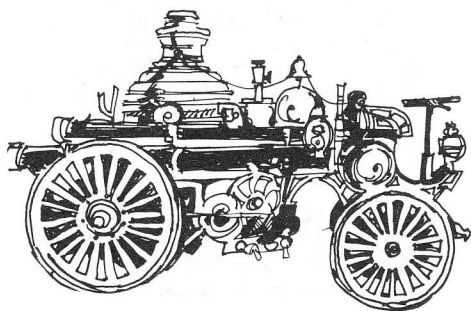
Each assumes portions of administrative responsibilities formerly held by Assistant President Herbert N. Stoutenburg, who left the university to accept the presidency of Alpena Community College, along with expanded responsibilities resulting from new organization. Another of Stoutenburg's duties, that of university marshal, has been assigned to Performing Arts Dean W.W. Kent as an added responsibility.

The Office of Campus Development embraces physical plant and grounds operations, along with plant remodeling and new construction.

The Office of Campus Planning will have, in President O'Dowd's words, "responsibility for generating short and long-range plans for the development of the university (encompassing) such important areas as academic programs, university budget, new buildings, and administrative systems."

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New Look



Reporting to Sturner will be Admissions, Financial Aid, Registration and Records, Personnel and

Labor Relations, Institutional Research, and the Computing and Data Processing Center. His chief assistant in coordinating these various functions will be former registrar Thomas Atkinson, whose title will be director of administrative services. Atkinson returned to campus last month after a two-year leave as director of admissions and registrar at Robert College in Istanbul.

The Office of Student Affairs also has been revamped. Major shifts in jobs include former Oakland Center director Alan Scott being named assistant to the vice president for student affairs; Dudley Woodard becoming dean for student life; and, Manuel Pierson being named dean for student services.

Scott replaces John Tapp, who is attending law school, and Woodard succeeds Fred W. Smith, who accepted a new post at Rochester Institute of Technology this summer. Pierson's new department combines offices formerly known as Resource Services and Student Special Services.

Ronald Kevern is the new director of Career Advising and Placement succeeding Mrs. Dorothy Hope, who retired. His assistant director is James Anderson.

Bookcenter director William Marshall accepted the additional role of Oakland Center director, and Richard Morgan will continue to serve as associate director. Charles Bethea moves from the residence halls program to assume the post of director of commuter affairs

Other shifts include:

- The Office of Psychological Services will be located in the Office of Student Affairs, reporting to James R. Appleton, vice president for student life.
- Alumni Relations will be in the Office of the President, reporting to William W. Connellan, assistant to the President.
- The Audiovisual Department will be part of the academic program, under the direction of Frederick W. Obear, vice president for public affairs.
- University Relations will become part of the Public Affairs Office, reporting to John DeCarlo, vice president for public affairs.

Within academic departments administrative changes include the naming of Melvin Cherno as chairman of history, succeeding Professor Charles Akers, and of James Clatworthy as faculty chairman of New College, succeeding Cherno.

Other new department heads this fall are Carl F. Barnes in art, succeeding acting chairman John Cameron, and Boaz Kahana in psychology, succeeding acting chairman Don Hildum. Barnes is an art historian, whose special field of interest is Gothic architecture, and comes to Oakland from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia. Kahana was formerly project director with the Child Development Center of Washington University. He holds a doctorate from the University of Chicago.

Among the other faculty appointments which took effect during the summer, Lewis N. Pino, director of research services and dean of the spring and summer sessions, was appointed professor of chemistry. He holds a doctorate from the University of Buffalo and formerly taught at Allegheny College and Colorado College.



DEANS CONVENE---Vice President James R. Appleton meets with his newly named chief aides, Doug Woodard, left, Dean for Student Life, and Manuel Pierson, Dean of Student Services. The new positions are part of a major reorganization of the Office of Student Affairs. (see story)

PERSONALS—NEWS OF THE ALUMNI

1963

KATHY (BERRY) and GARY '64 ACKER and children Jane 7, David 6, and Danny 2, have been transferred to Louisville, KY by GM Truck and Coach where Gary will be employed as the Area Service Manager.

PEGGY PFAEDLER and Arnold Brandt were married on August 27 and now reside in Walled Lake.

1964

ANNA (JANCIK) KAMYSEK and husband Paul the birth of their first child, Karen Marie, on August 6.

CAPTAIN DARYL B. KEEZER is now stationed at Forbes AFB, KS. Daryl, a navigator, is in a unit of the Tactical Air Command which provides combat units for air support of U.S. ground forces. He previously served at Ching Chuan Kang AB, Taiwan.

JOHN A. McCARTHY, wife, Mecki, son Brian 5, and daughter Monica 1½, are living near Oakland where John teaches German. He is working on his Ph.D. thesis on C. Wieland, an 18th Century German novelist.

1965

BILL SHEA is married, has two children, Kathy and Kevin, and teaches 6th grade in Utica, MI.

1966

MARY ANN POPOVICH and Richard S. Ottewell were married last February. Mary teaches 7th grade social studies and English at the Avondale Middle School.

JOHN CADIEUX received a law degree from Wayne State last May and is now with the law firm of Bebout, Potere, Cox and Potere in Rochester.

JOHN FRIEDLY doesn't get to play bridge too much any more. He is selling computers for IBM in the Eastern Michigan area. He and wife MARILYN (PHILLIPS '67) now live in Grand Blanc. Marilyn taught school while John was in Vietnam and is now completing her Masters at Michigan State besides working as an occupational rehabilitation counselor in the Flint area.

1967

BARBARA ANN FOWLER received a Ph.D. in chemistry last June from the University of California at Santa Barbara. She is now teaching high school chemistry in Tenafly, NJ.

BRIAN N. McCARTHY and wife Caren live in Cambridge, MA where Brian is completing his Master's degree in business administration from Harvard. He is also starting a new company called Aquanetics which will manufacture an underwater communications device for scuba divers.

MEL AND JEAN (GORDON '68) KOZEK are both teaching at junior high schools. They have completed one year of matrimony as of August 15. Both are also working on their Master degrees.

RON ('BAT') AND CHRIS (MILLER '68) MASTOVICH have settled near Oakland. Chris has been teaching English at Adams High in Rochester. Ron has also been teaching and is now pursuing a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling.

TOM PARRISH is completing his Ph.D. in philosophy at Wayne. His wife,

KATHY (KAISER '68) is with the Detroit News where she writes articles for the religion section as well as special assignments.

SUE WHITE teaches junior high school in Detroit.

KATHY SMART ("SCHULTZIE") has moved from Phoenix to Delaware where she is now teaching and living upstairs from JIM and SUE (ADAMS) WYATT.

1968

JAMES GIRARDOT and a partner, C.P. Wessel, opened their own real estate company in Rochester on August 2 known as Girardot, Wessel Associates, Inc.

RICHARD RADEMACHER and wife Ellen now reside in Chicago where Dick is enrolled in the Illinois College of Optometry.

MARTHA (TREMPE) SCHULTZ teaches fifth grade in the Warren Consolidated School District and is now working on a MAT degree in reading at Oakland.

ANNA (MIKICZENKO) HECKER is completing her Masters in Russian at Wayne. She and WEBB (66)--who graduated first in his class at Wayne State Law School and just finished studies at Harvard--are now living in the Rochester area. They have one horse.

BARBARA ANSON received a Masters of Education degree in counselor education from Pennsylvania State University last June.

JIM AND SUE (HAY) are the proud parents of Ryan, born two months ago. Sue was teaching school and Jim is now in his last year at Wayne State Law School.

SUE HILL is a supervisor at the Hudson's Northland.

GARY and BETH (BRODY '69) PUFFER are both teaching. They live in Pontiac.

JIM HINGA and his wife Lynn are living in Pontiac. They both are teaching in nearby school districts.

JEANNIE PELLETIER is teaching high school English and drama in Madison Heights.

DON FIELDER is back after two years with the Army. He is working with Pontiac Motors.

JAN McLEOD is an executive secretary for the Michigan Regional Manager of the Aetna Life Insurance Company in Southfield.

KEITH AND SANDY HAYWARD now have two children, a girl and a boy. They live near Oakland.

DAN STEIN is studying at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn for two months. He will be completing his work at Wayne State Medical School this spring.

Fogg is a papa! DAVID AND ANITA (MOON 70) MEYERS had a baby boy this summer. They live in Jackson, MI where Fogg teaches math and coaches sports. (?)

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GWENDOLYN HEARD is attending the University of Michigan in a new Master's Degree program aimed at bringing blacks into management positions in municipal government. The program involves on-the-job training and Gwen has worked in Pontiac during the past year.

SUE (GATCHELL) ZITO is working on a Master's degree in Industrial Engineering on a GM fellowship at U of M.

MARTHA ALLEN is married to MIKE HONEY. They reside in Memphis, TN. Martha is a consultant to Operation Freedom, a Southern group which gives emergency funds to individuals victimized for their civil rights or political activities. Mike worked as Coordinator of Greater Lansing Coalition to End the War Now in October-November, 1969. He is now Southern Director of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation. They are both on the staff of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, a South-wide interracial group dedicated to fighting oppression to women, racism, poverty, and war. They are active in the Memphis and Southern Committee to Free Angela Davis and All Political Prisoners. They were jailed for civil rights activities in Munfordsville, KY in January, 1970.

TED HODGSON does alot of traveling now. He is an account executive with Maritz Travel. One of his favorite souvenirs is from Germany---his wife, 'Rusty.'

'BONNIE' (MARY SOLONIKA) CONNELLAN teaches language arts to fifth graders in Avondale. She is also working on her Master's degree at U.of M.

PATTY (BOGUCKI) CHATLEY is now working as the secretary in the Student Organizations Office.

PAM ROBERTS is now Mrs. Jack Hayes, wife of a popular disc jockey in the Detroit area. She has been teaching in Utica. Pam, always in style, wore a hot pants wedding outfit for her nuptials on Sept. 11.

INGO DUTZMANN has been promoted to Director of Student Organizations at Oakland. In addition, he is music director of a non-denominational choir as well as president of the Single Adults group of the Trinity Lutheran church in Utica.

Amanda Meridith was born last Mother's Day to PAM (EVERLING) and DENNIS COUVAULT. Pam and Denny are teaching in elementary schools and have recently settled in Oxford.

1970

J. TERRY and DONNA (GONYEA '67) KOEHLER presented their daughter, Gwendolyn, with a baby sister, Heather last August.

AL MANN--famed second runner-up of the Ripley's Ugly Man Contest--is working at the Computer Center at Oakland. He is active in organizations around school as well as in the Rochester Jaycees.

JUDY (HAFTKA) AND JACK NOLISH were married last August 14. Jack is studying law at Wayne and Judy is doing research at Henry Ford Hospital.

REBECCA BASHORE and Paul Lassig were married in August. Rebecca teaches third grade for the Gibraltar School District.

BEVERLY JACOBSON spent six weeks touring 13 countries in Europe last summer. She is a fifth grade teacher in the Lake Orion School District.

ROBERT R. STANNY has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the USAF and has been assigned to Moody AFB, GA for pilot training.

TOM WILLIAMS spent the past year as Personnel Director of the Michigan Legislative Service Bureau and is now working toward his Master's degree in the area of Personnel Management and Labor Negotiations at Michigan State.

JAMES WU has been promoted to Assistant Director of Student Organizations at Oakland.

ANITA ZORN and GORDON TEBO were married last March and now reside in Tyler, TX where Gordon is employed by GE and Anita is teaching.

PAUL ANGOTT has been chosen by Bell Telephone for a 16 week study on communications in Chicago.

PENNY OSCANT is working in the Shiftman Medical Library at Wayne State and working on her Master's degree in library science.

1971

JUDY BRUNGER has a first grade teaching position in Hillsdale, NJ.

GREGORY J. MALOVER is working with emotionally disturbed adolescents at Hawthorn Center in Northville, MI.

BRUCE HELMBOLDT will be reporting to the Naval Air Reserve in Memphis, TN on the 1st of November.

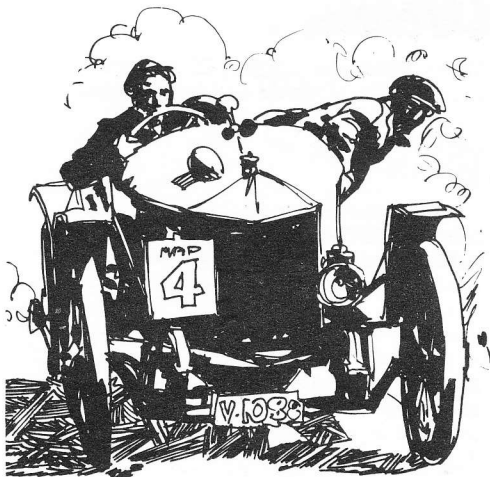
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LET'S HEAR ABOUT YOU

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ALUMNI FUND DRIVE BEGUN \$10,000 SET AS GOAL

The alumni fund drive has begun for the year of 1971 with the theme, "You Win by Giving!"

There will be a sweepstakes conducted with a drawing for prizes---this is one way that donators may "win."

Another way contributors win will come next April when they get to deduct half of their donations from their Michigan State Income tax. So if a person gives \$50 to Oakland, it actually only costs him \$25. He is winning by getting a tax credit as well as helping out his school. In this way he is having a direct say in where some of his tax money goes---it's like he is appropriating a certain amount to Oakland himself.

The donator also wins in another way: by joining financial resources with other alumni he is supporting outstanding programs which benefit undergrads and which helps his school to be on the grow.'

If each of our 4400 would participate this year, imagine what real support we could give to our school. Imagine what a program the Undergraduate Research Grant could be, or the help to the library, or the Isaac Jones Memorial Scholarship, or trying new things like an innovative environmental research award, or . . .

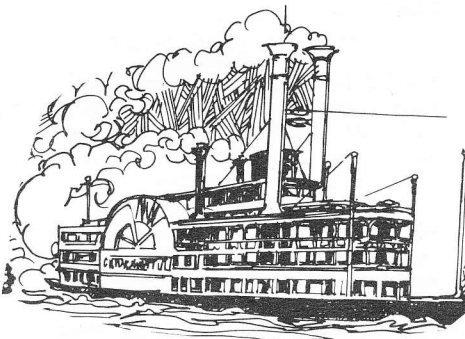
ALUMNI RELATIONS---WATZ DAT?

Some of you have asked about this office itself. So for you who are anxious for a real behind-the-scenes glimpse of your Alumni Relations office--here it is:

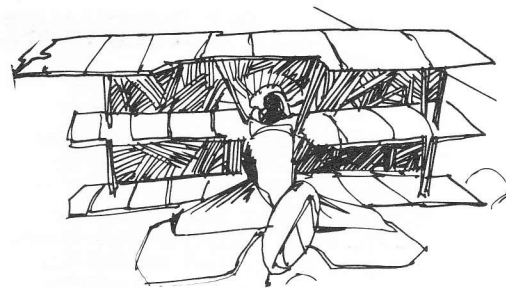
An electric typewriter, a phone, a desk, five filing cabinets, three chairs, a stapler, scotch tape, a director, and Virginia Fox, our secretary at her own desk and typewriter in the outer office. That's it.

Unlike several other alumni organizations, we are not a highly staffed, money-making business which runs itself relatively autonomously. Instead, the office reports directly to the Office of the President and is supported as a service organization. This office is run, then, by the university as an information link between her graduates and herself--that's why we have the name, Alumni Relations and not Alumni Association. It is strictly a service office for the graduates of Oakland. It does conduct a fund drive, but this is to organize and channel capital support from the graduates to help present undergraduates. All money that is donated goes directly for educational benefits for the students here.

And so, since we are not like most other alumni organizations, we need your volunteer help in making this an effective communication between grads and their school. We need your help in writing newsletters (we welcome your own articles--not only what you are doing, but what you are

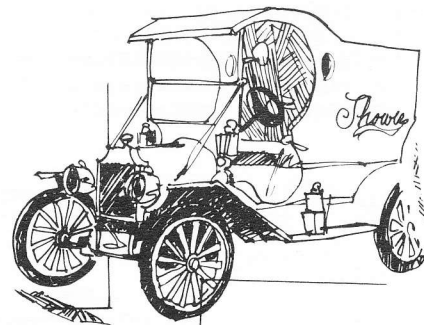


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WHAT HAPPENED???
COVERED IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER



thinking). We need help in people contact. We need lots of office help. We need help in arranging some old crowd get-togethers maybe more at Meadow Brook Hall or at the clubhouse. We need help in establishing a volunteer group of women at home who want to get out a few hours a week--coordinate getting babysitters and a transportation pool to come out to school for courses, lectures, helping out here, or getting involved with student organizations. We need help in giving alumni support to Meadow Brook Hall in the form of organizing benefits and getting members for the Meadow Brook Guild. We'd like to have Gertrude Stein-type sessions with the faculty--imagine sitting in the clubhouse and once again solving the 'problems of the world!'

We need help in organizing these few possibilities and getting them going. We are at the beginning of getting involved with so many things that are going on at Oakland---all we need is your help. We encourage you to make this really your office, with your newsletter, with your involvement with your school. We certainly want to see you again and hope that your graduation from Oakland has not marked the end of your relationship with your school. Now is the time--perhaps better than any other time--for you to exert a real positive influence on what's happening to your school and to her community. We welcome you back.



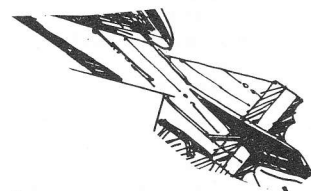


ALUMNI EVENING AT



MEADOWBROOK HALL

NOVEMBER 13, 1971 7:30 P.M.



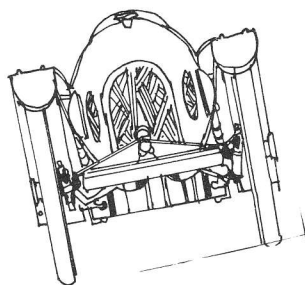
Remember that chair in the games room that's carved to look like a bear, that two story high ballroom, the leaded glass windows, the Tiffany lamps, that elaborate stairway, the carved-oak walls of the Drawing Room adorned with paintings by Turner, Reynolds, Constable, Murillo...?

We'll be getting together again that Saturday evening to leisurely take in all those fantastic accumulations at Meadow Brook Hall. Remember that ornately carved organ? Besides being a work of art in itself, it is also a player organ with rare hand-carved rolls---this will be our background music for that evening. We'll have a cash bar downstairs by the ballroom and the catering service of Oakland will provide things to eat....

This will be a benefit to help preserve Meadow Brook

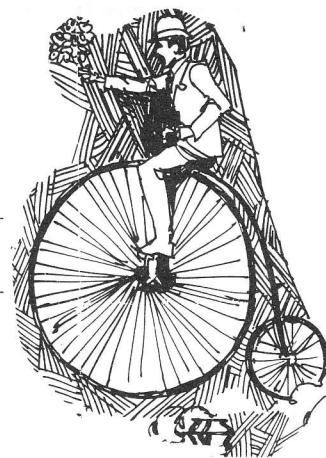
Friends of Alumni are invited

Enclosed is \$6.50 for one ticket; \$10.00 for two tickets



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____



PLEASE INCLUDE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOP

TICKETS MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE GATE FOR ADMITTANCE

THANKS, MARY!!!

Ever try to organize order out of chaos? That's what Mary Schultz has done these past two years as Director of Alumni Relations. Imagine having just lists of names and addresses... How do you keep up with alumni address changes? How can you figure out where all the grads live and how many live in various areas? How do you let former students know that they can play an important part in helping present Oakland students?

These were just a few of the questions facing Mary two years ago when she accepted this part-time position. She has done an outstanding job in providing answers. Mary has organized all the information we have on other alumni organizations on adult education, on all the correspondence that goes through this office (a surprising amount). Moreover, she devised a system whereby we can easily get the address of a graduate. There is an alphabetical listing, a regional listing, and a graduating class listing for all of the graduates. So now, for example, if you should move to San Francisco and should want to find out who else from O.U. lives out that way, just give us a call and we can easily let you know the names and addresses of people you might want to contact.



Former Alumni Director Mary Schultz turns over the keys of the office to the new head of the Office of Alumni Relations, Katie Rest Thoresen. A '67 graduate of Oakland, Katie is filling the half-time post while pursuing a Master's program in English here. Mary formerly worked half-time in Alumni Relations and half for the School of Education, and is now full time on the education staff as Assistant Director of Student Teaching.

Besides continuing the work which the Placement Office started in getting the fund drive started as well as the newsletter, Mary has started us out on an Alumni sponsored tour. She has worked out all the details with Air France for an eight day trip to Spain (see insert).

So, thanks to Mary, we have the basic groundwork laid so that we can now go out and enjoy the creative involvement Oakland needs from her graduates.

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