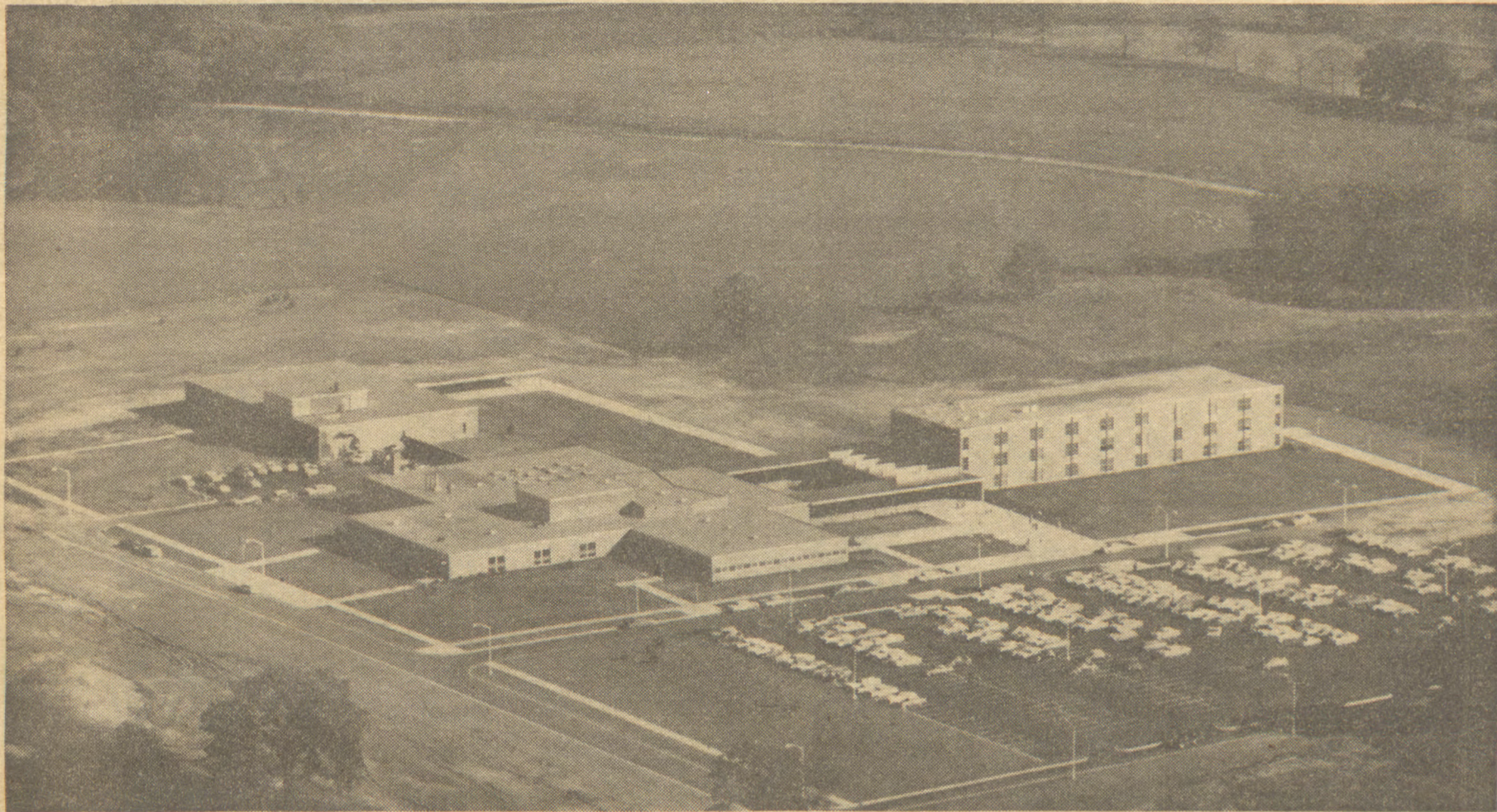


ALMA MATER—HER FIRST FULL-LENGTH PORTRAIT



This aerial shot, taken October 10, shows North and South Foundation Hall, the Student Center and some of the room MSU-O has to grow in.

The knoll just beyond these buildings and to the left of the grazing sheep will be the site of the next university building, the library.

Photo by H. C. Tinney, Pontiac.

MSU-O Is Called A Trend Setter

Telling 570 freshmen they are an important part of "one of the most important and exciting ventures in higher education in recent times," Dr. Thomas H. Hamilton keynoted the student convocation September 17.

Dr. Hamilton, president of the 37-campus State University of New York and a former vice president of Michigan State University, said that colleges across the country could look to MSU-O for the kind of education Americans should receive.

Dr. Hamilton's address marked the beginning of academic life and the first time the entire student body had been assembled. Classes started September 21.

The occasion also marked the first time Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson and Miss Sarah Van Hoosen Jones had been introduced to the student body. The Wilsons gave 1600 acres and two million dollars to make the school possible. Miss Jones earlier had given her 360-acre farm northeast of Rochester to the University.

MSU president John A. Hannah reminded students of the charter class that they would be the first of thousands who would follow. "You will set standards, establish precedents, originate traditions—in short, help to set the tone of MSU-O," he said.

Chancellor D. B. Varner, in his opening remarks submitted the "courageous decision of the Wilsons" as a kind of positive action designed to achieve what those who cry out for the preservation of American ideals want.

Robert Hoopes, dean of the faculty, set the purpose of a liberal education: "not to stuff, but to discipline the mind, to train it so that you might use it."

The following Sunday, September 20, a convocation was held for the parents of the charter class. Mr. Varner cautioned parents that a work and school program was not feasible at MSU-O. He urged them to consider a student loan so that work and learning might not conflict. The chancellor added that, "to reap the full benefits of education here, the student should be at school from eight in the morning until five at night, five days a week."

Student Group Maps Plans for A Government

Election of Committee to Submit Specific Proposal To Take Place Tomorrow

A student committee will meet in two weeks to work out a proposed form of student government and procedures for electing its officers.

Members of this committee are scheduled to be chosen tomorrow, according to Dean of Students Roy J. Alexander, in a series of caucuses. There will be one representative on this group for each 22 students, or 25 members.

An elections committee decided Tuesday that for purposes of representation on the planning group the student body should be grouped on an alphabetical basis. Each group of 22 will caucus to elect its own member of the government-planning committee.

Three other methods of electing representatives had been suggested. One was by curriculum groups, another by high school and the other was to pick those who wrote the best essays on why they wished to serve on such a committee.

After the planning group draws up a student government proposal, along with a plan for electing its officers, the student body will vote on it.

Members of the election committee are Jack Stewart, chairman; Walter Ament, Arletta J. Case, Joseph Candela, Anthony M. Deller, Lesley Fingerhut, Bob Furness, William Haslock, Sandra Langeland, Harold Langtree, Janet Long, Tom McAllister, Jim Morrison, Judy Noren, George Penoyer and Carol Streeter.

570 Enrolled In Charter Class At MSU-O

Michigan State University-Oakland's charter class enrollment was 570 when classes began Sept. 21, Registrar Herbert N. Stoutenberg said last week.

Of these, 493 are full time and 77 part time students, making the equivalent of 527 full-time students.

The enrollment figure was 70 more than Chancellor D. B. Varner had predicted last summer and 30 fewer than the forecast of Dean Roy J. Alexander. But it made a survey done for Mr. Varner two years ago by the MSU College of Education seem clairvoyant. That study of probable first-term enrollment for a university here had forecast a figure of 552.

That survey also indicated that MSU-O is likely to have 3,000 students by the time this year's freshmen are seniors, 10,000 by the time they've been out of school six years, and 20,000 by the time their children are in high school.

Besides the 570 working for degrees, another 334 are taking non-credit, continuing education courses offered in the evening for adults.

The most popular field is teacher education, with 60 men and 141 women enrolled. Next come liberal arts with 97 and 63; engineering science with 135 and four, and business administration with 61 men and nine women.

Eighty-four percent of the students were in the top half of their high school graduating classes and 55 percent were in the top quarter.

Oakland county provided 441 of the total and Macomb 105. The rest came from seven other counties and three other states. The Michigan counties were Arenac, Delta, Lapeer, Muskegon, St. Clair, Tuscola and Wayne. Two students are from Alaska and one each from New York and Texas.

If the class here were to follow the national pattern, sixty percent of them, or 342, would still be here on cap and gown day. That is the percentage who graduate in four years from the same college they enter, according to a United States Office of Education study. However, Chancellor Varner expects the attrition to be much less here.

Foundation Hall Is Dedicated

The first building on the MSU-O campus was dedicated October 1, and named Foundation Hall. It recognizes the work of the MSU-O Foundation, a group of 50 community leaders, whose work is responsible for its being a state university centered on the liberal arts. Chancellor D. B. Varner said that their efforts have been a vital

factor in the transformation of an idea into a reality."

News of MSU-O Evokes World-Wide Interest

Dean Hoopes Getting Letters, Job Applications

Letters have been pouring in to Dean Hoopes' office from all over the world in the last two weeks. They have come congratulations, expressions of belief in the philosophy of MSU-O, and requests for teaching positions.

A California physician, citizen from Syracuse, Cleveland, Chicago, and several national organizations have sent letters of congratulations and support. Former students of Dean Hoopes' at Stanford and Yale have written. So did a counselor at an Air Force school in Japan. A Marine said he was inspired to finish high school and enroll at MSU-O.

A teacher at the U.S. Over-

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Foundation Hall consists of two wings, one of which contains 39 classrooms. The other wing consists of the science laboratories, faculty and administrative offices, and also serves as a temporary library. The total cost of the building, including equipment, architectural services, site work, and utilities was \$2,000,000. The cost of the structure itself was about \$14 per square foot, or \$1,400,000. This is about half the sum some high schools cost. The furnishings are strictly functional and include no rugs or draperies.

Much use is made of color to lend variety and attractiveness to cinder block and brick construction. The furnishings are strictly functional and include no rugs nor draperies. It is, Chancellor Varner suggested, a Spartan setting for an Athenian concept of education.

Chancellor Varner told the audience, further, that there never would be any money spent for furnishings that could be used for library or faculty salaries. In so doing, he mentioned what is believed to be a unique feature of Foundation Hall: the smallest chancellor's office anywhere. It measures eight feet by thirteen.

"The quality of a university," he declared, "is not measured by the depth of the rugs on the floor or the size of the chancellor's office, but by the abilities of the faculty and the motivation of the students. It is on these things that we have bet our money and on which we will make our mark."

Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson, who with Mr. Wilson donated their estate and the money for the building, said to the students, "Show your appreciation for the efforts on your behalf by dedicating yourselves to bringing about a better understanding about a better understanding."

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Name This Paper

A contest to pick the most appropriate name for the weekly University newspaper elicited original suggestions from the student body.

A screening committee selected the following contributions for you, the voice of the people, to vote on. Take the initiative. Name your paper.

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Texas has long boasted it produces the biggest and best of everything. After meeting Chancellor D. B. Varner, skeptics often are willing to agree, in part.

As vice president of Michigan State University, which he refers to as our "East Lansing branch," Mr. Varner was made responsible for developing the Wilson gift of \$2,000,000 and 1,600 acres into a new university. Three years of planning with Thomas Hamilton, a fellow MSU vice president, and some of the nation's leading industrialists and educators, resulted in Michigan State University-Oakland as it stands today.

"MSU-O can only become what the faculty and student body want it to become," Mr. Varner said. He offered the opinion that there was more seriousness of purpose in the first three weeks of classes here than in any other university in the country. He proudly pointed to the fact that less than one percent of the enrolled student body have dropped out as compared to five or six percent in other universities.

"The students are to be commended for their excellent conduct and for their performance in the classroom," Mr. Varner said. He expressed the hope that MSU-O students will continue to live up to the privilege of being governed by one basic rule—good conduct.

Mr. Varner is proud of the publicity MSU-O has received throughout the nation. "It's important because it tells the



D. B. Varner

world what we're up to," he said. He pointed out that wide publicity "will attract the kind of faculty we want, and give the students a greater sense of pride in their school."

Mr. Varner's early appreciation of education came to him through his father who was a high school teacher and superintendent of schools in Cottonwood, Texas.

In his senior year at the small Cottonwood school, "Woody" Varner was one of the nine who made up the high school basketball team. Without a coach or gym, the nine from Cottonwood were the talk of the state. "We almost won the state championship that year, but we were finally beaten by a school of 5,000 students," Mr. Varner said.

After graduation Mr. Varner entered Texas A. & M. as a student in marketing and finance. While earning his B.S. degree, he served as president of his class, Cadet Corps Commander, and captain of the basketball team. He graduated as valedictorian.

He became Dean of Students at Texas A. & M. before leaving the university to serve as a Second Lieutenant in the Army during World War II. He participated in campaigns in France and Germany, where he helped organize the Destroyer Tank Force and left as a lieutenant colonel.

After returning home, he earned an M.S. degree in Economics and completed most of the work for his doctorate at the University of Chicago. In

This Librarian Flouts All Rules of Her Trade

The administration of this university prides itself on having no rule book for student conduct. The library is not only in tune but goes further.

Miss Audrey North, the librarian, not only believes that rules are unnecessary, but that Diogenes was a sorehead and time-waster. (If you are not an egghead, he was the Greek who lit a lantern to help him in his search for an honest man).

In substance Miss North's attitude is that all men (and most women) are honest. She, therefore, plans no check-out desk, no electric eye to discover library books on outgoing students, no due dates and no fines. It is hoped that students will make her honor system effective and keep the library from becoming a ghost town. She is already in enough trouble with librarians for her attitude on mankind.

By the end of this year, she said, the library stock will consist of 10,000 books. So far, 700 have been delivered and 500 are on the shelves. They are not all on display because the process of recording and cataloging is a laborious one that costs as much as the book itself, she said.

Another 1,800 books, 200 nationally-circulated magazines, and reference materials are on the way.

Books were ordered in four major categories: (1) Behavioral Sciences (2) Literature, Philosophy and Arts (3) Science (4)

1952 he left Chicago to become Director of Extension Services at Michigan State University, East Lansing. He was made vice president in 1955 and quarter-backed the campaign against vastly superior forces that got the legislative to change Michigan State from college to university. He was made head of MSU-O last year.

"Our goal is to develop a top-rate university designed to advance learning," he said. He said the study of academic subjects should always be the first aim of every student at MSU-O.

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The new library, to be built on a knoll east of South Foundation Hall, is in the preliminary planning stages. Eventually, the new building will be MSU-O's center of focus.

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DORR PRIZE—Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson picks the lucky number for the prize at the first MSU-O dance on October 2. Mr. Wilson looks on and Carl Baber holds the box.

Public Opinion On Leotards

Do you remember when "morning socks," or sometimes referred to as leotards, were first introduced to the public? What was the general attitude toward them? Many of the girls didn't like them, and the male population thought they were ridiculous.

But now it seems that public opinion toward leotards has changed considerably, at least here at MSU-O. I asked several of the students what they thought of them and was I surprised. Approximately 75% of the ladies were in favor of them, and almost 90% of the fellows thought they were "great." The boys not only think leotards look good, but that they're practical in the winter as well.

Some of the replies were:

Danny Rogowski: "I like leotards real well. They're sharp and seem to add color and class."

Kathy Berry: "I like leotards. They're very stylish when worn with the right thing."

Phil Francis: "It all depends on who is wearing them. But really, I like them."

Mrs. Virginia McIntyre: "I don't mind leotards. My daughter wear them. I'm trying to get up enough nerve to wear them myself."

Lucille Younce, school switchboard operator: "Leotards are very comfortable to wear for lounging at home or at football games in cold weather. But the present custom of wearing them to classes or for streetwear, I think, is just a fad and

The Wilsons At Dance

Over 350 students and faculty members attended the first dance at MSU-O Saturday, October 3. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson, Chancellor and Mrs. D. B. Varner were among the guests.

The theme of the affair, billed as a Frosh Mixer, was "Getting to Know You." Each person wore a name tag. The BJ Boys provided the musical atmosphere from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Potato chips and apple cider augmented a gift of cookies from the Wilsons. Door prizes, consisting of a circus cane and a stuffed dog, were won by Gary Wright and Joan Gibb. Masters of ceremonies were Carl Baber and Jack Stuart. The university paid the bill.

The consensus was that the dance was a success, and the students are looking forward to the next. One question remains unanswered: Who kept turning out the lights? Come to the next one and find out.

greatly detracts from femininity. In many cases they look positively grotesque.

Dr. Paul Tomboulain: "Girls' leotards. For me? I don't know. I don't notice things like that."

Dean Robert Hoopes: "I like them best on bear skin rugs in front of the fireplace, but even better on someone."

Chancellor D.B. Varner: "I want it understood that I do not notice girl's legs. I am more interested in reading Plato, Aristotle and Lyall Smith."

"Beatnik Bounce" Is Next Dance On October 31

The next dance, Beatnik Bounce, will be held in the Student Center on Saturday, October 31.

Jan Kelley, dance committee chairman, said the affair will be real "Beat." There will be jazz records for dancing and poetry to be read, by a great beatnik. Also, there will be fruit juice with exotic names, boards to draw on just to express yourself, groups to get up and do beat dances, and artist, Al Higgins, to draw pictures.

Three days before the dance Jan said, there will be a special feature to publicize it.

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seas Mission in the Sudan desired a position in Teacher Education. This was just one of several applications for teaching jobs. Other letters were from a professor of psychology from Maine, a New York professor of musicology, an American abroad on a French government grant, and prospective faculty members in Arizona and Pennsylvania.

Many of the letters mentioned Life magazine, which in its lead editorial October 6, pondered that "although this country has been a smashing success politically and economically, a big question remains about its mass culture."

But, the magazine went on, things may not be as bad as one thinks, for over one million copies of the *Iliad and the Odyssey* have been bought, and "a new college with a credo Athenians would respect was opened at Oakland, Mich., by MSU staffed mostly by brilliant young Ph.D.s and dedicated by its 39 year-old dean Robert Hoopes to teach the art of living and pure knowledge . . ."

Other letters mentioned the New York Times. The Times called MSU-O "a new departure in state universities." A Detroit News article referred to "space-age concepts" and a "quality of freshness."

Many of the letters mentioned the story in Time Magazine. Time spoke of MSU's desire to build "a top-drawer liberal arts college." The Pontiac Press published a special section September 21, commemorating the opening of the nation's newest university.

Last year, when special seminars were held at MSU-O for prominent educators and business and professional leaders, comments came from around the country. Newsweek viewed "a succulent academic dish." Others commented: "utopia of engineering curriculums" (Pontiac Press), "unusual step" (New York Times), and a "new look in learning" (Chicago Tribune).

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Because many young boys are self-conscious of their appearance, the wool worsted jacket has some shoulder padding to make him appear taller and more broad shouldered.

Jacket is shaped, too, and in keeping with the authentic Continental look, it sports two—not three—buttons. Pockets come slanted, have lapped seams, no flaps. And of course, deep side vents provide a true Continental flavor.

One thing more: matching trousers on the Continental come with side tabs. Don't worry about how they stay up, they do! And last but not least—have them altered without cuffs. Cuffs on trousers are a thing of the past!

Harold Dessler, stylist for the Wool Bureau, has scouted prep shops all over the country and reports that the fall '59's important colors in fine wool worsted suits are in the brown family.

For school, weekend dates, movie-going, partying, high school boys will look their best in the new "burnished" tones, and in subdued tones of olive green, dark grey, brown.

Wool takes to these dyes like a duck to water. In tailoring, too, only wool gives an authentic Continental impression.

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Young men from 14 to 17 will find a host of Ivy-styled suits in the same burnished tones as in the Continental: in wool hopsacking, wool cheviot and worsted flannels—fabrics that hold their press and tailor to perfection.

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Intramurals Under Way

The MSU-O intramural sports program is under way. A week long archery tournament started Monday, a bowling party every Tuesday afternoon at Rochester Lanes, and a women's basketball and volleyball Recreation night on Wednesday.

Two committees under the direction of Mr. Hollie Lepley and Miss Jean Young are working on an additional list of activities for both students and faculty.

For the last two weeks a group of fifty archers have been meeting Monday through Thursday from 12 to 2 on the field adjacent to the parking lot. The tournament, which will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 4:30, is open to all students and faculty members. There will be five ends (five rounds of six arrows) at distances of fifteen, twenty and twenty-five feet for women, and twenty, twenty-five and thirty feet for men.

Golf classes for both instruction and practice meet Monday through Thursday from 12:30 to 2 beside the archery range.

There are a few openings still available on the MSU-O bowling teams which meets every Tuesday from 12:30 to 2. All bowlers provide their own transportation and pay a reduced fee of thirty cents a line plus twenty cents for shoe rental.

Mr. Lepley announced that marksmanship and casting classes will be held in the future if there are interested students.

Gary Acker, chairman of the Men's Intramural committee, said his group is planning a basketball league. Judy Brooks, chairman of the Women's Intramural Committee, announced plans for a girl's basketball and volleyball league which will meet Wednesday evenings.

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Varner Discourages MSU-O Students From Working

Students at Michigan State University-Oakland are being discouraged from taking off-campus jobs.

Chancellor D. B. Varner told parents gathered at a convocation for them recently that any student who tries to carry a full academic load along with a full or part-time job off campus is "cheating himself" because the curriculum at MSU-O is not a part-time operation.

"We believe it is vitally important that the student stay on the campus eight hours a day," he said.

Varner urged any student who needs an off-campus job to consider instead a student loan, so that his full energies might be devoted to what he called "the most important job the young person shall ever undertake." He warned that "the task at hand is crucial."

Loans are available to MSU-O students under the National Defense Education Act. They bear interest at only three percent and repayment does not begin until a year after the student leaves college. Up to half the loan will be forgiven for teaching in public school.

Varner told the parents also that the task of MSU-O is one of education, "not as a mechanistic, automated function, but the highly responsible, sober, thoroughly personal business of

working with and developing the minds of your sons and daughters as individuals."

He stressed the shared responsibility of the parent and the university. "The task of the university is not to train a student for his first job," he said, "but rather the development of an intellectual discipline which will enable the student to cope with new situations and new problems."

"The university's task is not custodial," he said. "We have selected this student body on the assumption that we have, first of all, ladies and gentlemen. We do not propose, therefore, to behave as a police force. We also believe that our responsibility for the conduct of students is confined to this campus."

He announced there is to be no university rule compelling students to attend classes, although individual professors may differ on this policy.

"Our expectation is a certain level of excellence, and we will have classes and professors to help him achieve this level. It may well be that the imaginative student can find a better way — if so, we shall applaud him, not expel him," Varner said.

"Some of the ideas their children must be exposed to," Varner said, "might be 'alien'. But, he said, 'Unless we fail utterly

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Tops on campuses in all 50 states is the new "Italian Continental" suit, reports the Wool Bureau. It is the most eye-catching suit for the school year ahead.

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in our educational mission, they will learn to discriminate among ideas. If this is not achieved, then Democracy, is doomed because this assumption lies at the very heart of the democratic concept."

Because the students are reading Karl Marx, do not jump to the conclusion that we are teaching Communism, he said. "Any educated person in today's world must know about Communism."

Varner also drew parents' attention to a unique program designed especially for them at the new university. He announced eighteen non-credit courses to be offered at night for parents, on the theory that it is an opportunity for combined growth, a means of satisfaction which comes from additional learning, and a means for appreciating more fully the experience of sons and daughters.

He concluded with these words: "We shall do our very best to provide the kind of leadership and stimulus, with the resources at hand, which will justify the confidence you have placed in us and which will help us achieve our goal — that of providing for your sons and daughters the best college education in America."

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If it is the latter, you need not feel that this is an attempt to conform you, for as everyone should know by now, this is the first (or last) stand of the uncowed, as well as of the uncoordinated individual. You also have the word of the dean (an early-postwar style rug-cutter) that this institution wants to turn out men with sharp, abrasive edges. So do the girls. They are enthusiastic for this, and will hold open the dance hall doors so it can be done.

But, if on the other hand, even in this Michigan climate you have soft thoughts, pine for rhythm and dream not of the wallflower (all roots, no nectar) but of the butterfly, this is for you. The answer is: you must learn to dance.

As the Ritz Brothers, in an historic moment of harmonic Hollywood truth in an earlier era of the development of West-

ern ideas said: "He ain't got rhythm, he's the loneliest man in town," to the tune of the same name.

But at the opening social function of this institution, the tea at the Alfred G. Wilsons' Meadow Brook Hall, October 1, it was evident that this truth had not been found by many, for the crowd was wallflowers, two to one.

You may not be a true wallflower at all; only a grub unable to negotiate an unassisted metamorphosis. If you want to get wings so you too can flit and be fickle, fill out the blank. If enough are interested, something can be done, easily.

There are several alternatives. One is to engage such a firm as Arthur Murray for group lessons, which would cost about \$15 for ten lessons of an hour and a half each. Another is to ask the physical education department to give them or to dig up teachers. Those who have had them say mass lessons are effective and fun besides.

Wilsons Hosts to Students

Following the dedication of MSU-O's first academic building on October 1 faculty and students were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson at a tea given in Meadow Brook Hall. Cars belonging to the more than 500 visitors were parked in an area adjoining the medieval estate.

Building costs of the Wilson mansion reached \$3½ million. Upon completion of the home in 1928, \$6½ million was spent to furnish it. Gold plated fixtures, oriental rugs, and the use of the silk wall treatment in some rooms were but a few of the features which attracted much attention.

In the living room off the long hallway was the receiving line. Harold Fitzgerald, publisher of the Pontiac Press, introduced the guests to Chancellor and Mrs. D. B. Varner; and to their hostess Mrs. Wilson.

Tea and pettifors were served in the 45-foot long banquet room. In this room hang many paintings by famed artists; among them is a portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart. These are part of a collection that includes the works of 60 artists and is valued at \$10,000,000.

Complete works of several authors can be found in the

Wilson's library. They are covered with hand-bound leather and fill shelves behind wire grills.

On the second floor are the private rooms belonging to each member of the family. Guests' rooms are numerous. Each one bears a different name which corresponds to the motif of its decor.

In the sunken ballroom along the main corridor, some 200 students, led by Dean Robert Hoopes, formed an impromptu and oversized barbershop quartet. This was followed by dancing to the music of a three-piece group. Looking down from one of the corridor windows, Mrs. Varner observed that "this is the first tea at which we ever danced." Mrs. Wilson standing beside her, her foot keeping time to the music, said, "I'm glad they're enjoying the party."

After attempting to absorb as much of the atmosphere as possible, the visitors slowly walked out to their cars and back to reality. "I'd like to be a guest here for the rest of my life," Don Peters said as he left.

Mrs. Wilson entered the ballroom as the remaining few gave their all to a chorus of "Heart of My Heart." While she was dancing she was saluted with, "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow."



MSU-O MAESTRO—Mrs. Isabel Himelhoch of Birmingham, who will develop a program of musical activities on the campus—choral groups, glee club, musical productions such as operettas, and beyond, depending on what students wish to do. Mrs. Himelhoch will meet at 1 p.m. today in the West Lecture hall to talk with all students interested in musical ventures, to get ideas, and perhaps to hear some voices. About 100 students have expressed such interests. Mrs. Himelhoch, a graduate of Wheaton College, was conductor and composer for the college singing group and wrote the music for annual college musicals. She also has sung Gilbert & Sullivan operetta leads, had several years of voice study and has done graduate work in the Harvard School of Music.

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Quiet, Please

As a student body in a new school situation, we are bound to meet some problems. But we hope that as each new problem arises, we can provide a suitable solution.

We have met the first such problem. Many complaints have emanated from the student body concerning the noise in the library. At a recent meeting of the students, Dean Alexander read an unsigned letter on the noise. The writer referred to Chancellor Varner's remark that "each student should spend eight hours a day at school to get the most out of it." Where, the writer asked, was a student to study if not in the library?

The Dean firmly agreed that a tradition of quiet must be originated by the students themselves in the library. He said that the library was a place for work and study and for nothing else.

The library quieted down but only for a few days. Once again the noise level rose. Both students and Miss Audrey North, the assistant librarian have been disgusted. Many began seeking other, quieter places to study.

A situation such as this would not even have been allowed to start in an established institution. If students knew what the peace and quiet of the library was going to mean to them later on, they would attempt to establish a tradition of "shut up or get out" and keep it.

Students might respect the library if they knew what the librarians are doing to make it one of top-notch quality — the gigantic orders of books and the installation of an honor system. If the librarians must become eagle-eyed disciplinarians, they will. Students who cannot act properly in the library now might not be able to accept the privileges which go with an honor system. Talk to any student who was at MSU when the honor system in the library was discontinued there.

The completion of the lounges in the student center will relieve the temptation to chat in the library by providing a place for socializing. Right now, however, let's show a little consideration for each other and show that we possess maturity enough to act like college students in the library.

What is to happen to our library? The answer is up to us. If we can't solve the problem, we know what will happen. Librarians will become disciplinarians. We shall lose privileges in the library, and because we show we cannot accept responsibility there, we might lose privileges elsewhere. Also, if the librarians must devote time to policing the library, there will be that much less time to order needed books and to get them on the shelves.

Again, the solution is up to us. We are supposed to be a hand-picked student body. The library must be a place for study. To serve this function it must be quiet.

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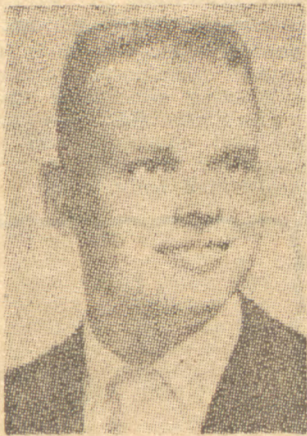
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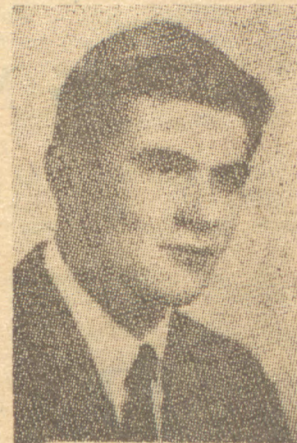
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