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COME AND HEAR OUR SOUND OF MUSIC

The Meadow Brook Festival, which has carried Oakland University's name across the seas, will provide a free musical interlude for many new OU students this summer. Five Thursday night concerts (June 27, July 11, 18 and 25, and August 1) coincide with Freshman Orientation sessions and will be open free to the orientation participants.

An eight-week, 34-event symphony program makes the Meadow Brook Festival the "summer place" for alumni, students, and residents of the area. The Festival celebrates its fifth anniversary this coming season with the most ambitious summer program in the nation. Of major interest will be the Festival's first venture into dance with six performances of the 95-member American Ballet Theatre scheduled for July 30 through August 4. The ABT will come to Meadow Brook with ballets newly mounted for a festival week at Lincoln Center in New York.

The Festival features concerts by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Sixten Ehrling, and noted guest artists. The third week of the season will be guest conducted by Andre Kostelanetz, who will have for his soloists pianist Eugene List (July 11-12) and soprano Judith Raskin (July 13-14).

Three other pianists of major stature will be soloists: Vladimir Ashkenazy (July 4-7), Philippe Entremont (July 20-21 and August 8-9), and Alexis Weissenberg (July 27-28).

Mischa Mischakoff, Detroit Symphony concertmaster, will be honored with August 17-18 concerts marking his retirement at the close of this season. His close friend, the great cellist Gregor Piatigorsky, will play at Meadow Brook on August 17 and in a duet with violinist Mischakoff on August 18.



Soprano Anna Moffo will sing August 10-11 on a program which also will include the world premiere performances of a major work commissioned for the Festival from Lester Trimble, composer in residence for the New York Philharmonic. Other featured soloists will include cellist Leonard Rose (July 25-26), and violinists Camilla Wicks (June 27-30), and Edith Peinemann (August 15-16).

GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY BOOK CENTER

Books are an important part of your life, an integral part of your educational experience, and perhaps the most important educational tool you will use during your lifetime.

We would like to share with you the exciting world of books and the joy of reading. The University Book Center offers a complete book service. We have all the books you will need for your classes. We also offer for sale a large selection of those items related to the classroom: notebooks, stationery and office supplies, engineering and art supplies, and study aids for your room. We carry a complete assortment of Oakland University seal items in clothing, stationery, and souvenirs.

We're a busy place, a friendly place, a viable place, a place concerned about the educational experience and the world in which we live. Come and see us--we're located on the lower level of the Oakland Center. Our hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week. During the hectic days at the beginning of each new semester we stay open evenings.

We congratulate you on your acceptance to this exciting school and look forward to personally greeting you all.

William K. Marshall, Director



SCHOLAR SHOP: A BIT OF FOREIGN INTRIGUE

Oakland University's Scholar Shop will open its fourth season on the lower level of the Oakland Center during the fall of 1968. During summer months it is in business at Trumbull Terrace on the Meadow Brook Festival grounds as an added attraction of the concert season.

(Operated by volunteers of the Oakland University Scholarship Committee--and turning all of its profits toward scholarships for OU students--the shop offers an unusual array of gifts, pieces of art, dorm room accessories, jewelry, and clothing accessories. Much of the merchandise is imported from the far corners of the world and includes posters, India print bedspreads, desk items, mobiles, prints, coffee mugs, artificial flowers, basket-work, patterned hose and panty hose, dresses, shifts, and sportswear. At Christmas and Hanukkah time the shelves feature a wide assortment of holiday decorations, gifts, wrappings, and cards.

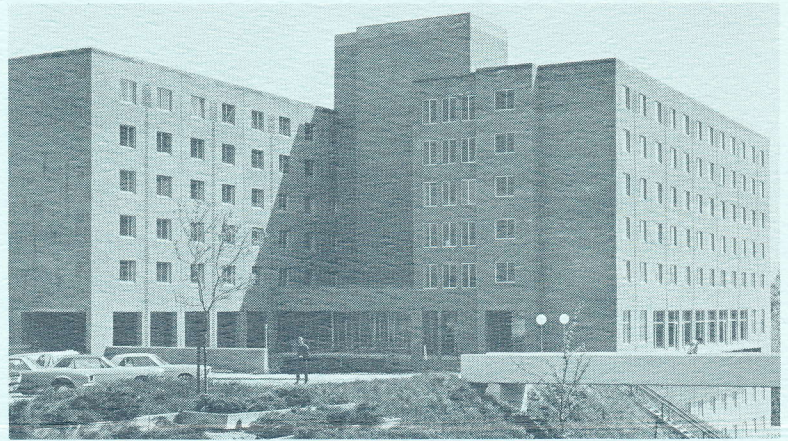
Winter hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday. During the Festival season, the Trumbull Terrace shop is open before and after each concert and during intermissions.



DELAYED BY STRIKE

Construction has been halted by a building trades strike on the two largest buildings on campus, (above) the \$5,000,000 Dodge Hall of Engineering and (right) the \$3,700,000 Hamlin Hall. Both were originally scheduled for completion this past spring and for occupancy by the start of the fall term.

Dodge Hall will house the School of Engineering and Department of Biology, presently situated in the adjacent Science Building, along with the School of Education offices. The fourth floor will be taken up completely by OU's new Institute of Biological Sciences made possible by a construction fund grant from the National Institutes of Health.



Hamlin Hall, the University's largest dormitory with nine stories and a capacity of 676, will house men students in one wing, women students in the other. The taller center core holds service facilities on the upper levels, with lounges, study areas, and games rooms on the lower floors.

Another building on which construction has been interrupted by the strike is the \$666,000 Student Health Center. The one-story structure will include offices for doctors and a medical director, living quarters for round-the-clock medical attendants, examination rooms, first aid room, physical therapy room, six hospital care rooms for either two or four patients, two isolation wards, and two solariums overlooking the lake--which students have irrevocably christened "Beer Lake"--in front of Vandenberg Hall.

MEADOW BROOK--THE TRADITION OF A NAME

You will find the name "Meadow Brook" borne by many things on and near campus-- Festival, Theatre, Fair, School of Music, Elementary School, Subdivision, and Baptist Church, among others. It all began with Meadow Brook Hall, one of the world's great homes, built in the 1920s on the estate which has since become Oakland University.

Meadow Brook Hall was the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson. It is surrounded by wooded and rolling pasture land on which the Wilsons bred great herds of horses, from miniature Shetlands to gigantic Belgian draft horses. In 1957 they gave their 1,400-acre estate and \$2,000,000 in cash to found the University, retaining during their lifetime the use of Meadow Brook Hall as their home. The mansion officially became University property upon Mrs. Wilson's death last fall. However, the estate is still being probated in court and no decision has been made as to its future use.

The Hall is said to contain 200 rooms, although short of counting them there seems to be no way to verify this number. Other facts and figures are more certain. It is 410 feet long and has 26 fireplaces; 14 chimney clusters (no two alike); living room, dining room, and two-story ballroom each measuring about 20 by 50 feet; nine maids' rooms; suites for housekeepers and butlers; a nine-car garage; and a secret staircase.

On a trip to Europe in the mid-20s, the Wilsons visited a number of famous English manor houses for ideas that were later incorporated in their stately home. The resultant architectural style has been termed a combination of Tudor and Stuart influences, although the Wilsons liked to think of their home as American.

Construction was begun in 1926 and completed, at a cost of more than \$3,000,000 within days of the stock market crash in 1929. Among its elegant furnishings are art masterpieces by Rembrandt, Gainsborough, Murillo, Reynolds, Van Dyck, Turner, and Verrocchio; an organ that cost \$50,000 shortly after World War I; tapestries from a French castle; and other art objects from all over the world.

Early planning of the University was done in Meadow Brook Hall by a panel of distinguished educators and statesmen whose meetings were known as the Meadow Brook Seminars. The Wilsons continued to open the doors of their home to many University functions, including most recently a reception, banquet, and dance for seniors a year ago.

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