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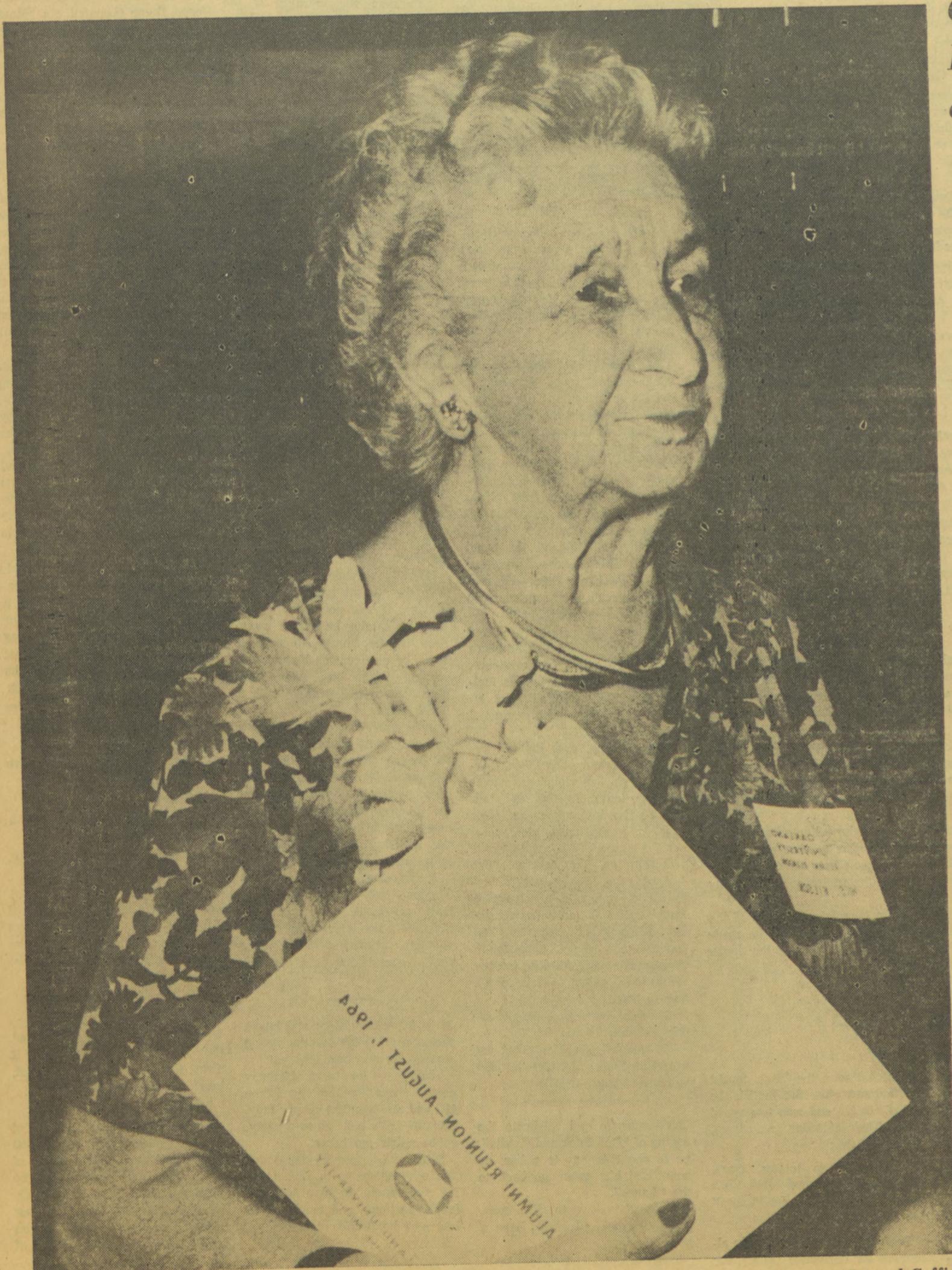
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## Happy Birthday Mrs. Wilson



### *OU to Honor Birthday of a Great Lady*

by Maggie O'Reilly  
News Editor

Tonight, Friday October 16, is the gala occasion. Mrs. Wilson celebrates her 81st birthday with OU.

Oakland Center is reborn in the autumn image of the Baldwin Memorial Pavilion. Guests converge from all over the metropolitan area. Warren Covington arrives to provide music for the 9 till 1 fete as committees work feverishly to complete finishing touches.

Why all the hustle? To live up to a history of fun and frolic traditionally surrounding Mrs. Wilson's birthday. It all began in 1956 when Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson offered their 1,600 acre Meadowbrook Farms Estates to M.S.U. for the construction of a new college to serve the Oakland County area.

To put the wheels in motion they also gave \$2 million to begin constructing the first two classroom and administration buildings, North and South Foundation Halls. Michigan State University Oakland grew and became Oakland University and progress has been overwhelming due in large part to the generosity and encouragement of Mrs. Wilson.

A combined student-administration venture to demonstrate OU's gratitude to Mrs. Wilson is the annual celebration of her birthday. Under Student Activities, Director James Petty and Student Finance Committee, Maggie O'Reilly and Vic Jarosz have planned to make Mrs. Wilson's birthday party the most widely attended all-university event of the year.

Warren Covington and his Orchestra will provide music for dancing from 9 p.m. till 1 a.m. in the Resident Cafeteria. Covington will play under a replica of the band shell looking toward a raised platform seating Mrs. Wilson and guests of honor.

Carrying out the autumn pavilion theme students have signed Mrs. Wilson's birthday card, an artists conception of the Baldwin Memorial pavilion done by John Marshall, sr. At 10:30 Bob Linsenman, chairman of the Senior Steering Committee will present Mrs. Wilson with one red rose and 31

MRS. ALFRED G. WILSON

Photo by Howard Coffin

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### Editorial

## Senate Rejects Press

Two weeks ago, Oakland's Faculty Senate overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to admit an Observer reporter to Senate meetings.

Many reasons were offered by different senators for the rejection of the proposal which was suggested by Richard Quaintance, chairman of the Senate's Publications Committee.

Primary among the excuses voiced was that the presence of a reporter would put a damper on the open conversation at Senate meetings. The membership felt that the present give-and-take procedure would be abandoned in favor of a more formal structure if the Observer were admitted. This they feel, would reduce the effectiveness of the Senate.

We strongly agree with Dean O'Dowd's response to this idea. He was quoted as saying that he personally felt that the Senate would become accustomed to a reporter and would go about its business without much change in procedure.

Another problem raised by the Senate was the fear that if the Observer were admitted, then other area newspapers could not be kept out and their pressure may be felt on important decisions of the Senate.

Again, the Senate seems over-cautious. The relation of the Observer to Senate action is much closer than that body's relation with area newspapers. Certainly, the Senate would be justified, if it so desired, in admitting the Observer while refusing to admit the outside press.

### MISREPRESENTATION?

Misrepresentation was another reason advanced by the Senate to justify its decision. However, we believe that the present system actually fosters misrepresentation. As it now stands, news of Senate action is released by Dean O'Dowd's office and details reach the Observer in the form of rumor from faculty members whose accounts often differ.

The other major complaint put forward by the Senate is that several of their decisions are not the proper business of the students. We agree on this point — such things as faculty salaries and promotions are not in the sphere of the Observer. However, such things as curriculum changes, athletic policy and student affairs are of vital interest to the student body.

### COMPROMISE?

Aside from the debatable validity of the Senate arguments, we must take strong exception to the manner in which the Senate handled our proposal. In the wake of their apparently overwhelming vote, no compromise was offered to improve communication between the student body and the faculty group.

Furthermore, from all reports, the Senate gave little or no time to the Observer viewpoints. We feel that many matters of the senate are of direct and vital importance to the student body, and the most obvious and effective way of communicating senate action is through the student newspaper.

The Senate minutes, to which we currently have limited access, are inadequate for accurate newspaper coverage. The most effective manner of communication would be to have an Observer reporter on hand at Senate meetings in order that both the majority and minority viewpoints might be expressed.

In our attempt to give wider and more complete coverage of the University, we feel that it is essential that Senate matters be made known to the student body. With this goal in mind, we ask the Senate to reconsider its decision of two weeks ago.

## Krausmeyer's Alley

by Bob Linsenman

I hear a very amusing story the other day. It concerns a group of students (a fun loving lot of all American type boys) who conduct their studies at a well known university.

As the story unraveled, it seemed to me that those boys are not the motley crew they seem at first impression, but in truth they are the high-living, fast-moving, long dead spirit of American

youth that mon the West, fought the Indians, gave the British the "bird" in '76 and won two world wars. Their calendar goes something like this:

Monday — go to one class, rival something, read "Bell Book and Candle," go to the "Lanes" for merrymaking.

Tuesday — spend your daily allotment for cigarettes (\$3.50), for

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

"Modesty is the lowest of virtues and is the confession of the deficiency it indicates." Hazlitt.

Inhabitants of the 'Convent on the hill' arise! At this very moment your sacredness, segregation, virginity, and underwear in the dryer are being threatened by coed dormitorys.

Yes, coed dorms, why the very thought of it would make grandmother shudder. It is a sure fact that her bloomers were not threatened because of coed laundry rooms. But we must not regress as do able politicians, but must face the problem as it exists today.

We got trouble  
Right here at Hill House  
yes, we got trouble  
and that's spelled with T  
which rhymes with B

## Perspective

by Stuart Goldberg

Aren't you tired of those "classical music for people who don't like classical music" programs? Aren't you sick unto death of hearing the "William Tell Overture" (subtitle: "Lone Ranger Fantasy") and the "Nutcracker Suite"?

Don't you choke when they play "Sheherazade", and grimace at the 98c record of the "1812 Overture" played by the Alsace-Lorraine provincial orchestra?

We remember a didactic representation of the "Surprise Symphony" in our beginning piano book, with words, no less: "Papa Haydn's dead and gone/But his memory lingers on. . ." Yeah.

Finally, at Oakland the trend breaks. This Sunday, professor Wilbur W. Kent, Oakland's pied piper, presents a new approach to pedagogical concerts.

"Music," Mr. Kent offered through a cloud of Dutch Amphora "can be an enjoyable experience. Many people go to concerts feeling that it's a stuffed shirt affair; this recital will be conducted informally."

The Baroque and Rococo recital will feature Mr. Kent performing on the violin and viola. Between numbers, he will talk about string instruments and their makers, value, uses, etc.

"The concert is scheduled as a lecture," Mr. Kent told us, "but I don't even like the word 'lecture'; it's more of a 'conversation.'" "This is an introduction; no background is required. You have to know what to listen for to enjoy music, so before the various pieces I'm going to talk about how to listen.

"If you're interested, come Sunday and have some fun."

We assured Mr. Kent that we would be there, and then hurried to find out more details . . .

liquid courage and celebrate the ending of "Bell Book and Candle", go to one class, go to a bar, go home and kiss mom, go back to the "Lanes".

Wednesday — go to all classes, study like hell all night, have a good dream.

Thursday — The weekend starts.

that stands for BOYS.

Girls we have to face this problem as would any red-blooded 18th century American girl. Look at the facts. Examine the facts. Then totally disregard the facts. And remember, don't let any argument make you stray from your "modesty."

How will we dress while roaming in the lounge. And we won't be fully dressed because our undergarments are lost in the bottomless dryer, And BOYS being what they are will surely find this out.

Consider the morality of the situation. In the same building BOYS and girls - together. What would grandmother say? That's correct girls, we would be separated from the BOYS by only one floor. A coed floor at that. Heavens to Betsy.

Also we must consider the popular consensus. Why we are only outnumbered 4-1. Are we going to forsake our selfishness and allow the majority start a 'locomotive for coed dormitorys'? No! We will fight for Hill House, that home of suffering. So fight girls, fight, but don't forget our modesty.

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To the Editor:

I would like to register a protest against the people in charge of the catalogs in the Registrar's office. There is a new 1964-1965 Oakland University Catalog with a nifty blue cover that has the OU emblem embossed on it.

This must make it a bit expensive to produce. The catalogs are being passed out, as it seems, to every one except present OU students who perhaps are the people who really need them just as much as prospective students.

What is a catalog for if not to help the student who is attending college. If one needs to look at the new catalog he has to tramp over to the library to read it there or else rely on his old 1963 catalog which are now being given out to OU students with a lavish hand.

Unfortunately the old catalog has at least 25 courses which are no longer offered and does not list over 40 new courses. Nor does it mention anything about the biology department, or the new program in area studies. We, the present students, need this information.

If the cost of producing this "student bait" is too high, at least give out the section on the description of courses to the students, whenever 10 or more courses are added or dropped.

Handyman

go to a package store and buy a package, go to the meeting, go to a party, go to a bar, go home.

Friday — go to a birthday party, cheer for the handsome MC and the beautiful elderly lady, ring the DU's bell, go to a party, go to a bar, go home.

Saturday — Party all day, laugh in the sunshine, go to East Lansing and laugh, go to a bar and laugh, go home and laugh, go to bed and laugh all night.

Sunday — Wake up laughin', go to church, go to church, go to

## WARPATH

by Joe-Joe Tonka Bryans

The second annual meeting of the Committee for the Improvement of Student Culture Through Travel is over. The last Auld Lang Syne having been sung and everyone having safely returned to "down below," it is now time to think over the value of the culture trip.

If the trek were judged on the culture bit alone, it was a flop, a bigger flop than the one "Dodo" Dudley took when she fell off the beam Friday night. Admittedly, side jaunts were made. Tahquamenon River (Longfellow's "Marsh of the Blueberries") was the most popular attraction. Tahquamenon Falls, the largest waterfall east of the Mississippi, excepting the Niagara, was majestically inviting. It was so inviting that it lured five innocents to go behind the forty-eight foot high wall of water to the coldest shower that they ever had.

It is interesting to note that Mackinac Island, one of the few sites of Upper Peninsular culture, was avoided by the members of the Committee. The probable reason for this evasion is the fact that the Moral Re-Armament Center is located on the island. One usually avoids prickings (mental) on culture sprees.

Beyond a doubt the most traveling that was done occurred within the rustic cabins by Brevoort Lake. Here, in the cabins owned by Penny Barrett's parents, was the focal vocal point of the meeting. A slowed up pace of musical chairs seemed to be the general tone of the event. People wandered chit-chattingly about. Little formality existed and people seemed to a degree friendly.

So, then, to be perfectly honest, the cultural trip was a gem alcoholically, a gyp culturally, and a Josh Conversationally. To further sum up, I offer the following which was heard at one joint last weekend and which indicates the general attitude of those present:

"We're poor little lambs who've lost our way,

Baa! Baa! Baa!

We're little black sheep who've gone astray,

Baa-aa-aa!

Gentleman-rankers off on a spree,

Damned from here to eternity,  
God ha' mercy on such as we,  
Bah! Yah! Baa!"

(Originally originated by Rudyard Kipling, but the song took its own U.P. flavor when the last line became Beatlized, "Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!")

football game and snicker, WHERE'S THE BELL? Find out that the Dumb Udders gave it away. Go to a bar and feel proud, laugh all the way home.

Monday — start all over.

They are a great bunch of fictional fellows. True gentlemen of the parking lot and knights of the road. God Bless and keep them and save them from laughing themselves to death. One last hooray for those great brown bottle boys out of the pages of the old middle west.

# Brass Crushes Council's Co-ed Dorm Plan

## InterVarsity Plans Full Schedule

The Oakland Chapter of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, a nation-wide organization with groups in 450 colleges and universities, is now entering its sixth year of activity on Oakland's campus. It was originally conceived and has been continued entirely by student initiative.

INTER-VARSITY students are from many different churches, united in relating the Christian faith to every aspect of campus life. The university philosophy requires each student to examine traditional and experimental values and attitudes toward life.

Inter-Varsity asks each student to apply this investigative principle and examine his own presuppositions and those of basic, New Testament Christianity. Its members seek to provide both the opportunity and the stimulus for personal investigation of the claims of Christ and their contemporary relevance to the individual human life.

**"PUBLIC DEBATE:** Humanism or Christianity?" — the major presentation this semester, — will take place Monday, October 19, at 4:00 in the Gold Room.

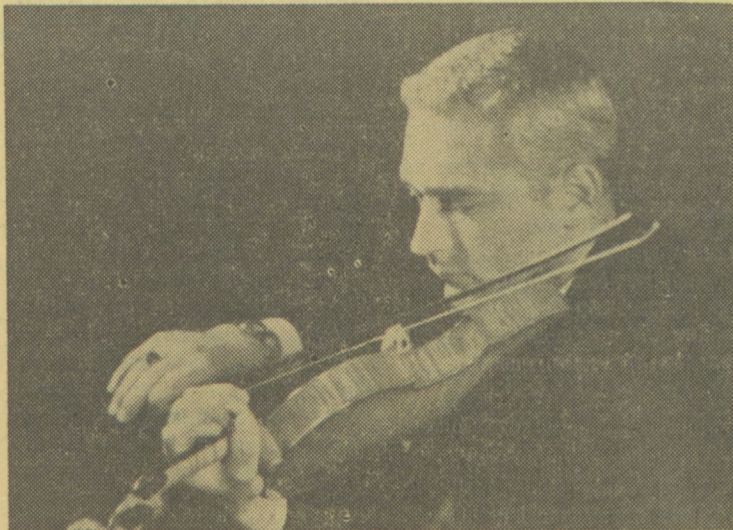
The Debate will be followed by an evening Dorm Discussion involving both speakers. The content of this Discussion probably will be largely determined by the issues discussed and the questions asked in the course of the Debate; thus, the Discussion will function as a forum for further clarification.

IN THE WEEKS following the Debate there will be a series of six lectures designed to present an answer to some of the basic questions usually raised by students in discussions. The lecture topics are, "Christianity Faces the World Religions" (October 28); "Is Morality Really Enough?" (November 4); "Is Morality Only Relative?" (November 11); "Science and Miracles" (November 18); "The Problem of Evil" (December 2); and "The Trustworthiness of the Bible" (December 9).

Six highly competent speakers have been secured, including Dr. Kenneth L. Pike, Professor of Linguistics at the University of Michigan, and Dr. George J. Van Wylen, Chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Michigan. All regular meetings are held 12:15-1:00 in Room 126 of the Oakland Center.

THERE WILL be a Halloween Party October 23. The tapes of the lectures given by Dr. Billy Graham at the University of Michigan last spring, will be played at 7:30 in the evening, October 30.

The semester activities will conclude with Inter-Varsity's Seventh (triennial) International Student University of Illinois in Urbana, At-Missionary Convention at the Unintendance at the Convention may exceed 6,000 and the Oakland Chapter's goal is to send a delegation of 20 students.



WILBUR KENT will present a recital and discussion this Sunday. Kent's program will deal with Baroque and Rococo string music.

## Kent to Feature Strings in Sunday's Baroque Recital

Wilbur W. Kent, assistant professor of music, will present a violin and viola lecture-recital Sunday, October 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre. His performance will be the second program of the 1964-65 OU Concert-Lecture series.

KENT, WHO is conductor of orchestra, has been a string instructor at Interlochen, and conductor at Cornell College Church Music Camp in Iowa.

His guest conducting engagements have included the Central Iowa Orchestra Festival and the Ottumwa Heights String Festival, along with viola clinical work at Wisconsin and Iowa string conferences and at the Chicago Midwest Orchestra Day. Kent has had solo appearances with the University of the South chamber ensemble touring the south-central states; with the Quincy, Illinois Symphony Orchestra; and at the National Convention of Music Teachers' National Association in Kansas City.

FORMERLY DIRECTOR of string music education in the Stevens Point, Wisconsin, public schools and instructor at Wisconsin, public schools and instructor at Wisconsin State College, Kent came to the Oakland staff this year from Cornell College of Iowa. At Cornell he was head of the music therapy department and instructed the private string and chamber music programs. Kent received his bachelor's degree at the University of Kansas and his master's in music at the University of Illinois.

His Sunday afternoon program will be titled "Music for Strings from the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries."

He will be assisted by Clive Henery, assistant instructor of music, on the harpsichord.

Students will be admitted free with ID cards. Student tickets may be picked up at the Activities Desk. There is a \$1.50 admission charge for the public.



Learning about a European buffet.

## 25,000 EUROPEAN JOBS

Grand Duchy of Luxembourg —25,000 jobs in Europe are available to students desiring to spend a summer abroad but could not otherwise afford it. Monthly wages range to \$300 and jobs include resort, office, child care, factory, farm and shipboard work. \$250 travel grants will be given to the first 5000 applicants. Job and travel grant applications and full details are available in a 36-page illustrated booklet which students may obtain by sending \$2 (for the booklet and airmail postage) to Dept. O, American Student Information Service, 22 Ave. de la Liberte, Luxembourg City, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

## Administration Tells Dorm Council "Hill Not Designed for Co-ed Use," Ask Council's Help in Future Plans

The plan to have Hill House remain a women's residence and Anibal become a men's residence was confirmed Thursday by Mrs. Haddix, Director of Residences. The decision was made in consultation with Messers Varner and Stoutenburg as well as the Dormitory Council and the residence halls staff.

The Council proposed that Hill House be co-educational and Anibal be for women only, and the proposal was carefully considered before action was taken. Mrs. Haddix said "Hill was not built to be co-educational, and the difficulties involved in using the building for something it was not designed to do are greater than the benefit derived from the co-educational residence experience."

This decision will also apply to Dormitory No. 5 which is architecturally identical to Hill and scheduled for completion in September, 1965.

"The Dormitory Council's report indicates student support of the co-ed idea and it will be used in future planning. I have also asked the Council to give me the specific recommendations for co-educational housing, and I wish to compliment the organization on their report."

Haddix's decision came despite an overwhelming student support of the Dorm Council co-ed Housing proposal at a mass meeting Tuesday evening.

Nearly 150 students demonstrated their support of the Council's proposal by voting 108-32 for the plan.

Under the Dorm Council's rejected proposal Pryale House would remain co-ed, three upper floors of Hill House would house women. Anibal would have men, and two lower floors would house only women, and Fitzgerald would remain all male.

## Participation High At Writing Center

There are now 70 students in the Writing Center, established this year under the direction of Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Rosen of the English department. This response, according to the co-directors, is considered very good.

Mrs. Rosen said; "We are very pleased with the program thus far. Most of the faculty and students have been very co-operative, and we feel that those enrolled in the Writing Center are benefitting from it."

The Center commenced a new project last Tuesday. Lecture discussion sessions by Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Rosen will be held in room 166 NFH each Tuesday and Friday at noon. All students enrolled in a seminar class may attend these noon meetings. Students who feel that they may benefit from any services of the Writing Center should apply to the WC office 176 SFH. Some delay may be met due to present large enrollment.

## Placement Office

All potential December 1964 and April or August 1965 graduates are eligible to sign up for interviews. If you are interested in one or more of the companies listed below, contact the Placement Office immediately to sign up for an interview and obtain additional information. The placement Office is located in Room 266, South Foundation Hall.

Oct. 20—Retail Credit Co.  
Oct. 21—The National Cash Register Company

## Church Directory

**UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Adams Rd. 1 and 1/2 miles S. of Walton.  
Worship Services 9:30 and 11:15  
For ride call 651-8516.

**ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH**  
Walton Blvd., Rochester  
1/2 mile east of Squirrel Rd.  
Services 9 and 11 a.m.  
Wayne Brookshear, Pastor

**ST. ANDREW'S**  
231 Walnut Blvd.  
Confessions: Saturdays, Eve of First Fridays and Holydays 4-5, 7:30-9 p.m.  
Masses: Sundays 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00  
Holydays 6, 8, 10, 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

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Lloyd Buss, pastor  
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Services 8 and 11 a.m.  
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