

### Woman Shocked At Statement in Feb. 9 Letter

To the Editor:  
I felt shocked when I read in the People's Column of your Feb. 9 edition that "people around Birmingham have tolerated Mrs. Chalk's remarks for the past 25 years."

I do not know what the remarks referred to have been but I do know that for the past 25 years she has been one of the most civic minded, one of the most active members in our community.

AND SHE HAS taken upon herself work way beyond the call of duty. I do not know who these people are, whom she has caused to suffer from her remarks; but I do know many whom she has kept from suffering, both mentally and physically.

It express deep regret that she should be so maligned and would like to publicly tell her so.

MRS. DEBORAH GAFILL  
681 Frank  
Birmingham



### Come and Get It!

Playing the role of chef, Andrew Gent, 661 at St. Episcopal Church. The event was Pierce, serves Miss Marguerite Hendra, 583 sponsored by St. Martha's Guild of the Madison, and the Rev. W. Eugene Snookell, church. It proved so successful, the church 570 Townsend, at the recent gourmet buffet plans to make the dinner an annual affair.



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### Vietnamese Student Is No Stranger at MSUO

Statistically Dang Xich Lan is just one of 117 students who earned places on the fall quarter honors list at Michigan State University Oakland.

However, his name, face and dedication are known throughout the campus and in neighboring communities as well.

Lan is a 30-year-old Vietnamese who fled from his country to Thailand in the final days of World War II. Like most Vietnamese, he is a Buddhist.

When Lan returned to Viet-Nam, he met Herbert N. Stoutenburg, now MSUO registrar, who was executive officer of a Michigan State University mission in that country.



LAN WORKED for Stoutenburg there and, when MSUO opened, the relationship resulted in Lan's becoming one of the new university's first foreign students.

When Lan received a scholarship and a travel grant was obtained from the Asia Foundation.

Members of the Rochester Ministerial Association, all Christians, heard of his housing needs and the local pastors raised funds for him. They also found him a home with the Ray Blotson family of Avon Township.

### 'Ought To Be a Law,' Local Writer Avows

By RUTH VOGT  
Special Writer

When one of the columnists on the back page spoke about "telephone solicitors" recently and how he thought, maybe, there should be a law restricting this annoying practice, chuckles erupted in full force.

Not three weeks ago, the phone jangled and jangled when the ironing was being virtuously attended to in the basement.

"My, that sounds like something important, the way it keeps ringing," was said as the feet fled up the stairs and almost tripped the body in their haste to pick up the receiver.

"Hello. Are you Mrs. So 'n So?" The voice was cultured. I "cultured" my voice when it was replied that I was the correct party wanted.

THEN, FOR three whole minutes the ear heard a great confusion of words about something or other. It was difficult to make out what it was exactly. I jumped on the proposition that too many hours had been spent ironing shirts without a break.

"I'm sorry, would you please repeat that?" I put the phone up to the other ear. The cultured voice became a bit irritated.

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IT WAS THEN she was asked for her employer's phone number; she gladly gave it. She hung up. With a bang she hung up.

After explaining to her employer that this was the third call of this type received in the same number of days and each time I had raced from some task, all ears to hear something worth, he answered, in a very uncultured voice and with a laugh in his voice, more like a cackle, really.

"He-he, he! You can't do a thing about us people using the phone, Madam. You can't . . . do . . . one . . . thing. We are within the law."

He added that many had attempted to halt them. "But, they can't. No siree. They can't!"

THIS TIME? It was I who hung up with a bang.

There oughta be a law. That's what the columnist declared. Here's another who agrees.

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