



AERIAL VIEW SHOWS PHYSICAL PLANT OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY, ROCHESTER

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# Nine Buildings Make Up Campus Life

Michigan taxpayers' initial investment of \$2,000,000 has paid an \$8,000,000 dividend in four years at Oakland University.

Since Sept. 1959, when Oakland University (formerly Michigan State University Oakland) began operation with two buildings and 500 freshmen, the campus has grown to nine buildings worth \$10,000,000 and an enrollment of 1,500 students.

Only one of the buildings has been built with state funds—the Science Building—which was completed in the winter of 1961. The other eight buildings have been provided by gift and loan monies.

D. B. VARNER, chancellor of the university, said that "the growth of the university and the development of its program have exceeded our earlier expectations, and this could have been possible only through the interest and generosity of the citizens of the community. We are committed to the idea of building a distinguished undergraduate institution here," he pointed out, "and the leaders in the community have assumed an admirable sense of responsibility for helping in every way possible to obtain this objective."

In four years, the physical plant of this liberal arts-centered institution has mushroomed over the northwest corner of the 1,400-acre Meadow Brook Farms estate, located 25 miles north of Detroit and midway between Pontiac and Rochester. The estate and \$2,000,000 for the first two buildings—North and South Foundation Halls—were a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson.

The North Foundation Hall, a one-story building completed in the summer of 1959, contains faculty and administration offices, a lecture room, art gallery, music rooms, student newspaper office, and university services department. Until December, 1961, the university's library was housed in one end of the building.

South Foundation Hall, a three-story building, provides classrooms, a language laboratory, faculty offices, Continuing Education Division office, MSU Extension office, Placement and Alumni offices.

Oakland Student Center, completed in the fall of 1959, was made possible by a loan and the assistance of the Oakland County Board of Superfloods. The building is a self-liquidating operation and was expanded to double its size in January.

1961—total cost of construction—\$1,300,000.

The center provides dining facilities, a bookstore, music-listening rooms and a barber shop. Since Oakland has no auditorium, most of its cultural and social events take place in the center.

KRESGE LIBRARY, completed in December, 1961, was built with a \$1,500,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation. The three-story building is the focal point of the campus and contains approximately 40,000 volumes. There is room for 200,000 volumes, and the building can be tripled in size by the addition of wings.

The Science Building, completed in the winter of 1961, was provided by state money at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Containing 85,000 square feet of floor space, it has both teaching and research laboratories, faculty offices, research library, lecture rooms and classrooms, as well as supporting facilities for instruction in mathematics, chemistry, physics and engineering science. The building also houses a computer center made possible by gift money.

FITZGERALD HOUSE (for men) and Anibal House (for women), the first two of three student residence halls to be built, were ready for occupancy in the fall of 1961 and cost a total of \$693,000.

Pyralis House, a co-educational residence hall costing \$385,000, was completed this fall. The residence halls, built and furnished with loan and gift monies, are accommodating 365 students.

The Intramural Sports and Recreation Building was completed in Dec., 1962, at a cost of \$1,600,000 and is being financed by student fees. The building provides a swimming pool, and a gymnasium where several different sports can be carried out simultaneously.

Forty-five square feet on the lower level is being converted into a 400-seat theater with the aid of a \$20,000 gift. Beyond the IM building are playing fields; and a \$15,000 gift has provided tennis courts and a ski slope complete with ski tow.

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The proposed street will be 29 feet in width from back to back of curb, Gare said.

There is no plan at the present time to include the construction of sidewalks in the project.

## Rule S'field Man Insane in Sniping Case

Gary Scott Goodrum, 22, who admitted shooting at a Novi woman Jan. 30, has been found innocent of assault with intent to commit murder by reason of insanity.

A jury announced its verdict within an hour last Thursday in Oakland County Circuit Court after hearing three psychiatrists testify that Goodrum was insane at the time of the crime.

Goodrum, a gardener, who lives at 26145 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, will be committed to a mental hospital by Judge Clark Adams, who presided at the trial.

**GOODRUM SURRENDERED** to Novi police Feb. 7, a week after he said he shot at Mrs. Gertrude Rice, 40, with a .22 caliber rifle through the bedroom window of her home. The bullet narrowly missed her head, according to police.

He said that he got the idea after reading of the slaying of Mrs. Mary Godfrey, 35, of 983 Dursley, Bloomfield Township, on Jan. 25. Mrs. Godfrey's son Douglas, 15, later admitted killing his mother and was committed to Pontiac State Hospital during the summer.

## Bits of Birmingham

Several of Birmingham's commissioners recently visited the city's two fire stations. As part of their two-hour tour of the facilities the commissioners were transported from the Chesterfield Station on W. Maple to the Adams Station via a fire engine. At the commission on Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham commented that fellow commissioner Charles A. Renfrew cut "quite a figure" as the tiller man on the huge truck.

The long, dry summer and fall of 1963 brought back memories—unpleasant ones—for William F. Grambau, 219 Elm, Grambau, now 75, was only 20 years old when the infamous Metz fire struck Presque Isle County 52 years ago, killing scores of persons and leaving thousands homeless. "I was teaching school at the time," Grambau reminisces. "It was the worst catastrophe I have ever witnessed. It took 67 people to save my father's house, the only one to survive in Metz Township." Grambau produced a time-yellowed copy of the Presque Isle County Advance which devoted several pages to the fire that occurred on Oct. 15, 1908. It all started from a small brush fire, after a long, dry spell. The Grambaus have lived in Birmingham since 1925.

John F. Saeftig, Birmingham administrative aide, presented the MPSC with a letter from city commissioners expressing concern over the possible loss of the service to about 40 commuters from the city. The Friends of the Grand Trunk have blamed the railroad for the failure of the two trains to make money. They said they have received little cooperation from the line in efforts to promote the service.

The Grand Trunk is seeking to eliminate Train 22 that leaves Birmingham at 6:51 a.m. each day and Train 57 that arrives at 11:30 p.m. each day. The railroad says they are losing \$75,000 a year on the operation of the trains. If the services are cut, Birmingham will be left with two trains in the morning and two in the evening.

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## Hearing Is Adjourned On Commuter Trains

After only a day and a half of testimony, the Michigan Public Service Commission adjourned hearings on a Grand Trunk Railroad request to drop two commuter trains that pass through Birmingham.

The MPSC is expected to resume the hearings sometime in December and rule on the request shortly afterward.

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and Cummings relief sewers with the City of Birmingham and in a sidewalk construction project near the Torrey School.

They will also share in the cost of dust control treatment with Beverly Hills near schools in the village.

Requests by Beverly Hills for school participation in the 14 Mile Road sewer and the 12-Town drain were rejected.

The cost to the school district of the 14 Mile sewer was set at \$13,520 and the school share of the accepted projects was in the \$1,000 to \$500 bracket.

A City of Southfield request for the sharing of the cost of a crossing guard at the Greenfield Elementary School was denied as was a request by parents in the Lahser-14 Mile area for help in the sharing of expenses of a traffic light at the intersection.

## City Proceeds With Fairway Drive Plans

Birmingham's engineering department has been instructed to proceed with detailed surveys and construction drawings for the opening of Fairway Drive.

City commissioners authorized the project Monday night. When it is completed, Fairway Drive will be opened from Arden Lane east to a point 334 feet west of Pleasant St.

Preliminary sketches presented to the commission provide for a street with certain sections having a right-of-way of 55 feet instead of the normal 60 feet.

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## B'field PTO May Join Nat'l PTA

By SAVILLA SLOAN  
Special Writer

Bloomfield Hills School Supt. Eugene Johnson strongly endorsed affiliation of the school district's PTO group with the national PTA at Tuesday night's meeting of the Bloomfield Hills School Board.

"In view of all the new school laws coming up within the next few years, I wonder if we're not missing an opportunity to have our voice heard by not associating with the state PTA," Johnson told the board.

Board members agreed with his position and asked that a joint meeting be set up with the Bloomfield Hills PTO Council to discuss the matter.

"I BELIEVE the picture has changed since our organization was set up," School Board President Dr. Charles Bowers said.

"We are big enough now to have a PTO council. We're big enough to have our own PTA district."

The school board can only recommend affiliation. The PTO is an autonomous group. However, board member Richard McGraw, a former PTO council president, informed the board that the national PTA is presently on the agenda for study by the local PTO.

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