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# Kenton Sets U of D Date

Stan Kenton and his orchestra make a rare Detroit appearance Sunday, Aug. 29 at 8:30 p.m. in the University of Detroit Memorial Building in a concert titled "A New Era in Modern American Music."

The appearance is under the auspices of the U. of D. "Town and Gown Celebrity Series," a series of concerts and stagings open to students, faculty, and the public.

Kenton, an outstanding figure in contemporary music since 1941, has won the Look magazine band of the year award as well as jazz polls in Downbeat, Variety, and Metronome. His music has been accepted as one of the most provocative art forms of our time.

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## Anniversary Week At Dearborn

# "Harlow" Cuts The Cake!



A SCENE FROM "The World of Suzie Wong" starring two of Hollywood's most popular personalities, William Holden and Kim Novak. The picture is currently featured in the "Harlow" series at the following area theatres: The State and the Algiers Drive-In in Wayne; the Mai Kai in Livonia; and the Dearborn Drive-In.

## Wally Roberts

# 'CURTAIN GOING UP'

By BOB WALL  
Drama Critic

Merely talking to Miss Niki Flacks, an apprentice with the Minnesota Theater Company at the Guthrie Theater, is an exhilarating experience. Niki sits at a desk, radiating charm and poise.

Her dark, tousled hair swirls and shakes as she dramatically stresses a point. Hands dart to and fro adding an emphatic glow to her vivacious discussion of the classic repertoire.

Miss Flacks for all her 22 years speaks with the authority of a veteran actress. Her dark eyes sparkled and shone brightly in the Guthrie green room where we talked between shows.

"Last time I saw you was at the Wayne State Classic Theater during the 1963-64 season. You played Juliet and garnered a bushel-basket of wonderful notices. What happened after that?" I cautiously asked.

Niki's brow shot up slightly. "Indeed I might have hit a sore subject."

"My experience with the Classic Theater in Detroit was interesting," Niki stopped and almost did a James Bond over-the-shoulder quick look back. "You must know by now that horrible story of how Mr. Leone promised three of us the part of Juliet."

"I've heard various versions." For the next 10 minutes Niki told of a frantic phone call to the Northwestern University campus where she was finishing up her degree. Dr. Leone wanted her to drop everything and come over to Detroit for an audition.

The audition was a breeze. Miss Flacks was informed on the spot she had the part.

Of course, hardly had Niki unpacked her bags in the fall when she was informed by Dr. Leone that she would be sharing the role with not ONE... but two other JULIETS! Such wild casting! In their classic theater blocks of old Bill Shakespeare's crypt.

Niki took the news stoically. She opened the Classic Theater with a brilliant performance as Juliet. All the critics agreed she was the one redeeming feature in a rather dull production of "R. and J."

"Did such crazy casting policies make you decide to send your application to the Minnesota Theater Company?"

"I'm not sure. The Wayne State approach in their Classic Theater where you have to be continually doing graduate

## Dewline

... by John Dew

As the cliché sometimes reads, an introduction is in order. Briefly, this is a column with news from radio, TV, and the music business. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, they would be welcomed.

Detroit radio of late has undergone more changes than a newborn baby. Fred Wolf has announced his retirement as Detroit's top morning personality after 15 years of "personality pleasure." Marc Avery stepped into the "really big shoe" beginning September 6. Thus ends a legacy, and perhaps begins a new one.

The latest line-up at WKNR will read Dick Purton to 9 a.m., Fred Clark to noon, Jerry Goodwyn till 3, Bob Green to 7, Scott Regan till 10 p.m., J. Michael Wilson to 1 a.m., and Jim Jeffries in the all-night show. This leaves Bob Green as the only D.J. who was a member of the original staff when the station changed from WKNR to WKNR.

"The Detroit Sound" is now famous of course around the world, but it's always surprising at the tremendous respect and reputation Detroit has gained as a result of the station. Berry Gordy and his Tamla-Motown organization. For example, Peter Noone (Herman of Herman's Hermits) visited the Gordy studios on West Grand Boulevard recently and said that he had never realized that Detroit was a city noted for its automobile manufacturing. It seems that most English performers believe that the city is known for its music production.

Speaking of Motown performers, the Supremes just closed a tremendously successful booking at the Copa in New York. They played before sell-out crowds every night and received standing ovations from audiences which included Ed Sullivan.

## Woodward Ave. History Told in Exhibit

A panoramic display of photographs and artifacts depicting the history of Woodward Avenue will be on view at the University of Detroit Library, Aug. 30 to Oct. 10 on the U. of D. McNichols Road campus.

Included in the display is a copy of the original city plan drawn up by Judge Augustus Woodward in 1805 after the great fire of 1805 had completely destroyed the city. Photographs will cover the period from 1850 to 1965. 1805 to 1850 will be represented with maps, prints, signs, candle molds, bed warmers, lamps and other artifacts of the period.

"What we actually have here," says Gerald Ducharme, U. of D. student assistant, "is an exhibition on the history of the City of Detroit, for a street is only the artery in the body of a city."

Ducharme, a senior English major in the U. of D. College of Arts and Sciences, spent most of his summer gathering and organizing the display.

"What we have done," he says, "is attempt to present pictures and artifacts from the different times in the life of Woodward Avenue to give the viewer a better idea of what his city looked like in its different phases of growth."

There is no admission charge. The U. of D. Library is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Mercy Announces

# New Artist Series

Mercy College of Detroit will open the 10th annual Artists' Series Oct. 24 with the Roger Wagner Chorus and Orchestra. The Sunday evening series will present pianist-composer Erroll Garner, Nov. 21; Juan Serrano, guitarist, Feb. 20; Fats Ertrams, a group of 52 Irish singers, dancers and instrumentalists on March 13.

Shirley Verrett, the mezzo-soprano who brought the Artists' Series audience to its feet for two ovations last year, will do a return engagement on April 24.

The Series closes May 8 with the College musical, "She Loves Me" by Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Rock.

The Series is presented at 8 p.m. in McAuley Auditorium. The Drama Series, presented by the speech and drama department, will open with "The Skin of our Teeth" by Thornton Wilder on Nov. 4 through 7. "The Christmas play will be 'The Play of Daniel,' a thirteenth-century musical drama to be presented Dec. 16 through 19. "An Evening of One Act" will be student-produced, directed, and acted Feb. 10 through 13. "She Loves Me" will be seen May 5 through 8 and May 13-15. Drama Series productions will be seen at 8 p.m. in McAuley Auditorium and at 2 p.m. for Saturday matinees.

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