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Miss Banel Yavuz Winner in International Competition

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DAYTON, Ohio, June 3, 1969 — Miss Banel Yavuz of 6136 Philadelphia Drive, Dayton, who has just completed her freshman year at the University of Dayton, is one of 50 students throughout the United States, Canada and Australia, who has been judged a winner in the Great Books of the Western World international competition. The sixth annual Educational Fund Awards, sponsored by Encyclopedia Britannica, has brought $500 to Miss Yavuz and a 54-volume set of Great Books of the Western World to the University.

Miss Yavuz, a 20-year-old native of Istanbul, Turkey, who has been in this country almost three years, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ferit Yavuz, M.D., of the above address. She has a brother, Esat, 16-year-old Meadowdale High student from where Benal graduated, and a 10-year-old sister, Lily, who attends Shiloh School.

Results of four objective tests based on topics in Great Books of the Western World, purchased by her parents when they moved to this country, served as Miss Yavuz's entry in the international competition. Of the thousands who competed 61 were selected as finalists. From that group, 50 were selected for cash awards. First prize was $5,000 while $1,000 awards went to 10 winners and the rest received $500 each. A Kent State University sophomore and a Lorain high school student were the other Ohioans.

The $40,000 Educational Fund awards program was established to provide college assistance to the children of owners of Great Books of the Western World. To be eligible, entrants must be attending an accredited elementary or high school when they enroll in the program and must complete the four objective tests based on the books. More than $234,000 has been awarded to 352 students for college education since the program began.

Miss Yavuz, who will receive her award later this month, is in the School of Education at the University of Dayton. She is majoring in English within the Department of Secondary Education.