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Event: Novelist and painter: Alfred Kessler, M.D.

Date: March 8 (Thursday)

Time: 4 p.m.

Location: Merwin Art Gallery

Admission: Free, open to the public

Background: earned his bachelor's of science degree at Fordham University. After receiving his medical doctorate from Duke University, Kessler spent two years as a medical officer with the United States Navy before training in neorosurgery at the University of Chicago. After practicing for ten years, including a three-year period of neurophysiological research in Washington, D.C., Kessler and his family moved to France.

Now a painter and writer, Kessler has participated in many gallery and salon exhibitions throughout Europe. His current writing focuses on an individual's makeup, the ways in which an ordinary person reacts to a problem, a trait in character or a situation. Through his art Kessler conveys his belief that most of the action in people's lives takes place within themselves.

On March 8, Kessler will read from his novel, "The 8th Day of the Week." The event is sponsored by the IWU English department.

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