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Sophomores Lauree Webb and Mike Deller have been elected Students of the Month for November and December by the Student Center Council.



Students Of The Month

Lauree Ann Webb, Student of the Month for November and December, has worked hard to accomplish every thing she has undertaken. This year has been no exception. Lauree, a sophomore, is Recording Secretary of the Student Senate, Editor of the Oakland Observer, treasurer of Wesley Foundation, and chairman of the AWS Creativity Committee. She also enjoyed meeting new freshmen during orientation.

Lauree graduated from Utica High School with a 3.8 average. At present she is maintaining a 3.1 average. She was on the Dean's List every term last year.

In the Teacher Education curriculum, majoring in English, Lauree hopes to become a secondary school teacher.

Mike Deller, also a sophomore Student of the Month for November and December, was extremely active in his freshman year. Mike, a graduate of Birmingham High School, was a member of the Election and Exploratory Committees, and a reporter for the Oakland Observer. He also helped with orientation during the summer. This year Mike has been active in Newman Club and is again a member of the newspaper staff.

A scholarship student, Mike was on the Dean's List all three terms last year. Graduating from Birmingham High with 3.2, he has maintained the same average here at MSUO.

Mike, in the Teacher Education curriculum, with an emphasis on Russian, plans to become a secondary school teacher.

Student Hearings Held By Committee

If you would like to take a fifth class, or if you feel that you don't need one of the required subjects, the Committee on Instruction can answer any questions. It hears petitions from the student body concerning these areas, supervises the courses and helps to plan the university's curriculum.

The committee members are Mr. Mathews, Chairman; Mr. Hoopes, Mr. Gherity, Mr. Tafoya and Mr. Tomboulian.

Library Villains

To Be Punished

Continued violation of the rules for reserve book circulation will bring punitive action, said Roy Alexander, Dean of Students.

"Reserve books are being taken out of the library without being signed out and others are being signed out but are not being returned on time," said David Wilder, University Librarian.

The punitive action, to be administered by Dean Alexander, "will be very stiff," said Mr. Wilder.

Both Dean Alexander and Mr. Wilder feel that this is necessary in order to make an example to the other students of the actions that will be forthcoming to future violators.

These rules should be followed in order to avoid any punitive action:

1. Reserve Books are to be used in the library only.

2. Reserve books should be turned in at the end of 2 hours when used in the library.

3. Reserve books may be signed out at 9 p.m. for overnight use but must be returned by 8 a.m. the next morning.

"The library is for everyone's use, not just for one individual's," reminds Mr. Wilder.

Music Served

The Hi-Fi Club has made plans for its second student service project. Each Wednesday the club will be responsible for the programming of noon music in the Student Center. A tape deck and the PA system were recently modified by the club to make this possible.

Individuals may hear the type of music they desire by writing down their preference on an index card and depositing it in the designated box located on the activity board in the Student Center.

Club members performed their first service by providing

Senate Calls All-Student Meeting

Work Begins On Science Building

Ground was broken November 17 for the Science and Engineering Building south of South Foundation Hall. The two million dollar structure is the first building on the campus to be financed by state funds.

Two 184 capacity lecture halls, seventeen laboratories, fourteen classrooms, seminar rooms, a research library, and offices will be housed in the three-story, cross-shaped building.

Completion of one wing is scheduled for September, 1961, with the other sections ready for use by November, 1961.

D. B. Varner, Chancellor of the University, officiated at the ceremonies. Others participating were Thomas H. Hewlett of O'Dell, Hewlett, and Luckenbach Associates, Architects; Senator Frank D. Beadle of the Michigan Legislature; Frank Merriman representing the Michigan State University Board of Trustees; and Harold A. Fitzgerald, President of the MSUO Foundation.

The Rev. Francis T. Stack, Pastor of St. Hugo of the Hills Church, gave the invocation and benediction.

Library Progress On Schedule

Since the ground breaking ceremonies Oct. 1, the "hole", otherwise known as the library, has progressed on schedule.

Basement walls, the only poured concrete in the building, have been completed and pre-formed concrete slabs are being laid out for the construction of the ground floor.

The library, accomodating a student body of 3500 to 4000, should be completed Sept. 1, 1961. According to David Wilder, university librarian, "No difficulties have occurred that might delay this schedule."

Mr. Wilder also stated, "It will only be six to eight years before an addition will be necessary." This addition will be U-shaped, built around the three sides, leaving the front section open to face the rest of the campus.

By Hi-Fi Club

music for the AWS Toy Dance last Saturday.

High fidelity sound sources were discussed and demonstrated at the last meeting, furthering the club's devotion to the study of high fidelity, stereo and music appreciation. Future plans include more discussions, with members bringing in equipment for technical hints.

The club meets regularly in South Foundation every Thursday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Membership is unrestricted and all are welcome to attend any meeting, especially girls!

Vote On Student Tax Referred

Student Body President Paul Allen and Senate members met with the student body yesterday to report on the accomplishments of the Student Government since its first meeting November 1.

Allen reported that several proposed bills are now before the Senate. One of these is an ordinance providing for a 50 cent student tax assessment per term. It is expected that this bill will be referred to the student body for approval when a final form has been passed by the Senate. The money will be used to finance student government operation.

Hopkins Reveals Study Hints

The OAKLAND OBSERVER asked Dr. Hopkins of the Counseling and Testing department to relay to students some hints on studying for and taking final exams.

STUDYING FOR EXAMS.

Dr. Hopkins begins, "The customary last minute 'cramming' sessions will only serve to heighten tension and bring with it sleepless nights of worry and that thoroughly familiar sick-to-the-stomach feeling that arrives as one is handed his exam paper and finds he has studied the wrong thing!"

In an effort to provide some means of wrapping up in a small package the study methods most generally accepted as beneficial to the greatest number of students, the following suggestions are offered:

EXAM PREPARATION
ALLOW yourself a sufficient amount of time for review prior to the examination period.

UNDERSTAND thoroughly the kind of test you will have — essay, objective, a combination of the two, etc.

IN REVIEWING notes — for some, re-writing and condensing class notes and book notes will serve as a good review method — for others, the verbal exchange of material between two people will prove to be the best technique.

PARTICULARLY for essay type exams it is important that you be able to express your own words the basic concepts and ideas germane to the subject.

OBSERVE carefully all material in text books that is in bold face.

USE THE chapter headings and sub-headings as major review highlights in your text and other reading matter.

CRAMMING serves a useful purpose if you have prepared yourself by periodic reviews beforehand. Don't count on this method to see you through if it is the only reviewing you do!

TAKING EXAMS

ALWAYS allow yourself enough time to review your work before turning in your paper.

UNDERSTAND thoroughly the directions for taking your exam. There is little excuse for not knowing and understanding the directions given for taking an examination. If the instructions are not clear — ask.

BEFORE you begin to answer questions or write essay responses, take the time to

Yearbook Pleads Student Support

The yearbook staff poses this question to the student body — do you or do you not want a 1961 yearbook?

As of now there has been a total of two hundred yearbooks purchased, and only half of the student body have had their pictures taken. Needless to say, it would be impossible to try to print a yearbook for only two hundred students.

In order that you have ample time in which to purchase your yearbook we will extend the purchase deadline to December 12. This means that you will have to make your deposit of two dollars at Charlie Brown's or in the fish bowl.

"Pat - On - The - Back" Not The Answer

Many of the students who enrolled in September of 1959 are no longer here. The number of those who are contemplating leaving soon remains unknown. The last several weeks have seen a growing feeling of discouragement and dissatisfaction within the student body.

The time has come to stop and evaluate the educational program here. Students have many obligations to the university but the university has responsibilities to the students as well. Many students question how well MSUO is fulfilling these commitments.

One of the aims of this university was said to be the production of critical thinkers who would not accept things without questioning their merits. But how can critical thinkers be produced by a university which refuses to listen to students' criticisms? Graduates cannot be critical thinkers when they have not been allowed to be such as undergraduates.

Students look ahead to the future development of MSUO as a top-notch school where young intellectuals can develop to the heights of their capacities, but it can't be done overnight. In looking to the future, MSUO can't forget its present.

The educational program here has gone against some very basic principles of the psychology of learning. Instead of setting goals which students can attain and gain some feeling of accomplishment from having done so, goals are kept beyond the student's capabilities and he is never allowed to feel that he has accomplished or mastered anything.

Students feel that is unfair that professors' names are not listed on class schedules prior to registration. They fail to see how registration can be complicated by this when all sections must be filled anyway. It is childish on the part of professors to feel that this would be a popularity contest. Are they afraid of what students think of them?

It is amazing that such a new university has already acquired so many insurmountable problems. There seems to be no way to make any changes, or at least this is what we are told by Deans and department heads. This is in direct conflict with the concept of a university that is supposed to stand for change.

Students are expected to conform to educational policies which they have had no part in making. Many of those responsible for making these decisions refuse to listen to student opinion. Students recognize the economic limitations on the number of courses that can be offered and realize that more can be added only with the growth of the university. However, they feel that their preferences should be taken into consideration in deciding which ones will be offered first.

Students feel that several courses have been misrepresented. It was the general understanding that the art and music courses would be appreciation courses, not history or theory courses. But what happened?

Many courses are poorly planned. Toward the end of the quarter when professors discover they have not covered as much material as they had hoped to, they increase reading assignments. In most cases, this is at the same time that term papers are assigned and when students need to begin studying for exams. This irregular tempo is sloppy preparation at the students' expense.

Many professors have taken advantage of the classroom situation to impose their religious and political views upon students. Others have used language in the classrooms which students feel is unbecoming to their position.

Many students feel that the repetition of material we had as freshmen in some courses such as social psychology and philosophies of education is unnecessary and should be eliminated. Several other courses begin with reviews of the material learned in Western civilization. It is the general feeling that this unnecessary business has burdened us because new professors are not familiar with the freshmen students' background. They should be.

It has been "suggested" by the Dean of Students that AWS and SCC remain outside the Student Government. Because he is their advisor's boss, many students regard this as a device to control the effectiveness of student organization.

The role of an advisor has been overstepped in many instances by the Assistant Dean of Students. Members of the organization feel that they can be successful only if they are allowed to be self-governing. They cannot be successful when decisions made by the advisor do not comply with the wishes of AWS leaders.

Is it right that a student can be called before the Dean of Students for picketing against what he considers an inappropriate use of state buildings for meetings of a religious organization?

Students have been reprimanded on many occasions for holding hands on campus by faculty and administrative members. But what about husband and wife faculty teams who find the Student Center and sidewalks near the parking lot places for kissing?

The Russian Department has announced that, in addition to the regular two-hour examination, they will require students to forget about a well-deserved Christmas vacation to return to school and take an oral examination. This is an unfair expectation from students. There has been no statement to the effect that more than a two-hour exam would be required for any class. After all this is NOT the Soviet Union!

The maturity and intelligence of MSUO students are insulted by those who think these problems can be solved by a once-a-quarter "pat on the back" from the Chancellor.

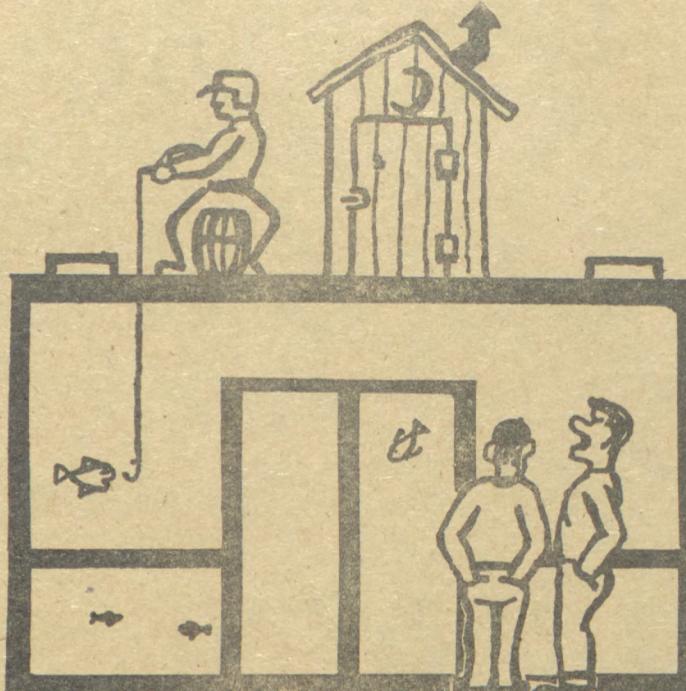
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I'M BEGINNING TO SEE WHY IT'S
CALLED THE "FISHBOWL".

CORRECTION

In its November 18 issue, the Oakland Observer implied that the Pontiac Press had refused to print professor Samuel Shapiro's reply to Jules DuBois. This implication was erroneous, an agreement had been reached between Professor Shapiro and the Pontiac Press on this matter.

The Observer regrets the implication.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR MSUO's Status Questioned

I was under the impression that MSUO was to be independent of MSU; not a branch, but a sister University.

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**Faculty Bowls
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High faculty performance and an off-day for student bowlers paved the way for their second consecutive student-faculty sports victory in the first of two bowling tournaments, November 8. Faculty members averaged 154.8 per game as compared to the student average of 125.8. Mr. Moore bowled the high game, a 246, and paced the faculty with the highest overall average. Another tournament is scheduled soon.

Hockey Club

The newly-formed MSUO Hockey Club held its second and third meetings November 4 and 18, and continued to work on the establishment of a hockey rink for winter use. At the short third meeting, Mr. Lepley requested a constitution from the club, and the document is now under construction.

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HOPKINS
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look over (scan) the entire examination.

READ each question over twice. DON'T waste time over a particularly difficult question. WHEN writing essay examinations, briefly outline for yourself what you intend to say before you begin writing. Find out ahead of time what type of test will be given. An essay type examination calls for one kind of preparation, while an objective type examination calls for another.

If an essay exam is to be given, this suggests, in general, an approach to your review work which will develop an appreciation for the over-all picture of the subject matter. Small details tend to become relatively less essential and what is expected is a display of the student's understanding of ideas, concepts, points of view, and philosophical approaches to the area of study concerned.

"The most important thing of all to remember is that the techniques, or ideas, which you have devised for yourself that are efficient and effective are the techniques you should use in accomplishing the task at hand."

Dates To Remember

December
2-4 Movie — Tammy and the Bachelor
12 Fall Quarter closes
17 Christmas Dinner Dance
January
3-4 Orientation and Registration
5 Classes begin

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**SENATE MEETING**

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be added to the scholarship fund.

Howard Hinkel, chairman of the Special Activities Committee, has decided to consider the development of a student insurance program. The committee has already begun work on the development of such a program but the adoption of the trimester plan and commuting students pose special problems. However, progress will be as rapid as possible.

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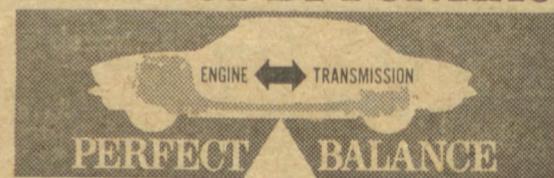
Day and night the miles piled up. 100,947 on the Sedan; 101,002 on the Wagon. Roughly the same as 7 or 8 years' driving. The cars got no special care. The protective

maintenance procedures recommended in the Owner's Manual were followed—and it paid off! Plugs, points and fuel filters were changed every 12 to 15 thousand miles. Brakes were adjusted twice but *never needed relining!* Tires were changed twice.

(Here are the other repairs. Sedan: 19,194 miles—starter solenoid changed. 20,701 miles—windshield cracked by stone. 40,094—left rear back-up light replaced. 62,765 miles—fuel pump replaced. 96,492—generator brushes replaced. 98,549—radiator leak repaired. Wagon: 4,576—light switch replaced. 16,192—stone chip in windshield. 40,591—heater switch connector loose. 51,368 miles—flying rock pierced gas tank. 96,527—generator brushes replaced. 97,210—rear wheel bearing replaced.)

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