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Desert Canto

And in our dreams we walked
To the desert of Judea
To find the secret of the cliffs
Rising from pillowed sands,
Sleeping in the earth's breasts.
The caves revealed the cries of Kochba's scrolls
And we sang his songs of war.
We who fought, but can fight no more,
Fearing holocaust at our shore.
In frigid evening we left the cliffs
With our burning feet
Trodding, stumbling, writing
Our own scrolls upon the indifferent sands.
The wind followed us, questioned our souls,
Whose hollow chambers echo the wind's cry:
What say your scrolls?

Nothing Nothing Nothing
The wind swept past our hearts,
Turned upon the trodded sands,
Shifted,
And then in whispers
Erased our scrolls of nothing

In cruel hunger we found our camp,
Couched within the treed oasis,
And with craving mouths
We ran from the blessed pool
To the dry bread half hidden in the ancient tent;
There on the bread stood
The desert mouse fat and filled
From our food, his ruby eyes
Reflecting the still, untouched pool—
The watery need unknown
In his desert dream.

By the shaded pool
Our darkening dreams spoke:
He like us knew not the
Water
Drank not the
Water
Died by the
Water
The water
Feeding the tree of the messianic vision,
Reaching upward past
The cliffs and sands to the sun
Knew not
Drank not
Died by
Fastened to time's turning wheel
Repeating Repeating Repeating

—Phillip Iannarelli

"Contuse" Ready Next Week

"Contuse", Michigan State University Oakland's first literary magazine, will be available in limited numbers next week according to Nancy Kelly, magazine co-editor.

"The faculty and administrators will automatically receive a copy which means that students must reserve the remaining copies. More than 300 of the 500 copies have been reserved. We urge students to make written reserve requests through the Oakland Observer," Miss Kelly said.

Incoming Freshmen desiring a copy should write to the Editor of the Oakland Observer immediately.

Student Funds

Allocations of the Activities Fund were made available this week by Dean of Students Duncan Sells.

They were:

- Student Activities Council, \$1500, for Chancellor's Ball.
- Associated Women Students, \$1,000, for Culture Internationale.
- Lecture-Concert Series, \$2,000, on and off-campus.
- Art Department, \$500 for art exhibits.
- Oakland Observer, \$580, for salaries

EDITORIAL . . .

Ask, Don't Petition

Without being satirical or ironic, we would like to answer some of the questions asked us last week in a Letter to the Editor.

First of all, leadership does not necessarily come from within an organization.

Secondly, we hope that the type of ignorance displayed in last week's letter is not representative of the students at MSUO.

Student government at MSUO placed itself in moratorium this spring. It did not because of lack of publicity, but because it could not work together in harmony.

The Student-Faculty University Council (SFUC) is not, according to the dean of students, a representative body. It was appointed to discuss with the dean and the faculty committee on student affairs academic and social conditions at MSUO.

The student members of SFUC while ostensibly not talking in your name, are making suggestions that will may effect you.

The dean of students says he has the responsibility to judge student conduct and violations of university policies. Student Judiciary which is a part of the now-defunct student government, is nothing more than an advisory body.

How the student judiciary can justify its existence has never been fully explained.

Students are not allowed to visit a judiciary meeting, nor has the press been allowed to go. According to the dean of students, the student judiciary is set up to make recommendations to the faculty committee on student conduct.

Student "judges" were selected by the executive committee of student government. It is not a representative body any more than student government was.

The assumption that "student government here is so set up so that it couldn't do anything if it tried" is fallacious.

While the academic senate never chartered the student government in its one and one-half year existence, student government has the power and authority to accomplish many programs. Student government was more inhibited by its own lack of leadership and dissidence than by administrative interference.

Where, then, should you start?

If you want student government, then we suggest you contact the small group on campus sincerely interested in forming it and than make an appointment with the dean of students.

If you want to know what action has been taken on the barns, then we suggest you contact a member of the barn council.

If you want to know what student judiciary is doing, and has the power to do, then we suggest you see a member of the judiciary or the dean of students.

If you want to know what power and authority SFUC has, then we suggest you see a

SAC To Publish Activities Booklet

Lowy Assumes Duties As New Counselor

A native New Yorker with extensive experience in clinical psychology is Michigan State University Oakland's new counselor. Dr. David G. Lowy, 33, assumed his duties as director of the Department of Psychological Services July 1. His appointment is a dual one; he also is an assistant professor of psychology and will teach a course in abnormal psychology next winter.

"I am here to see that MSUO students are happy and doing reasonably well, assuming that problems are not a matter of intellectual ability, and if not, what can be done to help," Lowy said.

For the past three years he has been involved in a National Institute of Mental Health research project which he anticipates will be valuable in his work here. The project concerns the evaluation of students' self-esteem — how does a student feel about himself? how does this affect his work? how can it be changed? Students involved in the study range from elementary to college level. Both subjective questionnaires and objective reports are being used.

Dr. Lowy hopes that following MSUO students through their college years will further his insight into the research problem.

Lowy's doctor of philosophy degree is from the University of Tennessee; his master of arts degree from City College of New York, and his bachelor of arts degree from Drake University.

He has been research associate at Wesleyan University (1958), a consultant to the North Branford, (Conn.) school system (1957), a clinical psychologist at Connecticut Valley Hospital (1956) and was assistant psychologist at the Psychological Service Center, University of Tennessee (1955).

SAC PICNIC TODAY

The Student Activities Council picnic and dance, cancelled because of bad weather July 3, will be held today at 3:30 p.m. A bonfire is scheduled for 7 p.m. and a record dance at 8 p.m. on the Oakland Center patio.

There is a 50 cent admission charge for the dance. Food tickets may be purchased from Mr. E. Brown at the Oakland Center concession desk.

member of the council or the dean of students.

No, you should not draw up petitions until you have seen the people who can give you answers. You can waste not three, but four years here drawing up petitions. Our experience is that every office on this campus has an open door. Reasonable men will listen to your questions and try and give you answers.

If you do not get satisfactory answers, then, and only then, should you draw up petitions.

But begin with some constructive investigations, not with antagonistic or ignorant questions.

Plans for publication of a student activities booklet announced this week by Lauree Webb, chairman of the student services committee of the Student Activities Council. It will be distributed to all students in early September.

Information about student organizations will include membership qualifications, procedure for joining, dues, purpose, officers and kinds of activities sponsored by the group. A special supplement describing procedures for reserving university facilities and suggestions for activities will be given to organization officers.

"The booklet is intended to provide all students, especially new ones, with complete information about student activities at MSUO. They should be aware of the opportunities available to them. We hope that this will enable students to select activities in keeping with their interests and encourage their participation," Miss Webb said.

Students will have an opportunity to join clubs at the SAC-sponsored "Activities Daze" Sept. 5 and 6. All organizations have been asked to have representatives present to answer questions and register new members.

A series of conferences for presidents of the student organizations also is being planned by the student services committee. They will meet once a month to discuss common problems and ways of improving campus activities. Topics already scheduled for discussion include responsibilities of leaders, methods of encouraging member participation, ways of evaluating organization and projects, means of publicizing activities, and kinds of activities suitable for MSUO.

Hammer To Resign From SAC Position

Tony Hammer, Student Activities Council coordinator has been asked to resign that position by Ronald Miller, SAC president.

"He (Hammer) was invited to the SAC meetings but he did not come to any of the five that we held. He gave me no word, and according to the SAC Constitution, there was no alternative but to let him go. We needed his help, and could use it again in an advisory position. We know that he probably has other responsibilities. I hear that he is on the newspaper," Miller said.

Hammer resigned from the Observer two weeks ago.

Miller has "no replacement in mind" for Hammer's position.

As coordinator to the Student Activities Council, Hammer's job responsibilities were to attend the SAC meetings, and coordinate SAC decisions and plans with the Observer, according to Miller.

"If you wish to appear agreeable in society you must consent to be taught many things which you know already."
—Lavater

History of Art to Be Presented on TV

A creative television survey of the history of art, illustrated with paintings, and sculptures from the Detroit Institute of Art Collection, will be presented Wednesday, July 18 on "Focus on America," (ABC-TV, 8 p.m.). "Focus on America" is a series of ten award winning films produced by ABC-TV affiliate stations during the past years.

"Within my Walls," second program in the new series, will spotlight the museum through photography and narration.

Part of a documentary film group produced by WXYZ as a public service to schools and the community, the program has won a 1962 Ohio State University award.

Until sufficient literary materials can be collected for another literary magazine, the Oakland Observer will print poems, essays, cartoons and line drawings.

Material should be sent to Editor, Oakland Observer, MSUO, Rochester, Michigan. Incoming freshmen are invited to contribute.

"Communist Elite" Forcing Its Views On Students : Neil Smith

A MODEST APPRAISAL — To the Editor: I am writing to commend the excellent letter by Tom Kerley in last week's Oakland Observer. It is not only excellent in content but probably the most well written expository style I have ever seen in the OO. The essay reflects the quality of our MSUO students: it is restrained, rational, clear and concise.

Here is an example of a better-than-average college student, well-informed about many of the problems on our campus (the Belgian barn, Student Government and Student Judiciary), and concerned about the lack of information available to inquisitive students. Tom realizes that MSUO lacks sufficient organizations and clubs to keep the student body active. The organizations that do exist, such as the OO, SAC, AWS, and T. E. A. are strictly exclusive, secretive and of no "lasting value for future students." The most secretive organization is the now-dormant Meadowbrook Theatre Guild, which neither publicizes its activities, nor informs students of its plans for the Belgian barn. Another activity Tom criticizes is the demised Student Government, an unorganized, helpless group of 20 students, who in eight issues of their Student Government Newsletter through the fall and Winter terms, affirmed the fact that they were accomplishing nothing, and who in the same period managed to remain hidden from the student body. The SG was "set up so that it couldn't do anything if

it tried," and the SG has never shown any leadership. Tom is correct when he supposes that every student has the right by Parliamentary Procedure and Judicial Processes to elect the Judges that judge him, to observe all court cases, to subject cases to naked scrutiny, and to administer justice to fellow students. Therefore, SG should review all moral and other cases, SG should make and enforce all laws, and SG should verify those laws for constitutionality. Only then can our Student Government truly mirror efficiency and effectiveness, and reflect the voice of the student body. The Government is now defunct because of a machine, a faction of power-mad shirkers, who sought prestige above communication and understanding. Most of the twenty senators we all voted for, however, had honorable aspirations. Much could have been accomplished with the fine constitution, with which Tom is familiar, recommended by the Constitutional Committee of the Charter Class. We all know that the 10 student both named in the OO and "hand-picked by the dean of students (sic) for their interest and understanding of the problems at MSUO" (Editorial . . . , OO, Vol. III, No. 31, p. 1), cannot begin to represent the students of MSUO, suggestions that well may afford have the right to talk in our name. The ultimate responsibility for the actions of MSUO students is the student body;

therefore, students alone should choose who will represent them on this farcial Student Faculty University Council. Students CAN be trusted and ARE effective. Even fern tree-planting—only 40 per cent (planted by the same percentage of students compared to faculty planters) remain alive—shows student effectiveness. The best source of information at MSUO is another student, not the administration or the student press, which tends to be flag-waving and indiscreet. We all should draw a petition to relieve the growing pains of our university, and to present meaningful suggestions or solutions. Like Tom Kerley, we too should be groping for the answers, using our common sense and our newly-acquired heightened, intellectual talents. The 30-odd students at the core of our present waning activities should be informed that their efforts to provoke

action from the academically-oriented student are not creating the egghead with sharp, abrasive edges, but are aimed at making him gross. The main problem at MSUO is not the student but a communist-type, elite group, bent on forcing its socially-oriented views on the remaining 970 students under the pretext of "rounding out" his experience.

Neil W. Smith

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