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Saturday Seminars: The second of MSUO's Saturday Seminars for high school students will be held February 17, with four good programs on tap. In the morning, students may take part in a revealing psychology demonstration and discussion entitled "Anatomy of a Rumor, and the Deception of Perception." In the morning, too, there will be a jazz band rehearsal session with commentary and explanations by a former jazz artist. In the afternoon, "New Careers by the Dozen" will give students a chance to discuss the problems of transition to college, and to learn about the many new careers that have opened up in recent years, and the heavy demands for liberal arts graduates to fill them. Also, in the afternoon, will be "Computers, the Agents of Revolution." In this, faculty members from several different fields will demonstrate a computer, and discuss some of the things computers can do, and how they are changing everything from industrial processes to the study of biology.

The third one, on March 17, will add a mock steel collective bargaining session. We will send you more copies of the time schedule and brief descriptions of the seminars.

Dean's List: A record 157 students made honor grades for the Fall semester, nearly 16 per cent of the student body. Seven made straight A; and one, Robert L. Smith, Jr., of Romeo, got five A's. Four courses is a normal load. The size of the dean's list is increasing roughly twice as fast as enrollment, which indicates that intelligent students with a real desire to learn, and not just a tiny intellectual elite, can prosper in this rigorous, top-quality program.

Enrollment: A total of 1,017 students are enrolled for the Winter semester, 52 fewer than in the Fall term.

Scholarship Dates: MSUO is now a member of the College Scholarship Service. Students who are applying for scholarships should have their parents fill out and return the required CSS financial forms by the February 15 deadline. They should be sent to CSS, Box 176, Princeton, New Jersey

Chester Bowles Speaks: President Kennedy's special adviser on Latin American, African, and Asian affairs, launched an MSUO lecture series entitled World Report Tuesday. The series will help raise scholarship funds. Bowles said the extremist groups of both right and left present serious dangers to America's foreign policy.

The next lecture, on January 29, will be by Dr. James Haden, of the MSUO faculty, on "What Communism Means to Communists."

New Rendezvous: With the completion of the Oakland Student Center addition, the most popular spot on campus has become the downstairs snack bar and grill. When spring and the flowers come, a terrace and sunken garden opening off it will provide a place for benches and tables outdoors as well as in, and promises to be full every fair day.

New Tricks: Prospective teachers at MSUO are doing something quite different from those in any other teacher education program. As sophomores, each one spends an hour two days a week in the same elementary or junior high school classroom. This, the idea of Dr. Laszlo Hetenyi, head of the teacher education program, has several advantages. It exposes the student to teaching early in his or her college career and helps him make up his mind early instead of late. It gets him ready for practice teaching as a senior, and it makes his theory courses and other college work mean a lot more. These observers carry out some teaching assignments. Both, schools and observers are enthusiastic about the plan. Almost all of the observers spend much more time in the classroom than they are required to do.

Snow Carnival: For the second year, MSUO students will have a Snow Carnival, Saturday, February 3, complete with queen, with a student-faculty ice hockey game, in which Dr. Walter Collins will compete (wearing his fur hat and raccoon coat). There will be an ice and snow sculpture contest, and a dance, The Snow Ball, that night.

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