

# MEADOWBROOK

## LETTERS AND LINES

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Michigan State University Oakland

### OAKIE OBSERVES.....

Oakie was walking past the doors near the classroom building the other day when he saw four figures flit past him and into the crowd heading for class. They were moving too fast to be recognized but they seemed to be of the fair sex. As they scurried past him, Oakie heard mutterings of "Oh, that frog!" and "That was hot water dripping from those pipes!" Where on earth (or elsewhere) did they come from?

Mr. Bates, Barbara Osborn, Gay Wilson and Dennis Hall caught Oakie's eye last Wednesday as they marched briskly out of the Student Center. He decided to follow them and see what they were up to. The trail led to the stables of the Belgian horses at Meadowbrook. Oakie lost their trail, however, as he discussed the recent Summit talks with "Conelrad".

Noticing Joan Gibb in an outfit with a nautical air, looking upset and thoroughly disgusted with the world, Oakie stopped to console her but it was of no use. She said she was going to join the navy and get away from it all. She even has her ship picked out--the SS Garbage Barge. Please help Oakie convince her to stay; we sure would miss her.

Looking for some recreation, Oakie followed a rather perplexed Janet Barber over the stile to the golf range where she met Aydin Ilgaz and Dan Dunaj aiming for the first hole. She soon became a cheering section, urging them onward. Performing brilliantly under her supervision, Aydin made it to the fifth hole with a grand score of 40! It isn't quite par for the course, but practice does marvels and with Janet's careful guidance he may soon beat Sammy Sneed.

Oakie turned around just in time to see Mr. Lepley waving his arms over his

### CLUB NEWS AND NOTES...

#### Wesley Foundation

This week-end the newly-elected officers of the Wesley Foundation at MSU met at the Wesley House in Flint. The purpose of the meeting was to plan for programs that could be sponsored by the group in the coming year and to evaluate this year's program. Of special concern was what use could be made of the Wesley house which will be ready for next year. It is hoped that all Methodist students will meet with Rev. Bates and the officers for lunch Wednesday at the west end of the dining room to discuss the result of this meeting.

Recently, Lauree Webb and Patty Ferrell represented the group at a spring conference held at Adrian College. The keynote speaker, Dr. Kermit Eby, professor in the social science department of the University of Chicago and an ordained minister of the Church of the Brethren, presented a series of talks on the theme "The Church and World Politics". Other highlights were a very moving drama by the Wesley players of Albion College and a movie about Hiroshima after the atomic bomb. Any members or other students who have questions should feel free to contact either Patty or Lauree or Rev. Bates.

#### Teachers! Club

Last week Dr. Carl Gross was a guest speaker for the newly formed Teacher Education Association. Dr. Gross has been a public school administrator and is at present a professor of foundations of education at Michigan State University.

The theme of the lecture was, "So you want to be a teacher?" Dr. Gross began by asking a series of questions: "Do you like children? Do you like uncertainty and change? Are you interested in the world about you? Do you like to study? Are you willing to make a commitment to democracy?"

Dr. Gross feels that these questions

## OAKIE OBSERVES.... CONTINUED

head and shouting like a peanut vendor. After running to get his share he was rather disappointed to find out he was only trying to round up a crowd for the movie on MSU's water carnival; it was shown in the Student Center "cavern".

In the classroom Mr. Pearson was lecturing to the students left "prof-less" by Mr. Fitzsimmons' illness. Oakie has already planned to be present when they do their first impromptu--"quite off the top of their head"! This should present quite a difficulty for the students with round heads.

Oakie was drawn away by the fascinating sound of Russian and proceeded down the hall to test his translating skills. As it turned out, though, he had more fun listening to the English phrases. He learned that Karen Gullet is not always called Karen. She has been dubbed "Little Mouse." Wonder if she squeaks? Judy Thiese also has a nom-de-plume. She has been nick-named "Miss No." It seems that every sentence she says in Russian starts with Nyet!

Kitty Hubbard was pleasantly surprised one day last week when all her secretary friends and co-workers gave her a bridal shower. The bride-to-be was given a pink carnation corsage and a gift certificate from Hudsons.

Dr. Pearson, in reference to the play Othello, was asking his class what they thought of when they heard the word Venetian. Oakie heard John Berquist say, "Blinds," under his breath. Marilyn Bell also heard John and nearly rolled on the floor with laughter. Dr. Pearson is probably still wondering what's funny about the word Venetian.

Mrs. Weiss will have to get a bigger purse or else "organize" the one she has. Oakie peeked into room 166 (Mr. Matthews' western institutions class) and noticed that she was having difficulty finding a elusive article in the bottom of her purse. The noise of rustling paper was distracting enough, but all the students were sitting on the edge of their chairs watching in fascination as the pile in her lap grew and grew. The atmosphere was as tense as that of a circus audience watching the grand finale of a high-wire act. Mr. Matthews, unaware of the juggling and balancing talents of Mrs. Weiss, continued to lecture, inspired by the circle of attentive faces that surrounded him, gladly satisfying their thirst for knowledge.

## What's wrong with MSUO students?

In his work, Oakie comes across many MSUO students and often represents them to other college students whom he meets. They all say, "With such a good group of students there, working together to form traditions and make the school's reputation, it must be like a beehive of activity." Unfortunately, Oakie can't agree with their suppositions for he was also spent a little time visiting MSUO clubs. Out of the 70 Methodist students who are automatically members of Wesley Foundation, only 5 or 6 have attended meetings, in addition to the 4 who chose to join. Of the 23 students elected to the exploratory committee, only 7 now attend the meetings. There are 16 representatives cheating students who don't care that they are being cheated out of a voice in student government. A special lecture planned for students who want to teach, there are over 200, was attended by a scarce handful of them. The films scheduled as part of the Student Center's program of activities had to be cancelled because there was no one there to see them. Mme. DesParment has made special efforts to obtain films on France for French students. This involved special orders from the French Embassy in New York and the assistance of employees of the consul in Detroit. It must be admitted that this is a lot of work for 2 students.

Oakie would like to tell others that MSUO is brimming over with activity, with interested, active students developing qualities of leadership. Instead, he is forced to admit that, as a whole, they are the most lackadaisical, passive and unaware students that he has ever met.

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must be answered affirmatively before one decides to become a teacher. He also stressed that one must go a step beyond teaching subject matter, "A good teacher receives a thrill from teaching."

Si j'etais riche.....  
I would go to the University Bookstore and buy all their books.  
Ils sont si bons, vous savez!

Disappointed because your name isn't in the paper?

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