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T H E O U T C R Y

All the news
that is not
printed.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

An exclusive club room has been set up in the Science Building to be used by the science and engineering faculty. For their little hideaway the library has been deprived of all current and back issues of 43 periodicals. Such flagrant disregard for offering the maximum educational opportunities to students is in variance with the purposes of MSU Oakland.

Granted, the periodicals that have been moved are technical journals beyond the scope of undergraduate courses. But let us hope that many of the books in the library are also. One of the first signs to indicate that students have learned something around here would be if they browsed through professional journals. It is absurd that science and engineering students can no longer do that on this campus.

Please give us back our library materials. Also we would welcome back the science and engineering professors into the university community. If they had to hang around the library to do some of their reading, perhaps even a student-faculty dialogue might develop--or isn't there time for that.

Thank you. The restricted parking signs have been taken down from in front of the library. How about it, students. Let's do our part and observe the "Reserved for Guests" sign which is posted for the last 3 spaces closest to the library.

DUST IN THE CORNERS by Amos

I hear the Observer is going to comment on judicial processes at MSUO. This should be just the beginning of a long and interesting discussion.

When I speak of "The late physics professor" I'm not talking about obituaries.

I always wondered how a reporter could quote a person without even taking notes during an interview. My cousin told me ---"Inaccurately!"

My uncle is wondering who has a new skeleton in their closet. It seems that the one in the tall gray locker in 195 Science Building is missing. Maybe it has a bone to pick.

I was mentioning to a resident student that I didn't think the Oakland Center food was too bad. "Yeah," she retorted, "you don't eat here!"

Why must some chess loving sophomores concentrate by howling, singing, whistling, belching, crooning, crabbing, insulting and otherwise disturbing nearly everyone. Back to sweeping!

Why is it only the new professors will come and visit with us in the "Grill"? Is there some taboo that they haven't heard about yet?

My dear Woodscrew,

You know it's not me to neglect writing you so long, but since Clive Lewis published those letters from Screwtape, things have been warmer around here than usual. (The allusion here seems to be to the book, The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis--Proof Reader.) Our intelligence agency has released the evidence providing that these letters were instrumental in putting us behind the Enemy in the Race. You should have seen the Boss when he found out. What an ugly sight! He hissed and sputtered and cursed. Then like the real prince that he is, he screamed at me to call a general meeting. He was in excellent form starting, as he usually does when

he wants to con us, with "Powers and Dominions, Dieties, . . . " (It's strange that these are the same words Satan uses in Book II (line 11) of Paradise Lost--Proof Readers). As usual, the next thing we all knew we were working like fiends revamping everything.

However, dear friend, my reason for writing is not to gossip with you, but to give you the advice you have requested.

You are right. Your patients are not fools. They know they are at the university to learn to think, and that is exactly what you must prevent. I suggest that, because of your reduced staff, you confine your efforts to the younger patients. You see, Woodscrew, at their present stage most of them have not learned that they have all the human limitations, and to them everything is clearly one way or another, never both. This makes your task so much easier. All you have to do is to keep in mind these little guidelines. First, occupy their minds with petty things--jukebox music, class rings--camouflaging the pettiness with some of the Enemy's cliches--justice, rights. Second, prevent them from acquiring all but the most insignificant facts. The more uninformed, the better. Third, show them that they have been endowed with infinite wisdom. Fourth, convince them that anything not done their way is wrong and irrational. Fifth, prove to them that everyone is out to take advantage of their innocence. The Enemy sometimes uses these methods, so if you can make them think you are working for the Enemy, they will be more cooperative.

You know, old boy, I wonder if you need my help at all. I see in your reports that you have already begun to work along this line and that your patients seem to be responding well. It was near genius of you to encourage your patients not to sign their names to their letters of

criticism. That sort of thing really shows the stuff they are made of.

Let me tell you in closing to keep thinking along the lines you have been. You will come up with many more excellent ideas, I'm sure. Be sure to let me know how things develop, and don't forget to burn this letter. (If it were discovered by one of your patients and the Boss found out--there would be the Devil to pay.)

Your affectionate Friend,

Tapeworm

A bunch of pine branches have been put up by the patio outside the "Grill." Camouflage for Russian missiles?

JUST IN REVIEW

Last month we dropped over to one of the science lecture halls to see the "Operation Abolition" and "Operation Correction" movies. We decided, after seeing the movies, after asking some questions, and after checking some facts for ourselves, that the American Civil Liberties Union is doing as much damage toward advancing the liberal cause in the U. S. as the John Birch Society has done for the conservative cause.

Then a few days later we heard Rev. Malcolm Boyd--we're glad we don't listen to emotional speakers very often. Luckily we were in sympathy with his views or we might have started a fight.

Other stimulating activities were the panel discussions on the China--India war and the "Prayer in Public Schools" issue. Then on Sunday afternoon we heard Earl Spicer--well, you can't win them all.

ESPECIALLY FOR THE PROF

A Harvard graduate and an MSUO graduate were having lunch.

"Say, you're a Harvard man aren't you?"

"Why yes I am. How could you tell?"

"It's obvious from your language, dress and manners."

"You're an Oakland man aren't you?"

"Yeah, how could ya' tell?"

"I saw your class ring when you were picking your nose."

DISTRACTIONS by Circe

Coming up on Friday is the Wayne State University Glee Club at 8:30 P.M. . . .

Saturday at 8:00 P.M. is the T.E.A. Square Dance in the Gold Room . . .

Herbie Mann Sextet is at the Minor Key

. . . At the Fisher is The School for Scandal with Sir Ralph Richardson and

Sir John Gielgud. . . Seniors! Go to the senior class meeting Friday 12:15 P.M. in Gold Room.

What we don't need around here are flag poles.

What we don't need around here are fraternities and sororities.

What we don't need around here are inter-collegiate sports.

What we do need is a coffeehouse.

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TO THE CONTRIBUTORS

Dear Mike:

Since it is not clear to whom a letter to The Outcry should be addressed, I am sending this to you. It is in response to the first paragraph of the "Editorially Speaking" column in the November 2 issue of The Outcry.

I want to assure you that we have been studying the cases of lost juniors and seniors as well as freshmen and sophomores since the beginning of this academic year. It is our intention to investigate the effectiveness of the academic program and to discover any techniques whereby we can make the program stronger and more effective.

I thought you might like to know that we have already responded to your request and have developed a number of hypotheses related to the turnover of students.

Sincerely yours,

Donald D. O'Dowd,
Dean of the University

A CONTRIBUTOR'S COMMENTS

Thank you for your letter. We apologize for not finding out what is being done before writing the column. Along with a constant look at the academic program, perhaps it might be beneficial to have an expanded counseling program coordinated between the academic advisors and the Office of Psychological Services. Your efforts with this problem are appreciated and we hope such concern will continue to be the policy at MSU Oakland.