



DANDY DADS, THESE DEANS — Dr. Donald D. O'Dowd, dean of the university (photo at left) is full of spirit but proves to be an inefficient anchor man in the tug-of-war at the University



picnic. He was let down gently by his son Danny (from left) 5; Teddy Hildum, 4½; Julie Chernow, 3½; Brian Stoutenburg, 12, and Jimmy O'Dowd, 2½. At right is a representative group of Dean of

Students Duncan Sells' family. With their parents are Eric, 13; Paul, 2½; Elizabeth, 9; Marta, 5, and Katrin 6.

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List To Perform In C-L Series Nov. 7

Eugene List, concert pianist, Jennie Tourel, soprano, Charles Laughton, actor, and the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra will be featured in the 1961-62 Concert-Lecture Series sponsored by the MSUO-Community Arts Council.

List, who will appear Nov. 7, is the first of four attractions to be presented at the Pontiac Northern High School auditorium.

Eight other programs in the series will be held on the MSUO campus.

These include James Wright, poet from New York City, Oct. 17; the Stanley String Quartet from the University of Michigan, Nov. 30; the Michigan Men's Glee Club, March 22.

Emil Danenberg, concert pianist, from Oberlin College, will appear at an undetermined date. A folk singer and an art exhibit are also planned.

Communities participating in the Arts Council are Waterford, Rochester, Oxford, Lake Orion, Clarkston, Birmingham, Pontiac, White Lake, and West Bloomfield.

Walter Collins, associate professor of music, and Norman Cheal, Waterford, are co-chairmen of the Arts Council. Collins also is chairman of MSUO's cultural programs committee.

"We would welcome suggestions for the five programs still open," Collins said.

Tickets are available in the Dean of Students' office at \$5 for MSUO students, staff, and

faculty, and \$10 for others. A book of four tickets will admit the holder to all twelve of the Concert-Lecture programs.

SCC Now Student Activities Council

The name of the Student Center Council (SCC) has been changed. At a meeting September 19, the Council Board of Governors voted to change the name to Student Activities Council (SAC), at the same time changing the purpose of the organization. The purpose of the SAC will now be a) to promote University student activities by endeavoring to coordinate a well planned and balanced program of social, cultural, and recreational events, (Continued on Page 2)

MSU Grid Tickets Available Here

Fifty tickets for each of the Michigan State University home football games are available at the Dean of Students Office. They are \$4.50 each. Also available are 50 tickets to the MSU-Michigan game at Ann Arbor. These are \$5.

Chorus Plans Concert

An appearance with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra may be scheduled for the University Chorus, Walter Collins, director, said last week.

The symphony will perform March 3 at Pontiac Northern High School as part of the Concert-Lecture Series.

Plans for a Christmas program and a Carol sing were also made Tuesday at the first fall meeting of the chorus.

Prospective chorus members and pianists interested in accompanying the group may audition in 376, SFH. No singing experience is necessary, Collins said.

O'Dowd Indicates Value Of Education

"The man who does not learn eagerly and easily is obsolete the day he leaves college," Donald O'Dowd, dean of the university, told MSUO's third freshman class.

O'Dowd addressed 500 new students, members of the Board of Trustees, and members of the MSUO Foundation, and legislators at the third annual freshmen convocation Sept. 5.

Mr and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson, introduced by Chancellor Varner as "the mother" and father of MSUO," and Miss Sarah Van Hoosen Jones were honored guests.

Speaking on the advantages of a college education, O'Dowd stressed the greater earning (Continued on Page 2)

Senate To Fill Seats

In accord with legislation approved last year, Student Senate seats left vacant in the general election last spring will be filled, September 29.

Any qualified student (2.25 cumulative grade-point average at MSUO) seeking appointment should obtain a petition from either Marge Swoboda or Dean Sell's office, and return it with the required 15 signatures no later than September 29. The petitions will be reviewed by the executive committee and submitted to the Senate for final voting. Candidates will be given three minutes to present their views to the Senate before voting.

During the summer months, the Senate worked out a system of parking regulations and enforcement intended for use this fall, but the project was abandoned at the request of the business office. Because of recurring complaints, however, the administration has been asked for an explanation of their failure to take action on the congested parking conditions.

Three clubs were chartered at the September 15 meeting; Hi-Fi Club, Meadowbrook Society of Science and the Christian Science Organization.

Clubs which have not been chartered as yet have until September 27th to submit applications before being allowed to participate in Activities Day, scheduled for early October. A "Student Government Newsletter" will be published bi-monthly, the introductory issue appearing September 6. Clark Davis and Jon Lohla, government press secretaries, are responsible for publication of the Newsletter.

Students Design Ride Pool Board

A ride pool board was installed this week in the administration building to coordinate ride requests from students. Designed to eliminate car pool notices on the Dean's bulletin board, the new installation consists of a zoned map of the MSUO area.

According to instructions near the board, students will place ride requests or offers in a card rack with areas corresponding to the zones on the map. A student needing a ride from Lake Orion, for example, will file a card in the section of the card rack representing the Lake Orion vicinity.

A replica of the car pool system developed at the Boeing Airplane Company in Seattle, Washington, the board was built by Howard Hinkel, student government president, Roger Williams, and Bill Hoke.

"The board will solve 90 per cent of the ride problems at MSUO if used correctly," Hinkel said.



WALKING THE PLANK, Mrs. D. B. Varner, wife of the chancellor, steps lightly over a temporary moat at a construction site she visited with other guests at the Freshman Convocation.

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SE Building Boot Camp Front

Ever try shaving by flashlight with an electric razor and no current?

That's only one of the "advantages" of life in the "Barracks," the third floor of the new Engineering-Science building, where the resident men are now entrenched. We aren't sure, but we think we have four sergeants instead of resident advisors.

Reveille is non-buglish, with more of a jackhammer tempo to it, as played by the virtuosos of

the J. A. Fredman orchestra—at the ridiculous hour of seven A.M.

Order of the Day: A 500-yard hike (or sprint, depending on the amount of time left until the breakfast line closes) to the Student Center for "chow." This is "bad news" to heavy sleepers with eight O'clock classes back in the Engineering building. There exists an enormous temptation to skip breakfast.

Daily trips up and down the

three flights of stairs soon make the average barracks-dweller (conscript, in military parlance) tough enough to enlist in the Marines. Or even in some really rough outfit, like the Navy.

Morale-boosting GI items are featured in all parts of the building. Like a bulletin board with everything but announcements. Including cartoons, a laundry list and a plaintive note from sophomore girls ask-

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Thanks, Cornell!

"Ask Dean Sells first."

A new operating procedure at MSUO. It is evidence of student endorsement of a new dean.

Dean Sells is actually interested. He listens. And when he gives advice he has something to say.

He has a sense of humor. He needs one for a job that is mostly overtime.

He is authoritative and responsible, but no one is afraid of him. Is it merely coincidence that with his arrival the dean's office was moved from the "inner sanctum" of room 155 to a light, glass-enclosed area? Those who imagine a dean as an austere, hardfaced individual glaring at the world — or a distraught student — through beady eyes will be forced to construct a more accurate image. Dean Sells has rendered such a conception invalid.

"More students have come into the Dean's office in the last two weeks than came in in the last two years," says a member of the administration.

We don't wonder how MSUO got along without Dean Sells. We know. It was rough. But he was worth waiting for.

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"WELL-BEING QUALITY OF THE EDUCATED"

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power of the college graduate.
"Individual well-being" and
"the ability to think" were also
cited as qualities of the college-
educated.

Other guests included Conner
D. Smith, C. Allen Harlan, and
Jan. B. Vanderploeg, members
of the Board of Trustees; Mr.
and Mrs. Stanley Kresge, repre-
senting the Kresge Foundation;

senators Farrell E. Roberts (R-
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Coming Events

Saturday, Sept. 30 — Foreign
Dance — 8:00 - 12, Casual,
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Thursday, Oct. 5 — Lecture-
Concert Series Program —
1:15 p.m., Oakland Center.
October 2-6 — King's Week.

Friday, Oct. 6 — Twirp Hop
— Casual, 50c Stag - 75c
Drag, Records, 8:30 - 12.

Friday, Oct. 6 — Last Lecture
Series No. 1 — 1:00 p.m.
(Faculty Cafe)

Saturday, Oct. 7 — Au Sable
Canoe Trip — 8:00 a.m. —
11 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14 — Hayride—
8 p.m. at Hayride Lodge.

Thursday, Oct. 19 — Lecture
Concert Series Program —
1:15 p.m. in Oakland Center.

Saturday, Oct. 28 — Masquer-
ade Party — 8:30 - 12,
Records, 50c Stag - 75c Drag.

Dorms

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ing not to be forgotten in the
rush for freshman girls.

Not only that, but comfort-
able, cozy (downright cramped)
living areas and positively in-
ample storage space help the
enlistee get used to little set-
backs, like no place to hang his
U of M pennant.

Unstrangely, the tiered bunks
are referred to as "racks." This
may be linked to the fact that
three of the four advisors (Neil
Smith, Tony Cornellier and
Dave Stinson) are Navy veter-
ans. And the realization that
there are plenty of places to
tie and stretch offenders caught
singing in the shower after
ten P.M.

Technically, lights are out at
ten—If you have a Zorro mask
sans eyeholes or usually wear
shades to bed. Otherwise, it's a
fight to enforce the nightly
blackout.

"Bull" sessions; the focal
point of dorm life. It is, of
course, strictly "out" to start
one before ten, and to keep the
noise down after eleven.

Nocturnal somnambulistics
are strongly discouraged, due
to the fact that the building is
open on two wings. Three
floors is a nasty drop.

Finally, a question. What is
the funniest sight in Oakland
County today? Ten barrack-
teers trying to figure out which
end it up at the "Happy Phi-
losopher's" laundromat.

Observations

Well, MSUO has become an ivy school after all. Kinda
wrecks one of those wheezes so often seen in MSUO publicity:
"... a brand new university so lacking in ivy..." If you aren't
aware of the ivy situation, note the walls of SFH and the other
"older" buildings... The Dean of Students' Office just in-
side the door of NFH. We suggest that some name be found
to replace "Office of Student Affairs"... Some new students
still are not aware of the existence of the main bulletin board,
where both personal and general announcements for the whole
university are posted. Mrs. Sexton, Dean Sells' secretary, says
there has been almost no response to several of the announce-
ments on the board. Some of the mailboxes haven't been check-
ed since the beginning of the term. The boxes are on the wall
outside 155, NFH. A new location hasn't been determined...
Orrin Taulbee, professor of math, and Robert Hopkins, director
of counseling and testing, have left MSUO. Mr. Hopkins is teach-
ing at the University of Toledo. A new director probably won't
be hired until next year... We've heard complaints about
the clacking typewriter in the library. There's enough human
noise already... Library equipment will be moved to the new
building next Wednesday. Mr. Wilder (librarian) plans an ox
roast for volunteer book-movers... MSUO needs a bike rack.
... There's still a week to pick up a petition for a Student
Senate seat... Mr. Fritz says that eventually all the tables in
the cafeteria will be round. The long ones moved in last week
will be used for banquets in the new SC addition... If you
lose a book around here, you most likely won't see it again. And
some of these textbooks are pretty expensive. We suggest that
the Student Government set up a lost and found books area some-
where on the campus. A corner of the new library lobby might
be a good place... Chem. lab equipment will be moved into the
S&E building during the Christmas vacation... If book sales
are any indication, the tastes of MSUO students are superior to
those of University of Pittsburgh students. Louis Hahl, new man-
ager of the bookstore, stocked a little volume called Jokes for
the John, figuring it would sell as well here as it did at Pitt. So
far, it hasn't sold, despite the full size rhinestone-studded, gold-
braided plunger attached to the book. A companion tome, Poems
for the John, has been equally unsuccessful... There has
been a gross error somewhere: the new sidewalks to the library
and the S&E building are not consistent with the right angles of
the existing walks. We have no explanation for this phenomenon.
We can only say, "Cheers."

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cooperation with organized University groups to implement activities programs planned by b) to work in conjunction and those groups, and c) to act as a student advisory group to the Dean of Students' office in effecting the overall program of University student activities.

The structure of the organization has not been changed. It will be comprised of a social Committee, Special Events Committee, Students Services Committee, Publicity Committee, and Cultural Committee, the chairmen of which, along with three elected officers, and two members-at-large, will make up the ten-member SAC Board of Governors. Present members of the Board of Governors include: Janet Long, President, Mary Stuart, Vice-President, Jannet Kelly, secre-

tary, Jim Wolfe Social Chairman, Ron Miller, Special Events Chairman, Howard Hinkel, Student Services Chairman, Janice McClements, Publicity Chairman, Marge Swoboda, Member-at-large, and Paulette Kimball, Member-at-large. The post of Cultural Chairman is to be filled.

A membership drive will be forthcoming to accomodate interested students.

Dance Saturday To Bring New Student

A dance Sept. 30 is the first in a projected series of fund raising events planned by the Student Government to benefit the exchange student program.

According to Lauree Webb, chairman of a student government exchange student committee, the project will be initiated in September 1962, if \$2,500 can be raised by that time.

None of the foreign students now attending MSUO are here on an exchange basis, Miss Webb said.

MSUO's first exchange student will be from Germany because Germany's exchange program is well-developed at the university level.

Robert Simmons, assistant professor of German, is advising the committee. He was formerly associated with the German Academic Exchange Service.

"Our goal is to expand the program as rapidly as possible, especially to include those countries whose native languages are taught at MSUO," Miss Webb explained.

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more than 250 members of the third freshman class, transfer students, faculty and administrative officers were treated to dinner, dancing and an entertainment program.

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Insurance Deadline Soon

Student accident and health insurance will again be available for MSUO students. Deadline for subscription to the program is September 30.

Recommended and endorsed by the student government, and available through the Austin-Norvell Agency of Pontiac, an affiliate of Continental Casualty of Chicago, the insurance sells for \$28.50 per year.

Health and accident application blanks, premium payments, I.D. cards, and other information will be handled through Mrs. Sexton, room 160 NFH.

New Lecture Series

Beginning October 6 and continuing through January 26, 1962 the Special Events Committee of the Student Activities Council will present a "Last Lecture" series.

The series will offer each professor the chance to imagine he is giving his last lecture. Although the topic is basically unrealistic, the outcome should prove stimulating, thought-provoking, and entertaining.

The series will be free to all MSUO students, faculty, and personnel. It will be held on the faculty side of the cafeteria in the Oakland Center at 1:00 Fridays.

Scheduled dates for the lectures are: October 6, 13; November 3, 17; December 1; and January 12, 26, 1962.

Scheduled speakers include Dr. Gerald M. Straka, Associate Professor of History, Dr. Norman Susskind, Associate Professor of Foreign Languages and Literature, and Dr. Robert E. Simmons, Associate Professor of German.

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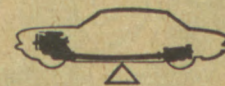
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