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This is the first of a series of semimonthly notes on what is going on at MSUO, which we hope will be of interest to principals, counselors, teachers, and prospective students.

Growing Up: With the start of the second semester of its third year, MSUO has passed a milestone. With one exception, the buildings that comprise the nucleus of the physical plant have been completed. The dramatic new \$1,500,000 Kresge Library, given by the Kresge Foundation, dominates the campus and now provides the best of quiet, commodious and well-appointed quarters for study. The \$2,000,000 Science and Engineering building, a model of its kind, is in full use. The first four units of MSUO's new kind of student houses that accommodate 48 students each (rather than 480 or so) were dedicated recently. And this week, students started using the attractive new facilities in the expanded Oakland Student Center. The one building still under construction is the sports and recreation building, a college gymnasium with a different emphasis. It will provide for simultaneous activities in seven different sports, and is designed with the student in mind as a participant rather than spectator. With landscaping done in the quadrangle between the new buildings and the existing North and South Foundation Halls, and the whole group tied together with paved walks, MSUO has assumed the air and look of a spacious college campus -- on a site that is potentially one of the most beautiful in the country.

MSUO Receives More Gifts: The last month has been notable for the number of gifts MSUO has received. Mr. B. H. Anibal, former Chief Engineer of the Pontiac Motor Division, gave 1,000 shares of General Motors stock worth \$56,000. This will be used principally for engineering program equipment.

Mr. C. Allen Harlan, president of the Harlan Electric Co., and a member of the University's Board of Trustees, gave \$25,000, of which \$15,000 will be used for library acquisitions and \$10,000 for a Mrs. C. Allen Harlan Scholarship. Mr. Harlan has previously donated scholarship funds, as have many prominent persons in the area. Others have been created by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kyes, Pontiac Central High School, the Village Women's Club of Birmingham, and by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. William T. Gossett have established three Charles Evans Hughes Scholarships in memory of her late father, the Chief Justice of the United States. Altogether, some 160 MSUO students are receiving scholarship aid, thanks to such gifts as these and the work of the MSUO Foundation Scholarship Committee, which raised \$60,000 for this year.

Besides these, the Federal government's National Science Foundation has given MSUO \$30,000 to bring leading scientists and educators here to help work out a new kind of science course for non-science majors and to help spell out the role of science in a liberal arts education.

The Ford Motor Company Fund also has given MSUO \$15,000 to help the University consult with leading businessmen and business educators in evolving a new, broadly conceived business administration program designed to educate the business leaders of tomorrow.

Saturday Seminars: The MSUO faculty has planned university-level discussions on problems in several intellectual areas for high school students. They involve matters that are timely and of concern to students. They are: "Anatomy of a Rumor, and the Deception in Perception", (psychology); "New Careers by the Dozen", (the exploding demands for persons with the skills developed by the liberal arts subjects, and how to prepare for them); "Computers, the Agents of Revolution", (a demonstration and discussion of one of the most powerful and pervasive forces for change throughout our society); and a mock steel bargaining session in which participants will struggle with the large and conflicting interests that decide the collective bargaining contract in the nation's pace-setting industry. There will also be two music programs, one in jazz and one on Handel's "Messiah". The dates will be January 13, February 17, and March 17. Material on these is being mailed out to counselors.

Principal-Freshman Conference: This affair will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 20. Tentative plans call for talks by two MSUO faculty members on timely research problems or world topics, and lunch with high school and MSUO faculty members of like interest seated together. Transcripts and pertinent information on the freshmen will be mailed to the principals in advance of the conference.