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THE OUTCRY
A student newsletter

All the news
that is not
printed.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

If someone sees a ring with the letters MSUO on it, the sight should convey something special. The Book Center already sells more than enough junk with the letters MSUO all over the place to satisfy any student's desire to tell the world about his heroic actions. Certainly, any student who comes here for one or two semesters and then flunks out should not be allowed to own and wear a MSUO ring. Unfortunately, and not without reason, the ring manufacturer is trying to snow a few people into thinking otherwise.

Several schools use with success a plan which, if used here, would reflect the academic quality of MSUO. The plan is simple. When a student becomes a senior, he is allowed to order a ring and wear it with the bottoms of the letters turned toward his arm. Upon graduation, he then turns the ring so that the bottoms of the letters are toward the tips of the fingers. Any senior who leaves school and does not graduate must return the ring to the university before he is free from financial obligations to the university.

That plan should be adopted here. Then, when someone in the community sees a MSUO ring, he will know that the wearer is not just anyone accepted by the university. Only attending seniors and graduates should wear our ring. If others do, then it would be folly to waste the money on one.

Now what is Hollywood going to do with all that film of Moses crossing the Red Sea?

DO NOT FORGET

This Friday, October 19th.

- a) Mrs. Wilson's surprise birthday party. 12:30--Resident Cafeteria.
- b) Roberts--Smith debate 1:00--Gold Room.
- c) DAFS film "The Root." 8:00--Room 190 Sci. Membership subscription sold at door. Free coffee after.

DUST IN THE CORNERS by Amos

With all the administrators trying to touch base here and there, I hope none of them get too hasty. They could strike out.

Some of the dorm students seem incensed by my comments on their sometimes less-than-casual attire, and are demanding an apology. I humbly comply. I am sorry that some dorm students dress lousily.

There seems to be some administration interest in some sort of inter-club organization. I am wondering if it would be possible to reorganize the Student Faculty University Council along this line, thus eliminating some of the bureaucracy which we now seem to so desperately need.

I am delighted to hear of a new case of freshman initiative. There is a freshman serving gratis as assistant in the electrical lab stockroom. All engineers are breathing a sigh of relief, knowing that their experiments will be zealously guarded.

My uncle sez that the fireplace in the lounge is all well and good, but in order to be completely effective, it could only be appreciated by one couple at a time. Back to sweeping.

This afternoon there will be an organizational meeting in the pool hall of the Oakland Center for all students who want to form a new club call "Students for Sensible Action."

ESPECIALLY FOR THE PROF

Two Oakland coeds visiting an art gallery in the Village. "Martha," Grace gasped, "that painting looks exactly like you. Don't tell me you've been posing in the nude!" "Certainly not!" Martha stammered, blushing furiously. "H-he must have painted it from memory."

DISTRACTIONS by Circe

Ohh woe are us. We lit candles to Saints Merlin and Mephisto. We searched through our drawers of dolls, pins, and potions. We have looked in Prospero's books. We even consulted with Jove. But alas, we just can not (sic) find it. Woe are us. We just cannot find a way to be in several places at once. Consider our plight. Friday, October 26, the French National Orchestra will be at the Masonic Auditorium. Wednesday, October 24, they will be at U of M ... Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings the Unstabled Theater is presenting "The Sandbox" and "Crawling Arnold" (studies in child psychology, no doubt) ... Beginning this week at the Studio is that controversial Spanish film "Viridiana." The film won the 1961 Grand Prize at the Cannes Film Festival, but it was banned in Spain (and probably Boston)... This week the U of M professional resident company is reviving George M. Cohan's "The Tavern" which spoofs melodramas. At the Cinerama Music Hall nightly is "The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm." The grapevine tells us that it is a very good movie... Ohh woe are us. In addition to all of this, the First Annual Symposium on the Arts begins Wednesday, October 24, at 2:00 P.M. in the Gold Room. The theme is "Public and Private Support of the Arts." Highlights will be the world premiere of Henry Cowell's "Trio for Flute, Violin, and Harp", and the opening of the University Art Gallery,

which will feature an exhibition of paintings by Wolf Kahn. The Symposium will end Friday the 26th with a concert at Pontiac Northern. Pianist Gyorgy Sandor will perform works by Beethoven, Brahms, Liszt, Chopin, and Bartok... Ohh woe are us. Must life be filled with continuous conflicts of interest... Luckily this Friday there are not too many. Around 12:30 we will be in the resident cafeteria with everyone else to sing "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Wilson. In the evening we will be seeing the first DAFS film, "The Roots."

On 23 October "The Outcry" is sponsoring a poll of the student body and the faculty in order to reveal the prevailing political attitudes on the MSUO campus. Everyone is encouraged to vote at the polls which will be located in the Oakland Center.

SAMPLE BALLOT

George Romney	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Swainson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leland Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farrell Roberts	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am a Senior	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sophomore	<input type="checkbox"/>
Freshman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Faculty member	<input type="checkbox"/>

My usual Party preference is

Democratic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Republican	<input type="checkbox"/>
Independant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

We noticed that some more new grass has been planted next to the sidewalks around campus so that it can be killed again this winter with salt.

TO THE CONTRIBUTORS:

In the last editorial you said that "it appears as if many students have failed to learn even the basic tenants of a democratic society." As examples you cite the fact that only seven club presidents showed up for a meeting with Dean Holmes; that student government failed; that only 569 students out of 1256 voted for a school ring. Then the conclusion was that "Lack of integrity and lack of sense of responsibility have always been typical of our elected representatives and officers." The question is asked, "Why is MSUO failing to produce good Americans?"

As a remedy for the situation at MSUO it was suggested that students be given more contact with the 19th and 20th century writers who discuss individual responsibility.

What is your conception of a democratic society; what constitutes a good American and do you really believe that if all club presidents had attended the meeting with the Dean; that if student government were revived; that if 1256 students voted for the school ring; that if students were given more contact with 19th and 20th century American writers who discuss individual responsibility; that automatically the students would have integrity, would have responsibility, and that above all they would be good Americans?

Are you prepared to defend the assumptions: (1) That student leaders have always lacked integrity and responsibility; (2) that MSUO has failed to produce good Americans; (3) That there ought to be, and can be real democracy on a university campus?

The editorial of the last "Outcry" did not uphold the ideals of "The Outcry": "Real knowledge and a decided point of view will replace the usual conventional comment on irrelevant or foregone conclusions."

A CONTRIBUTOR'S COMMENTS

Thank you for an accurate summary in your first two paragraphs of our last column in "Editorially Speaking," but, to our dismay, you use in your third paragraph the word automatically. We have completely failed to communicate our main point, and that is that in a democracy good citizens are never automatically produced. Now, we do believe that if all those things you list had happened, then things at MSUO would be a damn sight better.

As to those three assumptions we are suppose to defend; (1) We did not say "have always lacked:", but rather we said, "have always been typical: (misreading is generally the main cause of misguided notions); (2) MSUO's first products will appear in April and what they will be remains to be seen (we note from the vigorous efforts from the Dean of Students office that MSUO isn't through with anybody yet); and (3) we simply don't understand how you arrived at the third assumption.

Finally, your last paragraph. The mere fact that you sent us a letter indicates that we weren't talking about "foregone conclusions," and we feel that the topic was not "irrelevant." We further state that by definition it is impossible to uphold ideals (and we often question the value of ever trying to).

At times
one's memory
unknown, yet with a silent perception
slowly fades,
Relinquishing knowledge that
was once useful
but
is no more.

FRESHMEN BEWARE: Keep off the grass.

What will Ross Barnett do when he finds out his wife ordered a colored TV.

Business Office, wake up and take down those ridiculous signs along the parking area in front of the library (in fact, what do you have to do with it anyway?). As much as we appreciate the secretaries and clerks around here, we don't think they should be more privileged than students.

The faculty deserves individual places--a name will be respected, but arbitrary privileges with threatened "messy and unwelcome business of enforcement" will never be respected.

TO THE CONTRIBUTORS

(as received from Decatur, Georgia)

Sucksinkly speaking--this is in re your Sept. 19, '62 issue which I rec'd via carrion-pidgen recently. The Ed then probably wasn't you because no Ed would keep his job who printed so many mistakes. Or--maybe you are minus a proof-reader?

F'instances: #1-succomb is spelled wrongly. #2-senior class is singular and should be verbed by is not are!-- Come to think of it, tho, MSUO 1st senior class are probably doubly singular!

Boucoup other bloopers were quite evident. However, I do appreciate your interest in nat'l politics, humor and art.

Inasmuch as my child is a senior at MSOU (or was last week), please tell her to desist with that pipe smoking. In 1935 we paid \$600 to get her front teeth straightened--on acct. of she sucked her thumb til she was 20.

In response to your subtile hint I'm enclosing a long horded peso. Please hire an Eng. Prof. to check spelling & comp. in case the Outcry is still a reality.

Yrs,

An ill literate

P.S. If I knew Don Marquis' forwarding address, I'd send him your name as I heard that Archy is tuckered out.

P.S.S. Let me know if you don't get this.

A CONTRIBUTOR'S COMMENTS

You missed one. We also misspelled the word "weird" in that issue. No doubt when you received your copy, the "are" was changed to "is", because we did it by hand. As to seniors smoking pipes, we didn't feel that it would be proper to publicize what the senior girls are up to. And as for English profs, they'll never get their mitts on our stencils--but we promise to try a little harder. Thanks for the Confederate money, we'll forward it to Ross Barnett.

MSUO has now joined the ranks of the big time--bicycle racks and contract bridge.

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MASQUERADE

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27

2:00-
10:30



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