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A Day in College Clicks: Counselors and principals from eight Macomb County high schools have concluded after a trial run that a new kind of college visit which they and we planned together is such a valuable experience it should be put on a regular basis. In brief, each of half a dozen schools gives five or six good, serious students the opportunity of spending a day being college freshmen, doing at least two of the day's assignments in preparation for it, and then subsequently relating their experiences to their classes or to assembly groupings. It was designed to be a serious enlightening workday, rather than a frivolous holiday. In a critique luncheon at Clintondale, all agreed that their participating juniors and seniors had been "very impressed", and stimulated. They learned first hand what college work was like (stimulating), and what college professors were like. (Surprisingly lucid). It was an acclimatizing exposure in which many lost their fear of college, learned that they could dress informally, that college students enjoyed much freedom (but, shockingly to some, smoked in class). Most of the group had their participants make short reports to individual classes, with question-and-answer sessions following. Some used the same procedure but with larger groupings. Chief criticism of the day in college was the limited selection of classes available. It was agreed that the visitors would be glad to arrive on campus in time for eight A.M. classes (instead of for 10 o'clocks) in order to provide more selection. All agreed that the lesson assignments were an essential part of the experience, even if some of them were extensive.

If you would like to get reactions of those at the luncheon, they are: Dave Olson, Romeo; Dennis McCarthy, Fitzgerald, Lois Diehl and Don Shader, Clintondale; Arnold Yerman, CenterLine; Wanda Wallace, Utica; Stanley Wawrzyniak, South Lake; James Peterman, Warren; and Cleo Cleven, Mt. Clemens. We will now try to set up a regular schedule for these visits.

Full House: Nearly 200 high school students took part in the second of the Saturday Seminars February 17. One of the most popular programs of the day was one entitled, "Computers, the Agents of Revolution." One of the young visitors played the computer a game of three-dimensional tic-tac-toe and lost. The computer spiced the contest with such comments as "good try" and "Let's see you get out of this one".

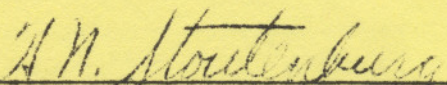
A biologist, a political scientist, a physicist, and a philosopher all discussed the new uses of and the vast implications of computers. March 17 the third and last of the Seminars will feature a rehearsal of Handel's "Messiah". The popular psychology program "Anatomy of a Rumor, and the Deception in Perception" will be repeated, as will "New Careers by the Dozen". There will also be a new feature, a mock steel industry bargaining session in which two advanced MSUO economics classes, with the help of high school students, will play the roles of union and industry negotiators. The only charge is 75¢ for lunch.

Science Building Dedicated: Many leading scholars were among the 200 university and high school faculty members attending the dedication of MSUO's \$2,000,000 Science Engineering Building February 10. A symposium on improving science education had as participants officials of the National Science Foundation and noted scholars who are directing nationwide course improvement projects in each of the sciences and in mathematics. Each one discussed the needs and the work being done in his discipline. The new Science Building houses not only MSUO's mathematics, chemistry, and physics programs, but also its new science engineering program.

International Festival: Former Governor G. Mennen Williams headed a throng of nearly 2,000 visitors to MSUO's annual Culture Internationale last Sunday. Williams, now Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, told the audience that freedom from domination by white governments is the burning issue in Africa. The Africans also want higher living standards and attainment of equality and human dignity. The visitors also saw displays from all parts of the world of art, handicraft, books, costumes, films, and dances. If they came early enough, they were able to try an international buffet which offered nearly two score exotic foods.

Scholarship Deadline: Students should get their scholarship applications to us by the March 1 deadline.

A Reminder: Mark down on your calendar the date March 20 for our Principal-Freshman Conference. Plans are pretty well shaped up, and you will soon be getting a letter outlining the program which will feature biologist Herman Lewis, China expert Charles Hucker, and psychologist David Beardslee, who is doing a most interesting research project for the U. S. Office of Education on college students' images of leading professions.



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