

ORANGE HORSE NOTES #2

November 18, 1966

Good day. It looks like we are going to get out another copy of our 24-hour newsletter from our offices in Bessey Hall. Many things have happened since yesterday and many more things will be happening tonight and this weekend. Over three hundred students stayed the night last night in Bessey Hall and there were between five and six hundred there at midnight during the discussion. Interest seems to be growing and we hope that even more will attend tonight and this weekend. We are asking students, faculty, and other interested persons to come over and discuss the controversy and our stand with us and join us if they feel that they should.

The first thing this morning we sent a letter to Ben Strandess, chairman of the ATL Department, to try to settle this controversy. Excerpts from that letter include:-

"In fact, all meaningful dialogue between interested students and the American Thought and Language Department has ceased to exist. It would perhaps be beneficial at this point for a new and less prejudiced body to step in as mediators. The United Students would like to request that you invite such a body, namely the local American Association of University Professors Executive Board, to meet with the American Thought and Language Advisory Committee to help to settle this controversy. We (ed.note -- United Students) have agreed among ourselves that if the AAUP Executive Board were to decide that fair procedures had been followed and that these had been fairly implemented and that there had been no breach of academic freedom, we would be willing to admit that we had no cause for complaint. We would request that such a meeting be held as soon as possible, but at least by or on Monday November 21st. Thus the discussion would be carried on among professional colleagues in a less inflammatory atmosphere rather than between students and faculty who have already placed themselves at odds with each other.

The American Thought and Language Department and individuals within the department have a tradition of open-mindedness and support of academic freedom. This would seem to be the chance for them to show the rest of the members of the Michigan State University community that they still believe in this tradition."

Copies of the letter were given to Dean Carlin and the ATL Advisory Committee. They will also be given to members of the AAUP Executive Board today.

The members of United Students present at the sit-in Wednesday night felt that this proposition was eminently satisfactory to all parties. It would give the ATL committee and Dr. Strandess a chance to discuss the reasons for the firing of the three ATL instructors, namely, Gary Groat, Robert Fogarty, and Ken Lawless, with a group of colleagues willing to listen and capable of judging competently. The only objection to this proposal would be that the reasons are not valid and would be rejected by the AAUP Executive Board.

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Also of importance were the statements of President Hannah in an interview with the State News. He indicated that the sit-in held by the members of United Students had been allowed to continue because it had been orderly and

had not disturbed classes. He also stated that Bessey Hall is one of the classroom buildings usually closed on weekends and that the students would be asked to leave at midnight tonight. This has many implications and raises many questions -- what will happen if the United Students refuse to leave? Hannah implied that his course of action is flexible on that point. The students involved in the sit-in discussed this matter at a meeting last night and decided to continue the discussion tonight. All interested students and faculty are invited to come sit with us and discuss this matter tonight. It will be interesting to see what happens at midnight.

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The ASMSU General Assembly also extended their support at a meeting last night. They voted to support the resolution adopted by the ASMSU Student Board Tuesday. (This is the resolution demanding reasons for the firings of the ATL professors) to support the statement of the AAUP Executive Board requesting the right of review and appeal in cases of termination of contracts of non-tenured faculty members. The ASMSU General Assembly also passed a resolution requesting that the Student Board vote to put up bail (Heaven forbid!) money if the members of United Students decide to remain, come jail or high water, in Bessey Hall even if they are requested and/or ordered to leave at midnight tonight. It must be noted that this decision of the General Assembly is not binding on the Student Board and that the members of United Students have not as yet decided on a course of action.

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Earlier in the week, the United Students decided to continue their present course of action, if unharrassed, until Dr. Strandess replied to their offer or until the deadline of Monday. If no action has been taken at that time, the United Students will decide what further action will be taken. This means that if nothing happens tonight, we will need people to join our sit-in over the weekend and keep it going. We invite you to come over to Bessey Hall at any time and join us if you agree with us, or believe that what we are doing is right.

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Under the heading of unconfirmed rumors is the story that Howard Neville, The Provost, has forbidden the ATL Department to meet as a body to discuss this controversy. The ATL Department had scheduled such a meeting last night in the Brody auditorium but subsequently cancelled it. How the Provost's action will affect the ATL faculty has yet to be seen. No good faculty likes to be ordered about by the administration.

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So that's about it. United Students are still sitting here in Bessey Hall waiting for a reply from Strandess and waiting to see what will happen tonight. We are gratified and astonished by the interest and support so many faculty and students have displayed. We would hope more people would join us in this attempt to take a step toward making MSU a community of scholars.

WEAR ORANGE FOR ACADEMIC FREEDOM

JOIN UNITED STUDENTS

The Steering Committee and general membership of United Students of Michigan State University

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FINALLY: SOME ACTION!

Get out your Marching Boots!

THERE WILL BE AN URGENT MEETING AND PLANNING SESSION FOR ALL US MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PEOPLE TUESDAY 8:30, ROOM 37 OF THE UNION. THIS WILL BE AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MEETING. EXTREMELY. IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN DOING MUCH LATELY HERE IS A CHANCE TO GET BACK INTO THINGS.

Whyfore the meeting???? Well.

Georgie Romney seems to get what he wants from his legislature on the tax-reform thing. But can we get what we want/need from Georgie and his legislature???? Like money.

Some statistics, so you can act informed:

Per-student appropriations last year

UofM	\$1632
Wayne	\$1304
MSU	\$1151 (which ain't a hell of a lot)

WHY?????????

And this year the Peoples' Elected Representatives choose to advance the cause of education tremendously. By cutting TEN MILLION DOLLARS from the requested appropriation. TEN MILLION DOLLARS.

This means that the Board of Trustees has to find that TEN MILLION DOLLARS somewhere else. So guess where they go for it. Even if you can't afford it. \$81 dollars per year more of it. Which will price this institution right out of the education supermarket. Let alone improving the quality of the merchandice.

SO. WE ARE HAVING A PROTEST RALLY (adjectives: stupendous, gigantic, enormous, choose one) !!!!!!! THEN WE WILL MARCH DOWN TO THE CAPITOL AND TELL THE POWERS-THAT-BE WHAT WE THINK OF THEIR APPROPRIATIONS PLANS.

THURSDAY, 1:30, BEAUMONT TOWER. BRING YOUR BOOTS. BRING MONEY FOR A BUS RIDE BACK. BRING PEOPLE. BRING FACULTY. BRING STUDENTS (everyone should be uptight about this).

DON'T FORGET THE TUESDAY PLANNING MEETING. WE NEED ORGANIZERS. WE NEED PEOPLE TO DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS. WE NEED CARS.

Glorious Leader has found us a very good and socially useful and not all that boring long-term project. Which we will decide about Tuesday night.

Cristo Rey Mexican parish and community center down in Lansing is looking for people to tutor some of their children. Especially

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they need guys. Girls have a little trouble handling some of the kids. Girls too, but especially guys. If you're planning on being here this summer you can be a great help.

Cristo Rey can also use money, art supplies, recreational equipment, and things like that.

Student Board is considering parts of the Bill of Rights. put some pressure on them. Cannot allow this to fail. At least we don't want it to fail. They are not considering some of the sections. Call your board member and ask him to support the Bill of Rights in toto.

→ Rumor has it that Alan Huss is a cop. Beware.

We need people who can work at Freshman Orientation and Brainwashing this summer reorienting and dirtying brains. So if you are staying this summer, think about this.

Uncle John, why won't you treat us like people?

the dance was a groove and we made \$15, with no publicity

We may need some money soon. Let's get it. For a new mime machine. Help!

\$10,000,000

Abolish freshman lions
Equality!!

MHA is circulating some kind of silly petition.

Leaving this summer?
save your orange buttons for next year. I'll still be here.



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signatures

Boy's line.

March on the capital with us

Thursday
what is a federal liberal?
of all 7,000,000 "Radical" candidates for student body we only have two left. experience other allies.

Should US distribute Birth Control information?
Fed is alive.

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