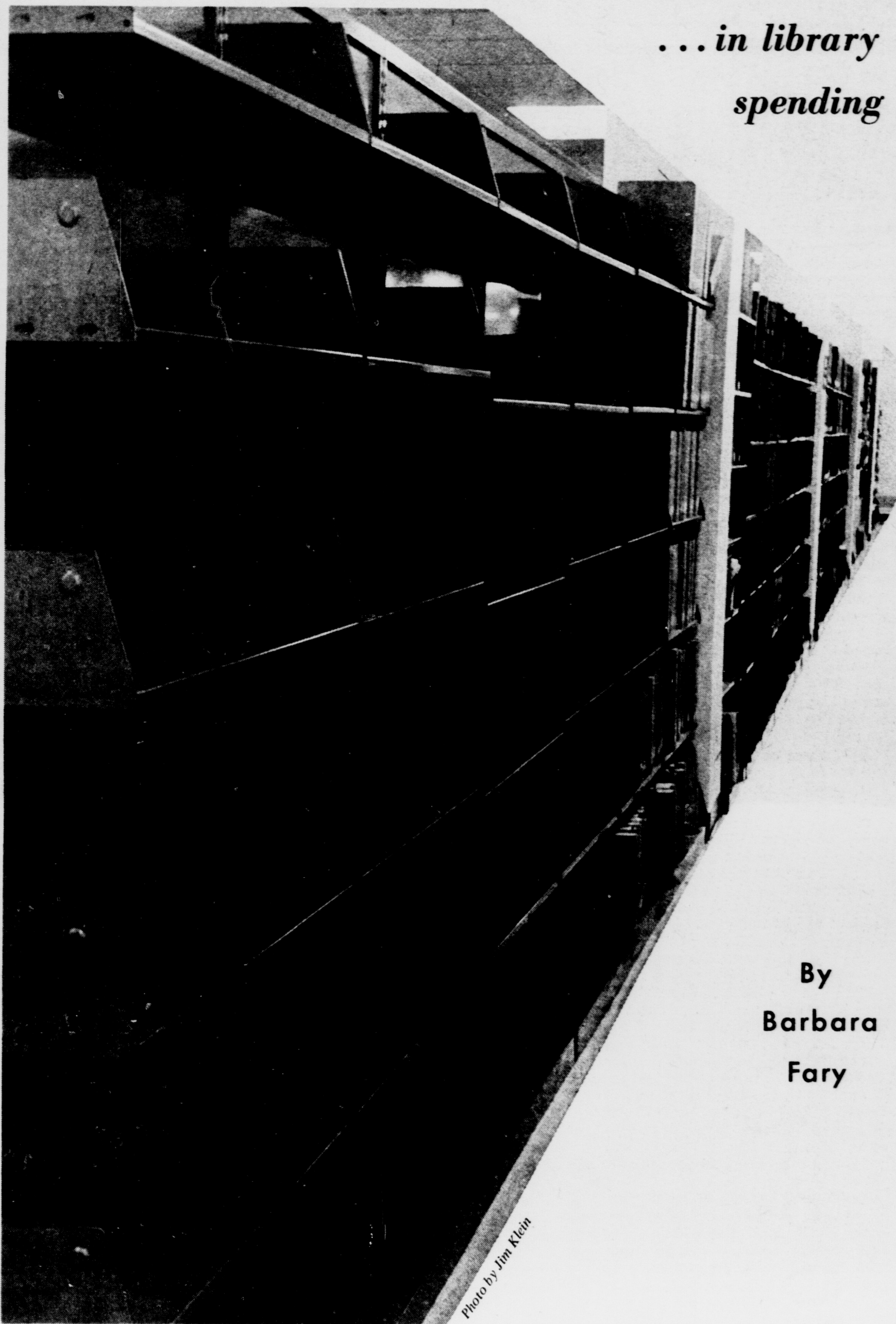


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*...in library
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By
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MSU, the 15th largest university in the nation, ranks 27th in total expenditures for its library system.

The University of Michigan library spends more than twice the amount per student MSU does. The U - M libraries also hold more than three times as many volumes per student than the MSU libraries.

Yet MSU, according to a recent survey of the nation's largest educational institutions, is the largest of the three leading state universities. MSU ranks 15th in the nation both in full - time and total enrollment, while U - M ranks 16th in both categories. Wayne State University ranks 26th nationally in full - time and 20th nationally in total enrollment.

"Michigan traditionally spends more money on their

library than we do," Richard E. Chapin, director of MSU libraries, said. "It's a battle I've been fighting for years. We've made gains, but we're still battling."

Chapin was an ex - official member of the President's Ad Hoc Committee on the Library in 1964 which recommended that an extensive program be undertaken to improve the Library.

President John Hannah commissioned the committee to "look into what we are now doing in library services, what we ought to be doing, and how we ought to be doing it in 1970 and the years beyond."

A survey by the Assn. of Research Libraries for 1969 -

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Better than average

By Diane Petryk

Although there will be no official University statement regarding the American Council on Education (ACE) survey of U.S. graduate schools, MSU officials are looking with interest at the document.

Released Jan. 3, the survey rated MSU graduate programs better than average. The University of Michigan was rated number six in the list of the 10 most distinguished graduate schools in the nation.

The apparent MSU hesitancy to comment officially on the survey, as U - M officials have, is over a desire not to seem to be apologizing for the University's rating.

"We're concerned with not wanting to appear as if we're retorting to the articles (in the newspapers) about where U - M placed," William R. Wilkie, special assistant to the president, said.

He added that he felt some of the reports were not totally accurate in terms of the relationship they indicated between MSU and U - M.

Still, Wilkie has been asked to study the report to "see what it means."

A private organization, the ACE, which includes virtually every U.S. college and university compiled the report by surveying some 6,000 scholars who rated faculties and graduate programs in 36 academic disciplines in five broad fields at 130 U.S. graduate schools.

MSU placed no department among the top five in any of the 36 academic areas, but 12 MSU departments were rated "strong to distinguished."

Clarence W. Minkel, associate dean of Advanced Graduate Studies, attempted to put the survey into perspective.

"There are 325 graduate programs in the United States of sufficient magnitude to belong to the Council of Graduate Schools," he said. Almost 200 of these were not even contacted by the ACE poll.

The 131 who were contacted were only surveyed concerning 37 disciplines, he said.

"You see, you're not including the whole batch," Minkel explained. "We have 81 academic units which grant advanced degrees."

The ACE survey did not include programs in education, communications, veterinary medicine business or agriculture "yet these are some of the best we have," Wilkie said.

"It's difficult to judge over - all quality if you leave out area of primary focus," he added.

"You also have to remember that this was an opinion survey," Minkel said.

Faculty polled were asked to rate academic departments of their discipline at universities across the country. Those schools who have been granting advanced degrees longer have more graduates in faculty positions across the country.

Therefore, Minkel contends, those schools

with more of their graduates participating in the survey would be more likely to rate their alma maters highly.

For instance, Harvard has been granting doctorates since 1873. MSU awarded its first Ph.D. in 1925. Ten were awarded between then and 1930, but from 1931 to 1938 none were given. The first year there were more than 50 earned. In 1969 - 70 there were 675 new Ph.D's from MSU.

"To be included in the survey is a compliment in itself," Minkel said.

Wilkie noted that the report states that its purpose is to aid graduate students.

"Universities who use the report to their advantage are abusing it," he said. "It's meant to be a guide."

Minkel said it can be misleading, however.

"A student may choose the university with the top - rated grad school in history, for instance, and then find no one there in his specialized sub - field."

Wilkie agreed:

"In doctoral programs you work with a man — and he could be a Podunk University as well as Harvard," he said.

Wilkie made a study of the Harvard faculty two years ago and said he found some myths destroyed.

"Harvard has some poor faculty," he said.

In the ACE report, MSU was rated highest in botany — ninth in the nation, tied with Cornell University.

"We have one of the most distinguished botany departments in the world," Jack Breslin, executive vice president, said. "That's why the Atomic Energy Commission located its laboratory here."

U - M's botany department was rated second best in the nation, along with its departments of psychology and geography. In population biology, U - M ties with the University of Chicago as best in the nation.

Minkel denies that there is a competitive feeling between the MSU and U - M graduate schools.

"They're quite different places of course," with different strengths and weaknesses," he said. "To compare them would be ridiculous. We work in cooperation with the grad school at U - M. There's no competition or friction of any kind."

Along with U - M and MSU, Wayne State University was the only other Michigan school that qualified for the survey by awarding more than 100 doctorate degrees in the past five years. No Wayne department was listed in the survey, which included all departments rated "adequate plus."

Twelve MSU departments were listed in the "strong to distinguished" category. U - M departments rated in this category in all but two of the 36 academic areas.

MSU's Entomology dept. rates "strong to

distinguished" although U - M offers no degree in that field.

MSU beat U - M in microbiology. The U - M department received a "good" rating. The MSU department is rated "strong to distinguished."

Part of the ACE rationale for the survey is a hope that universities could benefit by comparing themselves to the higher rated schools.

Although the report indicated that there has been an overall increase in the quality of graduate education, it raised serious questions about increasing the number of graduate programs in light of the declining need for new Ph.D's.

John D. Shingleton, Director of the MSU Placement Bureau, said there has been a decrease in the demand for people with doctoral and master's degrees.

"The main reason for this has been the substantial cutbacks in government grants funding research and educational programs where advanced degree people are primarily employed," he said.

Minkel agreed that the people - job ratio has declined.

"We're going to have much higher level trained people in jobs, which is good in itself, but could be demoralizing for people who had higher aspirations," he said.

Wilkie said MSU has been fairly lucky having never been extensively involved in sciences involved in federal cutbacks, but has been involved more in the biological sciences.

"Many of our Ph.D's do not have a difficult time finding jobs, although they may not get their first choice," he said.

The Presidential Commissions on Admissions has been concerned with looking at this problem, he said.

There's no simple solution, he said.

He indicated some of the questions that need to be answered in dealing with the graduate school problem.

How do we allocate our resources to respond to demand and societal need?

What do we do about tenured faculty in departments where students are moving out because there are no opportunities?

For instance, the market is open in the ecology field, but closing up in physics.

A Munich nuclear physicist, according to a report in Atlas magazine, has stated that "Every month we get two applications from new Ph.D's in physics from the U.S. They cannot find jobs unless they want to drive taxicabs."

"If we respond to the ecology trend in the same way we responded to the need for physicists, we'll be in big trouble in 10 years," Wilkie said.

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Manuscript found in a future time capsule

Excerpts from "American Mythology

and Other Nightmares

of the Twentieth Century"

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By John Borger

In the days of Hannah the king, there was but one king, who was on earth, and but one god, who was elsewhere. And it came to pass that the people grew bored with their limited selection and demanded more.

And Hannah said, "Let there be Free Enterprise" and lo, there was Free Enterprise in the heavens and the gods were fruitful and multiplied past all understanding.

So there arose, from the mass of American ceremony, folklore and advertisements, THE AMERICAN PANTHEON, whose membership included:

MAPF, goddess of tradition and sentimentality. Mapf was originally known as Motherhood, Apple Pie and the Flag, but this name proved to be too complicated to say rapidly during prayers and was subsequently shortened.

The mere mention of her name was often sufficient to produce a blind obedience to tradition -- and her name was frequently mentioned by politicians.

Her followers, who placed the utmost importance upon her virginal honor and quickly attacked any of her critics, would grow misty-eyed while talking of her (especially if they were over 30). Her most devout followers even refused to make left-hand turns while driving their automobiles (an antiquated form of transportation.)

Mapf is technically married to Arforfathers, a minor god of tradition. (Some students of the Pantheon may find her marriage -- to say nothing of her legendary motherhood of the country -- rather hard to square with her eternal virginity, but they should realize that married virgin mothers are not uncommon in the literature.)

LAWANORDER, originally a god of justice, soon became a god of legal pressure to conform to the status quo.

The god demands prompt and unquestioning obedience from all of his followers. Those who resist him are immediately designated for extermination.

COW, a goddess considered so sacred that only the name, occasionally accompanied by "sacred" or "holy," was ever mentioned.

SYENS, god of progress and technological "magic," possessed one of the smallest denominations, primarily because he was

generally incapable of speaking in English.

MADAV (from Madison Avenue), the god of deception, smooth talking and business expertise. A few Americans saw Madav as a devil-figure, but most simply accepted him as a natural part of life, although they had, at best, an extremely vague idea of his actual functions.

Madav, of course, found this arrangement to be eminently satisfactory, as it allowed him a great deal of freedom in his manipulations.

HUPYERS, the god of mobility, speed and youth. His opposition to The Establishment and hoary tradition frequently put him at odds with most of his fellow gods and goddesses.

Hupyers nourished a special hatred for Madav, dating from the time the god of deception mimeographed him to create Yuth(e). Although Hupyers managed to laugh at the gullibility of their followers while Yuth(e) were minor deities, his amusement turned to anger when they gained enough followers to become members of the Pantheon. He was particularly incensed whenever someone confused him with the ersatz god of youth, Yuth.

YUTH and YUTHE, god and goddess of eternal vitality and everlasting adolescence, usually referred to simply as Yuth(e). Yuth(e) were "totally together" and symbols of "the new dawn."

They claimed extensive followings among aging adults and some young people who should have known better, but they did not really exist. They were imitations of Hupyers created by Madav for an advertisement.

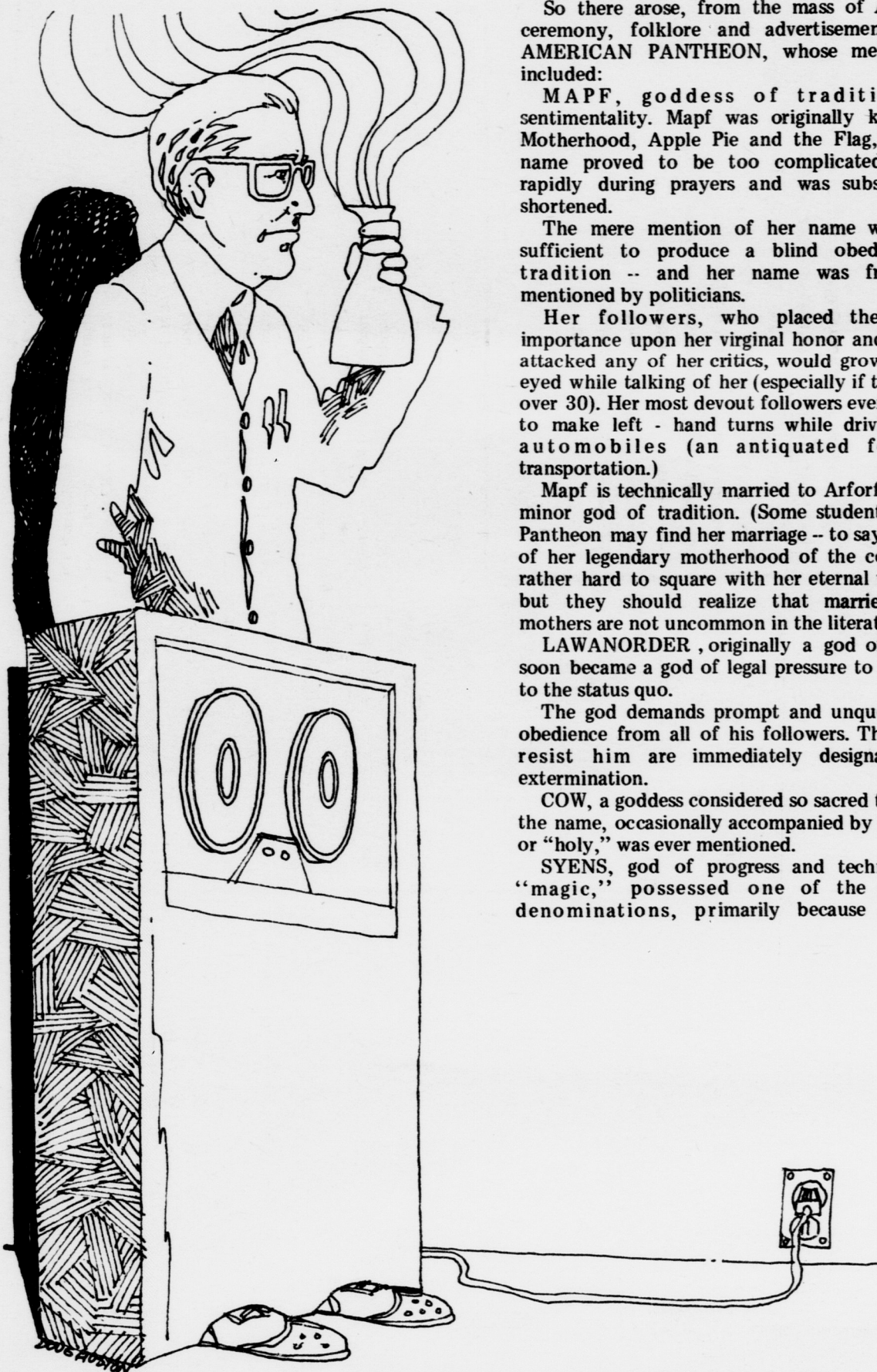
HUM, god of apathy, who never did anything.

LUV, goddess of love, peace and universal brotherhood. Warmly compassionate and understanding, Luv cherished individuality but loathed bigotry. She taught that differences should be enjoyed, not feared.

FASSBUCK, the hustling god of money. His followers attempted to amass wealth by any means available.

BALLOT, once a god of political power, remained on the Pantheon largely because Lawanorder thought he kept the masses contented.

The TWELFTH POSITION was filled by a different deity each week, his identity being based on total record sales for the preceding seven days.



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PLEASE GO TO MAIN
CIRCULATION DESK TO
CHARGE OUT BOOKS.

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70 found MSU still short of several of the goals the committee recommended be realized by 1974.

Ranked with 39 other university libraries, MSU placed 22nd in book and binding expenditures, up from 27th place on the 1968 - 69 list. The Library also went up from 21st to 19th place in volumes added. It remained 26th in number of volumes held, however, and dropped from 26th place to 27th in total expenditures, 28th to 36th in staff size and 8th to 11th in student assistant size.

"Our growth depends primarily on funds, and our funds have been down in the past few years like everyone else's," Chapin said.

"We did receive a small increase in funds last year but what we really need is massive transfusions, not just small ones," he said. "There is more than a 100 per cent gap between our collection and that of the libraries in the top 10."

Harvard University, ranked as the leading university library system, spends a total of \$8,523,692 and has a collection of 8,278,473 volumes.

The Sullivan Report was written in 1964 under the supervision of Richard Sullivan, dean of the College of Arts and Letters. The problem then, as now, Chapin said, was obtaining additional resources in funds, books, space and staff to meet the needs of serving a growing university.

MSU's major achievement since the Sullivan Report was the construction of the new wing of the main Library three years ago.

"We're pretty low on the priority list," he said, "but we are at least ahead of Communication Arts." A new building for the College of Communication Arts has been planned for several years.

Chapin said that the library's total expenditures were \$3,144,531 for 1969 - 70 because of an increase in the cost of materials. The report had projected that total expenditures would be \$3,130,000.

He added that the biggest Library expense was in duplicating copies, up 10 per cent from the previous year. He said that the two dorm libraries, Wilson and Conrad, are doing well and will continue to operate at present levels.

"Brody will remain a small research library. There just

isn't any room over there," he said.

Chapin said that if the Library ever did get a 100 per cent increase in books, the main Library would have to double its size and staff.

The often -opposed extension of Library closing hours also depends on an increase of funds and staff, he explained. The faculty library committee is studying the feasibility of keeping the main Library open until 2 a.m.

"We would at least like to open the undergraduate library, space and materials, at exam time," Chapin said. "The problem is getting students to work that late, especially during finals."

Chapin said he was confident the Library was serving the student body well, although he said its size and "Grand Central Station" atmosphere overwhelms freshmen.

"Every year we have 10,000 new people to orient," he said. To a student who came from a school with a small library, MSU can seem terribly large. There isn't the familiar sight of book shelves on the first floor to comfort them."

The Sullivan Report was President Hannah's effort to study the status and future of MSU's libraries.

"President Wharton has given every indication that he thinks the Library is a matter of great importance to this University," Chapin said.

Chapin said he did not foresee another Ad Hoc Library Report, but pointed out that the library system is under constant reappraisal by the faculty library committee.

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Richard E. Chapin



Library resources of Michigan's three largest universities

School	Total Enrollment	Rank	Total Expenditures	Rank	Exp. per student	Volumes held	Rank	Books per student
MSU	44,092	15th	\$3,144,531	27th	\$71	1,638,197	26th	37
U-M	39,661	16th	\$5,988,750	5th	\$150	4,175,686	4th	105
Wayne State	35,655	20th	\$3,530,167	21st	\$99	1,277,421	43rd	35