

# Birmingham High Grads Do Well In College

Birmingham high school graduates of 1958 generally are doing well in three Michigan colleges, according to the high school's principals and counselors who have just returned from interviewing local freshmen at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo during the state-wide Freshman-Principal conferences. Other Michigan colleges will be visited later in the year.

Of the 127 Birmingham High School graduates of June, 1958, who attend the three colleges visited, all but nine were available and were interviewed.

Better placement counseling of Birmingham high school students and tailoring of college preparatory curricula and teaching methods to college requirements will be important benefits reaped by these visits, according to counselors.

"THE CONFERENCES help us to set up norms to use in recommending students to college," said Don Golliver. "They are a criticism of our college preparatory program in that we learn from them what we could have done in our curriculum and teaching and we learn which part of our curriculum and teaching has been most helpful. We turn this information over to teachers to help them shape courses to prepare students better for college."

"Up-to-date ideas of changing admissions policies and interviews with recent graduates enable us to do a better job of placing the individual student," said Howard Clayton. "We can advise him to attend a school where he can work at his own speed and have a better chance of being successful. If a student is not of college caliber, we can advise him to attend a school where he can work at his own speed and have a better chance of being successful. If a student is not of college caliber, we can advise him to attend a school where he can work at his own speed and have a better chance of being successful."

According to Donald Grothe who visited all three institutions, Birmingham students are well and happy with their choices of college. Of the 57 freshmen attending the University of Michigan from Birmingham, 53 were interviewed. The group as a whole was doing quite well, according to Clayton. At Michigan State University 37 of 42 interviewed were doing well and getting good grades. At Western, reported Larned Goodrich and Golliver, Birmingham students are doing exceptionally well with no failures, few if any "D's", many "C's" and a large number of "A's" and a large number of "A's" and "B's".

Mrs. Mildred McKee found students at the University of Michigan and Michigan State consistent in their present recognition of the value of high school's giving them harder assignments and much written work even though they protested against hard assignments while in high school. [1]

THE COLLEGE freshman feels

generally that the harder the high school assignment the easier the transition to college work, according to Mrs. McKee. In commenting on students' pleas for more writing in high school, Mrs. McKee, formerly Dean of Women at Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia, Kansas, and also at Wisconsin State College at River Falls, Wisconsin, said, that at Birmingham High School the "English" program serves the students more adequately than some she has been familiar with.

Miss Carol Chalmers found that many Michigan and Michigan State students visited felt that high school could help the college-bound student to become a little more self-directive in his studies with less checking-up by teachers. In high school someone checks up, at college no one checks up, students stated.

MOST VALUABLE information of the conferences at the two universities, in Miss Chalmers' opinion,

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with your garden hose. The housing and underside should be thoroughly cleaned in this manner to remove oil streaks, grass stains and any clippings stuck to the housing.

2) Allow engine to run for a few minutes and let the mower stand outdoors until thoroughly dry.

3) Drain fuel tank by removing the fuel line from the carburetor connection and opening the fuel shut-off valve. This will allow most of the fuel to drain out of the tank.

4) DRAIN ALL remaining fuel from the fuel line and carburetor by letting the engine run until it stops. Complete removal of fuel from tank, fuel line and carburetor is important. Otherwise, fuel evaporation will cause gum to form on carburetor parts when the engine is idle for a long period of time.

5) Thoroughly check the air cleaner. Remove the snap ring, screens and filter element. Clean these parts in gasoline. When dry, replace on engine.

6) Detach the blade and give it a close inspection. If the blade is slightly bent, it can be straightened. Small nicks can be removed with a few strokes of a file. If blade damage is excessive, this is

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told the colleges what to do, in the future, the colleges will dominate high school planning. Stalnaker predicted a trend toward a more academic secondary curriculum and increased ability grouping.

SPECIFIC trends in curriculum at Michigan State University were reported by department heads Nov. 20 to counselors and principals. Michigan State University's Communication Skills Department is an example of a changing emphasis, noted Golliver. This department has emphasized writing, reading, speaking and listening in the past. In the future, reading and writing will be emphasized. Speaking and listening will receive attention but in informal situations as they arise in the classroom.

Accompanying Principal Ross A. Wagner to the University of Michigan November 5 and 6 were counselors Clayton, Miss Chalmers, Golliver, Grothe and Mrs. Mildred McKee. Assistant Principal Goodrich went to Western College with Golliver and Grothe November 11 and 12. All five counselors traveled to Michigan State University November 20 and 21. Detailed conference reports for the board of education and for high school teachers are being prepared.

The large institution will tend to appeal to the average college student and the small private, prestige school (called the "hilton" school by Dr. Stalnaker) will appeal to the academically minded. In the future, scholarships will be combined with loan and work programs. If, in the past, high schools have

the time to order a new one instead of waiting until next spring when you are ready to use the mower. (NOTE: Always disconnect the spark plug wire before removing the blade.)

7) WITH CYLINDER in vertical position, remove the spark plug and pour about a tablespoon of clean oil through the opening. Pull engine through slowly to distribute oil on cylinder walls. Then replace the spark plug.

8) Lubricate the wheel bearings and all moving parts of the mower with light machine oil.

9) Go over the entire mower with a soft rag which has been dipped in a mixture of gasoline and light oil. Leave the resulting film on.

10) WRAP THE mower base and engine in a piece of canvas, old blanket or heavy paper, or place it in a plastic garment bag. Store the mower in a dry place where the temperature does not get too extreme.

With this care before storage, your mower should be all ready to go when you need it next spring.

Lewis at Indiana U

Jay Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay C. Lewis of Half Moon road, Birmingham, was recently appointed to the Indiana University Foundation. Members are selected on the basis of leadership on campus. A junior, Jay is affiliated with Alpha Tau Omega and majoring in business administration.

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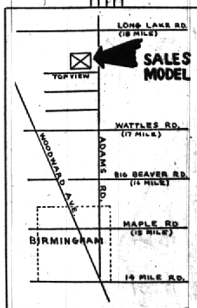
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