

Is it art, grafitti, doodling or just scribbling?

In the Moore Math/Science Building, the writing isn't on the wall, it's on the desks

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There you are, walking into one of your math or science classes. You sit down to a desk loaded with inventive, yet often witless art. It happens to cover your desk, and all the desks in the room. If you check rooms other than your own, you will certainly find more.

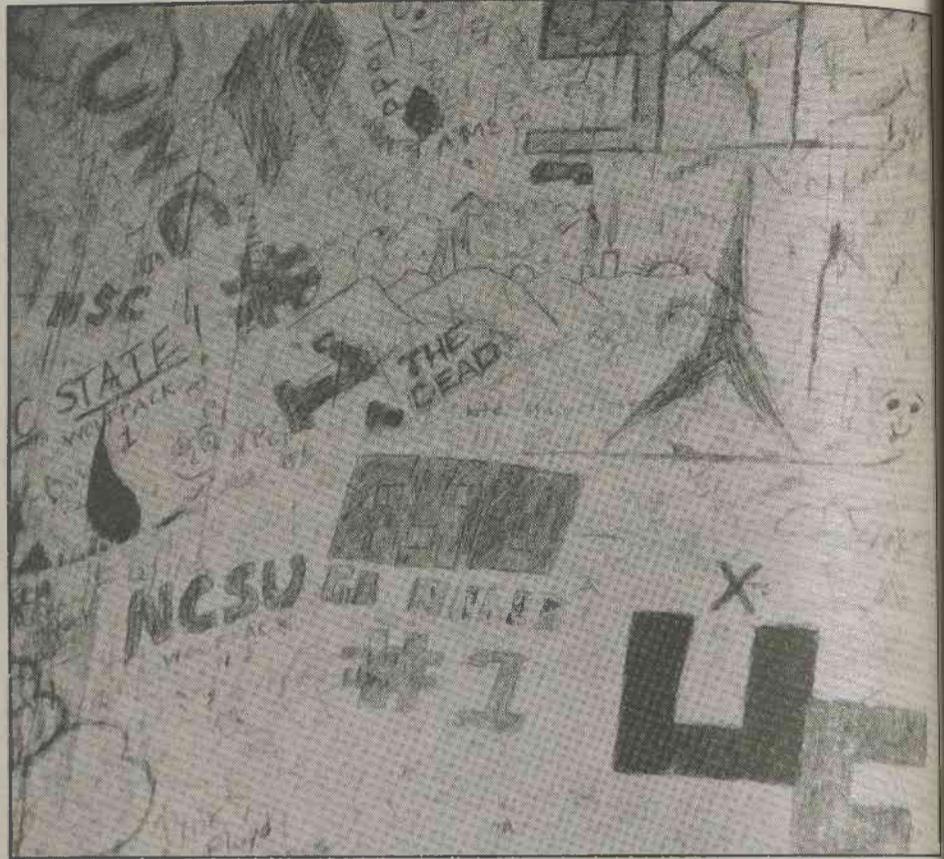
Teachers don't remember a time when the desks were clean of desk art. There are some real masterpieces to be found, if you find the right rooms. But the rest of the desks are just covered with graffiti. Sometimes the graffiti resembles math equations, which teachers have removed.

But what if you find something offensive? You can't really get away. If you move to another desk, you get the same message, just with different words.

If you have an unrestrained need to notice, McLarty-Goodson desks have no desk art.

The reason for that may be that the sciences are exact, there are definite answers. When a teacher tells you an equation or a fact, there is only one or two real answers. This doesn't leave room for discussion, but in McLarty-Goodson you have all of the more "thought" oriented in classes, like English, religion, and philosophy, where there may be no real answers to be had. Your attention is held more in the MG building than in the Moore Science building. The birth of desk art came from a bored student.

There is a general consensus in the science building. No, all the writing on the desk is not art. It is graffiti, and the message has not changed since the Roman Empire.



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