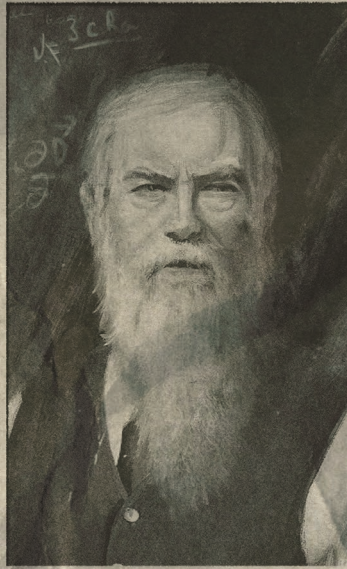




FINEST MIND GOES MISSING!

Stargazing scientist suspect!

Arkham police officers yesterday arrested the noted astronomer Professor Norman Withers in relation to their ongoing investigation into the disappearance of Gordon Stuart, Dean of Miskatonic College of Sciences. The University's woes were further compounded by the burglary of Orne Library, home to innumerable archives and

acres of paper. Orne Library is the jewel in Miskatonic University's crown, with collections both famous and infamous in academic circles.

The arrest of a senior member of staff in connection with one or more of these events is deeply embarrassing for the embattled university. A source in the Police Department reports that several witnesses observed Professor Withers and the Dean "really going at it" in heated arguments. Meanwhile, Stuart has been described as "acting just plain weird" by those who know him well, and was spotted wandering around the Waterfront District in the days leading up to his disappearance.

Professor Withers's controversial astronomical claims have long proven awkward for Miskatonic University's reputation. These further events shame the good name of the Warren Observatory and its otherwise invaluable efforts to map the starry realms above and beyond our own.

The city awaits resolution of this sorry state of affairs and the return of the Dean to his stewardship of Miskatonic's venerable science department.