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FIRE DAMAGES KAPPA DELTA SORORITY HOUSE

Fire and Water Cause \$3,000 Injury Saturday Morning.

Damage amounting to more than \$3,000 was caused by fire and water at the Kappa Delta sorority house, 215 Evergreen street, Saturday morning. It is estimated by members of the society. The fire, which was discovered on the third floor of the house shortly after it started about 9:30 Saturday morning, gained considerable headway before the East Lansing fire department could answer the call. Because of the danger to the adjoining building, which includes the East Lansing State bank and a grocery and drug store, as well as a private dwelling, the local fire officials sent an emergency call to the Lansing department which sent an auxiliary truck to help combat the flames.

No injuries resulted from the blaze as all the girls staying at the society house were helping in the housecleaning which was in progress.

Very little wearing apparel was damaged, the girls declare, because of the activity of the men students in carrying much of the furnishings on the upper floors to safety.

The origin of the fire is unknown; however, it is thought that either sparks from the chimney or defective wiring was the cause. The building is owned by C. T. Waterbury of this city, and leased by the society. Members of the society have vacated the house until the necessary repairs can be made. They are planning, the officers of the society declare, to rent another house until the damaged ceilings and interior furnishings have been replaced. However, due to the lack of damage by the fire or water in the dining room and kitchen, the boarding club will remain open, they announce.

CONVENTION OF CANNERS TO BE ENTERTAINED HERE

Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday forenoon, Michigan State college will entertain the members of the Michigan State Canners' association. The meetings will be held in the Horticulture building. Tuesday afternoon the home economics department will stage a style show for the women who are accompanying their husbands during the convention. Tuesday evening a banquet and dance sponsored by the wives of the members of the horticulture department, will be held in the Union building.

Spartans Gain Fame as Brave and Skillful Fire Fighters

State athletes once more showed their coolness and efficiency under fire when the varsity fire fighting squad, led by Captain Dicky Lyman, triumphed over a raging fire at the Kappa Delta house Saturday morning. The conflagration was discovered by "Squeak" Kidman and the alarm was turned in to the East Lansing fire department. The department answered the call, but 15 or 20 minutes elapsed before any water was turned on the blaze. Some of the officials of the fire force had to do an Alphonse and Gaston act before they could turn on the water.

In the meantime the neighbors of the Kappa Delta, namely the Phi Delta, Hesperians and Olympics, were awakened by the clamor and soon were on the scene. Able bodied volunteers from these fraternities assisted in carrying out furniture and tossing out wearing apparel, etc. When it was found out that the fire department was unable to get a stream of water on the blaze, Dicky Lyman and his cohorts took charge of the situation and soon the fire was under control. Capt. Lyman, from his point of vantage on the peak of the roof, called signals and directed his squad with as much precision and judgment as he did last fall on the gridiron when he was the State signal-barker.

It was not long before the Kappa Delta saw the danger from the fire rapidly diminishing, but a new calamity faced them. They were in imminent danger from a flood of gigantic proportions. Water was very much

FIRST PAN-HELLENIC BALL FRIDAY NIGHT

Dietrich's Orchestra Secured To Furnish Music.

The Pan-Hellenic ball, which is the first affair of its kind to be held on the State campus, will be staged at the Union ballroom Friday evening. Many novelties are being planned in decoration and feature dances. Dietrich's orchestra of Grand Rapids has been chosen to furnish music for the occasion. Dean and Mrs. John Phelan will be patrons while President and Mrs. K. L. Butterfield head the guest list.

MAKE CHANGES IN AG COURSES

Students Are to Be Allowed To Start Their Major In Sophomore Year.

Dean R. S. Shaw of the agricultural department has announced important changes which will take place next fall.

All students enrolling in any of the courses which are listed in the agricultural division will take the same subjects throughout the freshman year. The second year the major part of the work will be selected by the student from a list of "optionals" which will be carried in each group of study. With the present method the first two years are alike for all groups; with the new method the students will be able to start their major earlier in their course and will be able to specialize more extensively.

General agriculture, horticulture, forestry, landscape architecture and agricultural economics are the divisions which will be affected by this change.

UNIV. WOMEN SPONSOR MARIONETTE SHOW

Sue Hastings' marionettes will be presented at the Prudden auditorium Friday afternoon and evening under the auspices of the Lansing branch of the American Association of University Women. The proceeds of the affair will be used for the high school scholarship fund which is a part of the philanthropic work carried on by the association. Miss Dell Henry of Lansing is chairman of the entertainment, while Miss Irma Gross of the home economics department is president of the local organization.

Miss Hastings comes highly recommended, having been trained under Tony Sarg.

CONVOCATION SPEAKER IS FROM INDIA

Meeting to Be Held in Union Building; Speaker Prominent in Agricultural Work.

Sam Higginbottom, graduate of Princeton university and of the College of Agriculture of the Ohio State college, who has become prominent through his work in agriculture in India will address the students of Michigan State college at convocation Wednesday morning in the Union building.

As director of the Allahabad Agricultural college and of experimental work in Allahabad, India, he has brought about marked improvements in the crop production methods of his province. This work was so valuable that the Maharajah of the Province did the usual thing of making his missionary worker the commissioner of agriculture for the Province.

Dean Alfred Vician of Ohio State university visited Allahabad on his trip around the world and says that Mr. Higginbottom had increased the production possibilities of India soils by two or three hundred per cent through the introduction of American plows and other farm machinery.

In his field in India Mr. Higginbottom's work in agriculture has been of special importance due to the fact that famines are frequent. He has had many interesting experiences and pictures life conditions in India in a way which cannot fail to interest all who hear him. He is a forceful speaker and always interests his audience.

FOUNDING DATE TO BE OBSERVED

May 13 to Be Commemorated By Special Program Confined to One Day.

The anniversary of the founding of Michigan State college, May 13 will again be observed this year by a special program according to an announcement by President Kenyon L. Butterfield. Dean F. S. Kedzie heads the committee which is at work on the plans for the ceremony.

The college will take part in the dedication program of the new Peoples church which will take place May 11 to 16 in the special college night program which is being planned for Thursday, May 13, the anniversary night of the college. Presidents of all Michigan colleges have been invited as guests of honor for this occasion.

There will be no "Anniversary Week" celebration this year according to President Butterfield who states that the commemoration of the occasion will be limited to one day.

Book Presented to College Library by Fleischmann Co.

A book entitled "Proteins," which is composed entirely of lectures delivered in this country in 1924 by S. P. L. Sorensen, director of the chemistry department of the Carlsberg laboratory, of Copenhagen, has been presented to the library as a gift of the Fleischmann company. The faculty recommends it to students interested in botany, chemistry and bacteriology, as well as the members of the home economics department. The book was published in 1925.

W. A. A. INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Installation of officers took place at the first meeting of the Women's Athletic Association held Thursday evening at the Union building. Ruth Norton was installed as president while the others who took office were Julia King, secretary and Sylvia Schimmel, treasurer.

Managers for spring term sports are Hazel Burge who has charge of baseball; Annabel McKee, track; Elaine Walker, archery, and Alice McWood, dancing. While those interested in tennis will report to Lucille Allen, Margaret Matthews for canoeing, Elizabeth Woodworth for swimming, and Katherine Merrifield for hiking; Amy Hedrick heads the social committee and Dorothy Shoemith, concessions.

TWO CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS

Michigan State News-Economist Contest and Lawson Essay Contest Offer Prizes.

Michigan State college students have the opportunity within the next two weeks of entering one or both of two contests—the Michigan State News-Economist contest and the Lawson essay contest. All manuscripts must be in the office of the English department by noon of April 27.

The Michigan State News-Economist contest is open to all students of the college. A first prize of \$20 and a second prize of \$10 are offered in the short story division of the contest. In poetry the first prize is \$12 and the second \$8.

A contestant may submit a maximum of three manuscripts, but no contestant may submit more than one short story or more than two groups of poems. A student who has taken a first prize in a preceding contest is limited to one manuscript. No manuscript shall exceed 3,000 words.

The George E. Lawson essay contest is open to undergraduate men students only. The essay may be upon any subject and no contestant may submit more than one essay. The essay should not exceed 2,500 words. The student who wins the prize is hereafter debarred from competing. The prize will be \$25.

Judges for both contests will be three persons of known literary ability, selected by the president of the college and the head of the English department, and having no connection with the college.

Each contestant must furnish three copies of each manuscript, one for each judge. The name of the author should not appear on the manuscript but should be handed in on a separate card with the title of the story or poem. Each copy must be typewritten upon paper of good quality, approximately 8 1/2 by 11 inches.

The members of the Kappa Delta sorority wish to express gratitude to those who aided during and after the fire Saturday morning.

Ce-eds Determined All-Feminine Prom Shall Remain Deep Secret

The most celebrated all-feminine event of the year is almost upon us. Excitement runs high among the girls—and the boys—as well. Innumerable young men wink mysteriously and recount the things they have witnessed at, and know about, past proms, and boast of their cleverness in masking and evading the guards. However, when closely questioned, most of them become strangely silent and confess that they "know a fellow who said he'd gotten in," while some others loudly declare that they can "name four fellows right from our house who went. Yes sir!" But they refuse to do it.

At any rate, some of the brutes seem to have managed to attend in later years, the statement "one was discovered four years ago" to the contrary. The managers of this year's affair proclaim, though, that an unusually strict watch is to be kept and that absolutely "no man shall enter!" But this does not seem to deter the masculine element

HOLD FIRST HOME CO-ED DEBATE TONITE

Meet Albion College On Child Labor Question; One Team In Albion.

The affirmative co-ed debate team will engage in its first home debate of the season tonight at 8 o'clock in the Little Theatre when they meet the Albion negative team on the question, "Resolved, That the Child Labor Amendment Should Be Passed". The Michigan State team will be composed of Elizabeth Sackett, Jetta Thompson and Margaret Winters. Students will be admitted on the student coupons contained in the athletic books and faculty members will be admitted free. The members of the opposing team are Marian McGuire, Mable Miller, and Julia Wilde.

The negative team will meet the Albion college affirmative team at Albion tonight. The negative team is composed of Ellen Farley, Dorothy Robinson, and Florence Albright.

The two debates tonight are a part of the triangle debate between Michigan State college, Western State Normal, and Albion college. This is the first year that this arrangement has been made and it is expected that this arrangement will be made permanent.

The co-ed debate squad has enjoyed a successful season so far this year in meets away from home. The final debate of the season will be held April 22 when the negative team will meet Detroit City college at East Lansing and the affirmative team will debate Detroit City college at Detroit.

MEETING ON FUTURE VODVIL TO BE HELD

Wish to Sound Out Student Sentiment On Future Production.

Student sentiment will be expressed tonight relative to stabilizing future vaudeville productions under supervision of the Union.

With the purpose of ascertaining any suggestions, pointing toward putting future productions on a more sound basis, all interested students are urged to attend a general mass meeting in the Union building this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Ideas on continuing the annual Union presentation, the same as in the past, are being sought, while some sentiment favors altering the present program to one of a musical opera. All suggestions will be welcomed at the meeting tonight, with a view of developing the most favorable ideas for the betterment of the 1927 production.

The assembly will be presided over by A. T. Edmunds, and it is hoped that every sorority and fraternity house will be represented.

FORMER CO-ED EDITOR MARRIED

The marriage ceremony of Alice Martha Hannon and Elwood P. Lawrence was held last Saturday afternoon at 4:30 in St. Paul's Episcopal church, the service being read by Rev. William R. Kinder.

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AS OTHERS SEE US

If we would accept as a logical conclusion, the substance of an editorial entitled "College Rowdies" which appeared in the Ingham County News April 1 following the presentation of "Believe Me Xantippe" in Mason by Theta Alpha Phi, Michigan State college is the harboring place, to use the exact words of the article, of the "loafer, the lout, the spender, the dissolute and the depraved." It has been found, the editorial goes on to say, that the aforementioned types are undermining the whole college structure.

"It was something of a shock," the writer continues, "to our small town sensibilities, when during the play, a bunch of young men and women in the audience began tactics which would have done full justice to the lowest-down bunch of bowery toughs which the slums might produce and which to our minds cast great discredit upon themselves and the institution which they at the moment were representing."

"In the front seats were a half dozen who had deliberately come to Mason armed with missiles which they aimed with marked accuracy at the players in a deliberate attempt to not only embarrass them but to break up the play if possible. The management of the theater not being accustomed to college humor of this variety was taken unawares and had not prepared themselves with proper police protection, the result being that the rowdism went to some length before it was stopped. We have not mentioned the fact that between the acts, one of these alleged college men sat next to a co-ed with his hat on and cigarette smoking was also indulged in although in a community theater smoking is not usually considered good form or tolerated."

"Are we sending our boys and girls into this sort of college atmosphere?" the writer asks. "Must the earnest and conscientious student be the target of this sort of rowdism? If we thought this were true generally we should say it is time to close our colleges and give our educators a better job than they are now engaged in. If the best a college can do for a boy or girl is to teach rowdism, drinking and extreme dressing, we are inclined to think the cost is too great for the results obtained."

It will, no doubt, come as a shock to the heads of this institution and to those who are in close touch with

the students and their activities, to learn that the college is going to the "dogs," that we have students who vie for supremacy with "the lowest-down bunch of bowery toughs which the slums might produce, and that the college should furnish police protection on similar occasions in the future."

It is a lamentable fact that a few of the group of students who accompanied the play did do the things of which they were accused and that in Mason at least we have been judged as a whole by a few who are not representative of the spirit which prevails at Michigan State.

But we believe that the picture is not as black as it has been painted. College students are often misjudged and misunderstood, and often rightfully censured. Youth, in the spirit of exuberance and hilarity, is apt to carry manifestations of this spirit to extremes. But it certainly is a manifestation of a lack of good breeding for a college student to sit in a theater with his hat on or to impose upon those around him by smoking where there should be no smoking.

It might be added right here that this college or any other college is not without those students who are not a credit to the institution and it is practically impossible to eliminate entirely this type of student. The college, however, is not the only place where they are found and, we believe, enjoys a comparative freedom from this type as compared to the towns and cities from which a large part of our student body is recruited.

It should be a matter of pride on the part of every man and woman at Michigan State to conduct himself or herself in a manner that is in keeping with the traditions and ideals of the institution, in a manner that will be a credit to the institution and will cast no reflections upon it.

Men and women of Michigan State, you are being looked upon, especially by those of high school age and younger, as the ideal in the communities from which you come. Make yourselves worthy of that position.

There will be an important W. A. A. meeting in the Union building at 5 o'clock Thursday night. The purpose is for the revision of the constitution. All members are requested to be present.

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Kappa Delta House

The first week-end of the term held more than the usual amount of society. The Eunomian society held open house Saturday evening while the Union ballroom was the scene of the first Union dance of the term.

Eunomian

The society held an open house with about 35 couples in attendance Saturday evening. Patrons for the affair were Capt. and Mrs. Kelly and Howard Rather.

Pythian

Amanda Hill of Allegan was a house guest for the week-end.

Ero Alphan

Ruth Simmons has as her guest Miss McConnelly of Flint. Marjorie Torrant has moved into the house.

Alpha Phi

Catherine Phillips has returned from the hospital. Helen Bradford was a house guest over the past week-end.

Hermian

Initiation is being held for M. Lindsley, Litchfield; M. DeLong, Redford; W. Kurtz, Lorain, Ohio; L. Snider, Lansing, and R. Whitburn, Bessemer.

S. Vaughn has returned to school. V. Hupp has returned from the hospital.

C. L. Carter and J. B. Baynes of Birmingham and R. Rowe of Milford spent the week-end at the house.

Alpha Gamma Rho

K. Pomery is in the hospital, and R. Schaaf has just returned to the house.

The fraternity will hold an open house Saturday night. Carl Bittner is in charge of arrangements.

Clyssian

J. Burns moved into the house during the past week.

D. Chue has moved to Wells hall.

Phi Kappa Phi

The fraternity will stage an open house Friday night.

Delphic

Initiation began Friday for R. Hunt, H. Gage, J. Hunt, J. Walker, L. Word and C. Hartsell.

The first open house of the term will be held Saturday night.

New officers for the term are C. Killo, president; R. Bird, vice-president; P. Piper, treasurer; M. Grams, secretary, and C. Hilton, house manager.

H. E. Department Entertains

The members of the home economics department were hostesses to the wives of the members of the Michigan Cannery association during the past week. The visiting women were shown through the Home Economics building and entertained with a style show and tea.

Phi Delta

The fraternity initiated the following men: T. J. Gould, W. C. Peck, Gordon L. Witter, C. J. Parker and L. J. Leavitt. A banquet was given to the new members after the initiation.

AcTheon

Term elections were held with the following results: H. A. Schoonover, president; Francis Brewster, vice-president; Wynden Workman, treasurer; John Rhuling, secretary; Earnest Wilcox, steward and Eldred Johnson, house manager.

Alpha Gamma Delta

Miss Annabelle MacRae has returned from the hospital.

Practice House

The girls who are in the house for the first part of the term are Myrtle Harper, house president, Reva Hunt, Florence Yakley, Ina Redmond, Maribel McKnight, Dora Johnston, Candace Williams and Marvel Gleason.

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BASEBALL SQUAD IN SHAPE FOR ALBION IN OPENER THURSDAY

WAKEFIELD OR KUHN TO GET PITCHING ASSIGNMENT; INFIELD NEARLY SETTLED.

With Coach Kobs and his Michigan State baseball team standing on the threshold of the opening game of the home schedule, speculation is rife on the State campus as to who the Spartan mentor will send against Albion college in the opening game Thursday and against Bradley Polytech the following Saturday.

The entire staff of regular moundmen showed to advantage on the southern trip and there is little to choose between the trio of Wakefield, Kuhn and Tolles. With the return of Don Fleser and Zimmerman to the fold, the outfield is a problem as these two men were dependable players last year and demand a place somewhere in the outfield. The combination of Haskins, Rinehart and either Tolles or Kuhn in the garden that was used on the southern jaunt proved dependable, but it

is probable that either one or two of the above will be replaced by Fleser or Zimmerman. Both of these gardeners are heavy hitters and very fast on the bases, which would add power to the State attack. Haskins, Tolles and Rinehart are all heavy hitters and from this point there is little difference in the value of the entire quintet of pitchers.

Infield Settled

The infield will not be such a problem to the State coach, the combination to be used being nearly definitely settled in the mentor's mind. Rowley appears to have things much his own way at the hot corner and will start against the Methodists. Captain "Baldy" Kiebler is still playing the brand of ball that earned for him the captaincy of the team and is a certain starter at the short field berth. Carl Baynes is a veteran infielder and a consistent hitter and he will probably answer roll call from the midway station against the downstaters. Spiekerman has the edge on the initial sack at present but Macier, freshman star from last year, and McInnis, who has

W. A. A. TO AWARD POINTS DURING SPRING TERM

Points for W. A. A. are given in baseball, track, archery, tennis, canoeing and swimming during spring term. A member of the class team will receive 100 points, 25 being given to those who try out. The practice schedule gives Monday from 4 to 6 over to baseball and archery; Tuesday from 4 to 6 is open to track, while Wednesday from 1 to 3 the pool is open for swimming practice and from 4 to 6 are track and archery hours. Thursday offers swimming at the same hours and baseball from 4 to 6.

SPARTANS FIND BATTING EYE ON SOUTHERN TRIP

Conclusive proof was given last Saturday night that the Michigan State college varsity diamond artists have found their batting eyes during the southern trip. It seems that some of the Sororians and Olympics were engaging in a friendly game of baseball in the Olympic backyard when Capt. Baldy Kiebler caught one of Margaret Mathews' "hooks" and drove it through a large bay window in the Sororian house. The game broke up simultaneously with the window and Capt. Kiebler is lamenting the high cost of batting practice.

NINE CO-EDS HONORED WITH "S" AWARDS

Honor Teams Chosen in Basketball, Volley Ball, Bowling and Rifle.

Nine Michigan State co-eds were the honor guests at an A. A. luncheon held last term when they were the recipients of the block S, the highest honor athletic department can give. The girls who received the letters are Margaret Foote, Rachael Brook, Mabel Gottle, Harriet Holden, Jean Horning, Elaine Walker, Florence Pangborn, Hazel Burge and Margaret Shoemith.

Honor teams in basketball, rifle, volley ball and bowling were chosen. The honor basketball team is composed of Julia King, Florence Bangle, Nona White, Margaret Shoemith, Hazel Burge and Bessie Castle. For the rifle team, Eloise Lyman, Florence Pangborn, Ruby Newman, Elizabeth Henderson and Genevieve Johnston were named. The honor volley ball team consists of Rachael Brook, Hazel Burge, Beatrice Beck, Ellen Morgan, Donna Gildrich, Phoebe Ann Taft, Mary Ella Fahrney, Grace Hoffman, Dorothy Shoemith and Jeanne Sutherland. The names of Virginia Jorgensen, Beatrice Beck, Hazel Burge, Donna Goodrich, Imogene Carlisle, Ethelwyn Wallace, Elizabeth Haskins and Esther Swanson were chosen for bowling.

earned his monogram at first base, are following close on his heels. Spiekerman will probably get the call Thursday.

Perry Fremont, veteran catcher, has outdistanced all rivals for the backstopping berth and will be in the lineup to receive the slants of whoever draws the assignment to face the Methodists. Fremont was one of the big stars on the southern training trip and appears to be better than ever.

Kuhn or Wakefield to Start
From a standpoint of service seen under the Green and White, the assignment rests between Harry Wakefield and Kuhn. Both have seen two years of service on the mound for State and are now at the peak of condition. Tolles, the only southpaw on the pitching staff, is a dependable pitcher but will probably be used in the outfield Thursday for his hitting ability.

The game was originally scheduled for Wednesday, but it was thought better to give the varsity diamond one more day of conditioning before attempting to play on it. If rains do not fall before Thursday, the infield will be in fair condition.

BIG GRID SQUAD ANSWERS CALL

Eight Varsity Men and Much Promising Material Greet Coaches.

Spring football is in its second week at the State football camp and the squad is getting down to real work under the guidance of Coaches Young and Traynor. After working outdoors a few nights on the drill and hockey fields, the coaches finally decided to send their charges through their paces in the Agricultural building. The work at present consists only of the fundamentals of the game, blocking and tackling being stressed in particular.

About 50 men have answered their invitations to attend the football camp and the squad is expected to reach around 75 within a week. The squad is made up largely of men from this year's freshmen squad and men who have not won their letters in the fall sport. Only a handful of the varsity men are on hand for the spring workouts, some of them being out for either track or baseball.

Captain Marty Rummell leads the list of varsity men who are reporting to the coaching staff. Other varsity linemen are Drew, end; Garver, guard, and Ross, center. Men who have not had varsity experience but who will put in strong bids next fall are Ross Gordon of Midland, a 175 pound end; Allan Teachout of Big Rapids, who weighs 180 and who is rated as one of the hardest hitting fullbacks ever to play on a State fresh team; Bill Doyle of Milwaukee, Wis., who has changed his address from the University of Wisconsin where he played guard on the Wisconsin all-fresh. He weighs 216 pounds and is also national interscholastic discus champion; Bill Mochler, formerly of Detroit Western and captain of the Michigan State all-fresh last season; Hugo Kanitz, all-state center from Muskegon's championship teams, and Freddy Barratt, 206 pound center

dition and fully recovered from the flooding it received during the latter part of March from the overflow of the Red Cedar. The game is scheduled to start at 4 o'clock.

THEMIANS WIN ATHLETIC TROPHY FIRST TIME

The women's department of physical training has offered a cup to the society having the highest number of points in athletics during the school year. The society winning the cup three times has permanent possession of the trophy, which the Themian society has been the first to capture.

from Lansing, are other men who are figured to find varsity berths next season.

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