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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 house-cleaning 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 wire 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 rooms and kitchen, the boarding club will remain open, they announced.

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 Deltas, 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 pugilistic-barker.

It was not long before the Kappa Deltas 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.

In evidence for several minutes after the fire had been extinguished and every floor in the house was flooded, heroic members of the fire team who remained in the house while the hoses were playing upon the fire were driven out by the water, soaked to the skin. A call was sent for the varsity swimming team but before they arrived the flood was over.

After the fire was over, water dripped and poured from every part of the house. One of the janitors, who was sleeping in the basement throughout the fire, saw the water dripping from the eaves, thought it was raining, and turned over on his side to fall asleep again. He was soon somewhat later, slumbering peacefully when some of the salvage committee happened to look into his room.

Perhaps the big thrill to all of the spectators was the arrival of one of the Lansing fire trucks. Then the local blaze took on the aspects of a "big three" alarm conflagration. The city department came up with a roar and a screeching siren just after the blaze was declared extinguished. The Lansing outfit extended congratulations to the varsity fighters and announced that they were in line for leather medals. It is hoped that the athletic department will consider fire fighting as a minor sport at least, and will appoint a coach. Then perhaps meets can be arranged with other colleges and the fame of our Spartan blaze quenchers be spread around the country.

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 Vivian 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 especial 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 Carlsborg 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.

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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 Schimmele, treasurer.

Managers for spring term sports are Hazel Burge who has charge of baseball; Annabel McRae, 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 Shoesmith, concessions.

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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.

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 Hannen 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.

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

from devising their costumes for the "Co-ed Prom."

The new girls ask perplexedly what all the fuss is about. Their more fortunate sisters assure them of the best time of their lives, good music, good eats and loads of fun generally. The mention of eats convinces the young lady, as a rule, that she ought to attend.

A spirit of friendly rivalry is involved in the planning of costumes, especially since prizes are offered for the prettiest, the cleverest and the funniest costumes. Some of the societies in the past have gone with the members all dressed alike, others have worked out elaborate schemes of designing. It is an assured fact, however, that there will be a highly heterogeneous mixture of flowers, animals, fancy dances, clowns and even drugstores, from the whispers that are heard.

A general spirit of abandonment, hilarity and fun always prevails, and the whole campus is eagerly anticipating this year's prom to be the most colorful of them all.

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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 lost, 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 censored. 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. 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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The Social Whirl

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.



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

Ero Alphian
Ruth Simmons has as her guest Miss McConnell 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. Lindsey, Litchfield; M. DeLong, Redford; W. Kurtz, Lorain, Ohio; L. Snider, Lansing, and R. Whitburn, Bessmer.

S. Vaughn has returned to school. V. Rupp 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.

Ulyssian
J. Burns moved into the house during the past week. D. Cline has moved to Wells hall.

Pi Kappa Phi
The fraternity will stage an open house Friday night.

Delphie
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. Kitto, 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 Canners' 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 Ruhling, secretary; Ernest Wilcox, steward and Eldred Johnson, house manager.

Alpha Gamma Delta
Miss Annabelle MacRae has returned from the hospital.



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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 Polytechnic the following Saturday.

The entire staff of regular moundsmen 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 stickers 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 successors.

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 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

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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 Gettle, Harriet Holden, Jean Horning, Elaine Walker, Florence Pangborn, Hazel Burge and Margaret Shoessmith.

Honor teams in basketball, rifle, volleyball and bowling were chosen. The honor basketball team is composed of Julia King, Florence Bangle, Nona White, Margaret Shoessmith, Hazel Burge and Bessie Castle. For the rifle team, Eloise Lyman, Florence Pangborn, Ruby Newman, Elizabeth Henderson and Genevieve Johnston were named. The honor volleyball team consists of Rachael Brook, Hazel Burge, Beatrice Beck, Ellen Morgan, Donna Gildrich, Pheobe Ann Taff, Mary Ella Fahrney, Grace Hoffman, Dorothy Shoessmith and Jeanne Sutherland. The names of Virginia Jorgensen, Beatrice Beck, Hazel Burge, Donna Gildrich, Imogene Carlisle, Ethelwyn Wallace, Elizabeth Haske 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 who ever 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.

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