

# Michigan State News

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## MUSICAL COMEDY TRY-OUTS CREATE HEATED COMMENT

Record Groups of Candidates Marks Intense Interest as Entire Campus Talks.

### POLITICS ABOLISHED

Fairness of Selection Stressed as Committee Rules Equality for All.

J. D. Medill, '28

Stage clearance is entirely underway for the 1927 production of the Michigan State College Union musical comedy "That's That". In response to an intensive campaign throughout the campus, and reaching every fraternity, sorority, and other organizations, the past few days brought forth a record try-out group of candidates.

#### Minor Details Complete

With all minor details set, and the major program for the production well underway, State College awaits the reveal on Jan. 21 of the professional actor who will add to "That's That" certain professional liveness which will still permit a college atmosphere to be retained yet will give to the public and student body one of the outstanding presentations of the season. The best talent on the campus will survive the eliminations, and the person committee has already outlined the complete organization for "That's That" to speed up the moulding of the cast cast ever used in a Union production here.

#### Have Professional Director

With the arrival of the director on Jan. 21 first rehearsals will be made on a brilliant array of costumes which mark the 1927 booking. Sparkling dazzling costumes for the stage will arrive directly from Chicago, an effort to duplicate the spectacular setting given to "That's That" by University of Pennsylvania in the spring of 1925. Penn had the original of this play at that time under auspices of the Masque and Wig Committee, America's oldest and most drama circle. The fact that its pioneer stage unit sponsored the creation of "That's That" alone gives the marked degree of superiority attached to the 1927 outfitting of the show.

Nearly 75 men have flocked to the audition for the assembled tryouts while

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## TO LIMIT MAIL SCHOOL CREDITS

Standing Committee Makes Rules Regarding New Correspondence School Work.

Credits which may be earned toward a bachelors degree through the new correspondence courses just started at Michigan State College will be limited according to a decision made by the standing committee on Scholarships.

It has been decided that not more than 18 academic credits applying toward a degree could be accepted for correspondence school work and that students in residence will not be permitted to take mail courses except by special permission.

Miss Elida Kakko, registrar, was authorized to approve or reject applications for correspondence courses whose credit is desired. The instructor giving the course will be allowed to decide as to whether the prerequisites of the courses have been fulfilled if the registrar has approved the application.

The usual requirements in majors minors in residence courses in the various divisions will be applied to correspondence courses taken for credit.

Non-accredited high school applicants will be given an entrance examination and will be permitted to take under the supervision of some responsible person approved by the college.

All matters of correspondence study regarding credit toward advanced degrees will be referred to the committee on advanced degrees.

## CONVENIENT CAMPUS CALENDAR

Tonight—

Theta Alpha Phi presents "Hell Bent for Heaven," 8:30, People's church, Percy Granger, pianist, at Prinden auditorium, 8:15. First lecture by Dr. Kingdom on "World Peace".

Wednesday, Jan. 12—

\$300 p.m., Basketball, Albion College.

Friday, Jan. 14—

Afternoon, hockey, Notre Dame University. \$300 p.m., wrestling, University of Chicago.

### Our Dumb "FROSH"



## TO HOLD J-HOP GOVERNOR GREEN IN HOTEL OLDS TO BE GUEST AT ON FEBRUARY 25 MILITARY BALL

Complete Contract for Favors Accepts Invitation for Event to Be With Brochan Company of Chicago.

### ACTS AND NOVELTIES

To Screen Off Part of Main Lobby for Use in Addition to Main Ballroom.

The Hotel Olds in Lansing will be the scene of the 1928 Junior Hop on Feb. 25 according to an announcement coming from the general arrangements committee on the affair last Saturday. This word comes as somewhat of a surprise as the possibility of holding the Hop off-campus had appeared rather unlikely.

The management of the Olds hotel is more than ready to cooperate with the party committee to make the function a decided success. They have selected a large portion of the main floor for the occasion. The main lobby will be screened off to allow the front north and east end of the building for the party. The main ballroom will be elegantly decorated in accord with the theme.

Guests will be seated by couples of the hotel in conjunction with the committee in charge. This will be done to avoid the party against the sliders.

The party will be carried out in the form of a dinner dance. At 9:30 a three-course dinner will be served, with soda and coffee shown intermittently. Souvenir glasses held in previous hops have been replaced by a tendency to hold this part of the program and souvenirs. Admission will be given only to the members.

Admission fee for guests has been held by the Brochan Company of Chicago. The favor committee is uninterested in the choice. The dance committee is silent as to the amount of money to assure interest but believes that they are worthy of the amount.

The committee is negotiating with several local organizations to assume the selection of the entertainment.

## UNION INSTALLS CLOCK SYSTEM

Guaranteed Not to Vary More Than 10 Seconds in a Month.

Union clock system. Each has been housed in the Union building to guarantee accuracy within 10 seconds during the period of a month.

The entire system of clocks is synchronized to the minute. Each clock is set to the master tick in the lobby.

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alarm clock system which Dr.

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## OUR ANNUAL NIGHTMARE

Tired to the point of exhaustion, hollow eyes, unshaven faces, ridiculous attire, ridiculous actions, sleeping through classes, lessons forgotten—these are some of the things that characterize the annual season of initiation in some of Michigan State's fraternities and sororities.

What we would consider as a forward step has been taken by some of the national organizations in doing away with what is commonly known as "horse play". The basis on which this action has been taken is that it detracts from the formal ceremony. What better and more logical reason could be given from the fraternity standpoint if the fraternity is to mean what it is expected to? It is a wonder that the minds of some of the initiates are clear enough to understand "what it's all about" when it comes to the formal ceremonies.

We will admit that everyone should have sufficient sense of humor to appreciate the ridiculous. A certain amount of good, wholesome fun is good for any individual, but fun, like everything else, gets stale when it is carried to extremes. It ceases to be funny. There may be a valuable disciplinary element in the tasks which are usually given to perform. All these things may not detract appreciably from the more serious element if administered in reasonable doses. But when "horse play" reaches the point of humiliation, as it sometimes does, it is a death angel to good fellowship and loyalty. If friendship can be resumed on the same basis after initiation as it was before, then no harm is done in this respect.

But, when the hours required are such that the individual has no time for study and no time for sleep, when he is in such a state of fatigue during classes that he leaves with no more knowledge than he had when he entered, then the merit of this sort of performance is doubtful. Many a grade has been lowered during this time, sometimes with disastrous results, to the individual. If we come to college to receive that which it is intended to give, then the price, in some instances, is too great to pay.

## JUNIORS! YOUR PRESENCE IS DESIRED

There will be a meeting of the junior class on Thursday at 5 o'clock in the lecture room of the Chemistry building. All juniors are urged to be on hand.

Class meetings in the past at Michigan State College are on most occasions, whether the meetings be for juniors or members of some other class, a doleful spectacle. Students, it is usually found, who do not attend the meetings are also the ones to complain the loudest with the exception of the work of the class.

An appeal is issued by the junior class officers here that all third year men get out and attend the meeting. The Junior Hop, which is the premier function to be attempted by any class, is in the process of arrangement. The ideas and criticisms of members of the class on the affair are solicited by the class officers and the committee in charge of the function.

In behalf of their own interests in promoting for their class a Junior Hop worthy of being remembered and recalled, the juniors are asked to attend this meeting.

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## Union Library

There has been such a deep interest taken in the Union Library since its installation this fall that it has been decided to maintain a regular column in the State News for the benefit of our patrons. Beginning with this issue and in all ensuing issues we will run a review of a popular book that may be found in the library, together with biographical sketches and announcements of additions to the collection.

Although the library has been increased to a hundred volumes, we are still laboring to supply the demand. Orders for new books and second copies are being filled at short intervals and it is hoped that before long the library will be large enough to afford a wide selection for the most exacting reader. Not only will the collection contain volumes of fiction, but action-adventure, biography, biography proper, of popular people whose names are familiar to us, drama in the form of plays that we saw yesterday or might see at our own theaters, and the poetry of modern and popular poets.

"Elizabeth's Introduction to Sally" is one of two books that should have arrived from the newsdealer by the time that you have read this.

Sally was the most beautiful girl in the world. Like Helen of Troy, she went serenely on her devastating way, spreading mishaps in all directions. Delightful, amusing, adorable she was, but not clever. However, in the end she gets what she wanted, and the hilarious story of her wooing, marriage, education, abduction, and triumph is interesting to say the least.

Look for Friday's review of Thomas Burke's "The Sun in Splendor."

Campus Forum:

Over in the woodshop is a little machine in which is put chunks of beeswax of all sizes and shapes. This machine warms the beeswax and by turning a little hand wheel pressure is put on it so that it is all forced out of a little hole, when every bit of the wax is in the same form, that of a little string, every part of which looks like every other part.

Our college is doing that very thing to all of its technical students and to most of its other students. The class election officers, its over-technical curriculum, compulsory military training,

In contrasting American students to European students, Dr. Bishop has said American students are immature. We do not read as much as European youth, we are all cluttered up with campus activities, we are well off, our life is comparatively easy, many of us come to college who do not mean business. We are getting soft.

What are these four years at the crystallization period of our lives doing to us? What will we do to affect the results of this crystallization?

ELMER L. KIRK.

In addition to the 40 short course students who attended M. S. C. last term, 120 new students registered this term.

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## The Social Whirl

Edited by  
Dorothy Shoemsmith

With the annual Band dance in the gymnasium on Friday evening, at which 125 couples danced to music by the Blue Moon orchestra, the first weekend of the winter term was not devoid of entertainment.

The following night, a very successful Coed prom was attended by 150 alumnae girls, who also danced to strains by the Blue Moon orchestra. Figures and individual stunts were the main features of the party.

### Phi Delta

Gordon Hagadorn, an alumnus from Flint, spent the weekend at the house. Informal initiation started Monday night for the pledges, the initiation banquet being scheduled for the following Saturday evening.

### Ae Theon

Initiation started Sunday for nine pledges who will be entertained at a quiet Saturday noon in the fraternity house.

Kenneth Atkinson of Kent City, who attended this school last year, is again called this term.

Frank Manning spent the weekend at home in Grand Rapids.

Jack Dalton, an alumnus from Marquette, was a guest at the house during the past weekend.

### Columbian

Lester Mitchell, an alumnus, visited the fraternity house on Saturday and Sunday.

Five men are being informally initiated this week, after which a banquet will be served Sunday noon in the fraternity dining room.

### Phylean

Informal initiation started Thursday for sixteen pledges.

Missell Hopkins spent the weekend at Jackson.

Carl Van Buren was a recent visitor to the house.

### Kappa Alpha Theta

Senior girls of the sorority were entertained at bridge at the home of H. R. Hunt, by Theta alumnae yesterday evening.

### Elden Hall

Margaret Goodson spent the week at Milford.

Daniel Johnston has returned to her home in Detroit.

John Burns and Pearl Perrin have their residence at the Hall.

## PREMIER PIANIST COMES TO LANSING TONIGHT

Berry Granger, premier pianist of local fame comes to Lansing to sit as the fourth number on the Philharmonic course. The recital will begin at 8:45 in the Prudential Auditorium.

## TO OPEN NEW UNION DINING ROOM SERVICE

A new dining room service will be offered by the Union some time this month, according to plans which are under way. This service will be open to patrons of the Union in the main dining room on the second floor. New furniture has been ordered and it is expected that the room will ready within a short time. Attractive table d'ho me menus will be provided for luncheon and dinner, day excepting Sunday, when dinner only will be served.

## MUSICAL COMEDY TRY-OUTS CREATE HEATED COMMENT

(Continued from page 1) More than 150 coeds have demonstrated their ability before the committee.

### Make Final Choice

From these two record groups of candidates for the annual Union musical choice will be made based on detail necessary to point toward selection, an assimilation of voice, body, and form. Those selected for further work leading up to the final casting will be announced soon, and from that time on the director makes his final choice amid scramble with all the of feminine and male competition take place.

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## SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT MAKES RURAL SURVEY

### Question 3261 Families Living in Five Counties on Various Subjects.

Three thousand, two hundred and sixty-one families answered the following question: "To how many families within a distance of five miles are you and your family related by blood or marriage as near or nearer than second cousins?"

The sociology department of Michigan State College, in its recent rural survey of five counties, has found families to be related on an average of 1.5.

According to Prof. J. F. Thaden, other interesting facts such as voting habits, and the extent to which families are interrelated by blood or marriage are being worked out by research workers at the present time.

## STATE BOARD ADDS THREE MEN TO COLLEGE STAFF

Three additions were made to the college staff by appointments passed by the State Board of Agriculture at their last meeting.

V. R. Gunn was appointed extension specialist in economics. Mr. Gunn comes from Washington, D. C., where he was connected with the United States Tariff Commission.

Arthur Howland, who graduated from Michigan State with the class of '25 was appointed to the temporary position of extension specialist in economics.

Edward D. Devorey was appointed assistant professor of research assistant in bacteriology to replace Prof. Baile. He will begin work Feb. 1. Mr. Devorey has been doing research work at the University of Illinois for the past two years and will receive his doctor's degree at the close of this semester.

The pledges will have charge of the regular literary meeting Thursday night.

The society house is being redecorated.

### Alpha Chi

Informal initiation started Sunday afternoon. The annual initiation banquet will be served in the Lansing Temple House Saturday evening.

### Seek Specialty Acts

Specialty and novelty acts, original and otherwise, are desired by the committee. Students interested in trials for this phase of the production are requested to communicate with Norval E. Tyrell, student director, at once. Many specialty acts are already awaiting cancellation to try out for them, and the same method of selection will be followed in this respect as in the main production itself.

### Arrange Next Try Outs

Due to the increasing demand on the part of the student body for additional tryouts, arrangements have been made to care for the overflow of students who could not be staged last week. Thursday night has been reserved for both men and women candidates who have not yet received a trial for "That's That." This try out will be held in the Union ballroom on the second floor, and it will be the final general assembly before working casts are selected by first elimination.

As in the previous trials, group appearances on the stage will be permitted. Those interested in group work for specialty or novelty acts are also requested to appear Thursday night.

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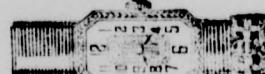
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## BASKETBALL MEN START NEW YEAR WITH VICTORY

**Brilliant Battle Marked Defeat of Marquette in Overtime Period.**

Victory in the first basketball contest of the regular season, and the initial one for Michigan State in the newly formed Central Intercollegiate conference, was the reward for the scrappy fight exhibited by the Spartans against Marquette University Saturday night. State came from behind to tie the count in the closing seconds of play, and then crashed through with the 35-33 margin of supremacy in the five minutes of overtime play required to break the 30-30 deadlock.

It was a great game and a great victory for Coach Van Alstyne's men. At the middle of the first half they trailed 12-2, followed this up by a rather weak spurt to close the first 20 minutes of play at 17-10, with the Northerners still commanding the advantage. State was clearly and decisively outplayed and outclassed during the entire first half.

### Colvin Gave Great Account

The second half opened with the Green and White combination moving under an altered defense, which soon proved effective, but still the Marquette team held sway as the potential winners. Colvin, playing a wonderful game of guard opened up with a stroke of brilliant to exhibit some of the best basket guarding and shot defense seen here in many a game. The visitors were temporarily stopped dead, and then Felt getting his first real chance at varsity basketball, cracked through with nothing short of a variety of court work which would characterize the most seasoned of veterans. Almost in rapid succession he added nine points, while Colvin and Drew checked the visitors' attack.

### Blood Plays Big Part

The Marquette lead was cut to one point at 25-24 about the middle of the last half when Felt came through to sink a beautiful goal from a difficult angle. Monty Hood, who contributed the best game of his college career, sent the crowd into a mad cheering mass when he outsmarted the opposing defense to reverse the one point lead on Marquette's side of the book and give State a lead.

Dunn came through with a free goal and a field goal at this interval. Rader sank another for the Marquette aggregation, and State once more trailed 29-25. Felt topped his man on the jump, and ended a great shot to put the Spartans back in the race at 29-27. Doster added a free throw for Marquette, only to have Felt equal it with another for State.

### Tie Score in Closing Seconds

The score stood 30-28 with State almost defeated. The gun was in the air, and with less than 30 seconds of play remaining, Hood took the ball dribbled through the Marquette defense, passed it back to Colvin, received it again and neatly netted his sphere to knot the score at 30 all. When Hood sank that memorable goal there were two seconds of play left.

The overtime opened with Hood again coming through to set the crowd wild with another spectacular shot from almost the 17 foot line. Dickeson followed with another goal after Colvin had outwitted his man under the Marquette basket. Rader caged a pair of charity shots for the visitors and cut State's lead to 34-32. A technical foul for Hertz's failure to report added a point for State, when Colvin made good. Stineck came back with another free throw for Marquette, and three plays later the game ended with State the victors 35-33 over their traditional rivals, Marquette University.

### Strong Albion Team Next

Coach Van Alstyne will send his basketballers against the reputed whizkids Albion college, five here Wednesday night, in a game which will mark resumption of athletic relations in basketball with the Methodists. Albion has its best team in years, numbering among its roster several former Ohio all-state prep stars, in addition to several experienced veterans of no mean ability.

The eligibility of Captain Drew, which was a question up until the Marquette game, has been passed upon and the Spartan leader is back at the helm. Stan Green, formerly a basketball man here in 1922, is the latest addition to the squad, and his status is likewise in faculty circles.

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### ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT PLANS FACULTY TOURNEY

Plans are being made by L. L. Frimdig for a faculty bowling tournament. A meeting was to have been held Tuesday afternoon, but the members of the department in which there is not a sufficient number interested in this sport, two or more departments will join to form a team.

### WORLD FAMOUS BOWLER TO APPEAR IN E. LANSING

Timmie Smith, world's most famous bowling artist is scheduled to give an exhibition at the Olympic Recreation alleys Jan. 27. Smith has been on exhibition tours during the past few years. A sweepstakes match will be arranged for men and one for women. The high bowlers in each of these matches will bowl against Smith. Any man or woman in East Lansing is eligible for the sweepstakes match.

### Y. W. C. A. CARNIVAL WILL BE STAGED JANUARY 19

Announcement has just been made that the Y. W. C. A. carnival will take place in the armory Wednesday, January 19. The plan of the committee is to have a true carnival and each sorority will give a stunt as has been the custom in previous years. The most clever stunt will merit a silver loving cup which always furnishes keen competition among the various groups. It has been won by different societies each year, but has been offered either the usual exhibitions will be during, according to Catherine Phillips, who is heading the committee in charge.

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Defeat University of Cincinnati Here by 16-4 Score in First Dual.

Opposition Boasts Finest Aggregation in History; State Coach to Start Same Lineup.

Spartan wrestlers came through to a bright victory over the University of Cincinnati matmen here Saturday afternoon, 16-4, in the first intercollegiate match of the season.

Gibbs of State got a time decision over Gorham of Cincinnati in the first match at 115 pounds. The time advantage was 2-28.

Arnold Bean of State drew a 5-6 time advantage over Mitchell, at 158 pounds, while Bergquist of State gained a fall over Mullins at 145 pounds in 7-10. Morris of Cincinnati was bested by Lansdberg of State in the 7-57. Lansdberg got a fall over his man at 135 pounds.

Harry Kurrle, football star weighed in under the 188 pound class and wound up the State victories by defeating Flannery of Cincinnati in eight minutes flat.

The visitors gained two decisions both on a time advantage to account for their four points. Freddy Barratt, another football star, was outclassed by Herricks in 3-08, while Avery lost to Barratt in the 125 pound class after 4-10. Barratt and Herricks took to the mat in the heavy weight division.

Coach Van Alstyne has announced he will start the same lineup that scuttled against Marquette. This consists of Hood and Dickeson forwards; Felt center and Colvin and Drew guards.

### NOTICE---JUNIORS

There will be a meeting of the Junior class in the lecture room of the Chemistry building on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

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### MICHIGAN STATE TRACK PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD

Michigan State College is likely to have about the best track team in its history, according to critics. With Alderman and Grim, world record holders in the sprints, as a nucleus there is every indication that the Spartan tracklets will be able to hold their own with the best of them.

State has applied for membership in the eastern association that sponsors a meet at Philadelphia on May 29. Most of mid-west schools who can no longer compete in the conference events have done this, according to Ralph H. Young, director of athletics.

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