

Michigan State News

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WHY WORRY?

That Michigan State college has been torn from its roots by the recent turn of its governing board, and the administration is absolutely falacious, despite the great hubbub being raised to the skies and the voters by the newspapers.

No doubt the change will be felt in the upper executive strata of the college, but on the student body in general and its activities we can see little effect. Those on the outside of the campus, it is probable, visualize us as in the depths of despair or in the heights of joy, receiving our daily quota of education in a haphazard manner from instructors who have their baggage with them prepared to leave at any moment. This is indeed false.

There is little direct contact between the general student body and the president of the institution. Probably there are no more than 50 out of the 2,500 who have a speaking acquaintance with him outside work, speeches, and general policies occupy his time. He appears before the student body rarely, although his influence is felt indirectly.

The removal of Dean John Phelan of course has been of more personal interest to those enrolled. He has been in a position where he has come into contact with the majority of the students. However, the work which has been handled by that office will continue under the direction of other members of the faculty to whom it will be delegated. There will be no let down in discipline, no lessening of the standards of scholarship.

Other departments coming under the action of the state board are practically of no interest. Indeed, until this last week, many students did not know of their existence.

Classes will continue in the same manner as usual. The same instructors and professors that had charge of the work last month and last term and the term before will still demand that outlines be in on time and that the textbooks be studied every day. Student activities will not stop. Spring term the most delightful of

BOTANY MEN WORK ON SERIOUS PLANT DISEASE

Dr. E. A. Bessey and E. C. Mendenberg, state nursery inspector, have recently been investigating the prevalence of a new disease, known as root knot, that has appeared recently in Michigan and attacks the strawberry plant.

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PIONEER DAYS ARE GONE BUT COLLEGE IS STILL PIONEERING

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Well, they succeeded. But Michigan State is still pioneering, for instance the first auto mechanics class ever held for men in a college met here last Saturday. We'll soon be turning out our lady mechanics, as well as our gentleman domestic science experts.

It's that pioneer spirit!

DATE OF 1912 CRITICIZES ADVANTAGES OF CURRICULUM

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to his proper digesting the professional work as I did from 1908 to 1912 at M. S. C. With such a foundation a student might master his horticultural subjects, if he chooses to be

come a fruit grower, in a comparatively short time—part, in college and part on a fruit farm. If he desires to become a professional horticulturist, he will want his graduate work for a Doctor's degree, or its equivalent, so that the four years that he spends in college will be just like money deposited in a bank for him, as well as a joy and satisfaction all the days of his life.

From these remarks it is to be seen that I am critical of those who would map out a course of study in college which would simply be efficient in turning out graduates equipped to earn a living in some vocation which college graduates are supposed to follow. I am critical of those who would map out a course that would make it possible for the student to "realize his ambitions after leaving college," simply for the reason that those who can afford to take the time for a college education should want something more than an apprenticeship and that while we are in college our ambitions are not what they will be ten years after. In criticizing the college course that I pursued I should prefer to do

so from a more comprehensive viewpoint than that of horticulture alone. In following the horticultural side of my work since leaving college I have been under a greater handicap through the inadequacy of my academic training at college than I have been through the shortcomings of the horticultural course which I followed.

Due to the length of Mr. Smith's criticism, it is impossible to print the complete paper in one issue. The remainder will appear in subsequent numbers of the News.

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"OUR PIONEERING WORK HAS JUST BEGUN"

Frosh Frolic Main Event of Week-end Replete with Affairs

With the Freshman Frolic holding the paramount place in the social doings, the campus spent a busy weekend attending open houses, initiations and parties. The largest party in attendance was the Freshman Frolic held at the Armory on Friday evening. The freshmen took advantage of the special admission given them, and the large ballroom was crowded with couples dancing to the peppy music of Pat Dolahan's orchestra of Flint.

The decorations, which were composed of a false ceiling in the form of a canopy of streamers, carried out a color scheme of green and white. Special lighting effects were obtained by means of streamers on each side of the stage, while the orchestra was surrounded with ferns. Late in the evening the party was enlivened by a ten-minute dance with serpentine and conga.

Roy Sample was the general chairman of arrangements, with Franklin Shaeffer in charge of the music. Josephine Johnson headed the committee on decorations, while Fern Streeter directed the feature dance. Charles J. Koenig was the general chairman of the ladder committee.

Fraternities were among the first to entertain at open houses, and Mr. and Mrs. Rockefellers and Mr. and Mrs. Mason acted as patrons while Mr. and Mrs. Ben Van Mstyne were guests. Hod Dwyer's orchestra furnished the music for the dancing. Among the other fraternities to entertain were Alpha Gamma Rho, Delphic Phi, Alpha, Upsilon, and Epsilon Phi, and Mr. and Mrs. Olenburg. Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Coons and Dr. and Mrs. H. Hubbard were patrons at May.

Among the other activities was the performance given by the alumnae of Alpha Phi at Hotel Olds on Friday evening. Wally Bennett's orchestra directed the dancing. The new members of Alpha Gamma Delta sponsored a tea bridge on Saturday afternoon with the new pledges of Kappa Delta being honored by a bridge lunch.

John C. Barnett was the main speaker at the campus girls' Assumption Sunday morning. He discussed the various religions which have been introduced into China. The Korean society had charge and Sunday Sigma Kappa will sponsor the program.

What this country needs along with its cigarettes is a five-cent cigar.

SPRING TERM SOCIETY INITIATIONS CONTINUE

Three More Frats and One Sorority Add to List of Campus Initiates.

Spring term initiations are still continuing in the fraternities and sororities on the campus. Sigma Kappa initiates include Beryl Stark, Ann Arnett, Lois Mencher, Gaylord Mildred Kyle, Aurora Hill and Majel Horning, Brooklyn. The banquet took place at the Hotel Olds and the program centered around the plant for the theme. Fern Kinton acted as toast mistress. Louise Ridgeway from Cornell university chapter spoke on the roots. Rose Keeler on the plant, Majel Horning on the buds, and Evelyn Keyes on the flowers. Junette Track favored with a vocal selection. Four guests were present from the University of Michigan chapter. Betty Butler, from the Alpha chapter in Colby college in Maine, brought greetings from the grand council.

Phylean initiated Homer G. Gibbs, Marquette; John Vandam, Hudsonville; Morris Green, Pontiac and John Knight, Jackson. In a formal initiation on Saturday at the banquet at the house Howard Hauser spoke while Knight, Elton Hill and Dr. Huston also favored with remarks. John Johnson of Hollywood, Mich., recited for the initiation.

Lambda Chi Alpha announces the initiation of the following: Husted Parker, Owosso; Max J. Zimmerman, Flint; Paul E. Marion, Detroit; Stewart W. Moore, Flint; F. E. Matson, Central Lake; T. S. Knapp, Willard R. House, Harold C. Curtis, all from Flint; Ivan C. Ebeling, Highland Park; Ernest J. Buckholz, Detroit; and Burton D. Bird, Onisville. Their

banquet will be held at a later date.

The Alpha Gamma Rho initiates are: Gordon Evans, Battle Creek; Gus Poesch, Monroe; Robert Lincoln Greenville; Robert Lasher, Waldron; L. H. Gregg, East Lansing; Carl Raffishol, Sutton Lake; Prof. H. C. Coffman speaks at the banquet on Sunday.

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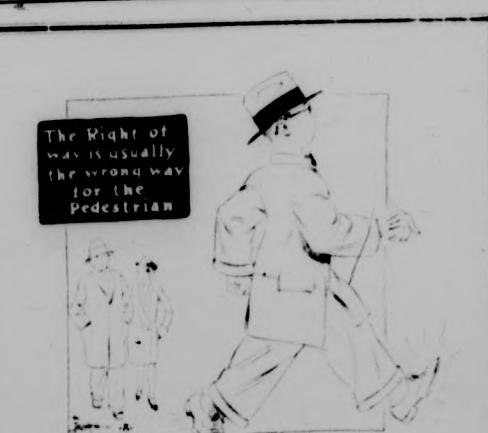
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SYRACUSE NEXT

The weather is the main foe of the Michigan State baseball team this year according to present appearances. Twice so far this season the weather jinx has caused games to be cancelled or postponed. The cancellation of the Chicago university Michigan State game on Saturday was the last instance.

By noon Saturday the conditions were such that it was impossible to play baseball, so the athletic authorities of the college cancelled the game which was to have been played in the afternoon. Adding to the fact that the Maroons were on a two-game trip, it will be impossible for the Michigan aggregation to appear here this weekend. The Chicago nine played at Western State Friday winning 9-2.

State's next foes are set to come here with a strong lineup. It will be the Syracuse university baseball team which will cross bats with the Spartans on Thursday afternoon. It has not been two years since Coach Kole's team is a tenth of a second slower than

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Spartan nine in several practice games which will give the varsity team more practice.

However, notwithstanding the lack of experience, the Spartans have played good baseball in the two initial games of the season having won both with ease. In the game this week the State nine will meet up with their first stiff opposition of the season. Coach Kole will probably give the mound duty call to Capt. Lefty Tollefson, a pitcher who was slated to pitch the Saturday game with Chicago, or Jerry Byrne, big right hander who performed well in both of the opening games. Both men are capable of pitching a good brand of ball.

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On Tuesday the Aetheon team trounced the Trimoiras, 4 to 3. The Thes also won their first game from the Olympians by one run, 5 to 4.

In the games scheduled for Wednesday S. A. E. won from the Phi Kappa Taus, 7 to 3 and the U. Lits lost to the Hermans, 5 to 11. No games were played on Thursday on account of the varsity's game with Kalamazoo.

day, the best they could do was fifth. This event was won by Ohio State's team which negotiated it in 1:28.6 which is, incidentally, a new meet record. Kroll ran an exceptionally good race in this event.

With Lord running the 110, Hackney the 880, Captain Wylie the three-

quarter mile, and Clark the mile, discus. Twenty-seven were competing. State captured fifth in the medley relay in this event. Rasmus of Ohio State probably ran the best won first place by throwing the plateau mile of all those competing. Wester 140 feet 6 7/8 inches. Paul Smith Virginia won this relay; Illinois was second. Indiana third and Ohio State fourth.

The winning team's time was 11.642.

The best State could do in the mile pole vault. He seemed to be off form. The timeliness of Minnesota broke last year's record by going 13 feet 1 inch. Pickard of Pittsburgh was second.

Ann was first, Syracuse second, Chicago fifth. Salmon the new member held off classes Saturday afternoon.

State's sprint relay team was able the Freshman squad will meet Lansing

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