

Pollock to be First Lecturer; Kreisler Opens Concerts

Vincent Sheean Replaces Dr. H. C. Link
On Lecture Program; Auditorium Expected to Aid Concerts

Channing Pollock, author, playwright, critic, and producer, will open the 1939-40 lecture course on October 18, instead of the 17th as originally announced, course officers stated yesterday.

A second change schedules Vincent Sheean, foreign cor-

Chi O Leads Greeks in Grades

FarmHouse Is First Among Fraternities On 1938-39 List

Chi Omega sorority led all sorority and fraternity groups in scholarship for the year 1938-39 with an average of 1,627. Alpha Chi Omega sorority was second with an average of 1,611, and Sigma Kappa sorority placed third with 1,588.

FarmHouse led the fraternities with an average of 1,568, while Alpha Gamma Rho placed second with a 1,538.

All-society average for the year was 1,403. The all-college average was 1,360.

KREISLER OPENS CONCERTS

In addition to the lecture course, a concert series by six noted musical artists is scheduled for this year, under the supervision of Prof. Lewis Richards of the music faculty.

The remainder of the sorority averages were as follows:

Kappa Alpha Theta 1,518
Alpha Gamma Delta 1,508
Kappa Kappa Gamma 1,505
Alpha Phi 1,466
Zeta Tau Alpha 1,444
Alpha Xi Delta 1,340
Alpha Omicron Pi 1,325
Kappa Delta 1,209

Fraternity averages were:

Alpha Epsilon 1,515
Phi Chi Alpha 1,515
Theta Kappa Nu 1,378
Delphie 1,374
Beta Kappa 1,373
Phi Kappa Tau 1,353
Pi Kappa Phi 1,345
Electric 1,325
Sigma Nu 1,312
Delta Chi 1,287
Delta Sigma Phi 1,285
Hesperian 1,282
Lambda Chi Alpha 1,273
Kappa Sigma 1,271
Phi Delta Theta 1,191
Sigma Alpha Epsilon 1,150

Averages are given above on the following basis: B equals 3, D equals 2, F equals 1.

Turkey Day Is Still in Doubt For Spartans

Regardless of the fact that Thanksgiving vacation is listed to begin the last Thursday in November, the new date as set forth in a proclamation by President Roosevelt will probably be recognized by the faculty at their next meeting.

This was intimated by President Shaw yesterday when he gave his personal viewpoint.

Michigan State college is a land grant school and is thereby supported by government funds. It naturally follows that the faculty will probably follow the president's proclamation," said the college president.

The new date will interfere with the Temple football game and a convocation of principals of high schools on the Michigan State college campus for consultation with former students of their respective schools, scheduled for the Saturday included in the vacation.

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President Shaw to Open State College Club Year

President R. S. Shaw will be the main speaker at the first luncheon meeting of the State College club, according to Dean H. B. Dirks, president of the club.

Committees will be announced at the meeting which will be held in the club rooms on the third floor of the Union, Wednesday, September 27, at 12 noon.

Under the Wire

LONDON, Sept. 28.—Officials of the British admiralty report that they have no knowledge of the naval battle reported to have taken place off the coast of Norway this afternoon. Residents near the scene of action stated five vessels took part in the melee, and that several were disabled.

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—J. L. Chadwick, commander-in-chief of the American Legion, today recommended a "mild form of military training" for members of United States CCC camps. Chadwick spoke before the annual convention of the legion.

JACKSON, Sept. 28.—Marvin L. Kahn, warden of the Michigan State prison, reported that four convicts who escaped early in the day had been captured near Menominee by state police. The convicts had escaped by using Warden Kahn and other prison officials as hostages.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—The "Gambit Plan" for attacking the German Reich has been adopted by the French high command, it was announced today. The plan calls for several months of bombardments before a heavy infantry push is made.

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Welcome In Reverse

Enrollment Passes All Expectations; Will Hit 6600

Increase is 642 Over Last Year

With enrollment figures already at an all-time high of 5,545-345 over any official estimate and 642 over last year's high of 5,893, late registration continued to swell the enrollment and officials believe that the final total will pass the 6,600 mark.

This unexpected increase marks a gain of 12 per cent over last year's total enrollment, which means approximately 1,000 students are being added to the registration figures every two years.

FORMER STUDENTS RETURN

Robert S. Erding, a large registration, stated that he expected 1,000 in 100 registrations this year. He cited the greater interest of the former students in the Union ballroom. All members are urged to attend.

A staff meeting of the State News will be held at the Staff Room today. All old and new members of the news staff are asked to attend.

First of the larger registration sessions will be opened through a greater percentage of returning students, either through a greater percentage of new students.

Eight pages of offset are printed, the card and machine system process, printing which allows the use of more pictures, will be used for the first time in Spartan history. Because of the new speed, more cards will be kept ready to be used in forthcoming issues.

State News business staff work will hold their meeting later, having selected a session for 1 p.m. in the news office.

Members of the Spartan staff will meet for an hour today at 4:30 p.m. in the Spartan Room in the basement of the Union, providing they're carrying 12 credits.

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College to Get Book Store

The College Bookstore, 130 West Grand River, which since 1912 has been operated by a non-profit corporation, will be acquired by the college during the fall term. The State Board at its last meeting approved the new arrangement, dependent upon approval of members of the bookstore corporation.

The Bookstore will continue under the management of Mrs. Norma Wagner, who has been in charge for the past 20 years.

Established in 1906, the Bookstore was organized in 1912 as a non-profit corporation without capital stock, all corporation members being on the college staff.

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Foreign Students Live in Mason, Abbott Halls

Five of the foreign students attending Michigan State college this year are living in Mason and Abbott halls.

Heading this list is Singkata Tongyal, a member of the royal family of Thailand, formerly Siamese, who has returned to the campus for his sophomore year of a police-administration course and who is again living in Mason hall.

Also in Mason are Jack Dunn, of Honolulu, Hawaii, a senior horticulture student; William Friedman, of Noranda, Quebec, a second-year engineering student; and John Sebastian, of Budapest, Hungary, who arrived Sunday and will study agriculture.

Living in Abbott hall is Sek Wang Ting, of Shanghai, China, a junior in the agriculture division.

MSC Gains Five New English Teachers

Five new instructors have been added to Michigan State's English department, it was stated Monday by C. M. Needham, acting head of the department.

Dr. Lawrence Babo, who held a research fellowship at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D. C., and who received his Doctor's degree from Yale University, is the first addition.

Dr. Arnold Williams, who holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of North Carolina, will also come here after having taught at the Missouri College of Mines, according to Needham.

Dr. Joseph A. Foy, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh, is the third addition.

Mark Ashen, who has been doing graduate work at the University of Chicago, and Warren Fleigher, a Michigan State College graduate of 1937 and who has been taking graduate work at Columbia University in New York City, are the other two additions.

The English department, while gaining five new men, is at the same time losing four.

R. M. Hill has gone to Butler University for further work there. Prof. W. W. Johnson, who is not permanently lost to M. S. C. is on a leave of absence of present, and it is Mr. Needham's belief that he is either in Europe now or on his way home.

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Union Being Refurbished

An improvement program on the Union building costing approximately \$10,000 is being completed this fall, according to B. R. Proulx, director of the Union.

First improvement made was the redecoration of the interior walls of the building, which have been changed from earth to pastel green.

An air conditioning system has been installed on the second floor, which includes the ballroom, dining room, and auxiliary kitchen. The entrance to the checkroom on the second floor has been made more accessible by the removal of several partitions.

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Broadway Hit Is Fall Term Play

"Our Town" by Thornton Wilder has been selected for the fall term play and will be the first Broadway production the dramatics department has presented. Dr. W. Fawcett Thompson, director announced.

Thompson said he was looking for juvenile and ingenue performers. The play will present a wide variety of character parts, lines for which will be in the assignee reading room this week for those interested in reading them preparatory to trying out for play roles.

Rehearsals will probably begin the first week in October with the play being presented in the latter part of November.

Lambda Chi, Theta Nu To Merge

Amalgamation Is Announced After House Meetings

With the merger of Theta Kappa Nu and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternities next fall, a campus by word in fraternity circles at Michigan State college will fade from the college Greek letter order. For the Theta Kappa Nu name, known on the campus since 1936, will be dropped and the Lambda Chi Alpha insignia will be adopted by the newly formed organization.

Amalgamation of the two local chapters was announced last night by James Culby, president of Theta Kappa Nu, and Johnny Shedd, president of Lambda Chi Alpha, following meetings of both houses. Both groups voted unanimously to combine. The action will be in line with the recently announced merging of the national organizations of both fraternities.

Both local chapters will continue to operate independently for the balance of this year under the joint administration of both houses. Joint meetings will be held. Both presidents stressed the fact that the affiliation is a mutual merger and not an assimilation of one group by the other. Although the Theta Nu name will be discontinued, elements of the Theta Nu ritual and procedure will be incorporated into the combined functions of the new group.

About 60 students are expected to be affected by the merger.

Flying courses open to every one except freshmen will be started as soon as the contracts with the United States government have been signed. It was announced yesterday by George W. Hobbs, associate professor of mechanical engineering and coordinator of the new department. Applications from 175 students have already been received, and the course will be open to anyone who wishes to join. It is possible for graduate students to take the course, providing they're carrying 12 credits.

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Under the Wire

Collegiate Humor Magazine Begins New Talent Campaign

Journalism Romance Invites Freshmen To Aid 'Sparty'

"Goin' to press!"

Great words these. Great because they're part of the romance that makes up the life of a journalist.

The reporter or interviewer gets his assignment, then sets out on an adventure as interesting as he makes it. The deeper he digs, the bigger the story.

The art editor distributes the models work among his cohorts and the best that's in them shows up with the finished work.

Flash and Action

Editors click and phrases like "Just off" and "Just one more photo" ring out as the photographic staff do their part in "showing off" the best in the news."

Finally the editors work over their products and soon all is ready to "go to press."

Of course there are only the highlights in a magazine's daily.

There are just as many darkening shadows—disappointments, mistakes—but because of them, a good magazine is being built.

The Spartan officially became Michigan State college's humor magazine in 1936 through the efforts of Jimmy Hays '31. The story of its early existence is so inspiring that only seldom are the necessities mentioned.

Mag Has Mascot

Finally, the magazine's making process, was bottle fed on a diet of cartoons, humorous stories and photographs until he became strong enough to be left in the arms of his foster puppy, Harry Harrington, editor 1937-38. Between the efforts of Harry and Fred Arnold, business manager, Sparty developed girth and muscle.

Again it came time to change editors. This time Sparty was left on the doorstep of "Manabout Town," Wessberg and "We can't afford it" Winter, editor and business manager for the year 1938-39. Sparty started out the year with long healthy strides. Wessberg finished it. He left town.

And Now Look

Now it's become current. "Twas in the spring of '39 that we, the best staff that ever looked through a telescope and got in a path (theirs), came into power. Great ideas shelled the office, ideas bombarded the ramparts. And as the dust and powder (face powder) sifted through the atmosphere and settled on the editors' brows, a great dawning dawned—the staff needed new blood, new life, new power; we needed freshmen!

HASSOCKS

We have just received a new shipment of soft, squashy hassocks. They're grand for study rooms.



ENGLISH

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Dr. R. M. M. Dabill and Mrs. Townsend Rich, last year of the English department, have graduated. Neelin said.

These are not the final changes, however, according to Neelin, for he said, some new instructors in addition to those listed may be added before the end of the fall term.

POLLOCK

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portant effect on both the lecture and concert series as it will enable large audiences to attend. Due to inadequate facilities, attendance at these programs in the past has been limited to college students only. The auditorium will make it possible for townspeople to attend.

With this in mind, a publicity director, Miss Lucille Price, has been appointed to handle publicity for the concerts.

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What New Farm Lane Bridge Will Look Like



Included in one of the most extensive beautification projects ever begun at this college is this impressive concrete bridge which will take the place of the old steel and wood Farm Lane structure. The new bridge will be completed and opened for traffic next April. Extensive landscaping will be done on the surrounding grounds to add to the beauty of the white cement structure.

Change of Plans

College students and residents of East Lansing probably noticed a change of policy in the first fall issue of the State News published Friday.

Formerly, East Lansing news was published only on the third page of the paper, while the other three pages were devoted to campus news only. Under the new plan now in effect, East Lansing news which rates more prominence than that given it on one of the inside pages will be given a position on the first page, while campus news of lesser importance will be found on the inside pages.

The new plan of operation was arrived at after carefully considering the merits and defects of the old method. It is believed that, in order that this newspaper carry out its avowed policy of complete East Lansing coverage, the new arrangement will be in the best interests of both East Lansing residents and students of the college.

Societies Acquaint Engineers With Special Fields

Freshman students in Engineering will have many opportunities to become acquainted with the special fields through student chapters of various engineering societies. Each branch of engineering has its own society. For chemical engineers there is the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Electricals attend meetings of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Students of mechanical engineering join the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. And the civil engineers have the American Society of Civil Engineers.

One of the chief functions of these student chapters is to introduce members to others in the same branch of engineering as themselves. Meetings are held throughout the year, at which lectures are shown, lectures are given, and papers are read on subjects of interest to various chapters.

Tower Guard Social Entertains 50 Freshmen

Tower Guard, sophomore women's honorary, entertained 50 Lansing and East Lansing freshman girls at a tea Sunday afternoon in West Mary Mayo.

Dean Elisabeth Conrad, Dean Marie Dye and Mrs. R. S. Shaw, patronesses of the organization; Christian Horn, former president of Tower Guard; and Mrs. William Gerrie, adviser to the group, helped receive the guests. Miss Grace Richards poured.

Margaret Johnson, co-president appointed the following committee chairman: Margaret Jenison, arrangements; James Murdoch, food; Caroline Tunstall and Lucille Otto, publicity; Catharine Clay, invitations; Joyce Mallmann, music.

B&G Men Make College Life Easier

"They shall be served!" That's the motto of the little army of Buildings and Grounds men who make up the seventh division of Michigan State college.

President Robert S. Shaw is the official head of this maintenance division which operates so efficiently that few State students realize that there is a seventh division in the college.

Capable B&G Superintendent Dave Davenport is the acting head of this group of workmen who see to it that Spartan students have clean, painted classrooms; that chairs and desks are free of hose-snagging nubs and splinters; that fires for heating rooms and water are kept burning; that attend to the hundreds of little tasks that must be done if things are to go smoothly.

It's a big job that these men do and they do it well. If a chunk of plaster is ready to fall off a ceiling and rouse an unsuspecting student from classroom slumber, one of Ray (Boz) Heydrick's men comes to the rescue with a neat patch-plaster job. Heydrick is the boss of the cleaning, paint-

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Chemistry Fraternity Often Misnamed

By Pat Nicol

Many people believe Alpha Chi Sigma, national professional chemistry fraternity, is an honorary fraternity.

However, professional fraternity means that it is a fraternity devoted to the advancement of its members in their profession as well as to the advancement of the profession itself.

Alpha Chi Sigma was founded at the University of Wisconsin December 11, 1902, by a group of chemists who wanted a fraternity composed only of chemists. There are 11 collegiate chapters and 100 local chapters and nine groups in the professional branch. Upon graduation, the collegiate members become professional members.

Faculty members include Prof. A. J. Clark, Prof. B. E. Hartshorn, Prof. C. A. Hooper, Prof. R. G. Huston, Prof. O. Mason, T. L. Canfield, S. W. Sweet, W. C. Lewis, H. C. Gutekunst, H. J. Davis, C. C. Langham, H. G. Ohm, C. N. McCarty and twenty-four others.

A few of the outstanding members in the professional world are Dr. E. H. Winslow, director, Mellon Institute of Industrial Research; J. B. Conant, president of Harvard University; Roger Adams, head of department of chemistry at University of Illinois and member of President Roosevelt's Science Advisory Board; Willard H. Dow, president of Dow Chemical Company, and many others, equally outstanding in their field.

The objectives of this fraternity are to strive for the advancement of chemistry as a science and a profession, and to aid its members by every honorable means in the attainment of their ambitions and dreams throughout their mortal lives.

Talk of the Town

BY PEARL WNEK

residence Sunday afternoon at the Letby residence.

Participating in the program were Vilma Antilla and Bessie Wells, pianists; Betty Johnson, clarinetist; accompanied by Marilyn Freeman and Alice Anderson, also accompanied by Margaret Goodell.

Frances E. Willard, founder of W.C.T.U., will be honored guest at a bazaar dinner of the East Lansing W.C.T.U. Thursday evening, October 2.

Mrs. Stephen Lloyd, president, will extend greetings which will be followed by harp solo by Janet Weimer; Mrs. Conrad Seitz Jr. of St. Johns will present vocal numbers, accompanied by Miss Jacqueline Jones.

Mrs. B. V. Green will act as program chairman, while Miss F. C. Probert will give a preview of the programs for the coming year.

William Otterson of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Otterson of 306 Cooley, left for Norway University of Stockholm, Oct. 6, 1948, this fall.

At Cornell college this fall are Peggy Bell and Nancy Hartman, both of the city. Joyce McGuire is attending the University of Michigan; Betty Nick Smith, college while Mary Ellen Holly is returning to Stevens college.

East Lansing students attending Quonset Week this year are Max and Don Phillips and Charles Leighton.

Dr. and Mrs. Merle Gay, formerly of East Lansing, are presently residing in Maryland, where Mr. Gay has been offered the position of assistant professor of economics at the University of Maryland.

Mrs. V. F. LeRoy and Mrs. Emma Grant Holmes were hostess to the Sigma Alpha Beta chapter.

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