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WANTED: INDIVIDUAL CONCEPT

Just last week a meeting of members of the faculty and a group of responsible students was held here to weigh and discuss problems on the campus and attempt to combine the student and faculty viewpoints into something worth while. Many worth while suggestions and comments were made; just and reliable criticisms were offered to the faculty by students, and in the main the meeting was not "just another session."

We feel, however, if there was anything revolving about in our minds during the progress of that meeting, it was a sore lack of teachers. Education today has taken a highly specialized leaning. College graduates are manufactured, ground out, pieced together after a fashion similar to automobile production. Highly specialized labor, the college professor is adding a small operation to the final product. The ready sad factor when the product is ready to be turned loose on the market—the market at which his services are sold for an existence—is that he is a combination of these parts, a product of many specialists' handiwork, and not a whole cultural body.

Modernists cry about the "revolt of youth". Never has youth been such a slave to bonds, never has he been a product so truly molded and shaped by the hands of specialists without even a propensity to the character of the eventual craft. From his matriculation into the modern educational institution until his graduation, he rigidly follows a set course. He leaves, a bundle and conglomeration of facts, lectures, and laboratory experiments, as well as the conveyance for the collegiate fashions, lines, and dissipations which are all tossed into his makeup. True society is less conventional than a few decades ago and assumes many privileges hitherto startling, but the course open is none the less exacting and the eventual similarity of the product is none the less assured.

We fail in that no general understanding of the life into which we must matriculate is assimilated. A college loyalty, a few lasting friendships and contacts, a bold front are our rewards. But the blame cannot be laid at the foot of the college professor. He is also a product of a technical scholarship and not of liberal understanding. No other method is in his hands.

The remedy obviously is an attempt to evade the evil. To establish groups on a revised basis. To gain a common ground with the professor as a student and not the mouthpiece spouting the textbooks. To foster a fitting environment for our successors whereby the individual may stand on

his own feet intellectually. It is for those of the present younger generation who are aware of the pit in which we stand to block its enlargement. It is for them to struggle to their feet in an attempt to assert at least one individual concept as a contribution to the end.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH "TARNISH"?

"Tarnish" has been called an immoral play. Wherein is it worse than many other plays that have been staged at the college?—The language is not obscene, the action is not obscene.

No one has ever objected to depicting a murder on the stage. It has been done time and again in the name of art. Surely a bit of smoking and swearing does not obliterate the element of art in "Tarnish"? We are inclined to believe that the college student is sufficiently familiar with both so that he shock would not be too great. Is it any worse to speak of a fallen woman on the stage than in everyday life?

"Tarnish" has been produced at many other colleges and universities in the country. It is recommended by Theta Alpha Phi, a national dramatic

organization. It is a powerful drama and a worth while production. Let us hope that others of equal merit will not receive a like reception. We grow tired of the wishy-washy, live-happy ever after type of weak sentimentality that characterizes the average college production.

We rather expected a flood of Forum letters in reply to the last editorial on femininity initiation "horseplay" but none appeared. We suspect that the members are too busy with the "horseplay" to take time to defend it.

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Included within the number of books that must await the publisher before further orders can be filled on account of the unusually large demand for books during the holidays is Thom as Burke's "The Sun in Splendour," the novel which was to be reviewed today. However, we will push that on to a future date and at once select the product of a German, John Erskine whose name and work as the author of "Private Life of Helen of Troy" and "Galahad" is common chatter over the teacups now. Fritz Mauthner, the German novelist, and his well named book, "Mrs. Socrates."

Quite like Erskine he seeks out the dusty archives for his characters, but when he puts his pen to writing they are as if they lived today. In this novel he goes back to ancient Greece to revamp the old stories told to us in our high school classical history classes.

Xanthippe is known as the most famous shrew in history. Fritz Mauthner believes that she has been misunderstood. Her rough treatment of her husband had decided to live on her money rather than work, she was as indignant as an American family unnumbered with a seemingly non-working aristocratic son "away at college." Then Socrates tried the famous "Socratic method" on her, and this, as students of Greek will recall, was more than wifely flesh and blood could stand.

Less patient than the inarticulate victims in Plato's dialogs, Xanthippe revolted, and gave him the length of her tongue. She became a shrew in self defense. Her hopes of being a happy, obedient wife of a great man were shattered. Socrates even behaved rather badly to his little son. With more local color and a truer feel for contemporary circumstances than the reviewer thinks Professor

Erskine has shown, although not without deliberate anachronisms, the author has woven this story into events of this period, thereby making this an entertaining tale something more than a modern story with characters named after the classics.

Nobody Knows," "Lord Rating," by Arnold Bennett, "Exquisite Perdition" by E. Barrington, the author of "Giant Apollo," and the latest of Mrs. Rhinelander's Tish stories, "Tish Plays the Game."

Any of these books may be ordered and purchased at the Union with the price of one.

Another "Vance" story has arrived, "The Dead Ride Hard," together with regular discount to members by Bruce Barton's famous "Man That Could Stand."

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The Social Whirl

Edited by
Dorothy Shosmith

Because of fraternity and sorority initiations this week, social events on the campus are few in number. The first Union dance of the term on Friday evening promises to be the main party of the weekend, with the Phi Delta and Alpha Gamma Rho's entertaining with open houses the same night.

Several initiations will be terminated Saturday evening when new members will be honored at formal banquets.

Feminists

Initiation started Wednesday morning. Donald McLain will spend the week. Woolden, Florence Patterson, Alva Hazen, Ann Arner, Dorothy Wiegert, Alice Hill, Eva Stephens and Hazel Philip Locke visited in Ashton last weekend. Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Roseboom were entertained at a formal dinner Wednesday evening in a home Monday night.

Practice House

The present personnel of the house includes Katherine Smith, Harriet Van and Ann Arner. Woolden, Florence Patterson, Alva Hazen, Alice Hill, Eva Stephens and Hazel Philip Locke visited in Ashton last weekend. The indoor baseball game met the pesky evening Wednesday.

Pythian

Officers for the term have been selected and installed as follows: Archibald, Franklin Clegg, treasurer; Walther, Schindler, secretary; Harold Detroit school this term. Suzanne Schuster, who was unable to complete the fall term because of illness, is again in school.

Informal initiation for women pledges began on Wednesday.

The winter term formal dinner is to be held at the Hotel Olds Monday evening.

Thomaeas

Mrs. Edna Smith, Miss C. M. Shaw, and Miss Elmer Morrison all of East Lansing are to be among the former present of the Thomaeas' initiated in the little dining room of the Peoples' church Sunday night.

Phi Kappa Tau

W. Woodbury of St. Johns visited George Inst. Woodbury, a former member of the Columbia team. Phillips might have cracked his back if he had not been in football shape.

Kappa Alpha Theta

Marsh Bellbird, a graduate of Michigan State, has returned to school. Kite Leekens, Marshall, George, an alumnae and former student, is taking postgraduate work this year.

CO-EDS GET LATE PARTY HOURS

Girls Will Be Granted Extended Time, Military Ball Committee Announces.

1ST HORT SHORT COURSE HAS REGISTRATION OF 42

Come Long Distance; One From Tennessee; Another From North Dakota.

Michigan State will be granted formal party hours on the basis of enough military ball committees to issue separate reports.

The correspondence with commanding officers of the military balls which have been received shows that most of those committees in general have granted permission to extend regular hours over the period of which they are possessed up to ten dormitories and messes.

The remaining figures for the event will be on sale at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night at 7 P.M. These will be held admissions from each sophomore and junior class, and service men and women from the various units under the leadership of Lt. M. Harold Doremus, the amount will equal a bizarre appearance of the annual decorating plan which is being organized.

There can be no doubt that this year there will be an unusual number of these military dignitaries present, acceptance of an invitation by the girls has added greatly to the size of the affair.

Prof. O. E. Robey is Speaker

O. E. Robey, of the department of agricultural engineering, spoke before a recent meeting of local leaders as the main speaker. The convention was composed of men from central and western Michigan.

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With the assistance of J. D. Ball, another operator of WKAR, he arranged the first radio equipment in Battle Creek high school. With the beginning of the war he joined the navy as a radio man. Mr. Philipp installed equipment in the following great lakes navy radio stations: Point Detour, Point Whitefish, Point Grand Marais and also at Eagle Harbor. While in the service he spent two years as maintenance operator in the West Indies.

In 1922 Mr. Philipp entered M. S. C. and together with Mr. Holmes started the first broadcasting station WKAR. The station has grown under his supervision until now it ranks as one of the most powerful broadcasting

stations in the country.

R. D. Martin, a junior electrical engineer, started with WKAR in 1924

Mr. Martin entered radio work in the army in 1917, with a detachment of other assistants on the technical artillery. He was in France eight months. He came to WKAR from a junior civil engineer and D. R. O'Brien, Spokane, Washington. He is a member on a senior science student.

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Grim, Alderman, Wylie Lead Pack of Experienced Men; New Men Good.

By Ted Smits

Although two weeks remain before Michigan State's track team will swing into action the thinkhads are working out daily in the college gymnasium under the watchful eyes of their three mentors. Coaches Young, Casted and Mason.

From present indications, two men that were being counted on to win plenty of points for State during the coming campaign will be lost to the team. They are Tommy Belt of Detroit, veteran two-miler, and Burgoine Butler, track, high jumper. Butler has bettered six feet in the high jump and could also pick up points in the pole vault, while Belt won his letter last year in the distances. Butler did not return to school with the winter term and Belt is ineligible.

McAtee Shines

With Butler gone, Davis will be depended on in the high jump. He should hit 5 feet 10 inches or better. State also looks good in the pole vault with McAtee, Paul Smith and Olson reporting to Coach Casted. Smith has done well over 11 feet, and Olson can just about hit that mark. In practice a few days ago McAtee hit 11 feet 6 inches without extending himself, and there is every chance that he will better 12 feet indoors. The varsity record in the pole vault is 10 feet 6 inches, but that mark will be broken easily.

Wylie leads the list reporting to Coach Mason in the distances. The State veteran is showing considerable more speed indoors than he did last year. Williams and Hackney are showing to good advantage in the half-mile, and Lee Smith looks good over the longer distances. Roberts, Waterman, LaPlante and Severance are others who should place for State in indoor meets.

Schedule Ambitions

The indoor schedule this year is the most ambitious in the history of the college, with three big home meets as the outstanding attractions. Local fan will get a chance to see Captain Alderman and his stars in action in one dual meet, that with Marian University, as well as in the Michigan A. U. meet and the Michigan State Track carnival both of which will be held at East Lansing. A dual meet with Western State Normal of Kalamazoo, the Illinois relays at Urbana, the I. A. C. indoor meet at Chicago and the Central Intercollegiate in South Bend, Ind., are other high lights of the schedule, in addition to the freshman sophomore, inter-class and inter-fraternity meets at East Lansing.

State may send a group of track stars to Texas during the spring vacation according to Coach Young. Should the Spartan sprint team develop the speed that it seems capable of and should individual stars flash ability indoors, there is every possibility that a handful of thinkhads will compete in both the Texas and Rice relays. The southern trip of the track team would match the long jaunt that the baseball nine takes through Dixie.

ICE MAGICIANS PREPARE FOR NOTRE DAME MATCH

Couch John Kohs has been working with his ice magicians in order to prepare them for the match with the strong Notre Dame boys tomorrow afternoon and it has been a hard job for he was handicapped by lack of material from the first.

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will continue through the coming five weeks.

Sophomores and seniors may practice volley ball from 8 to 9 and basketball from 9 to 10, while freshmen and juniors practice basketball from 8 to 9 and volley ball from 9 to 10. Five practices out of six are required for team membership. One hundred points in W. A. A. are given for membership on the first teams, 50 points for membership on the second teams and 25 points for merely getting in practices and not making a team. Those who try out for these teams must also keep training rules.

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By Dale B. Stafford

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Albion possessed a fast clever team that was on its toes every minute. Likewise the Spartan quintet was fighting like a demon possessed, but lacked the knowle of their foes.

Nip and Tuck

For most of the first half the battle was nip and tuck. With the score 14 all, Albion suddenly went on a scoring spree and clicked off a seven point lead before the half ended 21 to 14.

In the second half State threatened for a time when signs excellent foul shooting on the part of Head made the count 25 to 23. Here again class told and Albion stepped out and established the lead that ultimately won the game.

The game will be at 3 o'clock at the new rink back of the Woman's building. It should prove a thrilling event for all who care to attend for it is fast game, full of spills and thrills.

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