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DETAILS SET FOR 'THAT'S THAT' UNION REVUE

Final Tryout Adds to 200 Who Have Appeared During Past 10 Days.

COMMITTEE SELECTS

Personnel Committee After Careful Consideration Chooses Group for Rehearsals.

By J. D. Medill, '28

With all details set for the annual Michigan State College Union production "That's That," on Feb. 4 and 5, students, alumni and the general public are assured of an opportunity to witness one of the most striking productions ever given under the auspices of the M. S. C. student body.

A final tryout meeting was staged at the Union for additional candidates for the same 200 who backed to the main meetings of the past ten days. After careful consideration, based upon the three specified essential needs for casting in this year's production, the personnel committee selected the group of candidates, who will be rehearsed in the coming days. These selections were not made until after the final preliminary tryouts disposed of, and not until after each student had his or her opportunity to "show their stuff." The three essential phases of technique followed in making these choices were based upon dancing ability, beauty and...

These candidates who will receive further invitation to compete for roles of honor in the 1927 cast will be called soon, and it is from the following group that the casting for "That's That" will be done. Every audition and consideration was fully given to the committee composed of Neil H. Perrell, student director; R. J. McFarley, Union manager; Miss Ruth Kershner, president of the Union; Miss Ruth Kershner, girls' physical director; and Prof. Taylor, head of the music department, to compile a fair choice of candidates.

The records who survived the elimination, and who will be invited to further tryouts are as follows: Alice Ford, Geraldine Burke, Clara Wilson, Mary Ella Fairman, Margaret Clark, Marie Hostelman, L. Golden, M. Garrett, Jeanette Kennedy, Marie House, Julia King, Alice McLeod, Ruth Power, Roma Hubbard, Mary Jennings, Dorsey Casner, Ida Turner, Anna Bowen, Bevel Farr, Marion Seaton, Donna Carl, Celeste Doyle, Miss McKay, K. Thinsman, Betty Miller, Esther Darling, Lois Krusen, Edna Burns, Catherine Phillips, Ella M. Dine, Marjorie Ashley, Beatrice...

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THETA ALPHA PHI TO REPEAT PLAY

"Hell-Bent for Heaven" to Be Produced Again Farmers' Week.

Interest created by the excellence of the production, "Hell-Bent for Heaven," which was given in the People's Church last week, and the expression of the desire by many that another opportunity be rendered those who were unable to attend the production, has led the authorities in Theta Alpha Phi to announce a second production of the play on Jan. 31, in conjunction with the Farmers' week exercises.

The play will be given before the group of guests for the occasion in the People's church, and admission will be charged after the usual fashion for those who are interested in seeing the play. On the date of the first production, one of the series of Philanthropic concerts, of which many college students are regular patrons was held, and the conflict caused many who otherwise would have attended, to miss it.

The play, "The Servant in the House," will be given on Wednesday, Feb. 2, in the Little Theatre to the Michigan Grange delegation alone.

CONVENIENT CAMPUS CALENDAR

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9:00 a. m., state board of agriculture.
7:30 p. m., "The Problem of Education," Dr. Kingdon, People's church.
8:30 p. m., Theta Alpha Phi meeting.
8:00 p. m., basketball, University of Detroit.
Thursday, Jan. 20—
7:30 p. m., meeting of Student Chapter A. S. M. E., Room 3, Olds Hall.

Our Dumb "FROSH"



Edward says "if there is a relief to get to class where one can sleep in peace during initiation time."

RIFLE TEAMS BEGIN PRACTICE

Turn Out for Men's Rifle Team Unsatisfactory, Says Captain Kelly.

This team has initiated rifle practice for both the coed and men's rifle teams in the armory under the direction of S. A. Baumgartner.

The turnout for the men's rifle team has been very unsatisfactory, about four seasoned men having appeared while there are not enough new recruits to complete a 15-man team. This work offers an opportunity for new men wishing to engage in a team sport, with the possibility of a team sport outside of an indoor.

Unless there is an immediate increase of interest shown in the rifle team, declared Capt. Kelly Saturday, we will cancel all our matches and dismiss the present substitutes for the season. The previous season was not so difficult in that we were not interested in this work, but this year will be a success unless a number of new men appear soon.

A meeting of the rifle team and of the club members will be held Thursday evening in the armory at 7 o'clock. All men wishing to sign up for range work should be present then, as the future of the team will depend on this meeting.

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FORM COMMERCE LEGION TO ERECT STUDENTS' CLUB BRONZE TABLET ON STATE CAMPUS IN NEW ARMORY

Propose to Bridge Gap Between Theory and Actual Business Practice.

LIKE BUSINESS CONCERN LACK BUILDING STEEL Absence of Material Makes Completion at Date Set for Dedication Improbable.

In memory of William Riker Johnson, the American Legion plans to erect a bronze tablet in the memorial hall of the new armory.

William Riker Johnson was the first student of the Michigan Agricultural College to be killed in the world war commemorating this event, the local post has started a campaign to raise funds for a fitting memorial.

This memorial will be in the form of a bronze tablet of expensive design, planned to bear the name and legend of his death. Until funds have been raised no definite statement as to the shape or form of this tablet can be given. By next week some definite announcement will be made.

Along with the memorials to famous Michigan generals, it is hoped that this tablet will be placed in the armory by the date of dedication or Foundation day.

That the armory will be complete by the date set for its dedication now seems improbable. Structural steel has not yet arrived and from reports given in the erection of the new building. This lack of building steel has caused a serious delay in the completion of the work also in that of the building of new blocks of brick in both instances the contract price for the delivery has not yet arrived.

Other building materials such as stone, concrete, lumber and brick are not in readiness for the paving of the halls. The completion of a complete set of the necessary heating conditions which included during its planning.

ACCIDENT TAKES FAMED SPEAKERS PROMINENT GRAD FOR FARM WEEK

Lyle Harper '22, Is Killed Instantly When Circular Saw Breaks.

Lyle Harper, '22, prominent M. S. C. student, was killed last night near his home at Midville, Mich., Saturday, when a circular saw with which he was working broke and struck him in the chest.

Lyle, who had just been elected to the position of president of the Michigan Agricultural and Mechanical College, was a member of the Phi Kappa Tau, Alpha Zeta and prominent member in the Phi Kappa Tau.

Since his death in 1922 he has worked on the Harper farm near Midville where he was held in highest esteem for his sound judgment and thoroughness in all his undertakings.

Fifteen members of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity attended the funeral Thursday afternoon.

IF YOU DO NOT GET YOUR STATE NEWS

Write to the Michigan State News, Union Building, and give your change of address, or if you have not changed your address and do not get your paper, write to the State News at the address above suggested. Each student should get a copy of the paper.

MUST SIGN FOR PARTIES BY END OF FOURTH WEEK

Parties for the winter term are to be signed up for at the office of Mrs. Powell in the administration building...

Prof. Entomosis, who is chairman of the social committee, formerly and charge of this work, but has successfully passed it on to Mrs. Powell, who will see to it in the future. The office consists of signing up all parties that will take place in the college organizations, including fraternities, sororities and other independent parties.

All parties for the winter term must be signed up with Mrs. Powell before the end of the fourth week because the arrangements can be made after that time. This rule will apply to all parties in the future. Because of the work connected with this position, it is imperative that party committees organize in order to have a systematic handling of the affair.

CABINET MEMBER PRAISES COLLEGE

W. M. Jardine, Secretary of Agriculture, Commends Work Accomplished in Extension.

In a letter received by President Johnson, L. Butterfield last week from W. M. Jardine, secretary of the United States department of agriculture and assistant to President Calvin Coolidge, Michigan State College was highly commended for its progress made and the work accomplished here in extension work for the last year.

As a result of the letter received by Butterfield, it is hoped that the department of agriculture will be able to contribute along a new line of extension work, to express an appreciation of all that year and the progress of our faculty have done in extending sound education to the people of the nation. An agricultural school is not only a school of agriculture, but a school of progress, and the Michigan State College has a fine record in this respect.

At the last meeting of the National Student Federation which met in Ann Arbor Dec. 2, 3 and 4, a list of the speakers was drawn up, which were considered for a student council. Comparing these names with those exercised by the Michigan State College council it was found that the M. S. C. council exercised all but a few minor powers in reaching methods and curriculum which were credit to the ideal.

WOMEN JOURNALISTS TO MEET ON CAMPUS

Women's Press Association to Convene Here During Farmers' Week.

The annual meeting of the Women's Press Association will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3, 4 and 5, with headquarters in the Union Building at Michigan State and at the Hotel Lansing.

The Friday session, which will be held in the basement of the Union building with the assistance of Miss Lenon Paine of Lansing. The annual board meeting Saturday evening will close the week.

DR. STAFSETH TO GIVE LECTURE IN LANSING

Dr. H. J. Stafseth, of the bacteriological department will give a series of lectures on "A Trip Through Europe" at the Episcopal Guild hall in Lansing Friday evening January 21 at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Stafseth went as an exchange professor to Budapest, Hungary last year. His lecture will be based on his extended travels in England, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Switzerland and France.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS TO MEET THURSDAY

A meeting of the student chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will be held in room 3, Olds Hall, at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Jan. 20. All students interested in mechanical engineering are cordially invited. The program will be arranged and put on by four senior students of the department.

PROF. EDWARDS TO ADDRESS LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION

Professor W. E. J. Edwards will address the Lenawee County Cooperative Live Stock Association at Hudson, Friday, Jan. 14. The topic will be "Swine Feeding and Management Problems."

PLANS PROGRESS FOR ENLARGING STUDENT COUNCIL

Question to Be Submitted to Vote of Student Body at All-College Elections.

TO INCREASE TO 13 "Enlargement of the Council Is Imperative," Says President Dirks.

Plans for the proposed enlargement of the Student Council from 8 to 13 members have been made by the council and will be submitted to vote of the student body at the all-college elections next spring. The date for elections was set for March 10.

The proposed enlargement will require an amendment to the constitution, and this necessitates a vote of the student body.

The additional members will be the senior class and freshmen class presidents and representatives from the various clubs and one from the interfraternity council. The class presidents will have the power to vote but not to hold office. The interfraternity council and the varsity club representatives will be ex-officio members and will not have the power of vote.

The present membership of the council is as follows: Three members elected from the senior class, two from the junior class and one from the sophomore class. There are in addition two ex-officio members who do not have the power of vote, the editor of the Michigan State News and the president of the Freshman class.

In an interview with George Dirks, president of the council, he said: "With the constant growth of the institution, the enlargement of the council is imperative in order that it may serve the student body as it should. The council must be larger in order to represent the students and take the council's ideas back to the students. It is almost impossible for six members of arbitrary justice for some 2,500 students."

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NEW BUILDING TO BE 'THE ABBOTT'

Board of Directors Honors Second President of College in Naming Structure.

In honor of T. C. Abbott, the second president of Michigan State College, the new \$100,000 business block on the site of the old Hooper house has been named "The Abbott" by the directors at the last meeting and it was authorized according to the contract the new building will be completed by Sept. 1.

The new building which will greet the eyes of returning students next fall will have a frontage of 150 feet on Grand River avenue and very nearly the same on Abbott road. It will include four stories and a basement, the first two to be of stone structure with the top stories of brick with stone trimming.

On the first floor with a space 40 by 50 the East Lansing State bank will be located. Across the back of the lot and facing Abbott road will be located the new library with a seating capacity of 1,000 people. It will be 60 feet wide having a stage 30 feet across the opening. The remainder of the ground floor will be given over to stores.

The second or mezzanine floor will be devoted entirely to business offices, while the third and fourth floors will be made up into small apartments. Electric refrigeration and cooking facilities will feature the apartments.

The business block is under construction by the Reniger Construction company, while Boyd and Munson are the architects for the building.

coupon books were sold last term in numbers practically equivalent to the enrollment. Sales this term have exceeded the registration in proportion to time elapsed.

Lunch service is available at the soda fountain after games and during party intermissions. Alterations are being made to increase the efficiency of the department.

Committee meetings should be registered at the main desk to insure best accommodations.

A plan will soon be offered through which, in another year, a change will be made in the student fee, provided it prove acceptable to the membership.

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IN THE NAME OF BROTHERHOOD

The period of fraternity initiation excesses is over for some of the colleges, for some there are still days and nights of it. Though it pulls on the older members and pulls on the initiates, it is continued for the specified length of time. Why? Mainly because it was always the practice.

If the older members of some fraternities would talk frankly, they would say that informal initiation grows tiresome and is at times disgusting. Some are in favor of reducing the length of time for the initiation. Do they dare try it? No. The alumni would say they were growing effeminate, "we didn't do it that way in the good old days." And so the vicious circle of events goes on. The freshman is initiated and at times when the older members for some of the things to which he is subjected when he becomes a sophomore he is ready to "get back at the next bunch." When he becomes a junior he may begin to wonder if it isn't somewhat of a waste of time. When he becomes a senior he is apt to be bored if he has anything else to do or think about.

If we are going to have "horse play" let's concentrate it into a week end. If it must be dragged out over a week or ten days, why not set aside a definite time for nonsense and a sufficient time for study? (This, by the way, is done in some business). Makes them work. Sure, work never has harmed anyone. In fact, it is a good thing for some of them to be introduced to the idea. It is or should be part of the duty of the older members of the fraternity to see that the freshmen improve their time; but we question some of the methods of improvement.

Let us do away with the humiliation that often goes with the informal initiation. Does any action point out the bully more than for one member to force an initiate to do something to merit the wrath of another member to furnish an excuse for a paddling? Fraternity men are supposed to be chosen because they have a mind of their own because they are individuals that the organization can be proud of, yet they are put through an ordeal which leaves them whipped, beaten, completely subjugated, and are supposed to be benefited thereby. Surely there is some fallacy in this sort of logic.

Some individuals are given special privileges out of "fairness" to the group. The athlete gets sufficient sleep

and sufficient time for practice. Other activities as a rule are not considered, although the organization may encourage the freshmen to go out for athletics. They lose contact with the activity in question and if they lose out, we wonder why. It is fortunate that the State News does not have to depend upon freshmen for publication. Although they should be dropped from the staff because of absence, we are glad to say that we can show them this deference, although we have to work overtime to make up for what they are unable to do. We cannot conscientiously hold them responsible for something for which they are not to be blamed.

We are wasting too much valuable time, we are, instead of giving the freshmen a boost giving them a bad start in the term, we are subjecting them to humiliation and prolonged physical exhaustion in the name of brotherhood. We are detracting from the respectability of the formal ritual by an abuse of the informal.

For the benefit of those who might interpret this editorial as a result of

Campus Forum

Much heated discussion has prevailed on the campus during the past week and a great deal of needless and altogether too alarming publicity has been given the issue of whether "Tarnish" is a three-act play by Gilbert Emery, should be produced by the Theta Alpha Phi players of Michigan State.

In the first place, "Tarnish" in comparison with a great deal of the literature which is read by college students and discussed in the classroom, is of a mild variety. A suggestion of the shortcomings of two characters in the play in my mind is no indication of immorality. Were this a play in which the acting was obscene or the dialogue

a bad case of "sour grapes" let it be known that the writer is a member of a national social fraternity.

LOYALTY

Maybe there are colleges where the home folks, students and alumni are more loyal to their institution than they are at Albion, but we don't know where they are, says an editorial in the Albion Recorder Press. We quite agree with the editorial. It has been a long time since we have seen such a demonstration of loyalty in backing the team as we did at the M. S. C. Albion basketball game last week considering the size of the institution. Their demonstrations for their own team did not overshadow their very excellent good sportsmanship. Win or lose, it is a pleasure to have athletic relations with a school made up of the type of students which represented Albion at the game. There is nothing more inspiring and pleasing than a demonstration of wholehearted support and good sportsmanship.

too racy, the far-fetched complaints might be justified.

However, the thing centers around the ability of the student body to indicate a broadmindedness and a conception of life as it really is, rather than add themselves along with this false and hypocritical righteousness. It seems to me, in this day and age, we should be able to do that. The parts cast no reflection upon the individuals playing them, and with a wholehearted attempt on the part of a student to enter his or her role, I feel that our failures are decidedly more marked than theirs if we cannot commend them for their dramatic interpretation and accept the truths which they present broadmindedly.

"Tarnish" has been successfully produced in other colleges and I hate to brand Michigan State as harrowing a student body with a narrower outlook than our other educational institutions. Fifteen years ago I am told a play, "Magda" by Sudermann, which deals with facts of life much more straightforwardly was given here; and if now, 15 years later, in his day when the understanding of the modern youth is expanded so often, if we cannot take a play of the caliber of "Tarnish" in the right light, I am really and truly sorry.

"Tarnish" is a fine specimen of dramatic art, conveying nothing which should particularly jar the college audience and I, for one, should like to see it produced. I believe the authorities of Theta Alpha Phi are admitting an evil which does not exist and are passing up a fine play if they give up the production of "Tarnish."

RAUEL MORRIS

Make Lecture Tour of State

Professors John Ruff and R. A. Walpole of the college department of education will tour the state during the coming term. These educators will deliver a series of addresses at various high schools on "School Administration" and "Agricultural Education" respectively.

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FRACAS IN GYM TONIGHT LIKELY TO PROVE FAST

State Team Shows Reversal of Form in Final Game of Road Journey.

By Dale B. Stafford

Back from a road trip which netted an even break, Henry VanAlstyne's Michigan State College basketball players are scheduled to take on the University of Detroit's powerful quintet in the local gym tonight.

The Spartans showed a strange reversal of form on their second road point of the year. In the first game with the powerful Butler team Friday night they were humiliated 53 to 49. On the next night they journeyed up to Fort Wayne and downed Concordia college, 42 to 25.

In the University of Detroit fray, State is meeting an experienced team that is reputed to be exceedingly clever. The Hoosiers have had about an even break in the games played so far this season.

The games with Detroit have come to be looked upon as bright spots on the Michigan State schedule. The one in the gym here will undoubtedly be no exception. Hundreds of Detroiters are expected to follow their team up here for the game.

STATE SEXTET IN 3 TO 1 DEFEAT

Initial Tilt of Season with Notre Dame Offers Large Crowd Many Thrills.

In what proved to be one of the most thrilling hockey games ever seen here, Notre Dame university's sextet took the measure of John Kobos' Spartans 3 to 1 Saturday on the Grand River aquatic rink.

An ideal day greeted the large crowd that turned out to witness the initial fray of the season on the ice. In the first period the teams went along pretty evenly and the score was 0 to 0 at the end. In the second period each team managed to score. Notre Dame counted first and then Hampton scored on a rebound shot from Corbin. In the third period with one of State's men on the ice for a penalty, Notre Dame managed to crash through and score a tally. Early in the period the freshmen again scored on a shot from the side of the rink.

Hickok was the outstanding star for the freshmen. He had possession of the puck most of the time it was in play. For state Hampton, Conklin, Kaiser and Hancock performed well.

An added zest was added to the game by offering Notre Dame center on the gridiron last fall. He was selected as an all-American on nearly every team. His work on the ice Saturday was also of a creditable nature.

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TWO MATCHES BOOKED IN FRATERNITY LEAGUE

This week in the inter-fraternity bowling circuit, two matches are scheduled with the semi-finals in the circuit getting under way on Jan. 20.

On Jan. 19 the Phi Kappa Psi team opposes the Alpha Epsilon. This match gets under way at 9:45. At 11 the Union Lits oppose the Upsilon.

FROSH TANKMEN WIN IN OPENER

Yearlings Victorious Over Lansing High Team in First Meet of 1927 Season.

The 1927 swimming season at M. S. C. was opened last Friday with a practice meet between the frosh and a team representing Lansing High school. The yearlings, with but a few weeks practice under variety coach Brown and his assistant R. C. Baugh, made a considerably better showing than was expected. The final score, Frosh 47, Lansing High 22, showed the superiority of Spartan representatives. K. Konstantin was the high point man, scoring 15 points. Mitchell took first in the fancy diving and Moore took the lead in the backstroke. The outstanding man on the Lansing squad was Lane, who amassed 11 points for his team.

CITY BOWLERS OPPOSE CHAMPS

Three High Men, One High Woman to Appear With Jimmy Smith in Exhibition.

The best bowlers of East Lansing will be given the opportunity to match their skill with that of Jimmy Smith, world's most famous bowler, who has been engaged to bowl in this city Jan. 27. The exhibition match will be staged in the Olympic Recreation alley. Chicago students will be eligible to compete.

All men bowlers having a desire to appear against him are invited to call five games and the three highest total pin scores will have an opportunity to appear against the champion. The ladies will be invited to play three games and the one having the highest score will furnish his opposition in an exhibition match.

Tickets are on sale at Washburn's Smoke Shop, the College Drug Store, and the Olympic Recreation alley.

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STATE MATMEN TAKE MEASURE OF CHICAGOANS

Lansburg Sets New Record by Establishing 9 Minute and 57 Second Time Advantage.

Not deterred in the least by thoughts of meeting a Big Ten rival, Michigan State College's wrestling team went out and took the measure of the University of Chicago's mat squad 11 to 9. The meet was exceptionally thrilling inasmuch as the score was tied 9 all at the end of the match before the last one.

Barratt, State's 225 pound football star, then defeated Proffoot of Chicago in an overtime match. The time advantage the State giant had was 1 minute.

Chicagoan Forfeits

The evening started off well for State when the Chicago 145 pound man was unable to make his weight and forfeited. This landed State five points. In the 125 pound class Avery of State, beaten a week ago, turned the tables and defeated Rex of Chicago. Avery had a 9 minute and 34 second time advantage.

Barratt Wins

In the 145 pound class Summerring of Chicago bested Captain Barratt of State by the narrow time advantage of 29 seconds. This match also went overtime.

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PLANS PROGRESS FOR ENLARGING STUDENT COUNCIL

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drastic measures in the next all-college elections to enforce the rule that there shall be no electioneering within 200 feet of the polls. It is expected that the members of the Green Key will be sworn in to enforce the measure.

The council also ruled that no publicity for candidates for office should be allowed except that which the council shall designate.

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TO NUMBER COURSES BY NEW SYSTEM IN CATALOG

A new system of numbering of courses in the catalog which will designate the class to which the course is open, is being planned by the faculty committee.

The first part of the committee report has been adopted as follows: To the number of each course as it now appears in the catalog shall be prefixed the hundredth digit in such a way that the hundredth digit shall designate the college class for which that course is offered. The schedule follows: Below freshmen courses, 1 to 99; freshmen courses, 100 to 199; sophomore courses, 200 to 299; junior

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