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### THE TABLES TURNED

Students at the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti are busy this week deciding who's who on the teaching staff. All instructors in the school will be appraised as to their ability as instructors. It is the first time faculty members say, that students have graded their instructors in the history of Michigan education. We admire their courage in being the first to take a chance.

The Student Council, acting as referee, will issue the ballots to the students who will render verdicts of "A," "B," "C," and "D."

The idea sounds like a good one and ought, at least, to have the effect of keeping some of the instructors on their toes, even though no notice is taken of the results of the balloting by the authorities of the school. There is always the element in college among the faculty, as well as the student body, that needs to be kept mentally alive. However, we believe that in this respect the student body has the advantage in numbers.

The college professor is not invulnerable. If individuals in other walks of life can get into a rut, if college students can get into a rut, is there any reason to believe that the instructor makes it necessary if he is to fulfill his position, that he does not get into a rut.

The grades given out by the student body will probably not be entirely fair, but neither are those given out by the instructors at all times. It is impossible for college authorities who do the grading to know as much as they should

about the quality of the work being done by the instructor. If the Ypsilanti students take the matter seriously, if they will do their grading conscientiously, the results should prove helpful to both students and faculty and should at least prove enlightening.

### IT'S ALL IN THE DAYS WORK

If the college student sleeps eight hours a day he is likely to be cheating, wasting valuable time that should be put to useful studying. At least such would be the case if all professors were like a few outstanding in Ypsilanti.

Some professors admit that it will take three hours to prepare the lessons which they assign and warn the students to put that amount of time on the lesson. Three hours would actually be enough if one were to take but one subject. But if one were to take five such subjects, the result would be that the graduate would have "learned" the "The Ypsilanti" game and catch up on his sleep after four years of college.

Four subjects would require twelve hours of study per day plus four hours for class would equal sixteen hours. Add two hours for meals, one for our side activities, and one hour for recreation and there still remain, oh, what's the use of going to bed at all.

It is perfectly obvious that no student follows this sort of program. What we are getting at is this: when one instructor requires more than a reasonable amount of time for preparation, it must be taken from the time

### Union Library

Speaking of the similarity of Fritz Maunther's "Mrs. Socrates" to the American, John Erskine's fictionalized biography of which we make common talk over the campus, we might enlighten the shade of wonderment that perhaps has been running through your minds by reviewing one of Mr. Erskine's best things.

Of course we have heard that "Galatiah" is a wise, colorful story that is of especial interest to women, which incidentally makes it of intense interest to men. Erskine's Shavian wit and his immense erudition about women could do no less than make such knowledge known. It surprised the academic choirs of Columbia with its factual frankness and obviously has done the same thing among us who are just interested.

"Galatiah" is a satisfying book from every standpoint. It is less a satire than "Private Life of Helen of Troy" and not a story, yet it is none the less entertaining. The character of Galatiah is far more complex than that of Helen. The world forms beauty in the hands of Mr. Erskine was passive, but Galatiah is active. She is feminine, feminine, but feminine manhood fails into oblivion except as destined for her uses. As a woman Erskine never lets it transcend itself in his pages. He sneers at the lady Gamblers are delicate. They are almost unnoted, until as the book goes on in its delightful way we become more and more conscious that Galatiah was just a well, whatever you call your heroes when they are old boys, and more than that, King Arthur is thoroughly lovable although entirely too forgiving. Lancelot becomes a passionate and a noble and Galatiah, poor Galatiah, with all her beauty and her intelligence, but another creation of Galatiah who like many older women who cannot possess a man, makes him a hopeless being so that he will never fall in love with another woman.

The Erskine story is a fine review. She is the real woman. She would have made Lancelot an excellent wife.

That should be spent in preparing other lessons. It is neither fair to the student nor to other members of the teaching staff.

However, there was always Guinevere. Perhaps one might say there is always Guinevere.

The book is as clever as one could hope to find for an evening's entertainment with a "friend whose face never changes." It will please women and amuse men, and cause many a hearty discussion at the table.

With Galatiah's safe escort, five more attractive volumes marched on to the shelves last week for your perusal. Among their names and most interesting to the reviewer was the poems of Francois Villon, the father of French poetry and the famous, or notorious, as you will, chief of Parisian thieves. In fact, you may plan on reading a wee bit of his paganistic philosophy in the next issue. A biography mints the fiction, like Erskine's things, but nevertheless writing an amusing tale has already found an exciting audience, those "Victor Hugo." Then the others are all in circulation, but if you will require for "Mrs. Socrates," the "Royal Road to Romance," "Book Nobody Knows," "My Mortal Enemy," or "Sorrel and Son," we will attempt to get them for you.

Remember this is your library and suggestions are always in order. There is still room for three or four more volumes in the next order if you "step right up."

### Campus Forum

It seems that many of us are losing the opportunity of using that wonderful new institution, the People's church. If we may have a natural feeling against going to church, many students are slaves to the mistaken opinion that to really "collegiate" one must forget all about those being such a thing as the church. However, he that as it is, the great inspirational talks that Mr. McCrene gives ought not to be missed by a single student. No one can leave after such a service without having obtained better ability to meet his or her college difficulties. But he who has heard about the high thinking of state students, it was found in actual count that twenty per cent of the student body attends church.

Now, here is the point. It seems that a special effort is being made by the students in the church to make Sunday morning services special state functions. It is aimed to get a good share of the students out every Sunday night

to partake of spiritual fellowship. It seems that even "Mac" to devote his evening sermon to our problems. I happened to attend the "student-sing" last Sunday evening, and I feel sure that every person there was glad he came. Special music added the happy moments of our students. It is being whispered about that on the next Sabbath day evening an ever better musical program will be offered to us. I sincerely think that all of us should cooperate and fill the church balconies with joyous state students, who are aiming to keep their religious and inspirational education in tune with scholastic training. Do you agree with me?

R. R. M.

### ACTORS PREPARE MORE PLAYS FOR PRESENTATION

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chap but, like many of a ripe old age, is inclined to take an excessive interest in other's affairs and this conflicts with the social aspirations and daily well-being of Fred Minkie's wife, Nettie.

Taking the lead roles in this interesting study will be Ivan Collett as "old Man Minkie," Clyde Olin as Fred Minkie, and Clara Walbridge as Nettie. Others who have a big share in the flying of fur are Ruth Norton as "Mrs. Nettie's bosom companion," A. M. Micky, Coon as her husband, Leah Landon as Annie, the exasperated maid; Mattie Rose as Marge Diamond, one of "the crowd," and Wayne Birkwell as her husband, Al Diamond.

Harold Reese and Harlow Brigham will be seen as Mr. Price and Mr. Diebenhofer, two of "old Man Minkie's" old cronies, while three of Nettie's associates, influential persons in club work, Mrs. Smalbridge, Miss Cracker-

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# BUTLER NEXT ON SCHEDULE FOR GAMES AT HOME

### Team Goes on Road Saturday Night to Meet Notre Dame in First Clash.

By Dale B. Stafford  
Not until Jan. 31 will Ben VanAlstyne's Michigan State College basketball team be seen in action again on the home floor. Saturday night the team goes on the road again when Notre Dame is met in the first of the two seasonal clashes at South Bend.

The Spartans returned home late Sunday after scoring an even break on the road. Lake Forest was defeated 39 to 30 in a hot contest in the Gold Coast city Friday night, while on Saturday Marquette avenged itself for an early season defeat here by soundly trouncing State 24 to 12. Inability to work the ball through the Golden Arch lane was the cause of the defeat.

Dickson was the outstanding star of the road trip, making a 23 point total for the two games played. Coach VanAlstyne used a new combination most of the time. Heed was heaped in place of Green, a lad who has shown to good advantage of late.

Against Notre Dame VanAlstyne undoubtedly will stick to the same lineup. The team needs Butler here on Jan. 31 in what will undoubtedly be a good Central Intercollegiate game. Butler literally swamped State at Indianapolis and the Spartans are craving for revenge in no uncertain terms.

The Butler game comes on the first day of Farmers' week and it is expected that the gym will be crowded to capacity with the addition of hundreds of visitors to the campus.

The game will be broadcast over WKAR as have all other home games during the winter term.

## UNION PLANNING FOR DRIVE TO FINISH NEW BUILDING

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pledge made in securing this membership is for \$75 to be paid at the rate of \$7.50 per year. This is deemed reasonable enough by the students within the range of almost any student.

At the same time it provides an opportunity to aid in finishing the Union building which is popularly known as the social center of the college. In this development who were not on the campus previous to its construction in which it bills is not clear. However, to members of the classes from which each member pledged \$100 as the cost for the life membership to the Union, in addition to a half day of annual labor in excavating the cellar for the building, the importance of the building and the necessity that it be completed is more obvious. To this end the student body will be thoroughly solicited on Feb. 4, 8 and 9.

Luncheons will be held each noon of the drive for the majors and their captives. At this time reports of accomplishments up to that time will be made. A driving award is being planned for the winners.

The majors and their captives under whom the campaign will be carried on are as follows:  
Seniors: Paul Engle, chairman; A. B. Ferguson, Ralph Decker and Stanley Hartwell.

Juniors: George Macer, chairman; Arthur Gault, J. B. Brown, Gordon Grooms, Catherine Phillips and Mary Ella Eubank.

Sophomores: William Mosler, chairman; Albert Burles, Max Goodwin, John Anderson and Helen Francis.

Freshmen: Gerald Lage, chairman (chosen in the absence of a class president); Albert Seche, W. A. Thompson, F. C. Evers, C. M. Curtis, Margaret Lage, Gertrude Burke and Ruth Canby.

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**ATTENTION FRESHMEN!**  
All freshmen who have not had their individual picture sittings at the LeClear studio for the 1927 Wolverine are requested to leave their names and addresses at the Union before Wednesday, Feb. 2. Either those who failed to keep a previous appointment, or those who failed to receive an appointment card, are expected to do this as soon as possible, and not later than Feb. 2.

**UNION PLANS CHESS AND CHECKER MATCH**  
Arranges Tourney for State Players; to Award Loving Cup.

Plans have been made for a chess and checker tournament to be held in the Union building. A great deal of interest has been indicated in the past in these two games by patrons of the sport who come to the Union to engage in matches. Students interested in matching their skill with others are urged to sign up for the tourney at the main desk of the Union immediately and play-off matches will be arranged.

A silver loving cup will be awarded to the winner of the tourney by the Union. The matches are open to both students and members of the faculty. A nominal charge of 25 cents will be charged entrants in the contest.

## SOPHOMORE TRACK MEN SNOW FRESHMEN UNDER

Track got under way with a large one Saturday when the freshman team accumulated to the sophomores by the top heavy score of 74 to 12. The fresh garnered but up first, this coming to be shot when LeClear tossed out Deale.

As expected, the sophomores walked away with the dishes, hurdles, field and distance events. The interfraternity meet will be held Saturday while the varsity is at the Illinois Handicap meet in Chicago.

Tests were made at M. S. C. This point showed the expense in sharpening and less efficiency to be large. The purchase of iron oxides was thought to account for this discrepancy. In the furnace of standard steel, the oxides present in abnormal levels are 0.0005 per cent, while the oxygen found in normal normal steel was 0.00075 per cent. This displacing the oxide. Microphotographs of the abnormal steel showed a segregation of the hard components of steel, namely, cementite. The experimental work being done here by the mechanical engineering department show that abnormal steel can be certain heat treatments be made normal. In closing, Mr. Seiling said that the reason for abnormal steel is fully known at present but much research is being done.

Dr. C. S. Robinson in his paper brought out the necessity of the parathyroid glands and their secretion.

The first experiments were on dogs and it was found that the removal of

these glands caused death. The reason given for this was that these glands act as intercalators for the calcium and in the digestive passages. Upon removal of these glands and injecting parathyroid extract in various amounts at various intervals death due to complete removal of parathyroid glands and their secretions could be prevented.

# SMITH TO MEET STATE MATMEN CITY CHAMPIONS TO MEET OHIO

### Trapp, Salzer, Bennett, and Haskins Survive Elimination Contests to Meet Champion.

A rare treat is in store for East Lansing bowling fans on Thursday, Jan. 27, when Jimmy Smith, the world's famous bowler will roll an exhibition match at the Olympic Recreation Alley. Mr. Smith will roll four games against the cream of East Lansing's bowlers, who have been chosen for the match through an elimination contest. The names of the winners are M. K. Trapp, H. S. Salzer, Dr. C. W. Bennett, and Miss Haskins.

Jimmy Smith is well known throughout the entire country and from coast to coast is conceded the title of champion and thought he is occasionally beaten in his matches, his showing on the drives far surpasses the work of any bowler in the land. Jimmy has to his credit 16 perfect games of 300 pins. He is the only bowler who has succeeded in winning the all events championship of the American Bowling Congress Tournament twice. Probably his greatest showing was made in exhibition games rolled at Denver last winter when he rolled thirty games for the remarkable average of 247.

That Jimmy Smith is well liked by the bowling men throughout the country is shown by the crowds he draws whenever he is billed for an exhibition. All bowling fans in the city, and this includes the ladies as well as the men are invited to see Jimmy while he is here. The contest will begin promptly at 8 o'clock on Thursday at the Olympic Alley in East Lansing. Tickets are on sale at Washington's Smoke Shop, College Drug Store and the Olympic Recreation Alley.

Announcement was made today to the effect that Michigan State College's wrestling team would engage Ohio State at Columbus Saturday. The date of the meet was not agreed upon until this week.

Last Saturday State's mat outfit fell before Michigan in the annual battle 15 to 8. State scored the only fall of the day when Kurrele tossed Hager.

The outcome of the match was in doubt until the last one was over. Had State scored a fall in the final match it would have won the meet.

The meet was fast throughout and the followers of State's team may feel well satisfied with the showing that was made.

## ART DEPARTMENT WILL EXHIBIT FOREIGN POSTERS

An exhibition of 12 foreign posters will be shown by the art department in room 410, Olds hall. The exhibit is open to the general public from Jan. 24 to 29. The room will be open from 3 to 5 p. m. daily, except Saturday and Sunday, and from 9 to 12 a. m. Saturday.

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## SHORT COURSE MEN SHOW BASKETBALL INTEREST

Short course students of Michigan State who are interested in athletic endeavors are again placed in the unique situation which they originated last winter. With an organized basketball team already in the field, practice sessions are being held daily at 6:30 in the morning. This is the only time at which the varsity court is available for these part-time basketballers.

The squad is in charge of Prof. Barham, of the physical education division, and he reports an interested group of enthusiasts.

The regular basketball team as now listed includes the following: Markel, Pree, Crigo, Holdsworth, Bunker, Wolfgang, Akeley and Vanderstar. Additions to the regular squad loom as certain with the present increasing interest.

Wilcox, Lab of Charlotte Baptist church of Eaton Rapids, and Charlotte high school teams have already been met on the schedule. Jan. 24 Baptist church, Eaton Rapids, there; Jan. 28 Wilcox Lab, Charlotte, there; Feb. 1 Alpine Grange, Kent county, here; Feb. 5 Charlotte high school, there; Feb. 18 Alpine Grange, Kent county, at Grand Rapids.

Wolverine Group Pictures  
From this date, all organizational fraternities and sororities are warned that group sittings for the 1927 Wolverine pictures are to be taken exactly at the time specified on the appointment cards. No postponements can be accepted by the Wolverine later than four days preceding the time scheduled for each group. A worthy excuse must be passed on. For information on this, call "Doc" Brown, Herman House, 4065.

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