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It Was a Cool Fight

End of the recent influenza epidemic at Michigan State college apparently has been reached, college authorities report. During its attack on the campus, authorities say, more than one student of every five was stricken. Perhaps the epidemic's most remarkable aspect was the stoutness with which students and faculty fought back. It is remarkable that during the epidemic classes went on as usual for the four of five who escaped disease. Perhaps more remarkable was the rapid expansion of medical facilities to meet a rush of illness in epidemic proportions. Almost overnight "flu wards" sprang up in dormitories and fraternity houses. With equal speed a crew of visiting nurses was organized to travel from ward to ward to care for patients. It was a winning battle, staunchly fought, and a credit to the hospital authorities, college administration and students.

Idealists Deplore Grade System

Yes, it is rather disconcerting to cram all night for an all-important test and then have the person next to you, who went out on a bender the night before, profit by your factual lore, and it is very natural for Tower Guard and other organizations to make a drive for an honor system to do away with all this surreptitious cribbing. Still remaining, however, is the question of which is worse: stuffing a lot of facts into the head in order to write an A exam, or assimilating whatever facts interest you and cheating if those facts aren't sufficient to pass the course. Frantic pursuit of studies for the mere purpose of marks is hardly more commendable than frank indifference to studies. But the fact remains that as long as we set marks as the criterion, not only of our ability but of whether we'll continue to stay in school, ambitious students are going to aim for high ones and other students are going to cheat promiscuously rather than flunk out. Why did we come to college? For marks, or to satisfy a curiosity in the humanities, sciences, or some other phase of study offered here? If we came for marks, and this applies to students trying to get through on D's as well as those seeking A's, by all means let us incorporate this fine and noble honor system so that those scoundrels whose sleepiness or poor alarm clock thwarts them from writing scholarly exams. The battle then, is to the quick, not to the wise. If we came to satisfy mental curiosity, or to get a degree, well, then, let's forget about marks, get the most we can out of the studies that interest us and try to do adequately enough to satisfy the college in those few compulsory nuisances. If we came for this latter purpose, there should be plenty of time for leisure reading, reading for the sheer fun of it, and entering wholeheartedly into outside activities, with decent budgeting of time, no one needs to study in every spare minute. It's far more likely that the honor system advocates are more repulsed by the inevitable meaningless of marks than attracted by an altruistic desire for fair play.—C.W.

'Don't Put Off 'Til . . .'

On the college level one doesn't procrastinate, one has a boy friend and becomes social minded, goes out for extra curricular activities, or develops a phobia. Many students in the latter stage spend hours sleeping, another goes to movies, or perhaps she plays bridge by the hour. Then there is the social one—she goes out constantly, and "just doesn't have time to study." "After all," she says, "making the right social contacts in college is of the utmost importance." And finally, comes the activities girl. A meeting every evening, and all of her days are occupied with classes, meetings and conferences. She soon loses either her health or scholastic average, or maintains both at a low level. To any of these three types the question, "Why not study?" comes as somewhat of a shock. Were you a procrastinator this month?

Quotables Quotes—

—By Associated Collegiate Press. "The future of the state-controlled colleges in the next decade depends on the degree to which we can demonstrate to the public our social responsibility and our social conscience." Wesleyan university's Pres. James L. McNaughty points the way for the private colleges and universities.

'Ole Left Hander' Swings Baton for Seniors

As a final gesture the seniors presented an anti-climax to the formal season last night with Joe Sanders, the "Ole Left Hander" and his band taking over the senior ball. General Chairman Clarence Dennis had as his guest Margie Berridge who wore a full skirted dress in the spring motif of navy polka dot taffeta. Not to be outdone in new style was Jane Crieth, date of senior class prexy Joe Rube. Jane chose a gown with a full black crepe skirt, and pink net bodice.

With the Modern Greeks

By MARYANN SMITH. The Pi Kaps recently published their alum paper, the Alpha Theter. Stater, and held a pre-senior ball dinner at the house. Tonight the pi kappas entertained the seniors and their dates at a radio party. The fellows are planning to look as corny as possible with clashing ties and shirts and talkative socks, while the girls are wearing sweaters and skirts. Norm Smith was elected to I. F. C.

ALPHA GAMMA RHO—The A. G. R. are holding a hard times party tonight as a general get-down after their formal pre-senior ball dinner last night. The national president, Dr. Martin, was here recently to address the new men. The A. G. R.'s entertained the Alpha Chis at an exchange dinner Thursday and graciously presented them with garlands.

THETA NU—Harle Leigh, civil engineering prof, was given formal initiation Monday night. Dr. Beagstad, host, presided, and alumni Dick Deeringer, Ed Wiley, Earl Peterson, James McGowan, Robert Lyons, Clarence Gethel, Walter Neidermeyer, Bill Ingleson, and Frank Martin, were present.

BUFA KAPPA—Election of house officers was held Monday night. Marvin Boyd was elected president. George Cook, vice president. Keith Berce, speaker. Chuck White, representative to interfraternity council, and Ed Mack, house manager.

SIGMA KAPPA—The Sigma Kappas are having a house party this weekend. New officers are: president, Francis Bates, vice-president, Christine Hoan, secretary, Ruth John, treasurer, Evelyn Marley. The Sigma Kappas had no end of trouble searching up their formal ball program, but they were overjoyed. It was so innocent as that, you wouldn't believe it.

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Pass In Review!

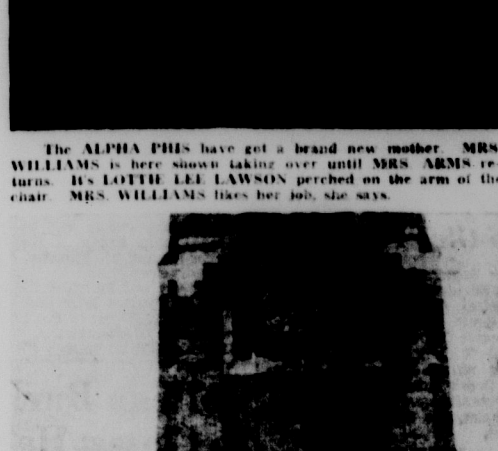
MICHIGAN STATE NEWS CAMERAMEN PRESENT HIGH POINTS OF THE CAMPUS WEEK



"Put it over." DON BUELL, right, tells members of the cast of "SPRING DANCE" who are rehearsing and waiting for the lead, RUTH TAYLOR. From left to right: EARL BRIGHAM, NORMA RANKIN, ELEANOR JACKSON, BOB WHITSITT, JEAN FIETLAND and BUZZ AVERY.



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Thru Smoked Glasses

of ELMER WHITZ.

"Are You a Theta Nu?" called Christie Brough, brother in good standing, before he fired. No answer, so he shot and winged one of the two skunks who were smooching in the back yard. Both kilties disappeared, one under the next house. The cop who lives there got out his trusty 32 and killed the little pook. Up to now everyone has been trying to figure a way to move the body.

Mail Must Go Thru reads the old motto. Vince Appavice, campus mailman, may take care of college correspondence credibly but he walked across campus to leave his senior activities card at the Wolverine office. When he got there—it was gone.

Wanta Make a Guy Mad? Just ask Norwood Hubbel who has charge of this month's Spartans where the rooster mag is. He will tell you. Raz Joseph Sterling usual trucking across campus everyday with his arm around Virginia Reilly.

Obnoxious of an audience, Denny Mitchell and Norm Sparling were in the second hour lounge talking things over. The Union kitchen force was eating in the main dining room and watching. After a particularly long embrace the boys stood up and applauded. Denny and Norm stood up and moved to the inner lounge, incidentally, Denny fell off her horse last week and among other things, hurt her chin.

Can You Imagine? Gene Blair and Ethel Quinn who crashed the Union grill like they had to eat there (they eat at Williams' sitting for a full five minutes at a table without being joined by anyone but me).

Around the DISKS

"Never Again," a new tune from the Noel Coward show in New York, leads our list for this week. Played at medium sweet swing tempo, it's plenty all right. Jack Leonard and Tommy Dorsey's trombone are the featured performers. It's a Victor. On the reverse we have another Coward hit, "I'm So Weary of It All." This is written in the sophisticated style that made the Englishman famous. Also sweet swing.

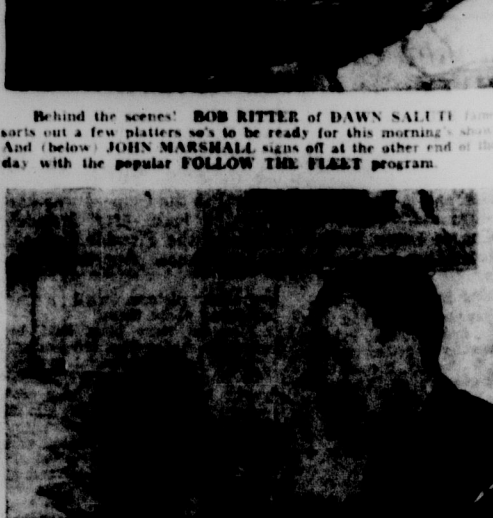
And it's Benny Goodman again with two new ones. Victor presents the old maestro in "Shut-eye" and "Good For Nothing But Love." The first tune looks to us like it's going places, it's got a little extra something. Marjorie Tilton and Hymie Shertzer back in the sax section, don't hurt things any either.

If you're looking for something to dance to, get Wayne King's latest, "The Moon is a Silver Dollar." Despite its rather unoriginal title, it's really smooth. It hasn't come from any moving picture or radio show, so it isn't so well publicized, but you'll be hearing a lot about it pretty soon. It's nice, and Wayne King does it full justice. On the reverse there's a recording of "Kiss Me With Your Eyes," which isn't so all right. It leaves an impression whatsoever.

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