

Collegiate Humor Magazine Begins New Talent Campaign

Journalism Romance Invites Freshmen To Aid 'Sparty'

"Join to press!" Great words these. Great because they're part of the romance that makes up the life of a journalist.

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

The set editor distributes the month's work among his cohorts and the best that's in them shows itself with the finished work.

Flash and Action

Camera click and phrases like "Hold it!" and "Just one more, please" ring out as the photographer staff do their part in "shootin'" those in the "news."

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

Of course these are only the highlights in a magazine's daily life. There are just as many darkening shadows—disappointments, mistakes—but because of them, a finer magazine is being built.

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

Mag Has Mascot

Sparty, the magazine's mahogany mascot, 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 pappy, 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 on the doorstep of "Man-about-town" Wessberg and "Well-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 we become current. 'Twas in the spring of '39 that we, the best staff that ever looked through a keyhole and got in a jamb (heh! heh!), came into power. Great plans studied the office. Ideas bombarded the ramparts. And as the dust and powder (face powder) settled through the atmosphere and settled on the editors' brows, a great shining dawned—the staff needed new blood, new life, new power, we needed freshmen!

Local Men Attend Insurance School

Among candidates chosen to attend the Traveler's Insurance company school for casualty insurance agents are R. Howard Harrison, a graduate of Michigan State college, and Norman G. Corden of East Lansing.

Both men will attend the school in Hartford, Conn., completing four weeks' training in underwriting procedure and sales practices.

Children to Go To Art Class

A children's art class will be held at Michigan State college this fall. Children will work in various art media such as charcoal, chalk, graphite, water color, clay and craft materials. Children from 6 to 12 years of age are eligible. Class will meet in room 304 Union annex building, campus, Saturdays from 10 to 11:00 a. m.

Registration will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, September 26 and 28, from 3 to 5 p. m. in room 304. A small fee to cover cost of materials will be charged. Work will be under supervision of Miss Alma Goetsch, instructor in art.

21 Home Ecs Enter Practice Houses

Twenty-one Home Economics majors have moved into three home management houses for the fall term to gain practical experience in their chosen field. Dr. Irma Gross of the Home Economics staff has reported.

Living in the houses are: Marian Banks, Jane Bowen, Lucille Callison, Dorothy Connell, Jean Davidson, Martha Deters, Barbara Gruber, Mildred Harris, Clara Maxwell, Mary McCormick, Jane Musselman, Hilda Roen, Marjorie Salard, Esther Selis, Betty Spinning, Faith Sullivan, Margaret Tatt, Esther Turner, Jane Wise, Wilma Fritz, and Mrs. Donna Colby.

ENGLISH

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Dr. R. M. McDavid and Mrs. Townsend Rich, last year of the English department, have resigned, Nesbitt said.

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

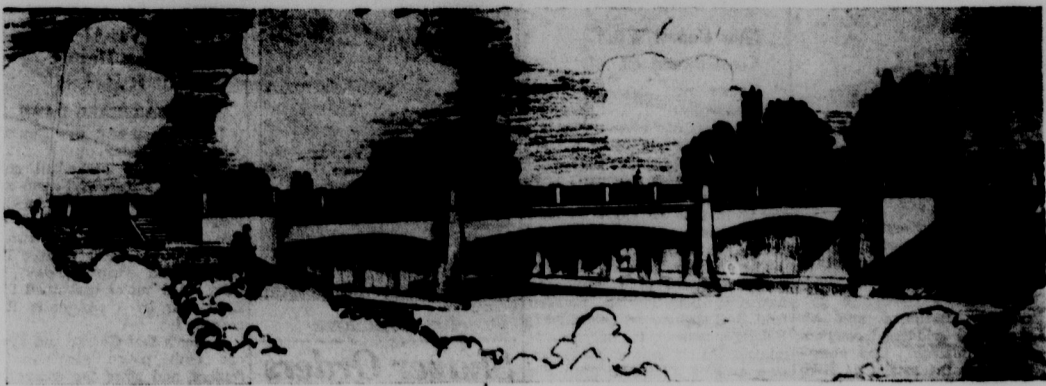
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portant effect on both the lecture and concert series as it will enable large audiences to attend. Due to inadequate facilities, attendance at these programs in the past has been limited to college students only. The auditorium will make it possible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

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

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.

Work is now under way in laying the foundations. At present only the southern abutment is well under way as workmen have been held up in making preparatory digging and channeling the river. Traffic is being temporarily directed over the bridge near the gymnasium by way of the river road which passes the stadium. A foot bridge constructed on pontoons is now being used by the workmen and pedestrians.

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 Music Faculty Gains New Members

Freshman students in Engineering will have many opportunities to become acquainted with their 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 movies are shown, lectures are given, and papers are read on subjects of interest to various chapters.

Tower Guard Social Entertains 50 Frosh

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

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

Margaret Johnson, president, appointed the following committee chairman: Margaret Jensen, arrangements; Janet Murdock, food; Caroline Tunstall and Lucille Otto, publicity; Catherine 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-sucking nails and splinters; that fire 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, painting and carpentering crews.

If a water pipe springs a leak or a shower goes flaky, Lou Washburn, high mogul of the plumb and machine shop, has a trouble shooter on the job pronto.

When it's the lighting system that is out of kilter or some electrical contrivance goes on the blink, it's Fred Mitchell, head electrician, who has a man on the job. One of Mitchell's many odd jobs is the annual one of decorating the big fir tree in front of the Union building with Christmas lighting effects.

Art Clark, the grounds keeper, is the man responsible for the preservation of that beauty which makes Michigan State's campus one of the two most beautiful in the nation.

And Ed Shipley, buildings boss, sees to it that nary a spider gets a chance to start a cobweb in an unnoticed corner of one of Michigan State's numerous buildings. Shipley bargains that "there are no unnoticed corners."

These are just a few of the many who toil silently and unceasingly that your college life may be made easy. You'll see the

Sororities Push Rushing With Open Houses

Formal sorority rushing at Michigan State will continue tonight with open house parties at sorority houses throughout East Lansing. The season opened over the weekend when approximately 500 women attended open house tea Saturday and Sunday.

Invitations for the parties, issued through the Panhellenic office Monday, numbered 1,462. However, many of the women were expected to have received invitations from more than one sorority.

Off-campus residents will call at the Panhellenic office in Peoples church for their invitations. Invitations will be delivered to women residing in dormitories on campus.

Remaining parties follow: Buffet supper, Thursday, September 28, 5:30-7:30 p. m. Football luncheon, Saturday, September 30, 12:00-2:00 p. m. House party, Monday, October 2, 7:00-8:45 p. m. House party, Wednesday, October 4, 7:00-8:00 p. m. Preference dinner (formal), Friday, October 6, 6:00-8:45 p. m. Date dresses will be worn to all parties except the football luncheon and the preference dinner. Sport clothes are worn to the luncheon and formal wear to the dinner.

FORESTERS

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Many scenic attractions were points of interest on the trip, including Azale Falls and Lake of the Clouds. The foresters were transported by bus and camp equipment was taken by truck. Accommodations for the night were solved by the use of tents, and all meals were cooked over an open fire.

At the camp in Dunbar, a typical day started at 6:30, breakfast took place at 6:30, then from 7:20 to 8:00, exercise turned out and assisted with the camp details. Classes and field work began at 8:00 and continued until 5:00, with a short intermission for lunch at noon. After dinner softball, volleyball and touch football were in order until 7:30 when the foresters returned to their rooms and studied until 11:00.

The classes and field work were conducted by Professors W. J. Baker, Karl Drensel, A. B. Bowman and Instructors J. Hugh Kraemer and James H. Hosted.

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 fifty collegiate chapters and fourteen chapters and nine groups in the professional branch. Upon graduation, the collegiate members become professional members.

Their activities, practically the same as those of a social fraternity, include sponsoring the Chemistry club, annual chemistry booster banquet, an Up the River Party for all male freshman chemistry majors, the Chemistry show during Farmers' week, tutoring classes for freshman chemistry students, and their pledges, for their pledge project, make up display cases in the chemistry building.

Faculty members include Prof. A. J. Clark, Prof. B. E. Hartsuch, Prof. C. A. Hoppert, Prof. R. C. Huston, Prof. O. Mason, T. L. Cannon, S. W. Sheel, W. C. Lewis, H. C. Gutkunst, R. J. Davis, C. C. Langham, H. G. Ohmen, C. N. McCarty and twenty-four others.

A few of the outstanding members in the professional world are D. E. R. Weidman, 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 as chemists throughout their mortal lives.

Talk of the Town

By PEARL WNEK

Mrs. S. E. Bellows of East Lansing will speak on the "Lure of the Antiques" tomorrow afternoon before members of the Women's Guild at a tea sponsored by Division A which is to be held in the governor's room of the Peoples church.

Mrs. Henry Larzabere is in charge of the affair with Mrs. Raymond Clark, Mrs. Glen Cook and Mrs. V. H. Noll assisting.

East Lansing Woman's club will open its current year with a reception and musicale in the assembly parlors of the Peoples church Monday, October 2.

Mrs. Stephen Lloyd, president, will extend greetings, which will be followed by harp solos by Janet Weimer, Mrs. Conrad Seam, Jr., of St. Johns will present vocal numbers, accompanied by Miss Freyholder.

Mrs. V. E. Gann will act as program chairman, while Mrs. E. C. Prophet will give a preview of the programs for the coming year.

William Otto, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Otto of 506 Cowley, left for Norwich university of Northfield, Vt., early this fall.

At Oberlin college this fall are: Peggy Ball and Nancy Hartman, both of the city. Suzanne McClure is attending the University of Michigan, Betty Stuck, Smith college, while Mary Ellen Baily is returning to Stevens college.

East Lansing students attending Ohio Wesleyan 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. E. LeRoy and Mrs. Emma Grant Holmes were business in the Sigma Alpha Iota robes.

CARNIVAL

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chairman, Jane Coons, Christine Horn, Myrtice Schindlin, Carolyn Tunstall, Mary La Mondra and Jane Harvey.

Business committee includes Helen Basler, chairman; Eleanor Chan, Jean Falkerson, Aulene Seger.

The arrangement committee is composed of Jean Bedford, chairman; Betty Gibbs, Mae Rosemary, Virginia Crosby, Darlene Hoyt, Grace Nahstoll, Annabell Poak, Jean Widick, Floramae Penfold.

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