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Fraternity Ban

By BILL JOHNSTON

GREEK LETTER SOCIETIES at Michigan State are a tradition to Spartan students as much as the Big House. However, not so many years ago, the established tranquility of the State's fraternity system, now known as something of a legend.

In fact, for 25 years, the State Board of Agriculture effectively banned all national social fraternities from the campus. Inspite of State's 25 year history, only as recently as 1921 has the fraternity system received any real encouragement.

Much of the blame for this verboten condition can be placed upon the fraternities themselves. Before 1909, when the National Interfraternity council was formed, Greek letter societies were distinguished for their sanctimonious and bitter rivalry.

Although some critics today claim these distinctions still remain, the National IFC helped mould the fraternity system into a cooperative and influential organization.

Relations between the original Spartan Greek letter societies and the Board of Agriculture evidently were mutually unpleasant. Incisive action against social fraternities was taken by both the national headquarters and the college administration.

It all happened back in 1888. Delta Tau Delta, State's first Greek letter society, founded here in 1872 and recently re-established on the campus, had caused it quit in 1888. By 1898, the Theta chapter of Phi Delta Theta started at MAC the year after Delta Tau Delta had discontinued operations.

The result of these initial expulsions was that even before the 1909 national chapter statute became law, a "no national" society was anathema. The great charter of interfraternity that the chapter should be removed because no chapter should be connected with a college not giving a classical education.

However, during the 25 year interval, the national chapters continued to exist and later were to form the nucleus of many a present day fraternity. Several of the interim societies were fraternities in all but name, with male dorms and some form of ritual.

Finally, in 1921, the Board of Agriculture reversed its previous stand, and G.A. & the second coming of the brother-

hood system. The next year, Alpha Gamma Rho established a chapter on campus, becoming the first national fraternity of the post-1921 era.

AGC was followed by Lambda Chi Alpha in October of the same year, Delta Sigma Phi in 1928, and Phi Kappa Tau in 1924. As each year went by, the fraternity system continued to grow on the Spartan campus.

Fraternities are a source of wide-eyed envy and bewilderment to make a green freshman with their peculiar rushing habits, exclusiveness, and semi-secrecy. Today, however, the 175 year old American institution places much less emphasis on secrecy, except for the ever-present ritual handshakes and passwords.

Phi Beta Kappa, today's top scholastic honor, was the first social fraternity to be established. Founded at the College of William and Mary in 1776, the organization was the only social fraternity in existence for 50 years. In 1928, the society dropped its secretive characteristics and became purely honorary.

The year before this change, Kappa Alpha was founded at Union college, and is now the oldest operating social fraternity in America. Until 1928, the fraternal system was mainly an eastern and southern venture. In that year, Delta Theta Pi was founded far west in Macon university of Ohio.

Today, there are over 100 undergraduate national fraternities in America, and 1500 with 150,000 men. Even having 2442 chapters and owning 1819 chapter houses cannot stop Sigma Chi. Among the 10 fraternities with over 75 chapters are Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Sigma Lambda, Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, and Sigma Nu.

The fraternity system has been severely criticized countless times because of its exclusive features. Many critics believed, or at least fervently hoped, that the Greek letter society never would be able to recover from the empty days of World War II.

If the building plans of numerous Michigan State fraternities and the post-war enthusiasm shown by their members are any indication, the critics might as well admit defeat. With State's burgeoning enrollment, the fraternal system on the Spartan campus is just beginning to grow.

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Mock Speaks At Hotel Story Conference

Michigan State's President George Upton, selected to speak at the meeting of the Michigan State Bar Association, will be honored with the title of "Honorary Member" at the annual meeting of the college's student government association.

Principal speaker for the function will be Charles H. Hopkins, Executive Vice-President of the American Hotel Association, who will address the group at a 12:30 p.m. luncheon in the Union ballroom.

Other prominent speakers for the program, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Tower room of the Union, include Harry G. Mocks, Vice-President of Chrysler Corporation, and Robert Wadsworth, Personnel Manager of the Hudson Motor Car Company.

Morning and afternoon sessions of the conference are open to all hotel students, but the luncheon is for upperclassmen only. Luncheons tickets at \$1.50 are available at the ticket office in the Union lounge.

HOSPITALITY

SPRING MEETING

Tickets for the spring meeting are now on sale. They may be obtained from Campbell, Hampton, Howard Clark, Sally Damrosch, Sally Totten, Jerry Fallon, Jerry McClintock and Betty Middleton.

END CREDIT

The Ingham County chapter of the Red Cross will sponsor the Water Safety instructors course in the following days from 7:15 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Women's Gym, May 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.

CAMPUS 4-W

The Campus 4-H club will meet in front of the Union at 9:30 Sunday for a picnic at Pontiac Park.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The International Club will meet in the Spectator Room of the Union at 7:30 p.m. All members are required to attend. Please be punctual.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All physical education majors who plan to go to summer school are to see their enrollment offices.

AAAE

The AAEE term banquet will be held Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 at Hotel Reservoir. Reservations can be made by contacting Bill Saus before Monday. Guests are welcome.

STUDENTS

Anyone who took pictures at the International cultural picnic contact Young Women 2-3000.

TWIA

Make reservations for the Cupid dinner, Friday, May 10.

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Varied Week Gives Ballots, Ballads And Baseball



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Campus Busy When Songs, Sports, Politics Prevail

Preceded by the sham-bang election rally sponsored by the State News (we blush modestly) the night before, Spartan voters turned out in record numbers Wednesday to cast their ballots for student council and class officers. The "street dance" (above), hastily transferred to the Union because of excessive dampness, ran smoothly, under the guidance of Ted Carty, Chicago sophomore, who emceed the affair, and Jim McCartney, East Lansing sophomore and State News reporter, with Editor Hermie Riordan glowing in the background. Coeds from East Mayo (above left) cast their votes during the noon hour at their dorm, while (above right) the wee hours of the night were spent by ballot tabulators upstairs in the Union tallying the votes under the watchful eye of John Cox, of the election rules committee. A good time was had by all.

Sweet harmony was in order Monday night as local fraternity men vied for honors in the annual sing in the band shell, with Sigma Chi (left), led by Bob Klepinger, Detroit sophomore, winning the trophy. Alpha Tau Omega placed as runners-up.

The 6-1 loss to Western Michigan Saturday had its good moments, one coming when Pat Peppier, speedy State outfielder, lined a single to center field (right). Bronco catcher Walt Young and Umpire Ernie Vick peer out from their masks watching the play.

The modern Jazz concert, scheduled for the bandshell Monday night, will feature an all-star aggregation garnered from campus bands. The trumpet of Rufus Foster, Cleveland, Ohio, sophomore and vocals by Jayce French, Niles junior (extreme lower left) will be featured with the sax section (lower right) of Scotty Welch, Huntington Woods and Al Burgess of Hastings, both sophomores; Jimmy Tahler, Rock River, Ohio junior; Jack Robbins, Lansing senior and Bruce Orr, Dearborn sophomore. Below (center), Irv Parrott, Lansing junior; Robbins, Foster, and Jimmy Shafer, Lakewood, Ohio, senior and concert organizer, look over a score.

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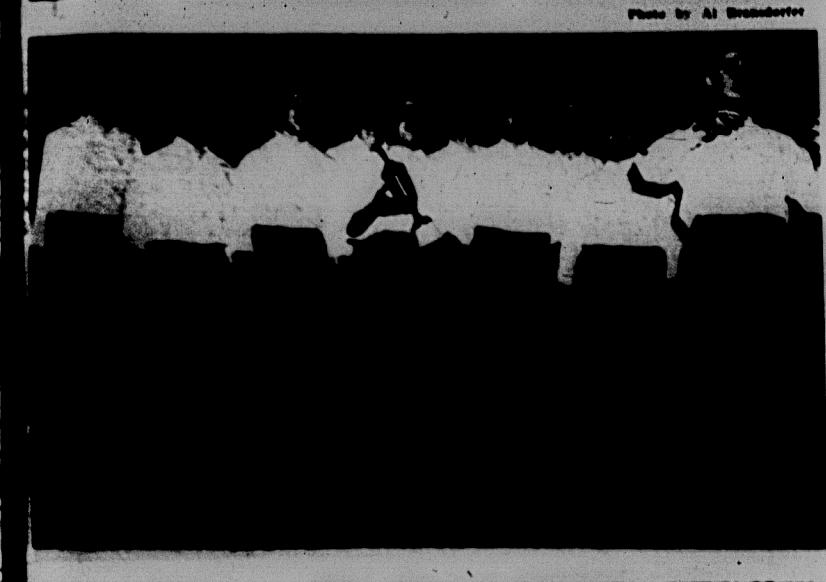
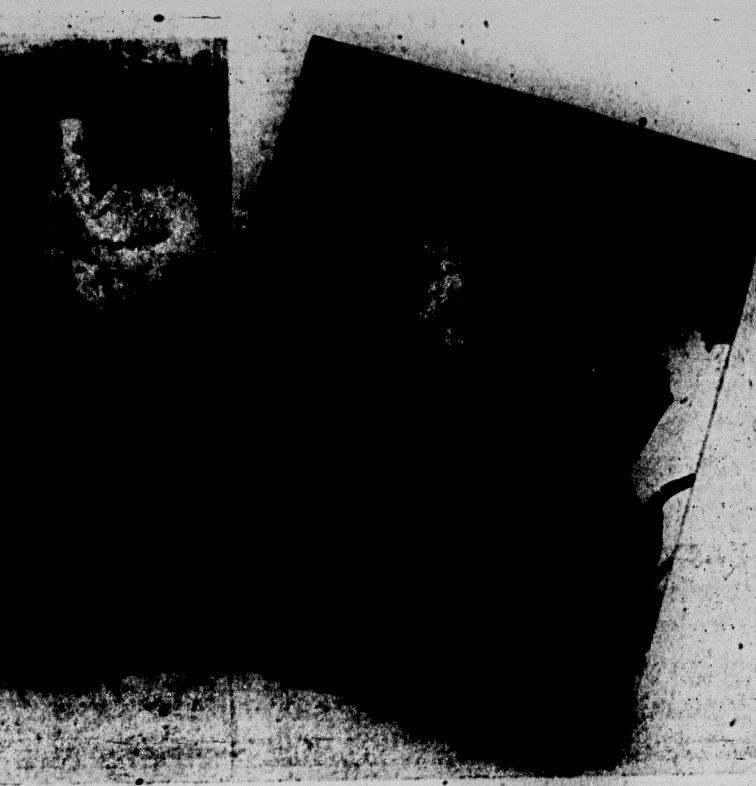


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And in! Above an overall shot of the bandshell with the APO group singing, and not OPA as the engravers, who reversed their negatives, would have us believe.



Swim Fashion



Photo by Roerig

Ann McDonald, Flint freshman, successfully models the latest thing in beach wear at the Home Ec department's fashion parade held Tuesday night. Additional picture on page four.

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Women's Page

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Carousel Program Will Feature Skits By Faculty Groups

Music, Satire, Drama To Highlight Show; Students Take Part In Nautical Theme

By MARILYN MARCUS

With the Carousel a week away, the "Nautical but Nice" committees are busily planning their skits and specialty acts. The program will be given next Friday in the Union ballroom. Tickets are on sale at the Union ticket office in limited amounts.

Clark Reid, Vassarian humorist and Alan Scott, journalism department, will be master of ceremony of the program which was dedicated to better student-faculty relations.

As a starting troupe, Maxine Skeleton, Port Huron freshman, will "swim" from stage to island playing her guitar and singing. The students are to take "floats" around the room. Each has a faculty counselor who will meet the guests.

Journalism Staff

A. D. French, Director of the State News Office, will be writing news items and notes by students on staff members. Joseph De Puma, Vernon Brown, Dick Gammie, Alan Scott, Fred Neubauer and Marjorie Neubauer.

Monica, 19, of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, will be in charge of business administration department will be here in black tie. She is looking for more families who will do some after school work. Each member gives his impression of the new in State News and will serve on the program.

Paul Mullis, business administration department, will take the part of the old grandfather who respects the new because it is old. Edward Keeler, of the mathematics department, will be the father who believes the new to be a mighty god. His wife will be played by clever Beckwell. Diane Sorenson, senior, who takes the more and risks a little. Their son who sits in the front of a conference room is participated by Michael Parker, junior, senior.

Chorus Staff

The Chorale Four, the Sigma Nu quartet, will sing several

Home-Eco Plans Senior Banquet For Graduates

The annual Home Economics Banquet will be held Thursday in the Union ballroom at 6:30, in honor of graduating home economics students.

Johnnie Helbig, Cleveland Heights, O., senior, president of the Home Economics club, will act as toastmaster for the evening. Awards will be presented to students who have done outstanding work during the year. Dean Marie Dye.

Small Officers

The Home Ec club will install officers for next year.

Dr. Robert G. Foster of Merrill-Palmer school in Detroit will be the speaker. He has been director of the Advisory Service for College Women, and specialist in family life at Merrill-Palmer since 1932.

Dr. Foster frequently acts as guest lecturer for the various marriage courses at MSC.

Commission Work

Colleen Veneczel, East Lansing junior, is general chairman. Working with her are Lois Peppel, Veneczel junior, in charge of programs; Margie Monroe, East Lansing junior, dinner; Karen Faye Bellamy, junior, decorations; Jeanne Taylor, Clinton junior, tickets.

Doris VanDemark, St. Joseph junior, and Emily Crammer, East Lansing junior, are handling the invitations. Mrs. Lou Vermeulen, Jackson senior, and Jean Gaines, East junior, are in charge for publicity. Sue Wagner, Detroit junior, will take care of the refreshments.

Tickets are on sale in the Home Economics building.

Junior Red Cross Will Meet Here For State Talks

A three-day institute on teachers' training in junior Red Cross activities will bring county Red Cross chairman, 14 leaders and educators to State Monday through Wednesday.

The party is for children under five years of age and their mothers and fathers. No price will be charged.

The clinic was planned not as a contest but rather as an opportunity for members to meet, to renew their friends' contact and to show off their own.

The children will be shown how to dress and groom. The older ones will play games while the younger ones will view the activities from their parents' laps. Refreshments will be served to the chairman.

Representatives from the Intercollegiate Club will entertain visitors to the conference. Monday night with visits from the international festival. Prof. Hiram Leontine, head of the history department, will address the group Tuesday.

After the conference there will be a dance.

For further information call 23-1200.

—By MARY ANN COOPER

Editor, Michigan State News

