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THE ELEVENTH TIC

Another year has passed and again we are publishing the Annual for addition to past volumes. This edition is the result of combined effort on the part of the actives to gather together the important events of the year that will be of interest to the Alumni. We are printing a few snaps of the Old Grads and hope that it will be pleasing to the Alumni to see these faces again. The suggestions of the Alumni with regard to our publications are always welcome and we wish more of them.

At this time the Actives wish to heartily thank the Alumni body for their co-operation with us in promoting fellowship and hospitality, which is a tradition of the society.

The Active Chapter extends to the Brothers a cordial invitation to visit "The House by the Side of the Road."

DONALD C. STIRM, Editor.

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NEW MEN

Expansion—the keynote to success of any institution, has been the password of our Alma Mater during the past year. As a result M. S. C. has gained for herself that which will be elementary in the new student campaign. Progress in the past year has only been a starter of that which is to be ours in the near future. New courses, together with an ever increasing spirit on the part of the Alumni are drawing men from all parts of the nation. We must work together on this, Brother 'Tics, and obtain for Eclectos the best or none. You know our caliber of men and we are sure that with your help we will, next fall, enter upon another prosperous year.



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Top Row Left to Right—C. Dougherty, C. Moore, S. Clark, W. Eiseler. Second Row—J. Lyle, J. Keller, R. Kiefaber, D. Stirm, A. Waterbury, W. Hockstand, D. Holihan Third Row—P. Fritz, L. Crosby, G. Julian, A. VanHaltern, Prof. O. Reed, Capt. A. Warren, G. Hay, R. Riggs. Bottom Row—F. Pace, R. Thayer, C. Parrish, B. Freeman, H. Swanson, F. Howland.

OUR HOPE

Since the lifting of the ban against National Fraternities at M. S. C. by the state legislature in 1920, much progress has been made. Four of the Nationals have established charters with the locals and the remaining societies have petitioned.

A committee composed of Actives and Alumni have this year sent our formal petition to Phi Kappa Psi to be considered at their national convention to be held in June at Boston. Through the earnest and hearty co-operation of every member we hope to be successful.

D. C. STIRM.

A NEW NATIONAL HONORARY

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The Michigan Delta Chapter of the Theta Alpha Phi, a national honorary dramatic fraternity, was organized at M. A. C., May 8, 1924. The purpose of the fraternity is to further dramatics at this school and to place them on a higher level. The chapter is made up of the old dramatic club which has stood so long here. The requirements for membership in Theta Alpha Phi are somewhat more ridged than they were for the old club. There were eight students made charter members. Brother Riggs was taken in as a charter member. The fraternity emblem is a mask with the Greek letters Theta Alpha Phi making up the face around which are red jewels. It is expected that the fraternity will take a great part in producing the college musical comedy next fall which will take the place of the opera.

R. H. RIGGS.



Going Strong Since '77

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ON THE CAMPUS

Still the "Tic" in the "Talk" on the Campus

"Time and tide wait for no man." Once long ago, someone made this statement, but whether or not he realized the truth of it may be the matter for some discussion. Now, however, Old Man Experience has without a doubt proven it; and many are still wandering aimlessly in the wrecks of their tumbled air castles. Fortunately, most of humanity have not let a mere axiom daunt them. They have gone a step farther, and now Father Time is humping to stay in the race. It is spirit of this sort that brings men to the front.

The forty-seventh year since the formation of "Eclectos" is reaching its finale, and "the House on the Hill" has loyally lived up to its former reputation regarding campus endeavor.

"Excavation Week," probably the biggest task attempted during the entire year by the student body as a whole, had for one of its leaders a man very well known and certainly as well liked. "Harv" Prescott, '24, had for his bit a job very characteristic for one of his caliber; he was the "Big Boss" of the "Diggers" and carried his end to completion with every sail set and every color streaming. Then later in the year "Harv" was again active in the pledging campaign. The Freshmen, at a meeting, pledged themselves to raise \$20,000 for their share in the Union Memorial fund. Through Prescott's efforts every Freshman was seen personally, and as a result the total of the pledge cards amounted to \$25,000. During winter term "Harv" was honored by Excalibur.

Ray Riggs is another member who is rapidly making a name for himself on the campus. "Wriggly" started right in from his Freshman year and hit the ball so hard that it is still going. Besides being a member of the Varsity swimming squad in '23, Riggs had a leading part in the Union Opera "Campus Nights;" this was also in '23. Then to top such a wonderful start, "Wriggly" bagged a minor sport monogram from the swimming team during winter term '24, was again seen in the Dramatic Club play "The New Co-ed," and will appear as Lysander in "Mid-Summer Nights' Dream," the spring play. The biggest achievement in "Wriggly's" list this year, however, is without a doubt the editorship of next year's Wolverine. This is one of the honors sought for by all ambitious Juniors, and Riggs brings it back to the house where it has been a quite frequent visitor.

The J-Hop was another function wherein 'Tics released some of their surplus energy. Crosby was chairman of the program committee, Stirm was a member of the music committee, and Groesbeck was on the decorations committee. Probably the next dance to compare in importance with the Hop is the Sophomore "Prom." Riggs is chairman of the general arrangements and finance and publicity committees. Howland is a member of the decorations committee.

These more important endeavors, together with any number of minor ones, help to keep "Eclectos" ever forging to the front.

H. A. SWANSON.



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Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield

OUR FUTURE PRESIDENT

With the official announcement that Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield '91, was to guide our Alma Mater, we are sure that under our Brother's guidance and program, M. S. C. will enter upon a field of unlimited expansion and success.

THE NEW NAME

The question of having a new name for our Alma Mater seems to be definitely settled, at least in so far as the students and faculty are concerned. Brother Mark L. Ireland '01, in a letter to the editor of the M. A. C. Record, suggested the name of Michigan State College of Agriculture, Engineering, Arts, and Sciences. This name was proposed by Acting President Shaw at a convocation to the student body and met with great approval from every one. The State Board of Agriculture is in favor of it, so that all there remains is the enaction of a law by the State Legislature at their next session in January. The popular name will be Michigan State College and will be used in all athletic contests and other college activities. The rest of the name would be added only on diplomas and catalogs where the longer form would have a decided advantage. This name truly represents all the branches of studies here and the engineer or the science student can say, without needless explanation, that he is a graduate of the Michigan State College.

JAMES S. KELLER.

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ADDITION OF NEW COURSES

With the establishment of five new courses and the proven worth of the recently established Science course, M. A. C. has started upon a program of expansion that will place it among the greater universities and colleges of the country.

The new courses include four-year courses in Liberal Arts and Music, five-year courses in Ag-Vet., Science-Vet., and a course for nurses and dieticians. They furnish a powerful appeal to the high school graduates who are undecided as to their life work or who desire training in the sciences.

A greater choice of subjects than in the older courses and the additional degrees of A.B. and M.A. assure the popularity of the new courses with the enlarged freshman class which M. A. C. expects to have next year.

A. W. WATERBURY.



"Tic" Sweater Men

Top Row-Fritz, Lyle, Howland, Moore. Bottom Row-Parrish, Holihan, Riggs, Thayer, Eiseler.

TICS IN M. S. C. ATHLETICS

It has been the idea of the 'Tics in the past to procure some of the athletes that will represent M. S. C. in its games during future years.

Ray Thayer, our only candidate of All-Fresh football, received an injury while practicing with the Varsity that kept him out the remainder of the season. He will be eligible for Varsity next fall and will furnish ample competition for other members.

The swimming team boasted of three 'Tics. Captain Kiefaber, Ray Riggs, and Charles Parrish. Kiefaber in the fancy diving and back stroke, was a hard man to beat. Riggs swam the 220 in good time, and Parrish was a strong man in the dashes and relay.

"Bill" Eiseler and Ray Thayer are on the All-Fresh baseball squad. "Bill" holds down the first sack and is heavy on the bat, while Ray attends to one of the outfield positions and also swings hard.

On the tennis team the 'Tics are represented by Howland and Holihan. These men have played in a number of tournaments this spring and will probably win monograms.

On the track, Holihan and Parrish are both after the pole vault and have been taken on all trips made by the team.

S. W. CLARK.

SOCIETY AND HOUSE OFFICERS

FALL TERM

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HOUSE

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WINTER TERM

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SPRING TERM

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'TIC ANNUAL COMMITTEE

Editor—Donald C. Stirm Assistant Editors—Sherman W. Clark, Harry Swanson Designer—Paul W. Fritz





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SPRING TERM PARTY



The annual Spring Term Party was held at the house Saturday, May 3. The usual snap and vigor characteristic of all 'Tic parties was there and contributed largely to its success. The ballroom was neatly decorated in red and white, with several cosy corners placed where one could sit and thoroughly enjoy the proceedings. The music was furnished by Fields Novelty Orchestra of Lansing, who, with their originality and pep, kept the floor covered with couples most of the time. There were many guests and alumni present. The party ended at 12:00 and it is sure to remain in the minds of those present as one of the best ever held by the house.

ANNOUNCEMENT



This is to state that the annual Spring Term Party will be held June 13 at the house. Plans are already being made for it and many alumni are expected to return. The next day the different classes will hold their reunions and it is expected that at this time the corner stone of the Union Building will be laid.

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THE ROSTER

HAY, GEORGE H., '24 Hort.

Hort Club, Detroit Club.

"Timothy," having graduated as a Hort student in February, is now practicing some of the information he has received. A good share of his time was spent with friends, but we managed to get acquainted with him between week-ends.

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PRESCOTT, HARVEY E., '24 Hort.

All-Fresh Football, Asst. Mgr. Union Opera, Advt. Mgr. Wolverine, Chairman Excavation Week.

Through his prolific capabilities as a worker "Harv" has made for himself an enviable reputation as a worker on the campus.

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KIK, NICHOLAS, '24 Hort.

Hort Club, Grand Rapids Club, Union Opera, Dramatics, Asst. Advertising Mgr. Wolverine.

Another graduate in Hort, and as the name signifies, Nik is expected to make rapid progress in the cruel world.

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LACHANCE, EUGENE M., '24 Sc.

Asst. Mgr. Union Opera '22.

With a serious businesslike way "Chauncey" will be a good representative in the scientific world.

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CROSBY, LEIGHMAN C., '25 Sc.

Varsity Hockey (1), (2), Asst. Business Mgr. Wolverine (1), Chairman J-Hop Favor Committee.

Leighman originally came from the Soo, and with his innocent expression tried to lead his Brothers astray but did not succeed.

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LYLE, JOHN G., '25 Sc.

Band (1), (2), (3).

Coming from the commercial center of the world, "Spike" has developed a natural humor. He has lately acquired the name of "John Geology" from his course of studious endeavors.

Mackinac Island

Detroit, Mich.

Muskegon, Mich.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Owosso, Mich.

Paw Paw, Mich.

FRITZ, PAUL W., '25 Ag.

Glee Club (1), (2), (3).

"P. W.," although not stretching out noticeably in height, is making considerable progress in Landscape Gardening.

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STIRM, DONALD C., '25 Sc.

Holcad Advt. (2), J-Hop Music Committee.

Assuming the duties of House Collector, "Squirm" is acquiring an unquenchable line that will procure board payments from anyone of the prompt payers.

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MOORE, CARL C., '25 Eng.

Band (1), (2), (3).

Another Soo product has turned up, but he has joined the married men's class and leaves the other boys to themselves.

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RIGGS, RAYMOND H., '26 Eng.

Dramatics (1), (2), Opera (1), Editor Wolverine '26, Varsity Swimming Team (1), (2), Gen. Arrangements Committee Soph. Prom.

Here is a boy coming from Flint with all qualities of a hustler which he has so far shown.

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CLARK, SHERMAN W., '26 Sc.

This year "Bump" is progressing very rapidly, having obtained quite an assortment of animals. He is the "bugologist" of the house. Go to it, "Sherm," there is certainly a large field for the "bug-man."

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THOMASMA, RAY J., '26 For.

"Tommy" is taking care of the kitchen utensils listed under the more dignified name of steward. Due to his superhuman efforts he has managed to keep the boys from starving.

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KELLER, JAMES, '26 Eng.

Now here is a chap from the Soo with a complexion so fair that he has to have protection from the co-eds. We wonder how long that "schoolgirl" complexion will last.

Lansing, Mich.

West Lafavette, Ind.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Cass City, Mich.

Flint, Mich.

SWANSON, HARRY A., '27 Ag. Class Treasurer.

The boy from the Land of the Midnight Sun occupies the ball room annex on the third floor and was found flipping cigarette ashes on "Bump's" bug menagerie while reading Snappy Stories and thinking of a little girl back home.

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HOLIHAN, RICHARD, '26 Eng.

Varsity Track (2), Varsity Tennis (2).

"Dick's" thoughts seem to be centered on the track most of the time, whether it be on foot or in his car.

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WATERBURY, AUSTIN W., '26 Sc. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

"Oscar's" attraction for the fair sex makes it impossible for him to live in peace. He is also (when with the soph gang) rather severe with the Lonely Fresh.

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DOUGHERTY, CHAS., '26 Eng.

Now here is a boy with the student's outlook, but he does journey from the narrow path at times to adjust his make-up before the mirror.

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STRONG, DENNIS, '26 Eng.

"Denny" came back this term and decided to travel the path of the math' sharks. Lots of power to you, "Denny."

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HOWLAND, FRANKLIN H., '26 For.

Decorations Committee, Soph-Prom., Varsity Tennis (2).

"Shorty" is not much over four feet in length and possesses a quiet, unassuming manner about the house. This summer he is going to attempt to keep the wild animals in peace as he will be a forest ranger in northern Michigan.

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HACKSTEAD, WALTER S., '26 Sc.

"Walt" has the peculiar characteristic of keeping his cavalry uniform in wonderful shape along with his other work.

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Lake Linden, Mich.

Flint. Mich.

Flint, Mich.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Lansing, Mich.

Lansing, Mich.

PACE, FREMONT D., '27 Sc.

"Monty" is such a fast worker that it keeps the inspector constantly on the go finding something for him to do.

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THAYER, RAYMOND M., '27 Eng.

All-Fresh Football, All-Fresh Baseball.

Besides being a good athlete he is a regular Vernon Castle on the ballroom floor. He has said that he placed his bid in for Tau Beta in order to avoid the rush. Nice going, "Rivey."

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PARRISH, CHARLES, '27 Ag.

President Class '27, Varsity Swimming (1), Fresh Track.

"Chuck," the youngster of the house, is another product of the prison city, but the only time he has ever worn stripes was during Excavation Week.

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FREEMAN H. BLAIR, '27 Eng.

"Hector's" home is the home of the "fighting parson." With agonizing propensities and superfluous words he simply drives us to distraction.

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EISELER, WILLIAM, '27 Eng.

Fresh Baseball.

"Bill" has the habit of getting up at five-thirty. Go to it, "Bill," the early bird gets the worm.

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ROWLAND, SHERMAN, '27 Sc.

Fresh Baseball.

Sherman is studious, very quiet, unassuming and modest-he and violets have very little in common.

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Fowler, Mich.

Lansing, Mich.

Leslie, Mich.

Jackson, Mich.

Saginare, Mich.

Jackson, Mich.

OUR SENIORS

Hear Ye. And list unto. These words. Of wisdom. We are seniors. And mighty. Is our kingdom. Whether far. Or near. You'll hear. Us cheer. And sing. The songs. Of 'Ticdom. "Harv" Prescott. The first. On our list. Of memories. Is employed. At present. With a company. Of great fame. And renown. He fooled. The old gang. Quite to. A tee. For instead. Of the shoe. Industry. That we all. Expected to see. He is bringing. Up trees. In a tree. Nursery.

"Timothy" Hay. As his name. Doth imply. Is a chap. Who is quiet. And also shy. As a farmer. This city boy. Is rating. "A" number one. And in Canada. Just now. Is having. His fun. To be alone. And single. Is quite lonesome. They say. But farmerettes. From Detroit. Drag the monotony. Away. Do we get. Cigars.

"Nik" Kik. Is also. About to depart. Into the cruel. And cold world. The question. Before the House. Now is whether. It will be. Single or double. The six letters. That appear. Every week. From Grand Rapids. Lend their evidence. To the fact. That our "Nik." Is coming close.



Pres. "Nik"

To the bonds. Of matrimony.

And so they pass. One by one. From their school. Into the world. And the wheels. Of time. Grind on.

We thank you.



Oscar Steps Out

SPRING INITIATES

Theta Alpha Phi held their first swing out May 28. Among the new members that will be formally taken in at a banquet to be held at this date was "Nik" Kik. Through his work as an actor "Nik" made the much desired goal.

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POCKLINGTON RETURNS

A graduate of '21 and immediately taking up his work in the banana industry in Costa Rica, has returned for commencement. "Pock" was in the foreign country for two years and seems none the worse for his experience. On July 5 he again sails from New York where he will proceed to watch this industry.



Eclectic Alumni,

Brother 'Tics:--

The annual meeting of the Eclectic Society Association will be held May 13, immediately after dinner, at the house on the hill by the side of the road.

There is no special business to come before the Society at this time. Mr. Merritt Reeves, Secretary and Treasurer, has been doing some good work in connection with the collection of notes, which has allowed us to retire some of our bonds.

A number of improvements have been made by the Active 'Tics not only on the property but in the personnel and organization, so that you are assured the pleasure of renewing your old-time 'Tic pride.

The local alumni and the actives will very much appreciate having you at least drop in during commencement and attend the annual meeting if possible.

Fraternally yours,

A. S. VAN HALTEREN '07,

President Eclectic Society Association.

A NEW DIRECTORY

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It is our plan during next Fall Term to publish a new and complete directory of 'Tic members. This promises to be one of the biggest and best yet issued, for our number increases as time goes on. In this issue we wish to place the names and correct addresses of every member on file. This can not be successfully accomplished by us alone, but it can be with a little aid from the alumni brothers. Just a little information now and then would be greatly appreciated. During last Winter Term we compiled the names of all members which were lost to us, as far as addresses were concerned, and sent them along with the quarterly published at that time. The result of this work was very favorable, for we received information on nearly half of this list, which greatly reduces the lost number. Your co-operation in handling this work will be greatly appreciated, and in view of the fact that our directory is in great need of revision, help us, if possible, to make it the biggest and best ever produced by this body.

JAMES KELLER, Registrar.



"Chuck"—Frosh Prexy

FRESHMEN ACTIVITIES

Yearlings Well Known on Campus

Freshmen—the life, humor, and hope of any college, are not the exception at M. A. C. They are merely a quiet, unassuming lot that go a step farther in proving the rule. Of course 'Tic freshmen, in their own minds at least, rear mightily at the "quiet and unassuming" part of their diagnosis; but that is only natural, because they are freshmen. However, passing by all the points that might give cause for argument—"26 vs. 27," we come to the resultant:

"Chuck" Parrish was elected president of the class of '27 by a big majority, and H. Swanson was given the task of squeezing the sheckles from the hands of the numerous Shylocks. "Chuck" has thus far won his numerals in swimming and has an almost sure bet for another sweater in track. Two more—Thayer and Eiseler, are on the All-Fresh baseball team. As for participating in the darker activities, most of them comment rather dryly on the extreme beauty of the view from the top of the tower, especially in the moonlight; and when the puzzled sophs talk over some mysterious campus happening, it is very amusing to watch the guarded wink that the fresh pass between one another. These latter activities, however, have had no effect on the social life of the yearlings. All could show a varied assortment of dance programs and have many other pleasant memories of parties they have enjoyed throughout the year.

> But now that the year is ending, And the long, long fight is won; We, who heave our "Pots" into the fire, Thank the good Lord that we are done.

Then, do we the same path wish to travel, Through another irksome year? Speak! All you who so desire, Keep your peace, who doth decline.

Then through the ensuing moments, Silence reigns supreme.

H. A. SWANSON.

Brother 'Tics:

With a new president coming fall term, and with five new courses of study starting at the same time, M. A. C. is making one of its greatest steps forward that it has ever taken. Along with a new president and new courses there are several new buildings ready for occupancy and several more being started.

The Active Chapter would like to see many of the Alumni back for their class reunions and see the progress of their Alma Mater.

From the President,

NICHOLAS KIK.

