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Before Our Time

FIVE YEARS AGO—(April 1, 1924)

It has been decided by the athletic council that the new Spartan stadium will be dedicated at the homecoming game next fall at which time the University of Michigan and Michigan State gridiron teams will meet.

April 26 has been set as the date for the open house at the Woman's building. Elaborate plans are being made for the evening.

The Stewart Creek band M. A. C. club, musical organization, will appear in lecture on the evening of April 26 at the annual field day of the Detroit Intercollegiate club. The program of the day will include a luncheon at the Hotel Statler at noon when Ty Cobb and Judge E. M. Landis and other baseball dignitaries will appear on the speaking card. In the afternoon the Stewart Creek band M. A. C. club, musical organization, will appear in lecture on the evening of April 26 at the annual field day of the Detroit Intercollegiate club.

TEN YEARS AGO—(April 16, 1919)

Michigan Agricultural college is well represented in the famous 19th infant. The five officers are included in the "Comedy of Errors" are the plays under consideration.

The Aggies will open the season with Alma college this week. Bill Green will umpire.

Professor King and the Dramatic club are planning to give a Shakespeare play during commencement arrangements.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—(April 16, 1914)

A hearty contest is being held on the campus of the Helms. All students are eligible for nomination and all students may vote. Who is the best looking M. A. C. co-ed?

Michigan Aggies will open the baseball season for 1914 with Ohsen on the East Lansing diamond on April 16. Aggies are given this year but a strong one.

TWENTY YEARS AGO—(April 16, 1909)

The occupants of Wells hall arose one morning last week to find part of the floor walks in front of the hall torn up. Many condemned the act as a ruthless piece of vandalism while others claim the deed will accomplish a desired end, namely, that when the walk is repaired it will be raised above the level of Lake Ohsen and thus preserve the temper of the Wells hallites.

The Ephebe society held its annual freshmen oratorical contest at the house on Saturday evening Feb. 26.

Ephebian party was called off recently because of the quarantine imposed on girls living at the Women's building.

The Kedzie chapter of the Alpha Zeta fraternity elected officers for the spring term recently.

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CAMPUS FORUM

The old, old story of a thoughtless few endangering the pleasures and privileges belonging to many has again arisen. Since the inauguration of the student body in the Union building, students have been fit to smoke while dancing on the balcony floor. Cigarette butts have been carelessly thrown down and consequently ground into the floor, marring its surface considerably and causing untold damage. It is needless to say that such actions cannot continue. The Union has been doing all in its power to benefit the student body, the maintenance of the balcony floor being its latest contribution. But if such carelessness persists, the only course which the Union will logically have to follow will be the abolishment of these dances, as it cannot afford the ruining of so expensive a piece of equipment as a balcony floor.

Western State will face the Aggies in the second game of the season here today.

The annual Forestry building will be held on April 19. Life of the lumber woods will be depicted by costumes and decorations.

BILL IN LEGISLATURE HITS STUDENTS' HITCH-HIKING

College Publication Questions Right to Prevent Students "Bumming" Home.

New York, N. Y. (By New Student Service.)—You can't print that. Seeing that article in a student paper the public will take it as the official opinion of the college and we can't allow that. This is the argument that keeps many college papers from printing much of anything besides colorless lecture notices and club activities. Such reasoning has also brought the axe down on the head of more than one offending editor.

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At a recent mass meeting of the student body, resolutions were adopted in regard to smoking rooms and other ways interfering with the juniors on the evening of the annual J. Hon. In previous years the undergraduates have tried to break up the party in numerous ways.

Meers loves company, but not any more than happiness does.

STUDENT EDITORIALS FEAR PUBLIC OPINION

Student Editor Announces Policy: Attempts to Rouse Discussion of Campus Problems.

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THE OTHER SIDE

The path to the river are doing double duty these days with luckless freshmen, escorted by their sophomore guardians, usually taking a plunge for some violation of our "traditions" which was detected by our upright and watchful second year men.

We have long heard it rumored that we have traditions on this campus. As far as we can see, "traditions" should be changed to "tradition" as the only thing we have on this campus conforming to that category is the tossing of fresh in the river.

Sophomores have always been the logical ones to keep the freshmen within bounds and to punish them if they violated "tradition." It probably hurts the pride of a freshman more than it does that of an upperclassman to see hatless sophomores performing these sacred acts. There used to be a tradition that second year men were to wear hats, their riding on the campus being only a little above that of a freshman and consequently the distinction between them and upperclassmen.

But this year we are confronted with a superior type of sophomore. Perhaps he has won a varsity letter or he has curly hair, at any rate he is superior and he doesn't have to wear a hat but he still does maintain that freshmen are to wear pots and are not to be seen with women.

Our conclusion is that this type of sophomore did not receive quite the training he should have as a freshman. He hasn't developed quite enough to assume his new responsibilities and consequently his haughty demeanor and arrogant airs.

Freshmen, it apparently devolves upon you to assist the sophomores in the enforcement of "tradition." Remember it is as much a violation of a tradition for a sophomore to go hatless as it is for a yearling to go potless. There is room in the Winding Cedar for all violators.

ONCE A WEEK

Michigan State college is commonly known as a small school but with upwards of 3,000 students here we are inclined to believe that it is not so small. We do know that it is large enough so that only a small percentage of the members in the society houses are personally acquainted with each other's members or know them to speak of them.

This is an evil that could easily be remedied. Prominent men and women in the various houses have wide acquaintances in all the houses, but what about those that are not so prominent? Perhaps in each house there are from five to ten people who know everyone and everybody but this is only a small part of the group. Why not let everyone in?

A very simple plan that the Inter-Fraternity Council might put into operation would be the arranging a series of exchange dinners to be given weekly by the different houses. If half the members of each house would go to the other house arranged by the Council, a social hour would do wonders toward increasing acquaintances, friendships, and good feeling between fraternities and sororities.

Mr. Elmer Omernick, local honorary music sorority, wants a new Michigan State song. To further this project the sorority is offering \$25 to the winner of the contest, the song to be published in the new song book to be compiled by Sphinx and sung for the first time on Founders' Day.

May 1 has been set as the deadline on the contest and to date no attempts have been presented to the committee. This is a worthy effort by the organization and one that should receive active support from the student body. How about a few contributions?

THE "HELLO" TRADITION

In recent years Stanford traditions have undergone thorough renovation. Those which have been outgrown, as sophomore control and the majority of freshman regulations, have been cast aside. Those which are left should be particularly honored and preserved.

Since the university started back in 1891, the most cherished custom has been embodied in the "hello" spirit. Of late, however, we have been wondering whether this is not another vestige of the good old days which will go the way of other Stanford traditions.

It is not pleasant to walk about the campus and have a cherry "hello" met with a half-hearted grunt or no attempt at reply. Excuses that one is not sure of the person's acquaintance are offered, but the "hello" custom applies to non-acquaintances as well as acquaintances.

The other day Herbert Hoover, remembering the most honored of Stanford traditions, picked up two men waiting for the trolley at Palo Alto and brought them out to the campus. If Hoover can remember the "hello" custom, surely the students can. Let's say "Hello" to Stanford Daily.

In Missouri it is against the law to keep wild animals in confinement, so a clergyman in that state has been sent to jail for taking home and feeding two starving fox pups. However, he probably was annoying his neighbors by demanding the strict enforcement of the law, perhaps one made by Volstead.

President Hoover has discarded the Mayflower and the executive riding horse, and Mrs. Hoover is driving her own car. You'd hardly recognize the old place.

New Fossil installed, reads a headline in a college paper, and we wish to compliment the publication on its ability to report in such original if unusual style the inauguration of its new prexy.

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