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## BETA TAU'S CLOSE FRATERNITY FORMAL PARTY SEASON

### DINNER DANCE IS A CLAMOROUS EVENT

The Spring Formal Dinner Dance held last Saturday night at the Park Hotel in St. Louis, was Beta Tau Epsilon's most successful event of the year. Several tables in the formation, decorated with white carnations and snapdragons, presented a charming array of beauty and color, presided over by a head table at which sat President Frank A. Anderson and his lovely partner, Miss Marjory Ludlum. chaperones Professor Hamilton and Dean Steward.

The menu for the evening was fruit cocktail, celery, olives, salad, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravies, hot rolls, peas, ice cream, cake a la B. T. E., and coffee. At the conclusion of the meal a short speech program was given during which President Anderson welcomed alumni and guests and Professor Hamilton spoke on the ideals of Beta Tau Fraternity. Favors for the evening consisted of attractive blue and gold inlaid lockets surmounted with the fraternity crest which caused a flutter





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**CAMPUSOLOGY**

There were lots of fires last week. Miller and Crawford chased all over town trying to locate one last week and found out that Gould had just built too big a fire in the Phi House.

You know McLellan was in Detroit last week, and he left his pin there. He defies anyone to find out who has it. Oh, well, we probably wouldn't know her anyway.

Then there's Marjorie Lundbom, who thinks that branding cows is a burning shame.

EXTRA! EXTRA! Nichol now ties with Rip Van Winkle for the sleeping championship of the world.

In the spring our young Frank's fancy lightly turns.

Clyde Carter: "Some girls make me think of a doorbell."  
Cook: "How's that?"  
Carter: "So responsive."

Sheila: "I put my whole heart into this poem."  
Helen: "I see. It's blank verse."

Royer: "I call my girl snapshots because everywhere I go she wants to be taken."

Robbins: "Is that so? I call mine film, because she's so well developed."

**THEOREM IX**

A Freshman is an affliction. Given: A Freshman.

To prove: That a Freshman is an affliction.

Proof.

1. A Freshman is new. 1. Understood.
2. New—not old. 2. Rule.
3. Not old—not stale. 3. Same as 2.
4. Not stale—smart. 4. Same.
5. Smart—pain. 5. Same.

6. Pain—affliction. 6. Definition. Therefore: A Freshman is an affliction.

**ALL BALLED UP**

Anne: "Eva told me that you told her that secret that I told you not to tell her."

Kay: "Cat! I told her not to tell you."

Anne: "Well, I told her I wouldn't tell you if you told me, so don't tell her I did."

Lena: "If I said I am beautiful, what tense would that be?"  
Howard: "Past."

Prof. Tyler: "Do you know why you are going to fail in this course?"  
Miller: "I can't think."  
Prof.: "Exactly."

Colonel: "I hope you are carrying out those ideas I handed to you."  
Doug: "Yes, the janitor is just carrying them out in the waste basket."

Miss Biondi: "What time do the leaves begin to turn?"  
Frosh: "The night before exams."

Nichol: "What would you do if you were in my shoes?"  
Jake: "Shine them."

Cook: "You are always going around with a chip on your shoulder."  
Tarrant: "That's better than carrying a stick around like you do."

Salesman: "I've got a device for getting energy from the sun."  
Any Father: "Give me one for mine."

Little Girl: "My sister got a pearl from an oyster."  
Jean Pete's Sister: "Mine got a diamond from some poor fish."

The two hundredth anniversary of the invention of the cuckoo clock is being celebrated in Germany this year. The first one was made by Franz Anton Ketterer in Schoenwald in 1730.

**DRAMA CLUB**

The Alma College Drama Club will come to the headlines and to the footlights once again immediately after Spring Vacation, with the presentation of the famous one-act play by George Ade, famous American humorist, "The Mayor and the Manicure," in the College Chapel.

The cast contains several Alma College acting notables including Buford Hosford, entertainer "par excellence." The complete cast appears below:

Honorable Otis Milford. Buford Hosford.  
Wally Milford (His son) William Johnson.  
Ruth Foster (Wally's sweetheart) Josephine Woodward.  
Genevieve La Claire (The manicurist) Aileen Waters.

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**Dr. Davis Gives Excellent Talks**

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with gigantic voices, and try to make life easy for us by disillusioning us." Dr. Davis showed, however, that life isn't altogether unlike a movie, or a stage, for "it is for somebody else that we do what we do: for a little wife, for our children. They are the audience looking on, and we must play as though the king were always present."

"The Philosophy of Futility is the curse of the world today," Dr. Davis said. "Be wise," he said, "and learn that life is worth while, and that love is more than that soft, soapy flimsy, biological kick." In conclusion, the speaker plead for his listeners to avoid "bargaining an eternity for the trite pleasures of life."

"Don't lose your grip on God; if you can't believe it intelligently believe it superstitiously," was the substance of Dr. Davis' chapel talk on Thursday morning on the subject of "Words." In outlining the principles for the building of a successful life, Dr. Davis compared it to the building of a house which should be as constructed that "it will not be destroyed by the little evils which trickle through the roof, by the shifting of a poorly placed foundation, or by the cyclonic dangers which hit it from right angles," for God will see that people will get what they want, be it heaven or hell."

Wednesday afternoon Dr. Davis spoke from the text of the rich young ruler who sought the Master's advice on how he might be saved. "Your greatest problems," he said, "are going to be the problems of success, for we are all so benevolently-minded when we are poor, but we outgrow it when we have attained success." In stressing the fact that life is hard, Dr. Davis said, "I want you all to get it in the neck good and stiff before you get through, and you will, for the farther along you

get in your profession the more alone you will be. It is then that you need Christ."

Perhaps no speaker who has come to Alma has received a more hearty welcome nor left such a vast fund of valuable and practical information than has Dr. Davis. That his speeches were altogether fascinating is attested by the crowd of students that listened every compulsory chapel period and then went back again after lunch to the sessions that were not compulsory. Such devotion is not only a tribute to the ability of the speaker but to the student body as well.

Each day a number of students availed themselves of the opportunity to meet Dr. Davis personally and discuss their problems with him privately.

**Christian Endeavor Play Stars Helen Long**

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Ben did a very fine piece of work as the henpecked husband, Bob Randels, the devil, cavorted around the stage in his red suit in true diabolical fashion, while Sheila Pat Littleton made a very charming angel. Fritz Schimmer, in his tall silk hat, looked and acted the part of the cruel baron perfectly, and his footman, Howard Potter, was as funny as ever. Bill Johnson, as the poor peasant Trofinoff, played his part very well. Rounding out the cast were John and Betty Hurst, who carried out their jobs as well as any good Hursts should.

**OLLIS SETS RECORD IN ALMA ORATORY**

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the responsibility of planning and carrying out the semi-fina's and the finals of the oratorical program. To top off his program, Ollis has had the many responsibilities of planning for all Alma public-speaking contests as

**Manager of Oratory and Debate.**

No little measure of credit is due Professor Roy W. Hamilton for the successes of Alma's orators in their recent contests. The task of coaching orators is a tedious process, and required many hours of careful work. Professor Hamilton has given this time despite a full program of other activities, and his work has been partially repaid by the consistent success of his proteges. It is due greatly to the untiring efforts of Professor Hamilton that Alma has succeeded in maintaining its place in the van of schools of the Michigan Oratorical League.

**CLOTHING OF TWO COLLEGE MEN DESTROYED BY FIRE**

Considerable excitement was caused and the wardrobes and effects of two college men were considerably depleted last Sunday by a fire which gutted the upstairs front room and did considerable damage to the roof of the Slowinski residence at 522 College Street.

The fire which practically destroyed all the belongings of Harold Matteson and Al Wilkas of the College, who were the occupants of the front room, started in a mysterious manner while the Slowinski family were at dinner. Mr. Slowinski of the local police force was the first to note the blaze. The local fire department was summoned and soon had the blaze under control although practically everything in the upstairs front room was either damaged or destroyed.

Very little water was used in quelling the blaze and the Slowinski residence was not as damaged as it might have been.

Feathers, partially burned mattresses, and shingles were in abundance. Typical scene: firemen clambering over the charred roof and chopped off shingles.

**LIBRARY NOTES**

All books are to be returned to the Library Thursday, March 26, whether renewed indefinitely or not.

If books are wanted for out-of-town use during the vacation they may be borrowed, providing a deposit equal to the cost of the book is left at the library. Reserved books may be borrowed in this way only in case the professor on whose shelf the book is reserved sends a written statement to the librarian requesting this loan.

Reserved books may be drawn as usual over night by the town students.

The library will be open during the vacation daily from one to four-thirty p. m., excepting Saturday and Good Friday. It will be closed all day Good Friday; and open both Saturday mornings from eight to eleven-forty-five.

A few books pertaining to Easter may be seen at the south end of the charging counter.

The Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences and the Dictionary of American Biography, reference books that are shelved in the reference reading room, are well worth more than a hurried glance. These sets will not be entirely published for several years, two or three volumes being issued each year.

The American Library Association will hold its annual meeting next June at Yale University, the new \$8,000,000.00 Sterling Memorial Library being headquarters. Mr. Adam Strohm, librarian of the Detroit Public Library, is the President of the A. L. A. this year. Mr. Andrew Keogh, Librarian of Yale University, was the A. L. A. President last year.

**DO YOU KNOW THAT—**

That the Ad building was originally constructed to be the main building for Central State Normal?

John Menoch was born in Scotland?

Dr. Randels was once "Head Swipe" in the old dining room in Pioneer Hall?

That before the construction of the Memorial Gym, the Chemistry Building was used as a gymnasium?

That "Uncle Charlie" still has a car in his garage which he used to drive?

That unless you get your order in for the Maroon and Cream now you may be without one when they come out?

That three students fill pulpits in surrounding towns on Sunday? They are Paul Heberlein, Ken Ollis and Don Blackstone.

Nearly one-third of the members of the Senior Class are taking either a major or minor in history?

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