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Today's Campus

Going Up?

Stories about Olds hall elevators getting stuck have been many but this was the first time it upset army routine. This time it was a group of AST men whose trip was cancelled between second and third floors. After the door was pried open, the men lumbered out and progress to class was resumed.

The Rains Came

State rainstorms bring out anything but the ordinary. The state about lightning and trees went unheeded during the week-end thunderstorm. The order to disperse under trees was issued by one section leader G. L. of a group of soldiers and went into effect. Chorus immediately. State Rockettes made their appearance during this period. Raindrops rolled up beneath G. L. raindrops afforded an inspiring sight of rapidly moving in the rain. With G. L. shoes competing the picture of these raindrops.

Anything Goes

Practical experience is what counts for Home Ec students. One canny student, a recent bride, expected to pour water out of the pressure cooker but got to her surprise, a dozen jelly glasses instead.

Spartan Obstacle Course Toughens Aircrew, AST, Civilian Students

One of the most important aspects of civilian and military war-time training is the physical fitness program. Toughest part of the program is the mile and an eighth obstacle course.

To the army aircrew men, AST groups, and civilian men, an eight foot board fence can look like the proportions of the Great Wall of China and the Red Cedar river can seem like the Amazon river.

The course has nine obstacles including a brick wall, a rope crossing of the Red Cedar, a 12-foot jump over water with soft land approach, and a steep hill. Assorted sand traps, wire entanglements and simpler obstacles further complicate the course.

Second time in covering the obstacle course is held by air crewman William Foster, of York, Maine, who set an official time of 6:39.

When the weather is too bad to use the outdoor course, the Physical Education department substitutes with a workout in the ballroom. This includes running with full pack up and down the series of stairs making a complete circuit of the big room. Running the indoor course is about equal to a 500-yard run over rough hill country.

Another conditioner used is a series of cross country courses ranging up to three miles. Final skills learned by the men are training to hold a rifle high and dry while swimming, and fashioning waterwings by inflating a pair of G.I. pants with knots in the trouser legs. These home-made life preservers will keep a man afloat for several hours, it is claimed.

Records made last year for civilian men in conditioning courses showed that the average class improved until its members could chin the bar 11.4 times in-

Aircrew, AST Close Term With Dance

Social Plans for Week Include Parties, Social Hours

Two informal dances to be held this weekend will close the summer session's social calendar. Friday the aircrew will hold a dance in the Union ballroom from 9 to 12 p. m., sponsored by the all-college activities board, according to Ruth Peters, East Lansing Junior Orchestra for the dance will be the Hep Flies, and tickets are on sale at Mason-Abbott hall.

Aircrew Patrons Listed

Patrons for the aircrew dance will be Capt. and Mrs. L. D. Esh and Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Roseboom.

Saturday night a dance for AST men and civilians will be held in the Union ballroom from 9 to 12 p. m., Miss Peters announced. The AST band will furnish the music and tickets may be obtained at Wells hall, North hall, and the Union desk.

Patrons for this dance will be Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Crowe, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hein, chemistry.

Social Hour Planned Tonight

Town Girls organization is sponsoring a social hour tonight for all AST men from 6:45 to 7:45 in mixed lounge of the Union, according to Pres. Doris Bennett.

The regular all-college social hour will be held Thursday from 5 to 6 p. m. in the mixed lounge of the Union, according to Miss Peters.

AWS Approves 'Rationed Hours' Plan

Series to Present Magician for Final Program

James Kater Thompson, reputed to be America's greatest card manipulator, will be featured on the last program of the summer lecture series this Saturday evening at 8:15 in College auditorium, according to S. E. Crowe, series director.

For "Cheating Cheaters," the demonstration talk which he will present, Thompson has a special table to show how gamblers, who cheat, work in various games of chance. He will demonstrate the crooked techniques used in card games, dice games, and machines of all types.

Thompson is known throughout the country as a magician, entertainer and humorist as well as a card manipulator. Called "The Deceptive Humorist" by many, Thompson is constantly waging war on "sharpshooters" and warning his audiences especially against playing bridge with "ghimour" girls.

"These girls are trained by the gambling rings, and they're poison," he says. Thompson, reported to resemble a movie version of a ship's gambler, reports that the war may be hurting the gambling business on trans-Atlantic liners, "but the gamblers are cleaning up inland."

The 1943-44 entertainment series will open Tuesday, Sept. 24, Crowe said. The Commotors, a male quartet plus soprano and contralto voices, directed by Frank Bennett, will be featured. This group specializes in musical comedy hits, and have sung together for eight years.

Wolverine Sets Senior Deadline

Many people have failed to keep their appointments this week for their pictures in the 1944 Wolverine, according to Editor Joy Randall, Lansing senior.

Miss Randall asks those people whose names appear on the list on page 4 of this issue to come to the Hub studio between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. Friday. As no opportunity will be given next term, this will be their last chance to have their pictures taken for the Wolverine.

This applies only to the senior Engineers and Liberal Arts students who have already received their appointment cards from the Wolverine office.

Seniors with appointments on today and tomorrow afternoon should come at the scheduled time, Miss Randall said. If the seniors cannot come they are asked to call the office.

AST Band Features Classical, Popular Music

Bach, Benny Goodman, and boogie-woogie are all listed in the repertoire of the newly organized AST band. As varied as the musical numbers it features are the backgrounds of its 14 army and two civilian members.

The band was formed by Cpl. Leon Guide and Sgt. Frank Basso, with the assistance of Lt. Robert Smeltzer, special service officer of the AST unit.

Corporal Guide, a bass viol player, is a Northwestern university graduate who taught high school music before organizing army bands at Camp McCoy, Wis., and Chicago.

Sergeant Basso, pianist for the group, had his own band while

he was a student at the University of Michigan, and has also played professionally in Detroit and Chicago. He was formerly a grammar school teacher.

Professional Experience

Filling the Krupa spot in the band is Addis Bardwell of Washington university in St. Louis, Mo. Prior to being transferred to State Bradwell played with Sherman Hayes' band and in the air force band at Miami Beach.

Another former member of the Miami Beach air force band is Jim Ross, from Mayville, Ky. Ross handled the saxophone in Scott Shelton's orchestra before entering the service. Doubling on the sax and clarinet in Nor-

Women to Be Issued Coupon Books; Plan to Be Effective Fall Term

AWS council last night gave its unanimous approval to the proposed "rationed hours" system after a two week period of discussion, debate, and revision, Pres. Pat Stone, Chicago senior, announced. The plan has also been discussed by the dean of women's office and is now awaiting Pres. John Hannah's approval.

16 State Women to Visit Pratt Whitney Plant

A two-day visit to the main plant of the Pratt Whitney corporation at Hartford, Conn., will highlight the summer for 16 State women taking the special course offered by the concern, according to Director S. E. Crowe.

Frances Wallace, of Pratt Whitney, has been on campus since Monday making arrangements for the trip. September 15 and 16 will be filled with tours and getting acquainted with the work which the women will be doing when they graduate from their accelerated course in March.

All expenses will be paid for the women by the Pratt Whitney corporation. They will travel by train to Hartford, and back, and some are planning to stop in New York city on the return trip.

The 16 women, who will be half through their course at the end of summer school, include Margaret Seastrom, Geneva, Ill.; Helen Benzelos, Lansing; Alice Eger, Brown City; Phyllis Gidden, Wheaton, Ill.; Dorothy Johnson, Lansing; Martha Korula, Washington, D. C.; Marjorie Larsen, Lansing; Helen Leach, Saginaw, and Ida Mihay, Pontiac.

Phyllis Olin, St. Johns; Sarah Peterson, Highland Park; Alice Smalley, Flint; Beverly Sprague, South Haven; Mary Jane Ulbright, Sandusky; Margaret Van Atta, Northville, and Betty Willis, Charlevoix, will also go. Jean Legg, Detroit, the remaining student, will not make the trip.

State AST Unit to Publish Weekly; First Issue Sept. 3

First issue of an AST newspaper, which will function as the official organ of the AST unit stationed at Michigan State, will appear Friday, Sept. 3.

A four-page mimeographed weekly, the paper will be issued by and for men of the unit, under the supervision of Lt. Robert Smeltzer, special service officer of the AST.

Men of the AST are invited to submit names for the paper. All entries should be left with house reporters or with the house commander.

Reasons for the Plan

Reasons for the plan, which was proposed by Dean Elisabeth Conrad and worked out in cooperation with council members, were stated by Ida Mihay, summer chairman of Judiciary board.

Aids Transportation Problems

"Military authorities have recently asked that the college cooperate in solving the transportation problem. Another factor that influenced the project was the fact that this system will relieve the dean of women's office of much routine work of issuing permits. This had become such a problem in the office that often vital work was neglected."

"This plan puts a woman on her own," Miss Stone said. While all women's activities still come under the jurisdiction of AWS, it will give them more opportunity to decide their own fate. It applies only to play time; women can get special permission for work."

Liberal Plan

Lorraine Huchsch, Kenmore, N. Y. senior and member of the council, expressed her opinion. "It is a very liberal plan, and it is worth a try. As long as the plans are elastic enough to cope with problems as they arise, I think the rationed hours scheme will work."

A special book of coupons will be issued to each woman at the beginning of fall term. Their use will be outlined in the AWS handbook and the plan will become effective at once when the term opens.

To Be Explained

An AWS representative will be present at the time of fall term dormitory elections to explain the plan.

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State News Notice

This is the last week of publication of the Michigan State News until Sept. 28, at the beginning of fall term.

The daily State News will be delivered by carriers to all students living in campus dormitories, and fraternity, sorority and rooming houses within the city limits of East Lansing.

Students who commute from Lansing, East Lansing, rural areas and other towns in the vicinity may pick up their paper daily at the Union desk or other convenient point on campus to be designated at a later date. Because of the frequency of publication and excessive handling charges, no papers will be mailed to students.

Indicate your local address or your intention to pick up your copy at the Union desk on the State News delivery card at time of registration.

TIME TABLE

TODAY—
AST social hour, 6:45 p. m.
Mixed lounge, Union

TOMORROW—
All-college social hour
5 p. m., mixed lounge

FRIDAY—
Aircrew dance, 9 p. m.
Union ballroom

By Lichty

SECRET



Physics Building Claims Title of 'House of Many Levels'

Old Chem Lab Now Provides Soldier Classrooms

By Emily Kalled

Like Topsy, the physics building "just grew." This accounts for the numerous floor levels and entrances of the structure.

That Thomas O'Good, head of the physics department, says that the building resembles a "house of many levels" is not surprising. The building is a hodgepodge of various European styles which grew simultaneously with the department's growth.

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(Continued from Page 1) the plan and to answer any questions concerning it. House mothers will also advise women in the use of the coupons.

"A" coupon will be used for one night away from college instruction. Seven of these will be allowed per term, one of which can be used for a town permission. These may be used only on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday nights, except under certain conditions to be stipulated in the handbook.

Monday Morning Permit

If coupons, three of which will be used per term, will be used on Monday morning return to college.

If coupons will be good for relieved of any evening except Friday and Saturday, provided plans for the evening conform with AWS standards. For all the money per term, used for the house, only one of which may be used on any one night.

These coupons will not be needed for regular class permission for which must be arranged with university board at the beginning of each term.

Late Coupons

If coupons will represent five minutes, and 12 will be passed per term. These may be collected by the housemother or house president for poor conduct or late minutes. They can be redeemed by being "bought back" with "D" coupons or by staying in a week-end night.

Coupons will be signed by the student as used, dated, and posted on a card in the housemother's office. Coupons may not be transferred and will not be good if detached in advance. Sign-out sheets will be kept as usual.

Subject to Change

The "ration plan" will be subject to change, Miss Stone said. The plan at present applies only to full term. Action to determine its use winter term will depend upon the success of the full term period.

Under this "system," Miss Stone stated, women will be able to stay out 1 1/2 hours extra one night a week for 10 weeks, if they plan their time right. Arrangements for extended hours should be made with the dormitory hostess first. Violations will be a serious matter to be dealt with at the discretion of Judiciary board.

Pictures of famous physicists, as Joule and Fresnel, with short biographical sketches below them, hang in the halls of the building.

Building Overcrowded

A much larger building would be needed now to accommodate the expanded wartime physics program. Lectures to women and regular students are now given continuously from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. daily.

Physics labs are being held in Morrill hall, botany building, the dairy and the vet clinic. Recitations are heard in the auditorium classrooms and the dairy.

In spite of all the additions, a shortage of space for storage and staff offices exists. Many students must wander through a labyrinth when searching for their advisers.

State Adapts College Curriculum to Special Wartime Needs

All six of State's academic divisions will offer special courses to fulfill wartime needs this fall, according to Registrar R. S. Linton. The courses cover almost everything from dairy herd testing to Arabic and are to be offered to students ranging from conventional objectives to army recruits.

The college as a whole is planning open all year to aid in the education and training of soldiers and civilians whose services are needed in war. Army courses will continue throughout the entire year, stopping only for Christmas day.

L. A. Offers Many Courses

War useful courses offered by the division of Liberal Arts include economics of war, contemporary history, psychology of war, elementary and advanced navigation, which is essential to pilots. Several foreign languages are offered also. Among them are Russian, Arabic, and Portuguese. Many of these language classes have been established for the War Relocation Authority.

Division of Engineering has been offering a series of short intensive night courses for men in war industries. These classes, which run from 10 to 12 weeks, are offered both to service and civilian pupils. They have been given in Lansing, East Lansing, Battle Creek, Flint, Grand Rapids, Hillsdale, Jackson, Midland, and Mt. Pleasant. Such courses are offered as the needs of industry dictate and are open to both men and women.

Vet Schedule Speeded Up

Veterinary science schedules are accelerated at the request of the government. Vet students may enlist as reserves in the army and receive full maintenance and private's pay.

Meteorology, photogrammetry, radio, geography, and, of course, chemistry and physics are all offered as an aid to the war effort by the Applied Science division. The physical education program also comes under the supervision of this department.

Home Ec Refresher Courses

Home Economics has been aiding the war effort also by providing refresher courses and institutes that are given to help bring home economists the newest information so that they can

give volunteer service in their own communities.

The division of Agriculture has offered several courses especially designed to give women training in farm skills. These are offered both as regular elective courses and as specialized short courses.

The Art division has also been offering short courses to conventional objectives to fit them for some task that will be of use in the war, if only indirectly.

SPEAKING FOR MYSELF

(Continued from Page 2) Pictures were another worry to the two residents. The one engraving shop in the town had no time to use for making prints for the paper, until one of the men remembered that rollings were often lined with zinc.

After a business trip to a local undertaker, he came away with a few pieces of zinc and the paper printed pictures as well as news.

Newspaper men in that or any other country should never have to cry for news to put in a paper when men are making it as ingeniously as that.

Gingrass Signs with Lions

Morgan Gingrass, former Michigan State football star of 1934, is now a member of the WAVES, and Lt. Jack DeCaprio, U. S. navy, announce their coming fall marriage. Morgan Gingrass was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Kappa Phi honorary. Her name is a graduate of Northwestern university and the U. S. naval academy at Annapolis, Md.

CAMPUS QUARTERS

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Big plans are being made by Spartan May Ann Mason and Petty Officer Edwin Davis, who have just announced their engagement. Petty Officer Davis is stationed at Port Angeles, Wash., and his fiancee is attending summer school.

There's Cash for You in the

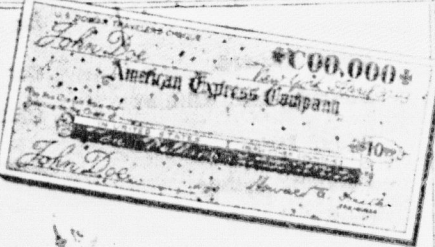
State News Classifieds

Yes, you can make that extra money you need so badly just by telling people about those odds and ends you can't find room for.

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