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Today's Campus

Carrots Ain't Hay

Lincoln said something about people part of the time, and science may do it unintentionally as a result of one of its "experiments." State's horticultural research staff has given the world an ersatz version of the American Thanksgiving pie—pumpkin pie. It is identical in taste and texture, but it looks like that day's traditional dessert. Only it isn't pumpkin. Dehydrated carrots are the substitute filling.

Bum Brakes?

The AST and aircrewmembers who march to classes with such precision and dignity may find that Michigan weather is their downfall. Marching up the hill in front of Ag hall yesterday morning, the men of one unit almost suffered a "loss of face" when they skidded into each other as they executed a snappy "Squads, halt."

Magazine Editor Will Lecture on World at War

The world at war as seen in England last summer and through books now being published makes up the material which Edward Weeks, editor of the Atlantic Monthly, will use in his lecture in College auditorium Thursday night at 8:15. S. E. Crowe, director of the lecture series, announced.

Weeks will point out the up-to-date in American writing at present with a brief review of current books. He has chosen books on war topics and other subjects not connected with the conflict.

During these discussions, the editor will relate anecdotes from his four years' experience as editor of America's oldest magazine.

Some of the trends he will list are: increase in poetry, a demand for good short story, and the need for a new American humorist.

During the past five years, Crowe has delivered more than 20 lectures. On a previous tour, he delivered before a State audience and a forthcoming lecture at that time he made a strong impression. Crowe

American Troops Hurl Back Counterattacks by Germans in Italy

ALLIED HDQ. ALGIERS, Nov. 15 (AP)—American troops in the mountains near Mignano have hurled back three sharp Nazi counterattacks by refreshed Nazi troops, making determined stabs at the Allied line in Italy, Allied headquarters disclosed today.

The Nazi assaults against Americans in the heights about Mignano were thrown in by a regiment of the 29th armored division, recalled into battle after resting behind the line.

Three times the crack enemy charged the slopes, and three times it was driven back by sniping American rifle, machinegun and artillery fire that left many dead among the rocks and crags. Prisoners were taken.

Reds Leave Germans Single Avenue of Escape

Allies Menace Japs in Three Areas



Arrows point to the three major Allied threats to Japanese holdings in the Pacific. In the Australian zone Allied forces are menacing the Japanese base at Rabaul. New moves also seem to be taking shape in the India-Burma theater and in the central Pacific. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced that it is time for the Allies to attack in these areas. The black areas are Japanese held.

Catalinas Score Hits on Nipponese Cruiser, Merchantman Off Rabaul

Campus Patrons Asked to Attend Play on Saturday

No refunds will be given for unused tickets to the Saturday night performance of "Clarendon" according to C. H. Nickle, advisor for Theta Alpha Phi, sponsors of the fall term play.

Tickets which have been purchased must be turned in to the accounting office for reserve seats, at no extra charge, Nickle said.

A block of 400 seats for the army students will be held until Friday. The aircrewmembers, seat list is in Lt. K. Frieser's office.

AST, Vet, and ROTC students should sign for their advance seats at the Union desk. These advance tickets should be turned in at the box office of Fairchild theatre at least fifteen minutes before Saturday night curtain time.

The theatre will have opened yesterday at the accounting office, and all civilian playgoers should make their exchange early.

CTD Tactical Officer Returns from Texas

Returning to Michigan State after a six-weeks course at Central instructors school at Randolph Field, Texas, Lt. Edgar N. Alford is resuming his duties as tactical officer of Squadrons G and H with the 310th CTD.

Lt. Alford, one of the original staff of officers to come to State with the airforce detachment, will also serve as supply officer for the unit, according to Lt. Kenneth Firster, special service officer of the 310th.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HDQ., Tuesday, Nov. 16 (AP)—A Japanese cruiser—last in a series of cruisers to be smashed by Allied planes—has been directly hit and severely damaged by Catalinas off Rabaul, New Britain.

Headquarters, in reporting the air action today, also reported a large merchantman bombed.

Allied planes, attacking Japanese air bases at Baka, on Bougainville's northern tip, dropped 51 tons of bombs and destroyed four Zeros on the ground.

The cruiser was in a convoy spotted 13 miles northwest of Rabaul and moving toward that base. Anti-aircraft fire on the ships and enemy fighter planes forced the Catalinas to leave before they could determine if the cruiser sank.

Later the Catalinas saw a second enemy moving away from Rabaul about 30 miles to the northwest. The planes dropped four 500-pounders, one of which struck the merchantman.

Home Ees Enter Wide Field

By JUNE WILKINSON

Home Economics may appear to be a field limited only to those who have teaching or marriage in view. Reports of recent graduates in that division, however, dispel such ideas.

Positions in chemical laboratories are among the new jobs which have been opened to home economics women because of the manpower shortage. Phyllis Trese, '43, is working in the laboratories of the Chrysler corporation in Highland Park. Jean Whiting, '43, is at the Dow Chemical company in Midland.

One Dehydrates Food

Mae Burton, '43, is making the chemical assays of vitamins with the W. K. Kellogg company in Battle Creek. Phyllis VanHoltzen, foods graduate of '43 dehydrates food for the army at the E. H. Speil company, California.

Corsage Ban to Hold for Mardi Gras

Contrary to general opinion, the third annual Mardi Gras, to be held in College auditorium Saturday, Nov. 27, will be semi-formal. In accordance with the college rule concerning corsages at open parties, no flowers will be allowed, however.

Committees for the dance have been named by Co-chairmen Marilyn Wilson, Pleasant Ridge junior, and Mac Cropsey, Marcellus junior.

Lower Guard Decorates

Lower Guard is in charge of decorations, with Peg Rogers, first sophomore, as chairman, assisted by Sue Averill, Birmingham, Janet Pullen, Jackson, Martha Vargha, Detroit, and Harriet Wilcox, Pelham Manor, N. Y., all sophomores.

Entertainment and coronation of the queen will be handled by Barbara Rickard, Somerset senior, Kay Dickson, Detroit senior, and Lenore Huddleson, East Lansing junior.

Board Handles Voting

Voting will be taken care of by Union board with Lois Hotte Snyder, N. Y., as chairman. Pete Ruth, Constock Park senior, and Anne Eldridge, Grosse Pointe junior, are in charge of the patrons committee.

Ken Frey, Charlotte junior, is handling ticket sales, and Barbara Dennison, East Lansing junior, is in charge of publicity.

Tickets for the dance are now on sale at the Union desk, administration building and Mason Abbot halls.

Round Table Speakers Will Discuss Question of Negro Equality

A round table discussion on "Should the Negro Have Equality?" will be featured in Joe Callaway's 10 a. m. introduction to radio class today in room 246, College auditorium.

The discussion will be open to all persons interested in radio work or in the question to be discussed. The discussion will be carried on in the classroom over the public address system.

Those taking part will be Emma Hutson, graduate from Murray, Kentucky; Joyce VanSickle, Lansing sophomore; Bernice Bern, Lansing sophomore; Ruth Nead, graduate student, chairman of the group, and B. J. Knittle, instructor in speech.

Nazis Admit Gains Made by Soviets Near Krivoi Rog

LONDON, Nov. 15 (AP)—The Red army cut the next to the last railway escape line for the Germans in by-passed Gomel today, while far to the southwest Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's forces swept to within 35 miles of the pre-war Polish border.

Inside the Dnieper bend, the German high command said, a huge fight was raging north and northeast of Krivoi Rog. It admitted early gains by Russian troops which Nazi propaganda broadcasts said numbered nearly 500,000.

Pressing for a clean up of Axis communication lines through the Pripet marshes, the Red army converging on Gomel seized the rail station of Demekhi, 24 miles west of Gomel, and only eight miles west of Rechitsa, to cut the Gomel-Kalinkovichi railway and highway.

Single Escape Left Germans

Other Russian units also are attacking north and south of Gomel itself, lower anchor of the Axis line across White Russia, and the single escape avenue left to the Germans in that base now is the railway running northwest to Zhlobin.

General Vatutin's northern Ukraine army had reached a point 42 miles west of fallen Zhitomir to take Baranovka, 35 miles from the old Polish border and 150 miles from the German-See RUSSIA—Page 4

Faculty Approves Two New Rulings

Two new amendments to college rules were approved by the faculty recently, according to R. S. Linton, registrar.

Effective Sept. 1, 1943, any student who has attained 92 or more credits shall not be permitted to enter or remain for more than two terms in the General curriculum division.

The second ruling, effective September, 1944, Linton stated, has been released in sufficient time to permit Michigan State students to remedy any delinquent points. It reads: "Upon attaining junior standing, if the student is more than eight points in arrears, he will be dropped from the Division he is enrolled in."

TIME TABLE

- TODAY—
Post-war seminar, 4 p. m. Sunporch, Union
Epsilon Chi pledges, 5 p. m. Org. room 1, Union
Sigma Nu, 6:30 p. m. Room 112, Union annex
Points board, 6:45 p. m. Org. room 1, Union
Elementary ed., 7 p. m. Spartan room, Union
IFC, 7 p. m. Org. room 2, Union
Morse code, 7 p. m. Room 11, Union annex
International club, 7:30 p. m. Sunporch, Union
Speakers bureau, 7:30 p. m. Room 103, Union annex
Sigma Chi pledges, 8:15 p. m. Room 7, Union annex

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LETTERS . . . to the Editor

TO THE Student Body.
Lately there has been much talk on campus about various problems of interest to all State students. They have also been of interest to Student Council, but because no definite student opinion was known, no action has been taken.

For your convenience we have placed a suggestion box on the lower deck of the Union in which you are asked to drop any constructive suggestions that you may have. Any pertinent suggestion will be brought up immediately for council investigation.

This is your way of taking part in student government and we urge all students, civilian and army, to take advantage of the opportunity.

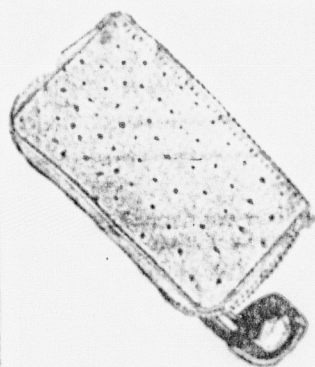
GORDON HUESCHEN,
President, Student Council

TO THE Editor.
The letter in Friday's State News by "One of the 500" aroused my curiosity as to what sort of a "break" between the army and civilians was about to occur. I am another of the 500 and I was not aware that "open signs of the break" had appeared.

The writer stated that the break was signified by the inauguration of a series of AST dances to which civilians were invited but at which the writer felt they were "obviously not wanted." The writer further resented the fact that opening sales of tickets were limited to army men.

It is not a new practice for a group sponsoring a dance to limit the first few days of ticket sales to its own group. Long before soldiers were on the campus, classes, divisions, and organizations had done just that.

Civilians could buy tickets for last Saturday's AST dance as late as Saturday afternoon, and we found that we were not the victims of a "break."



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tions of snubbed noses or bloodshed, in fact, nowhere in the friendly atmosphere of the dance could we find any evidence that we were not wanted, or that a "break" was about to occur.

Congratulations to the AST and the "G. I. Yardbirds" for a swell dance.

ANOTHER OF THE 500.

TO THE Editor.
A letter in the Friday issue of the State News brings to focus a situation which could easily lead to a great deal of ill feeling on the campus: a civilian student, who feels that he and his fellows are not wanted at the newly planned AST dances to be held in Den Hall, writes that the military students are now entrenched on the campus, and are apparently trying to take over a large part of the social program.

I, for one, have made some time friends at State, and the imminent "break" between the army and the civilian students, which so concerns this civilian in particular, seems to me largely a product of a long antagonized mind. Perhaps the author has felt for a long time that the army is unwanted at Michigan State, and that he himself is suffering because of its presence.

He states that cooperation with the new group is as great as it could be but that the AST men apparently do not wish to reciprocate. He has a fine idea for dances with name bands, and asks the soldier-students to help.

It is not our place to work for such dances; we are the new comers at State, and not the civilians, but if such a suggestion were put before the AST dance committee, there should be nothing but agreement. We want name bands just as much as we did before we became soldiers.

We appreciate the fact that we have been included in everything that army regulations would permit, although it must be remembered that army regulations do not permit attendance at the frequent Friday night dances.

If the author of this letter could not buy tickets for the AST dance perhaps it was because tickets had been sold to fill the hall; on that point I am not sure. However, I am sure that if we arrange dances for ourselves, to take the place of Friday night dances we may not attend, soldiers should certainly have first chance at the ticket sale.

Most of us have found the civilians all that the author says they have been, and more; but it does seem that before writing such a letter, he would take a little more careful survey of the situation before allowing his personal feelings to leap into print.

Let's have name bands, in cooperation with the civilians. Let's have such cooperation in a lot of things; and let's also try to hold our irritated emotions in check. It will help everyone at Michigan State. — PVT. ED HOWARD, WELLS HALL, AST.

SPEAKING FOR MYSELF

By BARBARA DENNISON

SOME old timers, and some not so old, say that the modern generation does not know or appreciate the meaning of good music and culture, but the record attendance at the symphony Friday would disprove their theories.

It is surprising that programs like the opera, the symphony and the ballet attract the largest crowds of any others given at State. They have been drawing the most for years now and they still are.

It must be a love of good music and what some call "the finer things in life" that cause so many persons to attend such programs. But there is one thing to be said for the hundreds of persons who do attend the concerts and operas and such.

Most half of them come in late. It was embarrassing to say the least when Erich Leinsdorf had to retreat three times after he reached the stage to begin conducting the orchestra, because there were so few persons in their seats and so many more still coming in the doors.

The modern generation may not have lost its taste for good music and an appreciation of the arts, but it has lost all sense of time and it is considered rather discourteous and rude to burgle in half an hour late.

Every time a performance is scheduled to begin at 8-15 or any other specified time, there are a few early birds who grime because "these things never start when they say they are going to." There is only one reason why they never start on time and last Friday's performance gave proof of the reason.

No conductor is going to start his program with only half an audience and the rest of them coming three blocks down the street.

In years past, it has also been the custom to shut the doors into the auditorium when the program has started, and not open them again until the first break in the program, which, in the case of the symphony, would have been after the best number.

However, all during the program, persons kept streaming in and making all kinds of noise. I am for having people get where they are going before the program starts or wait until there is a break in the program before going in. If they miss half of it once, maybe they will be on time the next time.

It is strange, but perhaps there is an explanation of why there are fewer persons late to church than to anything else I can think of.

And a reminder to the powers that be . . . the fact that students like entertainments like the opera, symphony and ballet should be a hint for planning future lecture and concert programs.

EVERY so often, someone writes a letter to the editor which starts an influx of letters, and sometimes quite a campaign is waged before all parties concerned are happy about the whole thing. Whether or not one has started now is uncertain, but the letters pour in and remind us of the controversy two years ago this month when everyone was excited about the "do fags make hags?" episode.

One worried male wrote a letter to the editor stating the so-called effects of cigarette smoking on women, and said that "women who wish to retain their schoolgirl complexions cannot afford to flirt with a cigarette."

The writer continued to quote facts and figures from leading medical magazines and authorities. The response to his letter was explosive and unprecedented.

The haggard, smoking coeds replied, in no uncertain terms, that although Luther Burbank, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, See SPEAKING—Page 3

Grin and Bear It . . . By Lichty



Ask her to promise that in the future she's not to reveal any of the terrible misadventures when she married.

In Campus Quarters

By SCOTTIE McNEAL and RO HOWLAND

WHERE there's a will, there's a way" is the motto of Alpha Phi Betty Boatman from this day forth. Last week Pvt. Herb Sibinsky, whose Hespie pin she is wearing, was home on a short furlough. His problem was now to divide his time between his family and Betty and she solved it by going home—every one was happy.

Kappa Sue Gratt, also, proved the above quotation to be true when she went to Springfield, O., to see A. C. Harold Smith. Since he could not get away to see her, she took a trek in his direction.

First on the list of pinnings is that of Delta Zeta Betty Thompson who is the new caretaker of George Betker's Lambda Chi pin. Something unusual in pins is being worn by Marge Ann (Sugar) Taylor, Ed Aldrich, a cadet at West Point, presented her with a pin from that well-known academy.

A pin familiar on many campuses but uncommon at State is the Beta Theta Pi pin. Jean Collingwood, Theta, the distinction of being one of the few State coeds wearing one. She has the pin of A. C. Fred Boss, who is stationed at Maxwell Field.

Two graduates of MSU carried out their plans to carry one more degree. John Denman, Alpha Chi, and John Conley, Delta Sig, recently announced their engagement. Nancy Thompson, former student, is wearing the symbol of love, a ring, which was given to her by Art Conley.

Pvt. Brad Schoonmaker and Frances Varga composed a couple who have proposed to each other up the ladder of love. They exchanged "I dos" last Saturday.

Last weekend the Theta Alpha Plus greeted sisters who have been too long gone. See QUARTERS—Page 3

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In all the Allied day and night air operations, including fighter sweeps over battle areas in Italy and Yugoslavia and fighter-bomber attacks on enemy camps and motor transport, only one plane was reported missing.

Seniors who still have not had their Wolverine pictures taken may go without appointment to the Hub studio today. Pictures of underclassmen will be taken Friday from 1 to 4:30 p. m. Doris Englehardt, classes editor announced that this will be the last opportunity for 1944 Wolverine class pictures.

The subject of his talk will be "The Great Epics of the World."

Election of officers will take place tonight at a meeting of

GRAND RAPIDS (AP)—Lt. William Grand Rapids, 19, Grand Rapids high school senior, State college football player, critically injured in plane crash near San Francisco, was assigned to a unit, his parents learned by the way.

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