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French Storm to Rhine to Back Up Yank Thrust Infantrymen Reduce Jap Positions

Today's Campus

... Personality Plus

When Prof. John DeHaan timidly mentioned a holiday for his philosophy class Friday, he sadly added that it really wouldn't be profitable for him, because his transportation problem to Holland was still unsolved.

Whereupon Millie Van Westrienen, East Lansing senior, popped out with "We're going to Grand Haven, and we'll be glad to take you." He was serious, and she was serious, and now the class is seriously awaiting his verdict.

... Mice?

It was the first silent movie the psychology department had ever offered the lecture class and probably the last. Not that it wasn't a good movie, guess, and very educational again too, but it's believed there were some students seeking excitement elsewhere. That was the assumption after the shriek, "Oh, Don't!" rang out in the dark, dark room.

... Hitcher's Helper

If you're worried about not getting a husband because of the current man-power shortage, consult Prof. E. N. Banzet. In an introductory sociology class Banzet produced a matrimonial bureau gazette and proceeded to read the various advertisements. Not only did the coeds gasp with amusement and amazement, but one coed remarked to her friend as they were leaving the room "Take out your pencil; we'll have to get that address."

Star Monologist to Present Skits

Ruth Draper, character actress and monologist who has played in English to audiences in every nation but Russia, China, and Japan, will be presented in College Auditorium tomorrow evening at 8:15.

Miss Draper's solo-dramas, which she writes and acts herself, are internationally famous and require a small suitcase of costume pieces for her interpretations.

Miss Draper is a native New Yorker and attributes her interest in acting to her grandmother. Her literary talent to her journalist grandfather, Charles A. Dana, and her decision to become an actress to the advice of Paderewski, who heard her first monologue in 1913.

American Legion Leader Signs State's Charter

The charter for a post of the American Legion for veterans of the student body at Michigan State has been signed by the national commander of the Legion. The post will be for all students who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Women are eligible as well as men, the only qualification being an honorable discharge from the service.

Any one desirous of information concerning the student-veteran's program should submit his questions to the State News.

Russians Open Winter Drive in Latvia

Thirty German Divisions Trapped at Baltic Sea As Russians Advance

LONDON, Nov. 20 (AP)—Russian troops fought their way today into the outskirts of Miskole, Hungary's fifth largest city, and Berlin announced that the Red army had opened its grand winter offensive on the frozen terrain of western Latvia, where 30 German divisions are pinned against the Baltic sea.

German escape roads out of Miskole, 85 miles northeast of besieged Budapest, were cut on the east and west as the Russians drove through Csaba, less than a mile south of Miskole, a Russian bulletin announced.

Russian troops in Hungary also drove to within two miles of Eger, another mountain town commanding the invasion roads to southern Slovakia 22 miles southwest of Miskole.

Moscow did not confirm the Latvian drive which Berlin said was sprung from the Russian salient around Priekule, 20 miles east-southeast of the Baltic port of Liepaja, one of two harbors available for any Nazi escape by sea.

German radio accounts of the battle said it began Sunday—celebrated throughout Russia as Red army artillery day—with a crashing artillery barrage along a front 20 to 30 miles wide. They all agreed it was a major assault.

This new onslaught, coming a few days after the general Allied push on the western front, was considered the first of the "new devastating blows" which Marshal Stalin recently promised would be struck in the east.

Student Forum to Meet

Student forum will center discussion on the recent problems and sentiment of labor in the meeting tonight at 7:30 in room 111 of the Union annex.

Topics selected by members from current articles in newspapers and magazines, or books, direct the business of the weekly forum meeting, sponsored by YMCA, YWCA, and the speech department.

Postman Steps Livelier As Cupid's Helper

By BARBARA OWEN

Watching for the postman is and always will be one of the most stimulating expectancies in life. With Cupid riding the mail trains and planes these days, the force is even greater, and the East Lansing post office even busier.

Postmaster Leo Francisco, whose "mass production plant" has increased from a \$40,000 a year business in 1930 to \$100,000 in 1944, believes that at least half of the East Lansing "customers" are students and that the annual increases in business have corresponded with the college enrollment up-trend.

Promptness Is Motto

Never-failing promptness is the motto, and two mail deliveries a day, Monday through Saturday, are insured by the sturdy stamina of 36 employees and 2 trucks. An extra treat is on hand for lucky dorm tenants who have Sunday mail-calls by special arrangement with the office.

Special deliveries are made

Enemy Fighters Raid Yanks Ineffectively

MACARTHUR'S HDQ., PHILIPPINES, Tuesday, Nov. 21 (AP)—Grim infantrymen of the 32nd division are making "steady progress" in reducing strongly fortified Japanese positions near Limon, at the northern end of Leyte island's Ormoc corridor, headquarters reported today.

The American road block across Ormoc highway south of Limon still holds, despite heavy Japanese attack. The Imperial first division, aided by artillery and armor, is attempting to break through the trap enfolding them around Limon.

The Yanks repulsed another enemy counterattack west of Ormoc road, where a three-hour bloody battle was reported in yesterday's communique.

Leyte-based American fighters attacked enemy communication lines and installations throughout the Ormoc corridor.

Thirty-five enemy fighters and divebombers ineffectively raided American positions. Seven were shot down by fighters and anti-aircraft fire.

Battling Typhoon

Another tropical typhoon, with continuous rains, lashed the battle area.

Bridges have been washed out, streams flooded and roads transformed into waterways, headquarters said. All traffic by ground and sea is "fraught with great difficulty and hazard and battle conditions are becoming static."

Graduate to Present Piano Recital Friday in Music Auditorium

Ellen Wistinetzki, instructor in the music department, will give her graduate recital Friday at 8 p.m. in the Music auditorium to complete work for her master's degree.

Miss Wistinetzki came to State last year as a graduate student from Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio where she obtained her bachelor of arts degree. Born in Germany near Cologne, she took piano lessons for 10 years in Germany before coming to this country in 1938. She studied for one year at the Juillard School of Music in New York.

Miss Wistinetzki is now a full-time instructor of piano and theory in the music department.

German Lines Inside Reich, France Break Under Allied Pressure

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Nov. 20 — The U.S. third army plunged two miles into Germany's rich Saar industrial basin in a new invasion of the Reich today—a momentous one for Allied armies that saw the French in the greatest breakthrough since Normandy.

Leads Ninth Army



Lt. Gen. WILLIAM H. SIMPSON, of Weatherford, Texas, commands the United States ninth army which has gone into action on the western front north of Aachen.

Women to Hear Dr. Lee Vincent This Afternoon

All Michigan State women are invited to hear Dr. Lee Vincent, noted psychologist and author in College Auditorium at 5 p.m. today when she speaks to the freshman orientation classes.

Dr. Vincent will speak on problems confronting women during wartime, according to an announcement by Sue Averill, Birmingham junior, and Pat Darr, Detroit junior, co-chairmen of freshman orientation.

Dr. Vincent has been highly praised by those who heard her last year and is widely acclaimed for her straight-forwardness and sincerity.

The meeting will take the place of usual Tuesday and Saturday freshman orientation classes.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP)—"A large task force" of B-29 Superfortress bombers hit the island of Kyushu in Japan's homeland today.

Flying from China, the big planes dropped their explosives against industrial targets, said an announcement by General H. H. Arnold.

TIME TABLE

TODAY

APO, 7 p.m.
107 Union annex
IFC, 7 p.m.
Org. room 2, Union
Red Cross, 7 p.m.
Faculty dining room, Union
Epsilon Chi, 7:15 p.m.
Org. room 1, Union
La Cofradia, 7:30 p.m.
Spartan room, Union
Delta Chi, 7:30 p.m.
15 Union annex
Student Forum, 7:30 p.m.
111, 112 Union annex
Red Cross, 7:30 p.m.
115 Union annex
Student council, 8 p.m.
7 Union annex

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Shop Now: Mail in November

No... let's not start with that trite old expression about doing something because "there's a war on", because the American people have already proved that they are ready to cooperate whenever there is a call to give or help or do something. Now, a new campaign needs assistance... "Shop now! Mail in November!"

Instead of facing the milling throngs of the Christmas holiday, why not buy the ties for dad or the gloves for mom while you are still at school, and then if you have to mail packages to umpteen million relatives, help the post office and send them before Dec. 1.

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker was overwhelming in his appreciation at the way people responded in making it possible to handle overseas mail, but he urges more and more of that same response for the swollen volume on Christmas mail in the country.

Man power shortages have affected the postal system as everywhere, and transportation facilities sometimes cause an even bigger problem. To avoid having them delivered late, or muddled up or misdelivered, mark "Do not open until Christmas," and send those packages today.—M. H.

In Campus Quarters

By LEONE SEASTROM and DOROTHY LA MONT

WE can already smell that roast turkey and pumpkin pie, but before we start maneuvering homeward, here's the situation as of pre-Thanksgiving weekend.

Greek women are again back in the whirlpool of rushing, furiously, dotting the sweaters of neophytes with shiny new pledge pins. Incomplete returns are as follows:

Alpha Xi Delta: Dorothea Rohrback, East Lansing freshman; Betty McDonald, Lansing junior; Edna Hartman, Detroit sophomore; Marjorie Beerman and Betty Lee Arles, Lansing freshmen; and Carol Walmske, Detroit freshman.

Zeta Tau Alpha: Mary O'Brien, Dearborn freshman; Bernice Beadle, Yale senior; Dawn Hall, Detroit sophomore; and Phyllis Rowe, Everett sophomore.

Sigma Kappa: Mary Mackey, Grand Rapids freshman.

Pi Phi Gamma: Marilyn Miller, Dearborn freshman; and Ann Chestnut, Detroit freshman.

Like bread and butter or salt and pepper, initiation just naturally goes with pledging... at least for those who pass the grueling test.

From the **Kappa** house comes word of five new actives. Blossoming out with the golden key are sophomores Jean Conway, Shirley Symmonds, both of Lansing; Jean Miskill, Grand Rapids; June Wheaton, Birmingham; and Audrey Schlee, Detroit. The sapphire studded key, awarded to the new initiate with the highest scholastic average went to Audrey Schlee.

Included in the rather exclusive circle of brand new actives are three **Zeta Taus** initiated Sunday morning. Shining up their pins are Eleanor Munn, Lansing junior; Mal Smith, Clarkston junior; and June Conklin, Flushing junior.

The **ATOS** held a special initiation Sunday for Dick Treharne, Punxsutawney, Pa., sophomore, who is leaving for the navy.

In the way of winding up this initiation business for all concerned, the **Alpha Phis** get in the last word with three initiates to top the weekend. Those exchanging pledge pins for active emblems are Jenny Bruland, Detroit sophomore; Janice Sullins, Detroit sophomore; and Margaret Wallace, Dearborn sophomore.

The **Alpha Xi Deltas** are proudly proclaiming the fact that two more of their sisters have joined the ranks of "faithfully yours" as signified by the usual token, Dorothy Griffith, Buckhannon, W. Va., sophomore; and Betty McDonald, Lansing junior, announced their engagements last week to Lt. Robert Crabbs, Augusta, Me., and Yeoman Carl Leiby, now in the Aleutians, respectively.

Maybe it's the style, maybe it's the weather, at any rate, rings and engagements never seem to lose their popularity. Ginger Webb, **Zeta Tau**, is one who is making the list grow with a diamond from Robert Jones, navy seaman second class.

There comes an end to all good things, and although this is the end of the list of engagements, it's just the beginning for one **Theta**. Marge McManus, Lansing senior, is doubly happy over a leave and a ring all at once. The officer responsible is Maj. Alfred Beuerle stationed at Waterboro, N. C., who was graduated from State.

Missing homecoming by a week, but nonetheless anxious to be back at the alma mater, were Jerry and Kay Taylor. Jerry, a lieutenant in the marine corps, was a **Sigma Nu** pledge. His wife is the former Kay Guess.

LETTERS

To the Editor

TO the Editor:

The tradition and the Varsity club spoken of in Mr. LaBelle's letter, appear in my mind to be very comparable to the tradition existing in Germany that all Nazis are supermen and the tradition existing in Japan that all Japanese are Sons of Heaven. These three groups employ similar tactics of forcible coercion.

I do not know what the Varsity club is nor who the lettermen are. Can this be a self-appointed Gestapo organization in the making? It seems to me that college students could find loftier traditions to uphold than "twisting the arms," so to speak, of 16 and 17 year old college freshmen.

If the tradition is of such paramount importance as to merit its enforcement by an irresponsible group of individuals, why not incorporate it into the rules of the institution? Any infractions thereof could then be reported to the dean of men and women and result in expulsion. All far sighted students and faculty members should recognize the fact that reception of this incident will sooner or later cause serious trouble. Is this tradition to be preserved for the amusement of a group?

Robert L. Shipper.

TO the Editor:

It was quite amusing to read in the State News of Saturday, the letter written by the so-called Varsity club. At present it seems that the Varsity club is in an inactive status because of lack of eligible major letter winners.

This year's Spartan football team had only a few members who would be eligible by winning their letters and being classified as a junior or a senior. With the letter winners in the other sports it is possible that the Varsity club will become active again soon, and I am sure that the entire student body would welcome it back.

It is more or less apparent that the ones who are calling themselves Varsity club members are none other than the under-classmen who made up the major part of State's football squad this year and who are not entitled to be Varsity club members. Could this be a case of freshmen playing varsity ball and having it go to their heads? Undoubtedly these freshmen should wise up a bit.

As far as traditions go at State with no smoking on campus it is a very good thing but freshmen considering themselves Varsity club members would be more or less breaking traditions also. For the betterment of everyone concerned may I suggest that these men consider themselves only as members of the varsity football squad and not members of the Varsity club.

R. J. S.

TO the Editor:

Here is the opinion of one insignificant junior on the matter of class elections. I do not feel, however, that I am alone in my sentiments since many a gripping session has brought forth similar ones.

For the most part, we students think very little about the absence of class officers—we can scarcely remember the time when we did have them, and they seemed more or less of a formality anyway. Consequently, I doubt if there is a growing "underground movement" although there are a growing number of comments.

The fact is that, after a mere taste of college social life at its best and an abundance of college spirit when we were freshmen, most of us are hoping for the real thing before we bid our "adieu" to the MSC campus. I for one feel that class organizations would be ideal for stimulating a spirit characteristic of college campuses.

Homecoming, for example, could have aroused everyone's enthusiasm down to the last

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Grin and Bear It . . . By Lichty



"Hon. Spy report U.S. youth prefer valuable Nipponese currency to worthless U.S. coin, as gift—he says: 'Howdy, I got a yen for you!'"

THE WOMAN'S WORLD

By MAY ANN MAJOR

ORIENTATION LEADERS

All leaders who were not present at Monday's training meeting should contact either Sue Averill, 8-2563, or Pat Darr, 8-2555, immediately.

PANHELLENIC

Panhellenic will meet in the President's board room in the Administration building today at 5 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

SWL BOARD

SWL board will meet at 7:15 tonight at Kitty Mitchell's home, 520 Sycamore Lane.

Group meetings of SWL will not be held this week but there will be a general meeting Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Forestry cabin honoring transfer students. All league members are urged to come.

HOME EC BOARD

There will be a meeting of the sophomore home ec board today at 5 p.m. in room 2 of the Home Ec building.

HOME EC CLUB

All members of the Home Ec club who are signed up for the program committee should attend the meeting tonight in room 1 of the Home Ec building at 7:30, according to Donna Austin, program chairman.

The social group of the Home Ec club will hold a meeting tonight at 7:15 in the Home Ec building, according to June Kuhlhorst, New Bremen, O., junior. All those interested are asked to attend.

VOCATIONAL MAJORS

There will be a special meeting of the Junior-Senior Vocational majors in Home Economics at 5 p.m. today in room 1 of the Home Ec building, according to Bethany Hoppan, chairman.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

The orientation class usually meeting today from 2 to 3 p.m. will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. in Fairchild theater for a talk on boy-girl relations in wartime. Attendance will be taken as usual, according to Sue Averill and Pat Darr, co-chairmen of freshman orientation.

DELTA GAMMA MU

Delta Gamma Mu meeting tonight at 7:30 in room B, Wagoner. Marilyn Johnson, senior, will be in charge.

CDC

The Red Cross chapter meeting will be held in the main dining hall of the Union at 7. Members are requested to bring a pair of scissors.

INFORMATION

PHI KAPPA PHI

Phi Kappa Phi meeting today at 5 p.m. in Morrill hall.

AIEE

Contrary to Saturday's announcement, the meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

All elementary education club members interested in joining Future Teachers of America will meet tonight at 7:15 in room 1 of the Union annex.

DEBATE TRY OUTS

Try-outs for intervarsity debate squad will be held tonight at 7:30 in the College auditorium. The date will deliver a speech exceeding six minutes in phase of labor dispute.

Lutheran Students Elect Club Officers

Michigan State chapter of Gamma Delta Lutheran association of Lutheran and university students held a constitution meeting Sunday evening at 7:30 following officers: John Brummett, president; Ernest, Saline, president; Ruth Saline, secretary; and Ooster, Powers, treasurer.



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Lending money is the *easiest* part of the war effort, but it is no less important than fighting. One B-29 Superfortress to bomb Tokyo costs \$600,000. To train the pilot

costs \$27,000. Each torpedo costs \$12,000. Because of the vast distances, it takes four to six ships, constantly in motion, to deliver one shipload per month.

Japan thinks our home-front is soft. They think we'll get tired of the war and quit. Well—it's up to you. Our fighting men aren't quitters; the Japs know that. It's *you* they are counting on.

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Basketball Takes Spotlight As Grid Season Terminates

Allies Continue German Offensive

Mangshih, third important Burma road town to fall to the Chinese in their offensive in western Yunnan province, was captured last night in a frontal attack coupled with a double envelopment, the high command said.

J. H.

Team and captains should report to the physical education office at once if they have not done so already. There they will be issued numbers, and a map of the course layout. A turkey will be the first prize, with a goose, duck and chicken following in that order.

The university president has not revealed his topic as yet, but it will undoubtedly center about the education of the Chinese people. Nanking university was the center of the news interest four years ago when students of the school moved their equipment 1,000 miles back in the mountains in an attempt to continue their work out of Jap bombing range.

**Union Bldg. Annex, Room 8.
Telephone 8-1511 - Business
Ext. 268.**

Tomorrow night's game promises to be the best of the year when the two teams vie for the championship. Kappa has lost only one game so far, and the Thetas remain undefeated.

110 W. Grand River 8-2213

The first game is only two weeks away, when DeWitt University invades the Spartans on Dec. 2. Van Alstyne is still working the problem of new players, but he has his boys practice together at the same time.



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