

Reds' Road to Berlin Shortens As Oder River Defenses Fall

Russians Advance to Within 25 Miles of Capital While Stettin Feels Approach of Stalin-men; Huge Numbers of Nazis Captured

LONDON, March 8 (AP)—Russian troops fought their way within 25 miles of greater Berlin today in an all-out frontal assault which the Germans said had reached the junction town of Seelow in a 10-mile advance in two days west of the Oder river defense line.

The Soviet high command again ignored this possibility but announced that Soviet forces had rolled 25 miles of the Pomeranian capital of Stettin, main port of Berlin, and within 12 miles of the former free city of Danzig to the northeast.

Detail announced that Russian troops in a new offensive also had crossed the Nogat river from East Prussia, Neuteich, 19 miles south of Danzig in a seven-mile advance inside Danzig territory north of fallen Marienburg.

The first and second white Russian armies together captured towns and villages during the day including the Pomeranian stronghold of Buetow, and the "Baltic corridor" bastions of Krasnoye and Skarszewo to the east. The Soviet communiqué said:

Grantic Red Trap
Marshal K. K. Rokossovsky's second army captured 2,000 of the German prisoners taken in the day and overran the town on a 100-mile front between Seelow in the west and the Oder river in the east. A total of 200,000 Germans were in the trap around the town. Estimates said that the east bank Oder river was outflanked as the Russians reached the key town of Seelow, 25 miles due east of Berlin highway.

Out-of-Town Guests May Stay in Dorms

AAWS made the stipulation last night that only women attending the senior ball tonight will have permission. The lounge and dormitories will be open from 11:30 a. m. to entertain guests.

Today's Campus

Beauty Hints

A good analyzing a theme in Kenneth Randall's narrative on the other day, commented on the writer describing a woman's face as "pancaked."

From Bad to Worse

Basic College biology students agreed wholeheartedly to the statement made by Dr. Lawson in class yesterday when he solemnly announced that the Linnaean system for the classification of animals was created to bring confusion out of chaos. Yes, indeed.

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Yes, We'll Get A Vacation

Disproving reports published yesterday in the Detroit Times and Detroit News, Pres. John A. Hannah, last night reiterated his former statement that Michigan State college will have spring vacation beginning Saturday, March 17 and ending Monday, March 26.

President Hannah pointed out further that the University of Michigan has been unaffected by the ODT request, having already had its vacation last week.

Literary Analyst To Talk Tonight

Broaching his subject with the criticism which he has used in some of his more outstanding literary pieces, Wyndham Lewis, English novelist, critic and philosopher, will speak in the music auditorium tonight at 8 on "Tolstoy, Hemingway, and War."

Appearing at Michigan State through the work of the English department, Lewis has been long and well-known for his attacks on the "anatomical tendencies of advance-guard experimental writings" as done by Hemingway, Gertrude Stein and James Joyce. He has authored a score of books, including "The Apes of God," "Time and the Western Man" and is a painter of the modern English school as well.

Basic Students Urged to See Counselors

Basic College students should see their counselors regarding spring term enrollment as soon as possible, according to Paul L. Dressel, counseling director.

Counselors may be seen during their usual office hours and by appointment tomorrow through March 11. Students who do not confer with their counselors before going home, may expect some delay in enrolling for spring quarter.

Registration Will Be Early for Red Cross

Because of an urgent need for Gray Ladies at Sparrow hospital, registration for Red Cross courses will be taken care of earlier next term.

A table will be set up in Jensen gymnasium during both days of college registration where women may sign for staff assistant, gray ladies, production home nursing classes.

Patton Behind Stars of Schubert Mass

By BARBARA FEARNSIDE

Although Prof. Fred Patton does not have his name on the printed program, the Sunday night performance of the college cappella choir singing Franz Schubert's "Mass in A Flat Major" will indirectly involve him.

Patton is or has been the voice teacher of each of the soloists and of many of the members of the entire choir. Test Hart, Vassar sophomore, has studied with Patton for six years.

Hart, a baritone, went through high school singing parts in musicals and operettas as any young man with a voice that doesn't squeak is expected to do.

Was A Teacher
He taught voice for two years but gave it up—not for lack of pupils—but because he did not especially like to teach. Hoping to get a scholarship to the Juillard school of music, he plans to visit the New York school in the fall.

He is now director of the Michigan Avenue Methodist church choir and was soloist with the MSC Men's glee club when it was functioning.

Josephine Bullen, Jackson junior, is Patton's contribution for the contralto of the quartet. Miss Bullen sang the alto solo of the Bach "B Minor Mass" performed by the cappella last spring.

Familiar on the campus because of her solo work at Peoples church and her frequent appearances at college functions, she is also a member of a quartette known as the Lansing Singers.

Her plans for the future are indefinite as she has not yet decided between the alternative of marriage or a career.

Soprano Soloist
Jean Bradford transferred from Grand Rapids Junior college last year as a music major. She became a student of Pat-

Senior Ball to Conclude Winter Term Social List

Pre-ball Dinner Dance Tickets Still On Sale; Woody Herman Orchestra to Provide Music, Entertainment for Ball



WOODY HERMAN... band leader

Education Group Elects Officer Slate

The Elementary Education club has made nominations for officers for the coming year, subject to additions from the floor. Up for president are Joy Loveland, Secyville junior, Marilyn Dehr, Grosse Pointe junior, and Helen Sweet, Diamond Lake junior.

Nominations for vice-president are Jackie Costigan, Tecumseh sophomore; Millic Pickett, De-

The Union grill will be closed from March 16 to 26 and the cafeteria will close Friday night and reopen at noon Monday, March 19, closing again the following Friday night and reopening the day that school begins for spring term March 26.

Joan Fredeen, Wyandotte sophomore, and Pat Morrison, Detroit junior, have been nominated for secretary.

Nominations for treasurer are Eleanor McDonald, Detroit sophomore, and Martha Mesher, East Lansing junior. Detroit freshman, Phyllis Franz has been nominated for publicity chairman.

Members were entertained by a puppet show to be shown for children. Nancy Trabue, Peggy Knott, Connie Rudd, and Marilyn Burley acted the parts and made the puppets.

Saluting the senior class of 1945 the annual Senior ball will present Woody Herman and his "band that plays the blues" tonight at College auditorium from 8 to 12 midnight.

The first all college semi-formal of the year, the dance features the theme "Fanfare of '45", and is open to all students, faculty, and their guests. Coeds have been granted 130 min. permission for the affair.

Band Soloist
Spotlighted soloists with Herman's band will be vocalist Frances Wayne, Chubby Jackson on the bass fiddle, "The Woodchoppers" and Herman himself on the clarinet.

Tickets for the dance will be on sale all day today at the Union desk and the Administration building, and at the door tonight, according to Co-chairmen Joan Hart, Oakfield, N. Y., and Boyce DeWolfe, Sedalia, Mo.

Sponsored jointly by the senior class and Union board, the ball will be preceded by a dinner-dance in the Union ballroom. Tickets for this affair, which is also semi-formal, will continue to be on sale at the Union desk until noon today. DeWolfe and Miss Hart stressed that the ball and the dinner-dance both are fellow or coed bid affairs.

Dinner will be served between 6 and 6:30 p.m. Marie Graft, Detroit, and Tom Reuther, St. Louis, Mo., co-chairmen announced. Dick Snook and his band will play for dancing in the ballroom until 8:30 p.m.

Plans have been made to accommodate 100 couples, and dinner guests are requested to state the number in their party when purchasing tickets. Groups of two to 12 couples may have special tables reserved for them. Miss Graft stated.

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Irish Film Scheduled As World Adventure Feature Tomorrow

"Here is Ireland," the first all-color motion picture ever made in Ireland, will be shown Saturday evening in College auditorium at 8:15 as a regular feature of the World Adventure series, according to Dean S. E. Crowe.

Produced by Pat Stanton, it is a film in which countryside scenes, historic landmarks of the country's leaders are featured.

Hailed by Robert Brennan, Irish minister to the United States, as the "finest picture ever to come from the Emerald Isle," this is an endeavor to get away from the conventional collection of tumble-down shacks and barren moors, and to show instead Ireland as the modern thriving country that it is today.

TIME TABLE

- TODAY—
- Pre-ball dinner, 6 p.m. Union ballroom
- Wyndham Lewis, 8 p.m. Music auditorium
- Student club, 8 p.m. Music auditorium
- Senior ball, 9 p.m. College auditorium

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In Campus Quarters

By **DOTTIE LA MONT** and **NAN TRABUE**

Just for a little change of scenery we bring names of new Alpha Xi pledges. They are sophomores: Lois Schneider, Kalamazoo, and Nancy Hayes, Highland Park. Others include Elizabeth McArthur, Orchard Park, N. Y.; Yvonne Means, Schenectady, N. Y.; Vera Richards, Dearborn; Carolyn Duncan, Port Huron; and Clea Coon, East Lansing.

Larry Frymore, '44, who keeps us well informed with the news from the radio station, is the one making the news this time. Flash of the week is the diamond worn by Gloria MacNeven, Delta Zeta, '43.

Gunny Brown, Chi O, has found a sure cure for exam week blues, and pure evidence of the fact is the SAE pin she is wearing from Pvt. Bob Freeman, '43.

Schedule for Basic College

Basic 111	Tues	8-9	Fairchild
Basic 112	Tues	8-9	College Aud-
Basic 121	Mon	8-9	Fairchild
Basic 122	Mon	8-9	College Aud-
Basic 131	Mon	9-10	Fairchild
Basic 132	Mon	9-10	Fairchild
Basic 141	Mon	10-11	Masic Aud
Basic 142	Mon	10-11	College Aud-
Basic 152	Mon	11-12	Sec. A D. 206 Hort
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Spartans At War

By **PEG DUBRY**

LT. CARROLL NOWITZKE . . .

'45, has been awarded the second oak leaf cluster to the distinguished flying cross. Lieutenant Nowitzke, with the 10th air force in Burma, now also wears the air medal with three oak leaf clusters. He has been in the India Burma theater of war for 11 months and has flown more than 750 hours.

CAPT. MELVIN KLOOSTER . . .

'38, is now stationed at the air base at Smyrna, Tenn., having reached there by the way of Chicago, Nashville, Albany and Greenwood.

LT. COL. ROBERT ROSA . . .

'37, with the ninth air force in Belgium, was recently promoted to his present rank. Colonel Rosa was a member of Hesperian fraternity, Excalibur Seaboard and Blade, Blue Key, Officers' club, Varsity club, the Varsity tennis team, and Pershing Rifles.

LT. DEAN CHAPMAN . . .

'43, who is in Germany with the third army's 10th division was recently promoted to the rank of first lieutenant.

LT. RUDY ULRICH and T-3 DANNY ROSENBAUM . . .

members of the 1939 State track team, carried the Spartan colors in an inter-scholastic track meet at Gran, North Carolina. Lieutenant Ulrich won the high hurdles and placed second in the low, while Rosenbaum placed second in the 100-yard dash.

"Competing were teams representing the army, navy, British, French, and Arabs. The Arabs and French were very good in the distance events, the Americans predominated in almost all other, with the British taking a second place here and there," Technician Rosenbaum wrote.

Lieutenant Ulrich, '39, forestry, was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Xi-Sigma Psi, Varsity club, and track while at State. Technician Rosenbaum belonged to Alpha Epsilon Pi, varsity track and Hillel extension.

CPL. STANLEY BRAUER . . .

'46, an assistant crew chief of a P-38 in the 475th fighter group, a famous unit of the 10th air force in the Philippines. Corporal Brauer, of Moose, as he was better known at MSC in 1942, reports, "I'm watching my weight ever here and am staying around 195 pounds, which was my regular playing weight. I aim to complete my education and play a little more football."

Corporal Brauer hopes to be back at center on the 1946 team. He has been overseas since April, 1944, and has been awarded the good conduct ribbon and campaign star to go with the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon. A number of other awards are still pending, including those for action in the Philippines.

ENS. MARSHALL WOOD . . .

'46, was graduated recently from the naval air training base at Corpus Christi, Texas, and was commissioned an ensign in the naval reserve. He received his preliminary training at Ottumwa, Iowa.

LT. SAMUEL CESSNA . . .

'44, pilot of a B-24 Liberator with the 15th AAF in Italy, is authorized to wear the distinguished unit badge with one bronze cluster as a member of a Veteran Liberator group which twice has been cited for "outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

ENS. MARVIN OTT . . .

'45, was commissioned an ensign in the naval reserve and designated a naval aviator recently at the naval air training base, Pensacola, Fla. He will now be ordered to duty either at an instructor's school for further training or at an operational base.

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Baseball Team Taking Shape; Talent Good

April 6 and 7 Tentative Dates for Debut at Indiana University

By JOE HEAGANY

Waiting for the first nice day to trot his charges onto the green of old college field Coach John Kobs is occupying himself with molding his team into a smoothly running machine in the confines of administration hall.

The first games tentatively set for April 6 and 7 at the University of Indiana. Kobs has a makeshift first team working out, but still experimenting in an effort to find a number one nine.

No Southern Trip

The first "formal" season of intercollegiate athletics is being planned on the campus. The southern trip has been abandoned again this year due to the war, but indications show a good schedule has been

not a letterman in the Kobs has seven men who either played freshman football in earlier years or who participated in the "informal" spring pitchers round-up. Meredith Yarding, a sophomore, and a Detroit junior.

Returning Players

Lee Battle Creek junior pitcher last year is being counted on first this year. Lee is a center field last year and has numerals in his back.

Sturgis junior has returned from service and is being counted on as a pitcher. Don Brown, freshman pitcher seems to be coming into his own as

BALL

and Zoom Page 1) the dance will be given by Mrs. Don Buell, speech by Mrs. W. B. Fee, musical by Prof. V. Millard, chairman, and Mrs. J. K.

honors include Gov. Harry F. Kelly, Pres. A. Hannah, Sec. R. McDonel, and Mrs. C. O. Wilkins. The guests will be members of the State Board of and deans of the college schools.

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Chosen Queen



Shown above is Jean Hart, a freshman vet from Dover, Ohio, who was crowned queen of the Vet ball last Saturday night. She was crowned by Dr. H. J. Statseth, of the bacteriology department. She was chosen from 10 candidates in voting open only to vet students.

'Torrid Trio' Cop Scoring Honors

Sam Fortino, one hand push shot expert of the Spartan basketball team walked off with high scoring honors for the season. It was revealed, Sam hit the hoop for 90 field goals and 23 foul shots for a total of 203 points.

Bill Rapchak, pivot man, followed with 177 points, and to round out the "torrid trio" Robin Roberts poured 138 points through the meshes. Rapchak proved the most accurate from the foul line with 39 charity tosses.

As was expected, the three boys racked up over half the whole team's total points. The three got 518 points to the overall total of 865. Joe Beyer and Nick Hasha followed in scoring with 91 and 59 points respectively.

LT. LOU ZARZA

35, who is in the navy on leave from the coaching staff at the University of Arizona, has been shifted from duties as an athletic officer to that of a flight deck officer. He has been in task force action in the Pacific. Lieutenant Zarza played end on the 1933-34-35 football teams.

WSSF Book Drive Planned at State To Aid Filipinos

Michigan State college has been asked to aid in a drive for 250,000 books to help restore the ransacked schools of the Philippines. The request comes from the offices of the World Student Service fund to MSC, as one of 20 representative colleges to participate in the drive, according to Nancy Wyngaert, East Lansing sophomore.

A large box will be located near the Union desk all during final week and the two weeks following vacation for the collection. Students are urged to bring books from and, perhaps, to drop by as final exams are completed.

Text books, reference books, general literature will be highly acceptable, as well as magazines of lasting interest such as National Geographic, according to Henry Dime, executive secretary of WSSF.

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Bauman, Schroeder Leave for Induction

Two more 'S' men have heard the call to ranks. Bob Schroeder and Paul Bauman have been ordered by their draft boards to report for induction March 22, at Fort Sheridan. Both men are freshmen.

Schroeder, a first year man from Flint was reserve quarterback on the Spartan football team. Bauman, Battle Creek freshman, started the first two games of basketball, but gave way to Robin Roberts who is also going the same date.

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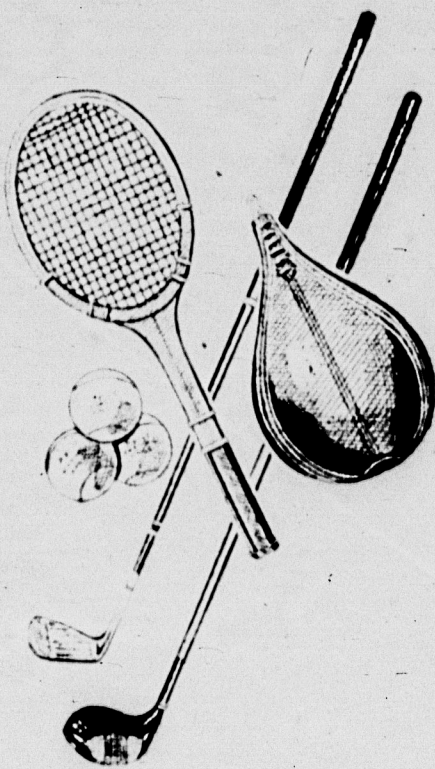
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Jane Walker Given Plant Award

Jane Walker, Rochester, N. Y., senior, was awarded the L. C. Plant scholarship award for mathematics majors at the Pi Mu Epsilon banquet Tuesday night. The first prize award was \$50, and the second prize, which went to Eunice Anderson, Detroit junior, was \$25.

This sum of money has been made available by Prof. L. C. Plant, former head of the department of mathematics. It is

to be awarded annually to one or two students who have declared a major in math, and who have not been eligible for the prize previously.

The candidates are judged on the basis of scholarship, interest in mathematics, and helpfulness in the math department. Selection of the students to be given the award is made by the dean of the Liberal Arts, and the mathematics department.

Home Ecs List 11 Candidates For Next Year

Candidates for the 1945-46 Home Economics club officers were announced at the annual business meeting of the club by Pres. Aileen Wilson, Detroit senior.

Elections will be held at pre-classification and will be limited to Home Economics club members. The slate presented was compiled by seniors on the board and the faculty, but was left open for nominations from the floor at the business meeting.

Women running for president are Grace Johnson, Robinson, Ill., sophomore, and Patricia Easley, Trenton junior. Esther Gardner, Detroit junior, and Jane Helbig, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, sophomore, are candidates for vice-president.

The three contestants for secretary are Marjean Kettunen, East Lansing freshman, Colleen Vanderslice, Midland freshman, and Margaret Wallace, Dearborn sophomore.

Martha Christianey, Grand Rapids sophomore, and Ruth Kotz, Lansing sophomore, are running for treasurer and either Virginia Atkinson, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, junior, or Barbara Mye, North Tonawanda, N. Y., junior, will be state president of Home Economics clubs in Michigan.

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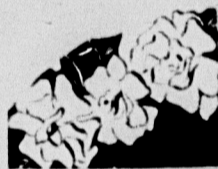
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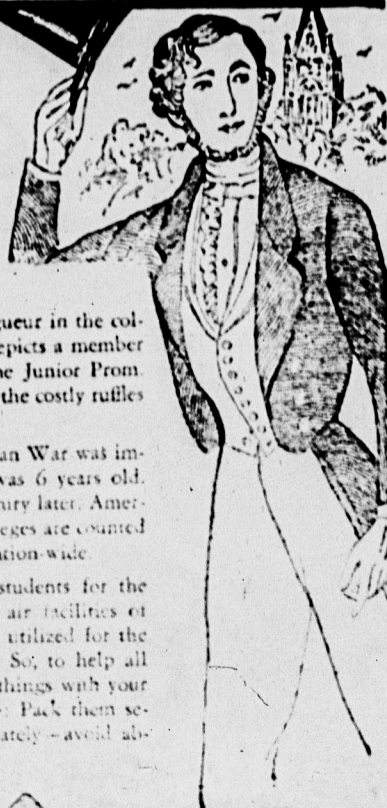
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