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TANKS ROAR TO WITHIN 186 MILES OF BERLIN

Swimmers Leave Today for NCAA Meet at Ann Arbor

Spartans Offer Threat in Individual Events

The Michigan State swimming team will participate in final competitive action of the year today and Saturday when it journeys to Ann Arbor to swim in the NCAA meet. This meet is the classic of the sport in the country and all factors point to an exciting weekend.

Last year's winner did not compete this year. Chief contenders for the crown are Cornell, Michigan and Ohio State universities. Michigan is undefeated in meets this year and should be a very formidable foe for the two western conference teams.

Spartans should not be counted on to cop the team but are dangerous in certain individual events. The real danger in the diving are the Spartans. Coach Charles McCaffree is a hard runner for points, and Barber is a diver who can afford the more highly-touted schools.

The green and white 400 yard team is accorded a good chance of winning and Tom Barber, Central Collegiate diving champion, may place in his specialty. Barber was honorably discharged from the navy Dec. 1944.

Barber on a par with their illustrious opponents in the 400 yard relay are Joe Mueller, Jack Kasten, Dick Chesney and Ben Mercer. The 300 yard team of John McGrath, Mercer and Mercer may also be a factor.

Barber took second place in the 400 yard swim at the state meet two weeks ago and Barber in the Central Collegiate meet that was staged in the past two weeks ago that was won by the Spartans by an overwhelming number of points. If Barber are in top shape they could very easily come back to Barber on Sunday with enough points to offset their mediocre record.

Barber left yesterday afternoon at 2 p.m. McCaffree took a 400 yard squad. The events are scheduled for the two men swimming relay. Barber has ample time between and Barber has a preliminary diving Friday night. The finals will be run Saturday.

Today's Campus

Foss for It

Prof. Ben Euwema's advisees were looking for two-credit courses to take in their final term. He was startled when they asked him if Animal Husbandry 309 was another name for horserback riding. He called the animal husbandry department. The answer: "No, horserback riding is not a course in animal husbandry and horse management."

Maybe It Stinks

One of the Lansing theaters, advertising a coming stage show, recently flashed across the silver screen in big bold letters: "ODOR YOUR TICKETS NOW."

Election Rules Are Changed By AWS Group

Women Will Nominate at Monday's Meeting; Finals Friday

Revision of election proceedings for AWS representation made by AWS in its meeting Tuesday evening has been announced by Barbara Peck, Saginaw editor and head of publicity for AWS elections.

Nominations for representatives will be made at a meeting of freshmen, sophomores and juniors held Monday at 5 p.m. The place of the respective meetings will be announced in tomorrow's State News.

Nominations will be made from the floor for women to run in the primary election on Wednesday. Women nominated will hand in petitions if interested in running in the primary. Petitions will be accepted only after being nominated from the floor.

Qualifications for class elections are a one point for winter term with an all-college one point average. The nominee must be a member of the class for which she is running two of the three succeeding terms. Final elections will be held next Friday.

The president and vice-president plus four senior, three juniors and two sophomores will be elected. The following week elections will be held to nominate AWS representatives from dorms, co-ops and off-campus houses.

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—The White House disclosed today that American representatives at the Crimea conference had agreed to support a Russian request that the Ukrainian Soviet Republic and the White Russian Soviet Republic be accorded representation in the assembly of a proposed United Nations organization. There was one major reservation.

MANILA, March 30 (AP)—Elements of Maj. Gen. William H. Arnold's American division, conquerors of Cebu city on Cebu, invaded Mactan island, directly across a narrow channel from that second port of the Philippines on Wednesday.

Orchesis Production Calls for Unique Special Effects of Light, Symbolism

Symbolism will be the basis for the stage setting of the "Masque of the Red Death," according to Prof. Cecil Nickle of the speech department. The complete stage decor will be abstract use of lighting effects to create in the audience a change of emotional thought to follow the theme of the ballet to be given by Orchesis in the Music auditorium on May 18.

The plot of the short story will need an effective setting change to show the passage of characters from room to room. Nickle said. The various rooms call for different preventative measures against the "Red Death" and the order is from blue to purple, green to orange, white to violet, and then black.

Third Army Smashes Across German Plain to Within 100 Miles of Czech Border, Taking 14,000 Prisoners

PARIS, March 29 (AP)—Lightning tank columns of the U.S. first army wheeled 55 miles northward today, cutting off the great Ruhr basin from the rear and smashing almost to the edge of the north German plain only about 186 miles west of Berlin.

Running roughshod through demoralized German defenses, the hard-hitting columns knifed to a point 40 miles south of Paderborn, 43 miles almost due east of the city of Hamm, east of the Ruhr. They apparently were en route to the Ruhr-Berlin superhighway.

American Friends To Give Students Social Experience

Students interested in social experience will find they are getting a glimpse of the field of their choice in a way that has been leading to a program to be sponsored by the American Friends Service committee this summer, according to John Price, YMCA chairman. Intensive contacts with problems of city living, racial relations, and neglected areas in the country will be made.

Social work groups, six-girl units, will assist in community recreation in a northern Maine village and St. Louis, Mo. Industrial groups will be located in St. Louis and Philadelphia, living and working together and discussing problems of labor relations.

Work camps in Baltimore, Nashville, Indianapolis, Chicago, and rural Kentucky, will sponsor useful community projects which otherwise would not be undertaken — construction of playgrounds, health centers, bridges, dams and roads, the improvement and repair of rural schools and community centers, and the harvest and preservation of crops.

Opportunities are open for work as ward assistants at the Philadelphia State hospital, and caravan teams which will train first at Antioch college, Ohio, will travel to various states, stimulating public discussion of international cooperation.

The projects begin in June, and students may obtain further information from Price at People's church.

Retired Army Officer To Show Fighting GIs In Travel Movie

Col. Edwin H. Cooper, who will appear on the World Adventure series tomorrow at 8:15 p.m., is a retired United States army officer and veteran front line cameraman of two wars.

During the first World War Colonel Cooper had the distinction of winning both the Distinguished Service cross and the silver star for bravery in action and for bringing in wounded soldiers from No Man's Land.

Cooper has recently returned to America from a 32,000 mile trip abroad. While traveling he visited England, Italy, North Africa, Egypt, Palestine, Iran, India, Burma and China. During this time he made 22,000 feet of all-color motion picture film of American fighting men in battle and at play.

Colonel Cooper is appearing in place of Vyvyan Donner whose lecture tour has been cancelled.

Prisoners Taken

Simultaneously, the U. S. third army lunged out 20 miles east across the mid-German plain, herding the disorganized enemy before it and rounding up 14,000 prisoners.

At last reports it was within 100 miles of Berlin, but the German radio said the third army's fourth armored division had moved at least 12 miles farther on and was within less than 100 miles of the border of Czechoslovakia.

The third army captured Frankfurt on the main German's ninth largest city with a normal population of 546,000, and 45 miles to the southeast the U. S. seventh army seized Mannheim, Rhine factory city of 263,000.

Ruhr Turned to Rubble

While the U. S. third army wheeled abruptly north and the British second army, with American infantry riding its tanks, roared up from the west, German broadcasts wrote off the once rich Ruhr, greatest of the enemy arsenals.

The Ruhr, said one enemy war correspondent, was "nothing but one wide field of rubble in which the army and the Volkstruppen fight side by side with nothing to lose but their lives."

At the current rate of advance, the British and the U. S. first armies might come together in the Westphalian plain in little more than two days, laying open the road to Berlin and cutting off all the big factory cities of the Ruhr.

Overrun Airfield

The U. S. first army was driving ahead so rapidly that one point tanks actually overran an airfield near Lanxwesse, and shot up eight planes before 200 startled pilots could get them in the air.

At another point they caught up with a train and turned their guns upon it.

Some first infantry division troops moving up behind the flying columns captured German troops who said they had left Dusseldorf eight days ago to try to stop the drive, but between untried communications and air attacks they had been able to move only 40 miles in all that time.

"There is not the slightest doubt by anyone watching this great armored march and getting reports of advances from other fronts that this is the day of reckoning for the Nazi military and political machines," AP front correspondent Don Whitehead said.

THE ROAD TO BERLIN
By The Associated Press
Eastern front: 32 miles (from Zellin).
Western front: 186 miles (from south of Paderborn).
Italian front: 544 miles (from Reno river).

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Germans Rumored to Have Secret Weapon

PORTLAND, ORE., March 29 (AP)—A member of the Dutch underground declared today that the Nazis do have a secret—and deadly—effective—weapon.
 Jacob Van Berkel, here under aliases of the Netherlands information bureau, told an interviewer that the European front is now a race between victory for the Allies and Germany's resort to the ultimate weapon—“so powerfully destructive it is almost inconceivable.”
 “The new weapon, a tiny gadget which could be placed in a pocket, may be launched

with complete effectiveness against the continental United States,” Van Berkel said.

He declared that the Germans are saving it for a last stand. “They are confident that their secret weapon will wipe out civilization and save them at the very end.”

INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The International club will have a business meeting Friday at 8 p.m. in the International center. All members are requested to attend, Gregory Dean announced yesterday.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER

An open house will be held Easter Sunday at the International Center between 4 and 6 p.m. Dr. S.C. Lee announced.

WESTERN FRONT

The western front last (Thursday) night:

Northern sector: British second army raced at least 20 miles across Westphalian plain toward Muenster, under news blackout; U. S. ninth made six-mile advance into Ruhr, capturing Duisburg and Haltern.

Central sector: First army drove 55 miles north, within 186 miles of Berlin, threatened to chop off Ruhr valley, third army roared 20 miles on right flank, putting it within 198 miles of Berlin and 125 from Czechoslovakia; cleared Frankfurt.

Central sector: seventh army cleared Mannheim.

Grin and Bear It . . . By Lichty



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IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

By BOB KAMINS

WESTERN FRONT

This past week has seen the greatest Allied drive of the entire war and action there has far overshadowed any other war theater. In the past seven days, General Eisenhower sent his full force across the Rhine and is now pushing for Berlin at a spectacular rate.

The seventh army of General Patton, the latest to cross the Rhine, has broken through German defenses and is now pushing for Berlin at a spectacular rate.

The front is fluid, and Allied gains so spectacular that General Eisenhower remarked the other day when asked as to where troops were: "I don't know for I've been away from headquarters for three hours." Air support has been tremendous, and only the past couple of days of cloudy and foggy weather has hampered tactical and strategic air-commands.

man defenses and its immediate objective was the key German chemical center of Mannheim which was captured yesterday. Forces under the command of Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery are at present under a security blackout, but a breakthrough and rapid advance is known to have taken place. Generals Hodges and Patton are directing their armies in drives that have placed them less than 200 miles from Berlin.

Berlin has been bombed for more than a month straight now and there is hardly a speck of green left that hasn't felt the wrath of Allied bombs, including the 1-ton volcano bomb.

Reaction is great, even among usually pessimistic ground forces. General Eisenhower, as well as his immediate lieutenants, have stated this is the victory drive, and that nothing short of Berlin, and imposed unconditional surrender will be accepted.

EASTERN FRONT

Although hard to believe, the Russians have just about matched the onrushing western front drive. Northwestern Hungary is now completely in Russian hands, and huge Red army forces are massed momentarily on the Austrian frontier, preparatory to invading this Axis controlled nation. Gdynia, Nazi Baltic fortress, has fallen to the Russians, and Danzig, free city on the Baltic, is about ready to capitulate.

The Nazis persist in saying that the front just in front of Berlin along the Oder river is about to break into action, but the Russians maintain silence on this subject only to say that when the attack does begin, Berlin will be a rubble heap.

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PACIFIC THEATER

News this past week in the Pacific has been sort of a cat and dog game. The Japs announce for a certain period of time Allied invasion action, or carrier based plane attacks, or advances on the ground. All of this is rarely confirmed by our officials until quite some time afterwards, and then it starts all over again in some other sector of this theater.

Red Army Reaches Austrian Frontier

LONDON, March 29 (AP)—Marshal Stalin announced tonight that rampaging Red army flying columns, streaking 20 miles across Hungary, had reached the Austria frontier, and the Free Austrian radio said the Russians already had invaded that gateway to Hitler's southern mountain fortress.

Tearing through shattered enemy defense lines and driving within 43 miles southeast of Vienna, Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's armored forces captured the border town of Koczera, 52 miles south of the capital, and toppled the key Hungarian rail city of Szombathely.

Capture of Szombathely cut a main supply and communication line between Vienna and Italy and carried the Red army within 175 miles of the Italian border.

In a second order of the day, Marshal Stalin announced that Marshal Alexander M. Vasilevsky's third white Russian army had completed the liquidation of the coastal pocket in East Prussia and southwest of still-embattled Königsberg, killing and capturing 130,000 enemy troops in 18 days.

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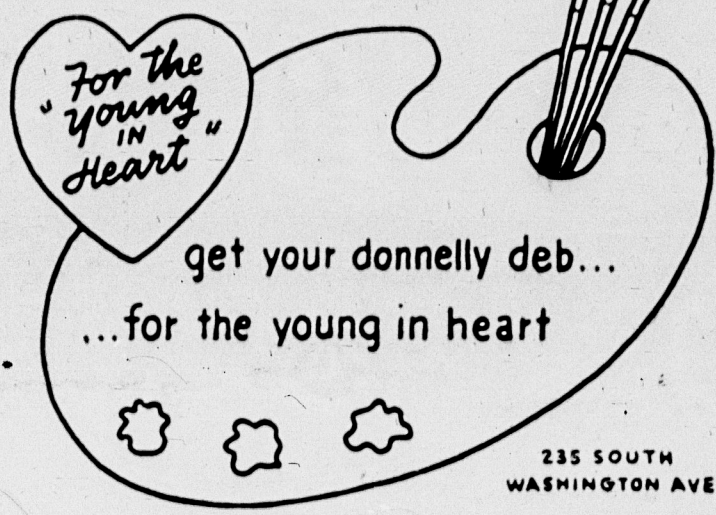


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Union Board to Hold Dances For Campus-Bound Spartans

Snook to Play for Party-party, Evening Dance

First social affairs of spring term and the only ones scheduled for Easter weekend will be tomorrow's Party-Party and the evening Union board dance, both sponsored by Union board.

Dick Snook and his band will play for Party-Party in the Union ballroom from 3 to 5 tomorrow afternoon. Both servicemen and students are invited to this stag or date dance program. "Spartan Varieties" under the supervision of Larry Frymire, program director for WKAR, will be broadcast during the intermission from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

According to Marty Kelly, Kalamazoo senior in charge of Party-Party, a brand new trio of Alpha Xi Delta women, will make their first public appearance. They are Marge McQueary, Lansing freshman; Joyce Johnson, Detroit junior, and Leah Jane Tuttle, Lansing senior.

Merrill Walker, Lansing freshman, will sing selections from "Oklahoma" and Bonnie

Bealer will beat out some hot boogie, in addition to songs by Norma Jean, featured singer with Snook's band.

The Easter eve Union Board dance will be held from 9 to 11:45 p.m. in Union ballroom, featuring Dick Snook's band. A date dance, civilians and servicemen are warned to put in their bids early. Tickets are now on sale at Union desk. The Grill will be closed but refreshments will be sold upstairs.

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Teachers' Federation Will Discuss Housing

Improvements in teaching methods at Michigan State, and proposals for the solution of the serious faculty housing situation are the points to be discussed at a meeting of the Ingham County Federation of Teachers to be held in the Spartan room at 8 p.m. Tuesday. The meeting is open, and all faculty members are urged to attend, according to Herbert Weisinger of the English department, who is in charge of the meeting.

Three speakers will present their views and the audience will participate in the discussion. Speakers will be Secretary of the Board of Agriculture Karl H. McDonel, Frances Willsey, former member of the State Planning Board, and C. M. Beachum, director of men's residence halls.

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