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Four-Term Executive Dies at 63

WARM SPRINGS, GA., April 12 (AP)—Commander Howard Bruenn, naval physician, made the announcement of President Roosevelt's death to reporters shortly after White House Secretary William D. Hasselt called a hurried news conference to announce the death of the nation's only fourth-term chief executive.

Mr. Roosevelt died in the fifth white house on top of Pine mountain where he had come for a three-week rest. He was 63 years old.

Dr. Bruenn said he saw the President this morning and he was in excellent spirits at 9:30 a.m.

"At one o'clock," Bruenn added, "he was sitting in a chair while sketches were being made of him by an architect. He suddenly complained of a very severe occipital headache (back of the head).

"Within a very few minutes he lost consciousness. He was seen by me at 1:30 p.m., 15 minutes after the episode had started.

"He did not regain consciousness and he died at 3:35 p.m."

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—Mrs. Roosevelt left the White House at 7:15 to Warm Springs.

As she came out of the White House door she kissed her daughter Anna, Mrs. John Dettiger, goodbye.

Mrs. Boettiger remained at the White House.

Mrs. Roosevelt was accompanied by Stephen Early, presidential secretary, and Admiral Ross T. McIntyre, the president's personal physician.

Mrs. Roosevelt received the news of her husband's death by telephone. She was attending an afternoon benefit for a Washington charity which was being held at the St. George club.

She went to the phone, spoke a few words, put down the receiver, and walked out to her car without a word to anyone.

President Succumbs in Sleep



EX-PRES. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT deceased



Associated Press Photo PRESIDENT TRUMAN successor

Tanks Smash Across Elbe; Near Berlin

PARIS, April 13 (AP)—U.S. ninth army tanks smashed across the Elbe river on a six-mile front just 57 miles from Berlin yesterday and U. S. first and third armies in sweeps of nearly 50 miles thundered at the gates of the great city of Leipzig, 75 miles southwest of the capital.

A field dispatch said only orders from Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson were needed to send the second armored division crashing on into Berlin, which could possibly be reached today. Wholly unconfirmed French reports said Allied parachute troops had been dropped at Brandenburg, barely 20 miles from greater Berlin.

The electrifying crossing of the Elbe—last big river barrier before the devastated capital—came with such speed that supreme headquarters was unable to confirm it, a spokesman saying that SHAEF was completely out of touch with ninth army spearheads.

The U. S. first and third armies, after their long gains, were under a security blackout, but a field report said it was possible that one of them would reach Leipzig by today. They last were reported 23 to 24 miles from the city with nothing in front of them.

From out of the security blackout came the news that the first army's second armored division had reeled off a 26-mile gain on the first's north flank and had driven more than two miles beyond Sangerhausen, 84 miles southwest of Berlin.

Grant Lecture Topic Features American Birds and Game

The next event on the Lecture-concert series will be a lecture on American birds and big game by Cleveland P. Grant, noted naturalist, S. E. Crowe, dean of students and director of the world adventure series, announced today.

"Wildlife of Marsh and Mountain," a natural color motion picture,

Student identification cards may be picked up at the registrar's office in the Administration building, according to Kermit Smith, assistant registrar.

The picture will be shown in accompaniment to the lecture which will be given at 8:15 p.m. tomorrow in College auditorium.

Following his graduation from Oberlin college, Ohio, Mr. Grant joined the staff of the Field Museum of Natural History as extension lecturer, later becoming acting curator in charge of the school extension department.

Hemorrhage Takes President's Life

Funeral Scheduled for Saturday; Interment to Be in Hyde Park

WARM SPRINGS, GA., April 12 (AP)—President Franklin D. Roosevelt died unexpectedly today of a cerebral hemorrhage at 3:35 P. M. (Central War Time) at his Summery cottage here.

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—The White House announced late today that President Roosevelt had died of cerebral hemorrhage.

The death occurred this afternoon at Warm Springs, Ga. A White House statement said:

"Vice President Truman has been notified. He was called to the White House and informed by Mrs. Roosevelt. The secretary of state has been advised. A cabinet meeting has been called.

"The four Roosevelt boys in the service have been sent a message by their mother, which said that the President slept away this afternoon. He did his job to the end.

Bless you all and all our love, added Mrs. Roosevelt. She signed the message, Mother.

"Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon in the east room of the White House. Interment will be at Hyde Park Sunday afternoon. No detailed arrangements or exact times have been decided upon as yet."

Harry S. Truman, former senator, Missouri county judge and one-time Kansas City haberdasher, by Mr. Roosevelt's death moves up to the highest office in the land.

At the capitol, aides of Truman disclosed he had left for the White House only a few minutes before the news was made public.

Mr. Roosevelt had been at Warm Springs for more than a week. Stephen Early, presidential secretary informed reporters:

"Mrs. Roosevelt, Admiral Ross McIntyre, (the Roosevelt physician) and I will leave Washington by air this afternoon for Warm Springs."

Vice President Truman was at work when the news came. He received a call about 5:25 p.m. A few minutes later secret servicemen came and whisked him away to the White House in an automobile.

Matt Connally, Truman's executive assistant, said he assumed that the new president would take the oath at once but that he did not know any details.

Truman's vice presidential staff stood around his offices in the senate office building, their faces pale as though they had been stunned by the unexpected news which lifted the former Missouri farm boy into the highest office in this nation's giving.

The death of the President was announced a few short minutes after it was revealed that high army officials had told senators the war would end in Europe.

First to arrive were Secretary of Labor Perkins and

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IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

By BOB KAMINS

HOME FRONT

International news of the week has been overshadowed by the sudden death, yesterday, of President Roosevelt. This may mean the delay of the San Francisco conference—but official comment will wait.

WESTERN FRONT

The war in Europe the past seven days has been racing along at a terrific pace. Within a matter of hours each day new gains are announced for the forces of General Eisenhower. At this moment General Simpson's ninth army spearheads are the closest to Berlin. Less than 50 miles separates the ninth and the German capital.

The Elbe river, last natural barrier before Berlin, has been breached and it is just a matter of time now until our victorious forces march down the main streets of the Nazi capital.

To add to this brilliant picture, General Simpson's forces are just a little over 100 miles from a juncture with the siege lines of the Russian army, and military experts predict a meeting and merger of these two forces sometime next week.

Inside the Ruhr where 100,000 Germans are being slowly annihilated, more major industrial cities have been taken and the pocket has been drawn tighter.

In another giant trap, units of Montgomery's 21st command have just about sealed 90,000 Germans in Holland and the German North Sea coast area. General Patton's men had to slow down and wait for supplies last week for four days, but at last report he was smashing out again.

All of these facts add more meaning to General Eisenhower's statement last week that the German army in the west is beaten and that all effective resistance has been crushed by Allied might. In the aerial war last week the Allies made sure that the German air force was

out of business for good. Over 500 Nazi aircraft were blasted from the skies or destroyed on the ground.

EASTERN FRONT

Vienna, once proud and beautiful, is but a ruined rubble heap now, but the Germans are there no longer, having been driven from the capitol of Austria by the liberating forces of the Red army. Russian army units, however, have not paused to gaze at their latest achievement, but are smashing onward toward Munich and the oft-moored mountain strongholds of the Nazi party.

For example, only 115 miles separates vengeful Russian forces and the not-so-secure retreat of Adolf Hitler at Berchtesgaden. The Russians are also continuing their drive into Czechoslovakia, and the Germans say the Russians have amassed the greatest concentrated strength the world has ever seen on the Oder river, preparatory to its final smash at Berlin.

ITALY
This past week has seen the first real large scale action on the Italian front in many a month. Both the fifth army and the British eighth have broken out of their bridgeheads and appear intent on destroying once and for all the 25-odd divisions the Germans still have in Italy. Prisoners have been taken, and small initial gains have been made but it is still too early to see if this latest drive has met with any success.

PACIFIC THEATER

Forces have made some progress in the Pacific this past week but it has been made against stiffening Jap resistance and more powerful defenses. On Okinawa 10th army infantrymen have been stalled just short of the capital of Naha. Marines are still advancing but they are meeting ever stronger Jap forces. Superforts this past week smashed anew at Jap industrial strength in and around Tokyo, again with devastating results.

General MacArthur's forces are continuing their mopping-up campaign but it's like ferreting rats out of a hole. The Philippines are being cleaned up, but many more American soldiers and marines will have to die in the process.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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SADDLE leather cigarette case with Kappa Delta crest left in Byrnes. Also silver bracelet with KD and ATO crests on two hearts. Call 121-122-123.

GOLD Bulava watch with fan leather strap, somewhere between faculty building and Woodmore ave. If found please call 8-3-29.

WILSON tennis racket taken from its case in library Sunday. Of special significance to owner. Please return to Lost and Found. 123

BLACK and red wallet between dime store and bank Wednesday afternoon. Return to Marie Stone, Wells hall, section A. Reward. 123

HAMILTON wrist watch last Friday in East Lansing. Liberal reward. Call 8-2138 after 7 p.m. 121-122-123

GOTHING Swiss watch with black band between Morrill hall and Union. Call Ilene Baker, 8-1909.

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In Campus Quarters

By DOTTIE LA MONT

NEWS has been pouring in with the same speed that water falls off a duck's back, so put up your umbrellas and we'll give you some interesting drops of gossip from today's shower of news.

Throwing all precautions to the wind about today being Friday the thirteenth, Jean Forrester, Dearborn junior, will become the bride of Lt. Jim Bristol in Houston, Texas. Lieutenant Bristol, also from Jean's home town, has been overseas for 18 months with the air forces.

Another junior, Barbara Hunter, who hails from Capac, has become interested in changing her name. In fact, she became Mrs. Bill Wendt the other day at Wauseon, Ohio. Private Wendt was stationed here with the air force last year.

Sigma Chi Harvey Hunyady was quite a busy young man last Saturday. Not only did he become initiated, but he also took enough time off from initiation to be married. His bride was Mary Jean Miller, former State coed. They were married in St. Thomas Aquinas church.

Two former State music majors blended their voices in a chorus of "I dos" recently. Both from Lansing, they were Shirley Shaw and Ens. Bruce Goodrich, USNR.

One lone punning looms into sight on the horizon this morning as we see the addition of Meredith Yaring's Sigma Nu pin to that of Jenny Bruland, Alpha Phi.

Army life is beginning to influence Bonnie Barr, Homer sophomore, since she received an engagement ring from a representative of that branch of the service. He is Pvt. Bob Lovell, from Pulaski.

Jean Pomeroy, Crosswell freshman, is also in line for best wishes, just as Pvt. Bruce Medaugh is in line for congratulations since he presented Jean with, of all things, an engagement ring. Private Medaugh is stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga.

When she came back from spring vacation, Freda Freeman, Mason freshman, practically put out her friends' eyes with the sparkle from her new ring. C. M. Charles Lay, of the merchant marine academy in Kings Point, N. J., was responsible for the gift.

Clan of the Phi Tau, was increased recently when five new members were added. They are Chuck Costa, Detroit sophomore; freshmen Walt Kahbach, Grass Lake; Dan Bregger, Bangor; Bob Silk, Owosso; and Allan Jackson, St. Ignace.

A Pi Phi on campus, namely Jill Peck, has distinguished herself with two initiations as a result of her affiliation a while ago with the campus chapter. Jill is a graduate student from the University of Kansas and her home is in Washington, D. C.

Highlighting the other activities at the Sigma Chi house, was election of officers not so long ago. Top position as consul is held by Jim Sullivan, Detroit sophomore. Bob Nuttall, Chicago, Ill. freshman is pro-consul; Tom Wright, Pleasant Ridge sophomore is annotator, and Jack Ivory, Detroit pre-vet, is custos.

Grin and Bear It . . . By Lichty



"Today's episode was grueling, but we better grin for tomorrow—I break my leg, you get a touch of pneumonia, and little Ous falls into a quarry."

Once Over Lightly

By PEG MIDDLEMISS

A mass strip tease act, figuratively, of course, will not be frowned upon next Thursday when Spartans doff their glad rags to the clothing collection. It would seem as if college students could make a large contribution when so many buy new clothes at a Schaperell place.

Most of us have clothes we've saved for months for no good reason except that they make our wardrobes look plentiful. Certainly we can sift out a few antiques for foreign people who will be grateful for even a scanty supply.

We might welcome the novelty of having to stay away from classes while another of our sex-tet took his turn at wearing our only collective outfit, but the novelty would soon wear off at-

er mouths of such. Let's give the closets some breathing room, clear out some relics, season. Start strip!

It is sweet of the to be so concerned with the welfare that our most worn out back and forth. I'm greatly flattered by the legislators' nights if they were operating under schedule but they're.

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U.S. Units Grow In Okinawa As Japs Lose 111

Suicidal Attack of Nips Damage Yank Ships

GUAM, April 13 (AP)—Japanese warplanes renewed their suicidal attacks on American amphibious forces off Okinawa yesterday, sinking one destroy and damaging several other warships. Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said in today's communique.

All damaged U. S. ships remained in action.

Nimitz said "large numbers of enemy aircraft made desperate attacks on our forces in the Okinawa area." These presumably were Vice Adm. Richmond K. Turner's amphibious support group which landed the Okinawa

LONDON, April 12 (AP)—Russian troops have cut Vienna's last lifelines to the north, slashing across the Vienna-Brunn (Brno) railroad and highway. Moscow announced tonight Vienna's escape gap was narrowed to seven miles.

force Easter Sunday. An afternoon attack in great numbers also reached the Okinawa forces, for Nimitz ordered shore-based anti-aircraft units, ships' guns and carrier planes in downing the 111 Japanese planes.

Nimitz also disclosed the presence of four more Japanese ships, bringing to six the number of Japanese ships officially ashore on Okinawa and nearby islands.

The newly-named division included the 6th and 96th.

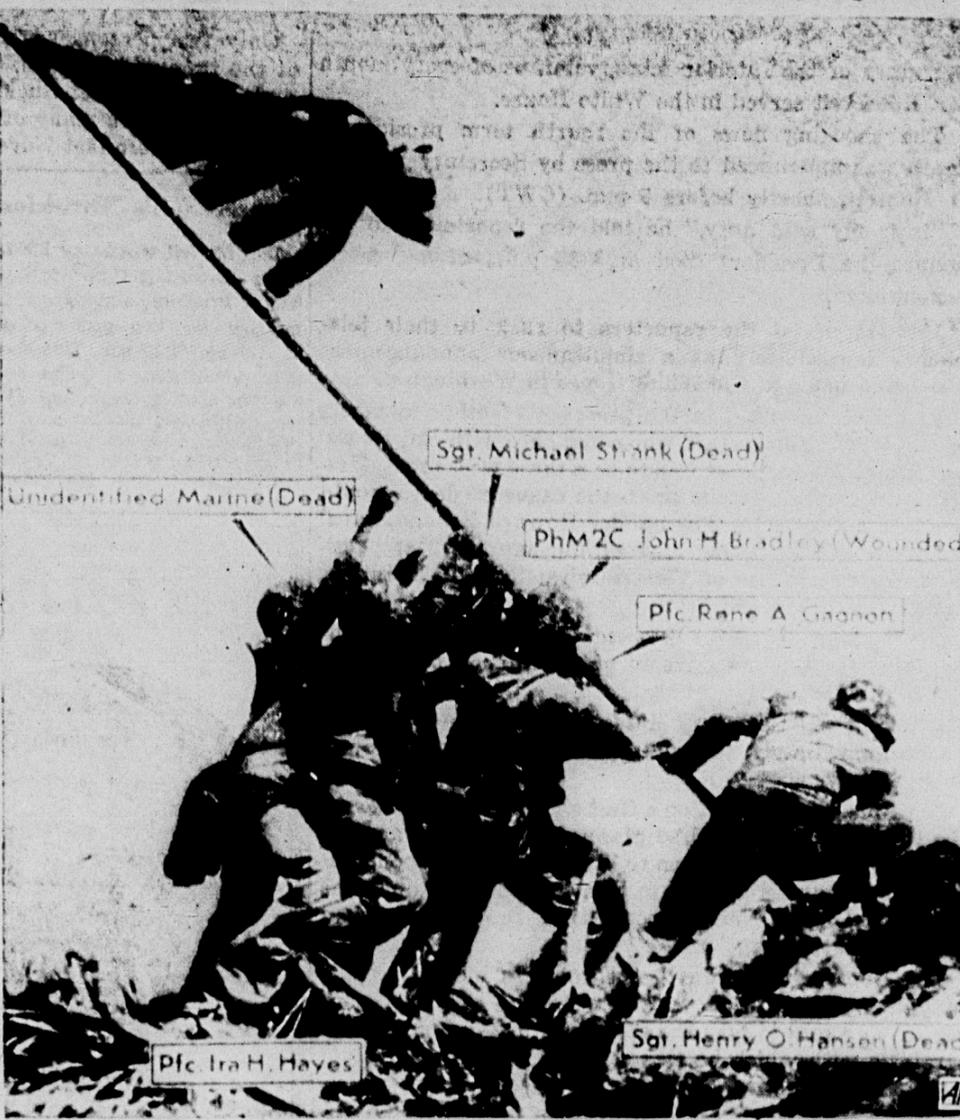
Annual MSC Contest Will Close April 28

The closing date of the annual creative writing contest is April 28. Any undergraduate student of Michigan State University may compete. Manuscripts must be typed and turned in to the office of the English department, room 202, Morrill

hall. Prizes will be offered for the best story, the best poem, the best story contest will receive \$200, second, \$20; and third, \$10. Prizes for the poetry contest will be \$15 for first place, \$10 for second place, and \$5 for the third place winner. There will also be one award offered for the best essay contest which

Manuscripts may be obtained from room 202, Morrill hall.

Marine Identifies Comrades in Flag-Raising Episode



Marine Pfc. Rene A. Gagnon, Manchester, N. H., one of the six men in an AP photograph Joe Rosenthal's historic picture of the flag-raising on Iwo Jima, has identified the five other men who participated in the feat. He is the only man to report to Marine Corps headquarters in Washington. Pfc. Gagnon identified the men from left to right: a marine killed in action, whose name cannot be revealed until next of kin are notified of his death; Marine Pfc. Ira H. Hayes, of Baphine, Ariz., with slung rifle; Marine Sgt. Michael Strank, of Cornsavage, Pa., barely visible beside Hayes; dead navy Ph. M. 2c John H. Bradley, of Appleton, Wis., wounded; Pfc. Gagnon, whose helmet is barely visible beside Bradley; and Marine Sgt. Henry O. Hansen, of Somerville, Mass., at foot of pole dead.

Invest in the next raid on Japan. Buy war bonds.

Campus to Have International Day in May

Michigan State college will observe an "International Day" sometime in May, according to Gregory Dean, Detroit freshman. The event, originated by the faculty, will be sponsored by International club as an effort to show that MSC is behind the international spirit of the San Francisco peace conference.

"International Day" is not an official holiday; in fact, Michigan State will be the first college to recognize such an occasion, according to Dean.

Early this week, social chairmen of the various campus organizations met with members of International club to make

preliminary plans for the celebration. It was decided that the program would be held in the band shell and would take place on a Sunday late in May. The group will meet again on Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Faculty dining room and has asked that all persons with talent or suggestions, as well as the social chairmen of all campus organizations, attend the meeting. The program will be "variety in an international vein," according to Dean, and all types of talent will be welcomed.

Queen candidates for the fourth annual Mardi Gras will represent each sorority and dormitory, with North and South Williams, East and West Mayo and North and South Campbell comprising six dormitories. One candidate will be sponsored by the co-ops and one by the off-campus women. Candidates names must be given to Bob Price, chairman of the voting committee, by Wednesday.

Library Shows Pan-America

Archival treasures have been loaned to the library, including hundreds of photographs and information sheets on American southern soldiers waiting for them, between the covers of books in the library.

Arranged in connection with Pan-American Day tomorrow, this diversified collection of books offers a pleasant introduction to the culture and customs of South America.

For an imaginary trip, via entertaining novels, a person can visit the picturesque Mexico city through the eyes of Gertrude Dismant in "The Days of Ophelia."

From the delightful tales of Mexico City one can travel to Bogota, Columbia, and share the experiences of Virginia Paxton, author of "Penhouse in Bogota." Written in narrative style, Miss Paxton relates her experiences with orchids, costing only 10 cents, and shops where one buys a spool of thread in the store with the man in the window.

"Six Years in Bolivia" by A. V. L. Gause, takes the reader through the adventures of a mining engineer working in Bolivia.

Concise Books Offered
A more serious and technical style of writing dealing with the history, economic and domestic interests of the South American

countries takes the reader through "The Rainbow" by Wallace Thompson, "Land of Progress" by Earl Dunbar, and "The Days of Ophelia" by Gertrude Dismant.

For the reader who is tired of traveling, Miss Paxton's "Penhouse in Bogota" is a good choice.

The collection of books on Pan-America will remain on display in the library the remainder of this week, according to H. G. Fitch, librarian.

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Nazis Restrain Comment on FDR's Death

U.S. Army Officials Say Organized War May End in Few Days

BERLIN, April 12 (AP)—The German DNB news agency said tonight that the news of President Roosevelt's death "has of course made a great impression in Berlin," but added that Nazi officials refrained from drawing any immediate conclusions concerning any possible effect on American foreign policy.

The DNB wireless dispatch, the first German comment on the President's death, was transmitted almost an hour after the agency's first announcement of the news, a terse dispatch quoting a British news service message from Amsterdam.

Debaters to Appear With Tournament

Six freshmen debaters will represent MSC in the debate tournament at Western Michigan college of education today, according to Clarence Edwards, debate coach.

Subject for the debate is, resolved: That the federal government should enact legislation compelling compulsory arbitration of labor disputes when other methods have failed, Edwards said.

Making the trip are Alice Finney, Milford; Margaret Cline, Bay City; Warren Pearce, Detroit; Edith Nolte, Plymouth; Jane Hansen, Eaton Rapids, and Maxine Finkbeiner, Middleville.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DIES

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Secretary of the Interior Ickes, veterans of every month Mr. Roosevelt served in the White House.

The shocking news of the fourth term president's death was announced to the press by Secretary William D. Hassett, shortly before 5 p.m. (CWT).

"It is my said duty," he told the reporters, "to announce the President died at 3:35 p.m., of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Hassett urged the reporters to rush to their telephones immediately as a simultaneous announcement was being made at the White House in Washington.

In quivering voice, in the presence of other members of the White House staff who came here with Mr. Roosevelt March 30, for what was to be a three weeks rest, Hassett said further details as to the cause of death would be given out later by Commander Howard Bruenn, naval doctor who was taking care of the nation's 31st president, in the absence of Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntyre, navy surgeon general.

In Washington, at the moment this was dictated, Truman and the cabinet were in an emergency meeting at the White House.

Insistent was Secretary Hassett that the news be made public immediately, that details were left for future announcement.

The President, the nation's first chief executive to break the two-term tradition, had planned to stay here another week, then he was to return to Washington and spend one day before taking a train to San Francisco to open the April 25 United Nations conference to which he had given so much attention.

Mr. Roosevelt died in the bedroom in his little white bungalow atop Pine Mountain, where he had been coming for 20 years to take the after-treatments for infantile paralysis with which he was stricken in 1921.

Long before his presidency, Mr. Roosevelt helped to found the Warm Springs foundation for polio victims. In recent months he had taken a deep interest in expanding it for servicemen afflicted with the disease.

Only two persons were believed to be in the cottage at the time of his death. They were Miss Laura Delano and Miss Margaret Suckley. They frequently had kept house for him on many of his recent visits, including his 19-day stay here last November and December.

Don McNeil's 'Breakfast Club' Comes to Lansing

Don McNeil will bring his famous "Breakfast Club" to Lansing's Prudden auditorium tomorrow for two performances at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. This show is broadcast daily at 9 a.m. over the National Broadcasting system. Although the program at Prudden auditorium will not be broadcast, the audience will par-

ticipate in the usual unrecorded interviews.

There has been a complete sell-out of tickets for both shows. However, the public is invited to meet the cast at 7:20 p.m. Saturday at the Grand Trunk station.

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- *May 25-26—University of Detroit at Detroit.
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