

Russians Retake Kharkov, Imperil Nazis in Donets

German Defense Position to Dnieper Crumbles; Large Numbers of Enemy Troops Killed or Captured in Red Victory

MOSCOW, Feb. 16 (AP)—Red army troops stormed into Kharkov today in a vicious assault, seizing that sky-racer city of the Ukraine to wrest from the Germans their greatest fortified base in southern Russia and imperil all Hitler's troops east of the Dnieper river.

Today's Campus

New Classroom

The women in West Mary Mayo can sleep through their 10 weeks once again without being roused by the strains of Elizabethan madrigals ringing unexpectedly from the first floor lounge. Prof. John Shirley's class in Elizabethan poetry which has met in the lounge for the past two periods to listen to his personal collection of recordings of 16th century airs, madrigals, and ballets has again returned to its regular meeting place in 111 Union annex. The superlative tone of its recorder, rather than the vote of all three men members of the class, won the unusual distinction for West Mayo.

Still No Favors

The traditional scarcity of J-1 favors will not be alleviated for a time yet, even though the late party-goers got in a few favors set yesterday as the date when an extra supply would be available. Ordered in the face of a rule banning them from parties, the favors will be in delivery because of the war, also the reason for the rule. Time when the favors may be picked up at the accounting office will be announced in the late News.

Long Career

Col Dorsey R. Rodney, newly-appointed P. M. S. and T., has military record which his twin brother would have a hard time trying to equal. A few days after the colonel reached the peacetime retirement age recently, his twin brother, who has always followed a civilian career, received his first draft questionnaire. To equal the colonel's service record, the other half of the Rodney twins would need to serve until he was at least 106.

Help Wanted

"Time was . . ." says NYA director Glen Stewart. But that was before the war, when more students applied for NYA work than could be given jobs. Now there are lots of NYA jobs of all kinds unfilled for this and next year, Stewart states. Need for students to fill them he terms urgent.

UNDER THE WIRE

DETROIT, Feb. 16 (AP)—Detroit definitely will remain on eastern war time. The council asked the opinion of the public, the voters advised and the council accepted their advice. Although formal action was not necessary, council members went on record today for opposing any change.

17 to 2 Jap Losses High in 10-Day Action Off Solomons

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—Sea-air actions spread over a 10-day period cost the Japanese 17 ships sunk or damaged against the loss of two American vessels, the navy reported today in communiques which finally fathomed the mystery of the recent "vanishing battle" of the Solomons.

The American ships lost were the 12-year-old Chicago, 9,650-ton heavy cruiser, and an unidentified destroyer, the name of which was not given out because the next of kin of all casualties have not yet been notified. American losses also included 22 planes, while at least 63 Jap planes were destroyed.

In the same 10-day period covered by the communiques beginning Jan. 29, American troops were smashing all enemy resistance on Guadalcanal itself.

Aerial torpedoes from Jap planes first damaged the Chicago and the next day, while she was being towed to port, another torpedo plane attack sank her. The skipper, Capt. Ralph Otis Davis, 52, of Baltimore, Md., and most of the crew survived.

The Japanese losses in the 10-day period were two destroyers sunk, eight damaged and a corvette and two cargo ships damaged.

Heavy Frosh Vote May Follow High Turn-out in Primaries

By Barbara Hafford

Greater interest is expected to be shown for final freshman elections which will be held today from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. in the lower lounge of the Union, Elections Chairman Bud Fenton predicted.

The elections follow last week's primaries, which more than doubled the voting total of a year ago.

For President

Presidential candidates are Richard Hardman, Sigma Chi, and Pete Navarre, independent. Hardman's high school record shows that he was a Hi-Y member and played football besides taking part in dramatics.

Navarre was president of the senior class at Monroe, and also found time for football, track, cross-country and dramatics.

For Vice-President

Doris Zens, Kappa Kappa Gamma from Gosse Pointe, and Dorothy LaMont, Alpha Chi Omega from Royal Oak, will compete for vice-president. Miss Zens held the office of vice-president of her high school junior and senior classes and took an active part in athletics and dramatics.

Miss LaMont also belonged to her high school dramatics society. Besides working on the school paper she belonged to the "student senate" and a girls' honorary society.

For Secretary

Jean Ross, Kappa Alpha Theta from Gosse Pointe, and Betty Lou Harris, independent from Lansing, will vie for the position as secretary. Miss Ross held secretarial positions in her home room and took part in dramatics and intramural athletics.

Miss Harris was secretary of the National Honor society, vice

To Run for College Board

LANSING, Feb. 16 (AP)—W. G. Armstrong of Niles, master of the Michigan State Grange, has announced his candidacy for Republican nomination for member of the State Board of Agriculture, governing body of Michigan State college.

president of her junior class, a member of the French club and worked on the school yearbook.

For Treasurer

Treasurer candidate Doug Trezize, Phi Kappa Tau from Wakefield, captained the school basketball team and took part in dramatics and music. Richard Gibbons, also running for treasurer, is a Hesperian from Highland Park where he played basketball and was a Hi-Y and speech club member in high school.

Frosh Ballot

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Pete Navarre

Richard Hardman

VICE-PRESIDENT

Dorothy LaMont

Doris Zens

SECRETARY

Betty Lou Harris

Jean Ross

TREASURER

Richard Gibbons

Doug Trezize

Gandhi Weakens After Seven Days of Fast

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16 (AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi, in the seventh day of his scheduled three-weeks fast, was growing constantly weaker today and there was anxiety among his followers that death might claim the frail little Indian leader this time.

Gandhi began his fast last Wednesday in protest against the refusal of the viceroy, Lord Linlithgow, to give him his unconditional release from the palace-prison of the Aga Kahn six months ago. He drinks only citrus juices and water.

ROTC Men to Teach Soldiers Next Term

Seniors Will Get Private's Pay

Seniors in advanced ROTC will be put on active duty next term, and will be used as assistant instructors to the incoming soldiers and air force cadets, Col. Dorsey R. Rodney, P. M. S. and T., announced yesterday.

Speaker Stresses War Importance of Australia

"Australia is the only place in the south Pacific in the possession of the Allies which is suitable for a base for sustained aggressive action," Linda Littlejohn told an audience of about 1,000 persons last night when she spoke on the Lecture series in College auditorium.

She outlined Australia's extreme importance by pointing out that country alone has the essentials for such a base: raw materials, munitions factories, unlimited food supply, and good climate suitable for land and air training.

Mrs. Littlejohn hastened to add "not that we're not glad you're there—we're intensely glad."

Warning against undue optimism she pointed out that although Guadalcanal has been taken "it is less than a sand on the seas."

"Routing the Japs little by little in this way would take 500 years to win this war," she declared.

The ROTC students will receive private's pay, \$50 per month, food, medical care, and will be quartered on the campus, either in dormitories or fraternity houses, and will be under military discipline.

It is probable, Colonel Rodney pointed out, that ROTC seniors will be issued private's uniforms.

"However, they will keep their advanced uniforms for use upon completion of training at the army service school and subsequent commissioning as second lieutenants," Colonel Rodney added.

The ROTC seniors will stay in school until graduation in June when they go to army service schools as previously planned.

Naval Meeting Open to 17-18 Year Olds

There will be a meeting of all men students who are 17 years of age and have not reached their 18th birthday at 7:30 p. m. today in 111 Union annex.

The meeting will explain the apprentice seaman V-5 plan.

DZV Victory Queen Contest Aims to Push Stamp Sales Over \$5,000

By DAVE EAST

Seventeen prospective "queens" from the ranks of Spartan coeds have been nominated to DZV's Victory Queen contest, being launched today to promote the sale of War stamps and bonds on campus.

A huge poster bearing the portraits of the candidates is scheduled to go on display this morning near the PanHel-DZV defense booth in the upper deck of the Union. Voting is open to anyone purchasing any amount of War stamps or bonds at the booth.

Total Will Count

Winner of the contest will be decided on the basis of total amounts in defense certificates entered for each woman, rather than the number of stamps or bonds.

The two-week contest will be climaxed at the State-Notre Dame basketball game, Feb. 27, when the winner will be awarded the DZV key on a necklace, and an honorary membership in the brotherhood. Two women will also be chosen for honorable mention in the contest.

List Candidates

According to DZV Ed Kitchen, chairman of the contest, the defense booth, in its fourth week of existence, has amassed well over \$2,000 in stamp and bond sales. During the contest DZV will aim at pushing the total over \$5,000.

Victory Queen candidates include Virginia Lee Lannin, H. E.

46, Vivian Muskatt, L. A. '45, Pat Fisher, H. E. '45, Bobbie Cole, L. A. '45, Joan Strohm, L. A. '46, Donnette Glaeser, H. E. '45, Jean Stack, H. E. '45, Doris Zens, Vet. '46, Betty Wendland, H. E. '44, Elaine Zeerip, L. A. '45, Shirley Simmons, H. E. '45, Helen Holmes, H. E. '46, Gertrude Jackson, H. E. '45, Mary Starr, L. A. '45, Jean Schmeichel, L. A. '45, Mary Lou Mauer and Margaret MacKichan, A. S. '45.

TIME TABLE

TODAY—

Freshman election finals
9 a. m. to 6 p. m.
Lower lounge, Union
Block and Bridle, 7:30 p. m.
109 Agriculture hall
Junior Farm Bureau
7:30 p. m., 115 Union annex
S.W.L., 5 p. m.
Spartan room, Union
Hort club, 7:30 p. m.
209 Horticulture bldg.
State College club, 12 noon
Faculty dining room, Union
A. W. S., 5 p. m.
Organization room 2, Union
Med-Bio, 7:15 p. m.
Spartan room, Union
Scalp and Blade, 7:30 p. m.
Organization room 1, Union
Student council, 7:30 p. m.
Organization room 2, Union
Hotel assn., 7:30 p. m.
103 Union annex
Christian Science, 7:30 p. m.
Chapel, Peoples church
M.S.C. Veterinarian board
3:30 p. m., Vet clinic

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In Campus Quarters

By Helen Schmidt and Scottie McNeal

FOR THE first time in ages it is going to be possible for us to give you a little inside news . . . in the past news about serenades has not been in the column until it was all over, but the Kappa Sigs have condescended to let it out.

Two women are coming up from Rochester, N. Y., this weekend and the boys are going to take advantage of the situation and serenade them . . . Florence Reidenbach who is pinned to Rod Perry and Dorothy Barr who is pinned to Bill Jewsbury are to be on the listening end of a serenade this Saturday night.

To carry on with news of pins . . . Carol Guettler, AOPi, is now wearing the Lambda Chi pin of John Tesner . . . another senior at the ATO house has succumbed and, as a result, he no longer is wearing his pin . . . the lad lowering the average of seniors who have managed to keep their pins on their own sweaters is Bud "Fatty" Wilson, and Jean Adams is the lucky coed.

Barbara Riekerd, Delta Zeta, is sporting the AGR pin of Arthur Pope . . . Art graduated last year and is taking graduate work at the University of Wisconsin.

Last weekend was a very appropriate one for the giving of rings . . . you know, Valentine's day and all that sort of thing . . . as far as we know only two of the boys took advantage of the opportunity . . . Howard Welch, Hesperian, gave a ring to Josephine Massey some time over the weekend.

Jack Smith of Abion couldn't wait until Valentine's day to give Mary Jane Kleaver, Alpha Phi, a beautiful diamond . . . he broke down Friday night . . . Jini Taylor, Delta Zeta, has taken the big step . . . she was married to Gordon Smith last Sunday.

Saturday night the AOPis are

INFORMATION

SPARTAN HOTEL ASSN.—

The Spartan Hotel association will meet at 7:30 p. m. today in 103 Union annex. Prof. Walter Mallman will speak on "Restaurant Sanitation," and will show motion pictures. Pres Henry Polard announced.

HILLEL—

Reservations for the Hillel dinner-dance, to be held Saturday, Feb. 20, may be made by calling Irene Rosenwieg, general chairman, at South Campbell. All reservations must be in by today.

GRADUATE DAMES—

The Graduate Dames club will hold its meeting at the home of Mrs. Howard C. Rafter, 325 Oak, today at 8 p. m. Miss Moore Comper of the speech and dramatics department will talk on "Poetry and Beauty." Reservations can be made by phoning extension 375.

going to have their term party and just before the party four women are going to be initiated . . . they are: Mary Webster, Larkin, Helen Janz and Mildred Pickett . . . the following morning an initiation breakfast will be held in their honor.

The Kappa Sigs are planning to have a dinner preceding the Military ball and their guests are to be Col. Dorsey Rodney and Maj. J. P. Thompson . . . 15 couples are expected to take part in the festivities.

There are 19 more men on campus wearing the "White Cross of Sigma Chi" proudly on their chests . . . They are: Dick Hardman, Bob Scott, Bob Mathieu, Dick Hertz, Jim Plowaty, Don Kurtz, Art Hopperstead, Don Sandelin, Dean Haddock, Bill Martin, George Stites, Bill Stewart, Dale Reynolds, Jim Smith, Rodney Everhart, George Halpin, Roy Krotkiewicz, Jess Ramaker and Spencer Sleight.

Some time ago the Sigma Chis had a special initiation for one of their brothers who left for the service before they were installed as Sigma Chis . . . Lieut. John P. Craig was a member of the now extinct Beta Kappas and he wanted so much to be a Sigma Chi that he traveled from Camp McCoy, Wis., to be installed.

New Delta Chi initiates include Tom Monroe, Bob Asher, Jim Colville, Jim Reynolds, Tom Patton, George Thomas, Bert Schimpke, Bob Vigstedt and Jack Kauszler.

LETTERS

To the Editor

DEAR Sir:

Something out of the ordinary—although not without precedent—took place last week in the freshman primaries. An unaffiliated candidate for president, running against two members of the supposedly invincible Greek bloc, not only sent himself into the finals, but ran up a greater total than any of the other candidates.

The unusually large vote may have been a contributing factor, for when 540 freshmen go to the polls it is obvious that the large majority of them are independents.

Perhaps another factor was that the bloc candidates failed to win complete support from even the Greeks, for the way fraternity and sorority members vote is their own business, despite the fact they are "honor-bound" to vote straight bloc.

In any event, it will be interesting to see the outcome of today's final election.

Perhaps the Greeks will be traditionally successful in the final count, or maybe this year's election will be an upset.

AN INTERESTED FRESHMAN

THINKIN' OUT LOUD

By Sheldon Moyer

ALTHOUGH it's against all the laws of human nature, we're going to make a big, bold suggestion today, namely, that everybody keep still when he doesn't know what he's talking about.

We realize this will be difficult for many persons, but it would unquestionably be a great service to this college community.

At any rate, we would like to start today, on Feb. 17, and continue until March 17, the opening day of final examinations, to have a "No Rumors Month."

The principal idea behind this fiscal month would be to try to discount every story or report that is passed on to you.

Instead of looking for somebody else to tell what you know, the first thing a person should do is ask, "Who said so, and what does he or she know about?"

In the majority of cases, such a challenging reply will bring out the revelation that "they just heard it somewhere," "it was on the radio, but they're not quite sure how it was worded," or "they were talking about it at the Idle Hour club meeting."

Faculty members probably are as guilty as students in getting these rumors started. We realize that it's only human nature to want to tell somebody when you think you know something. But faculty members are supposed to be mature and responsible enough to restrain themselves in a case like this.

Therefore, we're also suggesting that before you tell somebody something, ask yourself, "How much do I actually know about this?" How much of it is opinion, how much of it is a logical possibility, and how much is reality?

Since last fall the "rumor factory" has closed Michigan State college approximately four times, has called the enlisted reserve corps a half dozen times, turned the women students out of the dormitories twice and shortened winter term—at least once.

And never in any case was there any substantial basis or official action to start these rumors. Always it was a case of idle gossip, stretching the imagination, "logical" preclusion, or just plain vicious rumor.

Such foolishness will never strengthen student morale in this day and age. It only saps the hope and strength from the student body.

So let's try and live the next fiscal month around here in peace of mind and cautiousness of what we say. Remember, Feb. 17 to March 17 is "No Rumors Month!"

Grin and Bear It

By Lichty



"Ha! Remember the old days when we had to wine and dine him to get an order? Now he's gotta entertain to get his shipment out first!"

Spartans at War

By AL BERGLUND

WERE at least going to start out with Abbot hall again today. Our first man is Herman Struck, '41 from Flint. Struck is serving with a medical detachment in North Africa.

His old roommate in Abbot, Ensign Kenry McLean, Theta Chi, is stationed with the naval air corps at Pensacola, Fla.

Where they are stationed will be news to us, but we do know that the following men are in the AAF: Lewis Crandall, Norwich, N. Y.; Bill Elmers, Pleasant Ridge; Dick Graham, Lapeer; Pete Kollins, Detroit; Frank Overton and Bob Young, Grosse Ile, and Lurty "Bud" Reid, also of Pleasant Ridge.

Dick Harley and Art Clifton, Detroit, have gone on active duty with the army, as have Paul Distelhorst, Cleveland, Ohio; Gene Campbell, Royal Oak; Bob McDonald, Merrill, and Murray Foster, Romeo. George Moser, Richmond, is at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Into army meteorology school have gone several Abbot men. Homer Nichols, Bay City, is tak-

ing training at the Kenyon college, Ohio, school, while Grant Turnblom is getting his at the University of Chicago.

Jerry Teifer, Eric Hyden and Harry Girdler, all of Muskegon, are in the army air forces, and Mead Warner of the Soo is a bombardier.

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Lack of Ball-Control Proves Fatal to Spartan Quintet

By Tom Riordan

Michigan State's basketball team dropped its 12th game of the season in 14 starts Monday night to Marquette, but the Spartans should never have lost that one. Even though the Hilltoppers were hitting the hoop plenty regularly, they could have been stopped.

A great majority of Marquette's field goals came as the result of a fast break, about the only way a race-horse game is broken up is by a fast break. This means that the team which expects to have control must have complete command of the back boards.

Rebounds

While Ray Kuffel, 6 foot 3 Hilltop center, was grabbing just about every rebound under both baskets, Fred Stone, a Spartan center who stands three inches taller than Kuffel and proved himself as a fine rebound man last winter, rode the bench for the entire game.

Admittedly Stone was sick, but it has been over 10 days since he was permitted to practice and he was ready for at least part-time duty Monday.

Carl Petroski, who held the spot for all but a few minutes of the contest, wasn't used in the race-horse game employed by Marquette and consequently was noticeably tired by it. No basketball player can do his best when he's tired and a rest for Petroski would have set him in good stead to put him in top form when he was in there.

The Spartans couldn't expect to counter the winners with a fast break because they just haven't one to compare with Marquette, but if they had been able to play their accustomed slow, type game with backboard control they would have fared much better.

Saturday night State will meet camp Grant in Rockford, Ill., and then one week later Notre Dame will pull into East Lansing for the season final. If State expects to do any better than it did in previous meetings with these two teams, it will have to make the other teams play its kind of ball, not try to match rivals' attack with a similar one.

BASKETBALL SCORES

Michigan 37, Purdue 34.
Hillsdale 48, Michigan Normal 41.
Albion 41, Kalamazoo 40.

Newton Standout on 'S' Tank Crew

By CHUCK BIGELOW

Leaving East Lansing tomorrow will be the Michigan State swimming team for its two-meet western trip. Both affairs will be against the Iowa State tankers since Nebraska and Illinois originally scheduled for the trip having cancelled their meets.

Unless Coach Charlie McCaffree can muster another meet the Iowa State races will be the last for Capt. Harold Heffernan, Larry Luoto and Ralph Newton, who are seniors.

This year Newton has had his best season. His 1943 times mark him as one of the best sprint men in Spartan pool history. He has also shown promise as a middle-distance swimmer breaking the 220 varsity free style record in practice, but his speed in the 50 and 100 yard free style make him more valuable in the later events. (College rules permit a man to swim in only two races and a relay in each meet.)

Like Harry Holiday, U. of M. ace, Newton learned to swim at a Y. M. C. A. summer camp and later became an instructor at a northern Michigan resort. He is in the naval reserve and expects to graduate before being called into the service.

In view of his swimming achievements and driving spirit Newton seems the likely choice for the Porpoise fraternity most valuable swimmer award.

Durocher Is Classified I-A for Army Service

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (AP)—Leo Durocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has been classified I-A for induction into the armed services after passing his physical examination successfully, selective service headquarters said today.

He is married and will be 38 years old next July.

'S' Wrestlers Set for Trip to Westlands

Iowa State Grapplers Replace Nebraska U. on Three-Meet Trip

Iowa State Teachers college have been substituted for the Nebraska team on the Spartan grapplers western road jaunt this week-end, Coach Fendie Collins announced yesterday.

Nebraska was scheduled to follow the Iowa State match on Friday with the State matmen meeting the Cornhuskers in Lincoln on Saturday. During the past two weeks the Nebraska team cancelled the match with Collins' team and also a swimming meet with Coach McCaffree's splashes to have been held on the same night.

Acceptance of the Iowa State State Teachers outfit to the Spartan's bid for a second match came through over the week-end, Collins said.

Collins will send his squad out against the Iowa State team in Ames on Friday and move on to the teachers college for the second fray on the next day.

Maxwell Is Back

Bill Maxwell is slated to be back in the line-up for the western trip but probably will go into the matches as a 155-pounder instead of at his usual 145 pound weight. Iggy Konrad will take over 136-pounds with co-captain Bo Jennings wrestling 145.

Cut Jennings has run up an impressive record in his matches so far this season pinning every opponent. All of his falls have occurred in quick time with only one bout going into the second round.

Burl Boring made quite a come-back in his second try against his Michigan opponent. Boring lost a fall to the Wolverine 165-pounder in the match here early in the season.

Theta Chi Six Takes Close Ice Battle, 1-0

The Theta Chi sextet of the intramural hockey league edged by the Aces, 1 to 0, yesterday in the renewal of play in the ice loop after no action for a week because of poor ice. Bob Laux scored the only goal of the afternoon's action to break up a close defensive battle.

Today at 5 p. m. the Sigma Nus and Hesperians, both unbeaten in league competition, will clash on College rink.

Name Successor at Iowa

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 16 (AP)—Jim Harris has been appointed "acting" head football coach at the University of Iowa to succeed Major Eddie Anderson, Director of Athletics E. G. Schroeder announced today.

Whetter in Hospital With Pneumonia as State Readies for Illinois Meet

The Michigan State cinder squad meets Illinois Saturday at 7 p. m. in Jenison fieldhouse, hoping to avenge last year's meet in which Coach Karl Schlade-man's charges took a 67 to 37 drubbing.

The Spartans will be handicapped by the loss of Lloyd Whetter, sophomore 440 man from Detroit. Schlade-man was expecting a good deal this year from Whetter, who was confined to the College hospital last Friday with a bad case of pneumonia.

Whetter seems to get all the hard luck intended for the track team. Last spring when Lloyd was just beginning to go places, he was seriously hurt when hit by a shot put and forced out of competition for the rest of the year. Now Whetter who holds the freshman indoor and outdoor records for the 440-yard event, already has missed the annual Track Carnival and will be out for at least two more weeks.

The Spartans showed a big improvement in the carnival held here last Saturday over their previous performances. Although they made no impressive showing in places won, the times were considerably better and the competition stiffer.

So far this season the Illinois

track team has made impressive showings. In a dual meet with Indiana the Champaign cinder-men emerged the victors with a 66 to 38 score. They amassed a total of 88 points in a triangular meet with Minnesota and Chicago who chalked up 20½ and 18½ points respectively.

All State has to show for their efforts so far this season year is a 73-36 defeat at the hands of Ohio State and a 65-39 loss to the Wolverine crew.

AGR Quintet Takes Sigma Chis, 16-14

Alpha Gamma Rho captured its basketball block title last night by dropping Sigma Chi, 16-14, in a closely contested battle. Both teams were previously undefeated.

George Steuwer, AGR forward, hit the meshes in the last 30 seconds of play to chalk up the winning tally. Fred Ziemann and Steuwer each dropped in seven points for the winners to take scoring honors. Elmer Hollenbeck paced the losers with five.

In an overtime tilt, Farm-House defeated the Phi Kappa Tau five, 19-18. The contest was a nip and tuck affair all the way. Al VanDyke led the victors with a total of six points.

Bruce MacArthur netted eight points as the Hesperian squad downed the AEP's 20-17. The Hesperians held the losers to four points in the second half.

The Sigma Nus rolled over the Sigma Chi quintet to take a 29 to 19 victory. Jack Gale led the scoring when he chalked up 11 points for the winners. The Delta Chis, paced by Fred Kohl-meyer with eight points, defeated the ATO five in a lopsided tilt 19 to 3. The SAEs captured their block title, winning from the Pi Kappa Phis by virtue of a forfeit.



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American Tanks Drive Nazis Back Six Miles in Tunisia

ALLIED HDQ. IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 16 (AP)—American tank forces and combat teams, rising to their first great test of the war, threw back the veteran armored forces of Marshal Erwin Rommel six miles today in a counter-attack west of Faid pass on the ancient plateau of central Tunisia.

Recovering from the shock of Rommel's first onslaught which broke through their lines for a gain of 20 miles Sunday, the Americans, under an umbrella of fighter planes, were engaged in a heavy action which might hasten the North African showdown by weeks.

Fall Back in South

Some 60 miles to the south, the Allied lines were bent back as American and French troops withdrew from Gafsa, 75 miles west of the gulf of Gabes, and small forces of the enemy occupied that forward base, but the decisive action was being fought around Sidi Bouzid about 125 miles south and slightly west of Tunis.

There were signs that the Germans might renew the attack with an additional thrust down the Ousseltia valley to gain the long ridge of the high mountains running from Robaa to Bou Chebka in the south.

Visits Front

General Dwight D. Eisenhower was at the fighting front for three days, returning to his headquarters today.

(A Berlin broadcast, quoting "competent military quarters" said German and Italian forces had "by no means started an offensive" in Tunisia. The operations were termed of only local significance.)

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mans again made a determined defense of the powerful base. The Soviets last night had reported repulse of German counterattacks southwest of Kharkov that attempted to break out of the steel ring closing in on the city.

Fight in Streets

Red army units occupied the city after a "violent attack which passed into fierce street fighting," the communique as recorded said.

The fall of Kharkov marked the crumbling not only of the strongest bastion of the Nazis' powerful 1941-42 winter defensive line—from which last summer's great German offensive was mounted—but also the last important stronghold of the line except Orel to the north, and that city already is half-encircled.

Ends Long Occupation

Kharkov had been in German hands since Oct. 24, 1941, four months after the start of the Nazi invasion. It normally was a city of 800,000, with immense industries and six trunk railroad lines radiating from it.

At Kharkov the Russians now stand about 125 miles northwest of the Dnieper at Dnieperopetrovsk, and the speed with which their offensive has crushed forward indicates the Germans—their whole system of "Hedgehog" defenses in Southern Russia virtually eliminated—plan to make a new stand on the Western bank of the Dnieper.

Coeds Sought as WAAC Recruits to Help Fill State Quota of 3,000

College women interested in joining the Women's Army Auxiliary corps can get information and advice by seeing Mrs. Lucia Nesom, in her office, 247 auditorium.

"Michigan has a quota of 3,000 to be met by spring, and we are anxious for Michigan State to help fill that requirement," Mrs. Nesom explained. Although the application blanks

for enlistment have not arrived, there is information about the necessary requirements and possible courses for spring term. Recommended are classes in first aid, nutrition and personal hygiene.

Mrs. Nesom emphasized that senior women particularly are urged to finish out the school year and thus be better prepared for service in the WAAC.

War Problems of India to Be Discussion Topic

The problems of India now and in a post-war world will constitute the topic for discussion at the International Relations club meeting today at 7:30 p. m. in the sunporch of the Union, according to Hans Leonhardt, faculty sponsor.

Leonhardt stated that all interested students and faculty members are invited to participate in the forum discussion at tonight's meeting. Lois Hyle, L. A. '43, newly elected president, is in charge of the meeting.

Nelson Ousts Eberstadt in Production Shakeup

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—A tense struggle in the War Production Board culminated today when WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson ousted Vice-Chairman Ferdinand Eberstadt and handed Eberstadt's powers in toto over to Charles E. Wilson.

Wilson, a production specialist and former president of General Electric company, was stepped up from vice-chairman to executive vice-chairman of WPB, answerable only to Nelson.

Dorm Women Pick Clark for Party



Lowry Clark and his orchestra will play for the annual dance to be sponsored by all women's dormitories and cooperative houses which will be held in College auditorium Saturday, Feb. 27, Louise Bomben, publicity chairman, announced yesterday.

Clark's 10-piece outfit, featuring two singers, is a Detroit band. "Inter-dorm Drag," as the dance will be called, will be a semi-formal affair, with dancing from 8:30 p. m. to midnight. Flossie Wilkins, H. E. '43, is general chairman of the party.

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Y. W. C. A.

Y. W. C. A. will hold an open workshop for surgical dressings, sunshine bags, the Y. W. C. A. newspaper and bulletin boards, at 5 p. m. today in student parlors of Peoples church; according to Pres. Betty Wirth, L. A. '43.

A. W. S.

A. W. S. will hold a special meeting at 5 p. m. today in organization room 2 of the Union to discuss nominations for council elections scheduled for next week, Pres. Vera Deane announced.

Sigma Chi Gamma

Sigma Chi Gamma, women's chem majors' club, will meet at 5 p. m. tomorrow in organization room 2 of the Union.

Case Professor to Speak

Prof. Francis M. Whitacre of Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland will speak on "Anesthetics" at the February meeting of the American Chemical society.

The meeting will be held in the lecture room of Kedzie chemical laboratory today at 7:30 p. m.

WAVE to Address Spartan Women on Campus Today

Ensign Helen E. Shea, of the Women's Auxiliary Volunteer emergency service, will be on campus today as a guest of the sophomore board of the Home Ec. club to interview women interested in WAVES, according to Chairman Marjorie Gird, H. E. '45.

She will speak at an open meeting at 7:15 p. m. in the Music auditorium and will hold special interviews after the

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meeting. Information on the organization will be on display in the Music building all day.

Ensign Shea will be a dinner guest tonight at West Mayo. Other guests will include Dean Elisabeth Conrad; Dean Marie Dye, Prof. Jeanette Lee and Frances Reis, of the Home Ec. faculty; Home Ec. Club Pres. Doris Jean Holser and Kay Ann Young, president of the sophomore board.

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