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Today's Campus

... Missin' Kitten

The colonel's daughter had a bad case of "I lost it" yesterday, and it involved the disappearance of her small cat. In absolute seriousness, somebody turned the cat in at the Union lost and found desk, and there it stayed until late last evening when Miss Egger claimed her missing pet.

... She Screamed

One needn't be able to laugh for the merit of Thursday's nuttallt ice cream. She had taken only two lady-lost like licks when it fell from her cone. Of course, falling down the steps in the main lobby of the Union was only a mere trifle in the whole episode.

Pig Debt Paid

Kelly, OPA Will Decide Fate of 180 Pound Prize Porker

The college is the temporary possessor of the first pig in State. A hog which was given to Gov. Harry F. Kelly by Dwight Griswold, governor of Nebraska, is now being housed in the livestock pavilion while Governor Kelly makes plans for its future.

The pig, a marketable Berkshire of 180 pounds, was given to Kelly as payment for a bet made in connection with the recent bond drive. The governor of Nebraska offered a corn-fed pig if his state did not lead the

Cooks who picked tomatoes prior to Oct. 15 are asked to report to 293 Hort building for their checks.

Results in the recent bond drive. Governor Kelly immediately accepted the bet Michigan beans are ahead.

When Michigan, along with 45 other states, reached its quota ahead of Nebraska, the losing Nebraska bought a group of prize pigs at a 4-H club show and shipped them out. The Michigan pig arrived Oct. 12, and now makes its home in the livestock wing of the pavilion. Now Governor Kelly and the OPA are trying to decide what to do with the hog. As only farmers are allowed to kill animals for their own meat, Kelly will not taste the Nebraska prize.

Engineering Society Initiates Members

Six were initiated into American Society of Mechanical Engineers Tuesday night, according to Pres. A. Morse Bettison, Lansing senior.

Those initiated were Bill Miller, Perry Iowa, junior; Richard Fredrickson, Detroit sophomore; Jack Peyton, Los Angeles, Calif. sophomore; Hugo Pascoe, Farmington sophomore; Jack Pfeiffer, East Lansing sophomore, and Thomas Mitzelfeld, Detroit sophomore.

Other officers for the coming year are vice-president, Fred Braunschneider, Grand Rapids senior; secretary, Dale Meyers, Charlotte senior. Treasurer will be John McLavy, senior. Engineering representative on Student council will be Claude Simon, Manistee senior.

Allies Cross River in Rubber Boats



Yank infantrymen ferry themselves across the Volturno river in Italy in a rubber boat by pulling the boat along a rope stretched from shore to shore. Smoke shells cover their advance across the river.

Retreating German Army Forced from Position on Dnieper River

LONDON, Oct. 21 (AP)—The Red army smashed ahead six miles to within 28 miles of the rich iron and rail city of Krivoy Rog today, overrunning 50 more villages in the Dnieper river elbow where Berlin admitted the retreating German army was in an "extremely dangerous" position.

Fanning out over the steppes in what one Berlin radio commentator described as the most powerful display of Red army strength of the war, the Russians captured Petrovo, 50 miles south of Kremenchug beyond the Dnieper, the Moscow communique said.

One hundred and forty miles to the southeast, the lower arm of a giant pincer, aimed at trapping German forces in the Dnieper elbow and the Crimea, cleared the center of the city of Melitopol, Crimean gateway, on the ninth day of embittered street fighting rivaling the Stalingrad struggle.

The Germans, however, still hold the northern side of the city, and Moscow dispatches said whole divisions of enemy troops still were rushing northward from the Crimea in an effort to hold the Russians.

Battering their way toward Rechitsa, 28 miles west of Gmel in lower White Russia, the Russians knocked out six more German strongpoints, the communique said.

Short Courses Begin With Stress Placed on Food Economy

Fall term short courses will begin Monday with the arrival of 120 men and women who will enroll in the general Agriculture and Home Economics divisions. The courses given this year will be aimed at the increased production and preservation of next year's food supply.

Eighty men will enroll in various of the Agriculture division departments for background courses. However, they will still be allowed to elect other courses in the field in which they are interested, Ralph Tenny, director of short courses, stated.

Bill to Lift Chinese Immigration Ban Passed by House

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (AP)—In a gesture of wartime solidarity with China, the house voted today to lift the 61-year-old ban on Chinese immigration.

The voice vote sent on to the senate a bill by Rep. Magnuson (D-Wash.) which would allow 105 Chinese to enter this country annually on a quota basis. It also would permit Chinese residents to seek citizenship through naturalization. A senate committee already is studying a similar bill by Senator Andrews (D-Fla.).

Considerable opposition was manifested in the house. Before final passage, voice votes defeated an amendment by Representative Bennett (R-Mich.) to strike out the provision allowing the Chinese an immigration quota.

Bennett argued passage of the bill would create dissension among Asians, particularly Filipinos, by placing the Chinese in a favored position, while other Asians remained excluded.

War-Expanded Physics Department Carries On With Increased Staff

Minor traffic jams ensue each day around the physics building, and with the largest enrollment in the history of the department, there is a logical reason for such problems.

Although the classes are not overcrowded, the 1,190 students are just adequately handled by the enlarged physics staff of 56. With the aid of refresher courses, one-half of the teaching staff has temporarily transferred from other departments and divisions to help in the teaching program.

900 Aircrewmembers

In their condensed courses, the 900 army airforce students of the 310th CTD average 15 hours per week per person, thus taking the largest amount of physics. The AST groups, with six to 10 hours per week, have

German Resistance Lowers Possible Allied Hopes for Quick Conquest of Rome

Clark's Fifth Army Pushes Forward Gradually to Register Slight Gain North of Volturno as Patrols Probe Enemy Defense Line

ALLIED HDQ., ALGIERS, Oct. 21 (AP)—Hopes of a quick Allied conquest of Rome faded tonight as Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's fifth army slogged forward at a slackened pace through muddy terrain a little more than 21 miles north of Naples, just 21 days after entering that important port.

RAF Raids Leipzig Key Nazi Military Supply Center

LONDON, Oct. 21 (AP)—The RAF's big night bombers flew into the heart of Germany last night and attacked Leipzig, third most important Nazi industrial center and a key railroad junction for supplying the German armies on the Russian front.

A large force gave Leipzig its first large-scale blasting of the war with a loss of 17 planes. Simultaneously the RAF's indefatigable and fast twin-engined Mosquitos again harassed Berlin and other western German cities in a campaign to "keep the sirens going" between knock-out saturation raids.

Leipzig, a city of 500,000, lies almost on the Czech border 100 miles southwest of Berlin and more than 500 airline miles from London. Only Berlin and Hamburg are more important industrially to the German war machine.

The city is known to have been turning out airplane engines and to be assembling twin-engined Junkers-88 fighter-bombers, the type of craft making nuisance raids on England, and Messerschmitt 109s, one of the Nazis' two chief single-engined fighters. The city also produces munitions, chemicals and machinery.

The operation of the RAF's eighth large-scale attack of the month, along with the Americans' seventh yesterday against Duren in Germany and Gilze-Rijen in Holland, kept the average of British-based bomber activity well up with the best previous pace despite a spell of bad weather.

The German air force went through feeble measures of retaliation over England, but in contrast to the many hundreds of big bombers that invaded Germany, snaked in a force of about only 30, with 12 of them reaching London to give the capital its fifth alert in five nights.

Campus Photos Taken

Alfred T. Palmer, staff photographer for National Geographic, was on campus yesterday taking shots for a story about Michigan State which will appear in next month's issue of the magazine. He will return next week to take additional photos.

An average of a mile a day in country that was growing increasingly difficult and against German resistance growing correspondingly stronger placed the capture of the Eternal City, 100 airline miles away, a considerable distance into the future.

Yesterday Clark's augmented forces registered only slight gains north of the Volturno river as patrols probed into the enemy's new 27-mile-long defense line.

(The Berlin radio said Thursday night that "the possibility that the Allies are planning a further landing in Italy is envisaged" in Berlin.)

Fighting 2,400 feet above sea level along Italy's mountainous backbone, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's eighth army captured the village of Busso, about four miles west of Campobasso, and Oratino, a few miles to the north.

Apparently encouraged by his troops' successful delaying action, Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, the German commander, has brought fresh forces into the fray and is offering greater resistance along the line, particularly on the eighth army front.

Unlike the Tunisian campaign, there is little chance of trapping a large force of Nazi troops with a sudden, overwhelming smash.

The brightest spot in the Allied picture was the unceasing activity of the powerful American and British air forces. Yesterday American medium bombers and Lightning fighters stretched deep into the Balkans to wreck a roundhouse and locomotives at Nis in Yugoslavia, an important junction between Belgrade and Sofia.

The raid coincided with heavy and sustained air attacks on Nazi airdromes and communications in central and northern Italy above Rome. Warhawk fighters blew up a German ammunition train west of Ancona.

Extension Specialist Commissioned With Selective Service

E. D. Longnecker, formerly an extension specialist in the soils department at Michigan State, has been commissioned a captain in the U. S. army and leaves today for Washington, D. C.

Longnecker has been with the selective service board in Lansing since he left the college soils department in July, 1942. He plans to be in Washington for a month preparing himself for army service, and will return at the end of that period to continue work at the Lansing selective service offices.

Longnecker's son, Elmer, who has been in the army air forces since graduation from East Lansing high school last June, notified his parents yesterday that he has been transferred from Alabama to San Antonio, Texas, for classification.

TIME TABLE

TODAY—

Faculty Newcomers club
2 p. m., staff lounge
Music building
Friends service committee
7:30 p. m., student parlors
Peoples church

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THE LESS SAID . . .

By NEVA ACKERMAN

DON Buell over in the speech and dramatics department is always giving the State News a gentle ribbing for one thing or another. But whenever we look around to find something to throw back at him we usually end up boosting one of his latest ideas.

Once before when we talked about Brother B's monthly mimeographed news letter, which he sends out to his many former Spartan friends who are scattered all over the globe with the army, navy and marines, he accused us of trying to "cover up" for a couple of critical reviews we once gave a play or show of his.

This time we're not covering up. We're backing up one of his latest and most worthy projects.

It all started last spring when he took the West Mayo minstrel act from the college variety show to Fort Custer where the Mayo women gave their show for the soldiers at the service club, Red Cross hospital and at Percy Jones hospital.

The soldiers liked it. The minstrels liked it and so the idea of a regular show schedule for soldier entertainment was born. Two other groups played at Battle Creek at the end of spring term and during summer school.

This fall, Brother B. who has been given the proper authority to go ahead and organize such shows, is starting out again to call in all campus talent.

Tryouts have been held this week and the recruited talent fitted into a series of monthly programs. These programs will be variety acts and will be presented first to campus army groups and then will be taken to Fort Custer.

So far Michigan State students appearing before the soldiers have been enthusiastically received even though many of the men are accustomed to professional talent at army shows.

The soldiers are an excellent audience to play to. They like the idea of having shows put on by coeds. And the coeds like putting on the show for the soldiers.

Last spring also brought about the unearthing of previously hidden talent. Brother B. made some discoveries of singers, dancers and musicians that could be worked into these programs.

His aim in calling for talent this fall was to uncover some more. He did uncover some but there is plenty more around that shouldn't wait to be coaxed into the open.

Putting on these shows is fun and anyone who has ever gone with one of these groups can tell you. The coeds who are forming the backbone of this fall's organization are all students who have been on the other shows and want to go back.

Brother B. can put out a show each month only if he has cooperation from students who have talent and ideas for new acts. He needs fresh and different programs and he can't have them if only a few are willing to share their ideas and talent.

Many of the students who are wishing they could do something for the war effort can do their "little bit" by helping to put out a show that will be well received by service men.

Blue Key Men Elect Officers for Year

New officers for Blue Key, men's junior and senior honorary, have been announced by incoming President Roger Holmstrom, Ludington senior.

Vice president for the coming year is Louis Brand, Grand Rapids senior; with Don MacPhail, Detroit senior, secretary-treasurer, and Bob Edgell, Elmira, N. Y. junior.

Tentative plans for a Blue Key dance and initiation of new members are under discussion.

Grin and Bear It . . . By Lichty



"The people who rented this place before had a couple lovely, well-mannered children, too!"

Jap Troops Advance Toward Coast Lines of New Guinea Base

ALLIED HDQ. IN THE S. W. PACIFIC, Friday, Oct. 22 (AP)

Japanese troops in the jungle northwest of Finschhafen, New Guinea, have advanced still farther by infiltration in a move disclosed for the first time today by an Allied spokesman as one intended to save their forces by reaching the coast.

The enemy drive, which precipitated a battle involving thousands of Japanese and Australians, is not presently aimed at recapturing Finschhafen, the spokesman said.

Although acknowledging some enemy progress for the third straight day, he explained their limited successes were due to infiltrating patrols sent out at night. All frontal assaults were repulsed. The Japanese, moving out of the Sattelberg area 15 miles northwest of Finschhafen, are seeking to achieve a solid line along the Song river. Its mouth is five miles north of Finschhafen, the coastal base wrested from the enemy Oct. 2.

Elements of Australia's ninth division are barring the way to the coast. Aussies control areas on both sides of the Japanese positions, the spokesman said.

— THE — WOMAN'S WORLD

By LEONE SEASTROM

TOWER GUARD

Dorothy Jo Bailey, sophomore, was initiated into the Tower Guard, sophomore honorary, at a special initiation ceremony held in the tower last night. Shirley Hamelick, Lansing sophomore, announced.

Following the initiation, Mrs. V. H. Noll, Tower Guard adviser, introduced to the group. Noll succeeds Mary Ballantyne, who was married recently.

VOLLEYBALL

In the three volleyball games played last night at the gym, Kappa Delta defeated Gamma Gamma Delta 44-14. Scores in the games were Williams winning in the game with Alpha Phi, 29-26, with Kappa Gamma defeating Gamma Gamma 35-21.

S. CAMPBELL ENTERTAINS

Every Wednesday from 7 p. m. South Campbell will present a variety show for members of the house and guests, according to Chairman Dorothy Arrington, N. Y. sophomore.

LETTERS

To the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

As one of the mob which reported for coed riding yesterday, which might better be termed a stampede, I would like to question the system by which members of the military department expected to organize such a group.

Apparently there was no organization involved because at least 100 women turned out and the policy was first come first served.

Last year all women who wanted to ride had to fill out a questionnaire and apply for the permission. The results were quite favorable and those best suited to ride received the permission.

Approximately a half dozen classes were planned yesterday with a maximum of 10 women in each class. Those who were unfortunate or couldn't elbow their way through the mob put their names on a list to take ride next term.

Included in those put off till winter term are several coeds who have had previous riding experience but not enough for them to obtain a pass.

What I want to know is, is it fair for freshmen and sophomores, and women with absolutely no riding experience, to get preference over upperclassmen who have had to wait one or two years now while the upperclassmen of years before, came first?

Junior and senior women all ways have been put ahead of freshmen and sophomores with good reason. Now the upperclassmen take a back seat while the freshmen fill the classes. The only logical way to clear up the whole mess is for the military officials to require the women to fill out a questionnaire now.

The riding groups are not so finally organized yet that it is too late to put this into effect, and do it fairly for all concerned.

When coed riding classes were organized this summer, there was not so much need for cutting down in classes because less women wanted to ride and there were more horses to ride.

During the summer, classes met only once a week, most of the time, and the women learned enough so that some of them were able to qualify for a pass to ride at any time. However, when someone suggested yesterday that classes meet once a week this term so that everyone could have a chance, we were told that you can't learn anything by riding once a week.

You can learn more by riding once a week than by not riding at all. But, it all comes down to the same thing. Give the women questionnaires; judge them and pick them according to class, previous experience and their need for wanting to learn to ride, and give the others a chance when they are juniors and seniors. It won't hurt them to wait. The rest of us have, and at present it looks like we will keep right on waiting, at least one more term.

AN UPPERCLASSMAN.

Military Leaders Open Second Day of Conferences

MOSCOW, Oct. 21 (AP)—The American, British and Russian foreign ministers met again today, with U. S. and British military leaders once more in attendance. A British spokesman said they were nearing the end of the discussions on the first topic of the agreed agenda.

Maj. Gen. John R. Deane, new head of the permanent American military mission to Russia, and British Lt. Gen. Sir Hastings Ismay, chief staff officer for Prime Minister Churchill, entered the conference for the second straight day.

The British spokesman's declaration suggested the delegates were winding up the military subject—which the Russians have been so eager to discuss fully at the conference.

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden was reported pleased over the progress to date. The reaction of Secretary of State Cordell Hull was not learned immediately, in keeping with American policy to divulge nothing until the sessions end.

The impression prevailed that many subjects would be considered by the three foreign ministers, with any tentative agreements to be referred back to the legislative bodies of the United States and Britain.

It is believed the conference will last longer than the original estimate of two weeks, and Hull and Eden may be here on the occasion of the Soviet's great holiday, Nov. 7.

Vatican City Refuses to Return Political Refugees to Nazis

BERN, Switzerland, Oct. 21 (AP)—A dispatch from the Swiss-Italian frontier town of Chiasso to the newspaper La Suisse said today the Vatican had refused to deliver refugees to Germany and that the Nazis "had bowed to this decision."

The dispatch explained that although under the Lateran pact of 1929, which resulted in a resumption of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the Italian government, political prisoners could not be given sanctuary in the Vatican, the Holy See had continued to recognize the government of Premier Pietro Badoglio.


German occupation of Rome also removed one of the parties to the pact, and the German declaration that they had assumed the "protection" of Vatican city further aggravated the situation, it continued.

The dispatch said that relations between the Vatican and Germany had improved following conferences between Luigi Cardinal Maglione, papal secretary of state, and the German ambassador.

Spartan Gets Transfer

Jerry Taylor, a former sophomore and member of Sigma Nu fraternity, has just been transferred to the marine air corps. His first stop, Corpus Christi, was not his base for long as the marine offer came quickly and unexpectedly.

Oldtimer to Toss First Ball in Game



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