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## FAREWELL . . . .

As is customary in the dying days of each semester, the editor takes his typewriter in hand and wishes farewell to those students, Navy and civilian, who are leaving the college.

It is perhaps banal to remark that the seniors are going out into a world which will have everything to offer and yet nothing to offer; everything in the sense that the opportunities, especially at present, are knocking, not once, but all the time, and nothing in the sense that for too many of those graduating the world will seem to have no point—to be just an immense reshuffling of personalities with hardly ever an ace in the pack.

To the Navy students, the trials will be even greater—There will be orders without apparent reason,—heartbreaks which "only Fate's worst bungling in the dark could have arranged so well."

But despite the trials, there is much in the world to be happy about, to please and delight the soul.

To those leaving the college the editor therefore wishes more than their share of happiness. To the sailors "Smooth Sailing" . . . to the civilians "Good Luck."

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## ORCHIDS:

To the football team for an extraordinarily well-played game, Homecoming Day.

To Miss Ruth Van Appledorn for music worth walking a mile for.

To the committees of the Navy Club who worked diligently and very effectively on the Bon Voyage to make it the best dance of the year.

To Captain Scott for bestowing a well-timed and well-placed kiss on Shirley Sharpe; between the halves, homecoming game.

From the editor to Coach Lear for understanding and forgiving an A-1 blunder.

## ONIONS:

Sorry, all out of onions this week.

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## Cat Chatter

As the semester dies away—so does the gossip—or at least so it seems. Perhaps with the introduction of new blood in November, so to speak, the scandal business will pick up.

Right now the flaming romance on Campus is the Sandy and Junior affair. It seems the Bon Voyage wasn't good enough for them—along with Marge B., Red Miedema, Pad Taylor and Red Seegar went on a little party of their own—along with Sandy's gas ration stamp.

Lois Glenn has been in Seventh Heaven for the last week. Her grand romance from her freshman year came up to escort her to the Bon Voyage.—Bill Tubbs—one of the old Zeta boys.

What we want to know is what went on between Queenie Sharpe and Casanova Pecor in the balcony of the Chapel last Saturday night—it looked good from where we were.

We are a bit confused of late—are Ellis and Rutherford going steady—or aren't they? Everytime we decide they are—she steps out with another man. Let's get this straight now, Ed, before November 1. Remember the competition will be heavier then.

Like attracts like—or so they say—anyhow, the two Swedes, Oley and Burkman, are hitting it out for Niagara Falls as soon as the semester is over. Rather sudden, no?

Ruthe Kruelin looks lonely of late: We keep getting those two old proverbs mixed up. Is it "absence makes the heart grow fonder" or "out of sight—out of mind"?

Lots of our best alumnae were back for Homecoming. The KI's got together and went to dinner for an old time reunion, while the Alpha Thetas stayed home for a gab fest.

Better gossip and better luck to the new gossip editor next semester.

## Chapel

Two weeks ago Professor E. W. Clack of the Mathematics department delivered a dissertation on Early Chinese Poetry at the weekly student assembly. Professor Clack's avocation for many years has been the translation of Chinese poets—a hobby stemming from his many years spent in China as a social worker.

Professor Clack reminded his listeners that it was rather humbling to have to remind ourselves that the Chinese "were a highly civilized people, dressed in silks and satins, with a literature which had been developing over a dozen centuries while our ancestors were still roaming the woods of Northern Europe."

Mr. Clack continued his discussion by mentioning some of the difficulties accompanying the translation of the Chinese classics. The classical language is exceedingly terse—like the modern telegram. Pronouns, most connectives, mood, tense, and number must be deduced from the context.

Despite the impression given by most translations, an impression which gave rise in part to the late free-verse movement, Chinese poetry in the original was not un-

rhymed but had a definite meter and rhyme.

As an example of a modern English poem written in the Chinese manner, Mr. Clack quoted the anonymous "Inspired by a Visit to the Boat Deck at 11 p. m.

Man, girl,  
Moonlight deck;  
Life Boat  
Shadow—Neck!

Professor Clack concluded his speech with translations from the Philosopher Changtzu 4th century B. C. and Sung Yue, statesman of the 3rd century B. C.

## Cinema

Despite the fact that, what with exams and all, few of us will have a chance to see Mr. Skeffington, (Warners) the film is worth noting—if only because Bette Davis is always good copy.

Fanny Trellis (Bette Davis) is the Manhattan socialite, vain and a little tawdry, who marries Job Skeffington (Claude Rains), a patient Jew, to help her brother out of a jam. Job Skeffington loves Fanny, but, unfortunately the feeling is far from mutual. They spend most of the rest of the picture paying for the loveless marriage.

When the '30's arrive Mrs. Skeffington, now an aging divorcee, begins almost literally robbing the cradle to get her men, while her ex-husband and daughter learn by experience in Germany the depths of Nazi atrocities. Eventually Mrs. Skeffington loses her beauty through an attack of diphtheria and from there on acts like something which had a broom stolen from it on Hallowe'en. Eventually too, (2½ hours) Mr. Skeffington returns blinded from Deutschland and manages to persuade Fanny that vanity and beauty are not all.

For Davis-philes the movie is a field day and Bette is convincing both as the Gramercy Park belle (circa 1914) and as the bar-wolfess of the '20's. As the divorcee, however, her portrayal runs a bit toward caricature.

While director Vincent Sherman's details are in general excellent the movie as a whole is neither so polished nor moving as one might expect.

Mr. Skeffington is at the Strand Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week.

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Illinois Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, University of Michigan, Western Michigan College, and Lawrence College. To Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge, Massachusetts, goes Carl Hilton. Transferring to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, are: Jack Bos, Francis Loud, and Jerry Sirucek. Transferring to Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois, are: Fred Linton and Sylvan Warner. Transferring to Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, are: Wilfred Bataille, Thomas Collins, Emilio Conti, Kenneth Glaser, John Matheson, Harmon Miedema, John W. Mills, Richard Schaft, Marvin Voegli, and Ronald Walker. Transferring to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, are: William Ainslie, Arthur Clements, Howard Kitchener, Francis Menza, and Howard Perry. Transferring to Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo,

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## Halsey's Dirty-Trick Department

Admiral Halsey, while meeting with Admiral Mitscher aboard a flagship in the Pacific recently, was asked if he was planning more trouble for the Japanese.

"Sure," replied Halsey, "our dirty-trick department is working over-time." Replying to a question of whether we could keep up our advance as fast as the Japanese retreated, Halsey said: "I hope to God we can so we kick 'em in the backside."

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# ALMA LOSES HEARTBREAKER; 13 - 12

## Moral Victory Despite Score

In the final game of the 1944 football season, the Alma Scots, playing their best game to date, lost a heart-breaker, to the Michigan Junior Varsity by the score of 13-12. The game was played before a huge crowd composed of alumni, faculty, navy men, and friends of the college.

The Scots received the opening kick-off and after a couple of plays punted to Michigan's twenty yard line. After an exchange of punts, Michigan pushed the ball down to the Scot's one yard line. At this point the quarter ended.

On the opening play of the second quarter, Quarterback Ernie Post plunged one yard for the touchdown. Ousterhout place-kicked the extra point.

Alma came right back and scored its first six-pointer of the second period on a thirty-five yard pass from Ekelman to End "Red" Dillon. Menza's kick for the extra

point was wide. Alma after recovering a fumble on Michigan's thirty-five yard line, marched to their second touchdown: Quarterback Chapman passed to Teach, who made a wonderful catch, to put the ball on the eleven yard line. Ekleman then heaved a pass to Quarterback Paul Chapman who ran five yards for the second score. The try for the extra point was blocked.

Michigan took the opening kick in the second half, and after being thrown for two losses, pulled a faked punt-play which put the ball on Alma's eleven yard line. The Scots dug in and it took Michigan four plays to put the ball on the one yard line. The first three attempts to put the ball across were stopped by Jack Temple; but on the last down, John Babyak plunged two yards for Michigan's second touchdown. The kick for the extra point was no good.

Alma's last two threats in the fourth period resulted in getting to Michigan's ten yard line but the ball was lost on downs.

Statistics:

First Downs	Alma	10	Mich.	11	
Yards gained by rushing	Alma	145	Mich.	200	
Yards gained by passing	Alma	92	Mich.	23	
Yards lost from line of scrimmage	Alma	7	Mich.	36	
Yds lost by penalties	Alma	0	Mich.	30	
Fumbles	Alma	1	Mich.	4	
Fumbles recovered	Alma	3	Mich.	2	
Box score:					
	1	2	3	4	Final
Mich.	0	7	6	0	13
Alma	0	12	0	0	12

### PING PONG TOURNAMENT

The ping-pong tournament which was arranged for the sailors at Wright Hall on September 21 by Chief Burkhardt, is now all over but the final game between Paul Chapman and Charles Kostan.

In the course of the games it developed (judging from the winners of the quarter and semi-finals) that Kostan, Conti, Batterton and Chapman are the best players in the dorm.

The time and date for the final match have yet to be decided.

## 3rd Co. Wins Ship Track Meet

For the past month there has been a big rivalry among the sailors at Wright Hall on the question of which company had the best track team. In order to settle the dispute, Chief Burkhardt got up a track meet. The meet was held on Wednesday the fourth of October, and the argument was settled. The third company walked off with top honors.

The results were as follows: (Men listed in the order they placed; number in parentheses is their company.)

SHOT PUT: Matters (2), Wanty (2), Taylor (3), Goulooze (1), Ashpole (1). Distance: 35'7".  
 POLE VAULT: Clements (1), Molyneaux (2), Hudson (1), Sauble (3), Clark (3). Height: 9 feet.  
 MILE RUN: Hess (2), Catterson (3), Febel (1), Marks (3), Gier (2). Time: 5:08'.  
 440 YD. RUN: Matheson, D. (3), Thompson (2), Ellis (2), Paleno (2). Time: 58.0.  
 HIGH JUMP: Flaschen (3), Clark (3), Beard (3), tie for second place. Height: 5'8".  
 DISCUS: Matters (2), Mathewson, D (3), Ashpole (1), Taylor (3), Wanty (2). Distance: 89'1".  
 220 YARD DASH: Bugbee (3), Groves (3), Mauch (2), Johnson (2), Dana (1). Time: 25.0.  
 BROAD JUMP: Flascher (3), Bugbee (3), Febel (1), Matters (2), Rouleau (2). Distance: 19'5".

880 YD. RUN: Seger (3), Hess (2), Davis (1), Conti (1), Sirucek (3). Time: 2:13.

100 YD. DASH: Flaschen (3), Bugbee (3), Jillson (2), Dempsey (1), Mills (2). Time: 10.6.  
 SPRINT RELAY: (3), (2). Winning team: Beard, Groves, Flaschen, Bugbee). Time: 43.3.  
 MILE RELAY: (3), (2). Winning team (Shelp, Buck, Kanvik, Matheson, D.) Time: 3:56.8.

First place in the track meet was taken by the Third Company with a meet score of 84 and 25 points awarded to the team, second place by the Second Company with a meet score of 53 and 15 points awarded to the team, and third place by the First Company with a meet score of 29 and 10 points awarded to the team.

The track team wants to express its appreciation to all the officers and fellows who helped to make this track meet a success.

### SEABEES CITED

The "Fighting Fortieth" Seabee Battalion, which fought side-by-side with soldiers in the Pacific, has received the Presidential Unit citation. It was the first such recognition given to a Seabee group on recommendation of the army. Fifteen thousand men stood at attention to watch the battalion, composed mostly of volunteers, receive the award for rebuilding Momote airfield on Los Negros Island during the day and helping army troops fight off Japanese counter-attacks at night.

"It became commonplace," the citation read, "for the operators to be fired upon by snipers and for the operators to return the fire while continuing their work."

## Dere Belle

dere belle, this here'll be the last letter you'll get from me till i come to see you myself—i hope.

i was just in matejick's room and a bunch of the old timers that are leaving were recalling some of their experiences. matejick told about the time the captain caught him at inspection without his campaign ribbons cause he forgot to take them off his pajamas.

jim johnson was telling about the time he was in hawaii at a show and he asked the watchman at the stage door where the hula dancer was, the watchman replied, "she's on the stage", "yes i know that" said johnson "but answer my question." then mulvihill told about the time he was at the bancroft and he said, "call me a cab" "i'm not the door man, i'm a naval officer" came the reply. "o.k. call me a boat, but we gotta get to alma in a hurry." bataille told about the time he was flying and the pilot said, "i'm forgetting women up here" "yeah" said bataille "i'm for getting women up here too."

but all kidding aside, belle, all the old timers that are leaving are really a swell bunch of fellows and were going to miss them and i sure hope they all get good duty where ever they go and maybe one of them some day will walk in the footsteps of Frank Knox.

i've got lots of studying to do

for my exams cause i don't want harry oliver to think i'm letting up (this is not a slam only a popular phrase) so i'll have to close for now and i'll be seeing you on my leave i hope.

luve,  
peter a. s.

Allied meteorologists had to assemble, index and analyze 40 years of weather records of the French coast before they finally were able to inform Supreme Headquarters of the most probable satisfactory weather for the invasion of Normandy. But the Japanese were more obliging. Navy Department aerologists consulted two very useful texts constantly in studying the weather for Pacific strategy and tactics. One of the books, "The Bulletin of the Central Meteorological Laboratory of Japan," was an index of Japanese weather records for every day since 1897.

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# Shuttle from Good Ship. Wuf Jit Without the Help of Anything---

yet receive only hard knocks and

by William Shumaker

Candy, popcorn, peanuts- here I am back again. I just got back from the Pine River. I was down there this week and I heard that they discovered land on my property there.

It has been noticed that Don Severs has been giving Johnny Chase a hard time lately in getting in the chow line first.

Do all you "salts" (?) know we have a couple of budding song writers in our midst? Hons and Warner have come out with some new stirring and inspiring words to an old melody.

Some of the boys found out that it is no fun being on labor detail week-ends. They had to do a little more work than they thought they would. However, they all are proud of the job they did on the deck of the recreation room.

Rob Shiites is quite a man about town. As he walks down the street here in town strange females (there is another word for them) enthusiastically greet him with fond "hellos."

Some of the boys were pretty happy to see a lot of the old girls buck. Saw Fred Roll with Lois Fowler and Bob Welcker was with Helen Hayward quite a bit.

Phil Munson says that he enjoys his math class more than all the others. Why? Just ask anyone in the class, and they will tell you. A small hint is that he is often called "Sleepy."

Who were the two girls who were up here to see Ed Speir? Looked all right. Ed.

Dempsey has been having a pretty hard time the last few days. It seems that he can't talk very well. What's the matter, Rob?

Jim Mulvihill and Rob Rell were giving Stu Flaschen a little trouble with a wastebasket one night recently.

The wrath of "Pecor the Terrible" cracked down upon the 1st Platoon of the drd company on field day. He would allow no skylarking.

Never have gotten the straight dope on O Leary and his three lady friends Saturday night. Thought they Caine up for the Ron Voyage, but they only danced the last 15 minutes.

Harry Anderson and Stonehouse had a fast game of golf Saturday afternoon- the shortage of golf balls forced them to use light bulbs- these war shortages affect us all.

The Ron Voyage was quite an affair and a fine time was had by all: at least it looked that way from your creeping reporters vantage point.

(This article is the last in a series discussing the problem of a postwar Germany- a burning issue at this date. The ideas of the writer are printed to stimulate discussion on the topic and do not in all cases agree with editorial opinion. Ed.)

What is our attitude toward our enemies? It is well for us to take stock periodically of our emotions and try to fit them into some kind of reasoned order governed by some guiding principle. More specifically we must not again be caught with our pants down (so to speak); we must not again try the policy of winning the war first and letting the peace take care of itself later. Such an at-

----- of them; the conversion will be difficult and change by force has never been successful with the Germans. We must therefore set an example rather than force our ideas into the unprepared German mind. We must teach them, not coerce them, into living peaceably with the rest of the commonwealth of man -----r-

The Germans are national of "civilized" people. They are not Supermen but neither are the.. carnivorous beasts. They are certainly out of tune with much of the world and some attempt at settlement must be made. But this does not mean establishing our "superior" form of government in the German nation, forgetting about it, and expecting it

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