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## A CLEVER ABDUCTION

An Impressionistic Account Of  
The Sophomore Vengeance  
Taken Friday Night

## A WELL CONSTRUCTED PLOT

How the Sophomores Got Away With  
Their Victim And How The Fresh-  
men Let Their's Escape.

With all due respect to our policy of nonsensationalism, we feel obliged from a sincere sense of duty to our readers to record the events below. There was deep and heartfelt joy at the waiters' table in the far corner of Wright Hall dining-room last Saturday morning. Only one Freshman was present and he was meek. Said big Mac, "We loved him but he left us." Said "Charlie" McComb, "He's shovelin' coal now to pay for his passage." Said Helmer, "Bijee, what you Sophs done was all right!"

It was about Pres. John D. Finlayson of the Freshman class, elected Thursday afternoon and kidnapped Friday night, this conversation. The Sophomores defeated in the rush met later in the day in a safe and secluded spot and formulated a plan of campaign. That brilliant general McCullom aided by the good heads of his lieutenants, was soon ready. The musicale was on at the chanel. Pres. Finlayson was there with a lady friend. At half past nine o'clock, having enjoyed the fine program, he brought his friend back to Wright Hall and turned serenely homeward, meditating as to good head qualities necessary to run a large class of Freshmen. A lean and hungry looking Sophomore halted him as he strode along and requested advice in regard to the Y. M. C. A. stag reception. "Yes, very well." "All right, sir, come on along down town and we'll talk." They started. Two blocks away in the shadows of the Episcopal church lurked shadowy forms, presaging ill to John. To the corner opposite the church came the victim, walked on a few steps, turned back to speak to a passerby, and was followed by the lean and hungry one. Unsuspecting stood the Freshman. Swiftly, silently, came from behind the ecclesiastical edifice a Soph, hurriedly crossed the street, seized Pres. Finlayson by the neck and thrust into his mouth handkerchiefs. Other '10 men springing out of the darkness pinioned the captive's hands with a dog chain, padlocked it, and fastened a blindfold over his visual orbs. In less time than a typewriter can write it the abductors and their prey were far to the westward trudging along a new made gravel road. They changed their route and crossed a barnyard. A mammoth seeming bulldog chased them, howling blood-thirstily. He ceased his racket and the party walked fast toward their destination. J. D. F. had all this time offered no resistance but he seemed sad and broken spirited. Considerately and with a deep knowledge of psychology a Sophomore uplifted his hearty tenor in the song, "When You Know You're Not Forgotten By the Girl You Can't Forget." The mood of the prisoner changed to a placid resignation to fate as his thoughts dwelt happily upon a certain one at Wright Hall.

At last about midnight a barn far out in the country was reached. It was entered, blind fold and dog chains were removed. "Up the lad-

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## INTERCOLLEGIATE BASE BALL CHAMPIONS OF 1907—PUBLISHED BY REQUEST.



Lower row—(left to right) Dan Duncanson, fielder and pitcher; Capt. Roy Campbell, catcher; Deering, fielder; second row—John Campbell, second base; Helmer, short stop; Hill first base; Magidshon, third base; third row—Sandy Duncanson, fielder and pitcher; Dafoe, fielder; Monteith, fielder; upper row—Harper, coach; Mitchell, manager.

## FIRST CLASS SCRAP

After Electing Officers Sophomores And Freshmen Clash  
In Bloody Battle

## WANTED A CHAPERONE?

Oh No! This Freshman Bunch Gets  
Wise And Provides Itself With A  
Keeper Of Proprieties

It's a wise class that has its own chaperone. That's the class of '11. Mr. and Mrs. Sebring of Detroit have entered the Freshman class and should be able to chaperone on any and all occasions. Although the exact figures are not known yet, in all probability the number of Freshmen this year will exceed fifty. The majority of them congregated in room 14, Administration Building Thursday afternoon, the 19th, and elected officers.

Pres.—John D. Finlayson.  
Vice-Pres.—Gertrude Whitney.  
Secretary—Robert Van Thurn.  
Treas.—Frank Locker.

Immediately after election the class showed its ability to take care of itself. The wily Sophomores elected their officers and congregated in the shade of the maples in front of the Administration building. However, some of their number were absent; why is not known, but it was this that cost the Sophs dear. Better generalship would have counted much for them. The Freshmen lined up on the sidewalk facing their opponents, whom they greatly outnumbered. After due preliminaries had been observed and the class advisers satisfied themselves that all was regular, the contending forces began to strip off coats and collars. Time was called and the rush was on. From the windows filled with co-eds cheers for both sides spurred the fighters on. Students and visitors lined the walks and stood about the campus looking on and advising. But the Sophomores were doomed. Six men seized big "Mac" and pinned him to the turf, other Freshmen fell upon their foes two to one. Yet the Sophs held on gamely and many minutes were consumed before the large '11 class

downed all the men of '10. Blood was shed, garments were torn, and countenances honorably scarred. The Freshmen have won their first battle; they could not lose it because of their number. And yet it would be worth while to see those Sophs, with all their men, try again.

The Sophomore "Abduction" resulted as follows:

Pres.—Ralph M. Collum.  
Vice-Pres.—Florence Bateson.  
Secretary—John Marchmont.  
Treas.—Elsie Bond.  
Almanian Reporter—Royal Campbell.

The Junior election results have not yet been made public.

The Seniors met very quietly in Room 10 and carried on their balloting. George Horst received a unanimous vote for President; Helen Cook was unanimously chosen Vice President. A vigorous but dignified contest ensued for election to the office of Secretary in which Ruth O. Pierson defeated Morse and Bastone. Sutton defeated Cobb for the office of Treasurer. Sutton is a man of well known character and deserves the office. For Almanian reporter Harry Bastone was the choice of the entire class. In electing a Sophomore adviser the florid oratory of G. Douglass Sutton failed to aid Robert Craig, Jr., who was snowed under by Helmer, 5 to 2.

## PIONEER HALL DOINGS.

That quartette on second floor is great stuff. There ought to be some great serenading this year.

Brown, in 22, wants to know what a Freshman is.

A cute little fellow named "Reddy," was quite "reddy" for beddy; But they blacked him with ink And left him to think;

But we'll not repeat what he said—eh! What does the Coach use that jug for?

Coming—A Country Kid. Marshall's and Locker's room is a credit to Mrs. Clizbe's method of housekeeping.

Cass City managed to bunch together as usual.

The absence of "rhymes" on the wall proves conclusively that Smith has not yet been in the dorm.

Mrs. Cope says the new boys keep very neat rooms. Wait till open house time.

"Plague take you, Inglis, do you think my table is the laundry bag."

## THE FIRST NEW SONG

It Is Not Eligible For A Prize But  
Is Worthy Of Being Printed  
And Sung—Try It

Note: This song is the right kind and we believe it will take. It is not, however, eligible for the prize, being written by a member of the Almanian staff, Stanley Graves, '10. The tune is "Michigan, My Michigan." Learn the words and sing them whenever enough students who feel like singing get together. All the blanks except the one in the third stanza, are to be filled by the name of the opposing college. That blank is to be filled in by an appropriate number. Oh, men of grit and men of speed, Alma's men must take the lead. For we will surely win the day And teach old—how to play.

Chorus:  
Alma—Alma—Alma—Rah,  
Alma—Alma—Alma—Rah,  
For we will surely win the day  
And teach old—how to play.  
Oh, rush the ball along the field,  
And to old—never yield;  
Just rip her up in Alma style,  
And play the game hard all the while.

Chorus:  
Alma—Alma—Alma—Rah,  
Alma—Alma—Alma—Rah,  
Raise high the old Maroon and Cream  
Rah—Rah—Rah—Rah—the team.  
(Last line spoken.)

Now, let her go—let's count the score;  
All we need is — or more.  
Today's the day we win the game  
And championship—it's all the same!

Chorus:  
Alma—Alma—Alma—Rah,  
Alma—Alma—Alma—Rah,  
Raise high the old Maroon and Cream.  
Rah—Rah—Rah—Rah—the team!  
(Last line spoken.)

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## HE'S STILL SMILING.

Coach Harper Though Saying  
Little, Evidently Has But Little  
Fault To Find

## THE LINEUP WILL BE HEAVY

Hill's Arrival Adds Greatly To Team's  
Weight—Prospects Are Sunshiny  
With Not A Cloud

Winning athletics do not make a college, but a first class faculty and winning athletics do, when a few other essential things have been provided. As a direct result of last year's victories a larger number of young men have entered the Freshman class this fall than at any previous time in the history of the college, and the sight of Davis Field these days would bring joy to the hearts of those old foot-ball stars and captains of by-gone teams. The second day of the season found Coach Harper driving one team up and down the field while captain "Hal" was putting another, equally as good, through the regular training stunts. Each team as far as material was concerned was equal to any team that has represented the college for the past four years. Throughout the summer Alma rooters have looked forward to a fast foot-ball season but many pleasant surprises have come with the opening of college.

Ferguson, a star of the '05 team, came back unexpectedly. "Ferg," it will be remembered, was center on the D. U. S. team, at Detroit, and came to us with a fine reputation; as a guard he was a star, a stone wall on defense, and a wonderful smasher when called back of the line to carry the ball. He is a well built man of 180 pounds but when he arrived he presented the appearance of a small lake tug for he had in tow the largest thing in the way of foot-ball material that Alma has ever seen, a man weighing 240 pounds. Wright was the name of the new craft thus brought into port and when it floated out on the gridiron it "made good." Wright has had four years of high school foot-ball and is just the man that Harper needed in his business. He will be used at center. There is material on the field for a team not a member of which weighs less than 160. The sight of this bunch, together with, no less than ten other men who will weigh over 150, has brought joy to the heart of the Coach. Three high school quarters are trying out for that position. Ackerman of Traverse City; Dan Duncanson of Cass City, a sophomore and quarter on last year's sub team, Don Casterlin, brother of last year's quarter, with four years experience on the high school team of Mason. Most of the other positions are likewise open to the best man and the men that "make" the '07 team will be men who have won the place by hard work.

Helmer at 194 and Bradfield at 175 as halves with Ferguson at 180 as full would form a backfield trio that could do terrible smashing. Throughout the past week the squad has been running through a few old plays of last year to get into working order and give the new men a try-out, but Harper has been working out a few new ones during the summer and as the regular team is now being selected the new stunts are being tried.

Marshall, weighing 170, a guard for the past three years, will either hold

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### THAT FIRST ISSUE.

The Almanian staff feel they need offer no apology for their first issue. While unsatisfactory and containing a few mistakes, these were due to inexperience, lack of time, and absence of the editors from the college. With this week the beginnings of a system are already in evidence. There is much more to work into news after college opens than before. The mailing list must be revised and enlarged, and the greatest possible number of subscriptions should be paid for at once. Some of those who get the Almanian this week will be changing their locations soon; tell us of your change of address, otherwise you will not get the Almanian. If you do not wish the college paper sent you inform us of that, also, as it will be a help to us in that we are saved the expense of printing extra copies. Let us say once more that the Almanian will improve as we gain experience. We trust it will prove indispensable to you.

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### TO THE ALUMNI.

In a general way the student body at Alma understands that there is an Alumni Association of Alma College. It understands also that there are certain ends which the Association seeks to accomplish, such as establishing libraries in honor of certain professors and instituting a more efficient system whereby the alumni may get new students to Alma. But a real knowledge of these things is lacking among the students. They

do not really feel the importance of the Alumni Association. Now, may the Almanian suggest, very respectfully and with the idea of furthering the interests of Alma, that its columns are a good place to discuss these questions. Let us hear from the men and women who have gone away from here as graduates. We want you to feel that you are still of us and that your influence is continuous. We believe that if the columns of the weekly were used by the men and women who have projects for the strengthening of Alma College that it would immeasurably increase and render firmer the regard that students have for their college home.

### THE YEAR'S WORK.

Things once more seem natural. Classes are in full swing and foot-ball practice is on. Nothing is more heartening to the college man than to stand on Davis field and watch those husky fellows as they work under Coach Harper's strenuous instructions. What with expected and unexpected material coming in, it would seem, from everywhere, that heavy line looks prophetic of what must be accomplished this year in other lines besides foot-ball. What about the year's work? Are you getting in to it with aggressiveness that counts. There's nothing so good for a college man or woman as hard work. Be afraid of worry, don't fear overwork. This year is one of fine opportunities. Let us live up to them. Get the real meaning of your course; try and understand that you are here not for amusement but for the making of character. Try and grow, college is no vaudeville for your recreation; its a training school for mental, moral, and spiritual strengthening.

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### Y. W. C. A.

Thursday afternoon the Y. W. C. A. gave their usual informal reception to the new girls rooming at Wright Hall. This reception serves the purpose of making the girls acquainted with one another. A talk was given by one of the teachers upon the purposes of the Association, and some light refreshments were served.

Saturday evening, the 21st, the regular opening reception of the Y. W. C. A. to the new girls was held. A program consisting of music and various "stunts" was given. Short talks by teachers and students upon the value of the Y. W. C. A. were also a feature of the evening.

Next Friday evening, the 27th, will occur the opening term reception held in the large reception room at Wright Hall. This reception is given by the joint social committee of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. A most cordial invitation is extended to every new and old student, every faculty member and every friend of the college to be present. The reception begins at 8 o'clock. The program will be worth listening to. If you wish to know more about this reception ask those who have been there before. New students should not fail to be there as these receptions will influ-

ence the remainder of their college course.

The topic of the union prayer meeting Wednesday evening is "Reaching Forth." The reference is found in Philippians v: 12-14.

The Sunday meetings of the Y. W. C. A. are held in the Association room at Wright all in the afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The subject for the coming Sunday is "Conscious of Responsibility." Isaiah chap. 6.

### Y. M. C. A.

The stag reception given annually by the Y. M. C. A. to new fellows was held Saturday evening, the 21st, in the Association room in Pioneer Hall. Needless to say, the overflowing spirits of the men, old and new, gave zest to the entertainments. At 8 o'clock the fellows began to assemble in the room which was decorated artistically with cushions and rugs, presenting a very cozy appearance. After half an hour's social intercourse in which the new men proved themselves the right kind, and in which Coach Harper figured largely as a hero, President M. L. Marshall, '09, called the group to order. He made a short address of welcome and described the different branches of work in which Y. M. C. A. members are interested, such as Bible study, Sunday School work, etc. After this different members of the faculty and student body were asked to give short talks. These were very interesting and were well received by the men. The remainder of the evening's entertainment consisted of music, numerous "stunts," and refreshments.

The mid-week prayer meetings began last Wednesday evening. This first meeting was a welcome to students and was well attended. A great deal of interest was manifested and many took part. Mr. Stanley Graves, '10, led. This week the meeting will be in charge of the Woman's Association.

Next Sunday's Y. M. C. A. topic is "What Should a Young Man be Toward Himself." Psalms 7:15. The leader is Helmer. No man should miss these meetings because of not being asked. College men are generally busy and sometimes make mistakes. You are expected. If you come you will enjoy the atmosphere for it is full of welcome.

### JUST A SLIP OF THE TONGUE.

A newly married professor was engaged last Wednesday in classifying a student in the College Department. "Now, hadn't I better take this, Professor—?" asked the aforesaid. "Well, perhaps, but I would advise this, dear! Er—er—Mr.—, I should say," answered the Professor with a rosy blush.

### THEOLOGICAL NOTE.

A man who says that his wife handles the religious business of the family stands a very poor chance of getting into heaven. (So does the student who gets his news from his neighbor's Almanian.)

Last week's Almanian was in error regarding the locations of three of the graduates from the College Department. Miss Minnie Kinnaird is in the high school at Mackinaw City; Earle H. Casterlain is attending Columbia University, New York. Raymond Swigart, '04, is employed in the high school at Mt. Pleasant. Miss Emma Butler, ex '09, Myrtle Black ex '11, and Beatrice Ireland are attending the Normal at Ypsilanti.

The position of instructor in Academy Greek and Latin has been undecided for some time. It has at last been decided that the position will be filled by Miss Eloise Waring.

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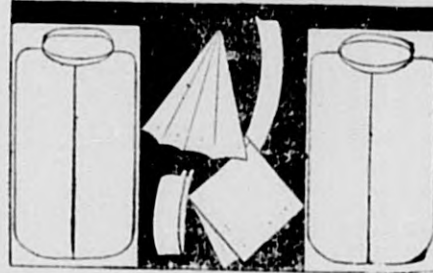
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**Those Freshmen Girls—What Questions They Do Ask When Their Curiosity Is Aroused**

The revision of the Constitution of the Almanian Publishing Co. is not yet complete. Faculty members are advising that the committee should report in favor of a larger staff, as it means work to publish the Almanian in its present form. The committee will probably report, also, in favor of some change in the manner of conducting the financial end of the publication.

Donald Hargrave of Palo, a former student at Alma, was on the campus last week.

Miss Eva Palmer, a graduate of the Kindergarten Department last year and who is now teaching at Ithaca, visited at Wright Hall the 19th.

The Zeta Sigma society room presents a greatly improved appearance which shows the deep interest taken by Zeta Sigma in their work. An expensive new wall paper has been hung, new curtain shades placed at the windows, and the large picture of the society for 1906-07 framed and hung on the wall.

Phi Phi Alpha men are brightening up their room in a similar manner, the much needed new shades having been purchased and pictures of the society for 1906-07 and their victorious debating team framed and hung. The Phi's start the year with almost their full quota of members from last year.

The ladies societies, especially Alpha Theta and the Froebel, will be strong this year because of the large number of co-eds who have enrolled.

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The number of women in the college department is greater than ever before.

Freshmen are very much in evidence just now. They have shown their social qualities by taking their co-ed friends home from prayer meeting. They unanimously attend chapel, not wishing to lose their suppers. They have one of the classiest pugilists yet in the person of Mr. Titus. Lathers and Titus held out against each other for fourteen hard fought rounds during the rush last Thursday.

Those familiar with the periodical rack in the library will notice marked changes. The librarian has placed the least used magazines by themselves, while the more popular publications occupy the handier shelves.

Students mourning over conflicts between their recitation hours are heard lamenting in all the buildings. Surely, the faculty members are too generous in allowing students to take up studies which conflict; however, it would be a difficult task to arrange classes so they could tell their pupils to choose one or another for it becomes seemingly imperative that conflicts should occur at times.

I, a Freshman co-ed would like to know: If it is right to cross your knees in chapel? If it is proper for new girls to walk over to chapel with old girls? If the Dean is going to look at one when one comes down to dinner with one's hair in braids? If one should talk to Coach Harper without being introduced? If there isn't a book of social rules especially for college society? Oh, bliss!

Use the item box. It is not hard to see. It is on the wall just outside the chapel door. If you hear of an amusing incident, if you can write a limerick or any other kind of verse, if you have a sage thought drop it in the item box.

Miss Esther M. Bruske will direct the physical work for the women this year. Well known on the campus as an athlete, a graduate of the famous Sargent School at Cambridge, Miss Bruske will undoubtedly succeed in strengthening her department already greatly improved by the work of Miss Bowman last year. But our gymnasium is not first class and its equipment is poor. Good thinking and hard work will be required to accomplish results with the material at her disposal. A college as up-to-date in other respects as Alma is should have an up-to-date gymnasium. When some friend of the school feels the need strongly enough no doubt the necessary funds for a new building will be provided. In addition to her work as physical director Miss Bruske will teach the Academy German. She has had success as a teacher before coming here and we wish her that same success in the future.

**MISS VELMA SHARP GIVES OPENING RECITAL.**

A Large Audience Which Filled the Chapel to Overflowing Enjoyed the Classical Program—The Singing of Mrs. Roy Arthur Littlefield Was a Pleasing Feature.

The first recital held under the auspices of the School of Music was given by Miss Velma Sharp in the college chapel Friday evening, September 20th, at 8:00 o'clock. Miss Sharp is a post graduate of the school, a graduate of the Michigan Conservatory of Music, probably the only woman who has graduated from that institution in Orchestration, and will return to Europe in October. Her teachers have been Jonas of Berlin, Friedman of Vienna, and Lestchitzky of Vienna, under whom she resumes her studies. Miss Sharp was assisted by Mrs. Roy Arthur Littlefield, soloist of the First Presbyterian church of Detroit. The college chapel, usually large enough to hold the audiences that attend recitals there, was filled to overflowing by the students and friends of Miss Sharp.

The first number was a Beethoven Sonata, Op. 10, No. 1. This was rendered with traditional interpretation and adequate technique. Miss Sharp's beautiful singing tone made this classical piece appeal even to those uninitiated in music. Her Chopin number showed originality in its rendition and a depth of feeling that placed her work far above mediocrity. Her great strength, her finished technique and tone beauty appeared in the Raff selection, "Giga con Variazione." Both the Raff number and the Valse Impromptu by Litz are pieces written for the virtuosi but the large audience was held by these even more than by the first two numbers. The Litz Valse came forth with a spontaneity and freshness that were delightful. Miss Sharp's mastery of the technical side of music make her by far one of the most finished artists that have ever studied in the school of music at Alma.

Too much cannot be said of the singing of Mrs. Littlefield, who assisted Miss Sharp. The song, "Elsa's Dream," from Lohengrin, was given with deep feeling. Mrs. Littlefield has a fine soprano and her method is good. As to her German number the first three songs from Schumann were pleasing; and the beautiful Strauss song, "Allerseelen," which is one of his gems, was very well given. Her English songs, given as the sixth number on the program, were received the best on account of the ease with which the large crowd understood them. They were rendered with exquisite finish, spirit, and delicacy. In response to an encore Mrs. Littlefield won hearty applause by a tender Scotch ballad, playing her own accompaniment. In her other songs she was accompanied by Miss Ellen Ransom, head of the piano department in the college. Her work as an accompanist was perfect and must have been a delight to the singer.

It is hoped that these opening recitals by alumni of the school of music may be made an annual affair. Surely the enthusiastic reception given Miss Sharp and Mrs. Littlefield by last Friday night's audience would warrant a strenuous effort on the part of the college authorities to make it a permanent thing.

**Program**

1. Sonata, Op. 10, No. 1 Beethoven  
Molto allegro e con brio  
Molto adagio  
Finale Prestissimo  
MISS SHARP
2. Aria—"Elsa's Dream" Wagner  
(LOHENGRIN)  
MRS. LITTLEFIELD
3. (a)—Prelude in B Flat, Chopin  
(b)—Waltz in C Sharp Minor,  
MISS SHARP
4. (a)—Die Lotusblume  
(b)—Im Wunderschönen Monat Mai Schumann  
(c)—Wenn ich in deine Augen seh'  
(d)—Allerseelen Strauss  
MRS. LITTLEFIELD
5. Giga con Variazioni Raff  
(Suite, Op. 91)  
MISS SHARP
6. (a)—Tender Ties Delbruck  
(b)—Damon Stange  
(c)—The Rose Leans O'er the Pool Chadwick  
MRS. LITTLEFIELD
7. Valse Impromptu Liszt  
MISS SHARP

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# OUR SWIPE NOTES

Gathered By Gess Hoo, This Week's Swipe Editor. Read Them Carefully

## AGAIN IN LITERARY FIELDS

Latest Poems, Notes, Wants, Likes And Dislikes Given Publicity In This Column

Craig runs over to St. Louis and Ithaca to meet all trains so that he can pull in baggage checks in opposition to Cook, then he waits on table as a side line.

Horst has been preaching and running a minstrel show this summer at Spruce, in the northern wilds of Michigan.

Poo Poo has been rechristened. Having resigned from his office of swipe jester, he has requested that his name be changed. Hereafter he will be known as Mr. McComb. He left his summer girl at home.

Last night I lay a-sleeping,  
A vision came to me,  
It was of the new head waiter  
And of the faculty "tea."  
The head of the swipe gang's named Helmer,  
He admires Miss Margeurite's eyes;  
Says they're charming, and actually prettier  
Than any others he spies.

The faculty will have a reunion  
Soon as the new members get wise,  
For they will not fill up on hash  
Which all cannot help but despise.  
(Sung with great success before metropolitan audiences by the popular tenor, Swipe Finlayson.)

McCollum longs for a girl who looks like a poetess, sure to find her.  
The man at the ropes is P. B.  
Ruth happens to be Finlayson's favorite text.

To Give—A course in table manners.

Wanted—Girls who talk to the swipes. Also one of those rippling smiles.

Marshall has had no complaint with his digestion this year—so far.  
—This Week's Swipe Editor.

# A NEW YELL MASTER.

The yell master for 1907-8 is soon going to be a topic of conversation among foot-ball fans. There is a growing sentiment in favor of electing the person who will hold this office. Just how the yell master in former times has obtained his office is not known, but an office so important should certainly be controlled by the rooters whom this person is to direct. It would seem that the first mass meeting in the fall ought to elect him. A more feasible plan would be difficult to work out. Yet it would be very bad policy to proceed with this election unless the matter had been discussed previously. It is the object of this article to start that discussion and to help in selecting the logical candidate. The man who is to hold the office of yell master must possess as a prime requisite, enthusiasm for rooting. All other qualifications are as nothing beside this one. He should have some musical ability, or at least be able to sing foot-ball songs with plenty of vigor and some tunefulness. He should appreciate yells, and be able to concoct them on occasion. He should possess an aggressive personality in order to lead side line crowds. He must be agreeable to the students, for they do the noise-making; to the team, because he must impart his enthusiasm to them; and he should know the game, because an initiated fellow knows when to emit the blood curdling warwhoops and when to keep quiet.

Every student is aware that our rooting will bear improvement. That

perplexing question of finding new songs and yells is not entirely solved, nor will it be until every one who has ability in that line gets to work. But once get the enthusiasm rising, get songs and yells printed, secure that logical candidate for yell master, and Alma's team will know no defeats this year.

# HE'S STILL SMILING.

(Continued from page one.)

the same position on the right or move out to tackle. Horst, also, has been on the squad at guard for three seasons and will probably hold his old position on the left. Byron Chapel won his A last season on right end, and by his fast smashing and heady work may be able to hold his position though handicapped by his light weight. Other men who may find a position are W. Monteith, S. Duncanson, Von Thurn, St. Cyr, Cook, Ewing, T. Chapel, Sayles, P. Monteith, Locker, Finlayson, Tomes and Swart-bout.

We would be pleased to get a word for publication from some of the old men. You, old foot-ball captains and players, send in a letter and let the new men feel that you are interested in the team and are looking for the right sort of play. You remember how your blood seemed to run faster when such letters were read in the locker room before a game. Every little bit helps. Busy yourself and help to cheer the team. Address "Mac," care of "The Weekly Almanian."

Remember the first game is with Kazoo at Kazoo, October 5.

# THAT COLLEGE SONG.

Just one more word about that college song. Look at your score card and you will notice that the first home game is with Hillsdale at Alma. It will be by no means an easy game. What are we going to do to support our team? Shall we go along with the same old songs and yells that we have used at mass meetings and on the field for the last five or ten years? No, we must support the team and do it right. It is going to be appropriate this year to make unusual efforts in the rooting line.

Now, the air at present fairly tingles with enthusiasm, and it's generally full of music. While you are singing some of those popular songs put your brain to work and fit some foot-ball words to the tunes. You will have a foot-ball song then before you know it. "You may get the prize." At any rate drop some of your attempts into the item box. Then you will feel that at least you have tried to help the team push toward the top. The date has been changed for closing the contest, from October 12 to October 7, on account of the Hillsdale game.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

With this issue the staff is sending the Almanian to many who have not subscribed. We do this because we want your subscription. You should be interested in Alma College and there is nothing that will interest you more than reading the Almanian each week. The staff will do their best to make the paper newsy and interesting. To do this we need the hearty and liberal support not only of the old students but of the friends of Alma as well. Few colleges the size of Alma boast of a weekly and

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## TRACK.

Several men with first class high school records have arrived and Coach Harper will have a large track team in the spring. Phillips of Cass City, besides being a good third sacker on the diamond, will place on the track. Kefgen from the same school has made good as a pole vaulter and high jumper. Ackerman from Traverse City will shot put and throw the platter. Weight men will work for form this fall and an effort will be made through the year to develop a team that will pull second place at the Intercollegiate Field Meet next June.

# A CLEVER ABDUCTION.

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der," was the stern order. Up the ladder climbed the Pres. "Pick your bed. Here's where you sleep." A soft spot among the bundles of grain was selected and here, in this lonely and desolate spot, lay down to sleep the head of the class of '11. A noise was heard at the barn door. A lad rushing in demanded knowledge of "What's doin'." The trusty spy, who had so well before played his part, threatened to snuff out the life of the intruder. "Well, it's all right, I suppose," said the boy, "if you don't light any matches up there." Explanations followed and the friendship of the owner was eventually won.

Everything quiet; prisoner's ankles dog chained; barn doors hooked and two men on guard to be relieved later at 4 a. m. by others. The remainder of the party returned to the campus. A grave was made in front of Wright Hall and a fitting monument erected, also a tribute in verse was placed nearby. All these things to mislead the green into thinking their president made away with. Then other things were done; there was a cow involved in the festivities. John Dunham was on hand as representative of the Associated Press; everyone was happy.

All day Saturday the campus was buzzing with talk. A party of Freshman searching for the trusty spy ran across him going to the river with a lady friend, about to depart for a canoe trip. Would that we could write it differently. Alas! truth still abides with us. They let him go because he was with a girl.

Saturday evening when the stag reception in the Y. M. C. A. room was at its height the prisoner still loaded with chains walked in. But the excitement was over with. A social event was on and no one wished for a scrap, class or no class.

Much more there is to tell but space forbids. It was a good joke and no one lost his temper. That is, not permanently. And no college work was interfered with, and no harm was done. It was a good joke.

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