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THE OLIVET GAME

Alma Loses to Olivet in One of the Finest Games Ever Witnessed on the Gridiron.

It was sport all the way through. Few people have ever seen a game of football carried on in a spirit of such true sportsmanship. The Alma rooters, who accompanied the squad to Olivet saw their team reach a higher grade of playing than they have ever attained before. Only once was time taken out and that was in the second half when Helmer had a cramp in his leg. During the first half play followed play with bewildering rapidity and time was called before the sidelines realized that the game had really begun. Both teams were in marvelously fine condition and played beautiful ball.

Weather conditions were very bad. A hard rain rendered Reed Field slippery and muddy, while in places the water stood in huge puddles. The wind was raw and cold. Olivet's rooting was strictly high class, and the treatment of the visitors by the sidelines was such as to strengthen the cordial feeling now existing between the schools. This and the fact that the entire game was absolutely free from dirty playing in any way, shape, or manner goes far toward removing the sting of defeat. If we must lose, let it be in a clean game to a clean team.

The honors were even during the first half. Alma's offense was fierce and enabled her to keep the ball in Olivet's territory the greater part of the time. Olivet excelled in defence but could not gain at all through her opponent's line. For Alma Helmer, St. Cyr, Bradfield, and Ferguson plowed through Olivet for good gains repeatedly but were unable to score. Attempts at field goals failed on both sides and the forward pass was used but little. Thomas made a pretty end run for Olivet but Hurlbut's punting was not high grade. However, he had a slight wind against him. Helmer's booting was superb. Alma fumbled the wet, muddy pigskin once or twice. The half ended with the ball in Olivet's territory. At the end of the first half every indication pointed to an Alma victory, for the team was playing to win; and to say the least, was never out classed by Olivet for a minute. The intermission proved fatal to Alma. There is but one dressing room on Reed Field and the Olivet team naturally enough used it. They occupied their ten minutes rest in washing off the mud accumulated during the half and in donning clean dry suits. The Alma team, drenched through by rolling in puddles, covered with mud, and spent with the terrific exertions of the first half, lay down on the open field in a raw, damp wind that made even the spectators shiver. Chilled through in five minutes and stiff in ten, they went into the second half weighted down by their mud covered suits to meet the refreshed Olivet team. Not that this is an excuse for Alma losing, it is a simple statement of facts. The weather was at fault here, not Olivet. Alma went in gamely, running Olivet's kick off well up the field by line bucks and the use of the forward pass. Alma

lost the ball in Olivet's territory and was heavily penalized in addition. Olivet's team work stiffened greatly in the second half and their brilliant quarter, Hurlbut, ran them down through Alma's line (which during the first half had held without a break) by a series of bucks and tackles smashes for a touchdown. Blake carried the ball over. Olivet failed to kick goal.

Score 5-0. Alma kicked to Olivet Helmer, outclassed Hurlbut in exchanging punts but by a series of forward passes which their speedy end, Weed, was lucky in getting, Olivet came in striking distance of Alma's goal again and Hurlbut's nimble toe flipped the spheroid between the posts for a field goal. Score 9-0. Alma's only chance for a score in this half came when the team, finally getting warmed up, lived up to their "die hard" reputation by running the ball by trick plays and line smashes nearly the length of the field to Olivet's four yard line where Olivet's defense stiffened and the ball changed over. Morrison and Thomas starred in gaining Olivet's second touchdown. Olivet's team work was fast and brilliant, while Alma seemed unable to hold them. Hurlbut failed to kick goal after the second touchdown. Time was called with the score 14-0.

Thus ended one of the hardest played and cleanest games that has ever been played in the intercollegiate. Alma has no reason to feel bad over defeat, for her team played its best, showing a greater knowledge of the new football and excelling Olivet in attacking and breaking up plays. On the other hand Olivet had greater experience in football displaying great speed and excellent head work. Except for the weather conditions the game was an ideal contest, an exhibition of football at its best.

The Line up.

Alma	Olivet
A. Duncanson, lb	Weed
Chapel, re	Gifford
Hill, rt	Morrison
Marshall, rg	Berry
Horst, lz	Harwood
T. Chapel, c	Barker
D. Duncanson, qb	Hurlbut
Helmer, lb	Thomas
St. Cyr, rh	Nachtsheim
Bradfield, fb	Hillier

Halves—30; Touchdowns—Morrison, Blake; field goal—Hurlbut; head linesman—Skinner, Olivet; time keeper—Helmer, Holland; Umpire Davy, U. of M.; Referee, Hall, Olivet.

FIRST FRESHMAN FEED.

Saturday evening a week ago the first Freshman spread of the year was pulled off at the Murphy Home four miles west and south of the city.

Under the parting benediction of their beloved Dean and the enthusiastic chaperoning by their class mates, Mr. and Mrs. Sebring, the rules were no more than badly bent. After the delightful four mile stroll in the bracing atmosphere with the Wright Hall "Roses," they were seated at a most sumptuous and filling feast with order to "lay to and take on cargo."

After an hour all hatches were down but those of the good ships "Tanner," Dykes," "Phillips," and "Menzies" Toasts were then in order. Finlayson in his toast on "Love" stated that the "Subject is somewhat broad" (from his point of view); "Steve" charmed the multitude with an edifying response

to the toast, "Babies." Miss Dykes graced the occasion with a poetical discourse on "Reasoning with the Missouri Mocking Bird." Miss Allen favored with a song (?). "Cassie" got "fussed" and the chaperone saved the situation by announcing the waiting of the "carriage" and the Dean. Returning, songs were sung, yells yelled and a trail of barking canines, squawking poultry, and vociferous agriculturist, attested to the hilarious spirits of the class, whilst a vote of thanks, huge piles of clean scraped platters, and too tight waist bands were the outward witnesses of the satisfaction of the inner man—and woman.

"THE TEAM'S ALL RIGHT."

There is some college spirit right here in Alma. When the team came home from Olivet Saturday night, defeated through no fault of their own, they were met at the station by as enthusiastic a crowd of rooters as if they had won. The men at home did not see the game and did not know the disadvantage under which Alma played, therefore their loyalty, in view of the score against Alma, is all the better looking. When the yells at the station had subsided somewhat, Professor Mitchell announced the startling news that there would be a reception in honor of the team at Wright Hall till 10:00 o'clock. The team and the men who accompanied them on the trip, were ushered at once, splashed though they were with Olivet real estate, into Wright Hall reception room where everyone joined in giving the team the ovation they so well deserved. Speeches were made by Prof. Mitchell, Coach, Dean, and Captain "Hal."

Safe to say, it was the finest reception ever given a team returning defeated. While such rare spirit continues, life will be worth living at Alma. While Alma lost to a fine team in a clean game the men are more and more deserving of our admiration throughout the season. Let us improve in rooting. Let us support the team. Let's get ready for M. A. C.

HE'S BEEN THINKING.

We believe that from all the students who have spent two years in Alma there are not five who have been through the Hood museum. A museum is a place for keeping curiosities.

We were also of the opinion that it was a place for displaying curiosities. Not so, however, in Alma, it seems. Now it goes without saying that it would not do to open up the Museum to every day wear and tear. Yet what would constitute the harm in throwing it open, say once a month, for inspection and study. How do we know what is in it? The only one thing that we are sure is in there is the college skeleton, and we are sure of that only because we have had it out and seen it with our own eyes driving a load of trunks or dangling from the telephone wires. (Note: Or acting as an ad for the Physical Culture or the boarding department.)

Just a suggestion, then. Can we not be permitted to examine and study the curios for ourselves. Would it not be more satisfactory and of no evil consequences to give us the privilege of making ourselves acquainted with the contents? "Come in and look out?"
By a studious Soph.

THE CAST OF PLAYERS

Professor Adams has Selected The Students Who Will Assist Him In "Much Ado."

Rehearsals of "Much Ado" are going merrily on. The cast has now been chosen and the members, whose names appear below, are at work with Professor Adams every afternoon and evening. It is expected now that the play will be produced the first week in December and that the production will be staged in two or three nearby cities if the financial outlook is promising.

The following quotation is from the introduction to the stage edition of "Much Ado" "The most acute and learned of the commentators on Shakespeare, have agreed in pronouncing his play to be one of the most perfect creations of his mighty genius." It is his best balanced comedy and as produced here will be full of rollicking merriment that will bring out adequately the salient points of the Comedy.

The cast of characters is as follows:

- Don Pedro—F. Ray Phillips
- Benedick—Harry W. Marsh
- Don John—Harold Avery
- Leonato—Earl M. Ackerman
- Claudio—Norman H. Angell
- Balthazar—Charles Hunt
- Borachio—James Hogg
- Corrade—H. A. Craig
- Dogberry—George D. Sutton
- Verges—Allen D. McFadden
- Friar John D. Finlayson
- Sexton—Frank Bartholomew
- Seacoal—Stanley Graves
- Oateake—Don M. Casterlin.
- Watchman—Edward F. Titus, Foster
- A. Fraker, Charles A. McComb
- Hero—Lula Margaret Allen
- Beatrice—Reta M. Cadwell
- Margaret—Adele F. Bayly
- Ursula—Winifred Markham
- Court Ladies—Inez Pollard, Lois Fraker, Mary E. Sharp, Elizabeth A. Green, Emma M. Swigart.

The costumes will be in the Elizabethan style and will be the best obtainable. The scenery will of necessity be that afforded by the opera houses in which the comedy is produced. If scenery cannot be obtained it is perfectly possible to put on the Comedy without it.

THE DUNBAR COMPANY.

If the opening number of the Alma Lyceum Course is a criterion of those to follow, the patrons are to be congratulated. From the opening quartette number until the final there was not a dull moment. The vocal numbers were excellent and the bell ringing was a revelation to those who have heard only mediocre talent. Harry Dunbar captivated the audience in his first reading, and his brother Ralph C. Dunbar, was perhaps the best cellist ever heard here. On the whole it was the most perfectly balanced and the most delightful concert we have had in recent years.

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THE WISDOM OF THE FOOLISH AND
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The following wisdom is from Item Box. It is placed in the editorial columns because it fits, and because it saves wear and tear on the editorial brain. No comments in order.

"In view of the recent mental contortions indulged in by some of our most learned students, both those pseudo-powers who raised the tempest in the tea-pot and those whom it wrought fancies fantastical and grewsome, let it be understood that loyalty to Alma and her student institutions will prove to be the Wisdom of the Foolish majority, no matter in what changels the Follies of the Wise may lead. There is only one Alma institution that is or ever will be in danger of suffering from lack of support and due (or undue) attentions; i. e. Wright Hall when cruel "Blue Law" shall sever Friday night connections."

Y. M. C. A.

Who shall we send to Washington? What is the reason Alma cannot have man at the International Y. M. C. A. convention at Washington Nov. 22-29? Expense \$35. Impossible, you say. We think not. By special arrangements the cabinet can secure free board and room for delegate from here. If we would all, say eighty fellows, each give a quarter we would have twenty dollars. Take off eight dollars for board and room from the \$35 and we have practically only \$7 to come out of the delegates own pocket. Now then we want to send a man. Who will go? If you are interested speak to Marshall.

Bible classes are now well organized and under-way. Sixty-five fellows are enrolled and much interest is being shown in the work. At Roger's suggestion the cabinet intends trying a new plan for mission study this year. You will hear about it later.

CAMPUS GOSSIP.

Fourteen Wright Hall members of Miss Eddy's Sabbath school class enjoyed a picnic on the banks of the Pine last Saturday. Great skill in back woodsman's craft was manifest in the speedy kindling of a fire and the cooking of savory viands. A great variety of after dinner speeches was delivered.

and the homeward trip was enlivened by photographing various groups. Photos not on sale.

ALUMNI TALK.

409 Hodge Hall, Princeton, N. J.
My dear Webber:—

You may use the item enclosed for the "Weekly Almanian," if you so desire. The paper is certainly a grand success. I think it's remarkable what the boys are doing with it. The Alumni are certainly behind you all in efforts to make it the best ever. It would be impossible to express our appreciation of the weekly visitor that comes posting us as to the 'doin's' at our beloved Alma Mater. May she live long and prosper. Most sincerely yours, Harold G. Gaunt, '06

The Alma colony at Princeton is the same this year as last year. There are three grads, M. J. Stormzand '06, who is taking post graduate work, and J. Norman King, '05, and Harold G. Gaunt, '06 who are members of the middle class. "Storm" and King are holding forth together at 103 Hodge Hall; Gaunt's address is 409 Hodge. The delegates all eagerly look for the weekly copy of the "Almanian." The grads away can appreciate the news merit of the weekly perhaps even more than those who are at Alma and hear the news from day to day. It would be hard for any of us to say nicer things than have been said about the Almanian, but we surely would if we could. The venture is sure to be a success because it is so well gotten up as to deserve the support of all the students and alumni: it is so attractive, one would say as to compel the support of all those who have seen a copy of it. It one of the best schemes that has ever been thought of to "Boom Alma."

(Extract from letter)

William R. Sweet, of Vassar a former Alma student was last month united in marriage to Miss Ora Evelyn Gaunt, of the same place. The young couple are now located in their new home in Vassar, where the groom is engaged in the hardware business. Mrs. Sweet is a sister of Harold Gaunt, of class of 1906.

The following notice appeared in the Sept. number of "The Inter-collegian." "The Detroit College of Medicine will this year employ a general secretary who will give part of his time to the religious work department of the city Association. J. Earl Webber, Alma College 1905, for the past year general secretary at Michigan Agricultural College, has entered upon this new work. He is succeeded at Lansing by A. R. Moon, Alma College 1909.

ABOUT THE CAMPUS

As we go to press news comes of the result of the W. C. T. U. contest at Grand Rapids in which Avery and Hunt were entered. There were eight contestants in the contest, two of whom were from the intercollegiate, one from Kazoc, and one from Olivet. Alma College bore off the honors Chas. Hunt won first place, while Mr. Avery came in a close second. Congratulations to the men and to their coach, our Professor of English speech.

Miss Elizabeth Harris, the National Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, was with us a few days last week. Her meetings with the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet and with individual girls were very profitable. A recep-

tion was held for her in the Y. W. C. A. rooms. Last Wednesday evening she addressed the union prayer meeting on the subject of foreign missions.

Fresh (from Detroit on his first trip to college farm)—Why does that cow wear a bell? Little boy—To call her calf to dinner. Fresh—Why don't the other cows have bells? L. B.—They have horns.

There is a man called "Pnm,"
Whose georgahpy's on the "bam."
He thinks Perea
In the dead sea-a
And Samaria up in the "Thumb."

Fresh (in French)—v-e-r-t-e-r, garden.

Prof.—Leave off 'r' and you've got a description of the class.

Fresh—What the dickens does v-e-r-t-e- mean?

Any ladies desiring roller skating lessons can get them of Byron Chapel, Instructor.

Notice—Graves wants special lessons in Biblical geography.

Another notice—Rock wants to join another society.

Notice again—Sutherland would like to exchange "ice" for "rice pudding" with some young lady.

If you see a strong fellow ahead of the crowd,

A leader of men, marching faultless and proud,

And you know of a tale whose mere telling aloud

Would cause his proud head to in anguish be bowed.

It's a pretty good thing to forget it.
Ex.

Our Little Limericks on the Powers
That Be.

That well loved Professor, "J. T.,"
Always sits with his book on his knee.
"I spy a vacant chair,
Mister Blank isn't there."
Then woe be to you or to me.

Our next victim's Miss Mullenbach,
Who can reel "Parley vous" by the block.

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Of course we have to do a certain amount of studying but that forms only a small part of our history. Gady's, for instance, is assistant professor of Theism. She works hard and is well qualified for the position. When she teaches she has those "staying" qualities that we admire. Helen, the coy little maiden with the winsome smile, is devoting the time between Senior duties and domestic science. Studious Edith is holding down the position of Librarian. It keeps her busy but she is the one who can do the work. By the way, "Pay up those fines, please." It's Ruth's duty to see that no one at her table suffers from indigestion by eating too rapidly. She is peace-maker of our senior meetings, too. Elvena has troubles of her own in Theism. Horst, the fellow with the rosy cheeks, who may be seen at any meal hour parading the dining room for the benefit of the fair ones, is president of the class and plays left guard on the football team. Captain "Hal," he speaks for himself inasmuch as not one is able to (Spring'er) new one on him. Herman, who but for the monocle, wears that Lord Chamberlain mien, divides a good share of his time between U. of M. and Milan. "Bob" will make a great financier some day. "Sut," despite his great experience in college life, is having social troubles of his own again. Cobb reminds us of Chaucer's Sergeant of the Law, who seemed busier than he really was. Lester

rides a Hobby horse. Ralph, the married man, lends to our dignity and that keeps him busy.

Wait till the next issue of the Almanian.

SOPHOMORE.

A Rhyme that Takes by Johnny Quakes.

'Tis not for "naughty ten" to judge
Of rhymers, good or bad;
But were we guilty of such "quakes"
We'd feel most awful sad.

"We do not know who wrote it,
In fact we do not care;"
Thus said the editor-in-chief
And wildly tore his hair.

Oh, would we had a genius
Among our honored ranks,
To write us up some "poetry"
About our stunts and pranks.

We know we are not in it
When 'leven takes the floor
But of the "quakes" that rhymes with
"snakes"
We pray—we beg—no more.

We note the "words" that rhyme with
"dirge,"

The "dangers most appalling,"
But what the whole thing really needs
Is simply overhauling.

A REPLY.

He saw how others poems wrote
And won fame by such acts.
He dropped green paint, took up the pen,
And flaunted forth his facts.

Of chimneys steep and banners high
His lovely Muse now sings,
Of how "We" climbed the fire escape,
And a hundred other things.

His Muse? How could I b'under thus?
The plural I should use
Since the muse of this bright Freshman
Was only a series of mews.

To make the best of the Freshie,
He's like a sickly cat,
Whose mews draw some attention
Only to be laughed at.

Now, Freshie, don't get chesty
And think that you are it;
Go study "math" for a year or more,
But keep away from "lit."

When you find a muse that muses
And not a muse that mews,
You may have a kind of poetry
That don't bring on the blues.

—From the Soph. Pres. (between quakes)

FRESHMAN.

The Sophmores tried to stop it, but they didn't. For at 4:30 Saturday afternoon the Freshies left Wright Hall for a cross country tramp, all trying to recall the flavor of the goodies down on the farm. The short cut to the river road, a pause by the bridge to watch the sleepy sun, then on along the woodsey road toward Murphy's. Murphy's! Um! Ever been there? If not, ask the Freshies all about it (they know).

After eagerly devouring the evening meal, "Dad" Sebring acted as toastmaster and all were having a glorious time when someone mentioned the clock at Wright Hall and the Freshies regretfully withdrew from the still tempting board and piled into a big wagon and started on their homeward(?) way. But the shortness of the time did not dishearten them for the horses started no sooner than the Freshies throats. While they kept "1910, up, up, up in the air," they did not forget the old

"Een-dick-a-deen; dick-a-dein; dick-a-foom,

Een-nick-ano-fa; een-nick-a-no-fa;
Een-dick-a-deen; dick-a-dein; dick-a-foom;

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S-l Rah! Boom!"

ZETA SIGMA.

New men are fast getting into line. Theron Chapel's exposition of 'stiddy-ing' was highly entertaining as well as instructive.

The question of intersociety debate submitted by Phi Phi Alpha is being considered. Zeta Sigma has choice of sides this year and will soon return answer to the Phi's. The debate will be interesting and ought to develop an Alma College debating team that will take the college to the front.

Preparations for the annual banquet are under way.

PHI PHI ALPHA.

Last Monday's program was an exceptionally good one. Each speaker, though having a very difficult subject, did his work in a way which showed that plenty of time and effort was put into the work.

The new men are the surprises this year. In all programs which they participated in, their work has been of the best.

Mr. Avery and Mr. Hunt, new men, entered the "Gold and Silver Medal Contest" for Kent county persons, at Grand Rapids, Friday, November 1. They are very able speakers and their showing was fine.

On November 18, the Froebels will be entertained in the society room.

LIBRARY.

A new accession book has just been purchased for the library. This is the third book of its kind in the library and when filled will bring the total number of accessions up to 30,000. At present there are over 20,000 volumes in the library.

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AT THE CORNER TABLE.

Locker—The rule of many is not a good thing. Let us have oneboss. I'm it. Hal—It's greater to be popular than to be crazy.

Sutt—I would rather hug and be caught than never to hug at all.

Big Mac—I would rather fail than succeed in a "house to house" canvass.

Bob—Know you're in love. Then tell others.

Finlayson—Prepare your lessons and ride your pony after hours in Uncle Freu's pasture.

Between Locker's "model housekeeping," McComb's discipline, and John D.'s spiritual influence the swipes are leading a strenuous life.

It has been suggested that the daily assemblage of the swipes in their "Valhalla," preparatory to the refreshment of the inner man, be opened with prayer, for the promulgation of domestic tranquility and the lessening of internal dissensions.

McComb—Well, John D., what do you think of "I hereby declare?"

John D.—What idea is gurgling up from your anatomy now, Pooh pooh?

McComb—I ain't got no Pooh Pooh ideas and I don't want you to call me that any more.

Threatening clouds arise on the horizon and subdued muttering are heard. The swipes gather close around to see the fun, only to be disappointed for there is a broad though somewhat sickly smile on our Charlie's face. (Editor's Note—This was a couple of weeks back.)

McComb (at table later)—I don't believe in praying on Sunday and laying for a man on week days.

Campbell the only trouble with me and my brother is that we are so good that when we do anything we always get caught.

Helmer---Gee Whiz! There goes that John Campbell again. I am going to clean up on him.

Sutton—(After a house-to house canvass on a recent Friday evening)

"If she slight me when I woo I can scorn and let her go.

For if she is not fair for me What care I how fair she be."

Mac—Who is running this Sophomore class if McComb and I are not?

Rabbi—I think it a dirty shame, McCollum to steal from a man when he is praying.

A COUPLE OF FLASHLIGHTS.

Donald to Kindergarten went One morning with a message sent.

Which he was to deliver well The very instant he saw Miss L.

Busy with lessons for little folk. Miss L. was startled by Donald's joke(?)

These were the words and, oh, so true:

"Billy at our house likes you, likes you."

Through the K. G. girls it came to the hall,

And now 'tis the standing joke of all,

For 'tis the cry of the girls (and faculty, too)

"Billy at our house likes you, likes you."

Peg, Peg, the freshman green, Swallowed a tale about the dean.

If the truth were told, two juniors bold Would the followig tale unfold.

"Light, light, of phosphorus bright On the faces of juniors placed just right.

The dean did look, to fight she took—"

And the freshie believed, though it sounds like a book.

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Your mind are growing rusty, You're strictly out to date.

Ere long you'll be quite crusty. Cheer up—ere 'tis too late.

Learn to keep your dates unmixed

When beds fall and when not: And in your feeble minds have fixed That Wright Hall beds are cots. Smith says that a man may at times feel blue but usually a man isn't as black as he is painted and by a keen observer can be read (red). (Yea, verily, brother, thou speakest from experience.) Halloween has come and got away again safe leaving various vesiges of wreckage lying around. Was the campus noisy Thursday night? Did the girls throw red ink?

A Bitterness.

But bitter grief is left to share with me The lonely hours and tender thoughts of thee. But Grief is beautiful. Gentle her face, And her dark vestments worn with thy own grace.

I weep no more, nor smile, for, oh! I see That no one in my heart shall ever be (For Hope, far fled, has left no clue, no trace)

But Bitter Grief.

My late found love, a somber queen is she, Her rule is ruthless. I obey nor flee. I fold her to my heart, I give her place. She shall be mine till time us both erase. No one can save, no one can set me free

But Bitter Grief.

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