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DEBATES BREAK EVEN

Teams Take Unanimous Decision From Hope And Lose TO Olivet.

TRIANGULAR AFFAIR A SUCCESS

League Should Be Continued—Much Interest Manifested.

To win and to lose at the same time may seem a trifle paradoxical yet this was Alma's record Friday night. The affirmative team claiming a victory over Hope College by unanimous decision and the negative team losing by a close decision of two and one in a hot contest at Olivet. Both teams met a thoroughly prepared and spirited trio of adversaries, but as it happened, in the one case winning, and the other losing.

The debate at Alma was called at 8:15 o'clock. The audience was somewhat limited in number because of adverse weather conditions—a steady pouring rain being considerably to blame.

The spirit of the debaters, however, was not dampened and after a word of explanation by Prof. Ewing—the master of ceremonies—the debate was on.

The affirmative based their whole argument upon the popular interpretation of the navy question, showing in contrast the great needs of the country, for a navy, over against our present inadequate navy. The negative met the arguments in an intelligent manner and constructed one of their own at the same time. Undoubtedly the decision fell to the affirmative, because of the consistency and unity of the different speeches. In the very nature of the debate, the negative must, of necessity be prepared to argue from all standpoints, yet it might be safely said that the affirmative showed a preparedness of material, a unity of argument, and a forcefulness of delivery, that well merited the decision.

The first affirmative argument given by Mr. Graves, started things underway, by presenting various problems which the U. S. has to face now and in the near future, involving a large navy for their solution, showing, as well, that in comparison with the leading countries of the world, we find our problems equally as great and in many cases

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Men's Open House

Although later than usual, the men of Pioneer Hall declared an open door policy Saturday evening and every one connected with Alma college, faculty, students and friends, dropped in and had an evening with "the boys." And a jolly evening it proved to be. Going upon the theory that the men, of themselves, should prove sufficiently interesting to all comers of either sex, fair or unfair, nothing special in the line of entertainment was prepared. Outside of one or two vaudeville stunts at scattered intervals and a half hour of amusement in the Y. M. C. A. room, to conclude the evening, the entertainment was in the hands of all the fellows, acting as a committee of the whole.

At eight o'clock the excited cry of "here they are fellows" from the dizzy tops of the mizzen mast, where outlooks were stationed, brought the "glad hand" committee to their feet with a start. They were straightened and with a shaky feeling running up and down the spine, the committee stammered out the accustomed "you are welcome, and you also," a la Freshman rhetoricals.

For fully an hour the guests made the rounds of the rooms under the guidance of willing scouts, who explained the places of interest in a narrative style that would have made a sight seeing companies' agent jealous. Placards at the entrance of every room, the work of an unprejudiced committee, acquainted every one with the occupant, at the same time revealing not a little of his personality. Many were the exclamations of delight from the interested guests as they wandered from room to room. Some sat recklessly upon tables and chairs without even dusting them first and one girl, with a white dress, actually sat upon a window sill, a simple act, but a glowing tribute which brought tears to the eyes of the sapolio committee. If the committee had neglected that particular window sill—horrors! disastrous the result. But they were faithful—each minute and unseen part had got the scrub brush good and hard—the girl sat on the window sill—sopolio had filled the bill, our reputation spotless still.

At nine p. m. the "Red Headed Quartet" rendered "Johnny Smoker" in true classical style. The harmony was exquisite, and the technique unequalled. The

audience stood entranced, and as the dulcet sounds of those familiar mellow notes fluttered and warbled adown the quaint old hall, many turned aside and brushed away a tear, not a few felt their very heart strings vibrate and some, roused to enthusiasm, beat their chubby fists upon the wall and shouted, "more" "more."

At 9:20 p. m. the celebrated zolo duo appeared from the inky blackness of the night and treated the spectators to that touching melody, "When you and I were young, Maggie," and upon the applause continuing to be prolonged and deafening, rendered, "Home Sweet Home," with equal fervor and effect.

Ten o'clock found every one satisfied with sight seeing and punch, and gathered in the Y. M. C. A. room for the concluding performance of the evening. They were not disappointed, as the Ben Greet players produced a 20 minute sketch of college adventure, that took the prize for student finish, dramatic action and mystic plot. Then followed a local hit or two by a pair of lightning rhymsters, who manufactured jingles for the occasion, upon short notice.

This ended an interesting evening and placed the third annual open house of the men of Pioneer Hall in the annals of college history as one to be remembered.

Purely Personal.

For fifteen issues the Almanian has said nothing of finance. Even a bare hint, that many subscriptions were long since over due, cannot be found. Eight issues remain, twenty-five have been published and paid for. We are not on the rocks, never have been, or intend to be. We need every dollar that's due, however, to come out with flying colors. We ask it fairly as a business proposition, if you have not been satisfied with the Almanian, you know our street and number, drop us a card; if on the other hand it has kept you in touch with your Alma mater, for the current year, has gather together what's doing, printed it and mailed it to your address, why not send in your dollar and insure its continuance. Fair enough, isn't it?

ALUMNI.

Martin Karmer ex '04 is chemist in a large Consultory laboratory in Chicago. He is living at 234 La Salle ave.

SCALPS THE INDIANS

Alma Wins Initial Game With Five to Zero Shut Out.

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With only one good practice since vacation and the prospects for the first game in doubt, owing to weather conditions, the fans had become a bit pessimistic as to the early showing of the team, but Saturday's decisive victory over the Mt. Pleasant Indians by the score of 5 to 0 gladdened the hearts of the team's rooters and gave a good opportunity for dopesters to make optimistic predictions for the 1909 team.

As the different teams took the field it was seen that the locals had by far the most life and ginger, and from the minute Dearing singled the first ball into left for a single the game was not in doubt. Call followed with a base on balls, Campbell hit to pitcher and Call and Dearing were advanced, and then over a disputed decision Dearing was called out, but Campbell reached first safely and he and Call advanced a base on Duncanson's out and were driven home by a pretty single by Hoben.

There was no more scoring until the seventh when the bleachers began to cry for more.

Koepfgen, the first man up in this inning struck out. Graham got a base on balls, and Deering also drew a free pass to first, the Indian's pitcher being unable to locate the plate. Call, the next man up was safe on an error, filling the bases. Graham scored on an overthrow from first to third. Campbell grounded to Baumer, Deering scoring on the throw to first. Sandy connected for a two bagger to right field sending Call across the rubbe Sandy dying on second when Hoben grounded to short for the third out.

The field was very slow, making fast base ball an impossibility, but Alma's team fulfilled all expectations showing more class and aggressiveness than the red skins. Sandy was in great form and had no trouble mowing down opposing ballers, fanning 13 of

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Appreciation.

The result of the Triangular Debates proved an even break for Alma. Both teams have reflected honor upon their college. The mere matter of winning or losing has nothing to do with the amount of good derived by the individual debater. That is the same, regardless of the result. Needless to say both teams have worked and worked hard. The style of debate they delivered easily shows this. Of course they sacrificed much time and allowed themselves to drop behind in other things for the sake of the debate; for this, they were amply repaid in the experience gained. But what of the coach?

How much extra time has he sacrificed? How often has he left a comfortable home and spent the evening with the hopeful debaters? What credit goes to him—win or lose? He gains nothing in comparison with the experience—it is a familiar territory and beaten paths of routine for him. What then is his reward? Simply appreciation. An appreciation first on the part of the debaters for what he has done for them and the way he has stood by, from start to finish. An appreciation next on the part of the institution, whose interest he represents. An appreciation also on the part of the student body, in a recognition of a chance to take up debating in earnest and in consequence a brighter prospect for winning teams next year. An appreciation lastly, on the part of the professor himself of a hard task well done, which we feel sure is the case.

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greater, and our navy smaller.

Mr. Rottshafer replied for the negative and, after disagreeing somewhat as to procedure, finished with the first affirmative, launched into his own constructive argument, the main point of contention being that the U. S. navy was already efficient enough for our present needs.

Mr. Dunham continued for the affirmative and discussed the fact that by our present policy of increase, compared with other nations, we were fast dropping behind. He brought forward the yellow peril also and showed many probable reasons for a war with Japan, arguing that a larger navy would be our wisest move.

Mr. Hinkamp carried still further the negative argument and by a series of charts proceeded to show our real naval strength, discussing the method of future naval warfare and showing thereby that our present navy was adequate for all such purposes.

Mr. Craig took up the affirmative discussion again and brought forth, in a forceful manner, the two arguments of "The navy—a nation's war insurance" and "A large navy insures peace," concluding with a summary of all the affirmative arguments.

Mr. Roost speaking for the negative presented a strong appeal for universal peace and a policy of disarmament on the part of the United States. His speech bristled with wit and humor and he certainly scored a hit with the audience.

The negative rebuttal, handled in first class shape by Mr. Rottshafer, in which he touched upon practically everything that had been discussed in the debate, closed the argument for the negative.

Mr. Dunham closed the affirmative argument with a unique rebuttal speech that played an important part in the decision, undoubtedly.

The decision stood three for the affirmative, which by the way, was a trifle gratifying to the Alma rooters in general, and to three young gentlemen in particular.

Music for the occasion consisted of three numbers, two vocal and one instrumental. Miss Ransom and Mr. Anderson playing the piano duet "Dance of the Guomes," Whelpley and Misses Johnson, Bahlke and Goll singing "Lift Thine Eyes"—Mendelssohn. Miss Alexander sang "April Morn"—Batton—which the students recognized as one of their favorites.

The "enthusiasm committee" were on hand with some printed sheets of songs which every one sang with more noise than melody. They were oppropo, nevertheless, and put the two teams in the real scrappy mood necessary for the handling of a lively debate.

The reception at Wright Hall proved entertaining indeed. All three judges were heard from as well as members of the two teams. After a short musical program refreshments were served.

A debate at Olivet was a most spirited one. It was also a most evenly balanced one. At its close it was clearly evident that both sides were doubtful rather than expounding. It even took an instant for the announcement of two for the affirmative and one for the negative, to thoroughly get possession of the audience. Ordinarily the cheer of the home audience would drown the latter part of such an announcement, but in this case the surprise was sufficient for the chairman to give the decision entire without interruption.

The Olivet college chapel was the place of the debate. President Snyder of M. A. C., Prof. C. B. Williams of Kalamazoo College, and Judge Clement Smith of Hastings, were the judges. Professor Shoenburger of Olivet, presided. Olivet's representatives were Glen Townsend, Harvey Hunsberger and S. I. Brainerd. The negative was sustained by Adelbert Lindley, Stanley Johnson and Robert Von Thurn.

Mr. Townsend's argument was clear cut while his delivery was graceful, rapid and telling. His speech, a prepared one, emphasized the need of an increased navy because of our increased responsibilities. Wars have not passed away. The world has seen three great wars in the last ten years. England because of her superior naval power has been the determining force in international affairs; the United States is now a world power and that we may exercise world influence we must have a world navy. Our commerce, the Panama canal and the Monroe doctrine all call for an increase.

Mr. Lindley in an excellent con-

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structed speech followed his opponent closely. He showed that our navy first in efficiency and second in tonnage and numbers was adequate to meet all needs. By a process of elimination he showed that a greater navy was unnecessary in times of peace, that no cause for war existed, and even if it did no nation was in a position to go to war with us. On the other hand judging the future by the past the antecedent probability was against war.

So strong was the impression made by Mr. Lindley Mr. Hunsburger, following for Olivet, found it necessary to spend the opening six minutes of his fifteen minute speech entirely in rebuttal and to intersperse the remainder frequently with rebuttal. His leading thought was that wars come unexpectedly unforeseen and unannounced.

Preparedness is the only safeguard of peace. We are not an isolated nation. To adequately protect our interests we need a two-ocean navy, twice our present navy.

Mr. Johnson, with the same composure that characterizes him in the pitcher's box followed for Alma. His enunciation was clear and forceful; his arguments clear-cut and vital. He held the closest attention; in fact no speaker on either team made such an impression on the audience. He contended that the interests of commerce were opposed to war, that the balance of power prevents aggressions on the part of a war-inclined nation, that a war with the United States would expose European nations to the activities of its jealous rivals and that in reality the other nations are not increasing their navies to any appreciable extent.

Mr. Brainard closed the constructive arguments for Olivet. His delivery was all that could be asked. He contended that force makes the peace of today, that European nations have their compelling force doubled through alliances. The United States without such alliances has need of a greater individual force, an increased navy, a superior naval force.

Mr. Von Thurn basing his argument on that of his colleagues, that our present navy was adequate, concluded that further increase was not only useless but a waste of public revenue. We now consume on our army and navy seventy per cent of our vast expenditures. Would the affirmative expend eighty, ninety or one hundred per cent? In the face of an ever-increasing deficit, with internal improvements, productive expenditures, calling so loudly for federal aid, we should expend no more on a greater navy, clearly a non-productive expenditure. We should rather take the lead in the limitation of armaments. Mr. Von Thurn's calm collectedness on the

platform did much to drive home his position—a position which he continually styled a business proposition. His humor and good-natured sarcasm was much enjoyed; it was also a deciding factor in the contest.

Johnson in rebuttal put the affirmative on the horns of a dilemma. On one side was the immense needs of the United States, "conclusively proved" according to our opponents, a need for a two-ocean navy, a navy of fifty battleships, a navy greater than that of England, on the other the advocacy of two ships to meet this need.

But the building of two ships annually merely makes up for decay and deterioration and is no increase. Rather it's maintaining our present strength, exactly what the negative are contending for. To except the needs as real would require at least the immediate building of a second navy equal to that which we now have. This would call for an immediate expenditure of at least \$400,000,000. Can the affirmative justify such an expenditure?

Hunsburger in closing the debate contended that the policy of the United States for the past fifteen years was one of increase both in money expended and tonnage afloat; that the negative were the ones championing the new policy and that it was not incumbent upon the affirmative to follow the authorities cited to the extent of increase advocated by them.

After the contest the Olivet seniors tendered the judges and visitors a reception in the library.

While Alma would have been pleased to have had the decision, yet with a debate so close we consider defeat no disgrace, and take some comfort in the fact that the Alma-Olivet score in the series of debates extending over the past two years is yet two to one in favor of Alma.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter—one thing is evident—the triangular league has come to stay and has proven itself an incentive to debating in all three colleges. Winning or losing the experience to the individual debater is exactly the same, and all three colleges should recognize that the triangular debating league is of great value to each college and should by all means be continued.

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 them in 8 innings. His curve was breaking fine, and along with it he has speed and control. Hole, one of the new men who pitched the last inning performed like a veteran, striking out two of the Indian's best strikers. Pitching seems no exertion whatever for him and with plenty of exercise he ought to develop into a star twirler. Phillips, at first, although in strange territory, played an excellent game handling all wild-throws that came his way, and he seems well fitted for the position. Call and Campbell worked very well at second and short and as both are fast men Alma supporters may look for some swift work around the keystone sack. Brown at third seems good on ground balls and only needs experience so that he will become accustomed to his place, and ought to show some fast playing. Hoben at his old stand caught a steady game and threw well. The outfielders had but one chance among them, which was taken charge of by McCurdy. Deering seems to have his eye on the ball and Graham also looked good with the stick.

The line up:

ALMA.					
	A	B	H	P	A
Deering, cf.....	3	1	0	0	0
Call, 2b.....	2	0	1	2	
Campbell, s.....	3	1	0	3	
Duncanson, p.....	3	1	0	1	
Hoben, c.....	4	1	16	0	
Phillips, 1b.....	4	0	9	0	
Brown, 3b.....	4	2	0	0	
McCurdy, rf.....	4	0	1	1	
Graham, lf.....	3	0	0	0	
Hole, p.....	0	0	0	1	
Totals.....	30	6	27	8	

INDIANS.					
	A	R	H	P	A
Showinin, s.....	4	1	1	3	
Lewis, rf.....	4	1	0	0	
Baumer, 2b.....	4	0	5	3	
Nevitt, c.....	4	1	6	4	
Paul, lf.....	3	0	1	0	
Keway, cf.....	3	0	1	0	
Dutton, 3b.....	3	0	1	1	
O'Connor, 1b.....	3	0	9	0	
Cameron, p.....	3	0	0	0	
Totals.....	31	3	24	11	

SCORE.

Errors—Brown, Cameron, O'Connor (3).

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Alma.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	*—5
Indians.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0

Two-base hit—Duncanson. Left on bases—Alma, 7; Indians, 4.

Passed ball—Nevitt. First on balls—Off Cameron, 6. Struck out—

By Duncanson, 13. Hole, 2; Cameron, 1. One pitched—Duncanson.

Stolen bases—Nevitt, Campbell, Duncanson, Keway, 40. Umpire—Ells-

more.

The class has been in a mild

state of mourning the past week. Truth is we have lost one of our members, but we are sure not permanently. No sooner were we back on the campus than the good old hand clasp bespoke something special doing. It was only a seconds work to get the wheels and cogs into running order and a spread was in full progress Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. Frakers'. How much we owe to Mrs. Fraker we are learning now and more of her generosity at every turn of this our college life. The Sophomore girls who put up that feed certainly have cinched their future. Did anyone say anything about not having cooks in our class. We would like to see better ones than those who did things for us last Wednesday. Games kept us busy until the eats came on. After that part of the program was over fond farewells were said to Miss Stevens and we wended our weary ways.

A Few Items of Interest About the Enterprising Sophs.

Mr. Rigamugig Roy Phillips spent a pleasant "achtagen" hold-down the cane seat in his father's study up in the Thumb. Good work, Phil, old boy. Hope the rest of us spent the vacation as profitably.

"Bobby" has been seeing to much, so it became necessary for her to put on some tinders. It has been noted, however, that they are no drawback.

On a recent trip to the Pacific coast the two Graces discovered a new species of eructacia. They both were noted for being so very interested in depection last year, in their work in Biology. It is with great pleasure we see them progressing in the study.

ALUMNI.

Harry Kramer, who attended Alma in '901 and '02 is proprietor of the most elaborate dental parlors in Youngstown, Ohio. His house address is 140 Willis ave.

Wm Fairman a student '04-'06 is located at Old Mission. He expects to re-enter Alma in the near future.

Miss Mildred Lehner, a student in the music department in '02-'03, is playing the cello in the Spanish Orchestra in Chicago. Miss Lehner will tour the United States in orchestra work for the Redpath Lyc eum Bureau the coming year.

Not Bad.

A recent examination in geography is responsible for the following contribution to general knowledge.

Question.—What kind of government do they have in England, France, Spain and Switzerland?

Answer.—In England they have English government, in France, French government, in Spain, Spanish government and in Switzerland they have switch government.—Ex

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