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## PROSPECTS ARE GOOD

For a Large Attendance at the College This Year.

## MANY STATES REPRESENTED

New Teachers Assume Their Positions and the Year's Work Started Off.

Judging from present indications it looks as if the college was likely to repeat this year what it has done for about fifteen years with astonishing regularity: climbing a little higher in the attendance of students than on the previous year. The greater increase so far is with the young women. This is not to be wondered at when one thinks of the beautiful home which has been provided for them at Wright Hall. The building was never so beautiful without and within as it is now. The ivies and other vines, some of them now in bloom, are covering a large part of its walls; and inside everything is glistening with varnish and fresco.

The wide reach of the college is indicated by the registration which tells us that out of 182 students now enrolled five are from Alma, eight from Howell, six from St. Louis, six from Saginaw, five from Calumet, five from Detroit, three from Mount Pleasant, one from Ohio, one from New Mexico, and one from Kansas.

Forward and Mrs. Bruske gave a reception to the faculty and officers of the college on Tuesday evening. This annual function serves to put the working force of the college into intelligent and helpful sympathy. The new members of the teaching staff are introduced to their associates and the old members swap vacation stories over bits of ice and cake. Of course this year the ice suggested the North Pole and how it was "Cooked and Peared."

The opening address was delivered in the chapel on Wednesday morning by Rev. Harry L. Crane, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Alma. It was a most able and interesting discussion upon what students should definitely set before them as their goal in a college education.

The new members of the faculty are Mr. Churchill of the commercial school, Miss Roberts of the piano department, Miss Robinson and Miss Merriam of the school for kindergartners. Although they have been on the grounds only a few days they have already won golden opinions from their fellow teachers and the students of their several schools. They are persons of the best training and of many years of experience in teaching. Mr. Churchill has been teacher of the commercial branches for over ten years; Miss Roberts has taught in the Indianapolis Conservatory for five years; Miss Robinson and Miss Merriam after

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## ALUMNI.

With the first copy of the 1909-10 Almanian the publishers wish to extend greetings to all Alumni and former students of Alma and wish them success in whatever work they may be engaged. It is the aim of the staff to furnish through the Alumni column all items of interest in regard to former students of the college. We wish to make this column a sort of directory of old students and will strive to give their addresses as well as news items of interest concerning them; and all items about students are interesting. The Alumni editor cannot make this department a success without help from the field. Will not each one who knows an item of interest to the readers of the Almanian please take it upon himself as a burden to send it to the editor. This we hope, will be the only request for news this year.

It is interesting to note what the members of the class of '09 are doing as their first year's work after graduation.

Maynard A. Cook is teaching mathematics in the Caro high school.

Grace Brown is pursuing a course in the U. of M. and will receive a masters degree in June.

Byron Chapel is assisting in the construction of a cement mill at Des Moines, Iowa, in which he will act as chemist when the plant is completed.

Harv Craig is Teacher of science in the Mt. Pleasant High school.

Lois Fraker is instructor in latin and German in the Grand Ledge schools, while Helen Strange has charge of the kindergarten department in the same place.

Hazel Fraser occupies a position of importance in the East Jordan high school.

M. L. Marshal has just closed a successful summer's work as pastor of the Port Homer Presbyterian church and will pursue a Theological course in McCormick seminary.

Theodore Nelson is principal of the Iron River high school.

Inez Pollard has accepted a position in the Milan High school, taking the place of Beryl Kopfgen, who resigned last June. Myrtle Black, a former Alma student is teaching in the same school.

Emma Swigart is at the head of the department of Latin and German in the high school in Newaygo.

Harold Whittemore has begun his work as Professor of Science and physical director at Highland University, Highland, Kas.

Grace Kramer and Grace McCord are teaching in the kindergarten association school in Saginaw. Ethel Springer and Edna Brown have charge of the primary work in the West Ward school in Tecumseh and Margaret Morrison, who has charge of the kindergarten department of the East Ward school in the same city.

## SETTLED AT MT. PLEASANT.

W. H. Long, a graduate of Alma College and a man with many friends in this city, has accepted a call as pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Mt. Pleasant. In speaking of the

reception tendered Mr. and Mrs. Long in that city last week. The Central Michigan Times said: "The reception tendered Rev. and Mrs. Long in the parlors of the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening was a very pleasant occasion, and enjoyed by a large portion of the membership of that society and many of other denominations. Prof. John Kelly and wife and Ralph Doughty and wife were in the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Long, and every one was impressed by the cordiality and the friendly spirit which prevailed the entire evening. Refreshments were provided for all and an evening passed that was truly a pleasure. Mr. and Mrs. Long must feel that they are among friends."

## OPENING RECEPTION

One of the things looked forward to, by old and new students alike is the opening reception given by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., for the purpose of getting acquainted with the recent arrivals, and for various other reasons. Everyone admits that the reception held this year, Friday evening, September 24, was the best yet. Every body was there; old students and new; "Exs" and Alumni; faculty and towns people.

The decorations, both outside and inside were superior to anything seen in previous years on similar occasions.

Of course the "I am" cards were conspicuous and, furnished a means of breaking the ice of non-acquaintance. The faculty row, so imposing in former years did not put in an appearance. By actual note no more than four of the August body were found in a line at one time.

Someone had been daring enough to label Wright Hall as the "Stiddies Paradise," and nobody less than the dean says it is not irony but actual facts. So here goes for—

When the bashful little boys and girls had acquired courage to get six inches away from the kindly support of the wall, to unfold their arms or get their hands out of their pockets, the grand march was begun and kept up until everyone though they had made their debut. Then came a new and startling affair. Students were allowed to go on boatrides, promenades or for a walk in an airship, provided none of the trips continued more than five minutes. Some of the parties stuck in the moonlight and used twice the allotted time but none were fined.

Just when things were going smoothly the master of ceremonies commanded all to find some secluded nook and wait for refreshments. The committee having the "handout" in charge certainly believed in both quantity and quality. Everything was of the best grade and there was plenty and lots more.

Of course no reception would be complete without music, and we had it. Miss DuVries sang in a manner that brought forth well earned applause. The criticism we heard was that she had no "second." Here's hoping she will come again.

Throughout the evening "Real Alma Spirit" of good fellowship was apparent and it is the hope of the older students that the new ones may see that this is the real spirit of Alma College, not only on special occasions, but every day in the year.

## BRIGHTER PROSPECTS

Coach Carrithers "Back Again"—New Material Looks Good.

## RALPH VON THURN, CAPTAIN

Football Schedule, Though Incomplete, Promises Some Interesting Games.

The old students seem to feel enthusiasm in the very atmosphere, as they arrived and the cause was none other than that Coach Carrithers was to return and would again have charge of the athletics, which he has pushed so far to the front. The coach, in turn, attempted to explain that the cause of the enthusiasm was due to the large amount of new material, with which to build up a winning team. He certainly has much better prospects than faced him a year ago at this time. With Coach Carrithers, an able assistant, Frank R. Hurst, and Captain Von Thurn, looking after a team of even fair ability we were ought to expect great things although only preliminary practice has begun, already the men are showing midseason form and lack most of all more men with whom to get the necessary scrimmage work. Those of the old men back are, Captain Von-



COACH IRA T. CARRITHERS.

Thurn, left tackle, who is bigger, stronger, and even more lively than ever. Theron Chandel, center for two years, Kopfgen, who played such an aggressive guard position last year. Cook, full back of last year's team, with more muscle and bone; Hooper the fighting right half; Lester Von Thurn, left halfback, Campbell and Ewing, quarter backs, and Fraker, a last years sun. The new men who have been showing up acceptably are, King, a halfback of the crack Hudson High school team; Misna, a 170 pound fullback from East Jordan; Olle Anderson, guard, 200 pounds of the best Swede done up in a 6 foot 4 inch package. McCollum, a 170 pound

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With this issue we celebrate the second Birthday Anniversary of the Weekly Almanian. Happily we can say it isn't a weakly affair, in spite of the fact that it is a weekly occurrence. It has had so many spankings that it ought to grow up into a newsful and robust paperhood.

We no longer fear for its existence. That is assured. What we want is a better paper and a larger subscription list. We must have the loyal support of every member of the Faculty; every student of College, and of every Alumnus. Without this the paper cannot reach its full development; with it the Almanian can, and will, be the best college weekly this side of the North Pole.

### YE FRESHIES!

Every class in college should have its own distinctive cheer. A pleasantly descriptive cry for young beginners like yourselves is "Raw-raw-raw. The chances are that is what you will be for at least one-half of your first year.

It is well on all occasions for young collegians to get on pleasantly friendly terms with their instructors, but the act of slapping the president on the back and addressing him to his face as "Old Hoss" is to be avoided.

Eschew hazing in so far as you are able to do so. It is the height of foolishness for a boy fresh from school to descend suddenly upon a group of a dozen Sophomores with the intention of throwing them in a duck-pond. We do not recall, in many years of experienced observation of the ways of college boys, a single instance where such an effort has turned out successfully.

Let your ambitions be in strict accord with your physical capacity. A Freshman weighing ninety-eight pounds who thirsts to get on

a foot ball team is apt to encounter some disappointing obstacles which may not be overcome, while, on the other hand, he might reasonably hope to become light-weight Tiddeldy-wink champion of his class.

All men need a certain amount of sleep, even Freshmen. It is well therefore, to go to bed occasionally during the first few months of your stay at college. The opportunities of sleeping in a class-room cannot be counted upon, and in most of our higher institutions of learning it is not considered good form to take a pillow or cot into recitation rooms.

It will, of course, become obvious to you, as your college career progresses, that your professors and tutors are grinds and do not know very much, but it is well to conceal your knowledge of this fact, since they are apt to be people of so revengeful and generally vindictive a nature that they will flunk you at examination time.

Now that you have become a full-fledged man, remember to put away childish things, and leave such things as cribs and ponies to the babies. Many a man has been rocked out of college by the use of a crib, and it is always safer to walk on Shank's mare than to attempt to ride through college on the other kind of a horse.—Harper's Weekly.

### NEW THINGS ON THE CAMPUS.

Every year when the students return to college some improvement on the campus or in the buildings is sure to greet them. But no one expected to see such extensive improvements as had been made during the summer vacation. The long-hoped-for concrete walks have arrived in great quantities just where most needed.

Pioneer Hall never looked better outside and in than it does at present. The rooms have been put in fine shape and every man will do his best to keep it so. Our Men's Dormitory is one of the best of its kind in the state.

Of course Wright Hall is hard to improve upon, but it does look better than it did last year. Whenever repairing was at all necessary, there it has been done.

But the greatest change of all is in the administration Building. The Chapel, halls and recitation rooms have been papered or tinted so nicely that some of the old students didn't know where they were at.

But why should we be so greatly surprised? These changes are only what we should expect. Although Alma is about the youngest college in Michigan she is rapidly out-distancing the older institutions. And more than that we have a President, Faculty, friends and spirit to make Alma the best college in the state.



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**Y. W. C. A.**

The annual reception of the Y. W. C. A., given in honor of the new girls, was held Friday evening, September 17th, in Wright Hall. It was in form of a Japanese party the hall being beautifully decorated with Japanese lanterns.

Miss Nikajima, dressed in her native costume by request of the girls, was the center of many admirers throughout the evening. All formality was thrown aside, time given for getting acquainted, and then came the stunts. The Dance Act of the Lilliputians and a Freshman initiation to Wright Hall dining room was represented in a manner more real than life. The wild applause was checked only by refreshments served by girls dressed in Japanese costumes.

The closing song, "Good Night, Laddies," was a fitting close to a most enjoyable evening.

The Y. W. C. A. is glad to welcome so many new girls and the spirit shown them predicts a prosperous year for the association.

**ALPHA THETA.**

The Alpha Theta society held its first meeting for this year Monday evening and found very bright prospects for a successful society. Twenty-two old members answered to roll-call, which leaves very few vacancies in our limited membership. Marion McKinney was elected Secretary to fill Francis Mason's place, this being the only office left vacant. Many plans were made and this year promises to be a good one.

**PHI PHI ALPHA.**

The Phi Phi Alpha society started off with a fine swing at its first meeting Monday evening. A large number of last year's members were present and the spirit shown betokens a successful year. The society remains committed to its motto, "Quality not Quantity."

**NEW FACULTY MEMBERS.**

When the old students returned they found some new faces in the Faculty Row. The best we can do this week is to give their names, cuts and pedigrees will appear later.

- Prof. Churchill—Commercial.
- Miss Grace Roberts—Piano.
- Miss Merriam—Kindergarten.
- Miss Robinson—Kindergarten.
- Jas. Ross Mitchell—Vocal.

**SENIOR CLASS.**

The Seniors held their first class meeting in Room 10, Thursday, September 23. The following officers were elected:

- President—Stanley Graves.
- Vice Pres.—Elsie Bond.
- Sec. & Treas.—Frank McComb.
- Sophomore Advisor—Roy Campbell.
- Almanian Reporter—Hazel Blair.

**CLASSICAL CLUB.**

Many of the Alumni will remember the Classical Club which held regular and very instructive meetings for a number of years. Someone carelessly left the club out on the lawn over night and consequently it was lost and continued to be so for a year or more. While rummaging around in a Latin class last June Prof. Ewing found it and restored it to its rightful position. Consequently, beginning with Saturday, October 2, the Classical Club will hold meetings on the first and third Saturdays of each month. At the first meeting Miss Waring, who made a tour through Italy last summer, will give a general talk on Rome.

**Y. W. C. A.**

Miss Van Aiken, Industrial Secretary of Detroit, gave a most interesting and instructive talk to the Y. W. C. A. girls, Sunday afternoon. Her address was in the form of a strong appeal to all the college girls to enter Bible Study Classes for the coming year that they might be the better prepared to carry on that reform work so necessary in our home cities. She showed us what our responsibility as College graduates will be to the infinite number of girls who do not have the desirable surroundings and numerous advantages that we enjoy here.

In part she said: "If you would stop to think, girls, that but one out of every five hundred girls go to college you can the better realize under how great a responsibility this places you. Power to fill this responsibility can be attained only thru diligent study of our Bibles every day."

The Bible courses offered this year are:

- Personal Workers—Selma Hahn.
- Life of Christ—Ethel Carey.
- Life of St. Paul—Carrie Rowland
- Psalms—Florence Hood.
- Acts and Epistles—Myrtle Ryan.
- Men of the Old Testament—Isabel Stevens.

**ZETA SIGMA.**

With eighteen of her old members back and a fair proportion of the new men coming in Zeta Sigma is getting under headway for the usual events of the year. Debating and oratory look promising and with the usual strenuous competition should bring forth some interesting and lively contests in the forensic art. Of last year's debating team Craig and Dunham have been lost; the former through graduation and the latter through the continuation of his studies in an-

other school. Much is looked for from the new material however and only time will tell what they can do.

- The present officers are:
- President—Royal Campbell '10.
- Vice Pres.—Stanley Graves '10.
- Secretary—Harry Marsh '11.
- Treasurer—Don Call '12.
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## PROSPECTS ARE GOOD BRIGHTER PROSPECTS

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ing graduated, the one from Alma and the other from the Chicago kindergarten college and teaching for several years, were graduated from the Teachers College at Columbia University. In the change of heads of departments there is always great risk lest student attendance will suffer thereby. This does not seem to have been the case in the present instance. In one instance, that of the kindergartners, there has been an increase of students.

There is one great perplexity at Alma. What shall we do for more scholarships? By the contribution of our friends we were able to announce to the public that we had fifty-one scholarships to offer to such students of good moral character as should show an average standing of 90 per cent in the studies of the last year wherever they attended school. At the close of the first week the registration shows that 71 have established their claims to these scholarships. Shall we send some of them back or shall we increase the scholarships? x

### 1913.

So many things would happen if—

Let no one blame the Class of 1913 for not showing a banner with their numerals. The biggest and finest banner ever made by any class of Alma College was fastened to the flag-pole by the Freshmen. But some person, who should have no more to do with such affairs than a fish with a nail-file, took that banner down before the student body had an opportunity of seeing it.

Dont worry, Freshmen, your time will come. The chimney is yet standing. You know the rest.

### YE GREENE SIGNES.

There was a meeting of college men. There was a decision. The bills were posted. And now what?

In the first place, nothing will be done which could in any way bring disgrace to Alma College. We have too much Alma spirit for that.

In the second place, if it is just it will stand. Otherwise it will go the way of all other injustices.

Finally it will be threshed out to a finish in a meeting of Preps, Commercial students and college men.

### FOOTBALL IN 1927.

Alma believes in looking ahead for new material in every line. With the hope of keeping football up to the highest standard we are getting some good "Futures" to sign up. The first one on the list is Frank Hurst, Junior, who will play Right Tackle on our team in 1927.

### BY THE WAY.

Fred Bennett has started a fruit stand for the convenience of college men in Pioneer Hall. He keeps nothing but the poorest grade of apples. Reason: they are picked at night under great disadvantages.

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tackle, Yerex, a 170 pound end. Law, a 160 pound halfback, McKennzie a 170 pound guard, Connell, a 160 pound end.

Fraker has shown so much improvement that it will not be surprising to see him playing end before the season is over. He catches punts and forward passes and dodges as he used to on the basket ball floor. Hooper, also shows much improvement and with last years experience, ought to make a first class halfback. Fat Cook is punting and throwing forward passes as never before. Theron Chapel at center will undoubtedly make the best hustle for All Michigan center. He is much larger than last year and seems to be faster. Campbell and Ewing ought to take care of the quarter-backs positions in first class shape and with a good line in front of them they ought to make the back field do wonders. Keopfgen as left guard is happy again as he has the chance to tear things loose as usual. Although light for a guard, Keopfgen can play the position with the best of them. "Big Von" our new captain, who was the life and ginger of the team last year is an ideal man for captain and can be expected to play the game of



"BIG" VON THURN, CAPTAIN

his life this year. King has been playing at left end and shows that he has had much experience. He is fast and tackles hard. Misnar, although slightly lame has been showing up well at fullback and more is to be expected of him. His experience and age will greatly help the back field. Much more optimistic things might be said about the other men but space does not permit.

The coach has had the men running signals, tackling the new "dummy" and scrimmaging during the past week and hopes to have a practice game for next Saturday.

At present the foot ball schedule is incomplete but is submitted as follows:

October 20, open; October 9, M. A. C at Lansing; October 23, open; October 30, Olivet at Olivet; November 6, open; November 13, U. of M. Freshmen at Ann Arbor; November 20, open; November 25, open;

Negotiations are on with Adrian for November 25 at Alma, Mt. Pleasant Normals at Alma October 23 or November, and D. A. C. of Detroit, for November 20.

The tennis tournament was run off last Saturday by Coach Carrithers and Manager Fraker. Much fall work has been done this year in this line with the hopes of sending out an intercollegiate champion next year.

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