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TRIANGULAR DEBATE

The League Has Selected the Question for the Coming Contest.

ALMA'S QUESTION SELECTED

A Subject for Wide Range of Thought—Will be Debated Next April.

The final average of the decisions of the three colleges in the Intercollegiate Triangular Debating League show that the question submitted by Alma will be the one debated by Olivet, Hope and Alma next April. All three questions submitted, curiously enough, dealt with finance. Olivet's being in regard to the establishing a central Federal bank; Hope's involving a tariff reform; and Alma's confining itself to the income tax. The consensus of opinion, however, chose Alma's, and hence the exact wording of the question which will be debated is, "Resolved, That the United States should levy a progressive income tax—constitutionality conceded.

Now let's get a jump start and win out. We took one debate last year, and we can make that a stepping stone to the capture of both this year. Get the spirit and try out for the teams. We have the question, read up on it and let us have your ideas on the subject. Resolved, that Alma College levy an income tax, a progressive one at that, on the brains of her debating material now found in the student body (possibility of there being brains, conceded), and that she use resulting increment to apply on account toward gaining an unanimous decision in the triangular debates next April.

"BARBS."

Some colleges have one kind, and others another kind of a post-season game, but Alma has a drop-kick on them all when it comes to having an unique post-season contest. Thereby hangs a little history.

Four years ago this fall on a Saturday we were alackin' for excitement. 'Twas a day in November, wind was from the north that day, too, come to recollect. The first team had an out-of-town game, so the reserves, better known as scrubs, being anxious for something to do, proposed that there be a foot-

ball game on our own lot. The theory was all right, but how about the practice. The upshot of the whole matter was that enough old football suits were found to fit out eleven men. That's all they were, eleven men, you couldn't call that motley array a team. Oh! the self-sacrificing spirit of those volunteers. None of the eleven had had football togs on that year, some had never had. Those eleven men, after having fifteen minutes to become accustomed to their suits, to learn how to catch the ball—not such an easy task either, to absorb a part of the rule book, and to master a few plays—mind you, all this was done in less than half an hour, by the clock—prepared to withstand the onslaughts of the scrubs. The latter went where they listed. They went thru, around, under, above their opponents, poured thru between them like the savage hordes poured into Italy, (a la History Western Europe.) Those eleven men were simply odds and ends, mostly odds, at least the odds were not in their favor. The ends were Prof. Harry Craig of Mt. Pleasant and Prof. Geo. Sutton of Cass City. but you ask how did the name "barb" arise. Here are the extremes. Thereby you may have the means of knowing. 1st extreme: barbe, (German) beard, hence uncouth because of their appearance or barbarian for "barb" is a contraction of that term. 2nd extreme, because of their jagged line, suggested barbs on a wire fence. Which is correct we will not attempt to say. The score of that initial game was 40 to 0, odds against barbs.

The habit was formed, the years have come and gone, each bringing its scrub barb team. Two years ago the barbs won, 7 to 0. Last year witnessed a reversal. "Barbs" turn this year.

We are going to have a barb scrub game this year. True the scrubs have been giving a good account of themselves, but the barbs have a mine of material, this being the fourth season for some of their men. The game will probably be played Nov. 20, the exact date isn't certain yet. But it will be a thriller. The barbs are out to win. So are the scrubs. It will be one grand old time from whistle to whistle, a game that you will always remember.

Alma has had a successful football season. To be sure we lost some games, but that's neither here nor there. The proceeds of the barb-scrub game will go toward buying

sweaters for the wearers of the maroon socks. Everybody help in the duty of suitably rewarding "our boys."

"We've got the men, the coach, let's show that we've the money, too.

WRIGHT HALL.

Social affairs at Wright Hall on Friday evenings are not the cut and dried affairs we used to have. This is largely due to the fact that the students have entered in everything "doing" with a zest and enthusiasm that was noted for its absence last year.

Last Friday evening was just one more spoke in the social wheel. What did we do? Well, yes we did. Something new? Yes. Of course, you want to know. We had a co-educational taffy-pull. This was the way the losers in the peanut hunt of two weeks previous cast off the obligation ensuing from that search.

The musical chairs, alias going to Jerusalem, was the occasion of much jollity and more scrambling. College students can be "kids" again, you know.

What an intellectual game "book" was. (Excuse the seemingly grammatical error.) Perhaps you never heard of the game. Well, you are no greener than most of us were. It goes in this wise, the name of a book, written on a piece of paper—white preferred—is pinned to everybody's back, the wearer endeavoring to learn the title by translating the oracular statements of his neighbors.

Some of them were apropos too, for some one notice a paper pinned to the Dean's back—honest injun—reading, "The Power Behind the Throne." We played "winkum" so we did.

Our hosts and hostesses did their duty nobly, e'en though it was a case of must; or because of defeat, just as you prefer. We always try to make the best of circumstances, "for it's the Alma way."

At Miss Roberts' table.

Miss R.—I was reading this afternoon of a girl who was engaged to a young man. She, wishing to test his affection for her, went away.

Miss M-r-t-n—She didn't go to college, did she?

Miss R.—No, but I think a lot of girls do go to college for such reasons.

Miss Sh-w—Yes, that's why I came.

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Now that the football season is almost over, and the winter with its long, long evenings will soon be upon us, we naturally wonder what we are going to do for excitement. As the autumn is the season of strenuous physical exhilaration, even so is the winter season fraught with much mental labor. Even the relaxation periods are chiefly occasions of mental struggle, such as debate, oratorios and the like. In these intellectual contests, however, our interest is so intense that when they are past we are not rested in mind. Hence the lecture course.

Lyceum Course dates are red letter days in our winter calendar. They are as welcome as a beautiful and gloriously balmy day in the midst of the desolateness of winter. The Lyceum Course brings us the newest in music, art, thought and entertainment. It brings the best of the cities' privileges to our doors, and best of all they do not necessitate the laying aside of our many and various duties. And last, but not least, they afford an evening of social enjoyment for those who wish to purchase two tickets.

Another thing. Every succeeding Lyceum Course has been better in some way or other than its predecessor. The present one is far from being an exception to the rule, noted for the course of 1908-10 is the the best yet. You will have to agree with us. Saturday, Nov. 10, Hon. Champ Clark; Wednesday, Dec. 15, The Four Musical Artists; Tuesday, Jan. 8, The College Singing girls; Tuesday, Feb. 8, Rogers-Grilley Recitals; Thursday, March 17, Ernest Harold Baynes.

Hon. Champ Clark speaks for himself. In him we have impersonated the stentorian tones of a Webster, the fiery ardor of a Sumner, and the logic of a Cahoun. Whenever he speaks in congress, he—as you know—is the popular leader of the minority, there is al-

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SENIOR.

Did you wonder for whom the "bus" was waiting in front of the Wright Hall Saturday?

Did you wonder what caused the yelling about 9:30 Saturday night? It was the Seniors.

Where had we been and what had we been doing? Well, Miss Muhlenbach entertained us at a spread in the woods. Scarcely had we landed before everything was ready for the fire; and then supper. Have you ever had ham and eggs, cake and coffee and real cream, and lots of good things to eat, all in the woods? If you have, why then you know how good it was. If you have not, be good and may be somebody will ask you. You have

a good example.

Naturally we selected the best spot and it was just the place for a huge bon-fire which the boys built after the supper, even tearing the stumps from the ground to build it. It is beyond the powers of the Almanian reporter to describe it, but possibly Mr. McComb might as he described the smoke coming through the top of the stump as "hole-y smoke;" or perhaps "His Satan's Majesty" himself could tell, because he stood by it most of the time and with his trident "Chase-d" the stray sticks back to the flames.

Thus we gathered round the blaze and enjoyed several hours of singing, talking and roasting marshmallows. What witty remarks and funny stories. The prizes should go to Mr. McComb and Mr. Graves who, commenting on the advantages of Alma College, said it is situated on a beautiful cliff and is run on the same plan.

All to soon we heard the rumble of wheels and knew that we must tear ourselves away, though the driver said he thought we should stay by such a fire all night.

The trip home was made to the accompaniment of the chorus of "Pony Boy" though it did not appear to have much effect on the driver or his horses. Arrived at Wright Hall, the party broke up with yells for Miss Muhlenbach, the Dean, ourselves and everybody in general.

"Can we do it, yes, we can we're the class of 1910."

PHI PHI ALPHA.

Work is going fine. Our new material is making good beyond our former hopes. Everybody is in the spirit of work and "gets right there" with a right good will.

Our debates have brought out the possibilities of some good material for the future.

The question for inter-society debate as submitted to the Zeta Sigma is the question to be debated by the triangular league.

We look forward to the pleasant time on the eve of Nov. 16. The Froebels can surely entertain. We'll be there, Froebels.

PHILOMATHEAN.

At the second meeting of the year a number of committees were appointed to remodel the constitution and transact other business necessary to get our society started in good running order. The officers for the semester are:

President—Lora Kirby.
Vice-Pres.—Dorothy Baker.
Treasurer—Ruth Cook.
Almanian Reporter—Edith Hewitt.
Parliamentarian—Ruth Robbins.
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ALUMNI.

L. S. Bagley '03, of Morris, Oklahoma, spent a few weeks in Alma visiting old friends the past summer. He returned just before the opening of college, to his work in banking and real estate.

Dr. Winnifred Heston '96, who has served as a medical missionary in India, spent a few days at the college the early part of October. While here she gave an interesting missionary address to the students in the mid-week prayer meeting. She also helped the Y.W.C.A. girls in outlining mission study courses for the year. Dr. Heston holds the unique record of having ministered in a medical way to 574 patients in one day in her missionary work in India.

A card received from Weston Johnson '99, states that he and his family arrived in Honolulu a few days ago on their way back to their field of missionary work in Japan. They sailed from America on Sept. 14, after a year's furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were popular students in Alma and carry with them the sincerest wishes of the college and alumni, as they return to their noble work.

Rev. J. C. Gibson, a student in the college in the nineties, has recently been called from the Congregational church at Edmore to the church of Durand. Mr. Gibson began his work in his new field November 1.

Miss Laura Soule spent her summer vacation in Alma, and returned to her work in Harlan Academy, Harlan, Kentucky, September 1. Miss Soule has done most efficient work in missionary schools ever since her graduation from Alma.

Geo. H. Ellis, who graduated from the academy in '03, and then took an engineering course at M. A. C., is with the U. S. reclamation service at Arlee, Montana. They are on the Flathead Indian reservation at present, putting in a system of irrigation for the Indians. In writing for the Almanian, George says: "I am not an alumnus, as you know, but I was there long enough to get the Alma spirit."

Miss Edith Cook '08, studied the past year in the Western Reserve Library school of Cleveland. This fall she has gone back to Cleveland where she has accepted an excellent position in a public library. Those who remember Miss Cook's excellent work in the Alma College library feel that she has merited her good fortune.

SWIPE NOTES.

Campbell became hilarious at the station Wednesday evening and jumped into a barb-wire fence, slightly disfiguring his anatomy. This same evening Mr. Hurst with some friends took dinner at the hall, Campbell was merely elated over certain proceedings.

We were wondering if the girls

weren't nearly due with their alarm clock stunt, because that seems to be the established female joke, per annum.

Boyd—Where did all the bananas go this morning? I didn't get my allotted one.

Campbell—They must have "skinned out."

Snell says he would like to have a masquerade often. He dressed like a girl and some of the "honest to goodness" girls really came up and hugged him. One could hardly blame the girls, even had they have known.

"Phil" is getting his share of excitement as head waiter. He seems to appreciate the initiation.

McComb has learned a new ditty which he springs irregularly at the table. It runs as follows: There once was a sweet little Hindu, with a bouquet and nothing to pin to; She thought for a while, and then said with a smile: I'll make my pretty brown skin do.

Frost (to Waring)—Say Dodger, why do you make so much noise in the hall; don't you think we want to sleep nights? Last night you were skipping up and down the hall and Tuesday and Wednesday nights you were running past my door.

Waring, (innocently)—Well, you see, the doctor gave me some medicine and said to take it two nights running and then skip a night.

King is breaking in at the hash throwing stunt, but as yet he hasn't learned the knack of getting to the serving room without dropping his dishes. It all comes by practice.

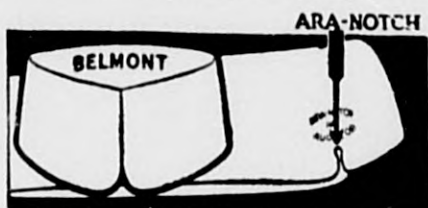
Lindley, waiting for Miss Haughwout in English,—She's as hard to get rid of as the measles.

Campbell—Yes, and she leaves a worse mark.

Since "Sandy" has taken up with music, he tells many things of interest concerning the subject. His most recent musical story runs as follows: Now remember Mary, the teacher said just before the school exhibition commenced. If you forget some of the words when singing your song don't stop; keep right on. Say tum-tum-tummy-tum or something like that, and the words will come to you and nobody will know the difference. Now don't forget. On exhibition day little Mary edified her audience with the following: And she wears a wreath of roses Around her tummy-tum-tum.

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ways a throng that await his every word.

The Four Musical Artists are all that, in their respective departments the realm of symphony. Forrest Dabney Carr, the eminent basso cantante; Mrs. Agnes Leist-Beebe, soprano soloist; Earl J. Pfouts, the talented violinist who has advanced from comparative obscurity of four years ago to the foremost ranks of his chosen art; and Edwin M. Shonert, one of the few pianists who possess plenty of temperament with a great technic.

The third number is the College Singing Girls. The atmosphere of their work is decisively college. The company is composed of eight young ladies, every one possessing a good solo voice. These perfectly blend in their concerted work. They are assisted by Walter Eccles an entertainer of the first rank. He believes in fun, but that it should not entirely supplant serious work. In all we are assured of a profitable and enjoyable evening.

Rogers-Grilley Recitals next. The program opens with a harp-classic by Mr. Rogers. From thence we are led through the realm of pathos, humor and music, until at the close of the recitals we exclaim in admiration, "Is it possible that these two men have entertained us so enjoyably."

The valedictory is given by Ernest Harold Baynes, the great naturalist. Mr. Baynes is secretary of the American Besson Society, an organization working to prevent the extermination of that noble beast. He can almost talk with the beasts of the field and the birds of the air. This closing number alone is worth the price of the whole course. So much for the lecture course.

Moral: Get your tickets now, the sale is limited. Do it right away. Cook and Blaske have them.

RESERVES SHOW CLASS.

When we consider that our reserve team has been in the harness just two weeks, their work on Saturday was praiseworthy. It is regrettable that so few of the students saw the game, for it was replete with well executed plays and long gains. Net extremely long sensational runs, but "marching down the field to victory."

The line was strong and held well at all times, though their opponents out-weighted them. To say that the line prevented St. Louis from gaining ground, and that the Reserves' backfield made our gains, would be putting the story of the game in a nutshell. The gains of McComb, Graham and Montieth were consistent, their work netting two touchdowns to each of the trio. The generalship of Pohly was remarkable, even though this had

not been his first game at quarter. He discovered the weak places in his opponents' line and sent the plays through them with unerring judgement. He ran back, punts well and used the on-side kick to great advantage.

The whole line was down with the kickoff in fine shape, getting their man before he had advanced many steps. Boyd nailed his man in his (the man's) tracks once.

The repertoire of Alma's plays consisted of line bucks, cross bucks and end runs. St. Louis made the one successful forward pass of the game, gaining twenty yards on the play. In the last half Alma made a point per minute. Time was taken out for Alma only once during the game. In all it was a far different game from that of the Monday previous, when the elements had removed the elemental requisites of foot ball, dry footing.

LINE-UP

St. Louis	Reserves
Church r e	Boyd, Blaske
S. Green r t	Johnson (Capt)
Richards r g	Smith, Chase
Fulcher c	Anderson
Johnson } l g	Harper
C. Green }	
Mey l t	Connell
Durkey l e	Marks
Tuger q b	Pohly
Noyes r h	Graham
Thorald l h	McComb
Burns f b	Montieth

Referee Campbell, Umpire Kefgen, field judge Call. Touchdowns Graham 2, McComb 2, Montieth 2. Goals kicked 1, McComb. Time of halves 20 and 20.

CAMPUS NOTES.

Pres. Grawn of the Central State Normal spoke to us in chapel a few mornings ago. Incidentally he told us what he thought of us. Come again, we are always pleased to have our neighbors drop in for a chat.

Rev. Ward visited his daughter Lena short time since.

Mr. McKee, secretary of the American Tract and Bible Society, was on the campus recently. Mr. McKee was a student here twenty years ago.

Prof. Mitchell led the Y. M. C. A. a week ago Sunday. Topic, Causes of Failure.

Miss Stevens' sister attended our Halloween party.

Miss Mitchell of Mt. Pleasant was the guest of Miss Louise Mitchell over Sunday.

Coach Carrithers went a-hunting Saturday morn. He bagged two fox and one red squirrel.

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