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ANNUAL STAG

Zeta Sigma Alumni Flock Home For Re-union

REV. W. H. LONG TOASTMASTER

Washington Birthday Banquet Held At Wright House.

There are banquets and banquets and although we would not care to "raise our left hands" yet the temptation to do so is most exceedingly tempting.

Rallying "forty strong" from all corners of the state, the "boys" came flocking home for the annual re-union. Big boys and little boys, old boys and young boys, preachers, editors and busy men of the world, when the call came from the fireside, laid off their robes' wiped their pens and scurried forth in glee. And why not? Would they not renew old time memories? Would they not meet face to face the companions of their college days, and would they not live over again in a single night the hopes and fears, the struggles and victories of those four years of life that are the heritage of college men? All aboard then for the Zeta Sigma annual stag.

Gentlemen, be seated. Eat, drink and be merry, and—bother the consequences. Come forth, oh mighty Barron, do your worst, for lo! here are forty valiant men ready to devour thee with fierce onslaught. Yon Cassius with both a lean and hughry look, such men are dangerous, they eat too much. Stand not upon the order of your sitting but sit and devour. Mind not the boisterous, jolly jokers, feed and regard them not, nor listen to the tales of Hurst or Long, for lo, they were prepared in a book and made ready to provoke thy mirth. Let not Prof. Mitchell beguile you with a cunningly devised yarn, for oh, I swear to Allah, he told it a year ago to this day, and did hold his sides in glee. Linger not to long upon thy soup, for there are fish and plenty to be had; smack not thy lips too loudly over the sauce for there is abundance of turkey yet to follow; be sparring with thy celery and salad or thy cream and cake will surely raise havoc with thy dyspeptic constitution; eat thy cheese and wafers

gingerly, or surely now thy coffee will create confusion beneath thy buckler; plant not thy right foot on the land, nor thy left foot in the sea, nor rear thy head among the clouds and gulp down thy Zeta Sigma punch in flagons built for giants, for already the inner man crieth out enough! enough! And so endeth the eats.

From a purely funny story standpoint the annual stag of Zeta Sigma might not have reached any pinnacle of fame, but from a genial, warm, family reunion point of view it could never excelled. An even dozen "old men" were present to help celebrate and with the entire active membership on hand to get the inspiration, none would contradict its success. Rev. W. H. Long '98 acting as toastmaster, though perhaps not bubbling over with jokes, yet wove in and around his remarks of college and society loyalty, a tissue of wit and humor had certainly not lost its savor under his guidance and inspired by his introductory remarks, the sense of levity lessened and there was evident throughout the entire program a warm, silent spirit of loyalty to Alma, honor to Zeta Sigma and respect for our brother society, punctuated occassionally with a flash of wit made vivid by contrast.

"Where is the heart that doth not keep within its inmost core, some fond remembrance hidden deep of days that are no more." With this sentiment to preface his toast on "Reminiscences," Fred Fullerton '96 took occasion to connect the past with the present. Do we revel in nonsense and prompts now? Consider the days of '96; are we discouraged occassionally now—'twas so in '97; are we loyal to Zeta Sigma now? Take inspiration from '96 and before he was seated, where was the present member that hadnt a higher regard for the past of Zeta Sigma.

Fresh from the big university, running over with enthusiasm for Zeta Sigma as a factor in the production of college men, "Bobby" Craig '08 next discoursed on "The College Man's Mission." Has any one worked harder for what he has achieved than "Bobby," has any one a clearer idea of the real significance of college training than "Bobby?"—In his forceful way he told us the curriculum he would require for the man who would wish to achieve.

And then came Frank. Ever heard of Frank? No? Your edu-

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PHILOS ENTERTAIN

Sweet, sugary sentiment, freighted with messages of violets and valentines, was wafted on balmy, blissful breezes into the gorgeously decorated workshop of the fairies of the kindergarten, (said workshop being unpoetically known as the kay gee room) last Monday evening, when the Philomothean girls entertained the Phi Phi fellows with a valentine party.

After a literary program given by the Phi Phis, which was so kindly landed by the listening sistern, (thanks) the real festivities of the evening began. From two big red hearts, suspended from the ceiling, hung a rope of strings. The scheme was that each fellow should get a string on some girl, as we understand it, but the fellows were too anxious and broke the frail apparatus and incidentally the two big hearts, with the result that the old time method of choosing partners, each for himself, had to be resorted to.

A hunt for little candy hearts was immediately begun. These hearts were scattered all over in any and every imaginable place, on the top of dusty cupboards where you got your hands all dirty trying to get some little elusive heart, under rugs where they had been stepped on and crushed to earth, or at least to white sand, behind pictures, in the piano, everywhere. Finally, it was announced that the expert of ours along such lines, Mr. Bill Chamberlain, had succeeded, with the help of his partner, in gaining the most hearts. He was awarded the prize, which he ate.

Three sets were formed and a half hour's enjoyment of the famous Alma reel was indulged in. The fellows were then given slips of paper and instructed to write thereon what they considered a model proposal. These varied from the stately, logical one she would expect from Adelbert Lindley to the sweetly sentimental one from Arthur Henderson; the replies were also as varied. Miss Gorsline had decided to remain an old maid, thank you just the same, but Miss Larcom's was a "Oh, you kid!"

After the dainty refreshments served by the girls, assisted by the fellows who couldn't keep out of the kitchen, the chaps were told by the chaps that it was time to go home, and although we didn't want to, we went, with the usual rousing yells testifying to the delicious time we had enjoyed.

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There was a preliminary game between the efficient high school team and a pick up bunch at the college, in which the former was the victor. But the real elephant and kangaroo hunt commenced with the start of the intercollegiate game. The Adrain men were much smaller and lighter than the home team but showed from the first that there would be a royal tussle for the laurels. Several of the visiting team were not in the best of condition for a winning fight but they stuck it out like true sportsmen. Alma's men were in fighting condition to a man as the score clearly shows. Adrain's men had a way of keeping the ball out of sight and smuggling it toward the basket, but when it came to open dashing for the goal and long hard throws from the field the home team was clearly in the lead. No man on our team deserves especial praise for each one played a star game, as we knew they would and, if anyone threw more baskets than another, it was made possible alone through the consistent playing of every team member. Last year we got the small end of the score with Adrain and consequently this year had the double incentive of retrieving last season's honor and at the same time getting into the finals for the championship this winter, which will be decided February 26, when Olivet plays here.

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Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

CHANGE IN TUITION

For several years Alma with other colleges, has thought it would be advisable to increase the charges for tuition in the several departments of the school, since the amount paid in the past by the students covers only a small part of the total running expense of the institution. As the student body increases the expense of running the college necessarily increases while the fees paid by students do not come nearer to defraying the expenditures but, on the contrary, fall behind. It is safe to say that every department could make more rapid progress if more money could be obtained and in no case is this more true, perhaps, than in that of the library and athletics. In the past we have depended largely on contributions for purchasing new books and paying for magazine subscriptions. But there is nothing definite and nothing certain in such a system. Consequently the results have been unsatisfactory. In the department of athletics the situation has come

to a crisis. We were face to face with the proposition of raising more money or discontinuing intercollegiate contests entirely, a thing which has proven unsatisfactory and even disastrous in some cases.

A short time ago the student body petitioned the faculty for the privilege of raising the athletic fee from \$2.00 per year to \$5.00. For a short time the outcome seemed rather dubious but last week at a meeting of the Board of Trustees the matter was straightened out in a manner pleasing to all.

In the past the charges for tuition were as follows:

College Tuition per year	\$32.00
Athletic Fee per year	2.00
Kindergarten Tuition per year	40.00
Athletic Fee per year	2.00
Academy Tuition per year	16.00
Athletic Fee per year	2.00
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In the future the charges will be as follows:

College Tuition per year	30.00
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Incidental Fee	10.00
Academy Tuition	15.00
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Under this system the charges for tuition in the college and academy will be covered exactly by the income from free scholarships, in the case of those fortunate enough to obtain them. The charges in the Commercial Department are the same as those in the college. Of the total amount paid in through the incidental fees 40 per cent will be applied to general athletics; 40 per cent is to be turned into the library fund and 20 per cent goes toward the expense of caring for the gymnasium and purchasing new equipment. From the last two funds \$50.00 is to be taken for the museum, two thirds of the amount to be taken from the library fund and one third from the gymnasium fund.

At first thought the fee charged for athletics may seem high but when you remember that all those paying the ten dollar yearly fee are to be admitted to all games free it does not seem unjust. Students taking music or art do not pay the incidental fee and of course do not receive a free ticket. The same is true of special students taking from 1 to 5 hours of work. Those taking from 6 to 9 hours of work pay half the incidental fee and receive a half ticket; i e they will be charged half the regular admission.

HOUSE COUNCIL

The House Council of Wright Hall have elected the following officers for the present semester:
Pres—Elsie Bond
Vice Pres—Kathleen Gillard
Secretary—Mariou McKinney
Treasurer—Ada Hobbs

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., which is the oldest school of engineering to be established in any English speaking country, has a complete new laboratory for the departments of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering at a cost of \$415,000. This building was erected with part of the million dollars given by Mrs. Russell Sage. It is the fourth new building erected by the Institute within the last four years.

Many new machines have been installed in the laboratories for the tests of the strengths of materials, one of these having a capacity of one million, two hundred thousand pounds.

The new club house and the athletic field which contains a baseball diamond, foot ball field, tennis courts and running track, are situated on the campus adjacent to the buildings and are therefore easy of access for students wishing to use them.

The Institute gives courses in Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering and General Science, leading to the degrees, Civil Engineer (C. E.), Mechanical Engineer (M. E.), Electrical Engineer (E. E.) and Bachelor of Science (B. S.). During the past four years the number of students at the school has increased from 225 to 670.



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Vice President—Edith Harper,
Secretary—Lena Ward,
Treasurer—Emma Bachi,
Almanian Reporter—Jane McKinney,

Critics—Florence Carman and Irene Peasley.

At the last meeting, February 14, an invitation was extended to Irene Reiser and Lu Ella Warner to become members of the Froebel Society as they are to take kindergarten work this semester.

NEW CLUB

The inhabitants of ye country of the lakes and woods gathered together their august company Wednesday evening of last week. Here after the students shall be known as members of The Northwestern Michigan Club of Alma College, or not members. Lest the unfortunate ones who do not happen to live in that part of the country should be curious to know the reason for this league, it has been decided to make public all concerning it.

Primarily the purpose for this organization is a general jollification. We plan to get together once during the college year for a rousing good time, this year to be a picnic up the river. In August during the annual Regatta at Alden we will meet on the shores of Torch Lake for another day of pleasure. The club now numbers twenty some. Mr. Hurst has been elected president, Ethel Carey, vice president; Mr. Law, secretary and treasurer; and Edith Hewitt Almanian reporter.

Y. W. C. A.

At a recent meeting of the Y. M. C. A. the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Pres.—Selma Hahn.
Vice Pres.—Isabel Stevens.
Secretary—Irene Reiser.
Treasurer—Florence Hood.

ALUMNI NOTES

Rev. J. W. Dunning '04 has received an unanimous call from the First Presbyterian church of Portsmouth, Ohio, and will begin his new work in the second week of April. The Portsmouth church is the largest church in the Presbytery of Ohio, having nearly six hundred members, and is about to unite with another church that will bring the membership up to nearly eight hundred members. Mr. Dunning has served the church at Tecumseh the past three years and has made an enviable record. All of his Alma friends are congratulating him upon his success.

Egbert E. Fell has been recently chosen Superintendent of the schools at Holland and will begin

his work next September. Since graduating in 1902, Mr. Fell has been rising steadily in his profession and is considered one of the most able superintendents in the state. His last rise is proof of his standing. When Mr. Fell left Alma in 1902 he began as superintendent at East Tawas and later went to Caro, where he has given excellent satisfaction for several years. All Alma people know that he will fill the position with great credit.

Another boy has joined the Alma contingent. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet, of Vassar. He has been named Harold William in honor of Father William Sweet and Uncle Harold Gaunt. The young fellow had ought to thrive if only on account of the name.

Several loyal alumni appeared in time for the Zeta Sigma banquet last Friday evening. Many of them had not been back for many a year and it was a great pleasure to see and hear them once more. Harry Reed '01, Fred Fullerton '96, W. H. Long '98, Rob't Craig '08 Harry Craig '09, Henry Soule '03, F. R. Hurst '04, John M. Dunham and Glenn Montague were the old boys present to grace the occasion.

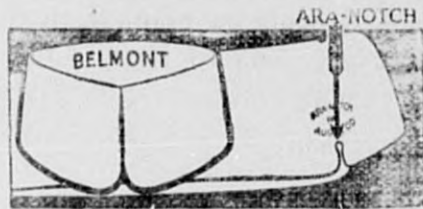
STUNT PARTY.

If Bobbie Burns could have attended a stunt party like that given by the Y. W. C. A. last Saturday he would never have written "O would some power". It would have been utterly superfluous. If there is a Burns in our midst, no doubt he is thinking "O wad some power the giftie gie us To be not as the others see us." The American people of today have no "Spectators" to act as public critics. We dont need them. We have stunt parties instead, and they are more to the point. For the edification of those who did not have the opportunity of paying their two nickels we print below the list of events as printed on the score cards:

- No. 1. "Caput-Reversum" dance.
- No. 2. Red Head Cantata.
- No. 3. Musical Oration: "Now I have to call him father," a la German.
- No. 4. Chapel Scene.
- No. 6. The Methodist and Half Methodist colored views.
- No. 7. Doctor "Art."
- No. 8. Song: "Whom Do You Love, Wardy."
- No. 9. Shrouded Jokers.
- No. 10. Pum's Wedding Party.
- No. 11. Moxie, the Mail-man.
- No. 12. Curtain.

Daily Thought.

A man's ideas are often quite independent of his line of conduct; a woman's generally are a reflex of them.—A. Stoddard Walker.



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cation has been neglected. By yiminey he ben a good feller. He yust tell big yarn of "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" un "Barbara Fritche" un all about "Sheridan" who yust got five mile more" un laff, say! the tear yust roll down my cheek un my side he ache un I bump my nose on table un by yiminey Christeena I yust tank of you and I tank I wish you there.

Speaking for the society and rambling over her past, present and future the toast "Our Society" was unraveled by Graves. The trend of his remarks indicated a thankfulness for the societies' past, an earnest appeal for even harder work at present, and an optimistic forecast for the future.

Geo. D. Sutton's songs were simply out of sight. His train was late but it isnt often that "Sut" fails to show up so he was fully forgiven.

We had often read of prophets but to have one in our midst was a step in advance. "Forecasts," responded to by Prof. Ewing, was indeed an eye opener for the ordinary layman. Deducting fifty percent in lieu of the occasion there still would be left enough to satisfy the most optimistic believer in the future of Alma college. Prof. Ewing's vision of the future of Alma college was built upon facts, substantiated by evidence and proved by the experience of the past. That his predictions may come to a reality was surely the wish of all who heard them.

From those who were present in spirit but not in body a special message was delivered by the toastmaster through the perusal of a hugh pack of letters. Words of cheer, thoughts of helpfulness and encouragement beamed from the epistles.

That they could not all be present was a regretful thought, but that they remembered Zeta Sigma and wished her well was an added indication of that fraternal spirit which makes for Zeta Sigma fellowship, and crowned her banquet with success.

Honorary members present were: James E. Mitchell '93, Fred Fullerton '96, Rev. W. H. Long '98, Prof. J. T. Ewing, Harry E. Reed '01,

Henry H. Soule '03, Frank R. Hurst '04, Robert Craig '08, Harry Craig '09, John M. Dunham ex'10, Glen R. Montague ex'12, Theo. Higbee ex'12.

A few of the letters received: Jas. T. Northon, J. W. Dunning, R. E. Raycraft, H. P. Bush, Stanley Schenck, E. E. Fell, C. W. Sidebotham, G. B. Well, Byron Chapel, William S. Cooper, J. C. Foote, Harry E. Porter, A. F. Pratt, A. W. Beckner, Sherman L. Divine, Paul H. Bruske, B. S. Bates, William Winton, E. H. Casterlin, R. S. Brown, W. F. Knox, Hugh Ronald, Charles McComb and others.

ADRIAN-ALMA GAME

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Cook c. Doty Gray
Koepfgen r. g. Dysinger West'man
Campbell l. g. Ortman
Field goals—Fraker 5, Koepfgen 5, Phillips 3, Cook 3, Gray 3, Westerman 3, Hanes 1, Curry 1. Fouls—Fraker 7 out of 9; Hanes 8 out of 12.

Referee—Tambling, Mt. Pleasant Normal.

Halves—20 minutes.

Final score—Alma 39, Adrain 24.

LANSING IS THE SLOGAN

If our present plans carry and we are sure they will, Alma will be represented at the Intercollegiate Oratorical contest, to be held at M. A. C. Friday, March 4 by 150 students to encourage our contestants to their best efforts. They have done their full duty in preparing the orations and they have practiced on delivery night and day. It remains for the students and citizens to encourage our representatives by making our delegation as large as possible. A special train will be run, via the Ann Arbor and Michigan Central lines, leaving Alma at 8:30 a. m. Friday, March 4 and returning after the contest. The fare for the round trip is \$1.30, one-half the regular fare.

The ladies contest will begin at 1:30 p. m. and the mens at 7:30 p. m. All delegates are furnished with free tickets to the banquet held after the ladies contest, the only charges being twenty-five cents admission to each contest. There

will be no classes at the college on the day of the forensic tourney so very few have an excuse for staying here.

Every student should go, if it is at all possible, for a good time and to see our representatives pull a strong stroke for Alma.

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