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Unusually Large Number of the Old Students Return

FRESHMEN CLASS IS LARGE

Several New Instructors—Opening Events of the Semester are Interesting to Wise Ones. Amazing to Freshmen.

For many years the opening of the school year at Alma college has been hailed as "auspicious", "astonishing" and so on until it has become the regular thing. So if it were said that the beginning of the forty-seventh semester was marvelous no particular impression would be left. But listen: The number of students matriculated up to Wednesday of last week was within one of the total number registered during the entire school year of 1909-1910. In other words the college has not only kept up its recent enviable record of a healthy increase in the number of students each year but has taken an unusually big stride ahead. Wright hall is crowded to the roof with femininity (excepting Christopher, yes, thanks), said femininity consisting of girls, clothes, trunks, rugs, decorations and et ceteras. But one room is vacant, and that is a heavenly high one up in the fourth floor. Pioneer has a few, very few, vacant corners. The mathematical expert has figured that there are matriculated 129 college, 24 academy, ten commercial, and 19 exclusively music and art students or a total nearly two hundred students. In the art and music department the 19 students takes in only those taking nothing but work in that department. A great many of the college men and women avail themselves of the excellent advantages offered by combining the work of this department with their regular work.

The Freshman class is a fine representation of Michigan's high school graduates, which is as expected. The girls have all the requirements of future success in the class room, in the grandstand and along the side lines, and above all in Wright hall on privilege afternoons. The fellows are a manly, aggressive looking bunch, and we expect much of them in the life of the college.

There are several new members

of the faculty and one new instructor has been added to the list of teachers in the academy. Former coach Carrithers is succeeded by Mr. Grady, Miss Eddy, by Mr. Edson, Miss Udelle by Miss Graham, and Miss Bruske by Miss Weis, and Miss Peacock has been engaged to instruct in chemistry, assisting Professor West. All other members of the faculty excepting those mentioned are again in their respective positions. Miss Peacock formerly taught in Maryville college and was brought here through the personal influence of Professor West who was acquainted with her work there.

The formal opening exercises occurred Wednesday morning. Rev. Doty of the Methodist church delivered the opening address, taking



as his subject, "Socialism". Introducing his address, Mr. Doty said he had noticed that whenever a speaker was not thoroughly familiar with his theme he was often obliged to use copious notes, and thus he had prepared a fairly complete manuscript. He gave a very clear and interesting exposition of the theory of socialism as held by that thinker Karl Marx, pointing out both the good and bad, the practical and impractical portions of the Marxian philosophy. He sought to correct the somewhat popular idea that socialism is intermingled or closely connected in theory and practice with communism, anarchy and single tax.

In closing the speaker proclaimed socialism as the coming political power in the world and prophesied that when that time should come when socialism was supreme untold changes for the betterment of the world and the fellowship of mankind would be accomplished.

Following Mr. Doty, Miss Rena Russell Graham rendered most de-

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ALUMNI

Ever since the first Almanian was published the greatest desire of the alumni in regard to the paper is that it may contain a good portion of news concerning former students. The Almanian is the one common agency of information for the alumni and therefore its staff will try to give every week at least a column of news in this department. There have been many changes of location and employment among the former students and we shall put forth our best efforts to keep in touch with whole alumni field. We shall be unable, however, to gather all news items of interest: consequently, we shall have to depend to a great extent upon the alumni for items of special interest. We shall always be glad to receive and publish letters from Alumni giving personal views on any matter of interest to the college. The alumni editor would be greatly pleased to receive news in a letter concerning any former students and, through the Alumni column, pass it along. Let us all pull together to keep every Alumnus in touch with old Alma.

F. R. Hurst,
Alumni Editor.

THE OPENING RECEPTION

At last it is over and we are once more striving with much mental toil to fit the names on our "Who are You?" cards on their proper owners. The reception this year was a greater crush than ever before, but by means of those old reliable introducing cards, and the "dance" programs, nearly everyone met everyone else. At any rate the students may now give each other the happy smile without fear of impropriety. For those who were present the opening reception needs no description, but for the benefit of those whose social desires did not overbalance their shyness (to think the best we can of them) a record of events may be briefly given. First, was the filling out of the "who are you" cards, then the dance programs came into use. The star attraction was the Virginia reel, performed with much vigor and more originality. After the grand march refreshments were served and then we all "did what?" "went home." In the words of one appreciative guest, "There were more than enough eats to go around and the whole thing was a huge success."

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

Nearly All Our Old Men Have Returned this Year

COACH GRADY IS PLEASED

New Men Show Up Well—Practice Game with High School is Played.

This year's outlook in football is the brightest of many years. All of last season's stars, but Campbell are back; there is an abundance of good material in the new men, and the college has in Coach Grady a man who is capable of getting the utmost out of the men, as has already been shown by the fine progress the men have made.

Capt. Kefgen will undoubtedly be seen at end this year. Last year he played behind the line, on account of lack of backfield material. End is his natural position. A fast man of unerring judgment, a hard and sure tackler, good at carrying the ball, and with that valuable faculty of ever following the oval, Kefgen should play such a game as to be considered on the all-state team.

For the other end there is Strifler and Hyde. Both are of the 'chunky' type, and are fast, nervy and heady. Either with a little more knowledge of the game, added to his four years of high school experience should be capable of taking care of the position.

VonThurn, captain '09, and Misener, last year's tackle, are back 'on the job.' There is no need of fearing that these positions will not be properly filled. Law who played sub-tackle on last year's team, is out again, and with Johnson, a new man who hails from Cadillac, will give the veterans a hard fight to hold their places. Johnson is a 180-pounder of the six-foot-one variety. From his first practice he has impressed everyone with his hard and heady playing. He is fast and there are rumors that he will be seen in the back field before long.

For guards Alma has as good material as there is in the state. Edgerton and Anderson played the positions last year and impressed everyone with their work—time and again they broke the line, throwing their opponents for losses At M. A. C. and Olivet the cry

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FRESHMAN CLASS

Progressive? Just 144 hours from the time the Freshies were instructed in the art of spelling "Presbyterian" The Great and Glorious class of 1914 assembled and elected the following officers;

President—Frank Anderson
Vice President—Dwight Harwood

Secretary—Ruth Cook
Treasurer—Harold Rix

As for Almanian reporter we haven't located the right man for that position. As soon as we have we will let the news spread.

JUNIOR CLASS

Even though several of the class of 1912 did not return this year, yet the remainder has not forgotten its old time spirit to get to the front and get there first. While the stragglers were being classified below, the Juniors took possession of room 10 last Thursday and there elected the new officers:

President—Wade L. Frost
Vice President—Laura Brown
Secretary and Treasurer—E. W. Sebring;

Freshman Advisor—Robert Hume
Almanian Reporter—Carrie Neilson

SENIOR CLASS

At the first class-meeting of its Senior year the class of 1911, after a brief period spent in self congratulation and profitable and edifying discourse proceeded to elect its officers for this year. The result of the election was as follows:

President—Robert von Thurn.
Vice-Pres.—Miss Stevens.
Secretary—Miss Stevens.
Treasurer—A. H. Lindley.
Almanian Reporter—Jean Dykes

The usual preliminary Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. receptions were held on Friday evening, the 16th. Both were very successful.

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lightly a violin solo. This was Miss Graham's first appearance before an Alma college audience. She is certainly a wonderful violinist, and Alma is proud to have her.

A feature of the opening of the year cannot be participated in except by those favored few technically known as the faculty was the President and Mrs. Bruske's opening reception to the instructors. This was held at the President's home Tuesday evening of last week. Here it is that the new teachers and the old ones meet for an evening of social enjoyment and profit. Miss Sharp, who has already departed for Vienna to continue her instruction in music entertained with several delightful solos. Refreshments, of course, were served which added to the pleasure of the occasion materially, as it were.

Everything has opened up auspiciously and it will undoubtedly go down in the history of the college that the school year of 1910-1911 was the greatest year up to that time.

THE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

The first Y. W. C. A. meeting of the year was well attended and was most interesting. The meeting was led by Miss Hahn. In her talk, she welcomed the new girls and told them what the Y. W. C. A. is what it stands for, and why they should join it. At the close of the meeting membership cards were passed and fifty-seven girls signed them at once.

The Y. M. C. A. held its first meeting also Sunday afternoon. There was a large attendance and the zeal and enthusiasm in the meeting was noticeable; Adelbert Lindley lead, but most of the talking was done by those in the audience. Both associations see indications of a most successful year.

FRESH SOPH RUSH

Thursday's rising sun saw mischievously and prominently posted an infinite number of colored bills. These in fiery diction dared the Freshies to come and take a "1913" banner from the top of a pole that was erected hard by the college museum.

During the morning the Fresh-Soph. girls did some heroic work in the upper regions of Wright Hall. Class spirit grew apace. At high noon, in the awe-inspiring presence of the Seniors, watched by the faculty and cheered on by the student body, the Freshies and Sophs clashed.

Finally, after a number of nearly successful attempts "Stubb" Rogers succeeded in clutching the 1913 banner, thereby winning the rush.

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Voice of Sophomore girl: "And oh boys, it was a clean fight. They didn't bite, or pull hair or slug, did they, Berl?"

New Girl. "And can the new girl have beaus?"

Old Girl. "Yes, if there are any left after the old girls get their pick."

N. G. "Are there any ever left over?"

O. G. "Oh yes, there are always the Academy fellows and Willie Ewing."

Almost all the recitation rooms in the Administration building have been wired. The improvement ought to be commended. It will no doubt shed a great deal of new light on many subjects.

"Ocky" Graham's batting average with us went up several points when the following missive heaved into view: "Business Manager Almanian; Dear Old Stiff: Enclosed find \$1.00 for Almanian. If rates have gone up write concerning same, only for my sake don't miss sending any, Almanianly, Graham."

The postmaster requests us to make the following announcement: To avoid delay in delivery have your mail addressed to street and number, general delivery, Wright or Pioneer Hall.

Miss Hanel Blair, '10, spent a day in Alma on her way to Milan, where she is teaching.

This Freshman was indeed ignorant—eye, ribald—who, in a tone of kindredship, aspirate quality, rising inflection, (see J. Q. A.) asked Mr. Robert von Thurn if he were not a Freshman, too.

It really looks quite natural to see John Mayor Dunham about the campus. John Mayor was something of an orator and a debater while at Alma. Mr. Dunham leaves soon for the University of Michigan, where he is a Junior law student.

Several days ago George B. Sutton, '08, attended chapel. He was discovered by Prexy, called forward, introduced and induced to orate, which he did most ably. Mr. Sutton will attend school at Columbia.

While on his way from Cadillac

to Lansing J. C. Burritt visited his son Reginald.

Prof. Adams. "Where were you at this hour yesterday, Miss Hanel?"

Miss Hanel (truthfully) "Oh, I had a conflict at that hour."

Roy Campbell, '10 who is teaching at Owosso, attended the opening reception.

Thursday evening Mrs. St. John entertained at her home, the ladies of the faculty and friends from the city. Music by the Misses Sharp and Miss Roberts was a feature of the evening.

Wednesday evening a number of the young ladies of the hall surprised the Dean with a delightful spread.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The first meeting of the Phi Phi Alpha literary society was devoted principally to the initiation of three men, Hogan, Rix and Stitt. The same program with a larger number of victims will be repeated this evening.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

We extend our congratulations to the Freshmen class in managing to do what our former friends, the enemy, the Juniors failed to do last year, viz. administering a fair, and square defeat upon the class of 1913. However, the year has just begun. We are going to have a good time in our own countrified way, by gum, anyhow, rush or no rush. Our officers are: President, Oral Misenar; Vice president, Miss Hooper; Secretary, Miss Broderick; Treasurers, Miss Hewitt and Ralph Yonker.

PHILOMATHEAN

The first meeting of the Philomatheans was full of vigor and enthusiasm, characteristic of that society and needful to all good societies. It is to be regretted that several of the old members have not returned. The course of study decided upon for the year is "Masters and Masterpieces of Italian Art."

ALPHA THETA

Alpha Theta held its first meeting of the year Monday evening September 19. About fifteen of the old girls are back, which leaves opportunity to take in ten new members. The course of study for this year is to be on modern French and German Art.

ZETA SIGMA

The Zeta Sigma literary society

held its first meeting of the opening semester last Monday evening. About eighteen of last year's members were present. George Law, Reginald Burritt, Fred S. Johnson and Ed. W. Brehm of Cadillac were the new members received.

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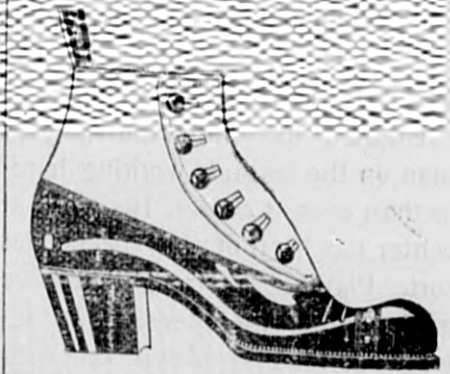
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FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

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was "Stop those guards!"

Chapel, the only fourth year man on the team, is working harder than ever at center. His work at center has been of the spectacular sort. Playing a strong defensive game, and on the offensive, he often leads the ends down the field on punts and on-side kicks. Mabie, last year's center on the Hudson high school, plays a strong game, and will make a good 'sub.' at this position.

At quarterback the prettiest race is on—Ewing, last year's pivot, is fighting with Harwood and Rogers for the position. The three are the fastest men on the field, excellent on open-field running, and strong on running back punts. Harwood's strongest point is his headwork, while Ewing has two years of experience on the 'varsity behind him—any one of the three is a capable man.

At fullback Cook is working daily. His punting alone would assure him of a position on nearly any college team. Last year he out-punted every man he met, oftentimes his punts being good for sixty yards. He is accurate in handling the forward pass, and seldom fails to gain when called upon.

For the two halves Marks and Hooper look like winners. Hooper, who played at half the last two years, is a sure ground-gainer and plays mighty strong on the defense. Marks is a new man. He gained his experience on the Big Rapids high teams of '06 and '07. These teams were topnotch contenders for the state championship both years, and Marks was picked by all critics and sporting writers as an all-state, half-heavy, fast, good at plunging and running, exceptionally strong on the defense. His work gives fair promise of being sensational.

King and Yerex are old men, who have been playing in the back field and at tackle, and will furnish fine material for another back field which under the new rules, will play an important part in this season's games.

There are enough men out besides these to insure plenty of scrimmage practice and good material to draw from should our present 'dope' go wrong.

Last Thursday night Alma high school lined up against the college and in spite of the constant changing of positions on the 'varsity, and but a week's practice, the 'varsity men rolled up 41 points in the four periods. Harwood at quarter used good judgment in directing the team, and with Marks pulled off some pretty end runs. Cook without any practice showed mid-season form in kicking goals, getting six out of seven. The coach

expressed himself as pleased with the work of the men.

Prof. Mitchell has announced the schedule. He has been very fortunate in securing good games at home and abroad. Following is the schedule:

Oct. 8, M. A. C. at Lansing.
Oct. 15, Mt. Pleasant at Alma.
Oct. 22, U. of M. Fresh at Ann Arbor.
Oct. 29, Ypsi at Ypsi.
Nov. 5, Olivet at Alma.
Nov. 12, Mt. Pleasant at Mt. Pleasant.

CHANGES IN BOARD.

This has no reference to Wright Hall.

E. W. Sebring, who was chosen by the students last year as managing editor of the Almanian, and Paul Crandall, who was elected business manager, found that it would be impossible for them to give the time and attention to their respective duties which they felt they should, and therefore both resigned. The board was reluctant to accept their resignations but in fairness to both men decided to do so. Vernon Snell, the mailing clerk, did not return to college, consequently it was necessary to fill three vacancies. The board as finally chosen appears elsewhere.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS.

Students having requests or other matters to bring before the faculty should place them in writing and deposit them in the "Faculty Box" at the door of the college office, or hand them to the secretary of the faculty, not later than Friday at 4:15 of each week. The action taken by the faculty upon these requests may be ascertained by consulting the faculty bulletin board where notices will be posted each Monday morning or by calling at room 3 immediately after the chapel exercises on Monday,

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