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CHANGE IN DEBATES

Two Men's Literary Societies Unite
in Debate Action

LAST INTER-SOCIETY DEBATE

The New Plan Tends to Increase the Efficiency
of Intercollegiate Work

At last it has happened! The debating cup is to be placed in the library, for Phi Phi Alpha and Zeta Sigma have unanimously voted to abolish the intersociety debate. In justice to the societies concerned it is to be said that this action was taken upon their own initiative. Feeling that the energy, mental and physical, spent upon the annual debate was not worth the while, and, furthermore, that it hampered the debating interests of the college, the men formulated a new plan.

Under the old system the intercollegiate debating teams, on account of the society debate and semester examinations, could not begin work on the intercollegiate debate until the middle of February. This left very little time for drill in delivery. Now, by abolishing the society debate the personnel of the intercollegiate teams will be determined before the holiday vacation. Every debater will be able to give his undivided attention to the work with the result that the Maroon and Cream will this year be supported by the two best prepared debating teams Alma has ever had.

Not only will Alma have better debating teams but there will be more harmony between the two men's societies. Society spirit is very proper in its sphere but it must not and shall not encroach upon college spirit. "A house divided against itself shall fall."

The plan is broad enough to prepare for other years, its provisions being as follows:

1 The intersociety debate is hereby abolished.

2 Manner of selecting intercollegiate debaters shall be as follows:

(a) Each society shall determine by competitive debates its best four debaters. (b) From these eight the Professor of Public Speech shall select the best six without respect to their society affiliation.

3 There shall be an annual public debate for those who have not participated in any intercollegiate

debate.

(a) A joint committee of the societies shall select a question. (b) Each society shall select three men eligible for this debate. (c) From these six the personnel of the two teams shall be determined by lot with the provision that no more than two men from one society shall be members of either team. (d) The societies shall jointly offer a prize to the best three debaters, the same to be determined by individual markings. (e) An effort shall be made to arrange for a duel debate for these two teams. A.H.L.

bood and that was seriousness. Dr. Bruske called upon different members of the party for songs, stories, or stunts, thinking in this way to escape his usual part of the program. However, when demands came from the audience he responded with a German song, "Hi lee, Hi lo," as only he can render a German song.

Miss Marsh with her ability as a pianist was ready to accompany all songsters. This helped the writer to get rid of a couple of ancient wheezes that are still echoing around the walls of No. 23, Pioneer



Fresh-Soph rush—1910

The cut above is the first of a series to be used in our Ancient History. The memorable event pictured above occurred on Sept. 22. "Rabbit" Rogers just snatched the flag from the pole winning the rush for the Freshmen.

ALMA REUNION

There were thirty-five happy Alma alumni and friends who gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Brush in Flint for a reunion a week ago Thursday evening. The occasion was the meeting of the Synod of Michigan in that city and the cause was the unbounded hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Brush and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cram. Mrs. Brush was Miss Jean Marsh in her college days while Mrs. Cram was Miss Esther Marsh of the class of 1895. Mrs. Augustus Marsh and Miss Alice Marsh '02 were also present to aid in the entertainment of the guests.

It was somewhat of a surprise to see the number of Alma's former students that could be brought together in one city. There were old Alma students living in the city for years who did not know of the presence of former college friends and the meeting was a grand opportunity for rehearsing old time events.

At 6:00 when all were present a sumptuous dinner was served. After the dinner there was a program in which one thing was ta-

Hall. In vain was Rev. C. E. Blanchard '92 pleaded with to sing H. S. Babcock's old favorite of the early days. His refusal was the only pathetic part of the gathering.

There were tears shed, tears of laughter, when Dr. James Morrison Barkley, trustee of Alma college and ex-moderator of the General Assembly, poured forth a stream of negro dialect and humor that lasted fifteen minutes. Two excellent numbers on the program were solos by Miss Gillis of Flint, soprano in the First Presbyterian church, and Miss Lillian Jackson who graduated with the class of 1908 in the music department.

Taken altogether it was one of the most pleasurable reunions Alma alumni have ever experienced and enough thanks cannot be given the hosts and hostesses for their great hospitality. F.R.Hurst

We are in receipt of a neat little magazine "Red and Black" from the Chesbrough seminary, of North Chili, N. Y. Rev. R. E. Raycraft, a former Alma student, is its principal. The magazine shows that an earnest Christian spirit prevails at Mr. Raycraft's school.

ALMA TASTES DREGS

University Freshmen Humble us at
Ann Arbor

HARD TO SWALLOW 20-2 SCORE

We Are Defeated by Better Playing Because
the Maroon and Cream Lacked Ginger

Last Saturday Alma played one of her three big games. While Yost's warriors were trying to trample the pride of O.S.U. into the dust, Coach Grady's proteges clashed with the All Fresh pupils of Coach Douglas with the result that the former lost by a score of 20-2. Much rivalry existed between the two coaches. Before Douglas starred at Michigan he played at Depaw, which is also Grady's alma mater. Both men were extremely anxious to win and Douglas is extremely happy over the outcome.

Alma did not play up to her usual standard. She lacked the necessary 'pep'. This can be blamed to a number of things, the three hard trips of the last three weeks, or the disabled condition of the team, or stage fright, but yet the fact remains that we were out played. Fumbling was frequent, costing Alma two touchdowns. The Fresh line was air tight, while the Maroon and Cream was rather ragged. Physically the team was in poor shape, while the Ann Arborites were strong at all times, having plenty of fresh men to replace the tired ones. Both teams worked the forward pass hard, and well, but Alma deserves little praise for her play in general.

It was two o'clock when Cook kicked off to Pontius, and from then on the crowd had their fill of excitement. The first quarter was merely an exchange of punts, in which Alma had the better of the punting but the worse of the running back. Time was called with the ball in Alma's possession on her own fifty-yard line. On the resumption of play Cook punted. Marks got a loose ball and on the next play circled the end for 20 yards. Cook missed a drop kick and the Freshies by great work carried the oval over the goal line, but failed to kick goal. After kicking off Alma recovered the ball, and Rogers advanced it twenty-

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THE LECTURE COURSE

The Alma Lecture association has engaged a most attractive list of entertainments for the winter, securing numbers that usually appear on university programs. For their excellent work, which is gratuitous, they merit special commendation. This association has for its chairman, Supt. Ellsworth of the public schools; the other members are: Prof. J. T. Ewing, secretary; John Knoertner, treasurer; Francis King, L. A. Sharp and Chas. Rhodes.

Not for years has there been so varied a program offered as this year. It has for its first number the Florentine Orchestra, a company of fifteen expert musicians, who have distinguished themselves by winning medals and flattering press notices in the great cities of Europe and America. This clever organization has perfected an ensemble that is capable of transmitting the messages of musical genius to the minds and hearts of all. They constitute one of the best Italian hands in the world.

The next number will probably be the Hon. George D. Alden of Boston, a man whose career has been likened to the flight of a meteor. Judge Alden is a keen thinker. He is a man of spotless character, lofty purpose and great natural endowments. His lectures are strikingly original and forceful and gain an added charm from his rich, musical voice and dramatic delivery.

Then there is Ben Lindsey, who, as our after dinner speakers would say, needs no introduction. All America now knows the "Kids' Judge" and of the work he is doing in the juvenile court of Denver. He has a message, he is a purposeful lecturer. His heart and soul are with the boys; for them he fights the political "beast" and to them he has devoted his talents and his life.

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will prove another interesting number. In quality of voice, in temperament, in strength of repertoire, and indeed in all elements that go to make up truly artistic singing, these four brothers take a foremost rank. The Whitneys compel laughter or tears at will, delight the ear, warm the heart, in an evening that is uniquely artistic, this program is most popular, abounding in mirth, yet not lacking beauty and refinement.

Alton Packard, cartoonist, will close the course. His is an unusual program, abounding in funny cartoons that reflect the absurdities of human nature, and it is replete with vocal and instrumental specialities that are strikingly original. He peoples the stage with sketches, he impersonates, he plays upon the piano and sings, he depicts the humorous, the picturesque and the beautiful: His is a lecture that teaches and amuses, it is rare fun well done.

AN ADDITION TO STAFF

We have been trying for some time to secure the services of another editor. We want some one to cheer the despondent spirits of the Anti-Stiddy club and other Mut Ad. Societies. It has been suggested that we had better let George Ade us. However, we find that he has been too busy producing librettos for musical comedies to write anything humorous. Walter Lambert says he often writes for money but doesn't always get it. Hence we cannot consider him. We have applications from Miss Hazel Nut, Miss Ida Dunit and Miss Eta Lot. Should be pleased to hear from others.

PROF. EDSON ON FOOTBALL

Now, boys, you see you must have one play right after the other. Call the proper signals, of course, so that the man who carries the ball will know how far to go. And I should think it would be well to have the minimum amount of gain at any one time ten yards, in that way your opponents would be completely discouraged from the start. The lighter team must depend upon speed. Simply outwit your opponents, using the forward pass when ever it would expedite matters. See that there is always a man to receive the ball and run with it when it is thrown to him. Now about Von Thurn. You know he should be removed from the game when injured. He's a Dutchman; he doesn't know when he is hurt. Yes, replace him with Yexex, Yexex too old? Married? Boy and girl? Don't want to risk him? Well, well, now, I'd never have believed it.

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NEW GLEE CLUB

These, indeed are days when enterprises of great pith and moment are begun. Following hot upon the announcement that a play is to be presented, comes the report that a college Glee club has been organized. Under the supervision of Prof. Edson, the work of organizing has been carried on and consummated. To him Alma is indebted for having a Glee club. Mr. Edson is the life and soul of the organization, being a singer, player and director. He knows the great music masters and can set a piano "tintinnabulating with a sublime concerto."

Ten members comprise the club: Kefgen and F. Anderson, first tenors; Burritt and Fraker, Ewing and Robinson, second tenors; King and Harwood, first bass; Frost and Robert Cook, second bass.

One or two concerts will be given here, the first one shortly before Christmas vacation. The club plans on making a tour through a number of the different cities in Michigan giving concerts under the auspices of the Presbyterian churches.

Their programs will be varied, the college song, of course, predominating. Nothing of the heavier class of music will be attempted, although there will be a number of elaborate pieces, not distinctly of college type. There will be special instrumental features and also some individual vocal work.

Success of this new and most useful venture is practically assured. It has met with the instant approval of the faculty and the members themselves are intensely enthusiastic, practicing with fervor and unusual fidelity. The club will not only add one more pleasure to the routine of college life, but it will be a most potent advertising factor for Alma.

On special request of the students interested, Prof. Edson has undertaken the organization of that time honored institution, the College Glee Club, and to him should be given special praise for whatever success the club may attain in the future.

JUNIOR NOTES

That a lasting class spirit exists in the '12 bunch has been demonstrated many times but that fact was made very evident last Friday, when some fifteen of us quietly wended our way to a pleasant spot up on the Pine. Now we are not going to boast of our excellent spread and tell you all the good things we had to eat, for that is what all the rest of you do. It is universally known that "our Laura" is reputed far and wide for her ability in planning a picnic.

However, we had in connection some very original excitement in the line of a farce-tragedy by three unevenly balanced farm lads who were exceedingly anxious and even

insistent in demonstrating their physical skill. But we were obliged to disappoint them in this. Our boys took the part of heroes and perfect gentlemen.

CHAPEL EXERCISES

Special memorial exercises in honor of John Perkins Dolliver, late senator from Iowa, and Julia Ward Howe, both of whom died last week, were held in chapel Friday morning. The numbers given were of more than usual merit, especially in consideration of the fact that there was but a short time for preparation. The program is given below: Dolliver, the Statesman—Don Call Dolliver, the Orator—Hurd A. Drake. Declamation from one of Dolliver's speeches—Robt. Hume America

Julia Ward Howe—Miss Edith Hewitt
Battle Hymn of the Republic

SCIENCE CLUB

The Science club will meet on Saturday evening the 29th at eight o'clock in the Biological laboratory. The election of officers will be held, followed by a program on the subject of "Reaction or Behavior of Lower Organisms."

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Wednesday—Prayer meeting, Confucianism.

Saturday—Football game, Alma vs. Ferris Institute at Alma. Science Club.

Sunday—Y.M.C.A. "Evil of Selfishness." Matt. 19:16-22

Y.W.C.A. "Will a Man Rob God." Mal 3:7-12.

Monday—Literary societies.

ALMA TASTES DREGS

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five yards, but time was called with it only five yards from the Michigan goal. This first half was conceded to be the finest exhibition of football seen in Ann Arbor this year.

Opening the second half, Cook kicked to Boyle and after a few plays Boyle made a fair catch and White kicked a field goal. From this time on there was a noticeable decline in the quality of the playing of the Almates. Kefgen got in on some pretty forward passes, but Torbet stole one and ran for a touchdown. In the last quarter Pontius fumbled when attempting to punt and was hurled over the goal line by Alma, thus preventing at least a shut-out. The last touchdown was scored when on a fake line plunge Boyle slipped around end.

Boyle and Torbet starred for the Douglas crew. Kefgen, "Rabbit" Rodgers and Marks made Alma's gains. Cook's punting evoked much applause from the crowd. Alma was penalized on the ten yard line for holding once, and at another time Stritler fumbled a pass on the fifteen yard line with an open field before him. These and a couple fumbles cost near-scores: The line up.

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King, Hyde	r e	Craig
Harwood, Rodgers	q b	Boyle
Marks	l h	Richards
Cook	f b	Pontius
King, Kefgen	r h	White

Officials—Referee, W. J. Sprow, Wabash; umpire, W. Branch Rickey, Ohio Wesleyan; field judge, J. Fletcher Lewis, U. of M.; head linesman, John Campbell, U. of M. Time of quarters, 15 minutes. JMD

THANK YOU, JOHN MAJOR

Ann Arbor, Oct., 5, 1910. My Dear Yonker: Enclosed is one good simoleon for which please send the Almanian to its "daddy."

Keep up the good work at Alma. Things seem mighty fine from long range. The weekly brings them to short range and is like a good

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