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WE LOSE TO SAGINAW

An All-Star Aggregation on Their Home Floor Proves Formidable

FINAL SCORE IS 33-17

With Capt. Kefgen Still III, the Maroon and Cream Five Could do Little

The college basketball five lost to All-Saginaw in the new Armory at Saginaw, Thursday evening by a score of 33 to 17. The game was well worth watching, especially in the second half, when Alma scored eleven points to a total of twelve gained by their opponents. It was evident from the first that we were fighting against enormous odds. The Saginaw court is nearly twice as large as the home court and is laid out on a dance floor, so that in spite of a liberal use of resin, the visitors were handicapped. But more potent than that was the fact that the Saginaw team was one of stars. Their team work and passing was not equal to that of the Maroon, but their individual work was especially brilliant. All of the men have had long experience in the game and had a score or more of little tricks which baffled our men. The old heads were too much for the youngsters.

At 8:22 Referee Warren Cooper of Saginaw blew his whistle and the fight began. In less than a minute Saginaw had scored. Chapel, the referee thought used two hands illegally, but Beales of Saginaw missed the basket from the foul line. Hooper brought cheers from the rooters by shooting a long and difficult basket, which was not allowed because of an Alma foul. Edgerton slammed into a play and saved Alma a couple of points and Hooper tossed another basket. The ball zigzagged about the hall, Bradley shooting several baskets and Hooper and Chapel each one. Fraker had two chances for baskets from the foul line but wasn't able to turn the trick. The first half ended with the score 21 to 6.

In the second half, the superior condition of the college five and the Alma fight showed itself. Fraker took a basket from foul, Chapel shot one, von Thurn one, and Chapel repeated before the Saginaw bunch recovered their wind. Bradley, Wallis and McVety, however, came back in succession for revenge, and then Wallis repeated. Fraker took one from the field, and towards the last located the rim for another. Towards the latter part of the game Kefgen was substituted for Chapel and King played a minute and a half for von Thurn.

Edgerton couldn't put up the game he did in the Mt. Pleasant game. The big floor with so much room behind him all the time had him at a disadvantage. The defense were fooled by the long, high passes of the Saginaw bunch. The forwards fought aggressively at all times but had little good fortune in shooting baskets. Everyone they earned and several they lost by narrow margins.

Every man worked hard and their was no let up until the final whistle.

A Saginaw paper had the following to say of the game:

"The All-Saginaw basketball team again demonstrated its class when it defeated the fast Alma college five by the score of 33 to 17. Despite the score the game was fast and hard fought throughout and each point was stubbornly contested for. The locals started with a rush in the first period and when the smoke had cleared the scoreboard showed them in the lead by the score of 21 to 6. In the second half Alma showed to better advantage and very nearly held their own, scoring 11 points to 12 for the victors. The superior condition of the visitors told in this period. They showed the results of consistent training for which the locals have not the advantages. Fraker played the stellar role for the humbled collegians. He covered a large amount of territory and made five of the points. Chapel scored most of the points, shooting four baskets from the field. The visitors were accompanied by a small crowd of supporters who made themselves heard in the gallery."

Misses Nina Martin, Irene Peasley, and Grace Kramer, who are teaching in the kindergarten department of the Saginaw schools attended the game.

The line-up:

Alma		Saginaw
Fraker	f	Bradley
Hooper	f	Wallis
Edgerton	c	Beale
von Thurn King	g	McVety
Chapel Kefgen	g	Schoen

Final score—Saginaw, 33; Alma 17. First half—Saginaw 21; Alma 6. Field baskets—Bradley, 7; Wallis, 5; McVety 2; Beale, 4; Chapel, 4; Fraker 2; Hooper 1; von Thurn, 1. Baskets from fouls—Beale, 3 in 5; Fraker 1 in 4. Times of halves—20 minutes. Referee—Warren Cooper, Saginaw. Umpire—Grady, Alma.

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STATE ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION

Robert von Thurn acted the representative of the Alma College Oratorical association in the meeting of the state association held at Ypsilanti on December 17. William Ewing accompanied Mr. von Thurn in order to learn the ins and outs of the proceedings so as to be able to represent Alma in future years.

At this meeting, which was called primarily to select judges for the coming state oratorical contest, Hillsdale, Albion and Ypsilanti were appointed as a committee to draft an amendment to the constitution relative to professionalism. The purpose of the amendment is to bar from state contests contestants who have regular pulpit or other public speaking as a part of their work. The convention held the day of the oratorical contest will vote on the amendment. Another amendment, providing for the judging of the contest in the same manner as the interstate contest, is also to be drawn up. Now composition and thought are judged from printed manuscripts by one set of judges and the delivery by another. The orations delivered at the interstate contests are judged but once, at the time of delivery, on their general excellence. A list of one hundred eligible judges was prepared and has been sent to the various colleges concerned for protestations. The judges will be chosen from those not protested by any college.

The feeling at the meeting was one of great interest in the contest and in the welfare of the association. The questions which arose for discussion can all be depended upon to be settled easily at the convention on March 3. Everything looks forward to a very successful year in state oratory.

TO ST. LOUIS

A bunch of fifteen fellows "sleighrid" over to St. Louis Saturday evening for a couple of hours roller skating and then a supper.

DEFEAT MT. PLEASANT

The Maroon and Cream Basketball Five Turn the Trick

EDGERTON PLAYS GREAT

The Victory is by a Narrow Margin—The Team are Very Evenly Matched

The home season of basket ball opened last Tuesday evening with a victory over the Mt. Pleasant Normal team. It was a pretty slim victory 27-26, but our badly crippled team came out ahead of coach Helmer's veteran bunch. Cook and Kefgen were out of the game owing to illness and Fraker was the only old man on the Maroon five.

The first half opened with a rushing game by the Normalites, they scoring most of their points early. Our men seemed unable to get together. Finally by clever team work they pulled a few baskets the half ending in the Normal's favor 15-14. During this period Helmer's men displayed much skill at long baskets, while our men continually working the ball to their own basket fell down on their short shots.

The second half saw Alma start things. Using a few simple plays and executing them with fine speed they bewildered their opponents, overcoming the slight lead they made enough to give them the game, though in the last few minutes our chances for victory looked rather dubious. During the first half Edgerton had saved Alma many points, but it was in the last half he was a team by himself continually spoiling Mt. Pleasant's team play and keeping the basket out of danger. No such playing as he exhibited has been seen on the floor in three years. Fraker also played stellar ball, his great passing and dribbling time and again paved the way for many a basket. Hooper also starred with six baskets to his credit.

Mt. Pleasant had two mighty good men in Dickerson and Crawford the former securing three field baskets and one from a foul while the latter was of great value on the defense.

The game at times became rough owing to the intense rivalry between the men. However it was far from a dirty game, in fact very clean as compared with many games. The roughness was not of the dirty sort, but due to the aggressiveness of the players. The game was hard fought all the way and all the more credit to our men for their game-ness and determination ending in victory.

ALMA		MT. PLEASANT
Edgerton	C	Dickerson, Ettinger
Chapel, King	R G	Mc Carty
L. Von Thurn	L G	Crawford
Hooper	R F	Hoolihan
Fraker	L F	Richards, Dickerson

Summary—Alma 27 Mt Pleasant 26 Goals from field—Hooper 6, Von Thurn 2, Fraker 4, Chapel 1, Hoolihan 4, Richards 2, Crawford 2, Ettinger 2, Dickerson 2. Goals from fouls—Fraker 4, Crawford 2. One point awarded to Alma.

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STUDY OF BIBLE

The study of the bible has recently taken on a different aspect in the schools and colleges of North America. For a great many years it seems to have been considered proper to have as little knowledge of the Bible as possible; the less the knowledge, the more the pride. However, all this is changed now and the remarkable fact in the change is that it has been brought about by the students themselves, without any outside pressure. The beginning of the movement towards more Biblical reading and study was spontaneous.

At present there are 32,259 students enrolled in various Bible study classes in 539 of our higher institutions of learning. The classes of students that are taking up this work is shown by the following table from the North American Review, showing the number of each class of men taking part in this work.

Prize and scholarship men	885
Editors of College Papers	696
Class Presidents	795
Members college glee clubs	1385
Members college baseball teams	1271
Members college football teams	1445
Members college track teams	958
Members college basketball teams	935

A surprising number of men belonging to the Greek letter "frats," which are generally thought to be non-conducive to the study of sacred literature, are pushing the movement.

It has been found to be a fact that there are a great many students who are exceedingly desirous of learning more of the book upon which Christianity is based and who fail to do so simply because there is no organized body for that purpose which they may join and receive competent instruction. It has also been found to be a fact that real in-

telligence concerning Biblical matters is very slight in a majority of students, though of course this new opportunity will improve that condition. Lastly, it appears that a great deal of the wierd and half-baked religious philosophy, which may be called by that name, of young thinkers is held by those whose knowledge of the Bible is meager. Hence it seems that greater attention to the Bible will result in much more reasonable and sound thinking.

Aside from this benefit, Bible study classes promote the truest of friendships. Invariably these classes in our colleges and universities are conducted by upper classmen. In the serious consideration of the problems of moral and religious life, a bond of fraternity and brotherhood is welded that has no equal. Sincerity is a virtue paramount which is developed in the rooms of fellow students poring over the pages of a Biblical text. A truer vision of the ways of life is brought about, a higher sense of moral duty, and the idea of service to fellow men is strongly emphasized.

This concerns Alma in this way: such classes as have been discussed are already organized and doing good work. There is none of the "preachy" idea about them. A text, "The Social Significance of the Teachings of Jesus" is used. Classes meet every Sunday evening after lunch in the fellows' rooms in Pioneer hall. Alma is glad to have a place in this continent wide movement and will reap benefit from it in proportion to what she puts into it.

OUR STUDENT BODY

It may be interesting to Almanian readers to know that Alma's student body the present year is from eight different states and three foreign countries. Eighty towns in Michigan send students to Alma this year. Fourteen towns that have never been represented in Alma before are this year included in the list. The states outside of Michigan that contribute to Alma's enrollment are New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, New Mexico and Montana. The three foreign countries represented are England, Japan and Syria.

REV. MR. SIDEBOTHAM

Rev. C. W. Sidebotham '01 spent a few days of the opening week on the campus as a member of the synod's committee of Alma college. Wesley combined business with pleasure and visited many of his former friends. Mrs. Sidebotham and daughter Elizabeth accompanied him on the trip and spent the week at their parental home.

PRESIDENT BRUSKE AWAY

President Bruske started Friday on an extended trip through the upper peninsula. Sunday he spoke in the Presbyterian church at the "Soo" and from there he goes to Menominee, Manistique, Escanaba, Ishpeming, Marquette, Houghton, and Calumet. Next Sunday he will speak in the church at Houghton or Calumet.

YPSI LOSES RICHARDS

A Detroit paper speaking of Ed. Richards of the Ypsi Normal Basket Ball five says: "Richards was star of last year's five, and his brilliant work marked him as one of the splendid centers in the state. He has been found delinquent in his college work, however, and the faculty has barred him from athletics, which is crushing to Ypsi's hopes of a winning season. It is not likely that Richards will get into the game before the latter end of the schedule." But Richards got back Saturday

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CO-EDS DANCE

The girls of Wright hall gave an informal dance to themselves in the Proebel room Saturday evening.

HOUSE COUNCIL MEETS

The House Council of Wright hall had a lively meeting Thursday evening and after considerable discussion gave back to the new girls some of their erstwhile privileges, thus making the already somewhat complicated "code-de-behavior" (excuse the French) a little more lenient.

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CLASSICAL CLUB

The Classical Club held a special business meeting in Prof. Ewing's room Thursday afternoon. Arrangements will be made if possible with Dr. Alfred H. Barr of the First Avenue Presbyterian church of Detroit to address the club when he is in Alma in the near future. Efforts will also be made to secure papers of interest to the club from various alumni. The subject of the next meeting will be "Business Life."

DEAN GIVES PAPER

Last Monday evening the Philomathean literary society had the pleasure of listening to a paper by Miss Haughawout on "My Rambles in Florence." Miss Haughawout's papers always make the things we have been reading about more personal and interesting.

PARTY FRIDAY EVE

Alma students enjoyed another spin in the social whirligig Friday night and there is every reason to believe that in spite of the awful combination, Friday, the 13th, nothing more serious took place than the loss of a few peanuts. The festivities commenced, as they always do commence in Wright Hall, with a grand march. However, this one was in a measure new and novel and likewise energetic both in plot and execution. Next it was proclaimed that peanuts had been hidden, so after sides had been chosen the few lone peanuts that had escaped the vandal hands of nobody knows whom, were sought near and far and the final count showed that Mr. Fraker's side had lost and were accordingly penalized by having to do a stunt, which was duly performed. The other side did not seem precisely enthusiastic about it but they didn't produce a better one at any rate. Virginia reels had been planned, but had to be omitted owing to lack of time. However cocoa and wafers were served to the long "bread line" that passed the serving room doors. Soon it was insinuated that the Dean hoped she would not be obliged to say "Goodnight" to anyone and so we all went home.

ALUMNI NOTES

Lack of space in last week's issue prevented giving a list of those present at the alumni reunion in Alma during the holiday vacation. It will be interesting to readers of the Almanian to know who were so fortunate as to be in the old town for the pleasurable gathering at the Robinson home. They were President Bruske, Prof. J. E. Mitchell '03, Winnifred Trapp '01, Sadie Messinger '03, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hurst '04, H. H. Soule '03, Gretta Bagley '07, Oliver Smith '07 and Helen Cook '08, of Alma; Prof. and Mrs. K. P. Brooks '97, and R. G. Swigart '04, of Mt. Pleasant; W. B. Robinson '01, of New York City; Rev. Fred Soule '06 of Summerville, N. J.; John Shiner '03 of Seattle; Lester Sharp '08, of Chicago; Rev. H. N. Ronald '03 and Mrs. H. N. Ronald '04 of Thorntown, Ind.; Maynard Cook '09, of Caro; Lois Fraker '09, of Grand Ledge; Emma Swigart '09 of Charlevoix; Myrtie Creaser '10 of Carson City; Agnes Redman '10 of Ovid; Grace Messinger mus. '07, A. W. Hudson, Harriet Soule-Hudson kg'03, Hazel Bahlke mus. '09, Leora Johnston mus. '09; and Geo Law com '10, of Alma; and John Marchmont, New York City.

Miss Ethel Northon is teaching school at Vanderbilt.

Major Lemen, one of Alma's former students, has sold his drug store in Detroit and has launched into the automobile business. He is one of the firm of the Fell-Lemen Trimming Company

at 660 Commonwealth Avenue. Mr. Lemen spent a part of his holiday vacation in Shepherd, visiting at the home of Mrs. Lemen.

SCIENCE CLUB

At the meeting of the Science Club, Saturday evening the following program was given.

Discussion of current topics
Neurons and the Neuron Theory—Rex Van Duzen.

Functional Center of the Nervous System and Reflex Movements—Ralph O. von Thurn.

Both talks were well illustrated with charts and diagrams showing the finer structure of the nerves and also the position of the more important centers of the brain. Microscopic slides prepared by Prof. MacCurdy gave those present a glimpse at parts of the real nerves.

The constitution which had been in the process of construction for several weeks was adopted. This will give the club a better working basis.

WITH THE GLOVES

One of the scrappiest scraps in the line of a boxing match seen in Alma for many a day was pulled off Saturday afternoon in the Gym. Elaborate preparations were made for the match. The motion picture company secured 18 thousand feet of film through their special agent, Oscar Anderson, while the Associated Press was represented Blasko. Referee Call rendered no decision in either the preliminary, Mabie vs. Bagley, nor in the big match fought by those two high class pugilists, Yerex and Johnson.

SOPHOMORE SLEIGHRIDE

A happy bunch of sophomores went over to St. Louis Saturday afternoon in sleighs, had supper over there and returned later in the evening.

AN OMISSION

Last week in reporting the choosing of the debating squad, we omitted the name of Ralph von Thurn among the Phi Phi Alpha debaters.

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Pollasky has a BIG SHOE SALE. Ah there, van Duzen!

Prexie says Alma college needs to prepare girls to be ministers' wives. Privileges three evenings a week instead of one, might help some who are already prepared.

If you'd take one more reef in your pants. That are now quite highwatery, Rix, With those little half-hoses you wear, You would be in a dence of a fix.

B.V.D

Can you say Prof. MacCurdy is an economical man because there is so little waist fullness about him?

NOVEL!

Chap. I. Coach Grady: "If Miss Millenbach has a boys' table I don't see why I can't have a girls' table."

Chap. II. "I'll spread 'em, too."

Chap. III. Miss Haughawout: "Mr. Grady, Miss Crosby, Miss Rosecrans, Miss Mitchell, Miss Bachi, Miss Freese, Miss Turner, Miss Candelario."

Chap. IV. Spread.

Moral: Speak in haste; repent (or rejoice) and pay, at leisure.

An honest man is the noblest work of God. There's where most of us fellows have it on these self-made men.

INTERVIEWS WITH FAMOUS PEOPLE

When the Green Spider pushed open the door of the room of Mr. Robert von Thurn the worthy gentleman had his nose buried in a pitcher. He drank six swallows more and offered me the empty pitcher. "Get some water will you?"

"I have been sent to interview you concerning the Benefits of Silent Dignity in a College Senior," I opened.

"See Miss Dykes," he ventured.

I waited until he said: "Dignity is the art of looking wise. Some are born dignified, some acquire dignity, like my self, and some have dignity thrust upon them. It gives the impression of wisdom. One can say such foolish things in a dignified way and they appear owlish. Unaffected dignity is touching. The dignity of a co-ed with her waist unbuttoned in the back is superb. The dignity of a man with a boil on his nose is easily hurt. It is especially valuable in class (dignity, not boil.) A low earnest tone is a powerful anaesthetic to instructor and class alike, and a sleepy brain can contradict nothing."

"Do I expect to keep it up all through life? Oh, no, some time I expect to know enough so that I won't have to."

The conversation lagged.

"Do you consider red hair an obstacle to matrimony?" I asked by way of filler.

"Well," said Mr. vonThurn, thought-

fully, "that depends. Take Freshmen, for instance, when—"

But I realized that the question had been unfortunate, and fled.

EFFECTIVE CONTRAST

"The salaries of Presbyterian ministers are greater than bank cashiers. And when the preacher's hair is gray, who steps in to save him from the poor house? The relief association!"—Prexie

PUZZLE

If you find the reason, kindly place us proximate.

Wednesday noon:

Miss Booth's table—Misses Robbins, Crawford, McLaughlin, Miller and Messrs. O. Anderson, von Thurn, Marie.

Miss Robinson's table—Misses Brown, Travis, and Conner and Messrs. Burrit, Thompson, Kolvoord, and E. McCloy.

Thursday:

Miss Booth's table—Misses Robbins, Crawford, McLaughlin, Miller and Messrs. B. McCloy, von Thurn, Marie.

Miss Robinson's table—Misses Brown, Travis, and Conner, and Messrs. Burrit, Thompson, Kolvoord and O. Anderson.

THE MUM CLUB

Motto—Silence.

Object—Conservation of Conversation.

Grand Past Master—J. L. Harper.

Grand Present Master—Geo. Snyder.

Active Members—Esther Halverson, Ruth Halverson, van Duzen, Chapel, Miss Brown, Miss Bradley, Miss Beer and Miss Reiser.

With little Eva, Uncle Tom, and Marks all here, why not give Uncle Tom's Cabin instead of minstrels?

WHY NOT ENTER, OLE?

Many a young farmer will try for the auto to be given as a grand prize for the best ears.—M. A. C. Record.

Olivet has a girl on its debating squad. She must be a peach—of a debater, of course.

OUCH!

Burritt says the hardest part of traveling from Pioneer to Wright on the ice, is the ice.

NOTHING TO SAY

In the Grand March, as couples meet for the forty-fourth time. A partner, jokingly (emphasize jokingly) "I believe I've seen you before," Miss Kehl, innocently: "Yes, I've been here since September."

NAME 'EM! NOW—CAN WE BEAT 'EM?

The captains of the college teams are R. Vandenburg, Van Zyl, Poppen, Leenhouts, Brush, and Luideds. The captains of the prep teams are R. Oggel, Dielman, Werenga, Peeke, Schaap and Cloetingh.—Hope Anchor.

If you feel blue because you can't skate, think of seasick Noah on the ark.

Several Lecture course tickets for sale. Various reasons. Enquire of Wilson, Pohly, and others.

Love me, love my dog.—King.

MR. P. W. SWARTZ

Mr. P. W. Swartz of Lafayette college will address the student body Sunday at 3:00 p. m. Jan. 22 in the chapel. Mr. Swartz is visiting the college in the interest of the student volunteer movement. He will be at Alma, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 21 and 22 and while here he wishes to meet the Cabinets,

Volunteer Band and will be glad to have interviews with all who may desire to meet him.

Prof. West has been unable to hear classes the last week.

Robt. von Thurn is preaching at the First Baptist church at St. Louis.

Miss Eula M. Ableson '08 is teaching in the kindergartens at Lindsdewize, Penn., and taking advanced work at the University of Pennsylvania. Miss Ableson completed the three year course at Alma and expects to take a post graduate course at Teachers' College, Columbia.

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