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BASKET BALL REVIEW

A Successful Season Was that of 1910-11 for the Maroon and Cream

ALLEN HOOPER CAPTAIN

Kefgen, Fraker and Chapel Play Their Last Games

Our football championship was followed by a championship in basketball. The victory over Olivet won for Alma her first inter-collegiate championship in this sport and closed for the Maroon and Cream the most successful season of the mid-winter game. Three years ago Alma had only an excuse for a team, but the two seasons under Coach Carrithers formed a new class of team, around which Coach Grady built a championship five. The season was not without its disappointments and defeats. Never once was the Maroon and Cream represented by a perfectly fit team. Capt. Cook was the first to go out, not being able to participate in a single practice. Then followed a number of accidents. For this reason the playing was very erratic at times.

Capt. Leslie Kefgen who succeeded Cook, played guard and forward. Kefgen was the strongest man on the team, being able to fill any position. When Edgerton was out he went in at center. In the Adrian game he showed up the best, getting thirteen baskets from the field. But Kefgen has played his last basketball game as he will be graduated in June.

Capt-elect Allen Hooper was a 'sub' in 1909-10. Last year he failed to make the team on account of inexperience, but his excellent basket shooting and aggressiveness in the defence and offence won for him a place at guard this year.

Foster Fraker also has played his last basket-ball game. "Frake" was the smallest man on the team, but he won many games for Alma by his basket throwing and remarkable passing.

Clifford Edgerton, the big man of the squad, developed into the star defense man of the team. Playing jumping center, and guard, his height and wonderful strength saved many a basket for Alma. As a guard he did not meet his equal this year.

Lester von Thurn was another man of last year's squad that made good. Last year he was a little light but this year he held down a guard position in fine shape. He is a hard worker and plays a very constant game. He is a man who works rather for team work than individual starrng.

Chapel, King and Ewing were the men called upon time and again to fill in and their playing was not less sensational than that of the regulars. Chapel who is a senior will not be back next year.

In general, while working most of the season under difficulties Coach Grady and his men have never shown the white feather and deserve all honor.



BASKET BALL SQUAD

Ewing, sub.—Chapel, sub.—King, sub.—Grady, Coach
Fraker, f.—Von Thurn, g.—Kefgen, f.—Edgerton, c.—Hooper, g

COLLEGE DAY

Preparations are being made to celebrate Arbor Day at the college as the second College Day. There will be no classes except during the first two hours of the morning and the remainder of the day will be devoted exclusively to celebration and work looking toward the beautification of the campus. Last year on college day all the trees were trimmed. This year similar work will be done.

College Day is but one phase of the concerted efforts of college authorities, students and townspeople to follow out the plans of Architect Yeomans of Philadelphia to make our college grounds the most beautiful of the state. A committee consisting of Francis King, representing the city, Mrs. Francis King, for the Women's Civic Improvement League, W. A. Bahlke, for the business men, Mrs. Bahlke for the Women's Club, Mrs. L. N. Baker for the Art Club and Prof. J. E. Mitchell for the college has in their charge the work of raising an endowment of five thousand dollars the proceeds of which will be used each year for improvement of the grounds. It is planned to have the endowment raised by the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the school in 1912. No money is required for the endowment, simply

promissory notes, bearing six per cent, interest, due April first being given. Five thousand dollars at six per cent will mean three hundred dollars a year. It is hoped that Prof. Mitchell presently is working to raise the three hundred dollars for this year's improvement to the students with the result that those present subscribed about one hundred dollars. When those who were not present have been seen it is expected that fifty more will be had. Everything points towards the complete success of the efforts of the committee to make our campus more and more beautiful.

Y.M.C.A. CONVENTION

Dewitt Marks, Dwight Harwood and Ralph Yonker will leave Friday to attend the Michigan State Convention of the Young Men's Christian associations to be held at Battle Creek on Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19. The theme of the convention is "Utilizing the Forces" and the speakers of prominence are Prof. E. I. Bosworth of Oberlin, Dr. Geo. L. Robinson of Chicago, and Rev. J. Percival Hugot of Detroit. W. C. A. will attend a conference of the presidents of the state to be held in Lansing April 2 and 3.

Wilson took our excursion photo.



This cut shows the the Alma crowd boarding this special train to Ann Arbor, March 3, and the coach decorated with the huge Alma banners. Both sides of the coach bore the Maroon and Cream.

CABINETS BANQUET

Twenty-six Ladies of the Association Attend Third Annual Function

MISS HAHN TOASTMISTRESS

Tosts are Responded to by Members of the Association and Guests

Friday evening March 10 occurred the third annual banquet of the cabinets retiring and incoming, of the Y.W.C.A. The first banquet instituted by Grace Brown was given in Wright hall three years ago and was then considered somewhat in the nature of an experiment. But the annual spread has proved so helpful and enjoyable that it has become not only an assured affair but one that the girls look forward to with eager anticipation. Besides the members of the old and new cabinets Mrs. Bruske, Miss Houghton and Miss March of Detroit were present. At five-thirty o'clock these twenty-six people took places at the tables in Mrs. Murphy's dining room. After an hour and half of enjoyment of the material things prepared for them, chairs were pushed back and the company formed one large circle about the room.

Miss Hahn the toastmistress then took charge of affairs. In a short address that was characteristically practical and forceful. Miss Hahn gave some good advice to the new cabinet. She discussed the motives of entering upon the work, the attitude toward things expected of the cabinet girls, and the faithfulness and sincerity that the success of any department depends upon. Miss Hahn's address was eagerly followed, because she knew the girls so thoroughly and the girls highly appreciate much of the strength of our association to her willing and faithful efforts to make it strong. Miss Hahn then introduced Miss Stevens who spoke on "What the association means to the college girl." Next Miss Marsh told us some things about "Association Ideals" that we can never forget. We like to think of the state secretary as "Our Miss March" and we were delighted that she was able to attend and tell us in her pleasing way about those things that we are eager to know of.

Mrs. Bruske told us about the "Association girls of yesterday," about the girls who preceded us in the work and who laid the foundation securely for us to build upon.

Miss Boag very briefly responded to the toast "The old girls." Everybody then rose and after repeating the association motto was dismissed.

Mrs. Edith Royce-Orser who has been directing the work of the kindergarten in the Shepherd schools will resign her position at the close of the present school year. Mr. Orser is in the newspaper business in Erie and after June they will make their home in the latter place.

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FOR THE DATE FIEND

Wednesday, March 22.
Second Term Ends
Wednesday, April 5,
Third Term Begins
Tuesday, April 11.
Lecture Course, Alton Packard
Friday, April 14,
Triangular Debates
Friday, April 21
Whitney Quartette Play
Saturday, April 28,
M.A.S.—Alma Debate
Friday, May 5,
College Great Contest

COLLEGE SPIRIT

It is delightful to dream of that effervescent something we like to call "college spirit." College spirit is essentially loyalty to college. One of the qualities which makes it so precious, no doubt, is its rareness. The man or woman who is willing to sacrifice pleasure for his or her college is the only man or woman who has spirit that counts. It is, after all, because there are men and women willing not only to die, but to live, for their country, that nations are strong. Likewise, it is only when students and faculty and alumni are willing to sacrifice, that the highest good of their college can be gained. It is because of this spirit that schools have been endowed. Had there been no one with the inclination to give their wealth for the benefit of others, there would be no Alma college, or any other endowed institution; and instead of paying a mere pittance or none of their professors' salaries and other expenses, students would be obliged to pay them all.

One does not need to look far to find how scarce is absolute loyalty. The coldness with which the excursion to Ypsilanti to support our orator was received is an example. That it is, perhaps, a poor example we must admit. There were many things which prevented the student body from taking in this excursion and we are finding no fault. We far outstripped all but Albion and Hillsdale. It simply illustrates what is true of every college in the country; that when college spirit demands too great a personal sacrifice, the spirit wanes. It is well in appealing to college spirit to appeal at the same time to the selfish desires of the students, and wait for the millennium for pure, unadulterated college loyalty.

PAPERS AT TABLE

Miss Haughwout has asked that the Almanian be withheld from the girls of

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THE CO-ED NUMBER

The next issue of the Almanian will be published entirely in charge of the girls of Wright hall. All the work of writing and editing the whole issue will be done by them. The news will be gathered by the fair reporters, the editorials will give the ideas of the feminine minds, and the humor can all be blamed to the co-eds. This issue will, in short, be cram full of femininity and nothing but femininity.

Miss Jean Dykes, '11, Alpha Theta, the Almanian's news editor, will have complete supervision of the work. She has chosen to assist her representatives of all the girls' literary societies. Here is the staff for the issue of March 20.

Editor-in-chief—Jean Dykes '11, Alpha Theta

Ethel Carey, '11, Alpha Theta

Margaret Boag, '13, Philomathean

Edith Hewitt, '13, Philomathean

Florence Carman, '13, Froebel

Irene Reiser, '13, Froebel

Hazel Conner, Euterpe

Wright hall until after dinner Monday evening, and of course, we have complied with her request. That is why you Wright hall girls have not been getting them lately until seven o'clock. It seems to us that the undesirability of breaking the somewhat erskome bonds of etiquette and the destruction of general conversational facilities on account of individual attention to reading is overbalanced by the relief from the usual methods of stimulating table talk and the enjoyment of that peculiarly Alma custom of reading the college paper during dinner time. We would not have mentioned the matter, had Miss Haughwout's request been in the nature of an imperial ukase, but we are sure that if it is the desire of the majority of the girls to have the Almanian before dinner, and if that desire is made known to her, she will be reasonable in the matter. At any event, this is the first and will be the last the Almanian ever had or will have to say of this.

LECTURE COURSE NUMBERS

Two of the numbers of the lecture course were given last week. Monday, Mr. Frank Speaight gave a reading from the Pickwick Papers. Mr. Speaight is an English type such as we can imagine Dickens was writing about, and his depiction of the English people is very striking. Although an extra number of the course, it drew a crowded house.

Friday evening the Whitney Brothers quartette gave perhaps the most enjoyable entertainment of the course, at least from the music lovers' point of view.

"THE ETERNAL RIDDLE"

Rev. J. W. Dunning '04, has recently closed a contract with Sherman, French & Co., of Boston, for the publication of a book he has written. The book which is entitled, "The Eternal Riddle" is a series of addresses upon religious subjects such as "What is Truth?" "What is Faith?" etc. The work is the outcome of a request by the publishing company for articles similar to sermon outlines. Mr. Dunning had written for the Homiletic Review.

FURTHER DEBATING CHANGES

Owing to the lack of time for preparation the negative team of the coal land question came to a final decision last week to make no attempt to debate the question on March 17. As a result the affirmative team will debate the question with a team representing the Michigan Agricultural college at East Lansing on April 28.

Miss Edna Watson kg '04 has resigned her position as director of the kindergarten in the Ithaca schools and will leave in June for Deming, New Mexico, where she will take up a position in the office of Ralph Ely. Miss Watson is considered one of the foremost kindergarten teachers of the state.

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ART

The Ahnamau's cub icporter watt wandering around the second floor of the administration building, patiently waiting for a business meeting, Alien he saw a young lady in the art studio working intently on a vase, yes, vawz. Being shy, naturally and artfully, he naturally and artfully, strolled into the room and gazed upon the vawz and the artist seemingly without tier being aware of his presence. The vawz was aware, however. The finest, kind of Chiuaware! And the young lady still worked on.

He coughed, and she welcomed him. She knew lie had been there ah the

has been forced, because of ill health to give up his position at home and see^ a o^^nKe cEuiate. He has gone to Arizona for the winter.

Karl Allured of Kwart, visited David Inglis the latter part of last week. Mr. Allured was on his v.ay home from the auntml convention of the Retail Hard Ware dealers of Michigan, which had been held at Saginaw the first of the weet-

ALPHA THETA-ZtTA SIGMA

The Alpha Theta hteraryj society entertained their affiliated society,(the

YE OLDEN TYMES

The little classic hereunto appended was written for the Almanian, then a monthly, some ten years ago before the author had learned the folly of exposing his alleged humor to the blasting winds of the combined criticisms of students, who want more jokes on people and have paid their subscriptions (moral: mention somebody's name in connection with something; never mind the humor of the connection,) of alumni, who want more news of college and alumni and who have also paid or intend to pay their subscriptions (moral: review happenings the minutest detail of which is already known to half your readers and tell columns about former students never heard of by the same half,) of faculty, who are the most reasonable of all, having paid their subscriptions and having no time to read their papers (moral: but don't use any grinds on the faculty; there is a comlaude reason,) of the editor, who can't see any fun in any humor but his own (moral: don't try to suit some of the people all the time, or all the people some of the time, but as many as you can as much as you can as long as you can.) But to come back: allow us to present, without his knowledge or consent, Mr. Frank Hurst, '04 in his modest effort entitled, "Mr. Hoolihan on Rayceptions." Mr. Hurst!

Mr. Hurst said: (a la Cong. Record.)
Mr. Editor, Gentle Readers, and other Worthy Opponents: A little original boiler-plate, written by myself, on receptions. (Pause-Chuckle-Pause- Applause-Pause.)

"What's all th' students prancin' up an' down th' rayception room fur, an' doin' th' Alaman' lift act ivry toime they shake hands wid ye t' night," says Mr. Hogan. "It's th' openin' rayception," says Mr. Hoolihan. "Ye see it's loike this; ivry toime collidge opins, they have a rayception t' give th' new students a chance t' git acquainted wit aich other an' t' give th' old boys a chanct t' see th' new girruls. They have th' singin' an' all that t' show th' new wans that their ain't anny rid tape about th' affair." "An' what's rid tape?" says Mr. Hogan. "Rid tape" says Mr. Hoolihan, "is th' process ye have to go through t' git a girrul t' go down town wid ye. Frinstance ye want t' treat wan of yer lady frinds. Ye goes first an axes yer girrul, an' run a chanct of bein' rayfused. Thin ye axes th' lady principal if Miss So-and-So kin go down and eat a Sunday wid ye; an here's another chanct of bein' rayfused. B' the toime ye gits back t' yer lady frind maybe she has gone off wid some maisy little Frishman. That's rid tape. There goes wan unhappy jigger comin' down stairs now."

"An' they keep on walkin' up an' down the hall loike that the whole avenin'" asks Mr. Hogan. "No, me frind, they'll soon be sepearated into stiddy groups." An' what's a stiddy group? says you. A stiddy group is made up of two payple who thinks th' rist of the worrould is all dead." "An why do they stiddy?" says Mr. Hogan. "Because" says Mr. Hoolihan "it's th' fashion." A man in collidge that don't

stiddy is as much out of place as an old Saginaw football player who can't swear."

"An do they all stiddy?" says Mr. Hogan. "Well that depends, some does an' some don't. Ye take a little dip-frishman that cuts a big swell an' gets all th' girruls goin' on him an' an' an' stiddies. He thinks, O yis, I kin' git anny of 'em an' purty soon he can't git a pleasant wink from wan of 'em. But its diffrunt wid wan of thim little quiet jiggers that don't have nothin' t' say th' first year; 'n they're th' wans that devlope into the stiddies. They're th' wans that git t' the front. A girrul that wan of 'ems afraid t' ask t' take home now in two years he'll be proposin' to her. That's wan of th' bad pints about co-idecayshun. It'd be all right Hogan if it wasn't fir th' stiddies."

"But can't they stop th' stiddy" at th' rayceptions?" says Mr. Hogan. "Ounct in a while wan of th' head leaders climbs onto th' frigiater in th' middle of the hall an' hands out some little tickets that tells ivry wan who his girrul's to be fir the evenin'; but as soon as supper is over th' stiddies begin t' throw lovin' glances t' aich other an soon it's as bad as iver."

"Th' stiddy" wudn't be so bad, Hogan, if it didn't effict th' kids. But th' little prip studints see th' Juniors an Seniors ehinin' up to th' girruls an' they think they have t' do th' same, an' it looks bad. Here's a letter Mulbahey got from his son Dinnis who is a prip in Oberlin. It winds up with—"An rather, yer son has climbed t' th' highest roong of th' ladder of Oherlin society, an' is now swimmin, in the daypest wather of th' social pond. I'm kaypin' company wid wan of th' collidge girruls."

"But what's that big Senior wapin' fur over there, Hoolihan?" "O he's singin', 'O fur th' Tooch of a Vanished hand;' some prip has run off wid his girrul."

Robert Wilson, '13, was in Saginaw last week taking an examination for a position as teacher in the Phillipines.

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