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## ALPHA THETA PLAY

"After the Dance, After the Game, After the Man" Is Successful

## GIRLS MAKE A HIT IN PLAY

There is a Candy Sale in Connection—The Solos and Choruses Between Acts Are Pleasing

"After the Dance, After the Game, After the Man." In brief, this is the story of the Alpha Theta play given Friday evening in the chapel.

The play opened with a scene in Nan's room in which was Miss Marguerite O'Neill as Nan, sitting at the dresser completing her toilet, while awaiting the arrival of her friends. Emily Beech, her maid, was with her. A knock was heard at the door, and Laura Brown, better known by the girls as Betty, entered. Betty had just returned from a ball and had come to tell her friend, Nan, all about it. Betty was soon interrupted by another knock at the door, and there entered two junior girls, Bessie Seaver and Jean Dykes, play-wise known as Polly and Kit. They had also attended the ball and had interesting things to tell about their experiences. Kit had spent a very pleasant evening, but just how fortunate the other girls were is unknown because Kit talked so fast that they couldn't even get started.

Entered two sophomore girls, Selma Hahn and Ethel Carey, who were spoken of by their companions as Trixie and Dixie. Trixie seemed very much dissatisfied with the town and everything in general in spite of the efforts of her friend, Dixie, who tried to make things as pleasant as possible by taking her down to "Stevie's" and "Gray's." Dixie seemed quite contented and listened attentively to Kit's story, only interrupting now and then to inquire if the fellows spoken of were as good looking as Mr. Marks.

Two innocent freshmen, Maud Hooper and Beryl Broderick, known as Flora and Dora, next appeared. They, unlike the other girls, were not acquainted with the little games connected with college life, hence they had spent the evening studying assiduously for an English test which was to be given the next day. They were informed that it was only a waste of time to study for tests as they didn't count for anything anyway. With a general discussion of the football game, which was to be played the next day, the first act came to a close.

At the beginning of the second act, Nan was alone in her room, while her companions were attending the football game. The game was one in which Nan, too, was interested, but on account of some misunderstanding between herself and Jack Norton she decided to remain at home. After the game the girls came to tell her how well her friend Jack played, and informed her that he had sustained several injuries, which caused her to see the injustice she had done to Jack. In the second scene the injured lover, Jack Norton, in real life Ruth

## BIGGEST DAY OF THE YEAR.

Alma's biggest day of this year, and for that matter for many years past, will be College Day, May 2.

The enrollment of students has passed the three hundred mark.

Dr. Bruske has promised that when Alma has reached this number there will be a jubilee, and a jubilee there will be.

A committee on College Day met in Prexie's room Thursday and made arrangements for the celebration. From the faculty there were the President, Prof. Cook, Prof. Notestein and Prof. MacCurdy. From the student body there were Robert von Thurn, representing the seniors; Mrs. Laura Sebring, for the juniors; Dwight Harwood, for the freshmen, and Miss Maude Rock, for the commercials. Here is the way they decided to celebrate.

8:00 to 9:00—Classes.

9:00 to 10:30—Literary Program in Chapel.

10:30 to 11:30—Girls' Gymnasium Drill on the Campus.

1:30 to 3:30—General Beautification and Trimmification of Campus.

The regular committee on grounds and buildings will have charge of the afternoon's program. Professor Adams will have charge of the morning's program.

TUESDAY, MAY 5—OUR BIGGEST DAY.

Hovey, tells Nan that he is willing to forgive and forget, and immediately a reconciliation takes place. Thus ends the play.

The entertainment was closed with a song by the society. During the intermission Miss Clark sang, assisted by the Misses Hood, Hooper and Dykes. Candy was sold in the foyer. Neat and unique programs were used.

The play was well done by the Alpha Theta girls. It is hard to pick a star from the company, but Miss Dykes and Miss O'Neill deserve especial mention. The success of this effort is in itself a commendation to the society and its officers.

## SOULE, '03, TO CHAMPAIGN.

Henry Soule, '03, who, since graduation has made his home in Alma, has disposed of most of his property in and about the city and leaves this week for Champaign, Illinois, where he has purchased a large hardware store. Mr. Soule has been one of Alma's most progressive and highly respected citizens and during his student days was one of the leaders in the life of Alma college. During his entire residence in Alma, both as student and later as one of the leading contractors and builders of the city, he has always stood for those things that were helpful to the community. He has always been one of the most loyal supporters of the college, and will be missed in all alumni activities in the interest of the institution. During the past two years Mr. Soule has given annual scholarships, one each year, to help some worthy student through his course in college, and in many other ways shown the true spirit of helpfulness to his alma mater.

## CHICAGO MEDAL CONTEST.

Nine students are booked to enter the Chicago Medal Contest, to be held in the college chapel May 5. Of these nine, but one has ever had college contest experience. The winner will receive a gold medal, the gift of Rev. James L. McBride, '04, pastor of the Rogers Park Presbyterian church of Chicago. Mr. McBride will preside at the contest.

The following orators and orations are listed: Miss Emily Beach, "Immigration;" Edward Erehm, "The Dawn of Peace;" Lester von Thurn, "The Dethronement of the City Boss;" Robert Hume, "A United Michigan;" Joseph Kennedy, "The Melting Pot;" Clyde Dennis, "Conservation of Our Natural Resources;" Claude Satterlee, "Science versus Religion;" Archibald Mabie, "Forest Conservation;" and Rex van Duzen,

"Should the Panama Canal Be Fortified?" Miss Beach is an Alpha Theta girl, four of the men are Phi Phi Alpha, and four Zeta Sigma members. Although not a society contest, the list of entrants are all society members.

Dr. Bruske was in Detroit the first of the week attending the meeting of the Detroit presbytery.

Prof. Mitchell has caught the beauty of the campus feeling, and is applying it to his home on Maple avenue.



HOWARD POTTER

## NOTICE TO SOPHOMORES

Since 30 cannot afford to pay for the entertainment of 40 the Sophomore class at its last meeting voted to recognize no one a social member of that class who has not paid his or her dues by April 27. Same may be paid to Yonker by boys and to Miss Hewitt by girls.

Soph. President

## ENTERTAIN MISS BLAIR

A party of friends of Miss Hazel Blair, '10, under the chaperonage of Miss Mullenbach, entertained her with a jungle spread Saturday afternoon, and Saturday evening a party went up the river in Foster Fraker's launch, and upon returning repaired to the home of Miss Laura Brown for another spread.

## MISS HAUGHAWOUT ENTERTAINS

Miss Haughawout entertained the juniors of the college in her rooms at Wright hall from four to six Saturday afternoon. The entire junior class was present and enjoyed the Dean's hospitality to the utmost.

## ALMA DEFEATS F. I.

Grady's Bunch Takes Two Games from Institute at Big Rapids

FIRST 1-0; SECOND 10-6

Pohly Stars at Bat and Scores Only Run in First—Meyers Shows Caliber as Pitcher

Last Friday the baseball team journeyed down to Big Rapids for a couple of games with Ferris Institute. Our men were successful in both games.

The first game was about as nerve racking an affair as one wishes to see. For six innings neither side scored although Alma had several good chances. In the seventh inning Pohly scored and Alma won, 1 to 0.

Meyers pitched the entire game and held the F. I. men to three scattered hits. He showed everything—a split ball, that has a beautiful break, and over which he had perfect control. He also was there with plenty of nerve. In the seventh inning Ferris had a man on second and Gord with but one out and he fanned the next two, retiring the side.

In the ninth with two out an F. I. man faced out a three bagger, but Meyers again struck out the next man. If Meyers continues to pitch such baseball as he showed Friday, he will be about the best there is in the Inter-collegiate.

Pohly was the star man with the bat, getting three hits and pulling off a circus catch in left field at a very critical moment. Dakin played at first and looked so good that with Meyers to alternate with him in that position first base will be well taken care of. King in center also starred with two catches that looked good for hits. Striffler at third played so well he looks like a permanent fixture there.

	R	H	E
Alma	1	7	2
Ferris	0	3	4

The second game opened with three runs for Alma and from that time until Rogers made his home-run in the ninth inning our men scored almost at will.

Dakin pitched this game and although away off form with a sore arm, held Ferris to five hits. Had he received the support given Meyers in the first game the F. I. team would have counted but twice. As it was, wildness, Alma's errors and the few hits counted their six runs.

Meyers played on first without any previous practice. His work there and at bat was the feature of the game. The score:

	R	H	E
Alma	10	13	5
Ferris	6	5	6

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## FOR THE DATE FIEND.

Tuesday, May 2—College Day.  
Friday, April 28—Alma-M. A. C. debate at M. A. C.; Alma vs. Hillsdale, at Alma.

Saturday, April 29, Alma vs. Hillsdale.

Wednesday, May 3—Alma vs. U. of M., at Ann Arbor.

Friday, May 5—Chicago Oratorical contest; Alma vs. Adrian, at Alma.

Saturday, May 6—Wright Hall open house; Alma vs. Adrian, at Alma.

## A DIFFERENT OPINION.

In reporting the Alma-Olivet debate last week, the Almanian said: "Thompson's delivery was not up to his usual standard, but his carefully thought out argument was convincing." Also, "Thompson's rebuttal was spirited." That was the way the debater's work appealed to the Almanian reporter.

It may be of interest to Mr. Thompson and his friends to know how the Olivet Echo viewed his effort. We quote from that paper: "As a team, the Olivet speakers were of superior caliber, although Mr. Thompson, the leader of the Alma team, was undoubtedly the best debater. He is but a sophomore in college, and has been on the team both years." Again, "The Olivet squad were the better talkers and brought their arguments before the audience with force and persuasive power. The Alma men had a great deal of material on the question and seemingly had the best grasp of the subject, although outside of their leader were unable to present it in a telling manner."

In this connection we think it hardly necessary to repeat that we shall always try to be fair in our reports and in a case of difference of opinion like this, if brought to our attention, we will present others' ideas as readily as our own.

## NEXT WEEK'S BOARD.

The staff for next week's Almanian is as follows:

Editor-in-Chief—Lester von Thurn, '13.

Associate Editors—Wade Frost, '12; Robert Hume, '12; Harold Wilcox, '14; Sidney Cook, '11 (prep).

As was the case with the co-ed number, the men whose names are given above will do all the work of writing and editing the Almanian for the one issue. If the members of the Almanian board for 1911-12 are elected before June 1, they will produce the issue of June 5. If they are not, next week's Almanian will be the last not issued by the regular staff.

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Howard Potter, valedictorian of the class of 1906, who was elected commissioner of the schools of Gratiot county at the spring election on April 3, is especially well fitted for the work of this important office. His educational equipment and experience in school work are large. He succeeded E. E. Fell '02, as superintendent of schools at East Tawas and continued in that position for several years until last June when he resigned to spend a year at his old home in Ithaca. At the close of the holiday vacation of the present year he was called to Alma as teacher of mathematics and English in the preparatory department. That he is regarded as the choice of the people of Gratiot county for the position is shown by the majority of over 1,000 votes given him in the spring election.

## CONGRATULATIONS DUE.

In another column you will notice the statement that Alma has secured Prof. George B. Randels, for the chair of pedagogy and psychology which is to be established in September. We have already mentioned the various advantages of the new chair, and the appointment of an alumnus of this institution to fill it gives cause for further congratulation. This is something that the alumni have been wishing for and there can be no doubt but that it will please them. It is good to see this. With our alumni recognized by being placed on the board of trustees and on the faculty, nothing but a better understanding of the needs of the college and better methods of supplying them can result.

Mr. B. L. Baker, wife and two sons, Harold and Nelson, accompanied by Mr. Baker's business associate, Mr. A. Rhinehart, drove from Midland in Mr. Baker's Buick car to visit Miss Louanna and William Baker. During the afternoon, Mr. Baker, Jr. with his roommate Lan don, drove the machine to St. Louis, where they took in all the sights.

## "PROFESSIONALISM" ALLOWED.

The following is from the Detroit News of April 17:

"For five hours representatives of the Michigan Oratorical league fought over the 'professionalism' amendment to the constitution of the league, which was lost by one vote.

"The amendment reads as follows: 'No student who has received money or other consideration for public

speaking or for teaching public speaking will be allowed to enter the state oratorical contests.'

Hope led the fight in favor of the amendment and Albion directed the forces against it. From newspaper clippings and utterances made by the Holland delegates it was evident that they were directing their forces against Albion. The latter has been a strong contender in the state debates for years and for the last four consecutive years has won first place.

"In leading the fight against the adoption of the amendment Albion argued that it was too narrow, as many college students are local option speakers and preachers. Hope, Ypsilanti, M. A. C., Olivet and Kalamazoo voted in favor of the amendment and Albion, Alma, Adrian and Hillsdale opposed it. As it required two-thirds vote the amendment was lost.

Robert von Thurn represented Alma's interests at this meeting.

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**ALUMNI NOTES**

Miss Alice Thompson '03 who is teaching at Globe, Arizona, pursued an advanced course in the University of California last year, securing an A.M. degree. Miss Annabelle Chisholm '01 is teaching in the high school of Globe, also.

Rev. and Mrs. Birdsey S. Bates, both of the class of '98 are located at Forest River, N. D. Mr. Bates is pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Forest River where he is doing excellent work.

William Steele ex'01 is superintendent of schools in a Nevada city according to the report of a reunion of Michigan teachers in the western state.

Prof. G. B. Randels '00 and Mrs. Randels '04 have purchased a new home in Valley City, N. D. where Mr. Randels is professor of Pedagogy and Psychology in the state Normal college. A few days ago the Professors of the college with their wives arrived in a body at the Randels to welcome them to their new home.

J. E. Webber '05 who will finish his course at McCormick seminary in May, has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church of Alpena and will begin his work immediately upon graduation. Mr. Webber, besides his seminary course has taught one year and spent two years in Y.M.C.A. work since leaving Alma. One year he was general secretary of the student Y.M.C.A. at M.A.C. and another year he was in charge of the work at Detroit College of Medicine. He is especially adapted and well trained for the work of the ministry and the Alpena church is to be congratulated upon its choice of a leader.

Miss Elsie Bond '10 has signed a contract to teach English and History in the high school at Grand Ledge the coming year. Miss Bond is at present in similar work in Reed City where she is making a success of her work. This will place two of Alma's graduates in the Grand Ledge school, Miss Lois Fraker '09 having charge of Latin and German.

**PLAYERS BANQUETED.**

Miss Jane Mullenbach banqueted those who took part in her German plays this year and last in the men's reception room at Wright hall Monday evening. After the literary societies had adjourned, a dozen of the actors and actresses gathered at Wright hall and at 8:30 Miss Mullenbach ushered them into the banquet hall. The men's reception room had been very elaborately decorated in

true college style, and in the center of it was a real festive board. A delicious spread that reduced the dining room expense for the next three days was set before the students who had shown their linguistic and histrionic abilities. Misses Gillard, Messinger, O'Neill, Dykes, Carey, Hovey, and Messrs. Kolvoord, Hyde, Voegli, and Harwood were the favored ones. Miss Lillian Harwood, of Plainwell, was also Miss Mullenbach's guest.

**TREES CUT DOWN.**

In accordance with the commands of the landscape gardener, a half dozen of the trees inside the cement walks on the campus in front of the administration building, have been cut down and dragged away. While many students have deplored the fact that such beautiful trees have had to be destroyed, it is generally agreed that the change is for the better. When the old grads visit their Alma Mater in June they will hardly know the dear young lady in her 1911 model trimmings.

**SCIENCE CLUB.**

At the regular meeting of the Science Club, held Thursday evening in the Biological Laboratory, two papers were read. Miss Gail Peacock discoursed upon alkaloids and Mr. Robert von Thurn gave a brief account of what Capture's new theory of the solar systems is.

**COLLEGE INSPECTED.**

Mr. McLean, school commissioner of Hillsdale county, and Miss Becker, school commissioner of Newaygo county, were in Alma Wednesday inspecting the class work and general standard of the college. These people are appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction to visit all the colleges of the state.

Miss Elsie Bond, '10, has accepted the position of history teacher in the high school of Grand Ledge for the coming year. She has given excellent satisfaction as teacher of the same branch in Reed City and the position in Grand Ledge comes really as a promotion, bringing with it a higher salary.

Miss Emma Swigart, '09, will continue as teacher of Latin and German in Charlevoix, where she has made an excellent record the past year.

Mr. Dell Grennan of Ann Arbor spent Friday with George Gage.

Miss Hazel Blair, '11, who is now teaching at Milan, attended the Alpha Theta play Friday evening.



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Prexie—And what did he do?

Keigen—Took me into the woodshed—

Prexie—Yes—

Keigen—And got a big shingle—

Prexie—And there was what?

Keigen—Yes, swat, swat, swat, and then some.

FILL IN BLANKS AND GET PRIZE.

Then—rubbed his nose and pulled his whiskers.

Then—blushed and his bald spot turned pink.

Then—pierced him with a look—a long continual look.

Then—rose on his toes. "Ah—er," he said.

Have you read \* \* \*? —asked.

"That lesson too long? Take twice that much for tomorrow,"

said.

4:15 gong rings. "Now there are only six pages more of translation. We might finish that." — said.

"Believe me, — said.

\*\*\*Insert name of latest deeply philosophical novel.

W. H. ABBREVIATIONS—

Passakatchup.

Teermilk?

Wonchuavsom?

Fewplees.

Q.

Saulrite.

IMPORTANT NOTICE—

Neva—3:15—This afternoon.

GIRLS, N. B.—

Snider has a white hat with a broad red band. Absolutely fetching.

FAMOUS AFFINITIES—

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DREAM ON, LITTLE ONE—

Lizzie was washing the dishes, O,

Lizzie was churning the soup, O,

When the glitter of go'd he seeth.

(Pause)

Lizzie stoppeth washing the dishes, O,

Lizzie stoppeth churning the soup, O,

And pulled out a pair of false teeth.

(Pause)

We must have had beefsteak for dinner.

BASEBALL:—

Line-up: At bat, McCloy; on the mound, Meyers; with the indicator, Sus Brown.

In the seventh inning 'Baldy' McCloy stepped up to the plate (now this young star had a batting average around the 300 mark) and crowd chewed Y. M. C. A. pop-corn and clamored for a hit, but Meyers smiled, and threw three charming glances at the fair umpire. There was nothing to it; the smile had done it.

"Three strikes; you're out," cried Her Umps and waltzed off down town with the pitcher.

SCRUBS GET BARBS.

While the regulars were strapping it out with Ferris Institute at Big Rapids Friday afternoon, the Scrubs were barely staying off defeat at the hands of the Barbarians on Davis field. Under the inspiration of Chief

Bushleaguer Keigen, the men from the wooded districts challenged the understudies to the traveling company to a seven inning contest. The scrubs accepted, and the battle was on.

The Comedy of Errors was chosen as the official title of the circus, and it is safe to say that every man made a hit of several of them. The time and scene have been given. The dramatic personae were as follows:

Scrubs (12). Barbs (11). Hyde (Capt.) . . . . . Misenar

Lindley . . . . . Frost (Capt.)

Brilmyer . . . . . 1st. Keigen (Capt.)

Pratt-Creech . . . . . 2d. Fraker (Capt.)

Ayers . . . . . 3d. Hooper

Voegli (Capt.) . . . . . Peacock

Yerex-Gage . . . . . Ewing (Capt.)

Rushmore C'n . . . . . Harwood

Anderson (Capt.) . . . . . Marks

Offician guesser. His Umps Potter; bookkeeper. Thompson; war correspondents, Blaske, Brehm and Burritt; rooters for Barbs, McAllister, Zuhler, von Thurn (2), Johnson, et cetera; rooters for Scrubs, Edgerton; crowd to mobe the umpire, Edgerton. Ayers replaced Lindley, and Hooper Frost towards the last of the game. One

inning extra was played at the behest of the Barbs. Marks expects to write a book on "How to Play Right Field. Though Fat."

RANDELS NEW PROFESSOR.

George Basil Randels of the class of 1906, will occupy the Alma chair of pedagogy and psychology, beginning his work with the opening of college next September. Since his graduation, Mr. Randels has given his time to study and teaching, specializing in pedagogy and psychology in the University of Pennsylvania, and later in the celebrated German University of Jena. At present Dr. Randels is at the North Dakota State Normal, Valley City, holding the same position that he will have here.

The addition of Dr. Randels will greatly strengthen the faculty, especially in the educational department. Students besides being benefited under Dr. Randels' instruction will also receive added advantage from the large J. W. Ewing Memorial library which was recently acquired by the college.

M. A. C. CONFIDENT.

How the Agriculturalists feel about the debate with our third team next Friday evening at East Lansing can be gathered from the clipping below from the M. A. C. Holed:

"The sphere of the students' activities at M. A. C. is broadening all the time. This year another competitive meet has been inaugurated, and to all predictions it is going to remain as a permanent feature on the college calendar. Usually but one debating team is chosen annually which debates with Ypsi, but this year a debate was arranged with Alma, for which the 'varsity is to debate on with the Normal, but the second team, unlike the 'varsity, has the negative side of the question. The second team, which is made up of Messrs. Ewing, Fletcher and Myers, is confident of putting it all over Alma. We hope they will. The debate will be held at M. A. C. on the 28th of April, 1911."

Miss Robinson spent Sunday at her home in Saginaw.

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