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## ZETA SIGMA BANQUET

Alumni and Every Class Represented.  
Ernest Sebring, Toastmaster

## MERRIMENT RAN HIGH

Held at Wright House Friday Evening—Room  
Beautifully Decorated.

Zeta Sigma's grand social event of the year, the banquet, was held Friday evening at the Wright House. There were forty couples present, taxing the capacity of the dining-room to the limit. The committee, Messrs. Ewing, Kolvoord and Caldwell are to be congratulated for the excellent manner in which the affair was conducted, while the service rendered by Mr. Parr of the hotel also deserves commendation.

At eight-thirty o'clock the members of the society and their guests assembled in the parlors on the second floor of the hotel, where they formed in the order of places they were to occupy at the table. At nine o'clock the line marched down stairs and gathered about the festive board which was laid in the dining-room, and was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The tables were arranged in the form of the letter "E" which extended the entire length of the room. The covers of the table were strewn with pink and white carnations, while about the two large pillars and hanging in long streamers were the society colors, besides these the great strings of pennants added to the beauty of the room.

Mr. Hurst, '04, offered the blessing after which all were seated to partake of the bountiful feast. The dinner was well served in seven courses as outlined in the artistic leather covered programs, which added further grace to the table. The bright sayings and witticisms made good digestion wait on appetite and an enjoyable part of the program was spent doing justice to the many good things that the feast offered. At 11:00 o'clock the tables were cleared and the glasses filled with good old Zeta Sigma punch and all were ready for the program of toasts.

Mr. Sebring, '12, president of the society, presided as toastmaster. He wittily introduced the different speakers of the evening with fitting remarks and effective stories. The enthusiasm with which the toastmaster's remarks were greeted testified to his ability as a speaker. Carroll Hyde, '14, was the first called upon. He responded in a very pleasing manner to the toast, "High Living." At first he treated his subject in a light and witty manner. He said that he, being a "Swipe" at Wright Hall, felt quite competent to handle the subject and do it justice. The latter part of his toast was of a more serious nature, he said that Zeta Sigma meant "High Living" in every line, in morality, in knowledge and in athletics. The toastmaster, in commenting upon Mr. Hyde's toast, said that he showed plainly that he was a football player because he tackled his subject hard. Robert Hume, '12, was introduced second by

With apologies to "Billy."

Say, when I walk, I always walk with a Philo,  
For the Philo girls are going to have a Fair.  
And when I talk, I always talk of Philos,  
Of other things I'll never have a care.  
And when I eat, you bet I'll eat their candy,  
For they say there will be lots there.  
And when I sleep, and when I sleep,  
I always dream of the FAIR.

the toastmaster, as a man after the Lincoln type—and he certainly did show it by his excellent toast on "College Brotherhood," this was a strong plea for true fellowship, and sympathy with each other, which rang true to the "Good Zeta Sigma Spirit." John Landon, '13, toasting "The College-Girl," took the banquet-ers by storm with his lines of poetry and fitting stories. Mr. Landon paid great tributes to college girls and especially the guests. He said that the high standards set by the "College Girls" are the greatest incentives for the men of Zeta Sigma.

In introducing the next toast Mr. Sebring predicted that it would be the best of the evening, and he proved to be a prophet of truth. Miss Laura Brown, '12, president of the sister society, Alpha Theta, replied to "Our Hosts." Miss Brown treated her subject in a most charming and skillful manner. She gave a splendid tribute to Zeta Sigma which every member was proud to accept. Her toast abounded with wit and humor and friendship. In concluding she proposed the toast, "Our Hosts." The friendly spirit between Alpha Theta and Zeta Sigma societies certainly was strengthened by Miss Brown's toast.

Then came the looked for Freshman toast, "Excelsior," responded to by Josiah Buell, '15, and in him the Freshies had an able representative. Mr. Buell defined his subject first according to Webster as a kind of shavings. Then according to Yerex as that which you put in your suitcase when you return from Saginaw. And according to the program committee as higher ambition and aspiration. He spent his time in discussing the latter in an interesting manner. He said that he had already found that the Alma spirit was "Excelsior." Mr. Buell possessed all the enthusiasm that his subject required. The real inspiration of the evening radiated from Mr. Hurst's toast, "College Traditions." He read several clippings from the old Monthly Almanian which were very pleasing and gave those present some idea of what Alma was like years ago. Among these was a satirical report of permission by the faculty for the first Zeta Sigma banquet, by Maurice Grigsby, '98. The All-Ages-Football-Eleven; Hercules at center; Sampson and Goliath at guards; Caesar and Joshua at tackles; Stonewall Jackson and Father Time at ends; Alexander the Great and Israel Putnam halves; Bacchus full and Napoleon quarter, by Wirt Dunning, '04; and a little poem by Chapman, '05, describing the students as they went to the office to get their standings.

What means this mighty hubbub,

What means this long drawn wail;

Did anybody fall down?

Did anybody fail?

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## CAST FOR "INGOMAR."

The Alma College Oratorical Association has selected the famous Greek play "Ingomar, the Barbarian," and are planning to present it soon after the holidays at the Realty Opera House. It is probable that a short tour of neighboring cities will follow its presentation in Alma. The following cast will probably appear: Timarch of Massilia, Oral Misenar, Polydor, D. Royal Blaskie; Myron, E. A. Thompson; Lykon, Archie Maybe; Alastor, Maurice Rushmore; Novio, Roy Yerex, Ingomar, E. W. Brehm; Actia, Bernice Miller; Perthinia, Vinnie Booth; and Theona, Bess Bishop.

Many of these have appeared in college plays before, and are actors of ability, so that we have every reason to expect a splendid play. Prof. Densford will have charge of the coaching and presentation.

## Mary C. Gelston Library Fund.

The special committee appointed by the alumni association to solicit funds from the graduates of the college for the Mary C. Gelston library of Latin language and literature have begun an active campaign for the \$650 that remain to be secured to complete the endowment of \$1,000.00 pledged by the association for that purpose. The committee is composed of Rev. L. S. Brooke, '96, Prof. K. P. Brooks, '97, Miss Sadie Messinger, '03, and F. R. Hurst, '04. Next week a circular letter from Rev. W. H. Long, '98, president of the alumni association, will be sent to the alumni of the college and this will be followed by an appeal from the committee either by letter or personal visitation. At the time of the writing of this article subscriptions to the amount of \$102.50 have been received by the committee and at this rate it is hoped that the entire amount may be in hand inside of the next few days.

## SQUAD IS FEASTED.

Tuesday evening Dr. Bruske and his hospitable wife and daughter entertained the foot ball squad at their home, Carrol Hyde being the guest of honor. In fact, the gathering was a surprise party upon that gentleman. The whole squad was present, and it was entertained in a way that it will never forget. Games and music and reminiscences, and last of all, bountiful refreshments, were some of the features of the evening's pleasure.

The union service Sunday afternoon in the college chapel was one of unusual merit. Two excellent vocal solos by the Misses Clark and DeVries, several selections by the members of Alma's new quartette, Messrs. Wright, Hume, Cook and Burritt, and a lecture on "Thanksgiving in Word and Deed," by the Rev. J. Frank Jackson, proved to be the features of the annual thanksgiving service.

## HALL'S ALL-STATE TEAM

Former Olivet Coach Comments on  
His Choice.

## FOUR ALMA MEN HONORED

Weber of Olivet as Captain—Many Men Deserving Places

Last week we published Toot Hall's choice for the all-state M. I. A. A. team. We appreciate the difficulty in making such a selection, for the M. I. A. A. has many more players of ability that can appear in both a first and second team. While we naturally believe that Alma has men whose names did not appear who are the equal of many of the down-staters who were mentioned, yet, we understand Mr. Hall's desire to make the team as representative as possible.

In placing more men from Alma than from any other of the colleges, we feel that he has paid us no small compliment. We give below his comments on his selection, which appeared in a recent issue of the Detroit News.

## BY TOOT HALL.

I have selected two teams composed of the best players in the M. I. A. A. this year, a first and a second team.

On the first team I name Rogers for quarterback. He is in a class by himself in the intercollegiate. His head work, brilliant open field running and exceptional defensive ability place him far above other M. I. A. A. quarterbacks.

The choice of Webber as left hand and captain of the team is the only logical one. This is his third year in the association and every M. I. A. A. eleven which has been picked during that time has included his name. He is by far the best ground gainer of the intercollegiate and his defensive work has been among that of the best.

Bertrand is a close second to Webber in offensive work and is also a good defensive player, considered the best on the Albion team in this department.

There is no fullback in the state who compares with Maulbetsch and any other choice is impossible.

The intercollegiate is especially weak this year in ends, Hyde of Alma although not a wonderful player, appears to stand above the rest and well deserves the left extremity honor.

Edgerton, of Alma, is the best tackle in the association and his great work of the past four years wins him the place again this season.

For left guard, Shattuck, of Albion, has the best record. His weight, speed and defensive ability make him the logical candidate.

Misenar, of Alma, is the best center taking the place given to Amtsbuechler, of Olivet, for the past four years.

Rider, of Olivet, although playing at fullback and half this season, must be given the right guard station. He

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Alma college does not believe that the present M. I. A. A. rule concerning the playing of base ball during the summer is either just or practicable. Just what regulation to substitute in its place is a question which deserves more than a little thought and attention. That question is before the athletic authorities of the college at the present time, and while it is certain that Alma will not attempt to dictate to the other members of the Inter-Collegiate, yet it is probable that a decision will be reached for ourselves which will not be in harmony with the present ruling. As is well-known Alma demands a high standard of scholarship from her athletes, and will continue to do so, but just what she will do as regards the playing of summer baseball by bonafide college students, is a question not yet definitely decided. We believe, however, that we are safe in announcing that in the editorial columns of the next issue of the Almanian there will appear a complete statement and explanation of Alma's future stand in this important matter.

A week ago Princeton defeated Yale on a play which had been questioned by many foot ball authorities. On the same day, a touchdown was taken away from Pennsylvania at Ann Arbor, and the right and wrong of the decision has been questioned. In fact, all over the country, the men who have officiated at inter-collegiate games have shown an inexcusable ignorance concerning the rules. It has been true in both big and little games, and many contests have been decided in ways which were unsatisfactory, to say the least, and often the cause of bitterness.

It has been the rule, rather than the exception, that the players know more about the rules than the officials, who were supposed to be experts. The situation can be explained, probably by the fact that the majority of the officials are most familiar with the old style of foot-ball, which they themselves played, and this being the first year in which the new style has been successfully used they were more or less unfamiliar with its workings. However that may be, it is to be hoped that the registered officials will thoroughly acquaint themselves with the new game before the next season, that we may have rulings concerning which there will be little question, and consequently, more satisfaction.

The Alma merchants are loyally supporting the Almanian. More than that, they are liberally supporting the college athletic association. In fact, they are more than loyal to the college, and we suggest that we as

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## MISS MULLENBACH ENTERTAINED.

One of the enjoyable social affairs of the week was a party given by Miss Mullenbach in honor of Miss Inglis of Ann Arbor.

The boys' reception room was tastily decorated for the occasion. Games and charades afforded great amusement for all present and made the evening pass only too quickly. Whenever Miss Mullenbach is hostess a good time is always assured.

## SCIENCE CLUB

After the meeting was convened, the usual business was disposed of, including the fixing of the date for the initiation of new members for the next meeting.

The regular program for the evening embraced the reading of a paper by Albert Esselstyne on, "Diseases and Their Cure," which showed careful thought in preparation. Following this Claude Satterlee gave an interesting talk on "The Role of Salts in the Preservation of Life." After a general discussion of both topics, Prof. MacCurdy exhibited some of his pickled turtles.

During the informal talk, after adjournment, it was virtually decided that the club should have a scientific dinner to consist of turtle soup, frog legs, fried eel, mushrooms and delicacies.

## OLIVET PREPARING FOR DEBATE.

The usual arrangements for the biggest college debate of the year in which Olivet is interested have been completed. The association is the Triangular league, of which Alma, Hope and Olivet are members. The question which has been agreed upon is "Resolved, That cities should own and operate public franchises," this question having been submitted by Olivet. Hope will argue the negative at Olivet, Olivet the negative at Alma and Alma the negative at Hope. Last year each team won its debate at home, the first no decision result which has never resulted.

More extensive preparations than formerly will be made this year at Olivet to turn out a winning team. Three of last year's debaters are back, Miss Lourie, Louis Lancaster and Willis Osborn. For the first time in several years there is a regular course given in debating, under the direction of Dr. Nadal. Inasmuch as there are over 25 in the class it should be true that a larger number than formerly will enter the preliminaries for the Triangular debate.

The Phi Alpha Pi fraternity will also hold a number of debates with literary organizations of other colleges. Such arrangements have already been made with Albion and Ferris institute and dates will be secured later.

George D. Sutton, '08, who spent last year in post graduate work in Columbia University, has begun a medical course at the University of Michigan.

The basket-ball schedule for the next week includes a game between the Fresh and Sophs on Tuesday, and one between the Seniors and Juniors on the next day.

Ralph Chisholm was elected janitor of the Phi Phi Alpha society Monday evening to succeed Fred Zubler, who has withdrawn from school.

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**ALUMNI NOTES.**

Leslie Kefgen, '11, who is directing the athletics of Newberry High school, has closed the most successful season of football ever experienced by that northern town. The team under his tutelage has not lost a game in its exceedingly difficult schedule, which included the best teams of the upper peninsula.

Mrs. Katherine Slater-Hubbard, '92, is teaching in the schools of Monroe. Mrs. Hubbard attended the Alma college banquet in Detroit three weeks ago, it being the first time she had attended an Alma reunion in several years.

Miss Nell Franklin, a music student in 1901-02, is at her home in Hemlock the present year. For several years Miss Franklin has been in the drug business in Blanchard, having passed the State Board of Pharmacy examination some time ago.

Frank B. McComb, '10, is teacher of English and history in Caro High school.

Claude Snyder, who spent one year in Alma with the class of 1904, now lives at 155 Henry street, Detroit.

Paulus Voegeli, with last year's Freshman class, is in Detroit in the employment of the Cadillac Automobile Co. "Paulie" expects to return at the beginning of the second semester to his work in Alma.

Wm. Elton Brock, '02, one of Alma's former football captains and a leader in all-round college life, is spending a few weeks in Detroit in the interest of his extensive timber business in Mexico. Mr. Brock expects to visit Alma during the Thanksgiving vacation and will return to Mexico about Christmas time.

Paul H. Bruske, '98, left Detroit Monday evening of last week for Savannah, Georgia, in the interests of his work as advertising manager for the E. M. F. automobile company. The E. M. F. company had two cars in the Savannah races and Mr. Bruske was present to attend to the publicity work of the large corporation. The Studebaker corporation have been publishing in the magazines of late the most attractive and readable automobile advertisements that have ever been sent forth and all are the work of our one time student, Mr. Paul H. Bruske.

Rev. David A. Johnson, '05, who in his college days contributed many lines of poetry to the columns of the Almanian, has written another short poem in celebration of an event of importance in Marengo, Iowa, his present home. The poem, dedicated to David Albert, son of Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Johnson, is given below:

At one in the morning, with nothing adorning  
My wee little body, I came to this world.  
The sixteenth October, all solemn and sober,  
Received me with welcoming banners unfurled.  
I'm awfully chubby and fat and stubby,  
And tip the scales at just about ten.  
I pay for my keeping by eating and sleeping,  
And sleeping and eating again and again.

Hurd Allyn Drake, '11, pastor of the Presbyterian church at St. Louis, and Prof. Glocksins, of the St. Louis schools, and formerly of Mt. Pleasant Normal, will give an entertainment at Trufant, in Montcalm county, next Friday evening. Mr. Drake will give readings from American literature, and Prof. Glocksins, who is a splendid tenor singer, will take care of the musical part of the entertainment.

**HALL'S ALL-STATE TEAM**

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is heavy and is a strong defensive player. His punting and place kicking easily win for him this place.

Stewart, of Hillsdale, must be recognized as the best man for right tackle. His weight and ability to carry the ball, combined with his defensive work, gives him the place.

Reule, of Adrian, is one of the sensations of the intercollegiate. His aggressive offensive work, kicking and defensive skill, make him an easy favorite for one of the end positions.

It is more difficult to pick a second team, a large number of likely men appearing for practically every position.

There are a number of men who would appear to be as good as those selected for the second team, but experience, as well as ability, has been taken into consideration, and, with one or two possible exceptions, the men selected have done the most creditable work on the gridiron this season. The Intercollegiate association has the best bunch of players this year that it has ever had, and the good men are exceptionally well distributed among the leading colleges.

**Blanchard to New York.**

Rev. Charles E. Blanchard, '93, has severed his connection with the First Presbyterian church of Pontiac and begins a new line of work in New York city. His new position will be that of business manager for the New York office of the Continent. The Michigan alumni of Alma look upon the departure of Mr. Blanchard from the state with regret but rejoice with him in his new field of endeavor and wish him the best of success. His presence in New York will add a great deal of strength to the alumni association of the east.

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Noah saw no aviators. ?  
and  
Caesar dodged no motor cars,  
Plato saw no melodramas,  
Sapho wore no harem skirt,  
Adam slept without pajamas.

### Our Question Box.

Q.—"When is a public dance not a public dance?"

A.—"When it is at Mt. Pleasant, or is one of those esthetic affairs at Saginaw."

News Item—Yerex will eat turkey at Wright Hall.

WANTED—Two more waiters and another chef at Wright Hall.

Yes, Professors Brehm and Mitchell meet their economic classes every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Modern American Fiction—a students' appeal to dad for more laboratory fees.

A certain Alma college alumnus, noted for his active church work, recently made a short trip to New York. This is what he wrote his wife: "New York is a great city, but I wish I had come before I was converted."

"Please hand me the Review of Reviews," he said.

The landlady's eyes did flash,  
For another young boarder looked absently up,  
And silently passed the hash.

### ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

Misses Mullenbach and Weiss attended the Royal Russian Ballet at Saginaw Wednesday evening.

Arthur Simenton was a Saginaw visitor the middle of the week.

Mrs. Kent of Kalamazoo is visiting Miss Albertson at Wright Hall.

The faculty has decided that there will be no classes on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Susie Brown entertained Miss Rodrick of Farwell last Friday.

Marion Ball, ex-'14, returned to her home in Midland last Tuesday after visiting Dorothy Baker.

Nina Lewis entertained her mother from Morgan Park over Sunday.

Theron Chapel, '11, spent a few days last week on the campus.

Pearl Turner, ex-'14, of Evart, was the guest of Sue Brown over Sunday.

Della Struthers and Margaret O'Neil visited in St. Louis Wednesday afternoon.

Hazel Crosby of Merrill spent Friday and Saturday at Wright Hall.

Clara Hanel entertained her brother from Elk Rapids last week.

Miss Agnes Inglis, who was visiting Miss Mullenbach, returned to her home in Ann Arbor last Tuesday. Monday evening in the Alpha Theta room Miss Inglis spoke to the Alpha Theta, Philomathean and Euterpe societies concerning her city work in Ann Arbor and her talk was enjoyed by all.

The big football banquet is scheduled for tonight at Wright Hall.

## ZETA SIGMA BANQUET.

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Oh no, that's not the reason,  
As all can plainly see;  
The dumb and daffy got A plus,  
The "brilliant," minus C.

Mr. Hurst's toast was composed both of wit and wisdom. He mentioned many old men, and many things that have long since been in history. Said he was a charter member of our only fraternity, "Zeta Sigma." Told about the first football game Alma ever played besides many other interesting things.

The last man called upon was John Dunham, ex-'10, who toasted "Castles in Spain" in an eloquent way that only Dunham can do. He said that we are in the bright forenoon of our college days. We have ideals before us. He likened our future as we look forward to it, beautiful as the prettiest castles and sun-kissed hills of Spain. He said he was looking forward to a Future Alma with 1,000 students, and an endowment of a million dollars.

In closing all joined in singing the Zeta Sigma song and drinking to the health of the ladies and Zeta Sigma, and left the festive hall in good cheer shortly before one o'clock.

### ADRIAN PRESS MAKES DENIAL.

In a recent issue of the Times, a daily printed in Adrian, a column and a half was given over to a hysterical denial of the charges of forging and ineligibility made against Adrian college at the recent meeting of the M. I. A. A. directors at Albion. Inasmuch as the charges were proven and admitted, the article in question is false and misleading and will be of little avail in changing the facts of the case. The charges it makes against the M. I. A. A. are a joke, but, nevertheless, such an article may lead to much bitter feeling, and we sincerely hope that it was not inspired by the college. The situation is bitter enough as it is, and the only thing which can relieve it will be a gentlemanly acceptance of the decision of the association.

A number of the fellows gave a spread in Ole Anderson's room Friday evening with Clyde Morrison and Wells Hanel of Elk Rapids, who were visiting at the college last week.

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## College Students have their Shoes repaired

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By so doing they keep their old shoes looking like new, and because they can save money by this means. If you have plenty of good places for your money you should make all you have go the longest distance by letting us keep your old shoes looking like new ones.

## E. A. LINDNER

Across from Sanderhoff's

## Alma. Vaudette

Change of Program Daily

Vaudeville

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Matinee Saturday

Afternoon at 3 o'clock.