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## PHI PHI ALPHA BANQUET

The Phi Phi Alpha banquet, held in honor of Abraham Lincoln, the patrion saint of the society, was a decided success from the time "Van" penned the first invitation until Milo said "Good night" at the castle gate. Shortly after eight o'clock on Saturday evening sixty-five people gathered in the Wright House parlor, posed for a flashlight, and then wended their way in martial form to the dining room to enjoy a banquet second to none in the history of Alma College.
The dining room was decorated with the society colors, red and black, in a manner of blending befitting the efforts of a visual psychologist. The light from six luminous roses hanging from a bowery of colored streamers cast its mellow rays in a glow of scarlet over the tables. A number of electric candles shed their more cheerful beams on the happy faces of the banqueters. Four electric designs which were illuminated blankets, two with a large Phi and in the Philo colors and two with Phi Phi Alpha and in the men's colors graced the for walls of the room.
The place cards were of diamond shape containing the society monogram and resting in a novel little candy basket. The programs also diamond shaped were bound in soft red and black leather and contained the menu, toasts and names of those present.
After the crumbs from the last course had been brushed away, Paul Austin, the toastmaster lifted the banqueters from the realm of the physical to that of the mental. "Dusty" proved himself a worthy master of ceremonies and introduced each speaker in a manner best befitting his or her individuality.
Henry Mosely, from the ranks of the verdents was the first to respond, and rose in a manner worthy of a sage. His subject was "College Life" and the manner in which he handled it led all to beleive that he was neither the proverbial Englishman nor the proverbial freshman. "Great floods have flown from simple sources."
Theodore Gates announced his subject "Analytics," and after making a few insinuating remark about those who elect such a subject, proceeded to wander into literary lines. Hequoted "The Bells" to picture the players of life on the "whole world stage."
Rev. W. H. Mason in his beautiful dignified style protrayed the magnificent character of Abraham Lincoln. He attributed Lincoln's greatness to his unfailing adherence to the decisively righteous decision of his conscience. While he had an ear for every man's opinion still he had a secret place in his
heart for personal decision where no heart for personal decision where no man might enter.
Miss Carol Gray toasted "Our Host' in a manner creditable to her society and the senior class of which she is a member, and in a larger sense creditable to Alma College and the half of the race to which she belongs.
Albert J. Esselstyn seemed to get his
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NEWS ITEMS
President Blaisdell spent Sunday in
Coldwater.
Addison Wilson was in Breckenridge or the week end.
Call at the book store and see the fine
ine of novelty pins, fobs and rings.
Coach Bleamaster refereed games at Saginaw, Bay City and Flint the past

Miss Louise Thayre and Margaret Yerkes visited friends in Wheeler a week ago.
Sidney Cook was in Saginaw on business for the Maroon and Cream Saturday of last week.
Miss Lillian Goll had Miss Marie Pegg as her guest at her home in Breckenridge for the week end.
Everyone is invited to attend the reception given in honor of Dr. Bruske tonight at eight o'clock.
Coach Bleamaster refereed the Bay City-Pontiac high school game at Bay City, a week ago Friday.
Dr. Bruske will begin this afternoon at $3: 30$ to give a course of lectures to be continued throughout the week in the chapel.
Dallas Brock a student in the college 1912 re-entered school Monday. Mr. Brock enters the ranks of the sophomore class
About twenty of the fellows waited table at the Annual Republican Banquet held in the high school gytmarsium last
Wednesday evening.
Ralph Peacock returned to school a week ago after an absence of half a year. Mr. Peacock is a junior in college and was a member of last year's baseball team.
Through the columns of the Almanian the student body wishes to extend thanks to the freshmen for returning the pulpit to the chapel. Don't everlet us hear of you taking it away again.
Next Monday night is the date for the Prohibition oratorical contest. Twentyfive dollars will be divided up for first and second prizes. The winner will go the state contest for Alma College.
Rev. Hurd Allen Drake of class ' 11 , Alma, who is pastor of the Presbyterian church at St. Louis, Michigan, has resigned to accept a pastorate at Napoleon, Ohio. Mr. Drake leaves many warm friends in St. Louis where he has been for four years. He will move the second week in March.
Numbers that made a big hit at the "ball" last Monday were: "Henrietta's Aeroplane Glide," "Floating Down The Pine" (this was a moonlight), "Too Much Hash,", ""yster Glide," "The
Ripon Drag," "Wright Hall Hustle," Ripon Drag, and the march ended the program, "Back to St. Marie's Convent."
"Biff" Carey resigned as business manager of the Maroon and Cream, as he is leaving school this term to enter business in Bad Axe. Clyde Creaser was elected to succeeed Carey, and should not have much trouble in looking after the business end of the annual as the latter left things in fine shape and Creaser himself is a very able manalong these lines.

## SPECIAL MEETINGS

Last week at eleven and three-thirty o'clock every day occured special meetings in the chapel. Monday and Tuesday Burton B. Johnson, State Secretary of Y. M. C. A., had charge and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Dr. Thomas of Grand' Rapids was the speaker. Very efficient work was done by both men, and they both won their way into the hearts of the students. Personal conferences were held with the students and many availed themselves of the op-
portunity for private conversation with these men. The offorts of these men will show in the life of the students.
Dr. Thomas is a great favorite among our college people for his wholesome, inspiring and sympathetic personality. His presence creates an atmosphere wherein one feels that the Christ and ship and guidance are verities in his
shent and His constant own life, and are available and indespensable for each one of us.
Mr. Johnson is most welcome among us and his appeal for real life work consecrated to the ideals and purposes of the Divine Elder Brother will bring resolts as the men of Alma College go forward in their various paths.

## BASKET BALL

## Sophs 32 Juniors 23

In one of the most exciting games ver played in the high school gym the nobs wonte ty iond game from the lowly juniors Dy a score of 32 to 24 , and wound up their season in a most auspicious manner. With Goodrich back in the lineup the upper classmen saw, or at least thought they saw, a chance to win, but the fine team work, basket shooting and fighting spirit of the sophs was too much for them. The juniors took the lead at the start but soon lost it to the sophs who kept about three points in the lead until the last three minutes of play, when the Schultz brothers and Nesbet all came across with beautiful field baskets, which gave their team a lead that their opponents The all overcome.
The all around playing of Harry and 'Bill" Schultz in the forward positions and of Nesbit at center, and the great defensive work of McFarlane and Anderson, were responsible for the second men's final victory. Austin, Wood, Cook, McCloy and Goodrich put up a fight of which their classmates may well be proud.
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W. Schultz
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Goodrich McCloy
Cook Cook Nesbit
Anderson 1 c

Austin McFarlane
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Baskets from field: $\begin{gathered}\text { Wood } \\ \text { W. Schultz } 5,\end{gathered}$ Schultz 3, Nesbit 3, Anderson 2, Goodrich 4, Wood 3, Cook 3, Austin 1.
Baskets from fouls: W. Schultz 3 H. Schultz 2, Wood 1, Cook 1. One point awarded. Timer, "Ole" Ander-
son.
The inter-class standing is now as follows.
Teams Teams
Seniors Seniors Sophomors Freshmen W Won
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## CLASSICAL CLUB LECTURE

Dr. Albert R. Crittenden, professor of Latin at the University of Michigan, gave an illustrated lecture on "The Civic Center of Ancient Rome," in the chapel last Friday evening at 8 o'clock. This lecture was of very great interest to those who are acquainted with the history of Ancient Rome and would be entertaining to anyone who hadnever heard of Rome. Dr. Crittenden flashed upon the screen, pictures of the ruin of Rome as they are seen today, busts of the great men and women of that interesting age and many pictures of modern artists who have put upon canvas their ideas of the life of that time, influenced by history and the now exisiting ruins. Those who attended came away with a new idea of the architecture of that age. The massive form, the strong masonery and the delicate sculpture of the buildings of the Forum were pictured in detail both on the canvas and in the talk. Some conception of the genuineness of those buildings can be obtained from the fact that they have withstood the attacts of eresive nature for these centuries.
Some of the emperors of the Roman age were endowed with great talents, but their ambitions or their grosser sins made them objects of terror and disgust. Most of them how ever are interesting objects of study. Sureiy the young may learn from these facts of history important lessons for the government of their own lives.
It is of great value to obtain an early facility in forming reflections in history as to the effects they have produced on the virtue and happiness of mankind. It is a habit that cannot be too soon in culcated on young people and which may be made extremly attractive to themselves.
The Classical Club, under whose auspices Mr. Crittenden came, deserves mention for the securing of such talent and for the higher and æsthetic things of life. Classical students should avail themselves of the opportunity of belonging to such an organization.

A numbed of the girls from Wright Hall were entertained by Mrs. Edna Kelley at her home on W. Superior St., Friday night.

Miss Emma Swigart left Monday morning for Ann Arbor, where she will ? Wednesday night was the coldest night of the winter, as given out by P. M. Smith, the weather observer-the thermometer going down to 23 degrees below zero. We would not have mentioned the weather if Criswell had not rosted his nose.
"Brud"-quoting Tennyson-Wash! wash! washi on thy cold, grey, stones, oh sea!

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The special meetings are over and the regular routine of class work has begun. The first week of the semester with its busy arranging of hours, paying bills, buying books and adjusting for conficts is past and every student should have his program made out. Every one has taken "second wind" and is prepairing for best effort on the "home stretch." If the grades in June were awarded upon good intention made now everyone would get an " A " but the adage says, "The road to hell is paved with good intention." Perhaps the greatest enemy to good intention is wasting time, whether it is on account of a disregard for program, a friendly conversation, a little game or a practical joke. A few years ago in an eastern college, some of the fellows got together, made upa fictious name for an immaginary person and took him through college, reciting for him and doing his work on spare time. Not until there was an extra diploma did the faculty "get wise." This probably could not be accomplished today nor would it be more than wasted time but it goes to show that college courses could be conquered if wasted time were mproved time. Let the students of Alma make this a record semester and have no wasted time for which to. be sorry.

## ALUMNI NEWS

Mr. Fred R. Perry of the class of 97 resides at 153 Merrick Ave., Detroit.
It has been many moons since we have had any news from our Alumni editor. Get on the job Frank.
Miss Letta Soper KG, '13, has resigned her position in the Romeo public schools because of bad health, and is now in this city with her patents.
Stanley A. Graves, ' 10 , visited at the college the forepart of last week. Mr. Graves has a fine position with the Michigan Central with offices at Detroit.
Mr. John L, Robinson who was a student in the college in 1900 and who is in business in Raymond and South Bend, Washington, is visiting in this city for a few months.
Invitations are out for the wedding of Robert N. Lee, a student in the academy in ' 10 ' 11 , ' 12 , Mr. Lee who is in the employ of the Harris Forbes Banking Co. of New York City, is to be married Feb., 25, to Miss Florence Ella Wheeler, a prominent society girl of Yonkers, N. Y. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride at 107 North Broadway, Yonkers on Hudson.
This years annual, the Maroon and Cream, will be of special interest to the Alumni of the college, as several articles are to be written by former students. Rev. Louis Brooke, '89, pastor of the

Presbyterian church at Howell, Mr Watson B. Robinson, '01, member of the law firm of Freauff and Robinson, of 60 Wall St., New York, Mr. O. M Misener, '13, principal of the high schoo ot Newberry, Mr. Robert H. Cook, '12, district agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Co., at Glen Falls, N.' X. and Rev. David Johnson, '01, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Rock Island, Ill are among those who have been asked to contribute articles.
Mr. Ralph VonThurn, a former Alma football captain, is physical director over several schools in Illinois, with headquarters at 419 Gilbert St., Danville Mr. VonThurn has been in the hospital for several weeks but is now able to be about his duties once more.
Miss Laura Brown, who is attending the University of Michigan, spent Sunday with her parents, C. J. Brown and

Miss Ruth Robinson, a student in '11, 12 and ' 13 was very sick in a hospital in Chicago, where she has been attending school for the past semester. She is now at her home in Traverse City and is much improved in health.
There are about nine or ten of your number that have not as yet come across with that precious little "One wenty-five" that we are so fond of and that is so essential in the publishing of this sheet. This also applies to several former students and to a few who are in our midst at the present time. "DO IT NOW !"

VALENTINE PARTY
Mrs. James Mitchell entertained at a Valentine party Saturday afternoon at iss ) on Maple avenue in honor of ins farie Haefliger. The party was the nature of a linen shewer for Miss Haefliger who will be married in June to Mr. Stanley Gra in June
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and the Dean was the receptent of many beautiful gifts which had appropriate little verses attached to them. Miss Cornwall distinguished herself by taking the prize in a guessing contest. About thirty were in attendance.


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(Continued from page 1.) inspiration in some mysterous way from he various drumming logs about th campus. He related strang instances of "Campustry" the mention of which would not be fitting here.
Miss Marie Haefliger, whe repre sented the faculty, delighted all by he pointed enlightenment on the numerous "Electives" of college courses. Miss Haefliger voiced a good sentimont when she wished that the best Alma mind might direct the best Alma money to endow a chair in Alma College for the proper instruction of Bible.
Milo Hogan gave the last toast of the evening, "Theism," "And he did bidus follow to the temple." This is Milo's last year at Alma and his toast was worthy of a senior mind. He wished for a more united society spirirt in Alma.
Mr. Austin made a few appropriate remarks in closing and after singing the college song the various departures were taken. Every person enjoyed the banquet to the full and hoped for the perpetuation of such social affairs.

## AT THE ROLLER RINK

Fifteen couples enjoyed the "First Annual Alma College Ball (bearing party)" at Wyant's skating pavillion last Monday afternoon. The whole affair was a takeoff on a dancing party, and the programs that the fellows got out for the occasion were mighty clever, of course there were a few that didn't think so, and showed some original ideas. At two o'clock sharp, according to Hymie's turnip, "Scoop" Rogers and Miss Pauline Markhan led the Grand March to the strains of "Jonesy Married Mabel," beautifully rendered by Wyant's Symphony orchestra. Skating continued until $3: 30$ when every body strolled up to the chapel by special request of the social committee. After spending about an hour in the chapel (just to please the whims of the afore said social committee) the crowd once more returned to "Al's palace of dreams." At six bells the party broke up and the fellows reluctantly returne to the "coop" with their fair ones. The "ball" was enjoyed immensel by all present and will probably be an annual affair.

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vocates of the project that such action would develope democracy in the college and initative and executive ability in the students.
Adrian-The following from the Ad rian College World explains their de feat at $Y$ psilanti in the debate
"During the debate at Ypsi a very unpleasant incident happened which in itself may have been the cause of our defeat. The second speaker on the negative side approached the front of
the platform, arranged his notes, clearthe platform, arranged his notes, clear ed his throat and then with a mighty gesture, prepared to settle the Jap question forever. He never spoke a word though, because, looking directly into his eyes, were two other eyes be longing to the most beautiful young lady the speaker had ever seen. It was only after a series of coughs, blushes and aimless gestures that the speaker was able to proceed." Mr. Lord described the incident afterwards in the following way. "I tell you what boys, that girl surely got my goat, if I may be allowed to use a slang expression.
M. A. C. - An appropriation of $\$ 33$, 000 has been made for a new veterinary building at East Lansing. Work on the building will begin at the approach of spring. It will be of doric design in re enforced concrete, 68 by 163 feet and two stories high.
Texas-One hundred and sixty-two students at the University of Texas failed to make the required grades in the examinations held just before Christmas, and were requested not to return to the institution. It has become an impossible matter for the chronic idler to find room at the University. Each student is repuired to register for a given amount of work, which is about all the average boy or girl can carry. A definite standard of grades is then insisted upon, and it becomes a simple question of work or leave.-Bulletin.
Items of this kind are calculated to correct the prevailing idea that athletics comprehend the entire curriculum of modern universities
Hillsdale-The Hillsdale Collegian printed the following item: "The diners broke up about midnight happy etc." We wonder what they ate.
Goss- (as they were having Glee Club pictures taken) "Ralston, you stand up behind with your mouth open for a background." (We would have run this giving it Alma application if we had been mean enough.)
In the Oberlin Reserve Wesleyan debate league, each of the three negative teams won a unanimous victory on its home floor, January 23. The question bebated was, "Resolved, that when internal dissension menaces the perpetuity of government in a Latin-American republic the United States shall intervene to secure stable government.'

A number of college people both students and faculty attended the Republican banquet held at the high school Feb, 11. The speakers of the occasion were Hon. Wm. M. Smith, Hon. Chas E. Townsed, Hon. Wesley Jones, Hon. Jno. Q. Ross, Hon. David Fitzgibbion and Hon. Jos, Fordney. Dr. T. C. Blasdell made the invocation.

Alpena gameat Saginaw Friday. "Pug"

Bernice Ireland attended the "J-hop" at M. A. C. last Friday.
Two accidents marred the grand march (and also marred the floor) at Wyants, last Saturday
Alger Wood refereed the Saginaw Alpena game at Saginaw Friday. Pug ket ball official.
A team composed of stars of the sen ior and sophomore class teams journey ed to Mt. Pleasant Friday night to play Coach Helmer's Normal team. Score M. Pleasant 39, All Stars 13.

Those who paid their Almanian sub sciptions the past week are: Miss Sel ma Hahn of Detroit; Miss Cheesman Alma; Ralph Chisholm, Alma; Fred R Perry, Detroit and Ralph VonThurn, Danville, Illinois.
The freshmen team defeated the high chool reserves 35 to 22 in a preliminary to the Owosso-Alma game Friday. The freshies are coming better every day under the careful grooming of Capt. Mark Spinney.
Word was received late Saturday night of the death of Mrs. Butler of Elk Rapids, mother of Josephine But er, who graduated from the K G de partment last June. Miss Butler has the symapthy of hosts of friends at Alma.
At a recent meeting of the athletic association a ruling was made that no person who has not earned an " A " at Alma shall be allowed to wear such etter. And that no person shall wear publicly letters awarded by high schools or other colleges. More careful attention shonld paid to this.


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