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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 Saginaw, Bay City and Flint the past men, and they both won their way into night" at the castle gate. Shortly af- week. ter eight o'clock on Saturday evening sixty-five people gathered in the Wright Yerkes visited friends in Wheeler a and many availed themselves of the op-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 be continued throughout the week in sults as the men of Alma College go the Philo colors and two with Phi Phi the chapel. 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 Next Monday night is the date for the manner in which he handled it led all Prohibition oratorical contest. Twenty- their team a lead that their opponents mention for the securing of such talent to beleive that he was neither the pro- five dollars will be divided up for first could not overcome. verbial Englishman nor the proverbial and second prizes. The winner will go freshman. "Great floods have flown to the state contest for Alma College. from simple sources."

"Analytics," and after making a few terian church at St. Louis, Michigan, insinuating remark about those who has resigned to accept a pastorate at elect such a subject, proceeded to wan- Napoleon, Ohio. Mr. Drake leaves der into literary lines. He quoted "The many warm friends in St. Louis where Bells" to picture the players of life on he has been for four years. He will the "whole world stage."

Rev. W. H. Mason in his beautiful dignified style protrayed the magnificent "ball" last Monday were: "Henrietta's character of Abraham Lincoln. He at- Aeroplane Glide," "Floating Down The tributed Lincoln's greatness to his un- Pine" (this was a moonlight), "Too failing adherence to the decisively Much Hash," "Oyster Glide," "The righteous decision of his conscience. Ripon Drag," "Wright Hall Hustle," While he had an ear for every man's opinion still he had a secret place in his 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.

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NEWS ITEMS

President Blaisdell spent Sunday in Coldwater.

Addison Wilson was in Breckenridge for the week end.

Call at the book store and see the fine line of novelty pins, fobs and rings.

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 re-

ception given in honor of Dr. Bruske tonight at eight o'clock.

Coach Bleamaster refereed the Bay spensable for each one of us. City-Pontiac high school game at Bay City, a week ago Friday.

at 3:30 to give a course of lectures to

Dallas Brock a student in the college in 1912 re-entered school Monday. Mr. Brock enters the ranks of the sopho-

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 ever let us hear of you taking it away again.

Rev. Hurd Allen Drake of class '11. Theodore Gates announced his subject Alma, who is pastor of the Presbymove the second week in March.

> Numbers that made a big hit at the and the march that ended the program, rich 4, Wood 3, Cook 3, Austin 1. "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 Albert J. Esselstyn seemed to get his Creaser himself is a very able man along 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. Coach Bleamaster refereed games at Very efficient work was done by both the hearts of the students. Personal Miss Louise Thayre and Margaret conferences were held with the students 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 His atonement and His constant friendship and guidance are verities in his own life, and are available and inde-

Mr. Johnson is most welcome among us and his appeal for real life work con-Dr. Bruske will begin this afternoon secrated to the ideals and purposes of the Divine Elder Brother will bring reforward in their various paths.

#### BASKET BALL

Sophs 32 Juniors 23

In one of the most exciting games About twenty of the fellows waited ever played in the high school gym the table at the Annual Republican Banquet onha wor ond game from the held in the high school gymnasium last lowly juniors by 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 selves. brothers and Nesbet all came across with beautiful field baskets, which gave

The all around playing of Harry and "Bill" Schultz in the forward positions and of Nesbit at center, and the great longing to such an organization. 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 Friday night. well be proud.

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Sophs			Juniors
H. Schultz	rf		Goodrich
W. Schultz	1 f		McCloy
Nesbit	c		Cook
Anderson	lg		Austin
McFarlane	rg		Wood
Rackets from	field.	W	Schultz 5 H

Baskets from field: W. Schultz 5, H. Schultz 3, Nesbit 3, Anderson 2, Good-

H. Schultz 2, Wood 1, Cook 1. One frosted his nose. point awarded. Timer, "Ole" Ander-

The inter-class standing is now as fol-

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<b>Feams</b>	Won	Lost	Percent	
Seniors	3	1	.750	
Sophomors	4	2	.666	
Freshmen	2	3	.400	
Juniors	1	4	.200	

#### 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 had never heard of Rome. Dr. Crittenden flashed upon the screen, pictures of the ruing 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. Surely 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 inculcated on young people and which may be made extremly attractive to them-

The Classical Club, under whose auspices Mr. Crittenden came, deserves and for the higher and æsthetic things of life. Classical students should avail themselves of the opportunity of be-

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

Miss Emma Swigart left Monday morning for Ann Arbor, where she will take a special course at the University.

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 men-Baskets from fouls: W. Schultz 3 tioned the weather if Criswell had not

> "Brud"-quoting Tennyson-Wash! wash! wash; on thy cold, grey, stones, oh sea!

> > She was a little senior; A senior none could doubt, Because another senior. Was always there about.

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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 '12 and '13 was very sick in a hospital busy arranging of hours, paying bills, in Chicago, where she has been attendbuying books and adjusting for conflicts ing school for the past semester. She is past and every student should have is now at her home in Traverse City his program made out. Every one has and is much improved in health. 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 up a 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 prob- Haefliger who will be married in June ably 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 improved time. Let the students of Alma make this a record semester and have no wasted time for which to be

#### 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 school ot Newberry, Mr. Robert H. Cook, '12, district agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Co., at Glen Falls, N. Y. 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,

There are about nine or ten of your number that have not as yet come across with that precious little "One twenty-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 her home on Maple avenue in honor of Miss Marie Haefliger. The party was in the nature of a linen shower for Miss to Mr. Stanley Grave stroit, and the Dean was the recepient 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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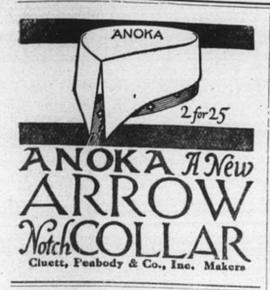
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MILO HOGAN

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inspiration in some mysterous way from the various drumming logs about the campus. He related strang instances of "Campustry" the mention of which would not be fitting here.

Miss Marie Haefliger, whe represented the faculty, delighted all by her pointed enlightenment on the numerous "Electives" of college courses. Miss Haefliger voiced a good sentimont when she wished that the best Alma minds 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 bid us 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 aforesaid social committee) the crowd once more returned to "Al's palace of dreams." At six bells the party broke up and the fellows reluctantly returned to the "coop" with their fair ones.

The "ball" was enjoyed immensely by all present and will probably be an annual affair.

#### CORNER ON DATES.

Wed. Feb., 18 Fri., Feb. 20 Sat., Feb. 21 Mon., Feb. 23 Union Prayermeeting Opening Reception Zeta Sigma Banquet Prohibition Contest

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#### **EXCHANGES**

Cornell-Students at Cornell are agitating a proposition to give the student at M. A. C. last Friday. body entire control of the affairs of the institution for three or four days a week. The proposition includes the conducting of classes, leading chapel, running the library and even administration for the period from the presidents chair. It is claimed by the advocates 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 Adrian College World explains their defeat at Ypsilanti in the debate:

"During the debate at Ypsi a very unpleasant incident happened which in itself may have been the cause of our Alma; Ralph Chisholm, Alma; Fred R. defeat. The second speaker on the negative side approached the front of the platform, arranged his notes, cleared his throat and then with a mighty gesture, prepared to settle the Jap ary to the Owosso-Alma game Friday. question forever. He never spoke a The freshies are coming better everyword though, because, looking directly day under the careful grooming of into his eyes, were two other eyes belonging 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 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 reenforced 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 orrect the prevailing idea that athletics comprehend the entire curriculum of Oh! Ye Of The Sweet Tooth 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.

#### CAMPUS TALK

Bernice Ireland attended the "J-hop"

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" is getting quite a reputation as a basket ball official.

A team composed of stars of the senior and sophomore class teams journeyed to Mt. Pleasant Friday night to play Coach Helmer's Normal team. Score, M. Pleasant 39, All Stars 13.

Those who paid their Almanian subsciptions the past week are: Miss Selma Hahn of Detroit; Miss Cheesman, Perry, Detroit and Ralph VonThurn, Danville, Illinois.

The freshmen team defeated the high school reserves 35 to 22 in a prelimin-Capt. Mark Spinney.

World was received late Saturday night of the death of Mrs. Butler of Elk Rapids, mother of Josephine Butler, who graduated from the K G department last June. Miss Butler has the incident afterwards in the following the symapthy of hosts of friends at

> 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 letter. And that no person shall wear publicly letters awarded by high schools or other colleges. More careful attention should paid to this.



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