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## DR. BLAISDELL GOES TO PENN.

At the close of the chapel services Tuesday morning Dr. Thomas C. Blaisdell announced his resignation, as President of the Alma College to take effect between the thirtieth of June and the thirtieth of August, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees which was to meet in the afternoon in order that he might accept a position as dean of the department of Liberal Arts at the Penn State College of Pennsylvania. At 1:30 o'clock the board met and accepted the resignation, at the same time requesting Dr. Blaisdell to remain as the College's executive until the fifteenth of August. In the same meeting the chairman of the Board was instructed to appoint a committee to consider the appointment of a successor to Dr. Blaisdell.

The announcement of his resignation came like a bolt out of a clear sky for to the public no inkling of his possible resignation had come. The offer itself to become one of the deans in the Pennsylvania school came as unexpectedly as did the latter announcement. About the first of April after representatives of the State College had visited Alma and had inquired of Dr. Blaisdell's work here the deanship was offered to him.

Penn State College is the only state supported school in Pennsylvania and has about thirty-five hundred students. There are five departments, the Liberal Arts of which Dr. Blaisdell is to be Dean, Mining, Science, Engineering and Agriculture. The faculty over which he is to be the Dean consists of sixty professors and instructors. Every student who attends the college takes a course in the Liberal Arts department at some time during his stay. It corresponds exactly to the Literary course in the state universities.

Penn State is located in the very center of the state in a most beautiful valley. The town in which it is situated has a population of 1,600 people while the nearest large town to the college, Bellefonte, is twelve miles away. The college was founded in 1790 and is one of the oldest schools in the country.

There is a strong religious atmosphere pervading the school not often found about a college of its size. A year ago there were seven hundred conversions during the school year and the year before there were over one thousand. The Y. M. C. A. has a strong organization and does a great amount of good. A unique plan of religious training is carried out there. There is compulsory chapel and church attendance for the students. There is a big Protestant church which the students of that belief attend. There is also a Jewish rabbi who ministers to two hundred Jewish students, while a Catholic priest has a parish of three hundred fifty students.

Dr. Blaisdell came to Alma from the Michigan Agricultural College where he was head of the English department and has been here three years. Under his administration the college has increased in numbers by leaps and bounds. He has followed a policy of wise and persistent advertising. Alma College is known about the state and United States as it never was before. Dr. Blaisdell has been in big demand as a speaker and has filled many speaking engagements, making a fine reputation for himself wherever he went.

A plan which he has cherished very much has been the beautifying of the college campus. Following out a plan designed by Mr. Yeomans, the eminent Chicago landscape artist, he has helped to make Alma's one of the most beautiful campuses in Michigan. He has been one of the chief factors in moulding a definite and powerful college spirit, which is yearly inculcated in the students and which has been a determining force in their student enterprises. He has aided and assisted all student organizations which would make Alma a bigger and better college.

Many names have been suggested by current gossip for the college presidency of the college but no definite action has yet been taken except that previously mentioned.

Professor Veatch and wife were in attendance at the concert given by the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra at Mt. Pleasant Wednesday evening.

## MABELLE DEAN WRITES

Brown City, April 28, 1915.

Mr. Arthur McIntyre, Alma, Mich.  
Dear Sir:—  
Enclosed find \$1.25 for Almanian. Am sorry I neglected it, but have enjoyed the paper very very much.

Sincerely,  
MABELLE L. DEAN.

## "THE BOHEMIAN GIRL"

On May 27th the Alma Choral Union will present in costume "The Bohemian Girl" by Balfe, at the Opera House. This standard opera is familiar to all classes by reason of its ever popular melodies. It has been presented in all the great music centers of the world; in Italy as "La Zingara" in Austria as "Die Zigeunerin" and in Germany under the name of "La Gitana."

The music is high grade but catchy. Every emotion is portrayed by beautiful but simple melodies which are easily remembered. The most familiar are "Heart Bowed Down," "Come with the Gypsy Bride," "Then You'll Remember Me," and "I Dreamed I Dwelt in Marble Halls."

The plot centers about Arline, the daughter of an Austrian count and Thaddeus an exiled Polish noble. Arline in her childhood is stolen from her home by the gypsies. Thaddeus is temporarily camping out with the latter to avoid unpleasant circumstances with the existing government. He falls in love with Arline as soon as she is old enough and to complete "the inevitable triangle" the gypsy also loves Thaddeus.

The villain in this case, a woman, sees to it that Arline is accused of theft. The judge is no other than the heroine's long lost father, the count.

Nothing further will be divulged except that the story comes to a happy ending to the accompaniment of tamborines, gypsy scarfs, catchy tunes and enough pistol shots to make it exciting. There is a large, conspicuous funeral for the party who deserves it, but everyone else gets everything they want and "live happily ever afterwards."

The chorus, college orchestra and principals have spent several months' practice under the splendid direction of Mr. Veatch, who will conduct the opera. Miss Waite and Mr. Richie have planned the staging and have coached the principals and chorus in dramatic action.

## STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Received of the following people the sum of 25 cents:

Theo. Gates, Ernest Bacon, Paul Cash, Edward Bahlke, Clifford N. Cummings, Chester R. Robinson, D. B. Smith, R. A. Gaffney, Geo. H. Doyle, Leland Fitch, Hobart Chapel, Frank Bittner, J. J. Marks, Bryson A. McCloy, Verne Richards, Robert Dancer, Milton Jackson, J. T. Ewing, H. W. MacCurdy, Helen Cook, Harry W. Staver, Linton Melvin, O. M. Anderson, Thomas Blaisdell, Jr., Isadore Friedman, Reese F. Veatch, R. H. Ritchie, R. Chisholm, Ward Hodge, A. S. Johnson, A. G. Papworth, Montie McFarlane, Arthur H. Simenton, Arnold Robinson, Harry D. Jackson, Amo DeWitt, Olive Baitie, Otha McCracken, Martha Ballou, Camelia Waite.

Total amount (40 people)—\$10.00.  
Amount forwarded to treasurer of M. I. P. A.—\$10.00.

The sum of ten dollars is the amount required by the Michigan Intercollegiate Prohibition Association as the entrance fee of the state contest.

## ZETA SIGMA

The following very instructive program was given at the last meeting of Zeta Sigma:

Paper, "Important Things in College Life"—Linton Melvin, '13.

Paper, "Purposes of a Literary Society"—Frank Bittner, '18.

Debate, "Resolved, That There are too Many Athletic 'A's' given out at Alma." Affirmative, Goodrich, Hyde and Ludwick; negative, Bahlke, McAllister and Anderson. The decision of the judges was unanimous in favor of the affirmative.

Impromptus were responded to by Shifflet, Coleman and Garlock.

## ALMA WINS FROM FERRIS

French was in fine form Thursday and as a result Alma won their first game of the week-end trip from Ferris Institute 7 to 5. Although big "Al" had the Governor's boys at his mercy most of the time that does not mean that the Maroon and Cream stickers had an easy time in tucking the game away. Several errors and a little bad luck kept the Institute boys in the running until the last minute.

Alma scored all seven of her runs in the first three innings, getting to Frank for three runs and two hits in the first inning, and four runs and three hits in the third frame. The Governor's boys scored their five runs in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

Wood, Goodrich, Fitch and Dancer featured for the locals with their batting, securing nine of Alma's eleven hits. Ross McAllister, playing his first game of college ball, did creditable work at short.

Box score:

ALMA		BIG RAPIDS	
	AB R H PO A E		AB R H PO A E
Dancer, 3	4 1 2 3 1 0	Runciman, c	5 2 1 9 3 2
Stimpson, 2	3 0 0 3 2 1	Frye, 3	4 0 1 1 1 0
Wight, lf	3 0 0 0 0 0	Frank, p	4 0 0 0 4 0
Goodrich, rf	4 2 2 3 0 0	Bink, 2	4 1 0 8 2 1
Wood, m	4 2 3 3 0 0	Van Dyke, 1	3 1 1 7 3 1
Fitch, c	3 2 2 6 2 1	Ashton, ss	4 0 0 1 0 1
Steggle, 1	3 0 0 7 0 0	Gross, lf	4 0 0 1 1 0
McAllister, ss	4 0 1 3 1 2	Cherwood, m	3 0 1 0 0 0
French, p	4 0 1 1 3 0	Hough, rf	3 1 1 1 0 0
Totals	32 7 11 27 9 4	Totals	34 5 5 27 14 6

Score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R.
Alma	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Ferris Institute	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	5

Summary: Two-base hit—Goodrich. Three-base hit—Goodrich, Bink. Stolen bases—Dancer, 3; Wood, 2; Fitch, 2; Frye, Bink, Hough. Sacrifice hits—Stimpson, Steggle. Bases on balls—Off Frank, 2; off French, 2. Hit by pitched ball—Fitch, Van Dyke. Struck Out—By French, 4; by Frank, 8.

## Notes on the Game.

"Brud" had his "spitball" working to perfection. There is much cause for rejoicing in the Alma camp to think that we have another Christy Mathewson right here with us. It is estimated that at least eight hundred of the "root-ity-toots" were in attendance at the game. Fitch, the Marlette recruit, made a very favorable impression behind the bat, getting six put-outs and two assists, besides two hits out of three times at bat. Not so bad for a freshman catching his first college game.

McAllister got a real "you know me, Al" hit in the ninth inning.

The "thugs" were tearing things up again in the vicinity of second base. Dancer got three stolen bases, Wood two and Fitch two.

There were only two candidates at this, the first attempt but it is hoped that in the future more ladies will be interested enough to take part. Mary De Rousie appeared first on the program and delivered a very good reading, dealing with a scene in a small college. Her voice was well suited to the piece and her manner on the platform most pleasing. She spoke with clearness and while not becoming at all dramatic she held the interest throughout.

Miss Jane Stuart Green, the winner, spoke second and her reading was a selection from Dickens' "Christmas Carol." Her poise was excellent and she entered into the spirit of her reading, waxing very dramatic in certain parts. She was well worthy of the prize.

Mrs. Gardner, Miss Berniece Polasky and Miss Sadie Messinger acted as judges while "Hi" Cole performed the office of teller in his usual efficient manner.

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Graftonwood, Manchester, Massachusetts May 11, 1915.

Mr. Arthur J. McIntyre, Business Manager, "The Weekly Almanian," Alma, Michigan.

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Sarah H. Lancashire.

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Arthur McIntyre, Alma, Mich.

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Yours,  
M. GRIGSBY,  
Class '98.

## COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Commencement Week at the college will begin Sunday morning, June 6th at ten o'clock when the farewell communion will be observed in the Presbyterian church and will close with the big commencement dinner in Wright Hall Thursday afternoon, June 10th, at one o'clock.

But one class has been graduated larger than the 1915 graduating class. Should all the seniors complete their work the graduates from the college department will number twenty-four. In 1913 twenty-five graduated. The following people are members of the class and will graduate unless some unforeseen complications should arise:

Margaret Allen, Alma; Paul Austin, Monroe; Mary Blaisdell, Alma; Maurice Cole, Paw Paw; Sidney Cook, Alma; Gladys Dershem, Chicago; Theodore Gates, Vestaburg; Clarence Goodrich, Grand Rapids; Esther Halverson, Newberry; Lula Huber, Stanton; Harry Jackson, Alma; Milton Jackson, Alma; Arden Johnson, Hilliards; Ilma Johnson, Grand Ledge; Joseph Kennedy, Chicago; Bryson McCloy, Fairgrove; Beulah Parr, Alma; Ralph Peacock, Marceilles, Ohio; Arthur Simenton, Marlette; Esther Smith, Alma; Ethel Thompson, Caseville; Addison Wilson, Alma; Alger Wood, Alma.

Of the twenty-four who graduate from the college department, nine are Alma young men and women. It certainly speaks well for the city and for the college, too, that nearly forty per cent of the graduates are resident Alma people.

There will be three graduates from the school of music. Miss Lorna Woodruff of Dewitt will graduate from the vocal department, Miss Mary Rose from the voice and piano departments and Charles Bope Butler from the voice department.

Rev. Charles Ernest Scott will deliver the commencement address on Thursday morning. Mr. Scott is a returned missionary from China where he went soon after his graduation from Alma College. A few months ago he delivered an address here which created a profound impression and the announcement of his address for commencement week will please his many Alma friends.

## LADIES' READING CONTEST

Friday evening in the college chapel occurred the first contest of its kind ever held in connection with the college. This was a ladies' reading contest open to all women students and the prizes while not amounting to so very much were well worth the effort. Five dollars' worth of books to be chosen by the winner was the first prize and two dollars in cash the second.

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## "AGGIES" WIN BY BIG SCORE

Saturday Alma lost her second game of the trip to the Aggies at East Lansing by the somewhat one-sided score of 7 to 1. The farmers had a gay old time in the very first inning, getting five of their runs in this frame. DePew was on the mound for the locals and pitched one of his best games, letting the Agriculturists down with five hits. Five errors on the part of the Maroon and Cream infield had something to do with several of the farmers' runs. After the first inning Alma put up a hard fight and played fully as good a game as did the M. A. C. team.

Goodrich had another good day with the stick getting three of Alma's six hits. Fitch did some fine work in left field, making two difficult catches. Box score:

ALMA		M. A. C.	
	AB R H PO A E		AB R H PO A E
Dancer, ss	5 0 0 1 2 2	Fick, ss	4 1 1 2 1 0
Simenton, 3	2 1 0 1 0 0	Thomas, m	5 0 1 3 0 0
Wood, m	4 0 1 2 0 1	Williams, 2	4 2 1 3 1 0
Goodrich, c	4 0 3 10 1 0	Fuller, 3	3 1 1 2 1 0
Johnston, rf	1 0 0 2 0 0	Brown, rf	3 1 0 0 0 0
Hyde, lf	2 0 0 0 0 0	Frimodig, 1	4 1 1 9 1 0
Fitch, lf	2 0 0 3 0 0	Bibbins, c	4 0 0 6 0 0
Steggle, 1	4 0 1 3 1 0	McWilliams, lf	3 0 0 2 0 2
Stimpson, 2	3 0 1 2 2 0	Hood, lf	1 1 1 0 0 0
DePew, p	4 0 0 0 1 1	La Fever, p	3 0 0 0 0 0
Totals	31 1 6 24 7 4	Clark*	1 0 0 0 0 0
		Brown, p	1 0 0 0 0 0
		Totals	36 7 6 27 4 2

\*Batted for La Fever in 4th.

Score by innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R. Alma 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 M. A. C. 5 0 0 0 1 0 0 1\*—7 Summary—Two base hits—Goodrich, Stimpson, Frimodig. Three-base hit—Williams. Home run—Hood. Stolen bases—Simenton, Goodrich 2, Johnston 2, Thomas 2, Fuller 1, Brown 1. Struck Out—By DePew 9, by Brown 3. Umpire—Ferguson, Lansing. Scorer—Anderson.

## Notes on the Game.

Goodrich and Stimpson got two base hits. Hyde ran for Simenton in the third inning, asleep at the post. After the first inning DePew had the Aggie batters at his mercy. He allowed but two hits after the first frame. Goodrich, Johnston and Simenton got all five of Alma's stolen bases. "Bob" Dancer left for Stockbridge immediately after the game to visit his parents. The fellows were disappointed that Springer was not given a chance to pitch for M. A. C.

## SCHOOL OF METHODS

A school of methods is to be held at Alma, Mich., July 19 (Monday noon), to July 24 (Saturday noon), 1915. Each Sabbath School in the Synod of Michigan is invited to send one or more of its teachers or pupils to the Alma School of Methods, paying at least a part of the delegates' expenses. The expenses are \$1.00 for enrollment, about 20 cents a day for room-rent, and about 60 cents a day for board.

Some of the best teachers in America are to be at the Alma School of Methods. Among these are Dr. R. W. Gammon of Chicago, Dr. George H. Trull of New York City, Mary L. Wilson of Kentucky, and Miss Sara B. Goodman of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Alma School of Methods is endorsed by the Synod of Michigan. For further information, descriptive program, folder, enrollment blank, etc., address the Dean, Rev. Alfred Ray Atwood, Lansing, Mich., Educational Superintendent for the Synod of Michigan.

Don't forget the "Bohemian Girl" at the May Festival.



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The annual election of Almanian editors, etc., is to be held in a very short time. Have you been considering anyone for the various offices? If you have not, isn't it high time that you were? During the past few years students have not given the college publication the consideration it has been deserving. To be editor of the college paper should be regarded as the highest honor a student can gain while in school. With the proper men and women watching over the destinies of the Almanian, this publication could be one of the leading factors in advancing the welfare of the institution. The Almanian is the one link that binds the alumni and present student body together, and for that—if for no other reason, the most capable students should be selected to edit this paper. When the election is called all students—who have paid their subscriptions—should consider themselves as not having performed their duty if they have not voted.

One of the most valuable and yet the most neglected organizations in college is the Prohibition League. This is due no doubt to the fact that there are so many other student activities and yet if we could but realize the importance of this League and the influence that the college man will have in standing for prohibition when he gets out of college, we would all be interested and willing to make the Alma College Prohibition League one of the leading leagues in the state, and we are told by the traveling secretary that our league here is the most inactive organization of all. This work can be worked well in the different organizations now busy if there are not enough interested to push the league themselves and the results in the future are well worth the effort. It's the college man who will do much toward bringing about international prohibition. Let's get busy and make the Prohibition League a live wire in college activities.

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**LOCAL ITEMS**

Eva Merrill, who has been confined to her home in Breckenridge with the mumps, returned to college last week.

Ward Hodge, president of the freshmen, came down with the mumps shortly after the tug-o-war. Nothing to get puffed up about, Ward.

Joseph Kennedy visited with friends about the campus last week.

Are you coming back for Commencement?

Alger Wood signed a contract to teach and coach in the high school at Fenton next year. Mr. Wood is to have the position now held by DeWitt Marks, ex-'14, who will enter the University Law school next fall.

Wonder why more seniors were not out in caps and gowns last Friday.

Roy Shifflet was much in evidence at the Mt. Pleasant May Festival last Wednesday evening.

The head key seller of the National Cash Register Company was the weekend guests of "Rube" Robinson.

Secure your tickets for the May Festival.

Bryson McCloy spent Saturday in East Lansing.

LOST.—A hat, somewhere in Wright hall. Finder please return to the English Department and receive reward.

Be back for commencement June 6th to 10th.

Maurice Cole recently signed a contract to teach in the high school at Allegan.

Jerry Marks entertained his mother a few days last week.

At the last moment it may be found convenient to stage the "Bohemian Girl" somewhere around the Museum and Library. Reports have it that the ground has been looked over thoroughly and that it is at least a good place for rehearsals.

Are you going to help the team get revenge on Hillsdale Saturday? Everybody be on hand.

Several of the fellows stayed up the river Saturday night to enjoy the nice warm spring rain.

Don't forget the May Festival—27th and 28th.

Mr. Moore's Bible Class was led by Coleman last Sunday and the special topic for discussion was "Work on the Sabbath." It was a very instructive meeting.

Ross Shermerhorn will lead the Bible Class at the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

Arthur Simenton has signed a contract to teach History in the Harbor Springs high school next year.

**SOPHS SPREAD JUNIORS**

The first interclass spread came off in the jungle Tuesday afternoon when the class of 1917 right royally entertained those next above them, the juniors.

The affair began at 4:30 during the most heated part of the Masonic-Odd Fellow ball game on Davis field and lasted until time for the rehearsal of the Bohemian Girl at the opera house.

In the heat of a roaring fire built with the few remaining particles of debris yet to be found in Dr. McCurdy's bird reserve the coffee was brewed and like all jungle coffee was hard to beat. We have Packy McFarlane as proof of this with his four cups and the same fire also furnished sufficient heat to roast or fry dainty slices of Eckert's bacon which looked exceedingly superb resting peacefully between halves of delicious buns and lavishly garnished with mixed gherkins and mustard. After the sixty-odd assembled ones had literally gorged themselves with the aforesaid knick-knacks along came "Tickets" with a crate of rolls and such rolls they were that one after another disappeared in record-breaking time.

Before, during and after the consuming of these luscious goodies, strenuous exercise was indulged in by the fair ones of both sexes, most strenuous of which was the terrible three-inning ball game between mixed teams and captained by Ed. Killian Johnston and Nemo Siebold Anderson, which the former won by the score of 10 to 10. Norma Wight and Slym Ward featured the game by their consistent wielding of the racquet.

The dean acted as chaperon while "Byers" performed the difficult stunt of consuming an entire bun at one bite. Both classes seemed to enjoy the affair from the amount of cheering which went on and the one thing which seemed to stand out in every one's mind the most was that there was enough to eat for ALL.

Miss Frances Yerkes of Northville and Miss Helen Atwood, a former member of the class of '17, were the out-of-town guests.

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**ALUMNI NOTES**

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**ALMA SCHOOL OF METHODS**

"Michigan's West Point in Religious Education" is the new title applied to Alma's School of Methods for Sabbath School Workers, the second session of which is to be held at Alma College the week of July 19-25, 1915. What West Point is in the military realm, such Alma is to become in the realm of religious education. For this Alma is well located, being at the center of the southern peninsula of Michigan, with both the Ann Arbor and the Pere Marquette railroads, which furnish Alma with fourteen daily trains.

The first session of the Alma School of Methods was held last July. Of it the "Herald and Presbyter" said (August 5, 1914): "It was a strenuous institute, consisting of ten sessions a day, continuing from 8 a. m., to 9:30 p. m., but well attended and the interest well sustained. Through the kindness of President T. C. Blaisdell



ALFRED RAY ATWOOD

and the trustees of Alma College, Wright Hall and Pioneer Hall were thrown open to the delegates at a very moderate price, and board furnished on the co-operative plan. The chief credit for planning the institute in all its details must be given to Rev. Alfred Ray Atwood, A.M.

Mr. Atwood is superintendent of education for the Synod of Michigan. He is Dean of the Alma School of Methods. He came to Michigan from the Presbyterian church at Patterson, where he was also superintendent of adult and secondary work in the N. Y. State S. S. Association. He is a practical all-round "efficiency engineer in Sunday School work." He should be addressed at Lansing, Mich., for information concerning the School of Methods.

**FRANCES ADAMS BATES WRITES**

1716 Van Buren St.,  
 St. Paul, Minn.,  
 May 3rd, 1915.

Mr. Arthur J. McIntyre,  
 Alma, Mich.  
 Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find check for \$1.25 for subscription to the "Almanian."

I notice that you wish to know the address of Edith Desmond, '94. She died in '97, I think, at least a year before we graduated.

Catherine Richardson of Detroit married Rev. Frank P. Knowles and their home is at Houghton, Mich. We see Alma friends occasionally. Rev. Sherman L. Divine of Bozeman, Mont., Alma, '98, gave his interesting world lecture here last summer. Rev. Sam. Todd of Milwaukee was also our guest. Rev. R. J. McLandress of Neenah, Wis., was a recent guest, while assisting with a Sunday School institute.

We are always glad to note alumni news.

This year several of the class of '98 will be commissioners to the general assembly at Rochester. Mr. Bates goes from St. Paul Presbytery. With best wishes for your success.

I am, Sincerely,  
 Frances Adams Bates.

Have all our efforts come to nought? And shall our paper go to rot? Simply because YOU (one of a few?) No, of a company over 200 strong, Do not see any wrong In not paying your subscription? And this much will you dispute Should we about this matter keep mute?

We trust upon your loyalty To Alma College—students and faculty— That you in the future near Will attend to this matter to us so dear A matter of life and death we fear. —A. J. McI.

**M. I. A. A. STANDINGS**

College.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Kazoo	5	0	1.000
Olivet	2	2	.500
ALMA	1	1	.500
Hillsdale	2	2	.500
Albion	1	3	.250
Adrian	0	3	.000

**HERE'S**

600 N. Buxton St.,  
 Indianola, Ia., Apr. 29, 1915.  
 Almanian Pub. Co.,  
 Alma, Mich.

Gentlemen:—Please find enclosed \$1.00 in payment of my subscription. I think the paper excellent and hope you can keep on publishing it.

Sincerely yours,  
 Mary Olive Hunting.

**A COLUMN**

Bad Axe, April 30, 1915.  
 Sir:—Find enclosed \$1.25 for Almanian. Sorry I kept you waiting so long.

Mrs. F. E. Carpenter.

**OF LETTERS**

Cleveland Boys' Home,  
 Hudson, O., May 7, 1915.

Mr. McIntyre,  
 Alma, Mich.  
 Dear Sir:—"Perseverance wins." Am inclosing check for \$1.25 for the good little Almanian.

Yours for success,  
 Hollis Margaret McBerney.

**THAT ARE**

Villisca, Ia., May 1, 1915.  
 Editor of the Almanian:

Enclosed you will find a check for \$1.25 to pay for Almanian.

We are always glad to hear from Alma although we do not know many of the students who are now making Alma famous.

Respectfully yours,  
 W. J. Ewing.

**EXCRUCIATINGLY**

Edenville, Mich., April 20, 1915.  
 Mr. A. J. McIntyre,  
 Alma, Mich.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed you will find a money order for \$1.25 in payment for the Almanian.

Yours truly,  
 J. L. Harper.

**SUPERB.**

Breckenridge, Mich., May 5, 1915.  
 Mr. Arthur J. McIntyre,  
 Alma, Mich.

Mr. McIntyre:—Find enclosed \$1.25 for Almanian.

Yours truly,  
 Mrs. R. L. Baldwin,  
 (Nellie Chisholm).

If "Gym's" girl fell off the stage would Julius Caesar?

'Twas the last week before Christmas,  
 And on a Wednesday night,  
 "Gym" had journeyed twice that week  
 Trying to get in right.

He held his dear one's little hand;  
 In a moment of ecstatic bliss—  
 He pressed her to his manly breast,  
 And his fair one tried to kiss.

She struggled to resist his grasp;  
 He held her firm and light—  
 She swung around her little left,  
 And he caught it with his right.  
 "Now, Julius, please behave yourself!"  
 Her face becoming red.

Then "Gym" looked up into her eyes,  
 And these simple words he said:  
 "I cannot understand you, Floss,  
 What makes you act so queer,  
 In calling me such funny names?  
 I'm still your 'Gymmy' dear."

Just then some strangers entered  
 And soon switched on the light  
 She raised her eyes and sweetly said,  
 "I forgot 'twas Wednesday night!"

**GOOD-NIGHT!! WHAT NEXT**

"I will have it, Maurice. I will have it," rang out through the third floor corridor, and every one pricked up their ears, for those words were full of scorn and anger.  
 "Oh, you old fool," Arden came back with even more sarcasm, from the other half of Paw Paw.  
 For a few moments it looked as if that fistic encounter between "Van Louder" and "Shadow" would pass into oblivion, but cooler and more sane minds intervened, and the matter as to whether Arden or Maurice would wear that particular graduating cap, was settled forever.

A GOOD "SCOUT."

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**CAN ANYONE EXPLAIN THE PSYCHOLOGY OF THIS?**

At the lot sale Saturday several prizes were given away free, and probably the best one of these was a choice lot. Of course Doctor Randels was there, as were also William and Robert. The Doctor hung back in the crowd and looked wise. William was placed on some sort of a pedestal, and drew the numbers from the hat that were to determine the prize winners. Robert won the choice lot. We have delved in Titchner, Yerkes, Wundt and a million others, but have never found anything that would answer this striking phenomena.

It might be added that William was given a dollar for his services and was instructed to give it to his father, but as he is learning quite rapidly, he replied, "No, sir; I'll put it in my pocket."

**STUDENTS' RECITAL**

Thursday evening in the chapel occurred the annual Students' Recital of the college conservatory of music and much credit is due the heads of the music department for the fine program rendered.

**Program.**

I.

(a) To Spring ..... Greig  
Bessie Gilbert

(b) Waltz Op 64, No. 2 ..... Chopin  
Helen Mitchell

(c) Murmuring Zephyrs ..... Jensen  
Ethel Palmer

II.

Violin:

(a) German Dance ..... Dittersdorf  
Fred Cooper

(b) Minuet ..... Beethoven  
Lillian Goll

(c) Duo for two Violins, Op 38. Mazas  
Allegra Maestoso, Romance, Rondo  
Joe Ford and Cyril Davis

III.

(a) For Music ..... Franz  
Blanche Healy

(b) Ah! So Pure (Martha) ..... Flotow  
Bope Butler

(c) Sunset ..... Buck  
Lorna Woodruff

(d) The Sea ..... McDowell  
Lynn Clark

IV.

(a) Minuet ..... Paderewski  
Louise Thayer

(b) Caprice Espagnol ..... Moszkowski  
Eva Barnes

(c) Waltz, E Major ..... Moszkowski  
Mary Rose

V.

(a) Nightingale and the Rose ..... Banley  
Lillian Goll

(b) Dedication ..... Franz  
Louise Thayer

(c) Since Mine Eyes Beheld Him ..... Schumann  
Ivah Spaulding

(d) Lullaby from Jocelyn ..... Godard  
Velma Gimore

(e) Flower Song ..... Gounod  
Mary Rose

VI.

Light Opera Selections ..... Friml  
College Orchestra

**PRESENT ADDRESSES WANTED**

Stone, Charles T., 94-96 ..... Alma  
Stoutenburg, Fred, 94-96 ..... Alma  
Todd, James M., 94 ..... Escanaba  
Adams, Julia M., 95 ..... Alma  
Arms, Fred, 95 ..... Ithaca  
Blank, Elizabeth, 95 ..... Alma  
Bolles, W. F. M., 95 ..... Coldwater  
Bray, John R., 95 ..... Wyandotte  
(C/o Watson-Robinson, 90 Wall St.)  
Burger, Mrs. Harriet M., 95 ..... Alma  
Clark, Alice, 95-99 ..... Breckenridge  
Cole, Mrs. Nellie, 95 ..... Ithaca  
Dix, Mrs. Charles, 95 ..... Ithaca  
Feek, Bernice, 95-99 ..... Laingsburg  
Harger, Mary M., 95 ..... Alma  
Gee, Elizabeth, 95 ..... Alma  
Hutchinson, Alice J., 95 ..... Waterville, O.  
Johnson, Edith, 95-97 ..... Vestaburg  
Jones, Tressa, 95 ..... Alma  
Martin, Mrs. Chester M., 95 ..... Ithaca  
Moore, Beulah, 95 ..... Ithaca  
Neill, Henry, Jr., 95 ..... Flint  
Osborn, F. E., 95 ..... Alma  
Parker, Harry J., 95 ..... Alma

**BATTING AVERAGES**

Following are the averages of the men hitting .250 or better. These averages include the M. A. C. game:

Player	A.B.	H.	Pct.
Goodrich	39	22	.564
Wood	35	15	.428
Dancer	30	10	.333
Stimpson	24	8	.333
Simenton	26	8	.307
Johnston	23	7	.304
Fitch	10	3	.300
Steggall	25	7	.280
Hyde	23	6	.260
Wight	4	1	.250

**LOSE TO HILLSDALE**

Our championship aspirations received a slight thump at the hands of Hillsdale in the second game of the trip Friday. After having had it all figured out just how we were going to rim the down-staters, we were naturally a trifle surprised and we might say a little vexed at that 5 to 2 defeat. Johnston and De Pew pitched gilt-edged ball, allowing but four hits between them, but the fellows didn't seem to be able to make their hits count for runs as did the Hillsdale outfit. In the very first inning the down-staters obtained three runs which were enough to defeat the Presbyterians.

Goodrich proved to be the big batter in this game, getting three bingles out of five trips to the plate. Johnston and Simenton each came across with three-base hits.

Hillsdale comes here Saturday for a return game and it will be up to every student in college to turn out and help the fellows get revenge.

**ALMA**

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Dancer, ss	5	0	0	3	2	1
Stimpson, 2	5	0	1	1	1	0
Wood, m	3	0	1	2	1	0
Goodrich, c	5	0	3	9	2	3
Simenton, 3	3	1	1	0	3	0
Fitch, rf	2	0	0	0	1	0
DePew, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Steggall, 1	3	0	1	8	0	0
Hyde, lf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Johnston, p-lf	0	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	37	2	9	24	11	4

**HILLSDDALE**

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Williams, 2	4	1	2	4	2	1
Rennie, p	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sherman, c	3	1	0	4	2	0
Roberts, rf	3	1	0	0	0	0
Crane, m	4	1	1	1	0	0
Case, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Drake, 3	4	0	0	3	4	0
Sawdy, ss	3	0	0	2	1	1
Klingsmith, 1	3	1	1	12	0	0
Totals	28	5	4	27	9	2

Score by innings:  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R.  
Alma ..... 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-2  
Hillsdale ..... 3 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 \*-5

Summary: Two-base hit—Williams. Three-base hits—Simenton, Johnston. Stolen bases—Wood, Goodrich. Sacrifice hits—Case. Left on bases, Alma, 10; Hillsdale, 4. Struck out, by Johnston, 3; DePew, 4; Rennie, 3. Umpire—Sanford. Scorer—Anderson.

**Notes on the Game.**

Wood and Goodrich got Alma's two stolen bases.

"Brod's" Chalmers-Krit arrived at the game.

Alma had ten men left on bases. A few more hits might have turned the score.

Hillsdale students don't seem to appreciate their team; at least one would not think so to see the small number in attendance at the game.

Hillsdale beat Olivet 10 to 9 on Saturday.

Fitch agreed to chase balls for Steggall was the "Royal Rider" and "Brod" was the "Royal Steed."

**FRESHIES ARE GOOD SWIMMERS**

(Special to the Almanian)

The Hodge Liner "Freshman" was torpedoed last Wednesday afternoon by the Freidman submarine "Sophomore," just as it was about to make a landing on the south bank of the Pine. It had been reported for several days by the authorities of the Sophomore Government that the freshies were taking their lives in hand by embarking on the Freshman Liner, but yearling-like they insisted on sailing, and now the class of '18 are in mourning for their ten lost "heavies."

**REPORT FROM SOPH SUBMARINE**

(Special to the Almanian)

Freidman's Room, May 14, 1915.—The commander of the Sophomore submarine that sunk the Freshman Liner Wednesday gave out the following bulletin this evening: "We sighted the Freshman Liner at 4:26 about thirty yard away. At 4:38 we fired a torpedo at her which hit in the region of McKenzie, putting the rudder out of commission. The second explosion occurred on the liner itself and was probably due to high explosives on board coming in contact with Christiansen's hair."

**CAPTAIN HODGE MAKES STATEMENT**

(Special to the Almanian)

Breckenridge, Mich., May 15, 1915.—Captain Hodge of the Freshman Liner, who is confined to his home in this city with a bad case of the mumps, gave out the following statement concerning the Wednesday tragedy: "I believe that the Soph submarine has broken an Interclass Law by sinking our Liner without warning. We had no time whatever to prepare our water wings. I will most assuredly protest to Prexy as somebody should be held responsible."

The crew of the freshman liner certainly kept their heads, and their willingness to let the women and children off first will long be remembered.

**LAUDES BERTHA**


Alma College is fortunate to have an individual within its walls who although never being much in the eye of the students excepting during the Froebel Cabaret, holds a little corner of everybody's heart and if she had a middle name it would be ALMA in capital letters. She it is who roots hardest for the team, who lives Alma, talks Alma, eats Alma and sleeps Alma. If there would be any such thing as personifying the Alma spirit all we would have to do would be to point to "Bert" and say, "There is the Alma spirit. When you get like her you will know what Alma spirit means."

This little lady's whole name is Bertha Alma Williams, and she hails from the Thumb, Bad Axe in particular. Bert's ambition is to own a farm after leaving college and each year to go into the city and pick twelve or fifteen husky youngsters, teaching them the rudiments of football, baseball, track, tennis and Wright Hall culture so that when they reach the age of real education they can come each year twelve or fifteen husky youngsters from "Bert's" farm to gladden the eye of Coach Bleamaster and strengthen the pride of each and every student on the campus.

We take off our hats to you, "Bert," and join in wishing that your ambition may be realized in the near future and that others will also get the spirit in as worthy a manner as you have it, the "quicker the sooner."

The Almanian wishes to join with the faculty and student body in wishing "Bert" all prosperity and success in her life-work.

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