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## Z. S. STAG BANQUET

Half Century of Zeta Sigma Men Hold Revels at Wright House

## L. S. BROOKE TOASTMASTER

Many Old Men Come Back to Alma for Annual Affair—Toasts Excellent

Although it eliminates the fair sex the annual stag banquet of the Zeta Sigma literary society is looked upon by the members at least, as the best society affair of the year. More "old men" return for this event than for any other. They gather from every corner of the state, big boys and little boys, sapient professors, politic editors, preachers and busy men of the world. An even half hundred, all told, attended the society's twenty second annual stag last Friday evening at the Wright house. Thirteen old men were present. Rev. Louis S. Brooke '96, acting as toastmaster, wove in and around his remarks of college and society loyalty a tissue of sense, wit, humor that went well with the occasion. K. P. Brooke '97 of Mt Pleasant was the initial man on the program; his toast "The Men of the Old Days", ripe with reminiscences and warm with a love for old Alma and Zeta Sigma was excellent. His remarks concerning Prof. Mitchell, just plain "Jimmy" to him, were especially interesting.

Then came Kefgen, the biggest all around athlete in college. Kefgen spouted on "Zeta Sigma," the work she had done, the work she must do and the rich heritage that is hers. At times the lad from Cass City forgot himself, left the mundane realm and soared high into the sphere of eloquence. Thunderous applause greeted his remarks.

Next came Prof. Harry Craig '09 with a clear cut and right-to-the-point toast on "The College Man as a Citizen." Harry pointed out the splendid training that a college man usually receives and then went on to show the vast opportunities in civic life that were awaiting the man of college training. It was a serious talk, delivered with telling force and interest.

The last toast of all was a live one full of levity and lasting thought, by John Campbell '10 of Ann Arbor. Bubbling over with love for the Maroon and Cream and enthusiasm for Zeta Sigma Johnny aptly responded to the toast "Altogether Delightful". Toastmaster Brooke with some words on Washington and with a toast on Zeta Sigma closed the evening.

## TRUSTEES MEET HERE

The trustees of the college held their regular midyear meeting in Alma, Tuesday of last week. Business of great importance to the future of the college was transacted. Finding that the college proper was increasing in enrollment to a great extent, the trustees decided to discontinue the first year preparatory department and the commercial depart-

ment, in order that the room occupied by these branches might be devoted to college classes, and that the money expended in their maintenance might be applied to the strengthening of the faculty of the college department. A chair in pedagogy and psychology will be established next year. The trustees also adopted the plans of Architect Yeomans of Philadelphia for the completion and construction of buildings and the beautification of the grounds. The committee having this in charge will proceed at once to secure the necessary endowment for the purpose.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, J. M. Barkley, D.D. of Detroit; vice-chairman, C. B. Chatfield of Bay City; secretary and assistant treasurer, Prof. A. P. Cook. Willis T. Knowlton of Saginaw resigned the office of treasurer. His resignation was accepted to take effect this coming June. Two trustees were added to the board, Professor E. A. Lyman of Ypsilanti, and Rev. L. S. Brook of Howell.

## LELAND POWERS

Leland Powers of Boston presented the play "David Garrick" at the Realty opera house Tuesday evening under the auspices of the college oratorical association. An audience which allowed the box-office barely to clear expenses was present, but the oratorical association was satisfied as Mr. Powers was brought here not so much with the idea of making money as for his educational helpfulness.

The play "David Garrick" tells the love story of the great English actor of that name. There are eight characters, ranging from the cantankerous old father to a feather-headed fob, "donchikaw," and back to the gentleman, Gar-

rick. Every one was portrayed with consummate skill, even the parts of the ladies being given with a wonderful naturalness. His depiction of Ada perhaps gave the idea of too much effeminacy, but the difficulty of impersonating a young woman who we would consider was worthy of Garrick can easily be seen. Mr. Powers certainly upheld his reputation of being a foremost impersonator in America.

## FOR SCHOOL COMMISSIONER

Howard Potter, our latest addition to the faculty, was nominated by the republicans of the county Thursday for the office of county school commissioner. Mr. Potter was the only candidate for the office and was accorded the nomination by acclamation. As the republicans of Gratiot county are generally conceded to have a safe majority, the election of Mr. Potter to the commissionership is but a matter of form. This is a deserved recognition for the Alma instructor and a compliment to the college.

## VARIOUS PREPARATIONS

Preparations are being made for a number of events for the coming months. The chorus is practicing for their appearance at the annual May festival at Saginaw, Miss Mullenbach is rehearsing a German play, the Alpha Theta girls are to give a play in April, orators for the Chicago contest in May are getting at work, preliminary work on the Triangular debates and the college debate is going on, baseball and track are under way, while the departments of English speech and music are working toward the usual recitals in the spring.

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Dr. Bruske says that there is no one event in the college year of more educational value than the trip to the state oratorical contest. Every student who has taken this trip says that there is no better time during the whole college year than this. It is valuable not only from the immediate pleasure of the outing but for its many memories. Some of you haven't indulged in anything more exciting than a pink tea or a biology class since you have burdened this peaceful campus with your presence. Surprise yourself by going to Ypsi.

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Last Monday Coach Grady put up the batting cage and indoor practice for baseball started. Thirty three baseball men responded to the call Tuesday.

When college opened in the fall, the football prospects were way up, but baseball did not look very encouraging. However, last Tuesday saw the largest squad out for baseball Alma has ever had. For the past two years it was a problem to find men to fill some of the positions. Last year Graham was brought in from third base to don the big mit and catch the two best pitchers in the inter-collegiate. This year it is different. There are five men out for the receiving position, enough in fielders after places to fill four teams, while for the out field there is still more material. Instead of being faced with the problem of manufacturing infielders and catchers the coach will have an equally difficult one of picking the team, so keen will the competition be.

The pitching staff, which has been Alma's mainstay in the past will be up to the standard again this year. Brimmyer and Lindley of last year's squad are back. Neither had a chance to work last year for Hole and Duncanson were making good, but each showed more calibre than many flingers the college faced last year. Dakin and Meyers are two Freshmen that came with 'reps'. Though it is a little early to make predictions or promises, both look like championship hopes.

Of last year's team there remains only King, Call, Pohly, Montieth and McCloy. McCloy was the man with the big stick in 1910 but ineligible to play intercollegiate games. He is classified as a Freshman this year and can play all the games. All the five men are showing up to their last year's form. Coach Grady is well qualified to lead the men. He has played second base two years for De Pauw and has had offers from the Denver club of the Western league to play, but trouble with his eyes prohibited his accepting. Altogether it looks like another flag. Alma has lost but one intercollegiate game in four years and has captured three championships in the same period. Now four out of five won't look so bad either!

## FORMER KINDERGARTNER

Mrs. J. W. S. Pierson and daughter of Stanton, were with Mr. Pierson, who is a member of the board of trustees, last week. Mrs. Pierson was the first kindergarten instructor Alma had. She has written several books upon the subject.



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## ACTION LOOKS WISE

At the recent meeting of the trustees of the college action was taken which from the student point of view would seem very wise. In the first place, the first year of the academy was abolished. This will give more funds for the faculty of the college proper without hindering in any way the real purpose of the college. Students generally look forward with hopes for the time when the academy as a separate department will be done away with, and every student will be a college man or woman. The abolition of the commercial department was another step in the same direction. The value to the college of the commercial department as a distinct department could hardly be seen unless it was a money-maker. If it was not it would seem very profitable to unburden the school of it. The admission of a former student to membership of the board, though of course not an action of the board, is looked upon with favor by the students. And lastly, plans to make our campus even more beautiful than it is now are very acceptable. Not from a critical standpoint, for student have no right to criticize, but from a standpoint of mere observation the action of the board seems exceedingly wise.

## THE MAN FROM MARS

The Man from Mars is annoying. In his childlike simplicity he asks so many silly questions that he becomes exasperating. He inquired pointedly why students made such a fuss about politeness and rattled boxes of candy at lectures. He wondered if mental food had to be accompanied by bon bons to make it digestible; whether fellows take candy to lectures because they're afraid the dubs next to them will have some and make them feel cheap; whether, if the fellows must express their amorous feelings in concrete sweetness, the girls wouldn't enjoy it just as much some other time as they would during flights of eloquence; and lastly, whether Roy or Mandy ate the most of a pound box. I chagrined him somewhat, and hushed him up for a

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minute by informing him that Roy and Mandy ate all the candy and not all the box. She saves the box for a souvenir, probably, ("Roy and Mandy, Lecture Course, Wednesday evening, February 22, '10. Nice time.") But I had to place his questions in the pigeonhole with the other unanswerable ones; viz, Why does the library open at 8:30 instead of 8:00 and why does the museum never open?

## LAYMAN AND CHURCH

Dr. Jay Clizbe has suggested that the talk of Dr. Boyd to the Men's Club of the Presbyterian church given when Dr. Boyd was visiting Alma is worthy of the consideration of the men of the college and has requested that we present a synopsis of that talk. This we will do.

It was pointed out by Dr. Boyd in this address that this was an age of transition and that during the past few decades a tremendous change had taken place in the evangelical church. The master Christian no longer is he who secludes himself in a cell and gives himself up to penance and meditation, but he who enters the rush of life and fights an honest battle. The speaker declared that many church members were false to their master, that theirs was a religion of rite and dogma, not of simplicity and love and that the church was not touching the great problems of life as she ought. He went on to say that these conditions were not brought about because of the lack of Christianity. In closing the speaker made a forceful plea for the unification of all church workers, for a masculinizing of the church, for constructive work and thought on the part of the laity, for an altruistic rather than an individualistic religion, and finally for a religion of faith and service rather than one of fear and dogma.

## PEELINGS

There is one thing that the men of the college who board at Wright hall ought to quit doing. That is, strewing the joyful way from Pioneer hall to the dining room with the beautiful gold of the orange peeling and the greenish yellow of the banana skin. Oranges are very pretty when neatly arranged but when scattered promiscuously over a lawn give the appearance of garbage. Let's have enough care for the looks of the campus to consign garbage to garbage cans.

## W. R. BENNETT LECTURES

Owing to the fact that the Chicago and New York houses of the Redpath-Slayton Lyceum bureau mixed Judge Ben Lindsey's dates, he was unable to appear here as advertised last Wednesday. However, the bureau sent Mr. W. R. Bennett, who delivered the lecture "The Man Who Can." This lecture was entirely free. Judge Lindsey will appear here some time in May.

## PIANO RECITAL

The pupils of Miss Minnie M. Cheesman gave a recital at the home of their instructor Friday evening. About thirty students took part and some seventy invited guests were present. The program was excellent.

Miss Graham gave a violin recital at Breckenridge. Friday evening. Miss Roberts was her accompanist.

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**ALUMNI NOTES**

J. E. Webber '05 visited in Alma Monday the 20th on his way to Chicago from Alpena where he supplied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church two Sundays. Earl reports the Alma men and women in Chicago as being prosperous and happy.

L. S. Bagley '03 of Morris, Oklahoma returned to Alma for a few days' visit with his parents and friends about the campus. Mr. Bagley chose this particular time of the winter that he might attend the Zeta Sigma stag banquet and incidentally meet the old friends of his day who are always on hand for that great event. He will return to his banking and real estate business this week and will be accompanied by his sister, Miss Gretta Bagley '07 who will spend several weeks in the west.

Miss Louise Strange '05 of Grand Ledge spent several days at the college last week arriving in time for the second semester reception in Wright hall. Miss Strange who is enjoying a vacation from her work in the Y.W.C.A. addressed the Sunday afternoon meeting of the Y.W.C.A. of Alma. On Monday afternoon she and Miss Katherine Inglis were guests of honor at a reception given by Mrs. Hurst at her home on Grant avenue.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the college held in Alma last February 21 was important to the Alumni, inasmuch as it was the first meeting every held in which the Alumni were represented by one of their number on the board. Rev. L. S. Brooke '96 who was elected at the meeting of the Synod of Michigan in October is the first of the graduates to be honored by a place among the ruling body and he was one of the members of the board who came to Alma for the semi-annual meeting. Every one who knows the excellent qualities of Mr. Brooke feels the Alumni will be ably represented. The board at its meeting was pleased to receive a communication from the Central Alumni association giving suggestions as to future representation in the body of trustees, and as vacancies occur the wishes of the graduate body will be given careful consideration.

George Anderson, a graduate of the commercial department, and one of the many Omena Andersons occupies a prominent position with Earle Brothers, a large commission firm with headquarters at 157 South Water st., Chicago. During the past few months Mr. Anderson has spent considerable time on the Atlantic coast from Maine to Chesapeake Bay buying and selling fruit for the company. In one deal he bought 82 carloads of pears and shipped them from Dover, Delaware. At present he is working in southern Michigan dealing in the sales and purchases of his firm.

Your alumni editor recently spent a delightful evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winton on Commonwealth avenue, Detroit. Mr. Winton and Miss Florence Gertrude Baldwin of Battle Creek were married at the home of the bride July 14, and have been at their home since September 15. Mrs. Winton taught in the schools of Ewart, Mich., after graduating at Northwestern University, and it was while Mr. Winton was acting as supply minister in the Presbyterian church of Ewart that the acquaintance was formed that culminated in the wedding last summer. The class of 1904 is pleased to welcome Mrs. Winton within its family circle.

The citizens of Alma have begun a movement to raise an endowment fund of \$5000, the income of which will be used to keep the college campus beautiful. About a year ago Mrs. Francis King presented to the college plans drawn by a Philadelphia landscape gardener, giving a complete survey of the

campus with suggestions as to future plantings of trees and shrubbery and the location of new buildings. Another definite move to the end in view came in the gift of \$500.00 by a prominent citizen of Alma, as the beginning of a \$5000 endowment fund for the care of the campus. President Bruske has appeared in the pulpits of some of the churches to help in arousing enthusiasm in the effort and it is felt that by 1912 when the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration is held, the fund will have been raised. A joint committee appointed by the Common Council, Board of Trade, Woman's Club, Civic Improvement League, and the College have undertaken the task of raising the fund and with support from these different bodies it cannot fail to accomplish its purpose.

**LIKES THE ALMANIAN**

Dear Editor:  
Enclosed find check for the Almanian. I want to express my appreciation of the paper, and to say that in my estimation, it rivals many another publication from larger institutions of learning. I was one of those who was very skeptical about making the Almanian a weekly. I had a little experience during my senior year running the business end of the old monthly publication, and I was sure any effort to bring out a paper oftener would meet with signal failure. But I am glad that my pessimistic prophecy has failed of fulfillment. I hope you will continue to give us all the news available about the alumni. That is what appeals to the former student, and I am sure that if you keep up the present standard, your mailing list will never grow less.

It is a source of satisfaction to not the success of the athletic team, and every man who has rolled in the dirt on Davis Field in former years, rejoices over the result of the football season. I have been pleased with the manner in which the Almanian has ignored that holler from Olivet. They made the same cry in 1902 about being beaten by mud, but every man knows that a dry field could not have reversed the scores of that year and this. Olivet would do well to listen to a good impartial judge like Brewer, and admit a trimming once in a while.

With best wishes for the continued success of the Almanian, I am,  
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Rev. Harold G. Gaunt, '06,  
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MERELY SUGGESTIONS—

Suggestion to Miss Albertson—Why not have potato salad and beans for lunch some Sunday evening?

To Carlyle Walker—Why not play the Hunting Song by Mendelssohn some time?

To Miss Du Vries—Why not sing the vesper hymn slowly some evening?

To Miss Haughwout—Why not give a lengthy English lesson some day?

To Wright hall girls—Why not play "Only a Ghost of Your Smile" some time after lunch?

To stiddies—Why not use the southwest corner of the center table in the reading room of the libe for a cozy corner?

To Yerex—Why not meet her at the corner of Superior and Grant street some morning about eleven o'clock?

To Wilson—Why not hurry while waiting table some time?

To Potter—Why not wear a red neck tie occasionally?

OUR WORTHY OPPONENTS—

(By a Staff Report Her)

Opening the debate for the negative, Miss Bielby showed by example why rats are necessities, Miss Kehl proved that the fact that a girl allows mouse colored rats to peek through brown hair shows that she is too innocent to attempt to deceive anyone, and Miss Jackson said she couldn't see the difference between wearing rats, and false teeth and high-heeled shoes. A unanimous decision for the reduction of duty on Chinese pig-tails was ratified.

STUNT PARTY MATERIAL—

The following was found in a W. H. him book: "Freshmen English—Dwight and Dewitt ALWAYS know their lessons. Dewitt is so handsome and so CUTE, his mother said. Marks is so smart flirting is his specialty, coach STOP HIM but coach flirt too Soph more fellows & work. Getting their - ." No doubt the word "goats" would complete the sentence.

SOME SWEET DAME—

Has helped the Spider live by contributing the following: "In the bank of Stidding the (e)posits are chocolates, lecture course tickets and sweet words; checks, quarrels, by which your amount of pleasure is lessened; personal notes, promises for all future dates; loans are pins, rings and so forth; closing the account by going to the next lecture course with some one else." May we ask, fair lady, what security there is,

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whether flirtation is advertising, where the bonds come is, how much interest one has to take, and whether or not the bank is likely to fail? Also, is there a teller, and if so how much does she tell? R.S.V.P.

AT LEAST WHEN THEY'RE WITH US—

"Bashfulness is only becoming in females, or very young persons, in the presence of their superiors"—Crabb's English Synonyms, p. 616. That lets the girls, Snider, van Duzen and Johnson out, anyway.

WIGS AND WHISKERS—

Miss Farley tells a story of an old man praying in church, who had the woman in front of him weave his whiskers into her wig. Upon arising he took her wig with him. Rather a bald statement. Spider offers his bread pudding desert [with or without cream] for the next best and biggest.

ALL ON WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY—

We notice that Ingersoll says that there is no hell. We are wondering how to express what it feels like, then, to come into the dining room and have everybody laugh at you.

FACULTY ROW—(PRONOUNCED ROE)

(Extract from letter: My only criticism is that I would like to hear more of our dear friends of the faculty row. H. H. Brown.)

PREXIE still chews his whiskers and sings a lusty amen. PINK still blushes. J. T. still keeps his classes after dark and preserves his dignity. JIMMIE still pushes a baby carriage and "ahs" and "ers." JERRY still carries his umbrella. MAGGIE still gives permissions, long lessons and piercing looks. JANE still has the Klu Klux Kaffee Kitchen Klan and a student near-stiddy. A. P. still takes the coin and brushes his hair over the bald spot. J. Q. still hee-hee-hee's. CAROLINE is still interested in your business, MISS WARING still never misses a class and has the champ W. H. table. PROF. WEST still gives marks of 37 and worse. BOB still gets cranky and "Hoot mon's", SPALDING HE still loses three grandmothers a semester.

BY REQUEST—

Mrs. Murphy says that Kolvoord, Monteith, Pohly, van Duzen and Yonker began boarding at W. H. to get girls. Discovered! Ouch!

WASHINGTON PARTY

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SCIENCE CLUB

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