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THE BIG FOOTBALL BANQUET A REVIEW OF THE SEASON

With enthusiasm burning in their eyes and the joy of victories running in their veins, the faculty and students together with the business men of Alma gathered in Wright Hall, Tuesday evening November 26, for the biggest football celebration ever held in the city. The big affair took the form of a banquet with the football men as guests of honor. After all were gathered round their tables leaving the large one in the center of the room beautifully decorated, Captain Johnson led his warriors in amid the greatest applause and yells from those assembled and waiting for their arrival. Rev. Mason invoked the Divine blessing and all were seated to enjoy the splendid feast, so nicely served by about forty of the college girls who kindly volunteered their services for the occasion.

President Blaisdell was toastmaster and his witty remarks together with those of the speakers held the two hundred banqueters spell bound for several hours, except for the frequent cheers and bursts of enthusiasm. The one noticeable and most pleasant feature of the occasion was the co-operation of the College and the town. This feeling was never better any stronger than it is this year, the prominent business men stand ready to co-operate in every desirable way, with the college.

There were representative speakers from both the girls and boys, the scrubs and the varsity, the towns people and the faculty. So long was the program and so full of enthusiasm that Dr. Blaisdell called upon L. A.

Sharp and Prof. J. E. Mitchell to assist him in introducing the speakers. "Enthusiasm from the Fans, and the Town and The Gown," were the subjects of splendid talks by L. A. Sharp, Rev. W. H. Mason, Rev. Fr. J. Mulvy, D. L. Johnson, Ezra Smith, Mrs. Blaisdell, and H. C. Moore.

The faculty was represented by President Blaisdell, Prof. J. E. Mitchell, Prof. J. T. Ewing, Coach Bleamaster and Miss Bjoim. The four football seniors and Captain Johnson were also among the toasters.

One of the most pleasing features of the big event was the presentation of the football used in the Olivet game to Captain Johnson by President Blaisdell. The ball was decorated with maroon and white ribbons and had on it Alma 58, Olivet 0. This was one of the most impressive parts of the whole affair, and Dr. Blaisdell "carried the ball over the line" to the honored captain amid the greatest of applause. This is a treasure that Capt. Johnson may be justly proud of and cherish as one of his best gifts.

It is hoped that this custom established this year will become a permanent feature for the football wind-up. It is a splendid way for the people of the town to unit with the college in a common end, and tends to bring about the much desired results of co-operation between the town and the college.

A new member has been added to the faculty of the School of Music in Mr. Francis J. Radey of Calumet.

With but two weeks' practice the team played the hardest game of the season against the Champions of Michigan and Ohio and went down to a hard defeat of 14 to 3 before A. C. Quarterback Vogt had but seven plays in his repertoire so that the offense was weak. The one forward pass which was used was good for thirty yards which proved pretty conclusively that with a greater variety of formations the Aggie would be in danger of defeat by a school just one-fifth as large. Harry Schultz gained ground quite consistently. In the later moments of the game Herb Goodrich ambled into the glare of the calcium with a pretty boot from the twenty yard line which was good for three points. Alma 3, M. A. C., 14.

Alma met the strongest team which the University of Michigan Freshmen could put out at any time during the season and defeated them. Aside from the work of Vogt the brilliant playing of the back-field was the team feature of the game. For most of the game it was a scoreless tie with Alma leading all the way but unable to chalk up a touchdown. With the ball on the Freshies' five yard line Vogt three times called upon the line plungers and each time the opponents' line held, but on the last chance the husky little quarter took the ball himself and squirmed across the goal with the only score of the game. This was the first time that Alma had ever beaten the Ann Arborites; Alma 6, U. of M. Freshmen, 0.

For the first three sessions of the Albion game Alma played the best football that she played all season, as did the Methodists also. Never was the coherent team work of the Alma eleven such a strong factor as on that day. The open field work was exceptionally good and the line was unregnable. Capt. Johnson was the particular star of the game. Vital punts were made by the ends and Vogt was emphatically present all the time. Alma, 19; Albion, 7.

Coach Bleamaster chaperoned a track workout at Mt. Pleasant when his pets trotted through a good signal practice incidentally tallying up 106 points against the Normals. Their opponents were a green bunch and showed far better form later in the season but Alma proved to be too strong. Coach Helmer's band a few weeks later played a scoreless tie with the Ypsi Normals. Alma, 106; Mt. Pleasant Normals, 0.

Kazoo lacked two points of being just twice as good practice as the Normals had been. They held Alma 54 points and neglected to score any themselves. Austin played a great game and tore to pieces the Kazoo line. Hillsdale who for several editions of the State papers was a proud claimant of the M. I. A. A. title on the strength of a victory over Olivet was defeated by these self-same Kalamazoo players by the score 6 to 0. Alma, 54; Kazoo, 0.

Olivet journeyed to the junction of the P. M. and A. A. R. R. for the

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Von thurn: For three years his versality and speedy attack have made him one of the most valuable men on the team. This year he was shifted from fullback to end and made good with a vengeance.

Van Duzen: For three years he tried and as a Senior he gained the prize. Persistency, reliability and perseverance have won for Van his letter and the admiration of the rooters.

Vogt: It remained for the best quarterback which Alma has ever had to pilot the team to the State Championship. His headwork during every moment of the game was his strong point. Besides furnishing goodly portions of the gray substance he was the hardest man on the team to tackle. The team played with daring almost reaching abandon for they had such confidence in the resourcefulness of Stub Vogt. "Stubby" has another year and should be the greatest quarter in the West.

Hyde: A serious injury to his shoulder should have necessitated his withdrawal from the game but Doc stuck to it and put up a game fight. A former member of the all-state team his unfortunate injury kept him out of most of the contests, but his wonderful nerve and forward passing made him a valuable asset to the team.

Ole Anderson: Last year Ole was

unable to play. This year he came back with more stability than ever. He cinched his place on the all-state team with a comfortable margin.

Wood: No team which has been met this year has ever been able to stop Pug. His smashing attack is invincible and the interference he runs is a thing of beauty and a joy forever. He picks holes with uncanny instinct and though extremely light is a plunger. His aggressiveness won him the captaincy of next year's team.

Austin: With more weight than last year Austin couldn't be stopped. Often after he had disposed of his opponent he scooped up the flying legs of the runner and brought him low, to the delight of the rooters. Defensively he is a tower of strength. Olivet has reason to remember a little oversight on their part which Austin took advantage of.

Goodrich: With Pumpellian accuracy Goodrich scored the only points which have been tallied up against the Aggies by an Alma team since 1902. His good right boot is but one of his bids to fame. He received forward passes without a fault and was a good man wherever he was put.

Henning: For several games Henning played in the fullback position but as an end his speed and ground gaining ability could be employed to a better advantage. He was a terrific tackler and an impregnable man when on the defense.

Harry Schultz: Harry didn't wait until the last game to show his ability, but started with the M. A. C. struggle to prove his worth. He seldom failed to gain from five to fifty yards on every attempt. His putting was far above the average and he was a shark at heaving the forward passes.

Will Schultz: Bill was the hardest and most consistent tackler on the team; practically nothing ever got past him. His cannon-ball attack was unstoppable and he vied with his brother, Harry, in contributing yardage to the Maroon and Cream cause.

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purpose of wiping out the memory of a few reverses in baseball, basketball and even football and they went home a heart-broken bunch of badly defeated warriors. Two factors entered into this game: Edgerton didn't like to graduate without defeating Olivet again on the gridiron and Eph couldn't remember the hard luck defeat last year at Olivet without getting nervous and tearing around the end for a touchdown or maybe only forty yards or so. Anyway Olivet has a profound respect for the touchdown tendencies of these two. The interference never slipped, never faltered and the man with the ball was in the shadow of a veritable stone wall. This was the most glorious victory of the season and on a dry field would have been an even hundred or so to nothing. Alma, 58; Olivet, 0.

Coach Campbell's fighting Irishmen were the next victims. Their efforts to divert defeat were whole souled but ineffective. They expressed great grief that the sun shone when Alma had the ball but sneaked behind the clouds when they were toying with But Alma's victory was decisive and clear cut and impartial judges laugh at the U. of D.'s laments. Goodrich at half back played a good game. After securing a comfortable lead the team took things easy and the U. of D. scored 20 points. Alma, 28; U. of D., 20.

NEWS ITEMS.

At the visit of the Bargelt squad Austin won the toss and chose to defend the goal and Harry Schultz received the kick off and retired to the side lines.

The first scrimmage last Thanksgiving evening showed up some very promising material for next year's "stiddy team" although we lose the old standbys, "Billy" and Peggy, Beryl and Jerry and Monty and Ruth. Still under the able leadership of Coach Warner and Captain Hogan, we may hope for one of the most successful years on the stiddy benches that Alma College has ever experienced.

Although Goody made a touchdown he was penalized ten points for failing to reach the goal before the 2:15 whistle had blown, Monday afternoon.

In the strong tackling game at Wright Hall Thanksgiving afternoon Professor Ewing ran through the whole crowd and skirted across the goal line coyly flirting with the matron to the chagrin of the Dean. Time was called at this point.

Professor Warner in English class—"Mr. Cook will you give your favorite quotation from Coleridge?"

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Margaret Boag—"Will Ewing! Why! Peggy says it is beneath Billie's dignity to throw hash. But say, between you and me, isn't it terrible to be a married man?"

Back Home.

Miss Collins—"Oh, I just want something to hold."

Archie Maybe (aside)—"I wonder if she is homesick."

Doesn't Agree.

Prof. Mitchell (in history)—"Women change very quickly."

Oscar—"All but their clothes. It takes them an infinite time to do that."

How He Got His Name.

Rushmore—"Why do you always sign your name J. J. J; L. L. L; D. D. D; B. B. B: La-La-Landon?"

Landon—"Because that's my name. The minister who christened me stuttered."

WOOD ELECTED CAPTAIN.

After a very close contest, Wood, star full back on the 1912 team was chosen to lead the Champions next fall. Wood is well liked by the boys and should make a good leader.

COACH BLEAMASTER.

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He came to Alma with a remarkable record of successful coaching and he has sustained his reputation with some to spare. And his ability is far from being confined to the football field for he is a most able gymnasium instructor.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The roll of honor of the Reserves includes just nine names: men who have been buffeted about and beaten, served as the reincarnation of the extinct Mabel and done their best to make the first ten a more efficient eleven. Daily they have served as the objective point for a battering ram or in turn have been spilled all over the field in an attempt to emulate their superiors' example. Their work has been loyal and thorough and to them is due great credit for the varsity's trail of glory.

They have a spotless record of victories and take rank with the best high school eleven in the State. Twice they met the local high school and both times they stalked to victory. Under the faultless generalship of the leader of the Freshman class they showed an exceptional brand of open field work.

From their ranks have been recruited some of the season's stars. The following men have proven their worth as football players second only to the State Champs: A. Maybee, M. Rushmore, O. Anderson, T. Blaisdell, A. Beshgetoor, A. Johnson, M. Cole, A. McIntyre and Q. Hodge.

ALUMNI NOTES.

The outcome of the football season just closed is a source of gratification to the old students of Alma who cannot see the Alma teams in action, but must depend upon the newspapers for their information and inspiration. And inspiration they certainly have had in reading the scores of the past season. It is exceedingly pleasurable to the old boys to see by the great record scores that the present generation of athletes are upholding the good name of Alma. It is pleasing also to know of the quality of the men who fought for Alma and won an undisputed championship for her. Having seen the Alma team in the game and on the road, your alumni editor has been impressed with the fine gentlemanly qualities of every man on the team, and every one who knows the college records of the men must admit that, as students, the present squad has not been outranked by the most representative aggregations of the past. The athletic editor of the Almanian deserves a vote of thanks from the alumni for the efficient manner in which he has kept us informed on the inside points of every game. We want to win again next year, and we ought to begin to plan for a good team right away. The alumni can have a part in this by sending to Alma men of the stamp of those who have so ably represented her this year. There is a little moral that ought to be borne in mind at this time. Alma won the championship in 1910, was a contender last year, and made a sweep of the boards this year. Olivet won undisputed championships in 1908 and 1909, and after the first game or two in 1910 published press agent articles to the effect that that would be probably their last year in the M. I. A. A., inasmuch as the other intercollegiate schools were not giving them worthy competition. Then came slaughters by Notre Dame, a 14 to 3 defeat by Alma, and then a 62 to 0 landslide on them at M. A. C. There may be a day not far distant, if athletic history repeats itself, when Alma will be enumerating the list of her cripples and telling what she did the year of the French and Indian war as our brothers down at Ainger station are doing this year. So let us remain in our class, fight like sin to win, celebrate to the limit if victory comes our way, and accept as gracefully as possible the defeat that is so sure to come some time.

By means of a fake play and splendid interference McIntyre made a substantial gain over Baldy McCloy Saturday afternoon. Edgerton's playing Thanksgiving vacation was inconsistent for he sawed back and forth from Wright Hall to the President's territory repeatedly piercing their lines but was unable to cross their goal for the much desired touch-down.

If you pay your subscription to the Almanian before Christmas it will cost you only one dollar, if after it will cost you \$1.25; we will gladly receive your remittance to pay our bills before the holidays.

James Allyn Drake is the name of the young minister that arrived at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Hurd Allyn Drake, of St. Louis, Nov. 7th. The young man weighs eight and one-half pounds and has already made his debut in grand opera.

It was with much regret that the older students learned of the death of Miss Jane McKinney, who was a student here two years ago. She died about three weeks ago after an illness that extended over some space of time.

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