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SWEATERS PRESENTED

Dr. Bruske Makes Interesting Speech Praising Players

BOTH TEAMS WON GAMES

Reserves Flash Into the Limelight As Well As Regulars

Previous to the Bay City game last Thursday eleven men of the 1911 football squad were presented with "A" sweaters. The sweaters this year are the gift of a few of Alma's most prominent citizens and also of many members of the student body. The men who are awarded are: Ex-Capt. Edgerton, Capt.-elect E. Johnson, Von Thurn, Hyde, Johnson, Goodrich, Misener, Pohly, Rogers, Marks and Wood.

As has been the custom in former years, President Bruske was the speaker on this occasion. Prexy spoke very highly of the work which the men and Coach Grady did on the gridiron last fall, and wished Capt. elect Johnson a most successful season in 1912.

Alma turned the tables on the Bay City Y last Thursday evening by defeating the visitors by the overwhelming score of 68 to 15. The game was slow from the start and aroused very little enthusiasm from the crowd. The Bay City men showed a little fight at the start but their inability to find the basket and the lack of team work soon took the rack out of them. The locals were not in the best of condition, lacking speed and at times being uncertain in their passing. Towards the end of the second half Coach Grady sent in several substitutes who played a fast and clean game.

For the home team Wood and Edgerton starred while King did all the basket shooting for the "Y."

Alma Bay City
Fraker, Pohly, L. F. King
Wood, McAllister, R. F. Mather
Edgerton, C. Brown
Von Thurn, Vogt, L. G. Bedeaud
Hooper, Austen, R. G. Shultz

Baskets from the field: Fraker, 3; Wood, 9; Edgerton, 4; Hooper, 5; Von Thurn, 5; Pohly, 2; Vogt, 2; Austin, 3; King, 2; Mathie, Brown, Shultz.

Fouls: King, 5 out of 19.
Referee: Cook.

In the preliminary game with the city team the Scrubs ruffled the spirits of the down town lads to the tune of 29 to 17.

The game was rough from the start but some good playing was displayed on both sides. McAllister and Pohly showed up especially well for the second team men while Montigal and Fishbeck were the City men's point makers.

Scrubs City
McAllister, R. F. Fishbeck
Pohly, L. F. Montigal
Johnson, C. Dewey
Vogt, R. G. Adams
Austin, L. G. Berry
Cook, Referee.

If horses are bred in Kentucky,
Where is rye bread—

—Yerex

COME TO THE College Minstrels

—AT THE—

Realty Opera House

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1912

And Find Out

ONE CONTINUOUS LAUGH

Everything New

ENTERS LAW PARTNERSHIP.

John M. Dunham, who represented Alma twice in the state oratorical contest, has entered into partnership in law with J. P. Kress, one of Alma's leading attorneys. Mr. Dunham was founder and first editor of the Weekly Almanian, and as an editor was one of the most efficient Almanian publishers. In the state contest in oratory in 1907 he won third for Alma which is better by two places than any other orator has ever done for Alma. He was also prominent in



debating, being leader on the college team that took a unanimous decision from Hope college in 1905.

At the end of his junior year he entered the law department of the University of Michigan and during his three years there was prominent in many lines of work. He was on the staff of the Michigan Daily, took a prominent part in the work of the Comedy Club, and several honorary societies. That he will be a success in the law is the prediction of all of Mr. Dunham's friends and he is making an auspicious beginning, having won ninety per cent of his cases thus far.

Y. W. C. A.

A departure was made this year from the association's time honored custom of holding the Bible classes first semester. For some time the disadvantages of the old system were acknowledged as increasing drawbacks to the work, and after carefully considering the advantages of a reverse in order, by putting the Missionary study first semester, the cabinet decided to try the experiment for one year. Activity on the part of the Missionary chairman during the vacation months made it possible to begin that work immediately after the presentation of the course, classes and purpose, on the second Sunday in September.

No hesitation is felt now in declaring the experiment an unqualified success. Classes have been held to their appointed hour almost without interruption; the attendance has been, in all classes by far the highest in years, and having finished within the time allotted by the committee, they are ready to begin the Bible classes promptly when the second semester opens.

Three courses only are to be offered this year. The classes even at this writing are so large that it has been found necessary to divide them, and at least five classes will be organized. All are of course taught by student leaders: two classes on the Parables by Misses Carro, Newton and Maud Blomer, the Psalms by Miss Carrie Kress and Jesus, the Man of Galilee by Gail Peacock. These smaller groups make a greater freedom of expression possible and the opportunity of discussing together and working out the questions that always come up. But the thought that will be constantly and permanently emphasized, the need and importance of daily Bible study. With every prospect so bright, they are trusting that the aim of this department may be realized.

Now is the time to pay your subscription. We need the money.

Clarence Goodrich visited a friend in Lowell between semesters.

SHEK LUNG CHINA

A Letter From Paul J. Allured, a Former Alma Student

IN CANTON CUE CUTTING DAY

A Description of Shanghai With Its Narrow Streets

The following letter received by Mr. Brown of the Record office will be of interest to our readers for two reasons. Mr. and Mrs. Allured are both graduates from the college, and very popular among both students and alumni. Mr. Allured is the author of the College Song. It is also interesting because we get the report of the revolutionary condition in China first hand. They sailed for China early in September, where they have gone to labor in the missionary field. The letter is as follows:

Shek Lung, South China,
November 25, 1911

Dear Mr. Brown:

We have been nearly two months in China—considering all we have seen and gone through, it seems like a year since we landed at Hong Kong—Oct. 3rd. This is a strange and wonderful and just now a terribly shaken-up country. We feel that we have really lived more since we came here than in all our former years. And considering the great importance of the events now transpiring here. We came just in time to "see the show," and wouldn't have missed it for anything. The best thing I could wish any of my Alma friends would be a trip to South China, a month's experience in Canton and vicinity would give you enough to talk and think about all the rest of your life.

We could not have asked for a more pleasant ocean trip! The "Tenyo Maru" (Toyo Kisen Kaisha S. S. Co.) is one of the best ships on the Pacific—every convenience we could ask for was supplied to us. A library of 200 books supplied us with all the reading we desired; the upper deck was fitted with all sorts of games, besides juke and Victor phonograph. After we left Honolulu, four indoor base ball teams were organized, we played every afternoon except the one Sunday till the day before we reached Yokohama. That noon we struck a typhoon and every one who went out on deck had to hang on for dear life! We retraced our course to the south-east for nearly fifty miles to get into safe waters. It would have been an awful experience in a smaller vessel, but on a 21,000 tonner it was grand—as long as we were well out from shore in deep water there was nothing to fear.

Continued next week.

Mrs. J. W. Robinson of Alma entertained Mrs. Wilson of Ferris last week. Mrs. Wilson was formerly Lena Ryer, a kindergarten student here.

Logan Papworth of Howell visited his brother over Sunday.

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CORNER ON DATES.

- Thursday, February 8—
Mt. Pleasant vs. Alma, Basketball.
- Friday, February 9—
Phi 'hi Alpha Banquet.
- Saturday, February 10—
Second Semester Reception.
- Wednesday, February 14—
Minstrels.
- Friday, February 16—
M. A. C. vs. Alma, Basketball.
- Tuesday, February 20—
Alpha Theta Play.
- Friday, February 23—
Zeta Sigma Stag Banquet.
- Friday, March 1—
State Oratorical Contest at Olivet.

ORATORY.

The Temperance Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church is offering a most generous series of prizes for oratorical contests on the liquor problem in Presbyterian colleges. The offer is open to all leagues connected with the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association in such institutions.

The committee will give Twenty Five Dollars in cash for use as prizes one or more as the league or faculty may decide. The conditions are that the oration shall be on the liquor problem or its solution, there shall be five or more entries, and the contest shall have the approval of the faculty.

Now, Alma is a Presbyterian college, and belongs to the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, therefore leaving no barriers in that respect. What about the five contestants and the prizes? This is an excellent opportunity for either men or women to get a good start in oratory.

The state contest will be held at Spring Arbor, March 22. So there is time yet if you get busy. Albion develops her orators through this state contest, and she doesn't have the prize offer either. Adrian won the prize last year, and Albion won the four previous times. Now it is up to Alma to get busy and with this inducement five orators should be easily secured. The winner of the state contest enters the interstate which is held in New York this year, that is for this section. The winner of this contest then enters the national prize contest and this winner secures the greatest honors that a contesting orator can receive in this country. Here is another chance, think about it.

The Olivet Echo hints that Olivet is to enforce the old rule against summer baseball. Cheer up freshmen, you will have a cinch on your job.

With the beginning of the new semester is an excellent time to make a fresh start in pushing the enthusiasm and good work of the mid-week prayer meeting, Y. W. & Y. M. C. A. and Bible study. You can make them the best ever, and a credit to the college. Begin by taking part in the special meetings this week.

Show some more of that "Good Old Alma Spirit," that was shown last Thursday evening. It helped the men to win and it will do it again. It will help to win in debate and oratory as well as in athletics.

It will be too bad to see the old veterans of the Olivet diamond sitting on the bleachers watching the "raw freshies" hit at the ball.

SCHOLARSHIP IN THE SMALL COLLEGE.

The graduate schools of several of our universities grant annually a large number of scholarships and fellowships. The fellowships are worth on an average five or six hundred dollars a year. Graduates of any college may compete for them. The catalogue of Columbia University states that "these fellowships are awarded as honors" and that it is the aim to grant them to men and women "of decided fitness for a special line of study." As a rule, the fellowships are personally acquainted with the work of the candidate selected.

Harvard, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Chicago and Johns Hopkins grant a large number of fellowships and draw graduate students from a wide territory. In their catalogues the names of the holders of the fellowships are printed along with the college from which the Bachelor's degree was received. From the catalogues of last year we can gather data which will answer the question of scholarship in small colleges as viewed by these universities.

It is not easy to define a small college. The attendance in the colleges on the Carnegie Foundation vary from a hundred students in the smallest to about three thousand in the largest. However, certain institutions are commonly referred to as small and others as large, so that in practice it is not very difficult to classify the large and small colleges.

In the following table the number of graduates from small colleges holding fellowships are put in the first column, in the second the graduates from the college department of the university in which the fellowship is held, and in the third those from other institutions commonly rated as large. The reasons for such a classification is obvious from the system of appointment.

Small College.	Own College.	Large College.
13	At Harvard,	15 11
10	At Columbia,	7 10
15	At Pennsylvania,	7 19
13	At Chicago	7 9
12	At Johns Hopkins	6 3

A like inquiry as to holders of scholarships was made in but one institution. In that case 7 holders were from large colleges, 12 from its own college department, and 23 from small colleges.

It is not the purpose to compare the scholarship of small and large colleges. It is enough that the facts show that the universities in a very tangible way put their stamp of approval upon the scholarship of the small colleges.

Alma college has a representative in the above list of fellows, likewise some of the other small colleges of the state and the college department of the state university. Several Alma graduates have been honored by fellowships and scholarships in the graduate schools of leading universities. Although her history is short such solid facts show that Alma enjoys a good reputation for scholarships.

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CLASS ENTERTAINS.

Professor Densford's class in platform reading gave two public entertainments last week, which were attended by several students and members of the faculty. These programs consisted of readings from some of the best poets, authors and statesmen. Monday evening's program was furnished by Lester VonThurn, Fred Johnson and E. A. Thompson, while on Wednesday Thomas B. Stitt, George Brilmeyer and E. W. Brehm entertained. Both programs were interesting and much appreciated by all present.

PHI PHI BANQUET.

Phi Phi Alpha is making extensive preparations for her annual Lincoln Banquet which will be held on Friday evening, February ninth, at the Wright House. A number of alumni

are expected to be present. Lester Von Thurn, '13, will act as toastmaster, while the following toasts will be responded to:

- The Future—Joseph Kennedy, '15.
- The Co-ed—Frank J. Anderson, '14.
- The College Man—Carrie Neilson, '12.

Our Fraternity—Lars Hockstad, representing the Phi Alpha Pi fraternity of Olivet.

Lincoln's Humor—George Brilmeyer, '13.

Alma Mater—Wm. Y. Pohly, '12.

Stop! Look! Listen? Yerex willing, "Oh! Parson, I Feels Religion Comin' On."

Bernice Latson, '13, has left college and has gone to her home in Howell. She expects to return to Alma next fall and resume her studies. Alpha Theta Play February 20th. Don't forget.

From R. B. Wilson in Cuba.

The following is a part of a letter from Mr. Robert B. Wilson, to Professor West, and may be of interest to his many friends who read the Almanian:

Quantanamo, Cuba,
December 11, 1911.

Dear Professor:

At last I am settled in the land of sunshine and busily at work. The climate is delightful. The rainy season is past and it is not excessively warm, it is like a June day all the time. The thermometer rises to 80° or 85° during the day and it might fall to about 60° making it very pleasant and comfortable for sleeping. There are a few mosquitoes around, but not many. The tropical nights are the finest I ever saw, and the stars and moon seem to shine much more brightly than in the States. The scenery here is grand, and the estate is situated in a valley which is surrounded by mountains which are from 2,000 to 5,000 feet high. I and one of the other chemists climbed to the top of them the other day. It was pretty hot work but the view we got of the valley below was well worth the labor.

I have a little different position than I expected when I came down. We got here early before they had commenced grinding, but we were both placed in the sugar laboratory. I was there a couple of days when the head chemist came in and after talking with me for some time, he told me he was going to put me in the research laboratory to work on soils and fertilizers with a Harvard graduate. The plan is to analyze samples of soil from different parts of each field, especially where the cane is poor and where it is good and from the results to determine what is lacking in the soil and later to prepare special fertilizers. I get the same pay of \$115 per month as in the other work. Of course, if any of the chemists should fail to appear or any leave, I will have to go on sugar.

I haven't learned very much Spanish yet but am improving. There are a nice lot of fellows here, all of them graduates from universities, and I am going to try and show them that Alma isn't so far behind even if I am but a second year (Sophomore) man, and I work and hard study will do it, I will succeed.

Sometimes I feel I would like to be back and am planning to go back to school again either at Alma or the U. of M. if I can save enough money. A non-graduate is handicapped to a more or less degree.

Give my regards to Professors Notestein, MacCurdy and Cook and to the fellows in the chemical classes. Wishing you and them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
ROBERT B. WILSON.

ALUMNI NOTES.

F. L. Preston, a former well known student of the college, is now a physician and surgeon with offices at 224 W. Central avenue, Emporia, Kan. After leaving Alma Mr. Preston pursued a course in medicine at Northwestern University and since the completion of his course in that institution he has practiced his profession in the western city. That Preston has not ceased to pull for Alma is shown in a letter received recently by President Bruske, which tells of a young man F. L. expects to send as a student to Alma next year. He says the colleges are good in Kansas but there is only one Alma.

A folder has been placed into the hands of the alumni editor giving a good description of the Beacon Presbyterian church of Philadelphia, which is presided over by Rev. Geo. P. Horst, '08. Since graduation Mr. Horst has spent three years in Princeton Seminary and University, com-

pleting a theological course in the former and receiving a master's degree from the latter. Immediately after the completion of his seminary course he was called to Beacon church which is one of the large Presbyterian organizations of the city. Mr. Horst's home address is 2323 E. Cumberland street.

CAMPUS NOTES.

"Baldy" McCloy is shaking hands with the students again. He is back to enter college again this week, and the old students are mighty glad to see him.

Miss Carrie Rowland visited Miss Drake in Breckenridge last Monday, and reports her in much better health than when she left here a short time ago.

Don't forget those minstrels. Hazel Jenks and Alma Kelley are spending the week end at their homes in Harbor Beach.

The Philos gave a breakfast Saturday morning for Bernice Latson, who has left college.

Have a jolly time on St. Valentine's Day, February 14, at the opera house. Coach Grady will be there with his minstrels.

Faith Welton entertained her mother from Grand Rapids over Sunday.

Mary Putman, Kg. '09, visited Bernice Latson at Wright Hall, Saturday and Sunday.

Angelina De Carlo has returned to her home in Detroit after finishing a semester's work in the Academy.

Miss Susie Brown accompanied by the Misses Bess Bishop and Eva McBain spent the week end at the former's home at Farwell.

Coach Grady's colored minstrels will perform at the Realty Opera House, Wednesday, Feb. 14th, "Nuff Sed."

THREE SOCIETIES ELECT OFFICERS.

- Phi Phi Alpha.**
President—Claude Satterlee, '13.
Vice-president—Thomas B. Stitt, '14.
Secretary—Joseph Kenedy, '15.
Treasurer—Milo Hogan, '14.
First Critic—Lester Von Thurn, '13.
Second Critic—William Pohly, '12.
Sergeant-at-Arms—Harold Rix, '14.
Janitor—Albert J. Esseltyn, '15.
- Philomathean.**
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Vice-president—Clara Hanel, '13.
Secretary—Marion Rounsifer, '13.
Treasurer—Gladys Dershem, '15.
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Reporter—Faith Welton, '15.
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Dunham—"Are you acquainted with any of the men on the jury?"

Witness—"Yes, sir; more than half of them."

Dunham—"Are you willing to swear that you know more than half of them?"

Witness—"Say, if it comes to that, I'm willing to swear that I know more than all of them put together."

Petrifying.

Miss Bishop (to Prof. McCurdy)—"Oh, Professor! I saw such a funny old fossil in the museum today. I thought of you at once."

Didn't Know.

Miss Maloney—"How do you spell 'antiphlogistine,' Miss Roberts?"

Miss Roberts (after much meditation)—"I really don't know, I never played that."

Willing.

Butler—"Have you sufficient confidence in me to lend me a dollar?"

Yerex—"Yes, I have the confidence but I haven't the dollar."

Last Tuesday, Miss Andrews had the seniors and juniors take their kites and dolls and come down to the chapel.

How Some Sophs. Learn.

When a fellow can't skate he should skate with some other fellow's girl before he skates with his own, she would enjoy pulling him around.

Borrowed Jingles.

"A maid, a man, an open fan,
A seat upon the stair,
A stolen kiss, six weeks of bliss,
And forty years of care."

"An Indian scalps his enemy; a white man skins his friend."

"Don't grumble, don't bluster, don't dream, and don't shirk,
Don't think of your worries; but think of your work.

The worries will vanish, and work will be done;

No man sees his shadow who faces the sun." —Ex.

PACIFIERS BY PETE.

We are sublimely thankful that nothing like the following came to our ears last week: "Giddop there, can't you see he ain't lookin'. Do you want me to club yuh to make yuh run? Easy there, easy, he's looking around now. Lots of time, he'll turn in a minute. Whack! Whack!! Biff, Swat, Crack! We're on the home stretch. Lots of pep. Make her lively. Say, what do you think I am, an information bureau? Haven't the time. Say bo, that was a pipe and no mistake; but never again. No, never again. Now for another sheaf on the old dream book.

She—"How did you come out on your exams?"

He—"Oh, not as well as I thought I would."

She—"How was that?"

He—"Oh, we were put down in a room as big as the back pasture, spaced, everyone handed a different set of questions, and a special attendant with opera glasses put over the different members of the class. The rest of the boys were too far away, and I felt so strange in that vast auditorium that it frightened me. I shrunk up and couldn't think of a thing.

She—"How dreadful! Who was the perpetrator of that outrage?"

He—"I can't say."

"Any little girl, that nice little girl" is good enough to go to the minstrel show at the Realty Opera House, Wednesday, Feb. 14th

ADDRESS PUBLISHED.

One of the members of the staff recently received a letter from Prof. J. Q. Adams, head of the department of English speech at Louisiana State university at Baton Rouge. We are glad to hear that he is enjoying his work exceptionally well. He had over fifty students out for the debate preliminaries. Their question for debate is the Income Tax. There are five universities in the league of which Louisiana is a member, the others are: Texas, Tenn., Mississippi, and Arkansas.

A copy of his lecture on, "Jesus as a Public Speaker," which is now in pamphlet form was also received. This is a very interesting and force-



ful address. It shows a thorough knowledge of the teachings of Jesus as found in the New Testament, and of the world's best literature. It also shows a remarkable skill in combining the same in an original manner. He has already given this lecture twice in Baton Rouge besides in other places.

Prof. Adams is remembered here as the first professor of English Speech in Alma, a busy worker, always for the advancement of Alma college, and the strengthening of her debaters and orators. We all join in wishing him a successful year in his work, and in assuring the students of Louisiana that they have a thorough and capable debating and oratory coach.

SENIORS ENJOY EVENING.

Last Friday evening the seniors took another way of having a good time. They were loyally entertained by Mrs. McNall at her fine home near Ithaca. They left Wright Hall about five o'clock in a large sleigh, and after a pleasant ride reached Mrs. McNall's about 6:30. The house was "thrown wide open" to them and they made their own supper. After the splendid feast they did the dishes.

Then there was some fine singing and reciting and a general good time.

All report a very pleasant evening and pronounce Mrs. McNall a capital entertainer.

HARPER.

The following clipping was taken from last Thursday's Detroit News:

Laporte, Ind., Jan. 31—Coach Jesse Harper, of Wabash College athletics, will leave tonight for his home in Wichita, Kas., where he will be married to Miss Thelma Campbell of that city. Harper is a graduate of the University of Chicago, where he was an athletic pupil of Alonzo A. Stagg. Before going to Wabash, three years ago, Harper coached the athletic teams at Alma College, Alma, Mich. The coach signed a three-year contract this week as athletic coach and manager of the athletic teams for Wabash.

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two years and while head of that department put Alma's athletic teams on a par with any in the state. He was the first coach to turn out a M. I. A. A. championship baseball team at Alma. The Almanian extends congratulations.

CLASSICAL CLUB

The following interesting program was presented before our Classical Club Saturday evening:

Horace as a Poet of Nature, Miss O'Neil.

Translation of Aristophane's Frogs, Ruth Cook.

Act I, Scene 2 of Pharmio, Messrs Austin & Woodruff.

Act I, Scene 3 of Pharmio, Miss Gray, Messrs. Ewing and Landon.

The Prehistoric Inhabitant of Hissarlik, Miss Ingman.

Recently the Alpha Theta girls and the members of the Young Woman's Christian Association received a long letter from Miss Bernice Hunting, a member of the class of 1891, who for fifteen years has taught in a mission school in Tripoli, Syria. Miss Hunting is a daughter of the first president of Alma college and a charter member of Alpha Theta. She writes most interestingly about a new work which she has recently begun in Eth addeth, about three hours' ride from Tripoli. There she has rented a new cottage as her home. She will try to get accurate information regarding some, at least, of the 2,333 villages reported to be in the territory under the Tripoli station of the Presbyterian church. Her home, she hopes, will be a center for the village social and religious influence. She says: "I shall make tours among the villages, visiting the places where we have already organized work, the places from which we have drawn our school boys and girls, and I hope, new places where I may be able to sow good seed in virgin's soil. I shall hold women's and children's meetings and organize whatever kind of societies seem in their circumstances to be helpful; and most of all try to train enthusiastic Bible students and personal workers. I am trying to make large plans, plans to cover many

years and to be worked out as fast and as fully as possible."

The Alpha Theta girls plan to lend their aid in helping Miss Hunting to furnish her new home.

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