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## THE M. I. A. A. RULING

### Summer Base Ball Question Is Now Settled

## MUCH FAVORED BY COLLEGES

### Professors Ewing and Mitchell Give Their Views

After a frank and open discussion of all the phases of summer base ball and its influence on college life, by the board of directors of the M. I. A. A., it was decided in the face of all the facts that the elimination of the rule which prohibits the playing of summer base ball was the only just course to pursue.

One thing was greatly in evidence at the board meeting and that was, that the representatives of the different colleges were unanimous in their desire to meet the problem squarely in the face and solve it on its merits. The faculty members present had been dealing with the athletic side of intercollegiate life from eight to twenty years and all the student representatives took an active part in the athletics of his college during his course. It is safe to say that every man present was actuated by motives for the promotion of the highest good in the M. I. A. A.

These explanations are offered in answer to the criticisms of some who have felt that the Michigan Intercollegiate is deteriorating in its athletic policy.

Now as to the arguments both for and against the measure. In the first place it was found that out of the score of wilful violations of the old rule, that had been known to exist during the last six years, only three men had been disqualified. Two of these were thrown out of athletic participation because of conscientious scruples. Numerous cases were cited where it was learned that students had travelled to distant parts of the country where they made baseball a business. And also where others who were more conscientious remained at

home in order to maintain their amateur standing. It seemed unfair to the purely amateur athlete not to enforce the rules upon the professional, and yet there seemed no possible way to gain information in regard to the different men to prove their guilt. There was a unanimity of desire among the members of the board to enforce the amateur rule but it was found impossible. It was felt by the directors that the new rule would not increase professionalism to any great extent since for the past six years there has been a rule permitting men to play on college teams who had engaged in professional athletics before entering. Further, it was felt, that an athlete should represent his college rather than an amateur status, which is in direct accordance with the views of some of the members of the Big Nine. The directors decided that the best way to keep professionalism out of college athletics was to raise the entrance requirements and the amount of college work for participation. With this in view, the entrance requirements for participation on college teams was raised from thirteen High school units to fourteen. Another rule was established which prohibits new students entering the second semester and taking part in spring athletics. The rule which prohibits Sunday baseball was left intact.

Having taken this action which appears radical, the M. I. A. A. board may be subject to harsh criticism. But it was only after careful testing of the sentiment of the different colleges, both faculty and student bodies, that this move was made. The final vote of the board was nine to three for the elimination of the strict amateur rule.

Such was the action of the Board of Directors of the M. I. A. A. at the special meeting held on January 20, at Albion. The decisions which were reached at meeting, and which were fully explained by Mr. F. R. Hurst in the above article, meet the approval of the entire student body and faculty. Such action if followed out to the letter can not help but raise the scholarship of our colleges and also lift Michigan Intercollegiate athletic standards higher.

In regard to the rules in question, Prof. Ewing says: The effort of the Directors to better conditions in college athletics is commendable and

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## SCIENCE CLUB.

At a meeting of the Science Club, held last Saturday evening, Prof. Notestein gave an illustrated lecture on "The Moon." It was interesting from start to finish, and over fifty lantern slides were used. He traced the changes in the moon from the time that it was a self-luminous body, down to the present time. Then by means of slides showed that it has neither atmosphere nor water. After making plain this fact, he showed the irregularity and character of its surface, which is more or less volcanic in its nature. He illustrated the probable formation of these volcanoes, by showing different individual volcanoes and their peculiarities. Then he exhibited the mountains and the valleys, also the system of cracks and radiating streaks. He then displayed the mountain scenery and closed by showing how the earth would appear to an inhabitant of the moon. This was one of the best meetings that the club has had this year, and all present joined in thanking Prof. Notestein for his interesting and instructive lecture.

## EDMUND VANCE COOKE ENTERTAINS.

Those of the student body who were privileged to take "pot luck" with the Buckeye poet, on Tuesday evening, were given a rare treat. Aside from giving a program far out of the ordinary with its varied flashes of humor, pathos and plain common sense, Mr. Cooke is gifted with a personality which grips his hearers and animates his verses. An interesting feature is that Mr. Cooke recites his own poems only, and consequently gives an ideal interpretation of them. The above number closed one of the best Lyceum courses to which an Alma audience has ever listened. The committee is to be complimented on the fine and varied array of talent which they secured for the members of the club.

In accordance with the plan which was initiated a year ago, the price of membership was raised and the extra proceeds were expended in increasing the quality of the talent. The same plan will be followed next year and is to be hoped that the student body will give it the same hearty support as in the past.

## QUARTETTE SINGS

### Opens Season In the Presbyterian Church

## MANY ENCORES CALLED FOR

### Clever Work at Saginaw a Great Hit With the Audience

The College Quartette opened their season Jan. 20, when they gave a concert in the Presbyterian church. Because of the fact that there had been a number of other attractions during the week, the attendance was very small. However, were one to judge from the enthusiasm which greeted the men on each appearance, it could safely be said that the evening's entertainment was an unqualified success in every other way. The singing was of a very high order from beginning to end, and showed clearly that the tireless energy of their instructor, Mrs. St. John, has this year produced an organization that will bring much glory to themselves and their college.

The program given below was much amplified by numerous encores. Of these, the one which occasioned the most interest was the time-honored "Johnny Schmoker," given with a very realistic interpretation of the action of the old German. "The Old Oaken Bucket" sung with appropriate gestures also brought forth long and hearty applause from the small, though appreciative audience. Miss Amsbury's rendition of the piano solo from Rubenstein showed that this Quartette have allied themselves with a talented musician as an accompanist to the soloists. Miss Amsbury graduated from the Piano Department of the School of Music several years ago and will receive her diploma from the Vocal Department this next June. Mr. Hume as reader is well known to Alma audiences, because of his work under the direction of Professor Adams, last year. He has shown great skill in the selection of his readings and has chosen those which are peculiarly adapted to his ability.

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Feb. 27—7th Sigma Stag Banquet

"Here We Go, or Else We Don't."

As announced last week, the new Almanian editor takes up his duties with this issue. We will endeavor, with your help to maintain the splendid standard set by Mr. Wilcox, the retiring editor. Further we wish to thank him for the splendid condition in which the work was left thereby making it as pleasant as possible for the new men to begin their duties. We also wish Mr. Wilcox the greatest of success in the Inter-collegiate Oratorical contest, March 1, and hope that he will bring Alma first honors, a place she has never yet held.

The Almanian is not the property of the staff, it is the property of the college. It is the Alma college weekly and represents Alma college both here and elsewhere, as much, if not more, than any other department. In spite of all the staff can do, however, it can never produce a successful paper unless the college is back of it. Student, Alumni, friends, all must stand ready to help. With your help "we go" without it, "we don't," in other words, "Here we go, or else we don't."

Everybody is human, we could even go so far as to say that the editor of a college paper is human. Strange as it may seem, his likes and dislikes are bound to crop out from time to time, in spite of himself. But, my friend, before you send broadcast your criticism, remember that we are trying our best to give everybody fair play and no favoritism.

Every class and every society has its Almanian reporter. This is no proof, however, that every class and every society has its doing reported. Let us hear from you.

We are glad to note that the Quartette is gaining much favor with their concert. They were greeted by a large audience at Saginaw, and by a good representation of the town's people when they gave it in the local church. But we are sorry to note that only fifteen students patronized their entertainment.

Now these young men have very willingly furnished entertainment at

all recent college functions, and I deserve the co-operation of the students. It is barely possible that they will repeat the concert before spring vacation, if so, let EVERY STUDENT be a BOOSTER.

We found the following poem in the M. A. C. Herald, and would like to pass it on to our readers.

**Does This Sound Like It?**  
I don't expect to get a snap,  
I want no easy thing;  
For trouble, I don't care a rap,  
I'll take all you can bring.  
I calculate I'll have to sweat,  
It's right, I guess, I should  
But I don't care what brooks I get  
If I can just make good.

If there's a hard old game to beat,  
A man can have some fun,  
And men, there's nothing half so sweet  
As knowing that you've won.  
And so, howe'er hard and tough,  
I'll keep on sawing wood.  
I don't intend to make a flound,  
I'm here to make good.

I hope that I make it pay,  
I'd like to mighty well,  
But I don't care what brooks I get  
If I can just make good.  
I'll fight a good long spell,  
I like the money on the side—  
Of course, that's understood,  
But I shall be well attended.  
If I can just make good.

**QUARTETTE SINGS**

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On Tuesday evening, January 22, the Quartette appeared on the lecture course of the Churches of South Saginaw. The entertainment was given in the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church and called out an attendance that packed the church. The Saginaw Evening News said in part concerning their work "The young men were greeted with great delight by the large and enthusiastic audience and they responded to the ovation with an evening's entertainment which will long be remembered as one of the most enjoyable numbers on the course. The Alma college quartette will be assured of a hearty welcome if they ever return to this city."

Plans are being rapidly carried forward by Business Manager Burritt for a series of Week-end trips to some of the larger towns in Central Michigan. A number of dates have already been decided upon and judging by present indications there will be no lack of engagements. In all probability they will travel thru Northern Michigan during the Spring vacation.

The program was as follows.

**Part I.**  
Prologue (C. E. Rich)...Quartette  
Friars of Orders Gray (1748-1829)  
(Wm. F. Shields)...Mr. Burritt  
Witchery (Stanley)...Quartette  
Reading, selected...Mr. Hume  
Little Orphan Annie (J. Parks)...  
Quartette

**Part II.**  
Piano Solo (Rubenstein)...  
Miss Amsbury  
Annabel Lee, C. A. Poe (Van Der  
Stucken)...Quartette  
It was a Lover and His Lass (De  
Koven)...Mr. Wright  
Kentucky Babe (Geibel)...Quartette  
Reading, selected...Mr. Hume  
Venetian Song (F. Paolo, L. Fosti)  
...Mr. Cook  
Come, Let Us Go (R. W. Atkin-  
son)...Quartette  
College (Faust).

The quartette, soloists, accompanist and reader were each in turn compelled to respond to encores.

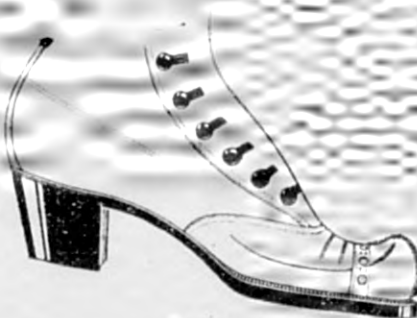
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**SO SAY THE SOPHS.**

The class of 1914, otherwise known as the sophomores has always and many times been spoken of as one of the best classes ever seen on the campus of Alma College. Why referred to as being thus? That is easy, simply because those identified with this bunch have been there with the goods every time. In athletics, in oratory and in many other things too numerous to mention, the sophs have always had their own little way of doing things.

They smashed a precedent all to pieces last Friday night, when they allowed their altruistic spirit to gain the upper hand and then extended an invitation to some of their particular friends to participate with them in the celebration of one of their social class gatherings.

The skating rink at St. Louis was rented for the event, but well did the sophs know that they could not make use of all this space in spite of the fact that some were just learning to skate. Hence, they came upon the idea that there was an opportunity to prove that they were supreme altruists. The thing to do was to invite some of their friends, because skating while in Alma college would be a rare treat to them, and no doubt, they would appreciate an invitation of this kind.

The invitation was handed out with care and two sleighs carried the merry bunch to St. Louis, where they skated until it was time to leave for home in order to get back at eleven o'clock.

It would only be speaking in mild terms to say that every one had a very pleasant time.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS.**

The special meetings formerly announced will be held next week, beginning Monday, Feb. 5, and ending Feb. 11. Assistance from abroad is expected, and the Y. M. & Y. W. A. are expected to do all they can to help the work along. These meetings are to help YOU (every student) They can help you only in as much as you enter into the spirit of helpfulness. "What is my part?" should be your question.

**RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS.**

Last Tuesday morning Dr. Bruske explained the Rhode's scholarships, and the requirements for their entrance examinations. The examinations are held at the state university each year, and the applicants are examined on the following especially; mathematics, latin, Greek and physical condition. The applicant chosen is entitled to fifteen hundred dollars per year for three years, with which to attend the oldest and greatest English university, Oxford. He made an earnest plea for the men of the college to look into the matter, "Alma should at least have a candidate," he said. Dr. Bruske is one of the members of the Michigan examining board, and knows the value of this opportunity for the young men of the state.

**PACIFIERS BY PETE.**

Quoth Professor James Mitchell: "Many a night I have come home after midnight and found the lights going full blast in Pioneer Hall." In commenting on this statement, we can hardly believe that it was precisely the thing to have said. If you had made it ten o'clock, Professor, that mirthful shout would never have been given. Another thing, Professor. At that wee small hour, you must have had a few gnawings of the original hunger. Had you stepped over to the domicile in question, you might have been given a good old fashioned Hamburg hand-out.

The English language is not dead yet, strange to relate, although the Freshmen have been murdering it for an entire semester.

**CAMPUS NOTES.**

According to the result of the election last Monday, Alma will have Superior street paved from the mill bridge to the railroad track. No more wading up to your ankles in mud now.

After being confined to their rooms for two weeks, Beryl Broderick and Vera McLaughlin are able to attend classes again.

Alice Kennedy visited in Owosso last Sunday.

The Misses Marion and Rounen of Mt. Pleasant Normal were entertained at Wright Hall over Sunday.

Gladys Gorton made a brief visit to her home in Gregory last week.

"Bob" King '13 of Adrian entertained Clifford Edgerton and Allan Hooper at his home after the game Friday evening.

Bernice Harrison and Della Struthers attended the Mt. Pleasant Ypsi game at the Normal.

Save your date for the Alpha Theta play February 20.

A card from Oral Misenar to the "Swipes," says that his wife is better but that his father is very low.

The Misses McBain and Bielby spent Sunday in Mt. Pleasant.

**Y. M. C. A.**

The short course in Bible study, which will continue until spring vacation is now in progress. Prof. Randall meets the leaders of study on Wednesday p. m., and the regular classes meet Thursday evening. The Life of Christ from the Gospel of St. Mark is being studied.

The Y. M. C. A. meeting last Sunday was conducted by De Marks and a very interesting meeting and discussion was held. The subject was emphasized the fact that excuses must be layed aside and every man strive to make the Association a great credit to the institution.

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How very absurd it would B  
If some one should look in and C  
Some one like me or U  
In a Chinaman's Q  
Using chopsticks and sipping some T  
Yet, Y?

Prof. Randalls, in Philosophy—"I think you are here, I have the idea you are here, but I don't know that you are here."

Misenar (under his breath)—"Hit him on the head."

## Where Jones Went.

A series of revival services were being held in a western city, and placards giving notice of the services were posted in conspicuous places. One day the following notice was posted: "Hell; its Location and Absolute Certainty. Thomas Jones, baritone soloist, will sing 'Tell Mother I'll be There.'—Bagology."

## He Needed It.

Tramp—"Will you please lend me a piece of soap for about ten minutes?"

Lady—"Lend you a piece of soap! What for?"

Tramp—"My friend has the hiccup and I want to scare him."

In Fresh. Bible: Dr. Clisbe—"Simenton, if you take your hand away, perhaps I can see Miss Bishop's face."

## Air-Pump Wanted.

Von Thurn—"I must brush the cobweb from my brain before examination."

Yerex—"Then you ought to get a vacuum cleaner."

## Association Counts.

In history class: Prof. Mitchell—"What was the great battle in which the Scotch finally won out?"

Miss Cook—"Bannock-Brock."

## Rather an Inducement.

The students of an eastern college grew so reckless in their behavior that the professor thought to improve their conduct by a lecture on morality. In the course of his lecture he said: "My young friends, the floors of hell are paved with champagne and automobiles and chorus girls."

He was horrified to hear one of the students say in a sepulchral tone: "Oh, Death, where is thy sting?"

## Borrowed Jingles.

ALWAYS THE WAY.

On moonlight nights, in hammocks wide,

Do lovers seek sweet bliss,  
And if you take a peep you'll see  
Them—posed—about—like—this.

But when convenient clouds drift down,

They hug and spoon and kiss.  
Sneak up and you will find the pair  
Bothsnuggleduplikethis.

## MINSTREL SHOW.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 14, Coach Grady and his minstrels will do the funny stunt by way of entertainment for the pleasure-loving public. They played to a full house last year and were so well received that they have decided "to do the same thing over again," only in a different way. The cast will be made up of the best talent in college and if we can judge from last year's success it will certainly be a side splitter.

The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the athletic association and therefore deserves the hearty support of every student.

W. L. Osborne will represent Olivet college in the State Contest to be held at that place in March.

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will doubtless go far towards securing for the new rules the support of the college authorities.

Professionalism in baseball can be controlled by a strict enforcement of the rule regarding entrance requirements. If the rule requiring participants in spring athletics to have earned ten credits in their own college shall prevent the entrance of baseball candidates at the opening of the second semester it will put an end to a crying evil.

The college should see to it that no first year man is allowed to belong to any athletic team, whose Freshman standing is not clear and who is not taking the required number of hours of work required of Freshmen.

Prof. Mitchell allows the Almanian to publish the following: In speaking of the action of the Board, he says: The Directors did a sensible thing in allowing summer baseball. They have dealt in a practical way with a practical question. There will be some criticism of their action, no doubt, but the criticism will come from those who don't understand the problem.

Most people will admit that a rule that is not enforced had better be dropped. That is exactly the situation with the baseball rule. Those who fondly fancy the rule is being obeyed in some colleges now are people who dwell in the empyrean and are easily deceived. If one will but reflect for a moment he will easily realize that it is utterly impossible to develop good players, such as our colleges have, in six or seven weeks that we devote to the game each year.

If I were to offer any criticism on the action of the Board it would be that the rule does not require baseball men to be in college the entire academic year. Such a requirement would be an additional safeguard. But perhaps the rule they have given us will prove to be adequate.

Alma lost all chances for winning the M. I. A. A. basket ball championship by losing to Adrian Friday night 26 to 13, and to Hillsdale Saturday p. m. 21 to 26. They also lost to Jackson "Y" Saturday hrget 40 to 20. This was a hard trip and the men were not in the best physical condition.

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