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## ZETA SIGMA BANQUET

Held at the Wright House Friday Evening, Nov. 8.

E. A. THOMPSON, TOASTMASTER

Greatest Banquet in History—Many Old Men Back.

With the big victory over Olivet and the celebration of the M. I. A. A. championship, came a celebration of no less note, and a fitting climax to the big game of jubilee. This was the big annual Zeta Sigma banquet, which was held at the Wright House on the evening of the victory. There were just exactly ninety-two persons present to enjoy the big time and merriment. Not only was the dining room taxed to its limit but about twenty plates were sent in an adjoining room which, like the dining hall proper, was beautifully decorated for the occasion with pennants, society colors and ferns. Messrs. Montieth, Vogt and S. Cook are to be congratulated for the excellent arrangement of affairs, the service of Mr. Parr at the hotel so deserves commendation.

At the appointed hour Toastmaster E. A. Thompson and Miss Elsie Hanchett led the banqueters into the dining room, where lay before them programs, which surely were a work of art, and flowers that lent fragrance to the atmosphere in the room. Everything on the table glistened in the light. Dr. Randels asked the blessing after which all were seated to partake of the menu which tasted just exactly as good as it looked in fancy print on fancy cards.

There was no silence there, hilarity prevailed. Everybody was so full of the victory over Olivet, and the M. I. A. A. championship that the feast could not help but be a success. Then when the menu became zero and the banqueters were "full" of something else besides the joy of football victory, Toastmaster Thompson shoved back his chair and, after waiting a few moments for the members of the other room to join the larger group, revealed the real purpose of the evening. He was the real inspiration of the occasion and his remarks would at one time bring forth great bursts of laughter from the banqueters and at the next sober them into seriousness. After a story or two and a brief survey of the present situation he sailed upon the greatest array of toasts that were ever given at a Zeta Sigma banquet, and every speech was just the thing for the occasion.

After a few witty remarks Mr. Thompson introduced Clifford Edgerton as the first speaker of the evening. Although Edgerton was one of the warriors on Davis field, who helped to bring the championship to the Presbyterian school, he had lost none of his enthusiasm. And in a splendid manner responded to a toast on "Zeta Sigma." Mr. Edgerton told of some of the things Zeta Sigma had done

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## ... Alma 58, Olivet 0 ...

In one glorious hour the Alma college football team administered to her arch-rival, Olivet, the most crushing defeat in the history of their gridiron battles, by the overwhelming score of 58 to 0, and put up a record which will stand for years. And incidentally cinched without dispute the intercollegiate championship won by the best team among the state colleges today. The field and weather conditions were ultra bad for a football contest inasmuch as the playing field was a veritable sea of mud and Alma's open field work and trick plays were fearfully gummed up. When the backfield got in motion it looked very much like a landslide and the score could have been almost doubled under favorable circumstances. But the heavy field didn't dampen the pep of Maroon and Cream men. They had been keyed up for this contest throughout the whole season and were determined if such were possible to blot out all previous reverses and bring home a sweet revenge for Alma. They did.

Every man of the whole fifteen played the best game of his life and gave such an account of himself of which Alma shall always be proud. But if more credit is to be given to some than to others, it must be proffered to Alma's invincible tackles, Capt. Johnson, and Edgerton, ex-captain, who, when the team was somewhat discouraged by Olivet's attack, came up with a rush and turned the tide of battle in Alma's way and tore to bits the Olivet line. To backfield and ends belongs great credit for the tackles' wonderful gains. Their remarkable interference paved the way for the big fellows' advance.

With the crowd yelling itself mad in its excitement Ole kicked to the west goal to Bauman who ran it back ten yards. Alma penalized five yards for offside. This peeved Ox, and he tore through the line on the next play and threw the fullback for a loss of fourteen yards. Austin emulated his partner's example and blocked the punt which Rider was initiating and scooped it up, and ran thirty yards for the first touchdown. H. Schultz goaled with a pretty boot. And the crowd went wild with cheering for seven points is a very good indication of victory, especially when it happens in the first two minutes of play. Ole kicked again and Ox downed the man in his tracks on the thirty yard line. A neat little forward pass netted four yards for the Crimson and White. Alma penalized five for offside. Harry intercepted a forward pass and the first play went around the end for two yards. He added nine more. Wood got a fumble and it was Alma's ball with the first down. Eph shot around left extremity for fourteen yards but Alma was penalized fifteen for holding. Harry Schultz plunged between a vacancy in the line for fourteen and duplicated by a four marker addition. Harry punted twenty yards and Olivet returned it forty-five, gaining twenty-five on the exchange of kicks. Bill contributed eleven, Wood four and Ox two and Harry was downed with no gain. A forward pass failed and it was the invader's ball. French was called upon twice and made twelve yards. Royal tallied up three and Alma was penalized five for off-

side. On two attempts through Austin and Johnson they gained a sum total of three-quarters of a yard. A place kick was tried and Ole blocked it and Alma secured it. Eph gave six to the Alma cause and Will Schultz three, Wood five and Harry eight. Alma was again penalized for holding with a fifteen yard rebuke. Ox began his rampage, which was interrupted by the quarter being called, with a thirteen yard run. Score 1st quarter. Alma 7, Olivet 0.

Royal had been hit in the head and was devoid of mental possibilities but gamely stuck until the end of the game with no abatement of scrap and vocal observations on conditions in general. Olivet made no substitutions but Hyde and Goodrich replaced Von Thurn and Henning.

French opened the second quarter with a short gain and Hamilton donated five more. Rider tried a fake place kick which flunked absolutely. Alma's ball on the last chalk mark and Olivet fighting like demons to muss up the play and score if possible. Two downs and the ball had returned its original resting spot on the ten-yard line. A poor pass gave the ball to the enemy. Eph threw the man carrying the ball for a small loss. And Hyde intercepted a forward pass and sprinted ten yards. Harry punted for twenty yards and Olivet was thrown for losses on two attempts to demolish the center of the line. Austin with uncanny promptness did the Sammy White stunt and secured another fumble. Harry went for twenty yards, Bill one and a forward pass failed. Things looked decidedly gloomy. Coach was digging a canyon as he strode up and down on the sidelines in disgust. And the crowd had resorted to the old last ditch howl, "Hold 'em, Alma." Ox stood up from his crouched position and turning square round tendered Eph a broad wink, and the Captain brazenly returned the optical contortion, slapped the massive back of Misenar and after a brief and sharp, "Come Fellows," squatted to his position again—that was all—except for the things those three began to do from then on. That should be chronicled by no less war correspondent than the redoubtable Homer himself. Eph tore around the line for ten yards, Ox doubled his mate's achievement and Wood added five more. Eph scored the second touchdown after a beautiful run of fifteen yards. Harry failed to kick goal. It later developed that Rider had broken his nose. A nose guard fixed that up and he returned to the game with as much fight as ever.

Olivet kicked to Eph after the failure at a goal kick and the blond leader rushed it back fifteen yards. Vogt made one of the prettiest runs of the day on the next play, when he circled left end for forty two yards Harry went one more and Eph added fifteen more. Ox was called upon and responded with alacrity and decision when he frolicked over the prostrat tackle for eleven. Wood added ten plus and Eph spanned the remaining distance to the coveted goal line in just two jumps and an aeroplane parabola. No goal.

Olivet kicked off to Ox who returned it twenty-five yards. Well

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## COMING TO ALMA

Marcus Kellerman of the Berlin Royal Opera

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Louis E. Anderson of the class of '07 was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Holton of Omena, Oct. 9. Mr. Anderson is one of the famous family of Andersons that have had at least one member in the college since its foundation. The Almanian extends hearty congratulations to Mr. Anderson and wishes him a happy future.

The following men were back for the game Friday. Wm., Charles and Bert Long, Louis Brooks, E. Brehm, Foster Fraker, F. R. Hurst.

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## CORNER ON DATES.

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## UNION PRAYER MEETING.

John Landon, Leader

## FOOTBALL

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satisfied with such a performance Vogt again sent his big tackle with the ball. He made the conventional legal distance behind beautiful interference on the part of the backfield, who though unable themselves to gain ground were helping their teammates in fine shape. Wood sped through the line for four yards and Johnson assisted with eighteen and was followed by Ox with a ten yard offering. Harry carried the ball forward four and Ox crossed the goal line with the touchdown. No goal.

Immediately after the scoring of the touchdown the first half ended with the score 25 to 0, and the Alma machine just beginning its work. For they were scrapping as they never have before. The line was tearing big holes in the opposing line and the ends were dumping everything in sight. Misener especially was making the Olivet center look like a prep star in major league company, several times breaking altitude records in his leaps over the line to nail the quarter before he could set the play in motion.

Olivet kicked to Austin who returned the compliment five yards. Henning added twelve more and Eph half of that distance which was pretty conservative for him in view of certain swollen gains just previous. Von Thurn made the longest gain of the day when he chased about the other end for forty five yards and scored a touchdown. After the backfield had taken care of the primary defense Von showed the secondary defense a taste of speed, easily out-footing them. Harry goaled. Score, 32 to 0.

Welch was substituted for Bauman. Olivet kicked to the ten yard line, Wood returned to the middle of the field. Alma's fumble and the visitors ball. French made five yards and Dusty broke through on the next play and threw them for a small loss. A forward pass failed and again the speedy right half was detailed for service and he responded with a similar gain. Rider tried a fake place kick and was thrown for a loss. Alma's ball on the fifteen yard line. Von Thurn gained twenty, Ox twelve and Henning thirty-eight, Eph six, Bill six and Eph seven more for the touchdown in such quick succession that Olivet was taken off their feet by the snappiness of the plays and the great football exhibited by the Alma team. Harry goaled. Score, 39 to 0. Rider lifted a short kick to Ox.

Assisted by splendid interference he went to the middle of the field before he was brought low and downed. Von made eight, Harry Schultz seven and Eph twenty-five to the shadow of Olivet's goal. Wood smashed through center, scoring the touchdown. Harry goaled with a well placed kick.

Olivet again kicked to Edgerton who returned it fifteen yards. Henning made twenty in a long circuit of the opposite end and Bill came there with five yards, Von ten and Harry five. Wood plunged off tackle for eight and Harry trotted through the guard for five and a touchdown. No goal.

Ole kicked to Royal and just to give the play a little fineness tackled the scrappy little quarter himself. Hamilton lost four when one of Alma's irrepressible tackles broke through and downed the man before he could get a good start. French lost three more and Misener dove over the center's head, apparently after a few altitude records and rested with contentment on the prostrate form of the quarterback who was still hugging the ball. Vogt pulled off a pretty piece of work on the next play, when on a long end run he was tackled by exactly five different men and still continued in his onward march, with only slightly lessened speed.

Yerex went in for Austin just as the quarter was called out. Graham was substituted for Hamilton and Millington for Royal who had finally succumbed to the heartbreaking task of stopping the men who had broken through the line and were traveling touchdown way.

Another touchdown was scored by Wood and Goodrich kicked goal.

## THE LINE-UP.

ALMA		OLIVET
Von thurn	R. E.	Miller
Johnson, Capt.	R. T.	Bauman
Anderson Goetz	R. G.	Holliday
Misener	C.	Payette
Austin	L. G.	Colter
Edgerton	L. T.	Rider
Henning	L. E.	Smith
Vogt	Q.	Royal
H. Schultz	L. H.	Hamilton
W. Schultz	R. H.	French
Wood	F.	Rider

Substitutions: Graham for Hamilton; Millington for Royal; Welch for Bauman; Goetz for Anderson, Yerex for Austin; Goodrich for Harry Schultz; Hyde for Von thurn; Goodrich for Henning.

Final score: Olivet 0, Alma 58. Referee, Perrine. Umpire, Halligan. Touchdowns: Captain Johnson 3; Edgerton 1; Austin 1; Von thurn 1; Wood 2; H. Schultz 1. Goals H. Schultz 3; Goodrich 1.

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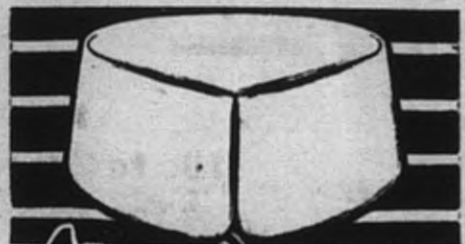
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and some of the splendid things she is doing and intends to do in the future.

Mr. Edgerton was clever in returning the secret told upon him by the toastmaster, in fact his toast was a great winner, and made everybody feel good.

This through and the Toastmaster proceeded to even up matters with another secret on the big football player. Mr. Wade L. Frost also of the class of '13 was then called upon to toast Those "Girls." Mr. Frost paid great tributes to the Alma girls and told of the happy relations between Zeta Sigma and Alpha Theta. His splendid remarks must have made the ladies in the company of the Zeta Sigma men feel perfectly at home. The speaker professed inexperience in his knowledge of womankind, but long before he had finished he proved to the satisfaction of all present that he had a profound knowledge of the subject on which he was speaking. This contradiction however was overlooked by the banqueters and laid up to the modesty of Mr. Frost.

In introducing the next toast Mr. Thompson predicted that it would be the best of the evening, and he proved to be a prophet of truth. Miss Emily Maude Hooper '13, president of the sister society, Alpha Theta, replied to "Our Affiliation." Miss Hooper gave a tribute to Zeta Sigma that its members were proud to accept. Her toast abounded in the finest kind of wit and humor. Her words were charming and elevating, they surely made the boys feel glad of their affiliation with Alpha Theta.

The next speaker was the first called upon that did not belong to the senior class and was mentioned by the toastmaster as being the most popular man of the evening with the most popular subject "Football." This toast was handled in an excellent manner by Captain Fred S. Johnson '14. Mr. Johnson's witticisms and dry humor kept the banqueters in an uproar of laughter during the greater part of his time. Then again he would have them as "sober as judges," with his words of inspiration and elevation. It was plainly shown that Mr. Johnson is good for something else besides football, he is an orator of some ability. The captain gave a grief survey of the football season and the team and in closing told how we got Olivet in the great battle for the championship of the colleges of the state. In closing he thanked the football boys for their cooperation and all drank a toast to Coach Bleamaster. His remarks received the greatest applause from the listeners.

Following the captain of the team came the Coach. He was the man that all were anxious to hear from at this time. He responded to a toast on "Good Fellowship." Showing that the big factor in the success of Alma this year is the spirit of fellowship and harmony that prevails among the members of the team. Mr. Bleamaster gave the enthusiasm that was needed to revive the crowd and fill each person with a new spirit of victory. His splendid definition of good fellowship was one that will long be remembered by the banqueters. At this time the toasts began

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### Yerex' View.

Yerex—"That was a telling situation."  
Miss Younglove—"What was?"  
Yerex—"When you two girls had that spread."

### Not Needed.

Pap—"Say, doctor, what would you think of a warm climate for me?"  
Dr. McClinton—"That is just what I am trying to save you from."

### Their College Boys.

First Mother (reading letter from her son at college)—"Henry's letters always send me to the dictionary."  
Second Mother—"That's nothing, Jack's always send me to the bank."  
—Bagology.

### Why So Quiet.

Butler—"Say, McFarland, why are you always so quiet at the dean's table?"

McFarland—"Well, you see, there are nine girls there and I am the only fellow, besides we must talk French and I can't express my sentiments freely in that language."

### How He Got Her.

Miss H. (sternly)—"Do not anger me."

Paul—"How am I to know when you are angry?"

Miss H.—"I always stamp my feet."

Paul—"Impossible, there isn't room for a stamp on either of them."

### Either Will Do.

Marian—"What kind of a man would you like for a husband?"

Clara—"Oh, either a bachelor or a widower. I'm not particular which."

### Fine!

Mary—"It must be fine to sing on the new Glee club."

Clarence—"It ought to be fine or imprisonment."

### Hard Chase.

J. L. D. B.—"Are you still pursuing your study of French?"

Archie—"Yes, but it is a stern chase."

### FROEBEL INITIATION.

A new form of initiation has been completed by which Miss Florence Henderson was formally initiated into the society. The ceremony which took place in the kindergarten room last Thursday evening was very beautiful and impressive, enforcing upon the mind the duties required of each member. This was followed by the annual banquet which was very appropriately closed by the Froebel song and yell. The Froebel society is the largest girls' society in college, and much may be expected of it during the year.

### ALPHA THETA SPREAD.

The active members of the Alpha Theta Literary society entertained the resident and visiting alumnae and the honorary members at a delightful feast in the Wright Hall dining-room, Thursday evening, November seventh. The appointments of the dinner were elaborate and dainty, the table being effectively decorated with pink chrysanthemums, trailing vines and ferns. The guests were Mrs. Fancher, Miss Bjoin, Miss Haefliger, Mrs. Chick, Miss Soule, Miss Helen Cook, Miss Trapp, Mrs. Randals, Mrs. Hurst, Miss Mary Clark, Miss Fraker, Miss Grace Messenger and Mrs. Gorrel of Indiana.

### GERMAN TABLE SPREAD.

Wednesday evening the Deutsche Sprechers feasted on chicken brought from home by Miss Jean McGill, coffee, heavenly slush, and all the little accessories of a fine "spread." It sure was a grosses Essen.

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to take another turn and were more of a serious nature.

The long looked for freshman was next. He, too, was one of those famous football players. Harry Schultz (one of the famous Schultz brothers) toasted "Beginnings" in a way that no former freshman of Zeta Sigma thought of equaling. After taking a few drives at the toastmaster and the sophomores, Harry proceeded to tell what great things the freshmen of Zeta Sigma were looking forward to. He certainly has the right idea and if he "Keeps a 'goin'," the freshmen will surely do great things for Zeta Sigma and Alma College. Harry's toast rang true to the real Zeta Sigma spirit from beginning to end.

Arthur Simenton, although his voice was somewhat husky from shouting on Davis Field during the afternoon, in his dignified way gave one of the finest toasts a second year man has given in some time. He continued the attack on the Toastmaster's preaching ability, then told of the many happy days he has had in Alma, for his toast was on "Happy Days." He said that the red letter day of them all was today for we have defeated old Olivet by the biggest score in the history of Alma's football record. He also told of the Zeta Sigma happy days and the happy days of college life. Mr. Simenton surely made everybody feel and think that the time of the banquet was about the happiest time of their lives.

President Thomas C. Blaisdell honored the Zeta Sigma members by his presence as a guest. His son is a member of this society. In introducing Dr. Blaisdell the toastmaster said, "we are anxious to know what impression we have made upon our new president, for first impressions are hard to erase." Then quoting from Coleridge he said "If you would be well with a great mind, leave him with a favorable impression of you. If with a little mind, leave him with a favorable opinion of himself." He said further every member of the society and college believed the President to be a great mind, and that Dr. Blaisdell had won the love of every student, and that now they were anxious to know what impression Zeta Sigma had made on him.

The new president then toasted in a most serious, eloquent and elevating manner the subject of "First Impressions." His toast was one of the best and most inspiring ever heard by the members of the society. He lauded the praises of Zeta Sigma and the ladies in the company of the members. He said his impressions of Alma from the very first were nothing but favorable, and that if he could not be pleased with the impression Zeta Sigma made upon him at the splendid festive occasion, he would indeed be hard to please. In closing he asked these present who were not members of the society to join him in drinking a toast that he proposed to Zeta Sigma. His remarks received the heartiest of applause from all in attendance.

Last but not least came Hurst. He was called upon to "Reminisce." Hurst is always a favored member at all occasions like this for he is always brim full of the real Alma Spirit. He was a fitting climax to such a splendid banquet. He told of old days and of old men who had upheld the glory of Alma both on the gridiron and on the base ball diamond. In closing toastmaster Thompson proposed a toast to "Our Mothers."

This banquet is said by many of the old members to be the best ever held by the society. It could not help but be successful, coming as it did right upon the greatest victory of the season.

The old members present were F. R. Hurst, Dr. G. B. Randels, John M. Dunham, Foster Fraker, Alexander Duncanson, Edward W. Brehm and C. Donald Call.

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