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## U. OF D. FALLS BEFORE ALMAITES

### BIG REVERSAL IN FORM AFTER YPSI DEFEAT FRIDAY BRINGS A VICTORY.

After being defeated by Michigan State Normal in a Michigan Intercollegiate game Friday night in which much rangling took place among the Alma players, the Maroon and Cream aggregation came back Saturday night and soundly thrashed the University of Detroit to the tune of 28 to 16. Friday night Ypsilanti won 27 to 18.

One who saw the team perform Saturday night would not have known it for the team that met Ypsilanti on the previous night, so fine was the teamwork that the quintet displayed in defeating the University five.

Alma took the lead against the University of Detroit at the start of the contest and not until Alma had nailed twelve points could the Detroiters penetrate the Alma defense for a field basket. The way the team was going at that time made it certain that Alma would be a winner, the only question being the size of the score that the fighting Alma machine would roll up.

In every department of the game Alma outplayed the University of Detroit aggregation in the fray which was a rough one, Referee Olds getting the teams mixed to some extent. The entire team played as a single unit in the contest and is to be highly commended for the work that was shown in this contest.

Against Ypsilanti lack of teamwork marred the play of the Alma team, and were it not for the work that was shown on Saturday night one would have thought that the men were sadly out of condition, as the play of the Maroon and Cream against a team weaker than the U. of D. was surprising for what it didn't show.

At the end of the first half Alma was trailing 13 to 9, and even then the Almaites had plenty of opportunity to step out and win had the team pulled itself together. Before the half was very well under way Shaver started to pull a few scoring stunts, and after nailing two field baskets in a row was sent from the fray on personal fouls. Wright replaced him.

Alma's basket ball team, now seemingly, has its back to the wall as far as any hope of winning the Michigan Intercollegiate basket ball title is concerned. Alma cannot lose a single game from now on and win the championship. This only can mean that the team must continue to develop the team play improvement that it has been showing and that the entire squad must be in perfect condition for every game during the balance of the season, if it is to give to Alma College its very best efforts to the attempt to pull down Kalamazoo College, which seemingly is right now the strongest of the association fives.

### NEW COURSES

Two new courses are being offered in college next semester, a course in connection with Economics and a course in Heredity and Eugenics. The first course aims to present the views of the best thinkers of the principal countries, and aims to teach students to look at these views with a critical attitude. Briefly, the purpose of this course is to give the student practice in the detection of economic fallacies in our current writings.

The second course is self-explanatory. This course is open only to upperclassmen, or those who have had as a preparation, the General Biology course.

Don't forget the Zeta Sigma Stag Feb. 18, 1922.

## Two Speakers at Chapel Exercises

Chapel services Friday were prolonged to allow ample time for two speakers who were greatly appreciated by the student body. Miss Pollard, Assistant Librarian of Grand Rapids, spoke briefly upon the subject of libraries and the call to library service. Libraries, she said, are the most important factors in modern life. The advent of the automobile has done much to break up the old family reading group, but still the library seems to flourish. The Grand Rapids Library has increased from a patent medicine almanac and a Sears & Roebuck catalogue in 1872 to a modern institution with 275,000 books at present. She mentioned a great deal about distance in the present day, being shortened. For example, it took Andrew Jackson thirty days to travel from Nashville to Washington, and at the present age one can go from Nashville to Australia in the same length of time. This was undoubtedly quoted to prove that there is no excuse for overdue books in this age of abbreviated distance. The library holds a distinct service to the democracy of the future, and works hand in hand with the educational forces of the nation. In closing, Miss Pollard emphasized the great need for librarians, and urged that the girls give Cupid the cold shoulder and devote their lives to cataloguing the intellectual food of the nation.

Reverend H. B. Ray was the next speaker on the program. He told of his early experiences as a seeing lad in North Carolina where the black crows crowed, the big roosters roosted, and the chicken hawks hawked; and where the white rose rose, the cowslips slipped, and the blue bells tinkled in the valley. While still a young lad he lost his sight, but so great was his determination to succeed in life that he went to a school for the blind and received an education. He was the first blind student to get an M. A. from Harvard.

We live, he said, in an age of possibilities. No one with ambition has a right to fail. The three essentials for success are opportunity, success, and character, but the greatest of these is character. One of the greatest ingredients of character is work, and there are too many people today who expect to succeed without putting forth an effort.

While the address was a trifle stereotyped, it was very convincing and helpful, coming as it did from a man who has achieved so much under great difficulties. The address was generously interspersed with humorous anecdotes which made it all the more enjoyable, especially to certain members of the faculty who had allowed themselves to become very glum by thinking of the slaughter they were to make in the following week.

### ZETA SIGMA

The meeting of Zeta Sigma on January 23rd was presided over by Pres. Crittenden. The session was brief but exceedingly interesting.

Alvin Graham read a most entertaining paper on the subject, "Why I like to Fuss Wright Hall Girls." Needless to say, it held the attention of all present.

Bruce Armstrong gave a talk on "A Short History of Zeta Sigma." Facts and anecdotes were well interspersed throughout the talk.

A paper entitled "The Advantages of a College Education" was read by Hugh Tarrant.

Following a report of the executive committee and the House Manager, the society was adjourned.

Having been ill all semester Phyllis Bradley will be unable to resume her studies this semester. She has gone home for a rest, but hopes to be back with her old time vigor next fall.

Persis Robinson of Traverse City visited friends at Wright Hall last week. She has accepted a position in the Flint public schools.

## HEAP BIG CHIEF EXHIBITS SKILL

### DR. LORING AND BRAVE HAWK GIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR ATHLETICS.

Alma College athletics are in a bad way, financially. The fact is to be deplored that the Athletic Association treasury is buried under such a pile of debts as it is. During the last few years, covering the time this college was in the grip of the late war, the cost for carrying on athletics has increased to a point far beyond the returns at the gate.

Realizing that further carrying on of athletics was impossible with such a monstrous debt hanging over their heads, the Athletic Board of Control decided that unless financial help was received, all sports were at an end for the time being. The matter was carried before the College Board of Trustees. After due consideration and deliberation, they backed the notes now due. Doing this gave the Association plenty of time to repay the trustees.

The first effort made to erase this huge obligation blossomed forth in the form of an Indian entertainment on Saturday evening, January 28. At that time, Dr. Loring, who has spent many years among the Sioux Indians, and Brave Hawk, a member of the Sioux tribe, told and gave demonstrations of Indian customs. Back in President Roosevelt's time, Dr. Loring explained, the government felt the want of Indian music. The music was wanted for its character, as it typified to a certain degree, the customs and feelings of the fast dying race of red-men.

Dr. Loring was sent to an Indian reservation in the Dakotas and told to bring back the music. It was many months before he was able to get what he sought, for he had little suspected what a difficult task he had undertaken. But finally, after overcoming the obstacles of the Sioux language and customs, he persuaded a group of old braves, as they sat in a trading post, to sing into his phonograph. They sang and produced the first good record. From then on, records of Indian music and legions began to find themselves in the archives of Washington.

After many years, Dr. Loring stated, he was able to turn his attention to wider fields; he was able to bring to civilization the real facts concerning the life of the Indian. In doing this he brought to civilization a member of the Sioux tribe, Brave Hawk, a man who had never been off the reservation in his life; a man who until a few months ago hadn't known what a street car was; a man who had never imagined in his wildest dreams, the marvelous things of the civilized world. Fresh from the haunts of the red-men, Brave Hawk and Dr. Loring were able to give their audience on Saturday night, a good idea of Indian customs, songs, dances, and feelings. Brave Hawk, who is not yet twenty-one years of age, and who has run five miles in twenty-eight minutes, amused his audience very much with his songs and dances. Accompanied by Dr. Loring on the piano, he danced three dances. The first dance he called the Buffalo Dance; the second, the War Dance; and the third, the Ghost Dance. The War Dance, Loring explained, was the dance that the Sioux tribe "warmed up with" the night before they drove General Custer to defeat.

At the close of the performance Brave Hawk made a speech in his native tongue, thanking the audience for their kind attention, and inviting them to inspect him at close range. Many took advantage of his offer, not a few of them meeting for the first time, a real Indian, face to face.

"Rosemaiden" Wednesday night.

## Fast Game Set For Next Friday Night

To remain in the Michigan Intercollegiate basket ball race after the close of the present week the Alma College basketball team will be forced to defeat the Kalamazoo College team on the local floor Saturday night, a feat that is no small one when it is considered that the Kalamazoo aggregation has defeated Notre Dame, and the Michigan Aggies on foreign courts this year.

There is little question but what the Kalamazoo aggregation has the right to be known as one of the fastest fives in the middle west this season. It certainly has been showing strength that will entitle it to such a claim.

Alma hopes to stop this team, and is confident that she can stop it. Not only does Alma hope to stop the Kalamazoo five but she has the realization that her last chance at the M. I. A. A. title will be gone if Kalamazoo cops the long end of the score in the game.

Every effort is being made this week to put the team in the best of shape for the fray. No pains are being spared in getting the offensive work up to its best scoring propensities, and the defense is being worked up to stop McKay and company. Crittenden, the big Alma guard, who has been playing a stellar game all season, has played against McKay in former seasons and the fans believe that Crittenden will not come off second best when the two meet Saturday evening.

The fray will without a question be the hottest fought of the entire season, and one that will be filled with real action from the start to finish.

### POST EXAM JUBILEE

The reaction from our strenuous week of exams found its expression in a post-exam jubilee given by the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. Saturday night. At eight o'clock the participants wafted into the gym prepared to enjoy the fun. When a sufficient number had assembled, the ice was broken by a grand march, in which fond couples were ruthlessly torn apart. After the mixup, the programs were distributed. Although these programs were reminders of our exams, they were clever and original. Athletics, the head of the list, was demonstrated by a strenuous chasing game in which Dr. Randels improved his speed. In the Biology course, the people were supposedly named for animals. At a given signal, they were supposed to imitate this animal. When the time came, Professor Hamilton was the only one who responded, by a wholehearted bray. This may have been accidental, or pre-arranged.

The music course was illustrated by Helen Carpenter with her troupe of artists from Venice. "Georgia Rose" was pathetically and harmoniously rendered. Mabel Field gave a humorous recitation which was much appreciated.

"After Effects" were "take offs" on certain notable and notorious people. Sidney Foster "did" Stew Pratt. Greta Muir and Ken Manwaring "did" Fromilda and Russel. These were offered in a most artistic and realistic fashion. There were no wild conjectures as to the interpretation of the "take offs."

"Rewards" came in the form of refreshments. Delicious wafers and ice cream were distributed and consumed freely.

Soon the magic hour of ten arrived. The party drew to a close and each departed feeling that the "Post-exam" Jubilee had been a great success.

### Y. W. C. A.

The subject of the regular "Y" meeting led by Avis Lane was "The Heart of the Rose?" This is a very beautiful story by Mable McKee, having to do with true womanhood. After hearing ideals so strikingly presented every girl felt that it was good for her to have been there.

Annual Zeta Sigma Stag Banquet February 18, 1922.

## ALMA DROPS ONE TO MT. PLEASANT

### MAROON AND CREAM RESERVES WIN PRELIMINARY FROM TEACHERS.

Coach Parker's veteran Mt. Pleasant Normal basket ball team was forced to display the best brand of basketball that it had Monday evening to defeat the Alma collegians in the high school gymnasium by a 20 to 12 score, the Maroon and Cream forcing the fighting from the start and threatening in the earlier stages of the contest to walk away from the veteran Teacher five.

One thing is sure and that is that Coach Parker was extremely lucky to have six veteran basket ball men to shove into the game against Alma. It was only the experience and the team play that is gained from this experience that gave the visitors their victory.

Alma with only two veteran basket ball men in her lineup put up a fine brand of basket ball. The Almaites broke into the scoring column first, when Kirker nailed a point on a foul. He then came back with a field basket and "Red" Carty added another before the visitors started their scoring. Kirker added another field basket and two fouls before the half ended. Brooks and Calkins for the Teachers each nailed field baskets and Brooks kept the Normals in the running with three fouls during the half, so that the Isabella County five was trailing only one point as the half ended.

In the second half Calkins cut loose with three long field baskets that were lucky in the extreme, and these with three close ones, one of which he also got, settled the verdict of the game.

The Teachers defense improved to such an extent over the first half that Alma could not penetrate it for a single counter, and while Kirker and Sordstrom picked up every possible point from the foul line, they were not sufficient in number to keep the Maroon and Cream in the game.

The team put up a fine brand of ball against the veteran Normal five and, while the fans are disappointed in the outcome, they are still behind the team which is proving itself a fighting quintet.

Lineup and summary:  
Alma Mt. Pleasant  
Kirker..... rf .....Calkins  
Soderstrom..... lf .....Francis  
Shaver..... c .....Brooks  
Carty..... rg .....Shelton  
Crittenden..... lg .....LeCronier

Field baskets—Calkins 5, Brooks 2, Francis; Kirker 2, Carty. Fouls—Brooks 4 out of 5, Kirker 5 out of 5, Soderstrom 1 out of 1. Substitutions—Johnson for Soderstrom, Catherman for Kirker, Kirker for Catherman, Catherman for Johnson, Soderstrom for Kirker, Wright for Soderstrom, Warner for Francis, Cameron for Shelton.

Score first half — Alma 8, Mt. Pleasant 7.  
Referee—"Chief" Nevitt.

In a good preliminary the Alma College Reserves defeated the Parker coached Pondillies by a 12 to 6 score, after the Teachers had apparently sewed up the contest in the first half, which ended with a count of 6 to 2 for the Teachers. Johnson, Beam and Hudson featured on offense and Niles and Waggoner on defense.

Alma 2nd Normal 2nd  
Anderson..... rf .....Ziegler  
Hudson..... lf .....Tallon  
Johnson..... c .....Kettner  
Niles..... rg .....Smith  
Waggoner..... lg .....McCracken

Field baskets—Johnson 2, Hudson 3 in 4, Ziegler 4 in 11.  
Substitutions—Beam for Hudson, Niles for Cathcart, Anderson for Bailey, Wile for McCracken, McDonald for Tallon, Beehart for Ziegler.  
Referee—"Bullet" Fitch.

# LET'S WALLOP KAZOO FRIDAY

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ABOLISH FINALS

Theoretically final examinations have two good excuses for existence. In the first place they furnish the indifferent students an incentive to work during the semester in anticipation of the terrible ordeal. It is to be regretted that there are indifferent students, but that do exist. They constitute an unknown quantity which must be reckoned with as an important factor in every equation involving students and studies. The theory further provides that without the incentive of finals, many good students would become indifferent. In the second place, final examinations furnish a good check to the knowledge of the prospective students. They are sort of a slide rule which when properly manipulated (emphasis on properly manipulated) classifies a person as being an "A" or "B" student in a certain subject. Thus are final examinations accounted for in theory.

In practice, however, theory and facts do not coincide with such a nicety as might be supposed. Final examinations fail to a great extent as an incentive because at the beginning of the semester they are so comfortably far in the distance that they are no source of worry. "Don't cross your bridges until you come to them" seems to be the cardinal maxim among students, and the average student thinks little about the finals until they are almost at hand. The greatest failure of final examinations, however, is that they are not an accurate indication of the ability of a student in the respective subjects. A two hour examination obviously cannot cover the whole course in detail, so the questions necessarily have to be general in scope. As a result, a little general knowledge of the subject and a good "pony" are all that are needed to pull one through. Many a student goes to a final examination with his knowledge carefully written in his extra blue book. There are others who by ways mysterious and devious, have gained beforehand an amazingly correct summary of the questions, and who thus are enabled to go thru the examinations with flying colors. If these things were true of Alma College alone, this article would never see print. But it is not a local condition, it is general thruout all educational centers, and any one who is skeptical can satisfy himself by careful observation and inquiry on any train of vacation-bound students. The only encouraging feature about final examinations is that the honest students are somewhat in the majority. At best, however, there is unjust discrimination, and the honest suffer because of the baser element. There are other arguments, both for and against final examinations, but it should suffice to point out that they fail of their two main purposes, as an incentive to study and as a guide to scholastic ability.

The flat failure of final examinations to accomplish their purpose points to but one remedy, the substitution of a different system which would have the best features of the finals, and which would eliminate the worst. Final examinations, like the general property tax, cannot be reformed, they must be abolished entirely. In their place examinations should be substituted at frequent intervals. They should be given three or four times a month without warning, and would thus furnish a reliable record of the student's practice the theoretic advantages of knowledge that he is likely to be examined any day should be a good incentive for the most lazy student to study his lessons well. This plan has the further advantage that it would save two weeks of school which are now given to examinations each year. As a progressive college, Alma could do nothing better than relegate final examinations to the museum, and adopt a plan which would have in practice the theoretic advantages of final examinations, and which would have none of their defects.

PHILOMATHEAN

The regular meeting of Philomathean was called to order by the president fifteen minutes earlier than usual on account of the large amount of business at hand.

After finishing the few necessary business matters, the election of officers which was the real object of the meeting, was held. Officers for the second semester are as follows:  
President—Hulda Ward.  
Vice-President—Mildred Gerow.  
Second Vice President—Avis Lane.  
Secretary—Marjorie Mackie.  
Corresponding Secretary—Helen Scott.

Treasurer—Hazel Shankel.  
Almanian Reporter—Ruth King.  
Sentinel—Geraldine Manwaring.  
Critic—Louise Hainline.  
Parliamentarian—Ruth Stewart.  
Following the election, the new officers withdrew to discuss what kind of a "treat" would express to the other members the joy they felt for the high honors thrust upon them. The DeLuxe was chosen as a fitting place to have a real "Officer's treat." When the members of the society heard the glad news, a hasty adjournment of the business meeting followed, and in a few minutes they were all signed up for a "social-cut" and ready to wend their way to wherever the officers might lead.

Never did DeLuxe hold a happier, more interesting crowd of girls bent upon having a good time. The different members of the society vied with each other in choosing enticing dishes. Music, singing, and laughing accompanied the feast. At last, when everyone was finished, and the officers were relieved of their funds, the DeLuxe people announced to the astonished group that now they were going to treat. If anyone had any pent-up feelings, they could not withhold them any longer. Philomathean surely thanks DeLuxe and thinks they are good sports.

The time for returning to the Hall came around all too soon, but all good things must end so the members after giving a yell for the DeLuxe, turned their faces to the Hall. The comment "The best officers' treat yet," was on the lips of everyone, and all expressed their delight to the new officers.

ALPHA THETA

The regular meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary Society was called to order January 23, by the president, Mabel Field. The minutes were read and approved. Roll call was answered to by a description of a famous spot in Ireland, England or Scotland. There was a second critic's report. The impromptu, "How a Ship Finds its Way across the Trackless Ocean," was given by Elizabeth Williams. Lucy Fellows gave a talk on "How We Land in the British Isles," followed by a paper on "The British Isles," read by Gladys Fryxell. Marjorie McLearn read an account of Irish folk-lore. Edith Hughes then gave a talk on Scottish customs, after which the girls were treated to "short bread" which was kindly sent by Mrs. Muir. Beatrice Cottle sang "My Ain Folk," which was followed by the business of the evening. Adjournment.

KAPPA IOTA

Regular meeting of Kappa Iota literary society was called to order by President Dorothy Flanegin on Monday evening, January 23, 1922. Roll call was answered by a current event. Some very interesting happenings of the day were reported. Regular business was brought before the members of the society. Benediction was repeated. Adjournment.

BETA TAU EPSILON

At the meeting of Beta Tau Epsilon, January 21, most of the time was taken in discussing the proper play to be given in the near future. The question could not be decided at that time, so a meeting was held Friday afternoon, the 27th, to settle the matter. A short program which consisted of a discussion of Robert's Rules of Order by Mr. Lane completed the meeting.

The Misses Ardis, Jackson and Doty were guests of Agnes Ardis over the week end.

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Then J. J. Thomson established the electron theory on the transmission of electricity in a partial vacuum—and the blue light was understood. In a very high vacuum, however, the light and apparently the currents that caused it disappeared.

One day, however, a scientist in the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company proved that a current could be made to pass through the highest possible vacuum, and could be varied according to fixed laws. But the phantom light had vanished.

Here was a new and definite phenomenon—a basis for further research.

Immediately, scientists began a series of experiments with far reaching practical results. A new type of X-ray tube, known as the Coolidge tube, soon gave a great impetus to the art of surgery. The Kenotron and Plotron, followed in quick succession by the Dynatron and Magnetron, made possible long distance radio telephony and revolutionized radio telegraphy. And the usefulness of the "tron" family has only begun.

The troublesome little blue glow was banished nearly forty years ago. But for scientific research, it would have been forgotten. Yet there is hardly a man, woman or child in the country today whose life has not been benefited, directly or indirectly, by the results of the scientific investigations that followed.

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In the autumn we see the College students taking long hikes or canoe trips, or perchance, they line up along the north side of Davis Field and watch a fighting Alma eleven plow its way down the gridiron for a touchdown. A crisp feeling is in the air as the leaves begin to turn, and the Pine calls the student from his books. He paddles or hikes to Honeyoye with Her and soon the fragrant odor of coffee and steak fill the atmosphere. They sit side by side, utterly happy and contented, until the shadows begin to lengthen and the head of the canoe must be guided toward the College dock.

But in a few weeks the many-hued leaves begin to fall to the ground and are covered in the morning with a heavy white frost. The air becomes bitterly cold and the chill winds sweep down from the North. Our student shivers uncomfortably as he comes down the Pine for the last time this year for he realizes that winter, long-dreaded winter, has come at last. To him it is to be dreaded for, instead of hiking, canoeing, and football, he fears that he must turn his attention to "indoor sports" and, to his mind, the wonderful afternoons with her are at an end.

But are they? As he drags his canoe from the dock over the fast-freezing ground, he sees a thin film congealing on the surface of his beloved Pine. His eyes glisten as he sees in his mind the picture of those hockey skates that he put in the bottom of his trunk when he left home. His spirits rise as he visions, in the near future, the pleasures of skating on the Pine and he feels with happiness the bleak north wind as it whistles past him.

Soon the time comes when he can wait no longer. He throws everything skyward in a mad effort to get to the bottom of that trunk for those skates, and having found them he rushes wildly off to test the ice. His eyes sparkle and his blood quickens as he dons his skates. The spirit of Winter is upon him as he inhales the pure refreshing gales from the north. He races up and down the old river until it grows so late that he has to unwillingly go to dinner.

The next time he appears on the ice he is not alone. Of course, her ankles are weak and it is necessary for him to hold her in his vise-like grip to keep her on her feet, but, naturally, he does not mind the trouble. He glances at her out of the corners of his eyes and sees that the joys of skating have taken possession of her, too, and soon he will have to do his best to keep up with her. But if the college fellow always manages to keep up with the co-ed, he is doing remarkably well!

There are many who cannot enjoy the sports of autumn: there are not many canoes; all cannot hike; football takes only a chosen few; many parents object to their daughters going out in canoes. But everyone can enjoy the ssssssK—sssssK—sssssK of the sharp blades on the mirror-like

surface of the Pine when the January blizzards redden the cheeks and chill the hands. When classes are over and the mental strain of the day is past, the Alma Student rushes to the Pine for his long anticipated pleasure. A couple hours of streaking up and down the river and he is tired out. A good dinner at Wright Hall and he goes to his room unusually fit to prepare his lessons for the coming day. His mind has been cleared and the sluggish after-class feeling has been driven away by the strenuous exercise of the afternoon. So it is that, although his standings had slacked to an alarming degree during the Indian summer days, he can now put forth every effort to prepare himself for his semester examinations. He is physically fit and his mental retentiveness surprises even himself and his professors wonder who has inspired the wonderful change.

Can anyone deny the advantages that are secure within the bounds of Alma College? Instead of being cooped up in a ten by twelve overheated room every afternoon slowing up an already sluggish brain, the Alma Student is down on his river, the Pine, getting exercise and mental relaxation in the crisp, healthful air of January. Can you wonder, then, that Alma turns out graduates of such high standing, who take their places in the affairs of Life? The Alma student is well-balanced. He gets his share of fun, which serves its turn by clearing his senses and creating a desire to study.

Once again let us picture—a fine stretch of clear ice, reflecting the ruddy glow of the setting sun as it peeps for one lingering moment over the ridge of clouds on the western horizon—the Alma Student, his eyes shining and his cheeks ruddy from the chill wind, speeding like a streak up and down his beloved Pine. Soon he slackens his speed and prepares to leave the river. Tired and cold but happy and prepared to meet the tasks of Tomorrow, he turns his back on the Pine and departs through the deepening shadows.

**Fine Arts Quartet  
at H. S. Tonight**

An outstanding novelty program, which is brimful of high class entertainment and music, will be presented by the Fine Arts Quartet on the Community Lyceum Course at the Alma high school auditorium, Tuesday evening, February 7. This will be the fifth number on the fine course which is being presented this year, and is certain to be one of unusual interest.

One of the real features of the evening's program will be the presentation of a musical comedy sketch in which are given the songs of old Ireland. The sketch will be replete with the spirit of Erin. Appropriate Irish costumes will be worn during the sketch.

Another fine feature of the program will be the presentation of a Spanish sketch, during which the best of Spanish music will be rendered. The artists will appear in Spanish costumes.

The program will be varied with other special features, which will include special readings, solos, duets, trios and quartet numbers.

All in all the program for the evening promises to be one of the best, if not the best of the entire course. Some single admission tickets are still available. The entertainment will start promptly at 8:15 p. m.

**NEW CAMPUS EDITOR**

Mr. Kenneth Fry has been appointed campus editor in place of Mr. Freeman who had to relinquish his position because of lack of time. Mr. Freeman has been a good man on the staff, and it was with regret that his resignation was accepted. The appointment of Mr. Fry is the result of careful thought and selection. His record in the English Department, and in previous work for the Almanian has shown him to be thoroughly competent, and he will be valuable addition to the staff.

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**Campus Breezes**

"Dick" W.—"Hey, McGlone what is the idea of watching the library steps so much?"  
McGlone—"Oh, merely a matter of form."

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Revealed  
I asked her if she rolled them,  
She said she'd never tried.  
Just then a mouse ran swiftly by,  
And now I know she lied.  
—Washington Sun Dodger.  
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Van—"Marjorie, you look almost sweet enough to kiss."  
Marjorie (shyly)—"I intended to look better than almost."  
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Louise Osgood—"Now, really, Dr. Randels, don't you think girls have cleaner minds than men do?"  
"Doc"—"Yes I suppose so. But they ought to; look how often they change them." —Old Stuff  
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Brother Vreeland—"Brothers and sisters, in time of trial, what brings us the greatest comfort?"  
(A still voice in the back pew)—  
"It's an acquittal, brother."  
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Wife (showing furs, a present from husband)—"Fancy such lovely furs coming from such a little skunk!"  
Passing Show (London)  
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"I say, Madge, it's bitterly cold. Hadn't you better put something on your chest?"  
"Don't worry, old thing. I've powdered it three times."—London Mail.  
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"Been having a mother's club meeting here today, Mary?"  
"How did you guess?"  
"By my empty cigarette box."  
—Judge.  
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Hudson—"Remember, dear, when we sat here how you—?"  
She—"Yes. But lightning never strikes twice in the same place."  
Lowell—"Shall we sit over there?"  
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Is It Possible?  
Uncle Charlie (in Bible 11)—Now my dates do not correspond with those in the text book, but don't bother with those. Follow my dates!

**PHI PHI ALPHA**  
President Vreeland called Phi Phi Alpha to order Monday evening, January 23rd. After a short prayer by Bailey, the business of the evening was discussed. The chairmen of the Lincoln Banquet committees gave their reports, and C. L. Williams gave a report on the action that the Student Council took on Phi Phi Alpha's petition for a dance in connection with the banquet.

After a full discussion of the reports, President Vreeland resigned his position. Wayne Wenger was then elected by an unanimous ballot.

The literary program of the evening consisted of a debate on the question: Resolved that the Closed Shop is Justifiable. Waggoner and Gay upheld the affirmative; J. Wright and Shrier upheld the negative. For some unaccountable reason, the necessary judges were not appointed, so the question as to who is right and who is wrong, is still to be settled. However, it is thought that the negative scored heavily. They were not possessed with the eloquence of the affirmative, but they had real arguments. With a burst of applause, the debaters took their seats, and the meeting was adjourned.

President Wenger called a business meeting January 30. The reports on the progress of the Lincoln Banquet committees were given.

**CANTATA**

Tuesday evening, in the chapel, the chorus will entertain the college and its friends with a delightful cantata entitled "The Rose Maiden." The story is as follows: The Queen of the Flower Fairies, weary of a life of unbroken calm, prays of the newly returned Spring that he will bestow upon her also the gift of love that he bestows upon man. He warns her of the risk she runs, but finally yields to her entreaties by changing her while she sleeps into the form of a beautiful girl. Under the name of Roseblossom, she wanders through the world to find the love that she seeks, and meets with a girl who, having been betrayed and deserted by her lover, loses her senses and dies broken-hearted. But, undeterred from her search, Roseblossom becomes the wife of a forester, with whom she lives for a time in such perfect happiness that she cannot survive his death. The elves bewail the fate of their Queen, and curse love as fatal to peace and happiness.

The chorus and Mr. Beausang have been working hard on this selection and it is hoped that the college will show its interest in the organization.

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