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ALMA WINS FROM M. A. C. YEARLINGS

VARSIITY TRACK TEAM GETS NINE FIRSTS OUT OF POSSIBLE FIFTEEN.

The Alma track team pulled the unexpected when they easily outdistanced the Aggy Frosh in the track meet held there Saturday. The Maroon and Cream ran up a total of seventy-three points to the Aggies fifty-seven. Alma placed first in nine events.

The team went down with only nine men and prospects did not look any too bright for Alma to do much. However, the old Alma spirit asserted itself, and was inculcated into the heart of every man. They fought with everthing that was in them, and though at first, the Aggies took the lead, Alma did not give up, but came back stronger than ever, running off first and seconds with clocklike precision. Nearly every Alma man was entered in at least two or three events, and some in even more, especially Hickerson, who was entered in the javelin throw, the one hundred yard dash, the low hurdles, the broad jump, the shot put, and the high hurdles. The Aggies were given an exhibition of the versatility of the Alma athlete.

The Maroon and Cream team was composed of Vreeland, Bailey, "Sid" Foster, Hickerson, Shoemaker, "Shadow" Foster, Beam, Handley, Bentley and Harold Rose. Every man acquitted himself with glory thus constituting one of the most successful track meets Alma has ever been in. Vreeland and "Sid" Foster, had little trouble in winning respectively, the two mile and the one mile runs. Rose took first in the 440, but was closely pressed by "Shadow" Foster. Bailey proved too good for the Aggies as he easily took first in the pole vault. Beam ran off with honors in the Javelin Throw, while Hickerson carried off the laurels in the Low Hurdles, High Hurdles, and the Broad Jump. Alma also placed first in the half mile relay.

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Alpha Theta Will Give Annual Play

What tragedy has led to the abandonment of this wee baby girl with only the name "Eleanor" on her blanket to serve as a clue to her identity, wondered Aunt Debby as she picked up the sweet baby girl from her steps.

Aunt Debby became devotedly attached to her and Eleanor grew to be a great help to her aunt, joyfully aiding her to clear the title to her property by entertaining some wealthy girls from Madame Finnikin's boarding school.

But how does Eleanor find her birthright? Come and find the solution in the Alpha Theta production, "Breezy Point," played by an all-star cast. To state it in poetry:

Have you ever sat and wondered while the world around you thundered with the cares of math assignments and with psych, where in all the whole creation you could get some inspiration to pull you through examinations and the like? What you need is recreation and a bit of a vacation that will surely last you till the cows come home, that will scare away the blues with a great dynamic fuse and make your troubles even lighter than sea-foam. Here's a bargain, then, for keep (most advice is always cheap) the which to take advantage of will do you good; spend them not on, let us say, the poker-dotted necktie or sweet food. Chase away with laughter merry every kind of foregn worry and woes that put your disposition out of joint, coming Friday on the day that is to be the twelfth of May to see the Alpha Theta stars in "Breezy Point."

Margaret Field was the guest of Agnes Youngs at her home in Charlotte, Mich., over the week end.

DEBATE POSTPONED

The Alma-Hope debate has been postponed, with a tentative date set for the nineteenth. However, negotiations are now under way to have the debate come before the nineteenth but at the present time, the Almanian is unable to give a definite date.

The Maroon and Cream debaters are in fine fettle since their recent victories over Hope and Detroit Junior, and eagerly await the call for action. Hope will prove a worthy adversary in the next fray, but Alma can be trusted to more than hold her own.

Shorthorns Ahead Thus Far in Meet

The first half of the interclass track meet was run off Tuesday and because of rain on the succeeding days the remaining events could not be run. The class which entered college this semester was entered as the "Shorthorns," but it did not come out on the short end of the score by any means. Hickerson led the scoring for the Shorthorns, as well as for the entire meet, and was the man who placed the newest class at the head of the list. The Shorthorns took the first half of the meet by a strong lead having a total of 25 points to their nearest competitors, the Sophomores, who had 11 points. Below are the results for each event:

Pole Vault		
Bailey (Sophomore)	1st.	9'6"
Bentley (Frosh)	2nd	9'
Hickerson (Shorthorn)	3rd.	8'
Discus		
Johnston (Shorthorn)	1st.	91' 2"
Hickerson (Shorthorn)	2nd	88' 7"
Calkins (Frosh)	3rd	68'10"
Broad Jump		
Hickerson (Shorthorn)	1st.	19'
Carty (Frosh)	2nd.	18'5"
Shoemaker (Sophomore)	3rd.	18'2"
Mile		
Vreeland (Senior)	1st.	4:51
S. Foster (Junior)	2nd.	4:00
Taylor (Shorthorn)	3rd.	
Hurdles 220 yd.		
Hickerson (Shorthorn)	1st.	27:3
Handley (Sophomore)	2nd.	
Dash 440 yd.		
Rose H. (Junior)	1st	58:00
H. Foster (Frosh)	2nd	
Bentley (Frosh)	3rd	
Dash 100 yd.		
Hickerson (Shorthorn)	1st	withheld
Handley (Sophomore)	2nd.	
Rose (Junior)	2nd	
Points By Classes		
Shorthorns		25
Sophomores		11
Frosh		11
Juniors		10
Seniors		5
total		62

The highest individual scorer was Hickerson who tops the list with 19 points. Harold Rose was second with 7 points. The various times and distances made do not represent in many cases the best that could be done, the aim having been in most instances merely to take the greatest number of points. From the present indications it might easily be conceded that the Shorthorns will win the meet, but the other classes expect to score better in the event this week.

PHILOMATHEAN

The weekly meeting of Philomathean was held Monday, May 1. Answers to roll call consisted of special topics which were very worthwhile. After the business meeting, the literary program was taken up which dealt with Russian Literature.

The paper by Esther Boyce, "A General Survey of the Russian Literature," brought out some new facts about this phase of Russian life. The Russians have begun to realize the need of educating the masses, and are devoting their time to the study of the classics of the world. More time must be given to this line, for it is necessary if Russia is to progress in the world today. The life of Count Leo Tolstoi was presented in an especially well prepared paper by Helen Scott. This philosopher and man of action likes simplicity, and does all he can to do away with elaborateness. The story "The Trousseau" by Anton Tchekoff was read by Louise Hainline, and it proved very delightful.

The critic's report preceeded adjournment.

DR. BROWN TALKS TO STUDENT BODY

DEAN OF YALE'S DIVINITY SCHOOL GIVES INSPIRING CHAPEL ADDRESS.

Dean Charles A. Brown, of Yale Divinity School proved to be one of the most interesting speakers that has graced our chapel platform this year. He presented his well-organized message in such a clear-cut forceful style, that it was indeed a pleasure to listen to him.

Dean Brown spoke of the various conceptions that people have of knowledge. There are very few who use knowledge rightly, for one is apt to think of knowledge as an abstract thing, as a tool, or even, as a picture. Thus knowledge is classified, in the abstract, commercial and decorative senses. But the primary office of knowledge is to make people alive, for the only knowledge worth-while, is that which is capable of being transmitted into terms of life. Learning and culture should not develop apart from the concrete experiences of every-day life, for thus one would be unable to relate knowledge to life. This is illustrated by the story of the college professor, who having failed to impress his audience, went away thinking that his speech had been too deep for them. But in reality, the failure of the professor to elicit any response from his audience, was due to his inability to associate knowledge with terms of life.

The fact that the world today is torn apart politically, industrially, and morally, places upon the shoulders, brains and souls of the younger generation, the task of rebuilding the world. Then, it is indeed important, that the leaders of tomorrow, should be able to translate knowledge into terms of life. The fact that the final forces of society are the spiritual, places upon the sectarian colleges, the obligation of furnishing moral leadership. However, it will require men of the very highest type, who can go out and appease the world's hunger, who can give the world what it has been waiting for, that is, to furnish a true philosophy of life.

Dean Brown held conferences after chapel with students interested in religious work, so many eagerly took advantage of this splendid opportunity to have a personal interview with him.

Coach Campbell Is Seriously Injured

An unfortunate accident occurred last Thursday afternoon at baseball practice, when a bat, thrown by "Dud" Johnston, the lanky Alma outfielder, struck Coach Campbell on the forehead, knocking him unconscious. The blow resulted in a deep gash above the left eye, necessitating that several stitches be taken. The wound is a serious one, so the coach will be out of harness for an indefinite time.

The Almanian reporter stopped in to see him on Saturday. The coach was feeling better, but he will require absolute rest for a while.

The blow might have resulted fatally for him, so while the wound is bad enough, still there is something to be thankful for. However, it will take more than a baseball bat to hold our doughty coach down for any length of time, and he is probably already fuming at the delay in getting out.

The baseball team was placed in charge of Crittenden on the trip to Kalamazoo.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hunter on Saturday morning, a son. The Almanian extends its heartiest congratulations to the proud parents.

Miss Ward, Leona Brown and Ruth King were in Grand Rapids Friday and Saturday attending Library conference.

SIGN UP NOW!

The College Annual is nearing completion, and the Editor, Sidney Foster, states definitely that it will be out before commencement. The staff will be out with contracts in a few days, for those who have not yet signed up. Every college student should have an annual, for it is the summary of the college year, in which every student has played a definite part. Editor Foster announces that there will be several new features in this year's annual which he will not enumerate, preferring to reserve them as a suprise for the student body.

Tennis Tournament Nearly Completed

In a semi-final match Saturday afternoon, Fry defeated Porter in three straight sets, the scores being 6-3 6-4, 6-4. Fry did not seem to be pressed at any time. His serve was at its best and his drives were speedy and well directed. By advancing to the finals dope indicates that Fry will probably win the college tennis championship, and represent Alma in singles at the M. I. A. A. tournament. Dope was upset last week when Vliet, the logical candidate for runner-up in the tourney, was defeated by Hickerson, 6-4, 6-2. In all justice to the splendid playing of Hickerson, it must be said that Vliet's game was not up to its usual standard. Niles has advanced to the semi-finals by a victory over Wright and his next opponent will be Hickerson, who is picked to win.

This week sometime the team will journey to Mt. Pleasant and endeavor to take a fall out of the Normalites. Fry is picked to run up against Calkins, the crack Normal player and it is certain that a tough battle will result. These matches are only practise matches but they will no doubt determine the strength of the Alma team. If a good showing can be made against the Normal it is likely that Alma will run high in the M. I. A. A. tourney. Fry should make a good showing in singles and it is probable that Porter and Fry will run off the doubles and should place high. Tennis at Alma will have a banner season if the dope turns out to be correct.

In the girl's tournament, the outcome is still doubtful but dope indicates that Bee Shaunding, A. McKenzie, and Lucy Fellows will be in the race. Lucy Fellows at present seems to be the logical candidate to represent Alma in singles.

A COMEDY OF ERRORS

Ye Almanian reporter had a dream last night, from the effects of which he has not fully recovered yet. He saw people as they are not, garbed out in raiment foreign to themselves. They passed before him in a long procession and gasp after gasp of astonishment escaped him, for what did he espy but:

- Violet Bramley as "Theda Bara."
- "Kewpie" Hileman as "Romeo"
- Victoria Bahna as "Juliet."
- "Buff" Munger as "Little Eva."
- Margaret Poole as "Little Red Riding Hood."
- "Prince" Williams as "Beau Brummel."
- Dwayne Burke as "Captain Kidd."
- "Cuddy" Shafer as "Little Lord Fautleroy."
- "Bob" Wyatt as "Little Boy Blue."
- Howard Ainsworth as "Belzeebub"
- Ruth Stewart as "Salome."
- Wilbur Patton as "Tarzan"
- Clare Vreeland as "Cleopatra."
- "Waddy" Crawford as "Sentimental Tommy."
- Agnes Ardis as "Queen of Sheba."
- Grace Baxter as "Happy Hooligan"
- Al Dawydoff as "Napoleon."

Perhaps ye reporter has unwittingly fathomed the dark secrets of these people, for the above are no doubt, (according to psychology) the expressions of repressed desires.

Mrs. Robert Mumphery (Helen Ritter) of Cheboygan, Mich., was the guest of Marjorie McLearn over Sunday.

Mrs. C. C. Shoemaker of Port Austin, Mich., is visiting Elizabeth Munger for a few days.

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ALMA DROPS TWO GAMES ON ROAD

KAZOO AND OLIVET PROFIT BY ALMA'S ERRORS AND FAILURE TO BUNCH HITS.

The coachless Alma College baseball team went down to defeat at the hands of Kalamazoo College Friday 8 to 4 and again on Saturday before the Crimson team at Olivet 8 to 2, errors in each fray being responsible to a great extent for the run making that was indulged in by the opposing teams.

The defeats put a serious crimp in Alma's title prospects, if she ever had any serious thoughts in that direction, but it is still early, the season being only a little over two weeks gone. Only one team remains undefeated in the race, and Alma still has a chance to show enough to win if the team settles down from now on and plays winning baseball. The return of Coach Campbell, injured during practice Thursday, will have a wholesome effect in bringing the squad around to good baseball.

Crittenden was on the mound for the Maroon and Cream in the Friday fray at Kalamazoo. The veteran is not yet in his proper form due to the cold weather and illness Thursday night, yet he pitched a good game in spite of the fact that he was nicked for eleven hits. These were kept well distributed except for two innings, when Young's men managed to bunch blows. Errors kept the Alma star in hot water continually.

Saturday Catherman, the Frosh hurler, went to the mound against Dowe, the Olivet star. Catherman pitched nice baseball except for two different innings when his delivery was solved for three hits. A bunch of errors behind the young hurler had a bad effect. In one inning, a wild peg with bases full gave the Crimson three runs, the throw being wild enough to clear the sacks of Crimson runners. Catherman struckout ten men. The Olivet team has steeled down and is playing some fine baseball as is shown from the fact that the Crimson defeated Mt. Pleasant Normal 1 to 0 on Friday.

Library Class Has Grand Rapids Trip

The trip to Grand Rapids taken by a few members of the library class last Friday and Saturday proved to be full of interest. The party were the guests of the Grand Rapids Public Library for luncheon Friday noon. After visiting the departments of the main library, they were escorted to the South Side High School to see the Branch and School Library, and incidentally the entire building with its splendid equipment.

Saturday noon, the party attended a library luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce which was given in connection with the Conference of Children's Reading. Several authors of note were present; and later in the afternoon papers were read by these writers, on Indian stories. Two Indian women were present, Miss Petoskey, for whose family Petoskey, Michigan was named; and "Julia," whose grandfather was the Indian chief who sold the land on which Chicago now stands.

The Library Class members who enjoyed this treat feel that the trip was well worth while and are most appreciative of the royal entertainment provided them by the Grand Rapids Public Library.

There is being shown this week at the Alma College Library a series of drawings on Shakespeare's Comedies, by Edwin A. Abby, as published in the Harper's Magazine many years ago.

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THE ANNUAL CRY

This is just about the time when one repeatedly hears that fateful question "are you coming back next year?" It is on everyone's tongue, it is the subject of much heated discussion, it holds an unending wealth of material with which to discuss pro and con. The discussion is not confined to class alone, but it involves all classes. This question provides, such a bond of interest, that all class strife is relegated to the background. For once, everyone meets on equal ground, intensely concerned in the answer of his fellow-men. There is and always will be, a fascination for the future, of what it holds for one, thus is it any wonder that a question involving the future should be of interest to every one? People are always interested in the affairs of others, perhaps through innate curiosity, but, at any rate, the fascination for what the other fellow is doing, holds undisputed sway over one and all.

"Are you coming back next year?" What is the answer that is usually given? Does the affirmative predominate or is the negative usually in the lead? Are students willing to vouchsafe a final answer? It is a queer fact, but nevertheless true, that some, although they have sincere intentions of coming back, will reply in the negative. Why? Perhaps, to cast an air of mystery about themselves, or perhaps, it is due to some trait of human perversity. The greater share will evade the question with a characterist "I don't know." They are unwilling to trust themselves to a definite answer, but prefer to linger in a state of uncertainty.

How many have ever realized just what influence his answer is going to have on others? One forgets that his answer may have a real practical value, that it can be of real worth to his Alma Mater. For is it not conceivable that one's decisions may affect that of others? This can easily be seen when one stops to think of the close companionship of students, and how their opinions will conflict with one another, and perhaps be moderated, or in some way influenced by the contact.

Thus, when one states that he is not going to return to college next year, he may be providing a subtle influence for the undermining of others intentions. Perhaps, this person has not any immediate hopes of returning, but at least, he can hold to the idea of returning, and concentrate on such an intention. Thus, he will be helping to influence others to return, and providing a real service to his Alma Mater.

What a fine thing it would be if the present Freshman class returned in the fall without a member missing, if the Sophomores and Juniors could return without any depletion in their ranks.

There is no reason why such a thing could not be done. But the good work should be started at once. Everyone should focus his attention upon coming back in the fall, so that when someone asks "are you coming back?" the answer will be a hearty "yes."

—R. G.

THE FLAPPER

One can hardly pick up a paper or magazine, nowadays, without running across some reference to the flapper. This queer creature has become the center of attraction through a series of denunciations hurled out by the pulpit, press and reformers.

But the flapper is essentially a product of our own civilization, of the present generation. She came in rather quietly, and will doubtless make her exit in like manner. The flapper is the outcome of the present jazz environment. Jazz is already on the wane, and with its passing, the flapper also is bound to go. The

flapper has become blinded by the noise, glare, and rush of the present day. She has lost, for a while, her true sense of perspective, thus, she craves excitement, pleasure and more excitement.

The flapper is not an indication that the world is destined for ruin, although many earnest reformers would have one think so. The flapper will eventually regain her balance, and return to her normal poise. The flapper has centered so much attention around herself, that she has come to be looked upon as a characteristic of the modern girl today.

But this impression is false—once more, the more glittering object obscures the more sedate. The flapper is not typical of the modern girl. It is the college girl, the co-ed, who represents the modern girl. It is true that the flapper has even invaded college ranks, but as a rule, the flapper is out of place in college. Those that hurl their denunciations against the girl of today, also include the college girl basing their supposition upon incoherent unreliable reports. They condemn all for the mistakes of a few, seeking to discredit the worthy with the unworthy. While the college girl has time for amusement as well as any one else, still she does not stoop as low as the flapper. Life to the flapper must be a round of continual excitement. This would be impossible for the college girl. To her work comes first and play afterwards. The college girl knows what she is in college for, and so she resolutely sets out to realize the ideals and ambitions of her high school days.

Flappers predominate in the high school age. Here, the young maidens are just preparing to shape their future, they have not yet been swayed by restless ambition. So they are more easily led into the vortex of noise and jazz, which is the very embodiment of the flapper.

The college girl can help to mold the opinion of her sisters; she can prove of inestimable value in helping to facilitate the downfall of the flapper; she can help place the modern girl where she will be beyond the pale of criticism—R. G.

Y. M. C. A.

Attendance records were broken at the last "Y" meeting. This is explained by the fact that "Shadow" Foster and Fay Hunter were the headliners for the evening. They proved to be able speakers and as adept in the art of driving home their message, as any other speakers that has been heard at the "Y" this year. Hunter spoke from the text: "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

He explained that this text did not refer simply to toys, to children's clothing, nor to all the material things of childhood. It means that as a man grows older, he ought to broaden in spirit, to leave behind a child's inclination to quarrel over trifles, to enter into the plans and purposes of other men. In other words growth means development of the spirit as well as of the body. The Y. M. C. A. ought to be a big factor in such development. Fays humorous stories added spice to his speech.

"Shadow" Foster used as his text: "And so was also James and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon, and Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land they forsook all, and followed him."

The speaker pointed out what a personality the Saviour must have had, that men would leave their work at a single call and follow him through suffering and danger. He then spoke of the difficulties which are coexistent with the position of a Y. M. C. A. director; of the qualities and personality a man must have to fill such a position.

BETA TAU EPSILON

Beta Tau Epsilon held the most interesting meeting of its existence Monday, May 1. Mr. Apsey gave a talk entitled "Factors in a successful Society." He developed in a splendid way, the ideas that a society must have a worth-while purpose in mind and that every member of the society must work wholeheartedly for that purpose. Mr. Lane, Mr. Baker and Mr. Olmsted delivered impromptues on the coal strike. They spoke respectively on the conditions of the miners, the rights of the strikers, and the men behind the strike. Mr. Patton was elected as critic.

Little Gold in the Middle Ages.

Gold was comparatively scarce in the Middle Ages. It is estimated that the total stock of this metal in Europe at the time America was discovered did not exceed a value of \$225,000,000.

Miss Clark Is Guest of the Y. W. C. A.

Late last Thursday evening a group of the Y. W. girls gathered around the fire to listen to the message Miss Clark had to bring to them. She told them about matches and the fires a match could kindle reading the parable of the man who journeyed forth into a wood finding to his great disappointment that the beautiful trees whose wood he had chosen for great uses in the world were to be cut up into matches. Then Miss Clark digressed and spoke of some of the many things that little matches might do and finally completed the parable wherein the man at last became reconciled to the fact of the giant oaks—he had seen their martyrdom turn into glorious kingships.

On Friday afternoon, Miss Clark was the guest of honor at a Y. W. C. A. tea. Miss Clark is one of the field secretaries of the Committee of Student Work of the Woman's Board of Missions and was the guest of the Alma Y. W. C. A. from last Wednesday until Saturday. It was her first visit to Alma, Miss Cheek having been her predecessor.

ALPHA THETA

The Alpha Theta Literary Society met Monday evening, May 1st with Louise Osgood presiding. Interesting characteristics of some of the prominent American novelists were given in answer to roll call. Beatrice Cottle was called upon for the impromptu, "Beauty and the Commonplace," by Zona Gale in which the author put forth her belief that it is the duty of the novelist to cloth the commonplace things of life in a beauty which will make them attractive to the public. Ruth Bradley read a paper entitled "The American Novel," giving an account of its growth from the time of the Revolution, at which period it was one of the most popular forms of literature in Europe but not until later did it become popular in the colonies; indeed all classes of people in America joined in the fruitless attack against it, the dullest critics contended that novels were lies; the pious, that they served no virtuous purpose; the strenuous, that they softened sturdy minds; the utilitarian, that they crowded out more useful books; the realistic, that they painted adventure too romantic and love too vehement; the patriotic, that dealing with European manners, they tended to confuse and dissatisfy republican youth." "American Women Novelists" was the subject about which Helen Hawes talked, including fascinating hits from the lives of Edith Wharton, Mary Roberts Rhinehart, Margaret Deland, Kate Douglas Wiggin, Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, Edna Ferber, and Frances Hodgson Burnett. One of the widely read novels of last fall, "Dangerous Ages" by Rose McCauley was charmingly reviewed by Helen Brien. This concluded the program which was followed by the regular business meeting of the society. Adjournment.

KAPPA IOTA

Quotations from various poems of Ralph Waldo Emerson were recited at the opening of Kappa Iota Literary Society May 1. Following roll-call was the election of officers: President, Henrietta Parker; Vice-president, Margaret Morrison; Secretary, Gretta Muir; Treasurer, Elizabeth Munger; secretary, Mary Gerow; Almanian Reporter and Almanian Board of Control, Lenna Thomas; and Athletic Board of Control, Lota Thomas. After the election of officers, the society adjourned.

ZETA SIGMA

Meeting called to order by President Wyatt. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Talk "The Fundamental Principles of Debating" by L. Stempfily. Report of the Executive Committee read and approved. Report of the Credential Committee given.

After a short business meeting the Society was adjourned to music furnished by Northcott and Hudson.

The Hyacinth.

The hyacinth is like a balustrade placed upside down. A bed of hyacinths resembles a mass of balusters. Thus that great invention of the Renaissance, the balustrade, allows us to gain through it a glimpse of nature. This ray of art, the flower, this delicate inspiration, unknowingly requires the intelligence of men to develop its possibilities.—Auguste Rodin.

An Accommodating Lecturer.

"Gentlemen," said the unperturbed speaker, when the lights went out and the hall was suddenly plunged in total darkness, "this does not disturb me in the least, so I shall continue my speech. I only ask that the last man out of the building lets me know when he is leaving and I'll stop then."—Harper's.

MICKIE SAYS

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**Another Road Trip
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The Alma College baseball team will be on the road again this week meeting the strong Ypsilanti Normal aggregation on Friday and the Blue and White at Hillsdale on Saturday. After the two M. I. A. A. defeats of last week the team will be playing with its back to the wall and must win to stay in the running in the M. I. A. A. race unless there are a few more big upsets in the present races which is full of surprises.

Alma still has a chance to come through if the team can win the remaining games on the schedule. No great championship aspirations have been held, but there is a fine opportunity ahead for the Maroon and Cream if the team, re-inforced by the presence of Coach Campbell who will be out again this week, can hit a winning stride and keep it up.

The Michigan State Normal game at Ypsilanti promises to be the big game of the week. The Teachers are going at a rapid pace with Rynearson, a star hurler, doing the box work.

Hillsdale also has a clever pitcher who will probably work against Alma in Bryson who recently held Albion to 3 hits and won his game 3 to 2.

LETTERS OF A FRESHMAN

Dear Bill:

Wish that you could be here, and enjoy the several experiences that I have been indulging in, yrs. truly has been on the warpath again, and managed to cop off a likely looking chicken.

Last Saturday we hit the trail for the rippling waters of the Pine. My jane, who is an inmate of Wright Hall, furnished the looks, and I, the canoe and the grub. The Dean, who is the keeper of Wright Hall came down and gave us a rousing send off. The jane steps in the canoe as if she were entering a houseboat but she nearly enters the briny deep instead. Well, after various false starts, we finally makes headway, and I gives a last lingering look at terra firma. The jane seemed to have the St. Vitus dance, for I had to execute the Highland Fling to keep the barge from depositing us overboards. Sez she, "oh Jim, what a wonderful day for a swim," Sez I "keep on wriggling and you'll win."

I Suppose it wuz partly my fault that the jane could not sit still, as I hed hooked a phonograph for its strains even makes the canoe susceptible. (Thet's a good word to remember, Bill, I absorbed it the other day.)

Well, we gets along fine for a while, but then the jane, who has been on the lookout, yells, "The Stumps," "The Stumps," and so I begins to paddle with more dexterity. But the jane proves to be a poor pilot, for soon we grounded on a well-sized stump. "Oh," sez she "I didn't know there wuz any under water, I thot they wuz on top" (and then some people still claims that janes hev sense.)

Well we wuz in a pretty predikament, for the canoe acts like a mule Water to the left of us, water to the right of us—and the jane only heehaws. We wuz stuck there for an hour, and the jane begins to get peevish, and puts the blame on me. I stands it all nobly, but what sighs of relief I emitted when who should come paddling slowly along, but Harry the Simple, a kindly sophomore. He plays the role of rescuer, and releases the fair maiden and I from confinement. But wait Bill, thet's not the end of the tale, for what does the jane do but hop in the canoe of Harry the Simple, and tries to murder me with a withering glance. But I wuz wilted already, and so I simply collapses. Thet blow wuz too much for me, and it will be some time before any more janes sails the bounding main with Yrs. truly,

Jim.

Y. W. C. A. MEETING

The weekly "Y" meeting enjoyed a rare treat Thursday evening when Mrs. Bahlke, president of the Women's Advisory Board, spoke about her recent trip to Italy. Mrs. Bahlke has a charming personality and in a pleasing paper she told of her visit to the wonderland of Italy, setting forth the beauty of Naples and Souento. She related in an intimate way her personal experience in sunny Italy, illustrating her talk from time to time with beautiful pictures. After the talk she displayed delicate hand-made lace and embroideries, some odd pottery and a few pieces of leather work. The "Y" group considers itself fortunate in having had the privilege of listening to Mrs. Bahlke's experience.

Margaret Morrison visited friends at M. A. C. over Sunday.

Tribute to Poetry.

Poetry is simply the most delightful and perfect form of utterance that human words can reach. Its rhythm and measure, elevated to a regularity, certainty, and force very different from that of the rhythm and measure which can pervade prose, are a part of its perfection. The more of genius that a nation has for high poetry, the more will the rhythm and measure which its poetical utterance adopts be distinguished by adequacy and beauty.—Matthew Arnold

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The translation of the Bible is the remarkable and interesting event in the history of translations; it is an illustrious monument of the age, the nation, the language; it is, properly speaking, less a translation than an original, having most of the merit of the former as to style, and all the merit of the latter as to thought; it is the noblest, best, most finished classic of the English tongue.—T. S. Grimke.

"Chip of the Old Block."

One who reproduces his father's peculiarities or characteristics. The phrase may be found as far back as 1626, in a play called "Dick of Devonshire." "Your father used to come home to my mother, and why may not I be a chippe of the same blocke out of which you two were cutte?"—Chicago Journal.

Origin of Moon-Eyed.

The expression "moon-eyed" as popularly used to describe an advanced stage of intoxication, had its origin in India, where a certain variety of drink taken in excess renders its victims blind from sunset to sunrise, or during the period that the moon is shining. The condition in extreme cases lasts as long as 18 or 19 days.

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Campus Breezes

Here's where I draw the line: said Gladys Fryxell as she penciled her eyebrows.
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How's This?
The debating team won both their frays, And then they tried to show That they should get some privileges To go and see their beaux. So Sunday afternoon the Dean Said that the orators could come And see their girls if they desired. I guess the baseball men felt glum.

Rules For Freshmen Eating At Wright Hall.
Don't eat your peas with your knife—mash em.
If you can't cut a piece of meat, leave it on your plate. It will be ground up for hash.
Don't fold your napkin until the head of the table is through eating—she might think you're through.
Pass straight from the table—it's not polite to pass around.
Try to keep on the tune when drinking coffee.

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Dickie: Hello, Porter, who's the girl?
Porter: What dya mean?
Dickie: Why, you're not wearing that collar for fun, I hope.

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Dasef (swiping): Tea or coffee?
Platt: Don't tell me, let me guess.

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At Wright Hall we would say with ease, "Oh, won't you pass the butter, please?"
At home when that stuff we would have We pipe out, "Say, Maw, slide the salve!"

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Cuddy: I'll never ask another girl to marry me.
Bob: What, refused again?
Cuddy: No, accepted.

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Landlady: I think you had better board elsewhere.
Student: Yes, I believe that I have.
Landlady: You believe you have had what?
Student: Better board elsewhere.

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If I told you just what I know About the birthday of some maid Who lives in Wright Hall, she would bat me one.
But I am still afraid To tell just when the day occurs It happens in week after next. But if I told of whom I speak I'll bet at me she'd be quite vexed.

ALMA WINS FROM M. A. C. YEARLINGS

(Continued from page one)
Following is a list of the events with the places Alma men won.
The 440 H. Rose—first
H. Foster—second
Pole vault Bailey—first
Bentley—tied for third.
Two mile Vreeland—first
One mile "Sid" Foster—first
Javelin Throw Beam—first
Hickerson—second
100 yard dash Hickerson—second
Low Hurdles Hickerson—first
Handley—second
Broad Jump Hickerson—first
1/2 mile "Sid" Foster—second
High Hurdles Hickerson—first
Bailey—second
High Jump Shoemaker—second
Shot Put Hickerson—third
Relay Rose, Bentley, H. Foster, Handley—first.

PHI PHI ALPHA

J. Thomas Dasef called the meeting to order Monday night for a brief business discussion. After the table was cleared the program, which was one of the best of the year was given. The topic for the evening was the radio telephone. John B. Wright read an ably written paper on this topic, which is of vital interest today. Mr. Wright told how man has advanced in the mode of communication, from the sign language to our modern methods. He was followed by Kenneth Manwaring who explained the mysterious audion bulb in a very clear manner. His talk bespoke of careful preparation and an excellent scientific knowledge. Mr. Wood then delivered a helpful lecture on "How The Radio Works in General." Impromptu on "Unique Radio Sets" were given by Maurer, Freeman, and R. Williams. Mr. Wilson gave the critics report which was, on the whole, constructive. The meeting then adjourned.

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