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## BASKETEERS WIN HOLIDAY SERIES

### Alma Defeats Strong Pro Teams During Vacation. First Home Game Annexed.

During the Christmas holidays Coach Campbell and his basketballers took to the road for a six game trip, and with three of the strongest teams of Detroit on the list, furnished a great surprise for the fans by walloping all six opponents, giving an indication that the Maroon and Cream might be stronger even than the fans had expected.

The trip opened with a game with Bay City Junior College at Bay City. Here the going was of the easiest, much more so than had been expected. Coach Nevitt's Bay cagers fell hard before the Maroon and Cream who rolled up a score of 44 to 6, and at that missed any number of easy shots at the basket.

From Bay City the squad went to Wyandotte, where it played the speedy Independent five of that place. The Wyandotte team put up a good contest from start to finish, but the end of the game saw the Maroon and Cream leading the Independent outfit 31 to 21.

With substitutes filling in three positions Alma then went against Detroit College of Law. The lawyers looked much better against Alma than would have ordinarily been the case with the numerous subs that Coach Campbell had in the fray, but at that they could not stop the march of the Almaites, who tossed in enough baskets to win 35 to 25.

Then came the first game against one of the big three of Detroit, this contest being with Detroit Y, which had previously beaten Michigan State Normal on State's own floor. The Y. took a lead at the start and held it, although Alma clung on and fought brilliantly to pull down the lead. With three minutes to go Alma was trailing by 8 points. A wonderful spurt carried Alma through, and when the final whistle blew the game was in Alma's hands by a score of 30 to 27.

The Morley-Maxwell five, a new semi-pro outfit in Detroit this year, opened its season with the Presbyterian, Scotch or Campbell clan, according to which is preferred, and it fell with a dull thud. The fray started as though it would be a nip-and-tuck affair, the first quarter ending with Alma leading by only a single point. Then a rain of baskets started, and when the smoke all cleared away the Morley-Maxwell aggregation had been humbled 51 to 27.

The holiday trip ended with a 31 to 28 victory over the Detroit Winter Gardens, with Red Carty, Alma captain, misbehaving before the home town folks to the extent of 25 of his team's 31 points. It was a rude trick for the 'redhead' to play on the home boys, but then—throughout the entire contest three points was about the margin that separated the teams, and usually less than that. Castle of Syracuse University, Unger, and other former university stars simply could not stop the Maroon and Cream. It was a highly brilliant victory, and made Alma the most talked of court outfit in Detroit for days.

Returning home after the holidays the Campbellites took on the Saginaw Triangles to open the home season, a week ago Friday, and handed Huebner's men a 3 to 23 beating. Coach Campbell used thirteen men in this fray, showing that he has a squad that is there in numbers, as well as in ability.

The holiday trip was the most successful ever undertaken by an Alma team, and probably the most successful trip that an M. I. A. A. team has ever undertaken during the holidays, when the strength of some of the opponents is considered. It is doubted by the writer if any association team has ever gone through such a trip against such opponents and mopped up all of the way. It was a job well done.

### FLINT JUNIOR

The Alma collegians had another busy time Friday night, beating the Flint Junior College cagers by a score of 35 to 12, Coach Campbell again throwing two complete teams

on the floor against the opposition, which even against the second five could make no appreciable headway.

The Flint team looked much better during the first half than in the final half, when it seemed to tire rapidly, probably because of the speed with which the Vehicle City five opened the fray, hoping to take the Maroon and Cream aggregation off its feet. It proved a boomerang, however, as the Presbyterians had seen speed before and know how to cope with it, and matched speed with speed, and the Almaites with greater staying power soon went far into the lead. The first half ended with the Maroon and Cream leading 18 to 8.

It is a noteworthy feature that during the fray not a single foul was missed by the Alma tossers, three of whom performed on the foul line.

Alma	Pos	Flint
Lemon	RF	Regal
Carty	LF	Weiss
McDonald	C	E. Gilbert
Shaver	RG	Currott
Welthoelder	LG	Prior

Substitutions—Wright for Lemon, Van Hee for Carty, R. Catherman for McDonald, H. Catherman for Shaver, Davis for Welthoelder, Tebo for R. Catherman, Sharp for E. Gilbert, B. Gilbert for Regal, Bridgeman for Weiss.

Field baskets—McDonald 4, Carty 2, Van Hee 2, Lemon 2, R. Catherman, Wright, Tebo, Currott 2, Regal 2.

Fouls—McDonald 3 in 3, Carty 1 in 1, R. Catherman 1 in 1, Prior 1 in 2, Currott 2 in 2, E. Gilbert 1 in 1, Sharp 0 in 1, Weiss 0 in 2.

Referee—Gaffney, U. of M.

## Gay Chooses Maroon and Cream Staff

In spite of the late start which the Maroon and Cream is laboring under, things seem to be moving fast, and a successful annual is practically assured. Two-thirds payments have been collected on more than two hundred books, which was the mark which had to be reached before the Maroon and Cream was a certainty.

The completion of Editor Gay's staff now puts work in full swing, and it is expected that results will begin to appear. The completed staff is as follows: Harold Gay, editor, Rhea Stinson and John Shroyer, associate editors, Elmo D. McGlone, business manager, John Apsey, Helen Courtade, and Elizabeth Williams, assistant business managers, Frederick Shaver, athletic editor, Erwin Merriam, snaps, Leo Emmons, art, and Clarissa Vreeland, social editor.

## The Maroon and Cream Staff Speaks

Maroon and Cream Staff has been handicapped this year by a very late start. However the machinery has been finally set in motion and there is every hope and every expectation that this year's annual will be one of the best on record.

Every Alma student wants a Maroon and Cream and there are distinctive reasons why the annuals should be in especial demand this year. For instance this book will contain a picture of the State Championship Football Team.

This edition will also contain a copy of the new student-written Alma Mater. You'll want that too. In this matter, too, Maroon and Cream Staff wants to urge that copies be submitted as soon as possible. Judges nor prizes have not been chosen, but they will be worthy and worth-while. Not for you or for us but for Alma—hand your copy to the Editor.

Maroon and Cream is yours not ours. If you have any materials, ideas or complaints give them to us red hot. We are compiling this book for you: everything that you throw on the heap will return to you next spring with the stamp of finish and permanency on it.

Our motto is "For Alma." So is yours. Let's work together!

The Staff.

### KAPPA IOTA

The Kappa Iota literary society was called to order Monday evening by the president. After a short business session the meeting was turned over to the new members of the society. A play, "Robin Hood," was presented, and Bertha Woodhurst rendered a violin solo, accompanied by Sally Backie. Refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned.

## KAPPA IOTA GIVES ANNUAL FORMAL

### Girls Prove Royal Entertainers at Feature Dance of the Year.

The Kappa Iota Formal dance held in the gymnasium Saturday evening proved highly successful, and the girls showed that they can easily equal the men as entertainers. The men are unanimous in avowing it the best dance of the school year, and that it was put on in royal fashion. The gymnasium, generally considered a difficult room to decorate, was unusually attractive. A low-ceiling effect was gained by hanging long lines of crepe paper streamers above the entire floor, and an added touch of softness was afforded by colored lights which were strung along the walls.

The music, furnished by Ken Wolfe and his orchestra De Luxe, could not have been better. It was made even better than usual by the addition of several out-of-town musicians who make dance music a profession.

There were several features of the party, one of which was the releasing of a number of colored balloons which had been suspended in a net over the dance floor. Another feature was the grand march, led by Mary Gerow and Gilbert Davis to the strains of the College song. After marching about for some time, the ladies and gentlemen separated in two lines and favors were given out. Later there was delicious punch to refresh the dancers.

The party was chaperoned by Dr. and Mrs. Crooks, Miss Lanier, Prof. and Mrs. Ewer, and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell.

Kappa Iota is to be congratulated for the successful party which they gave, and the ladies of the college for their marked ability as royal entertainers.

## Results of Frosh I. Q. Tests Compiled

The results of the annual Freshman intelligence tests which were given earlier in the season have at last been compiled. This year the highest boy exceeded the highest girl by ten points. Last year it was the reverse,—the highest girl leading the highest masculine point winning by four points.

The intelligence test of the student is the only fair way of judging his worth with any degree of accuracy. The test does not, however determine and separate out the industrious student from the one otherwise inclined nor does it determine the amount of work he is capable of. Only semester examinations disclose these facts. When these tests are developed to the point that these facts will be shown, the tests will have reached perfection. The intelligence test cannot be relied upon then to absolutely determine whether a student is in the A, B, C, or D class.

Last year's results showed that five of the ten highest in the test ranking were among the ten highest in class standings. This shows that these tests are at least fifty percent right.

The standings this year were exceptionally high. The high score among the men was one hundred and fifty-six out of a possible one hundred and eighty, this score being registered by Carrol Clark. The high score of the women was obtained by a local girl, Miss Marian Grover, with a mark of one hundred and forty-six.

The ten highest among the men were as follows: (1) Carrol Clark; (2) Frank Prouty; (3) Martin Tanner; (4) Arthur Rice; (5) Don Campbell; (6) Robert Rice; (7) Robert Bailey; (8) Harold Ackerman; (9) Winston MacCurdy; (10) Francis MacDougal.

The ten highest among the men were as follows: (1) Marian Grover; (2) Louise Lau; (3) Margaret Funnell; (4) Katherine Butcher; (5) Elizabeth Brooks; (6) Marjorie Kunze; (7) Dorothea Young; (8) Marjorie Furman; (9) Marjorie Watkins; (10) Erma Burgess.

Miss Margaret Morrison and Miss Beatrice Cottle spent last week end in Merrill.

### ALPHA THETA

The regular meeting of Alpha Theta just preceding the holidays was conducted in the form of a Roman feast, which was celebrated once a year when the society was first organized. The girls all wore sheets to represent Romans and all sat in a circle. The room was in semi-darkness, which made it appear more like a feast. Norma Messecar opened the meeting, and old business was discussed. The new officers were then elected and took their places. They were as follows: Virginia Tremaine, president; Ruth Bradley, vice-president; Florence Leighton, secretary, Augusta Sturtridge, corresponding secretary; Hildegard Finch, treasurer; Katherine Jenkins, guide; Dorothy Bradley, sentinel; Dorothea Young, Almanian reporter.

Virginia Tremaine took the chair, and the meeting was given over to an entertainment. Florence Leighton gave a piano solo; Beatrice Cottle sang "Kashmiri Song;" Hildegard Finch read a paper on the goddess "Athena;" Ethel West sang "One Day," and Miss Ritter talked on the ideals of Alpha Theta. At the conclusion of the program lemonade and cakes were served, which represented white wine and sweet cakes which were served at the Roman feasts years ago. The meeting was then adjourned.

Alpha Theta literary society held a regular business meeting last Monday night. After roll call, which was answered by an article concerning some modern musical composer, the members were instructively entertained by the following program:

Ethel West sang "Joy of the Morning;" Eunice Houghton gave a paper on "The Musical Education in America," and Elizabeth Williams gave a piano solo, "The Humming Bird." At the conclusion of the meeting the officers treated the members to salad and wafers. Adjournment.

## Miss Ward Attends Chicago Library Meet

Miss Annette P. Ward spent a week in Chicago, attending the mid-winter meeting of the American Library Association and the meeting of College librarians of the Middle West. Miss Ward led an informal discussion on "The use of Library of Congress Classification in college libraries." A number of college librarians are reorganizing and using this classification, which is proving very satisfactory. The University of Michigan library is now making the change to this classification. It is already in use at the University of Chicago, Ohio State University, Johns Hopkins and many other large libraries. Miss Ward spent part of one day in the library of the University of Chicago.

### LIBRARY NOTES

Among the new books recently added to the library for general use are the following, which may prove interesting to students and faculty.

Charnwood—Abraham Lincoln.  
Frost—New Hampshire.  
Giles—History of Chinese literature.

Graham—Tramping with a poet in the Rockies. (The "poet" being Vachel Lindsay.)

Lindsay—Collected poems.  
Michigan University. The William L. Clements library of America.

Shaw—The University of Michigan.

Van Tyne—India in ferment.

Wiggin—My garden of memory. (This autobiography contains interesting chapters on Dickens.)

## Alma to Meet Hillsdale Five Sat. Night

The postponement of the Michigan State Normal game for Friday night, leaves the Maroon and Cream with only the Hillsdale game at Hillsdale for the week. It will be played Saturday night and brings the Maroon and Cream up against one of the acknowledged contenders for the association rag, and while a hot contest is expected there is a big hope for a victory.

Ypsilanti asked to have the Friday game shoved forward to Thursday and when Alma could not consent to this, asked to have the contest postponed. Coach Campbell consented to this, and the fray will be played later. The date is not yet selected.

## PHILOS USHER IN LEAP YEAR

### Women Start Proceedings with a Bang by Giving Big Leap Year Banquet

Pestiferous leap year with all its attendant hazards for the masculine element was initiated to the campus when the Philomathean Literary Society gave a Leap Year Banquet at the Wright House, Saturday, January 4.

The girls accepted their responsibilities in a way which won the accomplished male board deserving of commendation. They provided a taxi, bought nosegays and in every way allowed the gentlemen to bask in the luxury of provided-for helplessness. Having arrived at the hotel the ladies escorted their blushing companions into the banquet hall where edibles were served to the guests to be dealt with as inclination might demand.

After the waitresses had collapsed, several of the damsels started their designs upon their captives. Peg Poole, acting as "MENTIONER," took charge of the campaign. The attack was opened by Bernice Evans, who seemed startlingly well informed on her subject "MAN-u-al." A meek defense from the males was offered by Rog Cole; who spoke on "WO-MEN." Cole also was well informed on his subject, but no one was startled by that. Neither did anyone doubt Dean Lanier's veracity when she spoke on "MAN-icure." Her reminiscences of Vassar made the freshmen with a whistling solo entitled "Hum-MEN-bird." Another authority in the personage of Dorothy Doudna fell upon those assembled with a fusillade called "MAN-dates." Undisputed knowledge of her subject was displayed by Mrs. Crooks, who brought capitulation by terms laid down in a document called "MAN-agers."

In a fine spirit of condescension the girls then saw to it that the men were sent to their homes. For an initial leap year leap the boys decided that because of the proficiency shown, the girls should be allowed to continue their leap year activities until the opening of the year 1925 A. D.

## Wyatt and Freeman Elected Debate Capts.

The Varsity debate captains were elected by the teams before the holidays. Forrest Freeman was chosen captain of affirmative team. Freeman is in his third year of debate for Alma and was captain of the affirmative team of last year. Robert Wyatt was elected captain of the negative team. Wyatt is a debate veteran of three years. With these two men to lead the teams the Alma debaters should attain considerable success during the coming season.

## ORATORICALS TO BE HELD LATER PART OF MONTH

The contest for first honors in oratory will soon be fought out, and Alma's prospective state winners will have the opportunity to show the results of their long preparation. The two contests will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, January 29 and 30. As is the custom, the women's contest will be the first to be held, and the men's contest will be held on the following evening. Considerable interest in oratory has been shown this year through the various societies, and it is thought that the contest will bring out the best talent on the campus.

## SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWED BY MRS. HARPER REED

Mrs. Harper Reed, of Mason, has recently endowed a scholarship in memory of her late husband, Mr. Harper Reed. Interest on this fund would amount to three hundred dollars per year, and would allow scholarship, at the present rate of tuition, to three students. In the awarding of these scholarships, students from Ingham county are to be preferred, but there being none from that county, the award will go to other students.

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## THINKING

From time to time professors are prone to take "time out" in the classroom and quote some ideas which are resultant, perhaps, of a had right, to the effect that students should learn to think. Such a statement associates very well with the contention often repeated concerning the inability of the average student and his willingness to accept the second-hand thoughts of others. Invariably upon first thought, the student\* takes such with a scepticism and may in some cases consider it a direct insult upon his well established pedestal. However, second thought often bring out a new attitude and he wonders if there is a lack of thinking on his own part and sees a place or some places he might fill but has to give it up when he realizes the responsibility.

It is safe in saying that many viewpoints consider college primarily as a place where young men and women absorb ideas from text-books and pick up a few more correlating ideas from the professor if the professor is an especially good one. This deserves consideration such as it is, but it does not constitute and sum up the education which is to be shown as the result of four years work during the best part of one's life. The ordinary individual may pick up a text-book and absorb the contents without doing any thinking whatever on the subject at hand. The genuine thinking of the original and constructive kind comes hard and with much effort. It is with this mind that such is avoided, human nature. At a certain stage, the individual, the student, is inclined to underrate his own thoughts and capabilities, knowing that with his limited education and lack of experience if it may be, that there is little possibility of them being worth or even equivalent to those he can obtain with less effort from others. Thus original thinking is abandoned and it becomes a habit.

There are many ways naturally for checking up on such cases as the course is evident. One method of prominence however, would be to ascertain the percentage of students taking part in outside activities. Outside, voluntary work, unlike class room work has no definite form and path to follow, but is most successful upon the use of new ideas and fore sight. It requires a native initiative which is given a chance to exert itself and comes only from independent thinking and desire to progress.

The campus has such men but they are few, however it is those few who reap the benefits. The opportunities are many, in fact many of the departments are badly in need and would pave the way to anyone who might be interested. Some might say that the campus is too small but a final analysis points to it as a decided benefit when the rank and file of the university is brought in comparison. Everyone desires a position of leadership, but so many are deliberate in taking the opportunities presented that one is inclined to think that something is wrong. The cause, however, is lack of thinking, and the thinkers' ranks are thin.

## BUSINESS

There are three words in the English language which when addressed to another person are capable of arousing more ire on that person's part than, it may be, any other three words in the tongue. This ugly triplet is "liar", "thief" and "coward." They are not good words and must only be employed in the most unusual situations. Far be it from us to stigmatize any of our college friends with one of those harsh epithets, for in some respects we all live in houses of glass and if we cast stones our neighbors will in all probability, have the right to reply with pebbles at least. Nevertheless, if we regard the actions of certain people on the campus in regard to their monetary obligations from the viewpoint of our good friends, the business men of the town, and from the viewpoint of certain students who carry on business

might at least think some of us liars because we promise to settle for goods at a stated time and straight way fall to darken the said merchant's door thereafter; they might think us thieves because we carry off materials and fail to lighten our pocket-books in exchange. When one comes to think of it, that's all a thief does, isn't it? And some of those merchants might be hasty enough to consider us cowards because we're not so foolish as to risk a tongue-thrashing by going and trying to explain affairs. Those people who are trying to collect pledges on the campus shock us by insinuating that they thought we meant it when we signed those pledges and by insisting that a pledge is a pledge, even if settling it doesn't leave us enough currency to take the fair one to the next dance. One would think to listen to them that they were of the opinion we thought a promise, oral or written, a solemn thing and that we respected ourselves enough to keep it.

Someone (we think it was Freeman for the remark that follows reflects his philosophically pessimistic sentiment; remarked not long ago that people do not want truth. Someone else agreed, but asserted that truth is like a medicine, not particularly pleasant to taste, but necessary in serious ailments. That someone considers it a fact that some of us are learning bad business habits in college which will bring us up short in our business careers in the real world we expect to enter after our sojourn here. He is not so foolish as to hope that truth will completely prevail, but it is hoped that this little article will cause a few to pause and consider, if nothing more, before they pass on.

## PREMONITION

Students who have survived one, two, or more years in our college know the delays and fatigues of registering for a new semester. Unless one is unusually lucky or full of push, the process usually consumes about three hours of aimless standing, wandering, and waiting about instead of the comparatively few minutes that should be necessary. We don't think that it is the fault of the advisors. They work as hard as possible and are under as much strain as the rest of us. We must look deeper for the causes.

We might suggest the following conditions as hindering rapid registration. Some of us, to all appearances, never seem to consider a possible schedule for the semester in question until we reach our advisor. Then he has to help us peruse the catalogue hunting subjects that will satisfy our fastidious tastes. Some of us seem to be rank independents and want everything except what the catalogue or the advisor says we may have. With so much of this unnecessary work, the registration process becomes obnoxious. We get the courses and forget to number the sections. Only to start again at the end of the line. Behind are others going through the same paths. There is a simple remedy for such congestion. As soon as the class

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rechedule for the next semester is they are not select others. Settle litigation will be as exasperating and fatiguing a process as it has been hitherto. Take the advice of those and discover whether the subjects you have selected are permissible. If you do not, registration at the beginning of next semester.

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**Part One**  
 Once upon a time there was a farmer who had a dog and a sawmill. One day, the dog and sawmill became entangled, and as a result, a portion of the little dog's tail was severed. The farmer felt very sorry, so he took the portion of tail, and buried it beneath a pile of straw in the woods. That morning, the farmer was eating his breakfast in peace when the little dog appeared in the doorway, holding the tail in his mouth.

**Part Two**  
 After the farmer had finished his breakfast, coffee and pie, he took the tail and journeyed to the woods where he again buried it. As he got down to partake of his noon meal, the little dog appeared in the doorway, and laid the tail at the farmer's feet.

**Part Three**  
 The farmer not to be discouraged arose the next morning very early and traveled many miles across the fields and thru the forests, until he came upon a rock pile. Near the rock pile, he dug an enormous deep hole, and after burying the tail, covered the place with many rocks, large and heavy—great and small.  
 He returned home very weary, but that evening just as he was sitting down to partake of his evening meal, as light was giving way to dusk and dusk to darkness, as the cooling dews began to cover the sun-baked rocks, the little dog appeared in the doorway, and with a feeling of satisfaction and joy, he laid the portion of tail at the farmer's feet.  
 That is all there is to the story, but the moral is: "He was faithful to the end."

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 Fire Insurance Agent—"What became of the hose in Wright Hall?"  
 Student—"A girl was accused of the theft, and she was captured with her goods on her."

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 Professor West—"What do you know about nitrates?"  
 Frosh—"Why, they are less than day rates if you are thinking of sending a telegram."

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 Voice in the dark—"Oh, Harold, why did you turn out the light?"  
 Another—"I wanted to see if my pipe was still lit."  
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 Forest Freeman, captain of the Alma college Horse Marines will now sing, "Runnin' Wild!"

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 Coash—"I was painting a chimney this summer, and it was so high that it took me three hours to climb it."  
 Hantell—"That's nothing. I was painting the stand-pipe in Saginaw, and I dropped my paint brush one Saturday afternoon; when I came to work Monday morning, the paint brush hit me on the head."

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 When I am sleeping snug and sound,  
 To slumberland with Morpheus bound,  
 Who throws his shoes, like bricks, around?  
 —My roommate.  
 When I've removed all signs of dirt,  
 And in my best am almost girt,  
 Who pray, has swiped my one silk shirt?  
 —My roommate.  
 All day I work, my desk's piled high  
 With Eg and Math and Poli Sci;  
 Yet who pulls "A"? Alas; Not I—  
 —My roommate.  
 The president I fain would be  
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 But who would jump ahead of me?  
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**Idlehour Theater**

TUESDAY, (last day) <b>BUSTER KEATON</b> —in— "Our Hospitality" Bray News	SATURDAY <b>WM. RUSSELL</b> —in— "Times Have Changed" Sunshine Comedy
WEDNESDAY (Only) <b>BETTY BLYTHE</b> —in— 'How Women Love' "Our Gang" Comedy	Sunday and Monday Guy Bates Post —in— 'GOLD MADNESS' A James Oliver Curwood story Snub Pollard Comedy
Thursday and Friday What Is 'The Tie that Binds' ? Educational Comedy Bray News	

