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Last year the Oratory and Debating Council decided to make a change in the time at which the annual oratorical contest was to be held. The time was set for May or June preceding the year the contestant was to represent Alma at the State Intercollegiate Contest. The time scheduled for the contest came, passed by and the students on the campus seemed to forget there ever was such a thing as oratory. When anyone was broached on the subject he took refuge in the plea that "one is always rushed toward the end of the year," or "you know you can't possibly write, learn and deliver an oration and be studying for exams at the same time."

So the matter was seemingly dropped. To say the very least, the Council in making the change mentioned above, had some very good reasons for so doing. As we look back over the history of debate and oratory in Alma college for the last few years, we see very little that should make us content with our accomplishments in that line. True it is, we have won a few debates, but we have lost as many. And how many times have we placed a contestant even among the first five at the State contest? Very few. To be sure there have been causes for this and it was in an effort to do away with one of these causes that the council made the change. It was found that Hope, which has always stood first among the colleges of the state in oratory and debate, followed this plan of having the local contest in the spring. There were several good reasons for doing this. In the first place it gave the coach of oratory ample time to work up the delivery of the oration. It gave the orator sufficient opportunity to so drill upon, analyze, and become so familiar with his oration that it would in a sense be a part of himself. This we know to be one of the real essentials in the preparation of an oration for to convince others of the truth and justice of our oration, we must be convinced ourselves. Lack of preparation then was one of the things that has kept Alma's orators out of the first ranks of the state colleges.

This year there is no reason why there should not be a new order of things here. Alma has in her public speech department one of the ablest of coaches and instructors, Professor Hamilton. She has in her public speech classes and argumentation classes sufficient raw material to hold a State contest of her own. Yes, raw material is the word to use. But, what if it be raw? With time and good instruction it should lose its quality of rawness.

In March or April Alma is again to send representatives to the State Intercollegiate contest. Are we going to do as before, wait until a few weeks before that time, have a local contest on a moment's notice and send two people to the contest who cannot do justice to themselves or the college either? Or are we going to get together with the old Alma pep on this matter and get things started. Formerly we may have had some excuse in the fact that we had no instructor in the public speech department. That excuse no longer holds water. If we fail this year that failure can be placed nowhere other than at the feet of the student body. Let's get busy.

ALMA SPIRIT

"As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end"; so it is traditional that every editor of the Almanian shall at some time express himself on that all important subject of Alma spirit. What is it? Many attempts have been made at its definition but they have all fallen short. It cannot be adequately defined. And yet it does exist beyond the shadow of a doubt and at times

we see very material manifestations of it on the college campus. It is something that should be ever present, in the class rooms, on the athletic field, in the dormitories, wherever there are Alma students to be found. And it is either the manifestation of that spirit or the conspicuous absence of manifestation that calls forth expression of ideas on the subject.

So far this year Alma has had two football games. Both have been easy victories for our men and yet that does not mean that they didn't fight. It does not mean that they didn't put every bit of pep and punch they had into the game. No, these men have fought well and they ought to be made to feel from the sidelines that Alma with all her spirit is back of them. This applies to the new men especially. The older ones know the true meaning of Alma spirit and are sure that it is always behind them. Why not show the new men by some good yelling on the side lines that we appreciate what they are doing. Not the scattered, screeching sort of yelling, but good teamwork yells for those are the only kind that reach the men on the field. No doubt it will be different when the M. I. A. A. games are played here. Why not use at the games some of the yells practiced at the mass meetings?

HOW TO GO INSANE

The first requisite is, be an editor; let The Record office be waiting for copy; sit down to write an article and get a few sentences done; then let an acquaintance drop in and begin to tell you stories and the gossip of the college campus. Then let him sit, and sit and sit. These are by far the easiest and best directions to be given for going stark staring mad.

In France A Year Ago

Private Burton: "Sergeant, is it true that we are going in billets when we leave the range next week?"
Vender: "Not billets, but bullets."

A group of soldiers are glancing over a copy of the "Daily Mail" which someone had gotten. On the front page in large headlines: "General attack along entire front."

Wit: "Who is General Attack? I never heard of him."

A. E. F. Abbreviation for an eternity in France.

M. A. C. next Wednesday. What will Alma do?

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HEARD ON THE CAMPUS

Crowded
Johnson: "That's pretty serious Dick, having three girls pictures in your watch."

Bailey: "Well, I can't very well carry three watches."

"Tis sweet to court
But oh! how bitter
To court a girl
And then not get her."

Politics

Senior: "It seems to me you're a good for nothing rogue. Did you ever earn a dollar in your life?"

Soph: "Oh yes, I voted for you once."

A few things we never hear the girls say:

"Just think, I wear a number eight shoe."

"Yes, sir, I'm twenty years old today."

"No, thank you, I don't eat candy."

"You're kind, but I'll carry my books. They're so heavy."

"Just a six-cent drink, please."

Pause

Teacher: "Don't you know that punctuation means you must pause?"

The boy from Detroit, the city of Cadillacs and Fords: "Of course I do. An auto driver punctuated his tire in front of our house Sunday and he paused for half an hour."

From some unknown source comes the following advice to Frosh:

1. Freshman must not indulge in hoop-rolling or marble playing at chapel hour.

2. Hide and seek and tag are considered too exhausting for the physical well-being of this class and therefore will not be tolerated.

3. Teething spoons and crackers may be borrowed from Wright Hall dining room, but all milk bottles must be returned.

4. When lost in the Ad building, be calm, and just wait until called for.

5. Safety first. Stop, look and listen when attempting to cross a hall during rush hours.

6. Sliding down balusters and rolling down stairs are detrimental to life and limb and are strictly forbidden.

7. Keep out of the mud. Don't take colic by wetting your feet.

8. Go-carts, carriages and other means of transportation must be left in the lower hall during recitation.

Bea: "You are all wrong Eddie, women can get along without mirrors as easily as men. Women were made before mirrors."

Eddie: "Yes and they have been before them ever since."

FRESHMEN RULES FOR GIRLS

1. Freshmen should open doors for faculty members and upper class women.
 2. Freshmen are requested not to wear high school pins or numerals.
 3. It is the duty of the freshmen girls to tend bells when called upon by the girls in charge.
 4. Freshmen must not monopolize the conversation or criticize the food.
 5. Freshmen are asked to place their names on the outside of their doors.
 6. Before and after dancing freshmen girls should attend to the rugs in the reception hall.
 7. Freshmen are requested to draw their window shades at dark.
 8. Food must always be passed to the head of the table and then only at her request.
 9. Never fail to help an upper class women when called upon to do so.
 10. Freshmen are not expected to appear in a middy at dinner.
 11. Calling and running through the hall are forbidden.
 12. Passing to and from the dining room faculty members and upper class women precede the freshmen.
 13. Freshmen should stand when addressed by a faculty member.
 14. Do not fold the napkin until the head of the table folds hers.
 15. Freshmen are not to chew gum or eat on the street.
 16. Freshmen girls are expected to wear hats when leaving the campus.
 17. No flag challenge will be noticed or accepted by sophomore girls in Wright Hall.
- Suitable penalties will be imposed upon those who disobey these rules.
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Where we are and what we are doing

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Dear Ma and Dad:
I'm not quite so homesick to-day as I was a week ago. You see at first I was kinder lonesome for Ada bein' it was my first Sunday away from her I guess. "Tother night a week ago the "Y. W. and Y. M." had a party at Wright Hall for us Freshies. No, they didn't play head in the lot like they did at the Stag parade. Wright Hall is the house where the girls live. We eat over there, us rehers I mean. I don't know just what Y. W. and Y. M. means but its some kinda society that most all of them belongs too.

Gee, dad, I got a dandy girl for a partner. I couldn't find the girl that had the same number as mine so' after all of the guys got there partners I took my pick of the bunch and gee dad she's lots nicer'n Ada. I saw her at dinner today so that's why I'm not so homesick maybe.

Yu orter see those upper classies push in and pull out the girls chairs for them when they go to meals. Think they're smart I guess.

Oht dad, I'll have s'more good nuees for yu soon. I go out for foot ball every night. I tell yu my hard work on the farm put me in trim for that their ruff stuff. Pug Coach, our refere, told me that I would make a good player after I got wise to the game. We played Detroit University regulars a week ago dn beet 'em. They didn't even get a run. Yesterday we played the Rooti Toot Toot team and got forty scores. They didn't get a score. The reason I didn't play was because the umpire wants to save me for the big game against the Aggies this week. I'll be right at home among those big guys won't I dad?

Well, I goter read my bible for tomorrow. I'll tell yu everything in my next letter. I am well and hope your all the same.

Lovingly your son,
Oscar.

R. R. No. 6, Ithaca, Mich.,
Sept., 30, 1919.

Editor of the Almanian,
Alma, Mich.,

Dear Sir:
Rev. and Mrs. Milo Hogan, both of the class of 1914, with their little daughter, Jean Elizabeth, sailed Sept. 10th from San Francisco on the steamer, "Siberia Marie, for Canton, China, where they are to do missionary work in connection with the South China Mission.

Rev. Hogan is a graduate of Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, N. Y. with B. D. degree and during the past year was pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Fredonia, Ky.

Mrs. Hogan was known in college days as Miss Emily Beach. After graduation she taught in the high school at Holland, Mich., and then took one year's graduate work with her husband at the Auburn Theological Seminary.

Mail addressed to Canton, China, care of the Presby. U. S. A. Mission will reach them."

HEARD ON THE CAMPUS

Blake Miller was coming down the stairs, closely followed by a freshman in a great hurry.

Fresh: "Hurry up, hurry up."

Rink: "Don't be in such a hurry son, you have four years to go through here."

One day last week Dean Roberts lectured to one of her Junior English classes on the use of slang. After the class a couple of juniors noticed a freshman using slang rather fluently. One of them thought it his duty to inform the freshman of his mistake.

"Hey," he said, "That's a peach of a way for a college fellow to talk. For cat's sake, a guy who enters college ought to have brains enough to cut out the phoney language. You wanna get wise to yourself, and forget that slang stuff, do you get me kid?"

A certain member of the staff:
"Your article should be written on

one side of the paper only and in such a simple manner that the most ignorant could understand it."

Reporter: "I see. Well, what part of it is it you don't understand?"

A man wrote in the other day and said he would subscribe to the Almanian if we would let him pay for it in trade. It seemed a fair enough proposition until we accidentally noticed his letter head, "Best Funeral Director in Town."

Frenchy Hebert tells this one.

An officer in battle happened to stoop his head, a cannon ball passed completely over it and took off the head of a soldier who stood behind him. Whereupon, the officer said, "You see a man never loses by politeness."

Prof. Hamilton (in argumentation class): "Mr. Kemp, can you tell us some of the practical benefits of public speaking?"

Kemp: "Well, in the first place it learns us to speak without thinking"

Prof. Hamilton: (not passed by censors.)

Senior Wit

Frosh: "You seniors seem to take life pretty easy."

Senior: "Yes, even when we graduate we do it by degrees."

DINING HALL EDIEQUITE

Never assist the lady on your right by placing or removing her chair.

Always help yourself first, to bread or anything that is being passed before you serve the ladies.

Push your dishes out in the center of the table, out of the waiter's reach, you'll make a hit with him.

Be sure to sit as far out from the table as possible.

Use small spoon, sip soup slowly.

The waiter will be more certain of securing seconds.

Pass your plates directly across the table to the head for seconds.

Walk out in front of the head of your table.

Pick up your glass when it is about to be refilled by a waiter.

Never try the leading rest while waiting for food.

Men! never wear a linen or soft collar to dinner. (Some never do.)

Lady: My son had been in the army only seven months and had come up from a private to a field marshal."

Discharged soldier: "That is quite impossible, you surely must be mistaken.

Lady: "Well, it was some kind of a marshal. Oh, I remember now it was a court marshal.

Do It Now!

The doors of opportunity remain open for years, but they close with a bang, and they never reopen. We are responsible for the good we might do, and the world is poorer for our neglect, no one can do our work. If there is something that needs doing, don't wait till tomorrow! Do it now!

The old pep can work wonders for Alma.

Learning.

Learning, joined with true knowledge, is an especial and graceful ornament, and an implement of wonderful use and consequence. . . . I would rather prefer wisdom, judgment, civil customs and modest behavior, than care and mere literal learning.—Montaigne.

The team needs a send-off.

Britisher Has Odd Motor.

An English engineer has developed a novel form of rotary motor having four cylinders that operate inside the blades of the propeller. The propeller blades are made of metal and the exhaust issues from the ends of the blades.

Happiness and Interests.

Personal happiness is almost synonymous with personal interests; the wider the range of the latter the higher is the degree of happiness.—John Whiting.

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FERRIS FALLS BEFORE ALMA

(Continued from page one)
 eleven and kept right on going to the goal. Milford goal. Score: Alma 35, Ferris 0.

F. I. kicked to Smith, who returned to the 40 yard line with the ball. Alma made first down and then was forced to kick, F. I. taking the ball on her own 30 yard line. Smith kicked off 15, and Bill Richards 8. Battie churned up the mud for the remaining yardage needed, just as the quarter closed. Milford goal. Score: Alma 42, Ferris 0.

By the time the final quarter started Miller had a few more likely lookers in suits and trotted them out. and then began a battle by Ferris to score and avert a shutout. There was plenty of action on both elevens during the last session and until the last minute it did not look as though Alma would score. F. I. gained ground frequently, and it was only two big runs in the final quarter by Battie for 30 and 40 yards and kept Alma's goal in the clear and gave the Maroon and Cream the chance to score just as the game ended. Battie smashing through the Ferris defense for three yards. Milford missed the first goal of the game. Score: Alma 48, Ferris 0.

Mark	.....	L. E.	.....	Breaden
Spooner	.....	L. T.	.....	Coleman
Jackson	.....	L. G.	.....	Merritt
Wagoner	.....	C.	.....	Phrommer
Anderson	.....	R. G.	.....	Jewell
Mills	.....	R. T.	.....	Goodrich
Tebo	.....	R. E.	.....	Bancroft
Hebert (Capt.)	.....	Q.	.....	Rice
Richards	.....	L. H.	.....	Glover
Smith	.....	R. H.	.....	Lanson
Walker	.....	F. B.	.....	Issaninger

Quarters 1 2 3 4
 Ferris 0 0 0 0—0
 Alma 14 7 21 6—48
 Touchdowns—Smith 3, Battie 3,
 Bill Richards.

Goals—Walker 1, Milford 5.
 Substitutions—Milford for Walker, Battie for Bill Richards, Stowell for Bancroft, Anderson for Spooner, Sartor for Anderson, Johnson for Jewell, Rose for Sartor, Gaffney for Wagoner, Boyne for Tebo, Battie for Hebert, Bill Richards for Battie, Richards for Mark.

Time of quarters—15 minutes.
 Referee—Crisp. Umpire—Scoop Rogers.

Notes on the Game
 Notice that Sartor was in the game fighting during the time that Rink had him in the lineup. He'll get a job of he will keep it up.

Spooner was stepped on for once, getting it on the ankle. He was forced from the game.

Johnson of F. I. had his jaw knocked out of joint. Real pleasant sensation as the writer knows.

Coach Wood slipped quietly down to M. A. C. to see the Aggies and Albion battle Saturday, with a view of getting some valuable pointers for the coming battles of the Maroon and Cream.

Walker's injury was slight, but it was thought best to take him out in view of the recent injury to his shoulder in practice. He's too valuable a man to have go bad at this early stage of the season.

"Rink" strutted around just like a real coach.

The Alma line continued to look weak, and unless it shows a complete reversal of form before Wednesday afternoon the Aggies will get tired of racing up and down the field.

One thing sure Wood has some great material for a backfield, and

there is a big chance for a backfield just as classy as the one of the 1917 eleven, which never lost a college game, and was defeated only by the great officers team at Custer.

ALMA FOOTBALL 1919 PROSPECTS

(Continued from page one)
 will oppose these positions with veto to the limit in picking two capable men for the places. Anderson is expected to develop and take one job. The other guard position is the one with the greatest worry for Wood. It is a hard place to fill, but it must be done, and the first man to show the needed qualifications will take the place.

One will notice that comparisons have been repeatedly made here with Albion. The reason for this is that Albion is the team that must be defeated. If Alma can defeat Albion there will be no question as to her ability to take both Hillsdale and Kalamazoo into camp. There is no cocksureness in the Alma camp, only a grim determination to win, and with nearly a month before the Albion game there are wonderful possibilities that may be realized if the old Alma fighting spirit is shown.

WANT AD COLUMN

WANTED—A silent partner in geometry. —Pioneer Hall.

WANTED—A guardian. —Frosh Krupp.

WANTED—Some ambition. —Dick Bailly.

WANTED—A new girl. —Vic Crittenden.

WANTED—Students who can recite verbatim at least one-half the Bible. C. D. B.

WANTED—A revised speller. Ping Richards.

WANTED—A letter from Ann Arbor. For further information inquire. —L. M. Sharrar.

LOST COLUMN

LOST—A lot of time some place in the library. Finder please return and receive reward. C. Perrigo.

LOST—Several subscriptions to Almanian. Finder please send at once to business manager.

POOR LOISON

The ex-soldiers arm stole around her waist. Zero hour was arriving. "Dearest, he murmured! Tell me—do you like corned beef?"

"Oh, I just dot on it." (Dearest was surprised but anxious to please.) And so they were not married but lived happily ever after.

The Home Sector.
 She: "His mother is so encouraged about his education! He got his degree you know."

He: "Yes? And if he gets a few more he'll be nearly up to zero."

Private: "Captain, there's one request I'd like to make before being discharged."

Captain: "Well, what is it?"

Private: "I'd like to take a good wallop at the 2nd Lieut."

Captain: "Line up!"

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