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ZETA SIGMA HAS ANNUAL BANQUET

Dinner Dance Proves Most Brilliant in History of Society.

The thirty-sixth annual banquet of the Zeta Sigma literary society, held last Saturday evening, was probably the best banquet in the history of the society. It was the best in a number of ways. First of all, there were more old members back than has been usual. The banquet was unusually well planned, and from the grand march into the dining room, until the last dance everything ran smoothly. And then there was that inexplicable something present that makes any affair the "best ever."

There were some 135 guests present at the Park House in St. Louis where the banquet itself was held. The attending orchestra struck up the grand march at seven o'clock, and the guests were led into the banquet hall by President and Mrs. Crooks. The orchestra played during the banquet and at various places in the program itself. When the meal had progressed well, President Harold McNaughton presented Robert Wyatt, who presided as Toastmaster during the remainder of the program. Wyatt proposed the customary toast to Alpha Theta, and Miss Gladys Fryxell responded to the toast with a delightful little bit of "Ourselves Through Feminine Eyes." Sinclair Tebo represented the active members with "Ourselves as We see us." He sketched briefly the make up of the ideal Zeta Sigma man. Dr. Bkenshire revived some of the traditions of the college in his toast "Ourselves as the Faculty see us." He poked a little fun at the American college student in true Uncle Charley form. As usual he surprised the new men, and delighted the old ones, who sat about with big wide "I-old-you-so" grins on their faces. He gave, by quite a ways, the wittiest toast of the evening. Ion MacLaughlin, representing the Adelpic society of Olivet College, brought the greetings of his society to the society, and gave the Adelpic viewpoint of Zeta Sigma in "Ourselves from a Distance." Dr. A. K. Edgerton responded to "Ourselves as we Used to be." He reviewed the society and campus of the past in a refreshingly informal way. John Dunham gave the final toast on "Ourselves as we are Apt to be." He spoke excellently, presenting his own opinions on what a Zeta Sigma man should attempt to be and do. The program was concluded with the singing of the Zeta Sigma song.

Then the company returned to Alma and to the Elk's Hall where the dance was held. Never before had a dance hall been so attractive at a Zeta Sigma party. The committee with the aid of some of the members

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PHI PHI ALPHA

Phi Phi Alpha held its regular meeting Monday evening, November 3 in the House. As the janitors resigned at this meeting it was necessary to elect new men for the offices. After a very heated campaigning by members of the society, Leichty and Anderson were nominated and unanimously elected to the offices of Janitor and Ass't Janitor respectively.

Adjourning to the Literary Program we had papers given by Cole and Prouty. The series by Cole were entitled "Plague of Buttered Toast and Coffee", "Further Depredations of the Fair Sex," and "Trails of the Non-Smoker." Prouty's paper was entitled "Politics" and dealt with the present problems of the late election. Smythe responded to the Impromptu, talking on the subject "Campus Spirit." The critic's report was given by Harris and then the meeting was adjourned to the campus where the men gave a yell for Philomathean. From there we journeyed down town to indulge in the Janitor's treat.

The Good Ship "Alma"

Once upon a time there was a man who had a rowboat. It was a very beautiful boat, skillfully constructed of iron sheeting and steel straps. As the fall weather came on this man said to himself, "The wind is cold today; it blows from the north. This should be a good day for duck hunting." Thus saying, he took down his gun and started out. He approached the body of water where his boat lay, and in the far end of the pond he saw resting on the water, a flock of fine ducks. With caution, he placed the oars in the locks, and shoved off. With a firm hand, he carefully sculled over the lily pads, and with the ease of a gull skimmed along the glassy surface. Then the unexpected happened. Submerged in the water lay a snag, directly in the path of the speeding boat. "Whock!" The boat hit the snag. The man was thrown to the floor, and when he recovered his senses, he discovered a huge hole in the end of his craft. Water was entering and something had to be done immediately. This man was a wise (?) man. He quickly picked up his gun and shot another hole in the bottom to let the water out. Naturally, the boat sank.

This parable may sound foolish but the incident is no more absurd than what happened at Alma this year. The college had a beautiful team, skillfully constructed of M. I. A. Stars and other brilliant players. The team set out to get the championship, and along came Hillsdale and tore a hole in the hull of the good ship "Alma." Two other holes were made when Wright and Anderson were injured seriously enough to keep them from further participation this season. Immediately after hitting the Hillsdale snag, the students, team, and townspeople in the boat began shooting holes to let the water out. Bang! We can't play football when the crowd won't yell. Bang! We won't yell for a bunch of players that fight among themselves. Bang! We can't win games without Wright. Bang! If they had tried a dropkick, they would have won the game. Bang! If they hadn't tried to dropkick, they would have won the game. Bang! Get down on the line. Bang! Signals over. Bang! He's afraid he'll hurt himself and won't be able to dance tonight. Bang! That guy can't lead yells.

What do you say, folks? Let's quit shooting holes in the hull of the good ship "Alma," and keep Kalamazoo and Mt. Pleasant from making any further ruptures. The ducks (or championship hopes) have flown away. We've got to get back to shore without further accidents. Kalamazoo will give Alma a hard fight Saturday. They are strong. They scored on Hillsdale. All the guys on the team will have to buckle in and work together in order to defeat them. After that we've got to get by that old snag, Mt. Pleasant. Come on, students, team, townspeople,—quit shooting holes and help "Old Alma" navigate.

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

At the last regular meeting of the Student Council, several bills were allowed and a petition for a dance was granted.

Another matter discussed was that of an open forum for the student body. The idea of the Council was to have a certain time set aside, about once a month, (preferably at chapel time) in which the Student Body will have a chance to discuss campus problems. This meeting will be in the hands of the student body. Discuss this matter among yourselves and think it over.

Beta Tau Holds Third Annual Stag

"The best banquet Beta Tau ever had" tells the story of the annual stag banquet held in the Wright House dining room Saturday evening. Approximately thirty people were served including society members, this year's pledges, the faculty guests Dr. MacCurdy and Professor Hamilton, and out of town guests.

As soon as everyone's appetite for fried chicken had been completely satisfied, Toastmaster MacDonald started the "ball rolling" by calling on President Apsey who delivered the address of welcome to the new members of the society and the guests of the evening. He was followed by Mr. Winslow, who mentioned among oth-

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DR. ZELIE SPEAKS ON SOVIET RUSSIA

Fascinating Orator Also Addresses Students at Chapel Service.

Dr. John Sheridan Zelig, noted traveler and author-philosopher and at present pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Troy, New York, opened the year's Lyceum Course last Thursday evening with a lecture on Soviet Russia. Dr. Zelig returned from Russia but a few months ago and was exceptionally well-versed on his subject. He possessed an unusual flow of English and his speech delighted all.

Dr. Zelig was sent to Russia to administer aid to the Russian churches under the auspices of the Protestant churches of America. The churches helped were nearly all Catholic and the Russian churchmen expressed no little praise for the aid they received

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ALPHA THETA

The Alpha Theta Literary Society was called to order Monday evening, November 2, by the President Gladys Fryxell. A short business meeting was followed by the annual pledge service.—Adjournment.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Tuesday, Nov. 11—Glee Club and Cantando Club practice. Debaters meeting.

Wednesday, Nov. 12—Band practice.

Thursday, Nov. 13—Joint meeting of Y. M. and Y. W. Clack will speak.

Friday, Nov. 14—Mass meeting. Be there and give the team a send-off.

Saturday, Nov. 15—Alma vs. Kazoo at Kalamazoo.

Sunday, Nov. 16—Church services.

Monday, Nov. 17—Society meetings.

Phi Stags Revel O'er Festive Board

Saturday night at seven o'clock the sixty members of Phi Phi Alpha past, present, and future gathered at the City Hall for their annual Stag Banquet. The banquet was unusual in the fact that it started on time. Prof. Clack offered the invocation. The Phi orchestra, composed of Calkins, Fildey, and Cole broke forth in melodious syncopation, and the swipes broke forth with the soup. The silence was appalling. A snort from Junior LaFollette (Prouty) broke the monotony. Therefore everyone felt at home and was happy. The next course of the meal consisted of Pommes de terre cui au four and Poulets rotis a la truffe. It turned out to be

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ALMA LOSES BIG HOMECOMING GAME

Field Goal by Albion Furnishes Enough Points to Defeat Campbellites.

Before a home-coming crowd, Alma's football warriors accepted a 3 to 0 defeat from Albion.

Almost immediately after Saturday's game opened with Alma kicking off to Albion, the Methodists were forced to kick. Burton tore through and blocked the punt, and recovered the ball on the Albion 13 yard line. H. Catherman hit for a yard. McDonald added 1 and then 3 more. Chatman tore through the line and fourth down ended on the 5 yard line, two yards short of the needed yardage for first down and it was Albion's ball, and a wonderful scoring chance had been passed up. The balance of the quarter was entirely in Albion territory, until the final play of the quarter, when Albion punted from her 49 yard line to R. Catherman on the Alma 30. Most of the play was between the Albion 30 yard line and the center of the field.

Starting the second quarter Alma carried the ball to the 49 yard line, where Alma was handed a 15 yard penalty. On a forward pass play, the passers were covered and Rus Catherman tore around left end for nearly 40 yards, to the Albion 20. Three plays gained 5 yards. Anderson was injured and Maurer replaced him. A forward pass was grounded and it was Albion's ball on her own 15 yard line. After a first down Albion was forced to punt, Catherman returning 7 yards to the Albion 45, one of the very few returns made of a punt by Alma during the game. Chatman got a yard and two passes grounded. A bad pass prevented McDonald from punting and it was Albion's ball on the 50 yard line. Albion carried the ball to the Alma 30, when a penalty for offside forced her to punt. Bouwman punted to Perkins, who returned 17 yards to the Alma 38. After 3 plays Albion was penalized for holding, and the half ended before another play was put under way.

The greater part of the play in the third quarter was in Albion territory, although Albion was in Alma territory for a short time during the quarter. In this quarter McDonald attempted a dropkick which Albion recovered on the Albion 38 yard line. She punted to the Alma 10 and after McDonald gained 2 yards the quarter ended with Alma in possession of the ball on her own 12 yard mark.

Alma fumbled and Lamb recovered on the Alma 9. Bouwman's punt was hurried when Albion linemen broke through, aid it was high and short, Albion getting the ball on the Alma

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ALL M. I. A. A. TEAMS IN ACTION THIS WEEK

There will be three M. I. A. A. contests on the football card this week. Alma will meet Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo and if she shows a better brand of football than exhibited Saturday, she will win from the down-staters. Albion and Ypsilanti clash at Albion with Albion the favorite. Hillsdale and Olivet play at Olivet. Hillsdale has won four M. I. A. A. games and it looks as if she will win the championship with a clean slate. Last Saturday she defeated Kalamazoo 21 to 7 without extending herself, and Olivet took a rest. The game will probably be one of the best in the state on that day.

The University of Michigan squad travels to Columbus to meet Ohio State. Last Saturday Michigan defeated Northwestern 27 to 0, and Ohio lost to Indiana 7 to 12. Michigan will have a hard fight on her hands for Ohio State is strong on defense. A margin of two touchdowns ought to satisfy the Wolverines.

KRUSH KAZOO
Be At The Mass Meeting Friday Nite

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THE VERBAL OPEN FORUM

At the last meeting of the Student Council it was suggested that the student body assemble "about once a month, preferably at chapel time," to discuss subjects of campus importance. According to the Student Council these meetings would be in charge of the Student Body.

The plan might be a good one, provided the discussions were conducted for and by the student body. Open chapel meetings usually mean one of two things: either the presentation of a "cut and dried" proposition to the student body for their unanimous sanction by declamation, or a speech to revolutionize something which is at present causing no trouble.

In the first place, the student body has no power. It can only suggest and not legislate. All legislative and executive power is vested in the Student Council. The different organizations and classes have elected the most competent men to serve on the Council and these representatives should be able to exercise their respective duties with judgement.

In the second place, what is there to discuss? If a social function is desired, the Student Council gives permission and the individual collegians have nothing to do with the matter. If a freshman becomes unruly, the Student Council appoints a committee to attend to the affair, and says, "Hands Off," to the ever ready and desirous sophomores. If the Student Body desires the library to be open a night or two each week, the jurisdiction is in the hands of the faculty, and even the Student Council cannot legalize it by vote.

In the third place, under consultation, several members of the Student Council stated that the Verbal Open Forum might easily become a "stamping ground for campus politicians." The conclusion drawn here may be wrong. The Almanian desires communications concerning the matter. There may be questions which need discussion. Radicalism seems to be sweeping all college campuses. Students want to revise everything that's wrong, and stir up and revolutionize all things which are quietly behaving themselves.

It might be well to state that it would be best not to allow these open meetings to interfere with chapel services. The chapel service is the backbone around which all other assemblies are grouped. Without chapel, Alma college would be just an institution, instead of a big family of intra-spirited collegians.

A FOOTBALL BANQUET?

There will be no championship to celebrate this year, but the Old Alma Spirit is as strong as ever. It's time to begin thinking about the big football banquet when the team is honored for the season's work on the gridiron.

For the benefit of the freshmen, a football banquet is defined as the biggest "feed" of the year. All the students, and faculty members, and a big bunch of the alumni meet together in Wright Hall and eat, and eat, and eat. The Wright Hall boarders sacrifice the "wet toast" to the cause, and eat dry toast for the two weeks preceding, so you see it is necessary for plans to be made at once. After everyone eats all they can, (and then eats a lot more,) a toastmaster calls on the orators of the college for a few words. They "orate," and then yells are given for the members of the team, and the coach gives the history of each one's playing during the season. Then the meeting adjourns to the gymnasium where a good orchestra and glassy (?) floor is found. Everyone dances until 10:30 and then the football banquet is adjourned.

The banquet this year should be one of the biggest ever. The only way to have a real one, is to begin planning immediately. Somebody should appoint somebody else on a committee and begin working this week.

**HOMECOMING MASS MEETING
BEST OF THE YEAR**

The mass meeting held in the college chapel last Friday evening, has been declared by all to be the best exhibition of "pep" shown on the campus this year. Anderson, Moore, and Thoma had charge of the affair, and turmoil reigned supreme from "Robinson's Grand Entree" by the band, until the last Yea, team.

The chapel was filled, and a number of persons stood in the halls and

vestibule. The feature of the program was the return of Sid Foster. Sid told of the old days, and really was surprised at the lively manner in which the mass meeting was carried on. Alumni are in the habit of returning to their Alma Mater and saying, with a sad shake of the head, "The Old college ain't what is used to be. Them days is gone forever." Alma is an exception to the rule. No person present could recall a display of enthusiasm, which equalled that shown Friday night.

The shy Red Carty was called to the rostrum and much to the surprise of all, he boldly issued the challenge that he and Bob Trittin would challenge any other two men to a yelling contest. Mel Orr and Doc Pills immediately rose to the occasion and accepted the challenge. If the audience was any judge at all, the latter team vanquished the challengers. Carty and Trittin were at a disadvantage, however, for as soon as they began their yell, a dog which had followed someone in, began barking and drowned out their lusty "Yea, team."

Willie Ritter (now Mrs. Hooper) was pushed to the platform where she told of the Alma she knew fifteen years ago. Others, past and present, gave their views, and the most successful mass meeting in the history of the college closed.

**BETA TAU EPSILON
STAG BANQUET**

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er things his subject which was "Hail, Hail, the gang's all here." He paid tribute to the charter members of the society who were responsible in a very large measure, for the success it had attained even while as yet only in it's third year.

Dr. MacCurdy with the well defined subject "Where the Lazy Daisies Grow" said some things of paramount value to the society. While he recognized the obstacles confronting a young society, he congratulated the members on having to fight hard for success which will be all the more worth while. The opportunity before the early members of a society to wisely lay it's foundation upon which an organization can be developed that will prove successful and lasting is a very great one, and not to be lightly discharged.

"Fat" MacDougall spoke very interestingly on the appropriate topic "Sweet Little You." Mr. MacDougall characterized a willingness to cooperate and work together as the primary essential to good society life. "Red" Feetham, a "Soo" acquisition of this year, spoke in behalf of his brother "Knights of the Green Headgear." Mr. Feetham very successfully carried out his subject, "There's Yes, Yes, in Your Eyes." Out of his vast experience Mr. Feetham proved conclusively that a girl's no very usually meant yes. In touching terms he brought once more to the minds of those present examples which come in the life of every man which substantiated his theory. Leaving the sentimental the speaker spoke of the confidence those of his class had in Beta Tau, and of their eagerness to get more fully into the work of the society. Mr. Hilderly of the class of '25 which leaves Alma next spring, and a charter member of the society, gave voice to the gratification the early organizers felt at seeing the society getting firmly established and well on the road to success.

Professor Hamilton was the closing speaker of the evening. Not being certain just how his subject "The Hottest Man in Town" was to be taken, he left it to speak of things less imperiling. Professor Hamilton stated that success in a society depended on the individual members attention to detail. Too often we consider only the greater opportunities and neglect the smaller issues which are just as important. As an illustration of his point, he cited the junk business where attention to detail is absolutely necessary. Professor Hamilton commented very favorably on the growth of the Beta Tau organization. It was his opinion that a very definite need of a third men's society had been felt on the college campus in past years, and that Beta Tau was very successfully filling that need. The speaker impressed on the members minds that the society which did the most for Alma College, was, in the end, the society which did the most good.

Music was furnished throughout the evening by Mr. Johnston and Mr. Baker of the society.

As a last feature on the program, those present grouped about the piano and sang the Alma College chant to the accompaniment of it's author, Professor Hamilton.

Once upon a time, Burke served a table at Wright Hall, where no one drank tea.

Once upon a time there was a smokestack upon the campus which had no class numerals on it.

**ALMA LOSES BIG
HOMECOMING GAME**

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22. Perkins ripped through the line, off tackle, for 11 and first down on the 11 yard line. H. Williams hit for 3, and Vic Williams gave another 3. Perkins was stopped. Robinson dropped back and kicked a field goal from the 15 yard line. Albion 3, Alma 0.

Practically all of the balance of the game the play was in Alma territory, after Albion kicked to Alma. Albion finally got the ball on the Alma 33 yard line when Alma punted outside. Perkins, the Williams brothers and Robinson carried the ball to the Alma 11 yard line. H. Williams was thrown for a loss. Perkins lost 9. Albion was holding on the next play and handed a penalty of 15 yards. Burton ripped through and dumped Robinson for a 5 yard loss. Albion punted over the Alma goal.

Catherman started a march with 15. He lost 2 on the next play and then Alma was offside and forced to punt. The game ended with the ball in Albion's possession on the Alma 33 yard line.

Anderson, who was injured so that he will not be able to play again this season; Bowman and Rus Catherman displayed good work for the Almates. Chatman, however, and Burton were the consistent performers. 'Andy' played the usual steady, consistent, reliable game until his injury forced him out. Done with football for the year, it is his due that it be said that Anderson has been the most consistent player on the Alma team this year. He with Wright, injured in the Hillsdale game, are two men who have shown the stuff this year that should give them consideration for the All M. I. A. A. team.

Albion	Pos	Alma
Sauer	.....L.E.	Bowman
Thingstad	.....L.T.	Calkins
Howell	.....L.G.	Burton
Lozway	.....C.	Reid
Barlow	.....R.G.	Partee
Pahl	.....R.F.	Anderson
Preshaw	.....R.E.	Shaver
Robinson	.....G.G.	H. Catherman
V. Williams	.....L.H.	H. Catherman
Perkins	.....R.H.	Chatman
H. Williams	.....F.B.	McDonald, (C)
Periods	1 2 3 4	Final
Alma college	0 0 0 0	0
Albion	0 0 0 3	3
Substitutions	Maurer for Anderson, Nowiski for Calkins, Fraser for Reid, Lamb for Chatman, Welthoelter for H. Catherman, Couturi for Partee, Davis for Couturi, Manigold for Welthoelter, H. Catherman for Manigold, Chatman for Lamb, Carty for Bowman, Kenaga for Perkins.	
Field goal	Robinson.	Referee—Page of Springfield; umpire—Burroughs of Illinois; headlineman—Dalrymple of Knox.

DRAMATIC CLUB RE-ORGANIZE

The Alma College Dramatic Club late this week made plans for re-organization. Phil Lewis who was the president of the organization failed to return to college this fall, so Miss Virginia Tremaine, the present vice-president, becomes the new head of the club.

Last year, the club chose "The Passing of the Third Floor Back", for it's play, and practiced for three weeks, but due to sickness of some members of the cast, and other reasons, the play was not completed. It has been found that nearly all of the cast is back this year, and that it is entirely possible to successfully go through with the venture. It is hoped that through the success of this play, the Dramatic Club may receive the recognition it deserves. Such an organization should be on every college campus.

**ALBION BEGINS
BASKETBALL PRACTICE**

Word comes through the columns of the Albion College Pleiad, that fifty men have responded to the call for basketball candidates. Workouts will be held twice a week in the high school gymnasium until after the completion of the grid schedule. Athletic Director Betchel will not make a cut until after football season, when fifteen men will be rounded into the Varsity squad. The veterans back this year are Preshaw of Detroit, Coddington of Jackson, Kenaga of Royal Oak, and Perkins of Flint. Alma will meet Albion at Albion January 20, and the Albionites will play here March 5.

**CAMPUSOLOGY
Thin's Fairy Tales**

Once upon a time there were two little boys and their names were Ken Moore and Bill Martin. Said Ken to Bill, "Let us play a game of golf." "Allright," answered Bill, so off they started. They had a very successful afternoon. Bill got a 58 on the eighteen holes and Ken got two holes in one, which gave him a card of 56.

Once upon a time there was a professor who upon seeing the Thanksgiving Holidays approaching said, "I will not assign any extra work to do during the holidays."

Once upon a time a fellow brought a guest into Wright Hall and Mac-Glone did not see him, and the guest got away without paying.

Once upon a time Elliot Crooks went for a ride in his Willys Knight, and did not have to send for a garageman.

ZETA SIGMA BANQUET

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and pledges had entirely covered the ceiling and walls with bright colored streamers. The decorations were the most elaborate that had ever been attempted at a Zeta Sigma affair. The orchestra was also the best orchestra that has ever played at a society party. The music was furnished throughout the banquet and for the dance by the Martuch orchestra of Saginaw.

The guests of the society at this year's banquet were Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Crooks, Dr. Charles D. Brokenshire and Mrs. L. Brokenshire, Dean Laura Elsie Lanier, Mlle. Marie Louise Boissot, and Ion MacLaughlin. Dr. and Mrs. Crooks, Miss Lanier and Mlle. Boissot also acted as chaperones at the dance. Ion MacLaughlin represented the Adelphics, Zeta Sigma's affiliated society at Olivet College.

Old men and honorary members present included: Dr. and Mrs. Chas. F. DuBois of Alma, Mr. and Mrs. John Dunham of Grand Rapids, Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Edgerton of Clio, Oscar M. Anderson of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. McAllister of Oak Park, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Babcock of Alma, Lee M. Sharrar of Alma, Harold Hickerson of Detroit, James G. Howe of Alma, Algot Erickson of Newberry, Lowell Hudson of Manistique, Lester Allen of Alma, Trudeau DesJardins of Flint, Sidney D. Foster of Newberry, Elmore VonderHeide of Detroit, Burrows Rathsburg of Marlette, Sterling Shoemaker of Almont, Robert Wyatt of Lansing, Paul Stephen of Vassar, Hugh Tarrant of Saginaw, Robert R. Bailey of Detroit, Stanley Vliet of Alma, Edwin Starr of Detroit, H. H. Handley of Lansing, Berkley Vaughn of Greenville, and Oswald Kirker of Detroit.

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MURPHY'S
DRUG STORE

Alma Meets

Kazoo Saturday

The Alma team was not up to par last Saturday when it played before a homecoming crowd at Davis Field and much to the disappointment of the old grads and students, they accepted a burning 3 to 0 defeat from Albion. A number of alibis have been offered freely by those who saw the game, but it is sufficient to say here that the team lacked the drive which sent it through the season of 1923 with an uncrossed goal line. All in all, everyone was disappointed with the brand of football displayed, but this is no time to cry over spilt milk. Kalamazoo must be met this Saturday. Even though the down-staters have not won a game they have been growing in strength. Last Saturday they threw a scare into Hillsdale by scoring a touchdown on the coming M. I. A. A. champs.

Alma College meets Kalamazoo College in the last Michigan Intercollegiate game of the season at Kalamazoo Saturday and to finish the season with better than a .500 average must defeat the Orange and Black.

The writer is making no predictions on the outcome, except to say that if a different brand of football is not shown next Saturday, Alma will finish well down the ladder in the association race. Right now Alma cannot hope for better than third in the race with a victory. A defeat will send the Presbyterians into fourth place, with a possibility that Alma might be forced to accept a tie with Olivet for fourth and fifth when the final standings are out.

ENGLISH LITERATURE
CLASSES WRITE SONNETS

During the study of the sonnet in the English Literature classes of Professor Hamilton, the members composed original sonnets. A number of these were found to contain real genius, classical or otherwise. The four best sonnets have been secured and are published here. Francis (Fat) MacDougall, Marjorie Dunton, Edith Doty and Cecil MacDonald are our selections for prospective Nobel Prize winners.

Just a Sonnet or an Impression of
Dinner at Wright Hall
(by Francis MacDougall)

The table round, each sits in solemn state;
With many a glance; now bold, now quick and shy,
The Ladies watch the hurried swipes rush by,
The hungry men glance at their empty plate.
Meanwhile the head sits prim, discussing fate;
Perchance old Oxford with it's clear blue sky
Where men drink tea, and cultured ladies rye
Beneath the gabled roofs of cold gray slate.
Much I prefer the crude rough ways of home;
The heaped up plate, a spacious stomach filled,
A happy man, a meek contented wife.
My work is crude, it maketh not a poem,
In verse and measured rhyme I am unskilled,
But still I lead a calm, a happy life.

Sonnet to Mah Junk
(by Marjorie Dunton.)

Oh, Ford, without a top and with no lights,
With naught but rotten tires on all four wheels
Your battered image into my heart steals
And leaves a memory of moonless nights.
You've taken many gay and reckless flights,
And even taken corners on two wheels.
You have no brakes! You've caused no end of squeals;
And still the sight of you my heart delights.
You may not look as good as other cars,
You may not travel with such ease and speed,
And folks may even say you are the bunk,
But I don't mind the numerous bumps and jars
And I don't care if you have gone to seed,
For I adore you as you are. Mah Junk!

On Writing a Sonnet
(by Edith Doty)

Oh, why should I so persecuted be
And struggle with the unrelenting Muse
Who doth my supplications all refuse
E'en when I plead with her on bend-

ed knee.
Oh that I now a pathway clear might see,
This task of rhyming doth not me amuse

Just now I'd rather read the Daily News,
Or cook, or sew, or scrub. Alas, poor me!

But now my task is more than half-way done;
Just four lines more are there for me to write,

And I am sure that with the setting sun
Shall come an end of effort to endite.

A poet's life seems not a joyous thing,
Tho' some there are that of its glories sing.

To A Far Northern Country
(by Cecil MacDonald)

I did not think when late I left that land,
That I would miss its northern clime so soon,

That I would lack that ring-encircled moon
Which prophesies King Blizzard's sure command.

I miss thy cold, and snow, and sleet, —like sand
That cometh from Sahara's mighty room;

Accompanied by a wierd and savage tune,
Which may have been by Scottish Bagpipes planned.

Contented I will be when once again
My eyes behold the realm of frost and ice;

Thy snowy forests,—thy sweet air like spice
Pine laden, Distant from the scenes of men.

Please God, I'll see again thy inland sea,
And tremble in the strength of Winter's lea.

BAND TO GIVE DANCE

The Maroon and Cream Band will give an all-college dance the evening of Saturday, November 22. This function is not to be confused with the Annual Band Dance which is given each spring, but merely an extra party attempted by the musicians. President Kenneth Wolfe is in charge of the music, and Wolfe always finds a good orchestra.

DR. ZELIE LECTURES AT ALMA

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from the American Protestants. They realized that America wished to help them, regardless of denomination. Dr. Zelig told of his departure and how the Archbishop of Canterbury wished him success on his journey.

Dr. Zelig first visited Moscow where the city was heavily policed by the Soviets. He could not even whisper his mission for fear of arrest, but had to administer aid through roundabout methods. From there he visited Petrograd, and several other cities and found that the spirit of Sovietism was the same wherever he went.

The relief which he brought with him was American food, placed in one hundred and twenty-five pound parcels. At each church he visited he would ask for a list of the needy in the congregation, and upon receiving the list would attempt to provide for them. At one church he asked for a list of two hundred and when he received it, there were a thousand names attached. This shows the real need of food relief in Russia.

The Soviet government was very opposed to the American Protestant Relief, for it held only the Soviet church in favor. On one occasion a Soviet church asked for food, and when the relief workers gave it freely, a possible clash with the government was avoided. Contrary to what some people think, the Soviet government is in fact controlled by a few, and their desires are carried out through an effective police and spy system. Dr. Zelig always emphasized the secrecy which was always employed by his workers.

The heads of the churches which were aided were very courteous and grateful to the Americans. He was

allowed privileges given only to those in high rank in the Russian churches. He carries with him a cross which was given him by one of the parochial fathers.

Throughout Dr. Zelig's lecture, the speaker brought forth descriptions and verbal pictures which held the audience spellbound.

The student body again had an opportunity to hear Doctor Zelig in the chapel service Friday morning. Dr. Zelig on this occasion chose the subject of Josef Conrad.

While Conrad was alive, Dr. Zelig was invited to his home in the Berkshires, just outside of Great Barrington. Conrad and Zelig were classmates of college days and very intimately acquainted. Dr. Zelig described Conrad as he saw him that evening. An etcher was making an engraving of the great writer, who appeared entirely foreign. Upon seeing his long, black, wavy hair, his mustache, and penetrating eyes, which were uniquely continental, one could say that there was nothing English about his personal appearance. Yet he wrote volume after volume of typically English novels.

Conrad never cared for revolt. He was docile, and appreciative, with a love for art and all things beautiful. He spent twenty-eight years in the sleepy, dozy, little county of Kent, and was thoroughly incorporated in English life. He championed the life of his easy going neighbors, and copied their customs. The influence of his twenty-eight years at sea was obliterated by the dominating English.

Conrad was offered degrees from Yale, Williams, and Harvard, but he refused them as he had refused honors from Oxford and Cambridge. He was especially appreciative of Cooper and never failed to compliment the great forefather of the American novel.

Conrad never enjoyed writing. He often spoke of its joys and agonies. He wrote his first novel while at sea, and often said that if it had not been accepted by the publisher, he would never have started another. He always spoke of completed works as "his books" and loved them as he did his friends.

Research men have failed to discover Conrad's religion. He never spoke of it to friends, and it is thought that he was most probably a follower of Catholicism.

Without doubt Dr. Zelig knew Conrad better than any other individual and his efforts to preserve the great writer's life and personality will be valued by literary historians in the years to come.

OVERHEARD AT THE
ZETA SIGMA BANQUET

Wyatt said he was always very popular with Uncle Charlie. He was always spoken to at the beginning and several times during every class period. We all know how Bob feels on the matter.

Dr. Brokenshire said that two college people were discussing dancing, the "shindig" which follows a good banquet, and he said to Her, that he had some new steps to show to Her. And then they went out and sat upon them.

This same man expressed his opinion about us all. We study too hard, are not social enough, and don't pay enough attention to athletics.

Miss Lanier: Mr. Wright How can I dance with you? Where can I put my arms?

Roge: Why, you can put them wherever you wish, Miss Lanier!
AND SHE DID!

Reed Ruggles made his "Formal Bow" to the guests and requested that non-folding chairs be used hereafter.

John Dunham, lawyer from Grand Rapids, expects every college graduate to enter politics. The students of Alma will certainly live up to his fondest hopes, judging from all the practice which they have had.

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Ypsi Wins M. I. A. A. Cross Country Run

The Ypsilanti Cross Country team scored a decisive victory over the other M. I. A. A. schools here last Saturday afternoon, when she captured first, second, and third, individual places in the event. The Ypsilanti team also took first place in the Meet with a score of 26, and Albion finished runner-up with a score of 50. Hillsdale took third place with a score of 77, and Kalamazoo finished but one point behind with a 78. The Alma team took the tail end of the tally with a score of 94. Olivet did not enter a team.

The Alma team deserves credit, even though they failed to place towards the front. The men have been forced to train themselves, while other M. I. A. A. schools have had coaches hired to train their harriers five nights a week.

In scoring each man is credited

with the place he finished. The individual scores are then added up, and the team with low score receives first place, etc. Each college may enter as many men as they wish, but only the first five to finish count toward the team's score. The scores are as follows:

Ypsilanti	Place
Man Carpenter	1
Abeshan Smith	2
Shepherd Knowles	3
Wetzel	9
Total Score	26
Albion	Place
Man Holmes	4
Kirgman Roberts	6
Keyes	7
Galloway Maus	16
Total Score	17
Hillsdale	Place
Man Willett	5
Middleton	8
Cash	18
Phelps	21
Ojala	25
Mark	—
Total Score	77
Kalamazoo	Place
Man J. Wendzel	12
Compton	13
Clark	14
Denison	19
R. Wendzel	20
Peterson	—
Total Score	78
Alma	Place
Man McManus	10
Bentley	15
Williams	22
Doudna	23
Tebo	24
Patton	—
Total Score	94

(Olivet did not send team)

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Many Visitors at Wright Hall Saturday

A number of old Alma College girls were here for the week end. They were: Alvina Curtis, Thelma Potter, Mary Campbell, Margaret Maxwell, Eunice Houghton, Irene Anguish, Ellen Leman, Margaret Poole, Bernice Evans, Helen Scott, and Mary Hagaman.

Mr. Isaac Jenkins visited his daughter, Katherine, and Elizabeth Jenkins, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McGlone of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Gerow of Cheboygan, Mr. and Mrs. Maurer of Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Gies of Reese, Mr. and Mrs. MacDougall of Flint, and Mrs. Ardis of Evart were among the parents of students who were in Alma last week end.

A number of out-of-town guests for the Zeta Sigma banquet were entertained by Wright Hall girls. They were: Marguerite Jagna, entertained by Beatrice Cottle; Alice Walker, the guest of Josephine Peavy; Nannette Bauer, visiting Doris Jost; Clemance Van de Sande, the guest of Katherine Jenkins and Roberta Allsworth, entertained by Gladys Fryxell.

Mary Jane Floyd, Kathleen McFadden and Don Bingham of Flint visited Mary Shroyer, Saturday and Sunday.

Catherine Brown of Parma and Gladwin Lewis of Albion were the guests of B. Woodhurst and Karetou. Brown for the week end.

Ruth Grierson entertained at breakfast Sunday morning in honor of Margaret Poole and Bernice Evans. All the Senior Philos and Helen Courtade were guests.

Friday night the Neely-Morrison apartment in Wright Hall saw the merriest party of its kind that his season has afforded. The Ann Arbor had brought in a number of girls who belong, by rights, to Alma, and so the first and most appropriate welcome was a spread. Alvina Curtis, Thelma Potter, Mary Campbell and Eunice Houghton were entertained by Loreta Neely, Margaret Morrison, Katherine and Elizabeth Jenkins, Josephine Peavy, Ruth Hamilton and Dorothy Lee. The room was fittingly decorated with a profusion of pillows and borrowed chairs, and the girls ate in the "mellow light" shed by yellow candles. The menu, as the girls relate it, must have been delicious. At any rate, the party lasted until 2:00 A. M., so it was surely a "sumptuous feast."

PHI STAGS REVEL O'ER FESTIVE BOARD

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roast chicken and scalloped potatoes. After that no one worried about what was coming, but it kept coming for an hour and a half. Even the real eating champs like Jack Maurer and Ed Cummings had to say "Take it away." Throughout the meal the orchestra, unable to resist the continued applause, played very effectively.

After the meal Toastmaster Gatz took charge of affairs and introduced Edward Denice who represented the future Phis. He gave a very snappy talk entitled "Soft Cement." He compared the Freshmen to soft cement which would be good or bad according to the workmen who moulded it. Judging from the way Mr. Denice handled the subject, the cement is of good quality.

Jack Erskine lived up to his Irish name and face by outgaying Gay. Although Gay had two shots, before and after, he retired completely subservient to the drastic wit of Mr. Erskine. Jack talked on "Paving". He showed how the Sophomore class was, like paving, beginning to take form although a few large boulders were still visible.

Harold Fildey was the next man on the program with a violin solo. He was encored several times, responding with such old favorites as "Swanee River" and "When You and I Were Young Maggie."

Nisbet showed how the Junior Class was "Hardening" into the real qualities of the road. His talk like all the others was snappy and to the point. It was very well received.

Carl Wood represented the finished highway but betrayed the fact that even finished highways have bumps.

Dasef and Sartor represented the "Old Corduroys." They gave an insight into how the roads stand up under wear and tear. Everybody loved a fat man, and Tubby Sartor endeared himself to all by showing us how to bounce over the rough spots.

The stags, after reviving fond memories in the hearts of the old by singing college songs, left the feeding ground and went to the Phi House where they continued their revelries until the wee hours without thought of the coming indigestion.

Verne Miner of the American Cafe (the old Paris Cafe) served the enticing menu, and proved himself a caterer royal.

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