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DR. EDMUND LUCAS TO GIVE TALK

Prominent Educator From India to Be in Chapel Thursday and Friday.

Dr. Edmund D. Lucas, President of Forman Christian College, Lahore, India, is to be at Alma College next Thursday and Friday, January 21 and 22, and will address the student body on Thursday morning at 9:40 in the College Chapel.

Dr. Lucas is one of the most widely known missionaries of the Presbyterian Board. Going to India in 1907 he knows the old India which has always had a great attraction for white people. He has had intimate touch with people of all classes and has seen the varied life which characterizes this part of the world. He has also been fortunate in seeing from the beginning, the great modern movements which have brought India to the attention of the world, particularly during the past decade.

It is not surprising therefore, that his addresses have attracted a great deal of interest and attention in the large churches of the East where he has been speaking.

Dr. Lucas, as president of one of the strong colleges of India, has had peculiar opportunities for contact with the student classes so that in his presentation, the whole of Indian life and the great problems which are being faced there are clearly brought out.

Alma Alumni To Bring Fine Team

A chance to look at some of the stars of former years will be offered to Alma court fans Friday evening when the Alma collegians clash at Memorial gymnasium with the Alumni aggregation of tossers, who will be headed by the highly touted and renowned "Red" Carty, three time All M. I. A. A. forward, who has been to basket ball of the M. I. A. A. what Hank Ford has been to the automobile industry.

In addition to "Red" Carty, whose performances will be talked of for years in the M. I. A. A., and who ran on six instead of the customary four that Hank uses on his; will be the famous and to Alma's former M. I. A. A. opponents, the infamous, "Cuddy" Shaver, now coach at East Lansing High, where he is making a record. "Cuddy" twice landed an All M. I. A. A. berth as a guard in basket ball, and if memory serves correctly, he wasn't exactly a slouch, when it came to stopping the driving attack of other aggregations.

Then coming down from Fremont up in the wilds, will be "Papa" Catherman, that hard-working cuss, who is making a name for himself at Fremont, where he was presented with a watch by his football squad to make certain that he would get to

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TEN YEARS AGO

January 13—Rev. John Steele, Associate Secretary of the Board of Temperance of the Presbyterian Church of America, gives chapel talk on Prohibition.

January 14—Alma basketball team win from Traverse City Olympic team.

January 14—Men's Oratorical Contest held. First place, "The Battle of Life,"—Lester C. Doerr; Second place, "A Young Man's Problems," Ray E. Cheney; Third place, "Our Nation's Creed,"—Morton G. Ault. Other orations were: "The Cry of the Spanish American," Eluid Sanchez; "America's Greatest Curse," Merrill J. Hyde; "Plea for a Conservative Press," Homer M. Dunham; (It was interesting to see Ham's picture among the orators); "The Golden Rule in Business," Robert E. McAllister; "Revolt Against Mars"; Verne L. VanDuzen; "The College Man's Mission," Melvin Vender; "The Future of the American Negro," Stanley A. Warner.

The presiding officer was Rev. W. H. Mason and the judges were Mr. Francis King, Attorney James A. Greene, Attorney John G. Mathews, Rev. Priest, and Rev. Jackson.

THE ALL TIME TEAM

Mr. S. A. Warner writing us from New Albany, Indiana, has the following remarks about the All Time Team which appeared in the Almanian a few weeks ago.

"In the All Time Alma Eleven picked by John Dunham, I want to call attention to one or two slight errors. Malcolm Smith, who was selected as quarter back, weighed but 138 pounds, also I believe that John Lott, a tackle on the 1916 and 1917 team should have received at least mention, weighing 197 pounds he never saw a line that he could not get through. It might also be stated that Coach Harper, who later went to Notre Dame stated that Harry Helmer was the greatest football player he ever coached."

Murphy's Win From Chapman's

The fellows of Chapman's Stagger Inn challenged those of Murphy's Manor to a basketball game which was played Thursday afternoon. The Staggerers started off with a bang, making four baskets in the first quarter. But the Murphys would not give up easily and they came back in the second quarter and left the score at the end of the half 11 to 9 in their favor.

The second half was a continuation of the same thing only more of it. The Murphys kept piling up the score steadily until at the end of the game the score stood 32 to 14.

DRAMA CLUB

The Alma College Drama Club held a meeting last Wednesday evening in the chapel.

Paul Bennett gave a very interesting reading of "The Game of Chess" a one act play. Solange Boissot spoke on "Costuming."

The meeting adjourned after an announcement that the meeting of Wednesday, January 20, would be an informal gathering at Wright Hall.

Several disturbing rumors are in circulation to the effect that we eat next Wednesday. Be that as it may, let's have a one hundred per cent turn out.

PHILOMATHEAN

The regular meeting of the Philomathean Literary Society was called to order Monday night by the president, Jennie Gilbert. Roll call was responded to by a fact concerning Danish life. After a short business meeting, the following program was given: Gertrude Burch read a magazine selection on "Danish Life and Customs" and Ethelyn Adams read a story by the great Danish poet and writer, Hans Christian Andersen. Adjournment.

DEBATERS ROUND INTO SHAPE

Competition for Places Close. First Debates Come in February.

In a few days the varsity debate teams will be finally chosen. The final choice of teams has been delayed this year because of the number of men surviving the tryouts and of the difficulty of choosing finally between the contestants. Several tryout debates have been held but the problem of making final choice is still as difficult to make. At the last tryout debate held last Wednesday evening, Lee M. Sharrar, debate coach, called in Professor Hamilton and Mr. Babcock of the Alma Record, and these gentlemen experienced the same difficulty.

As the teams now stand the Affirmative is made up of Ross Mitchell, first speaker, Cecil Macdonald, second speaker, and Carrol Clark and Merrill Hendershot, competing for the third position. The Negative team is made up of Homer Barlow and Frank Kinney, competing for the position of first speaker, Herbert Nisbet and Leslie Turner, competing for the position of second speaker, and Ronald Harris, third speaker.

The intercollegiate question for the coming season is "Resolved, that the United States should recognize the present government of Russia." The men have outlined the trend of their arguments and the choice of men will depend upon their seeming ability as debaters. The first debates will be held February 12, when Olivet will face Alma's affirmative team on our platform and the Negative team will meet an affirmative team at Mt. Pleasant.

ALPHA THETA

On Monday evening, January 11, the Alpha Theta Literary Society was called to order by the president, Dorothy Allen. Roll Call was answered to by an interesting current event. The program consisted of a piano solo by Ethel West, and a one act play, "Columbine." The two characters were: Minnie, a girl of the slums; Ruth Hamilton, and Lolly, her chum, Dorothy Bradley. This was an entertaining dialogue depicting the ideas of love and life of the girls of the slums of New York. Officers' treat followed.

A DREAM OF LOVE

Soft purple petals from violets dead
Piled in your chamber
A glorious heap!
I would insure perfect dreams
The sweetest of sleep
Would invite you to bed.

Soft purple petals crushed 'neath
your head
Give up their perfume:
Enticing repose!
They would wither and die.
Most tragic of woes;
These sweet violets dead.

Soft glowing mem'ries from dreams
that are dead
Crowd out other thoughts,
To form other thoughts,
To form a sweet couch
For my passion of love.
Ah! Such a debauch!
For the mem'ries are dead.
(Contributed.)

Alpha Theta Is Entertained

On Sunday evening, January 10, Miss Annette P. Ward delightfully entertained at tea, the Alpha Theta Literary Society of which she is an honorary member. Tapering candles were artistically arranged about the living room where the delicious refreshments were very much enjoyed.

On Saturday, January 17, at six o'clock, Mrs. Roy Hamilton, another honorary member of Alpha Theta entertained at lunch, the Society, Miss Florence Steward, and Miss Esther Fredrick, an alumnus of Alpha Theta. The daintily arranged tables had in the center silver candlesticks with rose candles, symbolizing the Alpha Theta colors, rose and gray. A most delightful musical hour followed after which the guests departed with the memory of another happy time together.

During the next four weeks a series of sermons on "The Christ Filled Life" will be given in the Presbyterian church Sunday mornings. The themes of the sermons are:

Jan. 24—"The Christ Filled Life."
Jan. 31—"The Christ Like Mind."
Feb. 7—"The Christ Given Standard."
Feb. 14—"The Christ Empowered Will."

These sermons will center around four of the great texts found in the Epistle to the Philippians. Every one not otherwise obligated is invited.

The Phi Psi Alpha Literary Society held its regular meeting on Monday, January 11th. After a business meeting the society adjourned to Janitor's Treat.

ALMA TEAM HAS BAD WEEK-END

Orchard Lake Again Proves Nemesis. Ypsi Barely Gains Victory.

The Alma collegians hit the bumps this past week end, being defeated by two first rate court aggregations, St. Mary's of Orchard Lake and Michigan State Normal dope running true to form. St. Mary's with an early 10 point lead was never headed and won 39 to 30. Michigan State Normal also got away to a good lead, but in spite of a terrific drive in the second half Alma could not pull down the 11 point margin, losing 39 to 37. The St. Mary's aggregation, which has been defeating all comers, is a steller aggregation, but it found a fighting bunch of Campbellmen opposed to it, and was forced to battle to the limit to retain the early lead that was secured.

Alma made several substitutions during the game, due to the desire to keep the regulars as fresh as possible for the Saturday night fray at Michigan State Normal, and regardless of what the lineup was the Campbellmen fought a fine fight, battling even with the brilliant St. Mary's team once the Maroon and Cream got its sights on the basket and accustomed to the floor. The early lead was too much to pull down, however.

Lineup:
Alma St. Marys
Gaelor R.F. Stungis
Welhoelter L.F. Tyka
Macdonald C. Wlodarozak
Veeder R.G. Juchniewicz
Holdship L.G. Gluadell
Baskets—Stungis 6, Gluadell 4, Labucki 4,
Juchniewicz 1, Wlodarozak, Tyka 1, Gaelor
5, Welhoelter 2, Macdonald 3, Catherman 2,
Fouls—Stungis 4, Labucki 1, Gaelor 2,
Macdonald 3, Dawson 1.
Substitutions—Labucki for Tyka, Anderson
for Holdship, Lemon for Gaelor, Dawson
for Macdonald.
Referee—Brown, Michigan State Normal.

The loss of Saturday night's game with Michigan State Normal saw an expected loss of a Michigan Intercollegiate game, it not having been anticipated by the fans that the Maroon and Cream would dump Ryerson's aggregation on its own court. The loss by a close margin of two points came rather as encouragement to the Almaties, than possible discouragement, as the showing was much better than a large majority of the fans had expected.

Michigan State Normal won the game by getting an early lead, with both teams doing a lot of scoring. The opening half saw the Teachers at the long end of a 30 to 21 count, and apparently the game was sewed up as far as any Alma chance might be concerned.

True to tradition, however, that Alma team fought and fought a brilliant battle in the second half, and the Teachers were given the scare of their lives, being held to nine points in the second half, while the Campbellmen were out collecting 16, and almost tied the score.

Just before time was called Ockerman of Michigan State Normal was fouled for charging into Veeder, who was injured on the play. The chance for the foul gave Alma opportunity to knot the count, but the foul try failed. Michigan State then got a foul chance for four Alma time outs and collected the point just as the game ended, giving her a two point lead, 39 to 37.

It was a brilliantly played game and the team as a whole is deserving of commendation for the way that it battled. Such a spirit as was shown against the Teachers is going to win a lot of court games for Alma and place Alma near the top in the association heap.

Alma Ypsilanti
Gaelor R.F. Baer
Catherman L.F. Haupt
Macdonald C. Schwall
Veeder R.G. Ockerman
Welhoelter L.G. Kazulsky
Final score—Ypsilanti 39, Alma 37.
Score first half—Ypsilanti 30, Alma 21.
Goals—Haupt 7, Baer, Schwall 6, Ockerman 2, Gaelor 2, Catherman 2, Macdonald 2, Veeder 2, Welhoelter 4, Lemen 2.
Free throws—Baer 2, Schwall 2, Kazulsky 3, Lemen for Catherman; Catherman for Lemen.
Referee—Hayes (U. of M.)

Dorothy Lee was in charge of this week's Y. W. meeting. She read as the text her favorite passage, a chapter from the book of John. Dorothy Bradley then read a story, "Keeping Trust," by Annie Fellows Johnstone. Lucille Wolfe acted as pianist for this week's meeting.

TWO REAL GAMES

When Central Normal brings her basketballers to Alma to-night they can promise warm things. We would rather win from them than from anyone else in the nation and they cherish the same devotion toward us.

If Mt. Pleasant should lose to every other team in the state and we should win from the same teams, we would have to battle with all our strength in a game against them. However C. M. N. S. isn't in the habit of losing to everyone. Alma fans would have to look far to find a more keenly contested game.

THE ALUMNI GAME

In some places an alumni team is represented by a few boys of the old school who give the Varsity a light work-out, provide some comedy for the fans, and end up by telling folks that in their college days they never ran up against such an able team as the school now boasts.

Alma has something far different to look ahead to Friday night. We'll be mighty lucky to win. "Red," "Cuddy," "Rog," "Russ," ("Dad" or "Pa") and "Oz" are far from their dotage. These five lads played together four years ago. They intend to have a joyful reunion. Mayhap they'll never have a better time than our boys of to-day.

There'll Be a Couple Hot Times in the "Old Town" This Week

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EXAMS

In our editorials this year we have tried to keep somewhat aloof from certain trite types of editorials. We have shied away from an editorial on "school spirit," we didn't need to ask the students to "support the team" and we didn't even urge any New Year resolutions. We therefore hesitate to mention examinations, partly because we don't want to be too trite (you've doubtless noticed the delightful freshness of the paper this year) but mostly because we don't like to be approached and likened unto the minister who said "Don't do as I do, but do as I say."

Nevertheless examination time is a strained period in the college year. In a couple of weeks we will be hearing of the boasting "B" student who didn't open the book all year until the night before the final test. We will be hearing the wailing of the unfortunate who remembered how to answer certain questions just after he handed in his blue book. And of course there will be a lot of good marks given merely because of a good "rep."

While the examination system is often condemned as unfair, it probably is given too much worry by the undergraduates. We doubt if very many professors, except in the case of the doubtful student, base their semester marking entirely upon examinations. A habitual "I don't recall that" student probably won't get a "B" because of an examination paper of that grading. Neither will the good student suffer too much for a sudden nervous memory lapse.

The examination must form some sort of basis upon which the instructor is able to ascertain the student's conception of the course. In some cases he doesn't need the test. But a student, who has grasped the thought of the course, and instead of making a cover to cover "cram" of the text, spends his efforts in checking up on a few doubtful points, and in adding essential facts to his well-rounded conceptions, need have no particular fear of the dreaded "finals."

UNDUE DEMANDS

Fifteen representative campus leaders at the University of Syracuse were approached by a "Daily Orange" heeler for opinions on a number of the best known books of the moment. Out of the fifteen, fourteen regretted that they had not time to read the books, the fifteenth had read one of them.

The question presents itself, as to whether these campus leaders are of their own choice unread, or are the demands upon their time for turning the wheels of campus machinery too great for them to look into any but a text books?

It would seem that there are two preambles for the best good of the college Senior. One is that he should have a fair-sized amount of leisure time, and the other, correlary to the first proposition, is that he have sufficient judgement to profit by his leisure time. The average Senior lacks one or both of these essentials.

In a college the size of Alma, very few students reach their last year, without having somehow fallen into a mess of activity, eating up this time, energy, and good humor. Athletics and other intercollegiate competitive affairs are always under question for their demands upon the student's time. But beyond these are a multitude of minor responsibilities which destroy his time and fail to "give forth in proportion to that which is put in." Fraternity administration, clubs, societies, presidencies, chairmanships of one thing or another make up a list of activity, much of which could be designed as "dummy" extra curricular.

Of course, the student has himself greatly to blame. As the college paper of Ohio Wesleyan puts it, the student "naturally wishes to be respected by his fellows, and to gain their respect he feels he must squeeze into every possible activity." A false sense of value, of the college, the administration of the college, or the student governing body, is in a position to do a great deal in bringing about the proper adjustment.

The point system for extra-curricular activity offers one of the best solutions. Activities are given a certain number of points in many colleges, with the number of points depending upon the amount of time taken by the activity. The student is prevented from participating in activities to an extent totalling above a certain number of points.

The desired result would be in the more even distribution of positions, the participation of more men in extra-curricular activities, the healthy growth of organizations under the leadership of men who are primarily interested in these organizations, and the participation of undergraduates in extra-curricular activities so reasonably that they will not interfere with their academic work, their reading and their social pleasure. And also there would be fewer "tired college business men."

**To Appear Again
on College Floor**



"RED" CARTY

When an alumni team takes the floor against the Varsity basketball team Friday night, they will show one of the finest forwards the M. I. A. A. has ever seen. "Red" Carty was for three years chosen as all-state forward. Twice he captained championship teams for Alma and twice he was captain of the all-state team. He will probably be quite a nuisance to our guards.



"CUDDY" SHAVER

"Cuddy" has twice been a guard on the all M. I. A. A. team. Our love for him is not at all shared by the other schools of the state. Last year Carty ran up our scores and Cuddy kept the other boys from running up theirs.

With these two men from last year's squad, surrounded by our "Pa" Catherman, "Roge" Wright, and "Oz" Kirker, Alma fans will have a hard time deciding which team they really should root for.

Such a lineup indicates that the collegians will not have the easiest kind of sailing, and in fact the probabilities are that the old timers will force the Varsity to the limit if the M. I. A. A. representatives of Alma College are to have a chance to win.

Something that's heard at most every house or rooming place on the Campus:

"Still wearing that dirty shirt? Why don't you get a clean one?"
"Well, I didn't have a seven-fifty."

**CURRENT EVENTS OF
THE WEEK**

Rupert Hughes 'Exposes' Washington
Washington, Jan. 12 — Rupert Hughes, author, playwright and soldier, aroused a storm at a dinner commemorating the 177th birthday of Edmund Burke, when in an address he pictured George Washington as a "profane, irreligious and pleasure-loving" man. Mr. Hughes prefaced his remarks by declaring that the school children of America should be taught the "historical truth." "Washington was a great card player, a distiller of whiskey and a champion curser," said Mr. Hughes, "and he danced for three hours without stopping with the wife of his principal general."

93 Die in Oklahoma Mine Blast
Wiburton, Okla., Jan. 13—An explosion in the Degnan-McConnell coal mine is believed to have cost the lives of ninety-three men.

Mexico Agrees to Pay Debt
New York, Pan. 13—Thomas W. Lamont, chairman of the international banking committee, officially announced that the Mexican government has formally agreed to resume payments under a revised schedule on its external debt of close to \$750,000,000, and remittances, which have been in arrears since early in 1924, are expected to begin forthwith.

Tax Bill Foes Deny Truce
Washington, Jan. 14—Aroused over reports that they were under pressure to drop their fight on the tax bill and allow it to pass the Senate without serious efforts to change it, Democratic leaders on the Finance Committee took the floor and denied the reports, charging that they were propaganda and inspired by interests favorable to the bill.

England and Italy Hold Debt Negotiations
London, Jan. 14 — The Anglo-Italian debt negotiations were formally opened at the Treasury. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, demands payments of at least seven million pounds annually from the beginning, with subsequent contributions on a higher scale. Count Volpi, Italian Finance Minister, holds that payments should begin at a far lower figure.

Canada Claims Pact Broken
Detroit, Jan. 15—Canada registered vigorous protest against diversion of Great Lakes water at Chicago. "We regard Chicago's action as a violation of the treaty of 1910," Hon. Frank H. Keefer, Port Arthur, member of the Ontario government, told delegates to the final session of the Great Lakes harbors convention.

Polar Flight Nations' Race
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 15—The proposed Wilkins trans-polar flight is a race of nations, with the United States endeavoring to outspeed Great Britain, France, Germany and Norway, Capt. Alexander Malcolm Smith said in an address in Seattle.

Liberals Sustained in Canada
Ottawa, Jan. 15—Victory perched on the banner of the Mackenzie King government when the House of Commons by the narrow majority of three votes gave it a vote of confidence. The ballot showed 123 votes for the Liberal government as against 120 for the Conservatives.

COLLEGE TRAGEDIES
A Collection of College Tragedies, that might be enlarged upto plays, novels, poems, short stories or movie scenarios. The rights to the following sketches will be readily granted to any of the local budding geniuses. The Tragedy of the Young Man who speaks disparagingly of a young lady's beauty within the lover's hearing.

The Tragedy of the Couple who were confronted at the cellar window of the dormitory by a watchful guardian of Virtue.

The Tragedy of the Student who incurs the displeasure of the Keeper of the Grounds.

The Tragedy of the One who thought Bible would be a snap course.

The Tragedy of the Hungry Lad and the usual Saturday night lunch.

The Tragedy of the Fool, who thought that the study of Geography was nonsensical and then signed up for an American History Course.

The Tragedy of \$7 gin and a weekly allowance of \$3.

The Tragedy of the impecunious Lad and his Senior Girl who simply adores going to a Movie.

The Tragedy of a lengthy Chapel Service.

The Tragedy of the Charleston Dancer who is expected to teach the steps to his Girl's girl Friends.

The Tragedy of the One who sleeps or studies during Chapel.

Those owners of second-hand Fords are always trying to start something.

EXAMS

'Tis the last week before exams And many are scurrying around And hunting for old notes that might have been taken in class, probably (But they were copied from another.) There is a grand rush to do the work of a Semester Now.

The retiring hours are late and later; The morning gaze is dull and sleepy. In the library the reading room is crowded And twenty students meekly 'wait a chance to read

The lonely two books On Jig 77 Reserve Shelf It's an awful nuisance to have to work and sweat and curse Just because of some tedious assignment

That any fool could do, If he only had the time. So make your resolutions for next semester between Your spasms of labor and Healthy oaths. More of this you'll hear A Scot would bet on't without a fear. A notebook that was graded A Oft times begets a progeny Of common C variety.

MEET ALUMNI

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school on time. Papa's greatest claims to fame are a basket right at the close of a game two years ago that defeated Michigan State Normal by a single point and enabled Alma to take her first of two straight court championships, and a budding court star for Alma College.

And few have forgotten the performances of "Oz" Kirker here some four or five years ago. He'll be back and on the job of tossing 'em in, according to reports.

"Roge" Wright, under study in the coaching game for Coach Campbell this year, is another prospect for the Alumni team.

It'll be a real aggregation and the 1926 Varsity will be forced to the limit to win from such a collection of stars.

Fresh air from Pioneer Hall: "And when I was home Xmas time! ?? And fellows, you should have been with me. No fooling man, this is straight.

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**NEW YORK MEETING
OF A. F. C. A. HELD**

**Coaches Pass Resolutions on
Over-emphasis. Present
Rules Approved.**

Much talk of "overemphasis" of football was to be heard at the New York convention of the American Football Coaches Association. President Zupke, University of Illinois coach, who trained Red Grange, thinks agitation to reduce overemphasis is a new offensive against the public interest in the game. "Granted that our college students gossip more about football during their idle moments, does it necessarily follow that their interest in science, art, philosophy, or religion suffer, or does it merely prove that football can make more noise than do the gentle academic arts and sciences?"

Nevertheless the coaches (200 of them) passed several resolutions designed to tone down the glaring spotlight now thrown on the college game. The first resolution had to do with the coaches themselves. Without preliminary discussion it was resolved that "no person who actively associates himself in any capacity whatsoever with any professional football team after September 1, 1926, shall be eligible to membership in the A. F. C. A." The second resolution reads: "It is the sense of the A. F. C. A. that organized football practice be started no earlier than September 15, 'unless a college opens September 15.'"

Hero worship was hit by a resolution opposing the cooperation of coaches in the choice of All-American teams. During the last few years they have been called upon to recommend outstanding players for this honor. General satisfaction was expressed with the present football rules. The Brown "forty-play-period" idea which has received much publicity this fall was turned down.

More Resolutions

At the meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association on the day following the convention of coaches, this resolution was proposed by Professor J. P. Richardson of Dartmouth:

"Resolved, that contests which have a setting and a motive which is primarily commercial, of which the so-called Tournament of Roses game at Pasadena seems to be an outstanding example, are detrimental to the best interests of amateur sport; and that participation in such contests by members of this association be discouraged."

Argument followed. Finally the resolution was passed after omission of specific mention of the Tournament of Roses game. The matter was then referred to a special committee which will consider during the coming year the question of over-emphasis and professionalism in football.

President Hopkins of Dartmouth College came to the defense of athletics in a speech on "The Place of Athletics in the Educational Program."

"I admire and respect genuineness, even in behalf of what seems to me to be mistaken causes. But I abhor the pose of a decadent culture and dislike the affected sophistication of superficial observations or callow theories of individualism, to which many of the undergraduates in American colleges today seem to be particularly susceptible. To the contagion of these attitudes, the ideals and influences of intercollegiate athletics, including, if you will, sometimes hysterical fervors and loyalties, offer the most effective antidotes which are at hand. Until some other antidote as persuasive and as effective can be discovered and its efficacy proved I am unwilling to see intercollegiate athletics hamstrung, or even radically dwarfed, in American college life.

"My own observation of and information about men in countries where intercollegiate athletics do not prevail in connection with educational institutions have not led me to a conviction that athletics should be lightly dispensed with at home."—
New Student.

AROUND THE CAMPUS

Thoughts While Strolling
(We apologize to O. O. McIntyre)

Funny how it gets warmer after it snows. Dutch and Sheik trying to break a path in the snow from College Street to the Ad Building. Seems pretty deep along side of Pioneer Hall. Jack Thoma trying to keep his feet dry by stepping in the tracks made by George and Albert. And trying to look business-like. Wonder why the last four business managers of the Almanian have been Sophomores? Somebody practicing upon a saxophone on the third floor of the Hall. I bet Ken Wolfe is working hard at the university.

Freshman returns whistling from the library with his hands in his pockets. What a stack of books Walter Kemler and Percy Wilson used to carry! A burst of outrageous noise from the piano in the Y room. Whatever became of the Freshmen intelligence tests? Dr. Brokenshire with his basket over his arm. Means a test in Bible for some class. The Holmes girls with their football captains. Wonder how it seems to have your name put at the end of nine rahs? Funny how a fellow's mind wanders around.

Lightnin' opens the corner mailbox. Cole waits shiveringly on the front porch. Wonder how Mac is going to look in a cap and gown? Professor Cook and his bicycle. Wish I hadn't borrowed that money. Whatever became of the fellow who was going to be shot to Mars in a rocket? Probably resting in a straight-jacket.

The green path through the snow in the grove where the steam pipes travel under the ground. What a row it caused a couple of years ago when someone painted class numerals on the new smoke stack! Lee Sharrar and his Ford. Why can't we seem to call him Mister? Wonder how it seems to be a summa cum laude? I hear some college is going to give degrees to Senator Johnson and Sir Harry Lauder. Magnus come Lauder. Heh! Heh! I'll remember that and pull it at the Hall as one of my own jokes.

Hop and Elma coming out of the library. What ever became of the ouija board? The steps of the Chemistry building. So Ken Frye is married? Wonder where Buff is now? The campus green. Where Johnny Stuart used to throw the javelin. And Don MacLandress used to run and bring it back to him. Wonder if Ellen Laman is still teaching? It'll seem great to see "Os" Kirker play basketball again.

Davis Field. What Alma student can tell me who the dickens was Davis? Too bad we don't know more of such things. Chapel bell and the stroll ends.

CAMPUSOLOGY

Douda—I found a splinter in my soup today.

Swipe—What did you do with it?
Hubert—Oh, I ate it with the rest of my board.

Eugene says he belongs to the Knights of the Garter—both branches, Boston and Paris.

Charleston—Latest thing in Varnish Remover.

"There's a pair of good slippers," said the Wright Hall boarder as he threw the banana peels on the steps.

"I shall now tickle the ivories," said Closser as he started his daily workout with a toothpick.

Leslie Hawthorne, formerly of Northwestern High School, Detroit, is very busy organizing a vaudeville team, he expects to have it rounded into shape by the second semester.

Homer Barlow, has accepted a job at the Wright Avenue Standard Oil Service Station.

To Jerry—
"Who gave you that black eye?"
"Nobody, I had to fight for it."

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Kansas Student Refuses P. B. K. Key

From the standpoint of a successful academic career, an offer for membership in Phi Beta Kappa is considered as the greatest height to which the student can aspire. An "A" student at the University of Kansas seemed to feel differently when he received a bid for membership. We are printing his letter to that fraternity, without comment, as it was printed in the New Student. It is an interesting account of one honor student's ideas concerning the grade system.

Kansas Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa:

"I write this letter with hesitating fingers, fearing that I may not make clear just how I feel when I say I am declining the honor of membership in Phi Beta Kappa. I appreciate deeply the honor that has been extended to me. My reasons for not accepting it are presented in the following paragraphs.

"I do not subscribe to the ideal of the high grade which I understand is the ideal of Phi Beta Kappa. I honestly believe that in the circumstances of our state universities today, with their large classes and individualized treatment, to strive for grades is detrimental to the best interests of scholarship. To get an "A" requires a degree of docility and useless industry that is fatal to the independence, initiative, and spirit of adventure which are the very life blood, it seems to me, of the true scholar and scientist.

"In short, I feel that the grade system of our schools is a false criterion of scholarship and is a dangerous foundation for intellectual idealism and achievement.

I recall, as I write, my own experience with grades, for I sadly admit that many of the "A's" came through the path of 'grinding,' 'cramming,' 'doing what the prof expects,' and 'working for grades.' I feel that I have sacrificed my own development for the empty honor of a grade. I feel that this is the price of our honoring of high grades. Of course if high grades and high scholarship were synonymous there would be no point in what I say. But in our academic system where so much of the educational process is formal I do not see how it is possible for a student to be a 'straight A man' without wasting much of his energies on the forms and husks which are inevitable in courses which are taught, not to individuals, but to classes of 30, 50, 100 and 150.

"I do not believe that I would be honest and fair to the organization if I joined it when I have so little confidence in the efficiency of its high grade measure of scholarship (I do not agree with those who say 'Well, it is the best we can have under the circumstances'). I do not see that it would be playing square with the scholastic standards of Phi Beta Kappa if I accepted membership upon the basis of my records and then proceeded to ignore, as I am trying to do, grades for the rest of my academic career."

FROSH THEME

(Note—It often happens that a freshman theme has qualities that might merit publishing. We are printing the following character

sketch because we know the subject and appreciate the insight of the writer. You also might know "Judge". Also the theme was graded B plus so we shouldn't suffer the displeasure of the English department on ground of inferior contributions.)

Judge

It has been said that the average human uses less than fifty per cent of the talents bestowed upon him. In our daily walks of life we see all about us, people of this same type. It is questionable whether or not it is possible to make use of all our inherent ability; but it is certain that much more of a man's wasted capacity could be utilized.

The most striking instance of this type is "Judge." "Judge" has an exceptionally high mentality. I have never seen anyone who could digest material from a printed page with as much ease as he. It is a known fact that he never takes notes of any sort during a lecture of his curriculum; yet the exams he writes, purely by the exercise of his highly active memory, are of the highest order and the grades recorded upon them are invariably in the upper third of his class. This is the result of a remarkable memory, surely not the culmination of diligent study. His memory acts as an emergency. What would you think of a man who used only his emergency brake and entirely neglected the stored-up efficiency of his car's foot brakes? Such a man is "Judge," dependingly only upon his memory, when the rest of his brain, capable of attaining much greater heights of efficiency, is neglected.

"Judge" has an exceptional ability socially. He is well liked wherever he goes because he is of a jovial type, taking things as they come and letting tomorrow take care of itself. He does things, not because it is the right thing to do, but because he enjoys doing them. He smokes to excess, drinks whenever conditions are favorable, eats beyond the point of his well being, all because it pleases him to do so.

This all brings us to the point that "Judge" does not do the amount and type of thinking of which he is capable. His inherent ability, if exercised to its fullest extent, would make him a marked man. In his conversation, he, himself admits that he will never make a success of himself and that he does not care. "Judge," taking into consideration, this viewpoint, will fully enjoy life, but will never reach the degree of success of which he is capable. He is one of the thousands of "Judges" who are drifting on day by day enjoying life as it comes, thinking little of what the future may hold, with their idle ability rotting away in the storehouse of disuse.

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