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**STAYING FOR COMMENCEMENT**

Last Friday in chapel President Crooks urged the entire student body to remain in Alma through commencement week. Those who have never remained through that week cannot fully appreciate the value and enjoyment which come from that period of the year.

There are numerous tangible reasons why students who are not graduating should be present at that time. In the first place it will mark the departure of the Seniors from campus life. There are few students in the lower classes who do not have several very intimate friends among the fourth year class. After graduation these ties are too apt to be broken. Visits next year will be much fewer than are planned and the comradeship of fellow-student with fellow-student will be gone. If these associations are of value they should be continued in their intimate form as long as possible.

Commencement offers many activities enjoyable in themselves. The Baccalaureate service will be held the last Sunday before commencement. The Senior Play will be presented early in the week. The A Men spread calls for the letter men of the college and their lady guests. The faculty men and the Seniors put on their annual baseball game. The Varsity usually has one contest during the week. Campus night, with the swing-out of Seniors and faculty members in caps and gowns, with the campus decorated with Japanese lanterns, speeches from the museum steps, and the President's reception is an affair to be always remembered. Many alumni will be back, folks of whom you have heard the grandest tales will become realities to you. You will have a chance to meet your friends' goodlooking sisters and brothers. And of course your favorite theory that college would be great without classes again demonstrates its truth.

But Commencement week has a spirit with it that cannot be aroused at any other time of the year. Perhaps it is because the "Dads" of the institution are back, perhaps it is due to the emotions felt at the breaking up of associations for three months or forever. At any rate the Alma soul is never more evident than at this season. All differences between individuals or groups are forgotten or their smallness recognized. No one can be small and mean when the incentive to a tear or so is so easy to call forth.

At any rate stay for Commencement. You cannot regret it.

**MORE ABOUT SPRING FEVER**

We all get tired of so many counsels against our succumbing to spring fever. To just plainly succumb is not a pleasant thing to think about; but to succumb to spring fever—that is different. It is a easy, and full of untold pleasures. It has its price, but the payment of it always seems far away, until the fever has passed and nothing but stern reality remains.

So the tirades against spring fever are many, and are ambitiously conducted by older people usually, who themselves have fought it all their lives, and have never conquered. They naturally are disgusted with themselves, and seek to turn their inward disgust into outward contempt for the thing which is greater than they.

Needless to say, anything founded on such an insincere zeal as that cannot succeed. So the younger generation is still falling ill with the fever; and the older generation stands by, waving its arms and shouting cautions, and then finally succumbing too.

The young people are right in not resisting. Nature is bound to express her good feelings in May and June by sending warm breezes, sunny days, and cool, moon-lit nights. She has seniority rights and the young folks do well to heed her first. It was intended that way.

So when the warm days really come; when the sun booms up in the morning; when the college robin starts warbling, and the Lure of the Pine is too strong to be resisted—don't resist. Don't let books bother you. Take your paddles in one hand, your books in the other, and make for the river. And when you are comfortably arranged in your canoe, and the last bubbles from your sinking books are far behind, head straight

for that fevered Land of Spring, far up the green quiet of the river, and succumb to the glorious sensation, with Ad. buildings and libraries, the phantoms of an evil past.

**EDUCATORS DISAGREE ON CURRICULUM**

New York—(By New Student Service)—Oftentimes the doctors disagree on the proper tonic for ailing higher education, but few ever go to press with criticisms of one another. Dr. Glenn Frank, ex-editor of The Century, now president of the University of Wisconsin, is an exception. Last week the newspapers carried reports of his disagreements with other educators.

In a New York address, Dr. Frank accused educators of refusing to face the chaotic aggregation of modern knowledge and selecting therefrom the essentials for a liberal curriculum. By means of the elective system, educators have beat a strategic retreat to a "coward's refuge in unrelated specialization, giving students only a fragmentary background." The University of today, he went on, is "like a great department store, or like a big family of specialty shops assembled under one roof, or, perhaps, it is like a modern cafeteria, where, under the elective system, you may choose what you wish."

He expressed apprehension "let the ever-growing tendency towards specialization will give the students an ever-narrowing background . . ."

Dr. Frank also announced a survey begun at Wisconsin with a view to finding ways to overcome routine processes in education. He announced that the study will result in the establishment of something new in American university education—facilities for experimentation in higher education.

Several educators were reviewed later. To the press "none seemed as willing to criticize the situation in his profession as Dr. Frank . . ."

Here are a few comments made: Dean Robinson, College of the City of New York—"The surprising thing is that Glenn Frank thought it necessary to call attention to this necessity rather than otherwise. Educators have always had this possible defect under close scrutiny."

Elmer E. Brown, Chancellor, New York University—"The Universities should certainly get together for a cooperative survey of the whole problem of higher education. . . President Frank's questions might well be the point of departure for such a cooperative survey."

Henry Noble McCracken, president of Vassar—"In September, 1919, in the Century Magazine, Mr. Glenn Frank propounded a college curriculum. Three years of surface skimming, as freshmen over all existing problems, as sophomores over social institutions, as juniors sipping science, were to be followed by a senior year with a thesis in the major interest that had emerged apparently on no foundation. The fine arts apparently, deserved no attention. "It makes the by-product the principal thing, when as a fact you cannot get the by-product except by attention to the principal thing, which is learning."

Back home in Madison, Wisconsin, students have discovered one lack in the survey announced by Dr. Frank in his speech. The Daily Cardinal speaks for a portion of the student body:

"Regarding that matter of the curriculum we are particularly interested and have some very definite and well-supported views to express on the matter, and so have many students suggestions to make which might possibly be of some value in considering this subject."

"Therefore, we express a hope that this commission will not forget that the student body is half the university and ought to be considered in such matters. We have not had any formal statement of the plans of the commission and so don't know whether students will be given opportunity to make any expression to the body. We trust, however, that they will."

**TEN YEARS AGO**

April 4—Men's Glee Club returns from annual spring tour. Towns covered were Sheridan, Belding, Grand Rapids, Allegan, Hastings, Dowagiac, Decatur, Niles, and Flint.

April 7.—Men's Glee Club presents home concert followed by banquet.

April 8.—First baseball game lost to Mt. Pleasant Indians by a 12-10 score.

April 8.—Pioneer Hall holds open house for the women and faculty of the college.

April 15.—Mt. Pleasant Normal wins 9-6.

April 19.—Miss Gay Zenola McLaren reads "Bought and Paid For" in last lyceum number of the year.

April 21.—Debaters win from Hope and lose to Olivet.

April 21.—Thaddeus B. Preston speaks in chapel.

**ALMA ALUMNUS TEACHES AT MIAMI**

**Frank M. Vreeland is Instructor at University in Ohio.**

Frank M. Vreeland, Alma, 1922, is now teaching in Miami University at Oxford, O. Vreeland graduated from Alma four years ago with highest honors.

Since graduating he has continued extensive educational preparation. He attended the University of Michigan as holder of the university scholarship from Alma and secured his Master's degree. He entered in a competitive examination and won a fellowship to the New York School of Social Service where he attended during 1923 and 1925. At the same time he took courses in Columbia University. He taught at the University of Michigan while doing work toward the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The first semester of last year Vreeland attended the Yale Divinity School. He left the Divinity School in February to take his present position in Miami University.

While at Alma Vreeland was always busily engaged in extra-curricular activities. He was a debater and orator of great ability, edited The Almanian, was a leader in Y. M. C. A. work, and was for several years the leading long distance runner in Michigan collegiate circles. His sister, Clarissa Vreeland graduated from Alma last year with high honors.

**A DEFENSE OF FAIR WOMEN**

Not so long ago, some member of that force of cohorts called the swipes, lamented the fact that all of the good table heads among the girls had graduated at least two years ago. Now it is the duty of a Senior to defend her sister heads against such slander and make a few charges against the swipes.

In the good old days there were good swipes too. Who can not remember the graciousness of Clair Tebo when he passed out the gravy or secured seconds? Then there were Russ Wilson, Dib Swanson and others of the swipes who combined speed with grace and ability, and who did not spill gravy down some girl's neck when she appeared wearing a new gown.

The swipes may be accused of some carelessness in their work. Some are too slow to get seconds, their feet seeming to freeze on the way. Others there are who when once seated at the swipes' festive board, refuse to glance toward their tables for fear someone might want a second cup of coffee. So, let it be said that there are good swipes and bad ones, as undoubtedly there were good heads and bad when the girls served. But now the task has been given to the men who have broad enough shoulders to wrestle with heavy soup bowls on Wednesdays, and can otherwise manage the task to the satisfaction of the swipes, we hope.

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**Ruth King to Go to Library School**

Miss Ruth King, '25, and library assistant in the Alma College Library, will attend the Library School of the New York Public Library next year. The New York school is one of the leading institutions of its kind and turns out very capable librarians.

Because of her excellent school record (Miss King graduated last year with summa cum laude honors) and her work as library assistant to Miss Ward, Miss King will be admitted to the school without the necessity of taking the very rigid examination required for admission.

**WASHBURN COLLEGE STANDS FOR FREE SPEECH**

Topeka, Kansas—(By New Student Service)—Paul Blanchard, free speech crusader, was announced as a speaker at Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas.

Business men of the city were enraged. Attacks were published in a Topeka newspaper. There was agitation against the proposed address. But the Y. M. C. A. insisted. The president, the faculty, and over 90% of the students backed them up. The meeting was crowded. Said President Womer, "As long as this college exists, it will stand for freedom of speech." Great applause and cheering.

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### To The Townsfolks

We don't know just how many people in Alma, outside of those who are directly related to the college are readers of The Almanian. It is in the hope that there are several of these that we are making this comment.

We realize that many townsfolks feel that they are constantly making contributions to college activities. While this is often true we constantly endeavor to give value back in return.

Last Friday there was a baseball game played on Davis Field. The day couldn't have been better for a game. The date was arranged for Friday in order that it be easier for downtown people to attend. The game was excellent. The home team lost but there was only one error made during the entire game and there were nine innings of real baseball.

It may be true that early pessimistic talk has led some Alma people into believing that nothing but poor baseball can be expected on Davis Field this year. Friday's game scared away the bogey.

Next Friday Albion College will play the Maroon and Cream on Davis Field. We don't promise a win but we do promise a good ball game. These games are bringing the town of Alma more publicity in the state this spring than any other one feature.

We hope the people of Alma will be present in far greater numbers than they were for last Friday's game.

#### CAMPUSOLOGY

She—Hello. Is this John?  
He—Yes.  
She—Have you a dress suit?  
He (hopefully)—Why yes.  
She—Oh good! May I borrow it for the fellow I'm going to take to our formal dance?  
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"Egad! Sir Lancelot, what is that evil clatter I hear in yon courtyard?"  
"Forsooth, Sir Algernon, methinks the clothesline has parted."  
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"You say you are perfectly normal. Do you light a cigarette with your right hand?"  
"Yes."  
"That's not normal, most people use a match."  
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Dormitory Song No. 6857  
"I Didn't Raise My Shades to be a Spectacle."  
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"Do you believe in long engagements?"  
"Certainly. The longer a man is engaged the less time he has in which he must be a married man."  
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"I hear Jimmy went blind drinking coffee."  
"Do tell! What was in it?"  
"Spoon."  
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#### ALMA COLLEGE DROPS OPENING GAME

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next Friday afternoon in one of the three Association games of the week. Olivet plays Ypsilanti, Wednesday, and Hillsdale will meet Olivet, Saturday. With fair weather a much larger crowd is expected to witness the Alma-Albion game Friday than turned out last week when the attendance was very disappointing.

The Campbellmen's uprising in the first that brought about Stetler's quick finish came after Hunter had been tossed out on an infield tap. Catherman drew a base on ball; Welhoelter drove a neat hit into right. Stetler passed Macdonald filling the bases, setting the stage for Treadway's hefty wallop that sailed far over center fielder's head, clearing the sacks, Treadway pulling up at second. Treadway's blow ended Stetler, Valentine replacing him. Holdship out, Vander Molen to Morrison. Dawson drew a pass and stole second. Gaelor lined to Ashley ending Alma scoring for the day.

Alma lost a good chance to knot the count in the sixth when Holdship was thrown out trying to steal third with one out. He singled to open the inning and was sacrificed to second by Dawson. Alma's final opportunity to pull up even with Hillsdale was lost when Hawthorn fanned for the final out of the game leaving Gaelor and Westfall on bases.

The Score:

	AB	R	H	P	E
Hillsdale	31	4	6	27	0
Alma	32	3	5	27	1
Hillsdale	0	3	0	1	0
Alma	3	0	0	0	0

Two base hits—Treadway, Welhoelter. Sacrifices—Stetler. Stolen bases—Catherman, Clark. Left on bases, Hillsdale 11; Alma 7. Base on balls, off Stetler, 3; off Valentine 3; off Westfall 8. Struck out by Valentine 5; by Westfall 2; Macdonald 4. Hits—off Westfall 5 in 5½ innings; off Macdonald 1 in 2½ innings; off Stetler 2 in ½ inning; off Valentine 3 in 8½ innings. Umpire—Green.

U. P. CLUB AGAIN RE-ORGANIZES  
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movies being the only things barred.) A dictionary was given to the secretary so that no misspelt words shall appear in the minutes for the dignity of such a club cannot be marred by any ordinary occurrence. The old qualifications for meeting a brother and making a noise like a Pine Stump still remain.

The qualifications for membership are:

1. Prospective member must be of the male species of the human race.
2. Prospective member must be of sound mind and body.
3. Prospective member must be a resident of the U. P.
4. Prospective member must be well-bred and of good moral character.

A new name has not been selected but the gang is constantly thinking about one. It must be one to remain a fixture and stand for all that is good in college life. And another little drink wouldn't do us any harm.

#### LIBRARY NOTES

The College Library was represented at the Saginaw District Round Table meeting of the Michigan Library Association in Saginaw last Thursday by President Crooks and Misses Ward, Forrester, Kunze, Azelborn, and Frevert.

Miss Alverson of the Public Library was also present.

The program included the following addresses: Periodicals, selection ordering, binding and storage; Restoration of the Mt. Pleasant Normal School Library; Library Publicity; and Inexpensive books for children.

The special address, (by one outside the library group,) was by President Crooks on "Some observations on Morality and Books."

A delightful luncheon was served at the Hotel Bancroft; and later in the afternoon tea was served in the Staff Room of the Hoyt Library, this tea being most aesthetic in all details.

Such meetings are indeed inspirational and educational.

Announcement has been made of a Library School to be inaugurated next fall at the University of Michigan. The first year's work will be on a par with the fourth year of undergraduate work. That of the second year will be awarded the degree of Master of Library Science.

This new school, together with the graduate professional school in library science to be established next fall at Columbia University, is a long step forward in the professional training of librarians.

This week's library exhibit displays lists and other publications relative to the home and model houses.

News has been received of the arrival of another grandchild of the library, a little daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Hasbrouck of Riverside, Washington, on April 18th. Mrs. Hasbrouck, nee Ruth Bradley, Class of 1924, was a student member of the library staff during the four years of her college course.

Other grandchildren of the library or library class, since 1919, are the children of Vernie Green Merriman, Lucile Le Vanseler Walker, Doris Brown Peters, and Helen Huff Boyd. May they all live to follow in the library footsteps of their mothers!

If the will of Ohio College administration and professors prevails no seniors will play college football. A resolution recommending this plan was passed at the annual conference of the Ohio College association. It is suggested that the seniors declared ineligible be used for coaching intramural teams.

### The STRAND THEATER

Tuesday  
(Last Day)

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in  
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High Spots of Girls Glee Club Trip

(These bulletins are being sent in\* shocked face of the American Legion daily by Bertha Woodhurst and are Commander, or whatever you call being posted on the Albanian bulletin. She still blushes when we mention it to her.)

Cadillac, Monday morning- Well, the first experience is over and was well received. The church was well-filled, ami, if we can believe the minister, we shall have a good audience tonight.

They finally served our luncheon vestrday just in time to save us all from passing out. It was good too.

Mr. Ewer's 'favorite joke these days is Marion Jenk's bright remark about the organ. They were discussing clearing everything away from the stage and Marion asked earnestly, "Well, wh'at are they going to do with the pipe organ?"

At the table last night Ruth Richard inquired of Miss Landwehr in a worried voice (with the minister's wife close by) "Miss Landwehr, do they pass the collection box to the choir?"

Kvc-ry one is comparing rooming houses this morning and boasting about their ovely rooms the cars, and the food. Louise and I hold the palm with a Cadillac but there are \*ome reports that are not in yet.

lllells Sha, rar's cold', < enough lly- Everyone has been perfectly love-ly, Rub' Catherman ha(| cverythink

gales of laughter with her jokes, but e lanno >t -trng, [dance for us after the concert. The music was K0^d and very one danc-^ le^ 1^ ^tr heart's content.

Marie n Jenks says to tell you that this is the coldest place she ever struck. We agree with her. Here- after Alma will seem like Honda.

. Speaking of hospitality- Six of us wre downtown in a drug store after the service, and the proprietor brought out a big box of chocolates

u> <' we loud ;He's the "cutest child ever." Perhaps the P^ze picture of him could have h^m l lu^n tonight after the concert, Mr- Ewer holding him in his anns a^m l ovely girl in the Glee Club wu' gathered around admiringly.

I tried to choose the best received number of the program, but had hard work. I think the vote goes to Ethel! West, who sang her solos beautifully.

Ethel is the backbone of the club these <lu.s and she makes a wonder-ful president.

Marion Grover, as usual, led the feature in popularity. There is something about Marion's personality a u> p( u c o ins an >.

lllells Sharrar and Dorothy Doud-i na are .ut with colds, although Dor-; othy pretended to sing. Elizabeth Alnla\* her about the rotten egg t,ut was served her for breakfast in a certain town on the trip. I mention no names- It's a good story.

I gue s the Freshmen were pretty scared tonight, but by tomorrow or next day they'll be real veterans. holt\* world "that she and Marion Jenks were the onl\* two girls in the Club who didn't get letters in Hart."

Traverse City, Tuesday Night- The second concert is over. It was about 509V better than the concert we gave last night in every way. The girls had pep and the audience was particularly appreciative. I was interested to watch the expressions on people's faces. There was one port-ly woman in the fifth row who just beamed on us. There was no effort that we made which Rhe did not more than applaude. Not that she was the only one, but I liked to look at her.

In single numbers Esther Oldt went over best. The Magazine Rack, however, pleased them most. Mar- ion Grover, as usual, led the list. I also heard many compliments for Ethel. She did some clever work to- night.

We nad a dreadful time getting through today. We took pictures of snow banks higher than the bus. We got through several places only by backing up and then rushing ahead several limes. We bent a back fend-er badly and dented the bus quite deeply before we were through with it. Many of the girls suffered with the bus. Mr. Foster says that Helen Mac is the best front seat driver he ever saw.

It must be mentioned that in Cad- illac we met Gordon Macdonald's sweetheart- aged eight. She has written to him, we understand, and can talk of no one else but him.

Today Ethel was looking for a pair of low-heeled shoes to wear in the Magazine Rack. She wandered about, looking at every one's feet, and paus- ed near a group of girls gathered | about one man. "Say, Mr. Foster, let me try on your shoes," said she fam- ily and brightly. There was no answer and she glanced up into the

Mr. Ewer has forbidden singing on the bus, because of the harm to our voices. You should have seen the games of five hundred that were played today.

Every time we came to a place where the drifts were high Mr. Ewer ! got out and walked along behind the bus. He says he walked behind to be sure we were all right, but he would turn up surprisingly at just the moment we got through it. Elizabeth swears he rode the bumpers.

Spirit is wonderful among the girls. Society has outwardly been forgotten and every one helps every one else. Even Miss Steward, with her hopes for us, would not be dis- appointed if she were here.

Margaret Morrison has been ill with scarlet fever. I talked to her on the phone tonight, and she is very much better.

Louise and I are staying at Russ Wilson's mothcl's house. she r, that ever^ hi ig fine with Russ an(, Kr0^ jlda\*

Fremont, Thursday 'Night- Fremont certainly has treated us royal-ly- Everyone has been perfectly love-ly, Rub' Catherman ha(| cverythink

all fixed to give us a good time, and he ,ertainly su, ceede(j. They gave a

music was K0^d and very one danc-^ le^ 1^ ^tr heart's content. T|w crowd wa7 rf 80 ar(e a, last night's and i not so responsive, I felt,

although encores were plentiful. They seemed to like the sextette's Dutch number best.

You r.hould see Russ' son, Terry. He's the "cutest child ever." Perhaps the P^ze picture of him could have h^m l lu^n tonight after the concert, Mr- Ewer holding him in his anns a^m l ovely girl in the Glee Club wu' gathered around admiringly.

The little high school girl at our house says, "Mr. Catherman is a wonderful teacher."

If I should try to remember all the funny things which happened on the bus ride today, Id soon lose out. Ethel w .st and Mr. Ewer ast direct- ly behind me today and what foolish things me of them cannot think of

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gained two pounds from laughing at ^ lm - Wht'n Ibuisse Watrous gets back to Alnla\* her about the rotten egg t,ut was served her for breakfast in a certain town on the trip. I mention no names- It's a good story.

Ruth Richards asked me to tell the holt\* world "that she and Marion Jenks were the onl\* two girls in the Club who didn't get letters in Hart."

The club and sextette both sang lor the high school this afternoon, We had a mighty good lunch at the hotel this noon. They served green on rnf- ^or the first time on this trip ! that we've ra(l them- Marion Grover >ay8 \*t's to make our voices strong,

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