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DANCERS REVEL AT JUNIOR HOP

Second J-Hop is Most Enjoyable All-College Dance in Years.

The second annual J-Hop presented by the Class of 1927 last Saturday evening holds undisputed first place in the ranks of successful all-college dances. There has been nothing within the last four years which can dispute its supremacy for complete enjoyment by those who were present.

About seventy couples, numbering several couples who returned to Alma especially for the affair, were present to revel at what must be classified as a "hot" party. The perfect night granted by the first of May was the feature that topped the Juniors' efforts. Fewer couples sat out dances than at any previous all-college party.

The gymnasium was gorgeously decorated with festoons of purple and pink while the orchestra was seated in a mammoth streamer arbor in the center of the floor. Tiny programs were given each guest and large bowls of tinsel-wrapped candies were at the far end of the hall for the refreshment of the dancers.

The music furnished by Bill Mills and his orchestra from Flint was all that had been predicted. The six pieces exerted themselves and varied their numbers with an occasional piano solo by Bill Mills himself.

Faculty guests at the party were Dr. and Mrs. Harry Means Crooks, Prof. and Mrs. Roy Hamilton, Dean Florence M. Steward, Miss Margaret E. Landwehr, Dean James E. Mitchell, and Coach Royal R. Campbell.

Too much credit for the success of the party cannot be given to Chuck Murray, Decorations Chairman, and his group of Junior workers, Cecil MacDonald, Everett Winslow, Carroll Clark, Alpha Musson, and Earl Closser, who were responsible for the remarkable appearance of the gymnasium.

The committees of the J-Hop to whose credit goes Alma's best all-college dance were:

Charles R. Murray—Decorations
E. Josephine Peavy—Programs
Olga Down—Favors
John Dawson—Finance
Robert E. Rice—Invitations
Ross Ostrander—Music

Yearly Spring Pair Declare Themselves

The power of this press which has been shown several times during the past year has again been demonstrated during the past week in a very striking manner. In our last issue we issued a fervent plea for some young couple in the institution to save an old tradition from disgrace and become the "spring couple" on the campus this year.

We scarcely expected such immediate results but Sunday it was observed that a prominent pair on the campus had exchanged society pins. The happy two are Larry Gardner '28 and Lucille Wolfe, '28.

Mr. Gardner is a stalwart pillar of the Zeta Sigma Literary Society, claiming Royal Oak as his home town. Previous to his student days at Alma he was in government service in that town, his position being that of opening packages looking suspiciously like candy if such should pass through the Royal Oak post-office.

Miss Wolfe is a leader in the Kappa Iota Literary Society and is a member in excellent standing of the Sophomore Gang. She is a foreigner, having come from Pennsylvania, but is none the less granted full privileges in Alma.

Further details have not been issued as yet and all reporters have been denied interviews. The blessings mentioned in last week's article will fall profusely upon the 1926 spring couple.

Harley Catherman has accepted the position of athletic coach at Fremont, taking the position which his brother, Russell, has so successfully held during the present year.

Campus Day to Be Held Wed., May 12

Campus Day at Alma College has been announced for Wednesday, May 12. At this time the annual inter-class track meet will be held in the morning.

The Fresh-Soph tug-of-war across Pine River will be held in the afternoon and the first year men will burn their pots on Davis Field at night. More complete details concerning Campus Day will be announced next week.

Check Received From Education Board

Alma College recently received a check for \$12,800 from the General Education Board. This check was given as a result of this institution's collecting \$75,000, the collection of which was conditional for the issuing of the check from the General Education Board. All of the \$75,000 has been collected but \$4500 which will be collected in a short time.

OLIVET ENGAGES NEW PRESIDENT

Dr. A. E. Vestling Comes From Carleton College, North- field, Minnesota.

The board of trustees of Olivet College, through its president, George R. Wilson of Chicago, announced last Monday the selection of Dr. A. E. Vestling, dean of Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, as its new president.

Dr. Vestling succeeds Dr. Paul F. Voelker, now president of Battle Creek College.

The new president will assume direction of the college at the close of the present school year, moving his family there during the summer.

Dr. Vestling was born in Kansas, but moved when young to Ludington, Michigan, where he spent his boyhood. He was graduated from the Ludington High School and later attended Bethany College, Kansas, where he won his B. A. degree. He also received a B. A. degree from Yale in 1903. He did graduate work at that university and received a M. A. degree in 1905 and a Ph. D. degree two years later.

He was on the faculty at Yale for eight years before going to Carleton College in 1912. At Carleton he has been successively a professor, dean of men and dean of the college. In 1918 he was ordained a minister in the Congregational church.

The growth of Olivet College during the past five years, according to the trustees' announcement, has had a distinct appeal to Dr. Vestling in his consideration of the presidency.

Prexy Heads Mc- Cormick Trustees

President Harry Means Crooks was elected President of the Board of Trustees of McCormick Theological Seminary at the meeting of the board last week.

President Crooks attended the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the seminary and the Commencement Exercises last Thursday. Stuart Pratt, '23, graduated with the degree of B. D. and President Crooks later was present at his ordination and marriage to Marion Reid, '20.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting this week was in charge of the Seniors and as would be expected was a very interesting one. Louise Watrous acted as chairman of the meeting. Wilda Martin read the scripture lesson. A very unique play, "Sweet and Seventy," was presented by the following cast:

The Girl—Ruth Hamilton
The Man—Dorothy Lee
A Lunatic—Dorothy Bradley
A Guard—Constance Kingan

Free transportation to and from Europe will be granted this summer to thirty-two Dartmouth undergraduates who have secured jobs on galleon boats.

ALBION WINS IN LAST INNINGS

Maroon and Cream Loses After Dawson Pitches Seven Hit- less Innings.

M. I. A. A. STANDINGS

	W	L	Per
Ypsilanti	2	0	1.000
Albion	2	1	.667
Hillsdale	2	1	.667
Kalamazoo	1	1	.500
Olivet	0	2	.000
Alma	0	2	.000

Last Week's Scores

Albion 8, Alma 0
Hillsdale 6, Olivet 3
Olivet vs Ypsilanti, postponed

Games This Week

Wednesday—Ypsilanti at Hillsdale
Wednesday—Albion at Kalamazoo
Friday—Ypsilanti at Alma

Saturday—Hillsdale at Kalamazoo

While Dawson, making his first appearance on the mound in a M. I. A. game Friday, was holding the Albion Methodists hitless for seven and two thirds innings, distress signals were flying over the Alma ramparts all the afternoon, and when the Albion storm broke, with dramatic suddenness after two were out in the eighth, it was not altogether unexpected though no one who had followed the two teams through eight innings of hectic almost no-hit baseball had any idea that the deluge would land Alma on the short end of a lopsided 8-0 score.

Alma escaped disaster in the early innings by some nifty fielding in spots and good luck in others. Dawson was wild and liberal with passes, in addition he pumpeared three of the enemy with pitched balls, and while the visitors were unable to hit in pinches, they ran wild on the bases and were continually in scoring position.

Dawson settled down after the second inning and went along smoothly until the fatal eighth. A long fly to right center dropped safe for the first Albion hit of the game. The inevitable stolen base followed and a hit to center gave the visitors the necessary run to win.

Alma blew up with a bang in the ninth and after three runs had been scored on a triple, single, two bases on balls, stolen bases and some weird throwing on the part of the infield, Dawson was lifted in favor of Westfall. Four runs more were chased over the pan before Westfall could get the side out.

While the Campbellmen have been credited with having a weak pitching staff, it has been the lack of hitting rather than pitching that has lost the first two M. I. A. games. Alma had several fine opportunities to score during the Albion game but the necessary hit was not forthcoming. Two hits will seldom win a ball game and looking back over seventeen straight scoreless innings, it is hard to credit the loss of games to pitching alone.

All the teams in the Association will get into action during the present week, the association leader, Ypsilanti, being Alma's opponent here on Friday afternoon. There doesn't appear to be any radical changes in standing of the teams in prospect during the present week.

Pratt Is Ordained and Married

Stuart S. Pratt, Alma, 1923, was ordained as a minister of the Gospel and married to Miss Marion Reid, Alma, 1920, last Thursday.

Since graduation Pratt has been a student at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Along with his work at McCormick he took special sociological work at the University of Chicago.

He graduated from the McCormick Seminary last week with the degree of B. D. On the thirtieth he was ordained at the Millard Avenue Presbyterian Church in Chicago and on the same day was married to Miss Reid.

President Crooks who was in Chicago for the McCormick Commencement service was present at the ordination and at the wedding. Elizabeth Reid, Alma, 1920, the bride's sister, and Mabel Jennings, Alma, 1920 were also present at the wedding.

Barnhart to Teach in French College

Lyle D. Barnhart, graduate of Alma College in the class of 1921, will teach in the University of Versailles, France, next year. Mr. Barnhart will leave for France in August and teach one year. He will give courses in American Drama, American Poetry, the American Short Story, and Advanced English.

Mr. Barnhart graduated from Alma with highest honors. For two years he taught in the Alma High School, teaching economics and coaching debate and oratory and producing dramatics. The last two years he has had charge of public speaking and dramatics at Union High School, Grand Rapids. While in Grand Rapids he has done considerable acting with the Woodward Players of that city. In addition he presented, very successfully, the first amateur production of "The Bat" ever given, this production being put on by the students of Grand Rapids Union High School last March.

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB RETURNS THURSDAY

Annual Spring Tour Has Been One of Great Success.

Thursday afternoon the Women's Glee Club of Alma College returned to Alma after completing its annual spring tour. The bus reached Wright Hall about two o'clock from Charlotte, where the final concert of the tour had been presented the evening before.

The club left Alma, Sunday morning, April 18 for Cadillac, where they presented a Vespers service in the evening. On Monday the first regular concert was presented in the Cadillac Presbyterian church.

Tuesday, the 20th the club left for Traverse City. After a difficult journey through the snow piled roads they arrived at Traverse, the northernmost point of their journey and presented their concert the same evening.

From Traverse City the club started southward again giving a concert in Hart on Wednesday.

Thursday, April 22 the club arrived in Fremont where a concert was given to a somewhat smaller audience which received the numbers very well. Fremont will be remembered for its royal treatment of the girls and the entertainment provided after the concert.

Friday the club journeyed to Grand Rapids. It was during their concert Friday evening in the church that thieves entered the girls' dressing room and robbed the members of their money. As yet the thieves have not been apprehended.

Going on from Grand Rapids the club went to Battle Creek where several small concerts were given in addition to the regular concert. The Saturday night audience in Battle Creek was the smallest encountered on the trip, a usual Saturday night crowd being present. Sunday the girls gave a concert at the Battle Creek Sanitarium in the afternoon. The girls attended Christian Endeavor and presented a sacred concert in the church in the evening.

Monday the girls went to Jackson, where they spent two days. The first crowd was rather small but Tuesday's audience was the largest and most appreciative of the audiences encountered during the entire trip. Wednesday the last concert was presented in Charlotte.

The girls were universally well received. The entire group numbers were always well accepted and the sextette never failed to secure a great deal of applause. Esther Oldt and Ethel West took turns in being the better received soloists. The Magazine Rack, sometimes presented with difficulties, proved to be a very popular feature, with Marion Grover always winning the audience. The illnesses that somewhat handicapped the club in the early part of the tour ended and at the close the group was giving concerts which reflected considerable credit upon Alma College and Director Ewer.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR NEW ASS'N

M. I. A. A. To Be a Branch Under Michigan Intercollegiate Association.

Definite plans for the newly organized Michigan Intercollegiate Association, consisting of eight denominational colleges of the state, were completed at a recent meeting of the school heads in Jackson.

The new constitution was adopted naming the colleges which shall be members in the activities under its supervision as Adrian, Albion, Alma, Calvin, Hillsdale, Hope, Kalamazoo, and Olivet.

Following a conference with the heads of oratory, debating, and athletic departments of the eight colleges, it was decided that the details for working out the new plan should be left until the June meeting. At that time schedules will be drawn up for the various competitive branches and the plan put into operation.

Recent press announcements that the new association will retain the name of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association are incorrect. The new name is the Michigan Intercollegiate Association and the M. I. A. A. is to be a branch under this new association. Ypsilanti Normal, a member of the old M. I. A. A., has very graciously withdrawn to further the efforts of the denominational colleges in their plans for the new association.

Active relations will be continued with Michigan State Normal in the fields of oratory and debate, the M. O. L. and the M. D. L. retaining their present membership.

The constitution for the athletic department will have to be accepted in June by the athletic directors in their spring meeting during the track and field meet at Albion.

The new association wishes to emphasize the fact that it does not exist merely for athletic relations. The members will give large consideration to cooperation in oratory, debate, bringing distinguished speakers to the campuses, etc. It is expected that better fraternity will be developed in a good many activities, student and otherwise. The object of the association is "to promote the cause of education according to the ideals of the Protestant Churches and to supervise intercollegiate activities among the institutions."

Many Alumni Come Back for Week-End

The J-Hop and other reasons brought an unusually large number of alumni and former students back to Alma last week end. The floor at the dance was again graced with couples who were famous on the campus a year or so ago and who had returned to enjoy the season's premier social event. Others returned, merely taking the opportunity given by the warm first of May weather.

Among those who were back were: Lyle D. Barnhart, '21; Arthur (Red) Carty, '25; Irene Anguish, '23; Harold (Dick) McNaughton, '25; Dorothy Flannegin, '25; Erwin Merriam, '25; LoReta Neely, ex-'25; Melvin Orr, ex-'26; Raymond (Sam) Liken, ex-'25; Bob Crawford, ex-'27; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Pratt; Lowell Hudson, '24; Beatrice Cottle, '25; Forrest Freeman, '24; Rhea Joy Stinson, '25; Donald Sullivan, '25; Mabel Bradford, '24; and Stephen Nisbet, '19.

Alma Grad Becomes Local School Head

At a recent meeting of the Alma school board, F. R. Phillips was elected superintendent of schools to succeed A. C. Luchtman.

Mr. Phillips was a student of Alma College for four years, graduating from this institution in the class of 1914. For the past six years he has been Superintendent of Schools at Croswell, Michigan, and previous to that time was engaged in school work at Detroit and Caro, having put in eleven years of work in the capacity of principal or superintendent.

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"SELLING THE COLLEGE"

Every summer the College has two or three representatives in the state busily engaged going to different towns in the state and enlisting young folks to take up their college work at Alma. These men carry glowing tales of Alma College, of the spirit of the small college family, Alma's splendid athletic record, its successful glee clubs and other interesting extra-curricular activities, of the beneficial courses, of two society houses and various other things which are taken into account by young people choosing the college they wish to attend. It is the work of salesmen using their most persuasive powers; they are "selling the college."

Few colleges lack some advertising method by which they attract new students. Alma's method is no different than many of the rest. Many places are fighting "gigantism" and are restricting their enrollment. While Alma's capacity is limited, this institution has never been forced to close its doors to students because of lack of facilities for taking care of them. Too many Alma students "flunk out," or fail to return in the fall because they feel no passion to come back to a place which seems to have offered them nothing of a particularly valuable nature. We have a double problem of "selling the college" to prospective students and "selling the college" to students who are phlegmatic in their affection for the institution of which they are already members.

The first group can be handled by means of organization. A large number of the students at present in Alma are here due to the efforts of representatives who interviewed them sometime during the summer. Many of these are athletes and, in much smaller numbers, singers and debaters. Others are here due to the letters written them by Dean Mitchell, because of the talk they heard President Crooks or Professor Hamilton give, because of the athletic records they have read, the Glee Clubs they have heard during the spring, or because of the glowing accounts older students have related to them. "Selling the college" to prospective students is quite an efficient department of Alma College official or unofficial administration.

The second group is quite as important and is far from systematically managed. The problem presented by them is difficult of handling. The difficulty generally rests within themselves. Somehow they have failed to enter into the spirit (a much abused word) of the place and have no inclination to return. Some of them have failed to form the associations which draw so many students back. Some of them smart from real or fancied grievances which have caused them to resolve not to attend Alma for more than one year. Various causes lead large Freshman classes to shrink greatly by the time the Sophomore year is reached.

Direct efforts should be made to keep these students in Alma if such is possible. No literary society should be without a committee to see that its Freshmen members shall return in the fall. The faculty should interview each Freshman (the greatest loss is always from the first year students) and see if he plans to return and if not what is his reason and can his grievance be remedied or his interest stimulated. And students who are satisfied cannot do too much to convince the less eager brother that he should be here for another year.

An old student should be more valuable to the college than a new one. Alma's loss of students after they have once enrolled is greater than she can afford. A systematic effort to "sell the college" to present students would be equally as profitable as a successful system of "selling the college" to prospective students.

WYATT BECOMES PRINCIPAL

Robert (Bob) Wyatt, of the class of 1924, has been made principal of the East Lansing High School. When he graduated from Alma he took a position in the East Lansing school and for the past two years has been teaching History and coaching debating there.

Professor Ditto, who has been ill with pneumonia, is now about, although he will not take charge of his classes for several days.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The meeting of April 26 was a very interesting one. After the business had been taken care of the meeting adjourned to the literary program. The program consisted of a debate upon the question, "Resolved, that Phi Phi Alpha should have a house mother." This important question was interestingly argued, by the following men: On the affirmative, Don Campbell, Argyle Campbell, and Ed George; on the negative by Pa Snell, Horace Prouty, Bill Pruyn and Steve Nisbet.

None of the members were aware of the debating talent which was disclosed. We can easily predict many Websters for the future, Scotch ones at that. Now about our varsity debater, Nisbet, who substituted for Pruyn. The boys really thought that Steve was taking the house by storm. Outside of a little unnecessary sarcasm the boys all performed remarkably well. The decision was unanimous for each side at first, but finally after the thirtieth vote the affirmative won by a majority of one. Pa Snell allowed it was the cleverness of the Scotch that took the decision.

BETA TAU EPSILON

The Beta Tau Literary Society held their meeting last Monday as usual. Since spring vacation the following officers have been installed and are now functioning.

President—Donald Gillette
Vice President—Alpha Musson
Secretary—Gilbertus Schieb
Treasurer—Willard M. Ake
Sargt.-at-Arms—"King of Swat" MacDougal
Almanian reporter—Frank O. Rindage

The literary programs, under the skillful manipulation of Alpha, whose technique has been mellowed by two previous terms, are coming off with a great deal of snap and nerve.

H. Holland gave an informal talk on the Prisons of the U. S. coloring what would have been a dry talk with an interesting personal viewpoint. Cecil MacDonald and E. Winslow, probably because of their constant association with their subject, were delegated to expound on "What's what with recent movies in Alma."

A frenzied rush to the Ice Cream Dispensary in pursuit of gastatory pleasures followed adjournment.

Professor Roy W. Hamilton preached at the Westminster Church of Grand Rapids last Sunday.

LIBRARY NOTES

The two members of the library staff who were absent on the Glee Club trip, Misses Williams and Richard, report a fine trip.

Among the new books recently received are several on Vocations for women. The contents of one of these "Careers for Women," ed. by Catherine Filene, lists 175 careers open to women. Multigraphed copies of this list have been prepared which will be placed in the hands of every Alma College woman to aid her in choosing her "career."

Mr. Lester A. Sharp, trustee of Alma College, who has just returned from an extended trip abroad, brought to the library a second edition of "An introduction to cytology" written by his son, Lester W. Sharp, of Cornell University. The author is an alumnus of Alma College, class of 1908.

A valuable gift of 17 volumes has been received from the family of Mr. Robert Fredrick, who died in 1917. Mr. Fredrick was janitor of Alma College for 14 years. The old home at 424 W. Superior Street has been sold and the college library was thus remembered in the distribution of its contents.

Recent additions to the Periodical list are "Detroit this week" and "Geographic News Bulletin."

Mr. Wong has prepared an exhibit of some of his Chinese books, which are now on view at the library.

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SOPH THINCLADS GAIN VICTORY

Second Year Men Have No Trouble in Winning from Frosh Tracksters.

The Sophomores sort of ran away from the first year men in a track meet staged by the two classes last Wednesday and Thursday. The superiority of the second year men is not even fully apparent in the final score of 90 to 45, the Sophs piling up such a lead the first day that many of them did not even present themselves for competition on the second afternoon.

Nothing phenomenal in the way of times or distances was developed in the track meet although some of the scores gave promise of good records after a few more weeks work.

The event results are as follows:

100 yard dash—MacGregor, '28; Lamb, '29; Bernd, '28;—10.6 sec.
220 yard dash—Knowles, '28; Lamb, '29; Paige, '29;—25.2 sec.
440 yard dash—McManus, '28; Knowles, '28; Hocking, '29;—59.4 sec.

Half mile run—McManus, '28; Hocking, '29; Elanford, '29;—2 min. 25 sec.

One mile run—McManus, '28; Hocking, '29; Goodenow, '29;—5 min. 20.6 sec.

Two mile run—McManus, '28; Goodenow, '29; no third;—11 min. 26.4 sec.

High Hurdles—Bernd, '28; H. George, '28; Barlow, '29;—17.6 sec.

Low hurdles—Bernd, '28; Thompson, '29; Vandervetter, '29;—29.4 sec.

High jump—H. George, '28; Combs, '29; Seiferline, '28;—5 ft. 2 1/2 in.

Broad jump—MacGregor, '28; Knowles, '28; 18 ft. 10 1/2 in.

Pole vault—Harvey, '29; MacGregor, '28; Braun, '29;—9 ft.

Shot put—MacGregor, '28; Coan, '28; Bixby, '28;—31 ft. 2 1/2 in.

Discus throw—Stapleton, '28; Bernd, '28; Lamb, '29;—96 ft. 2 in.

Javelin throw—Bernd, '28; Knowles, '28; Lamb, '29;—122 ft.

Half mile relay—won by Frosh (Veeder, Lierman, Paige, Lamb)—1 min. 42.8 sec.

One mile relay—won by Frosh (Harvey, Vandervetter, Lamb, Hocking) 5 min. 5 sec.

High individual point winners: McManus—20

Bernd—19

MacGregor—18

Annual Class Meet Next

The annual home meet will be held next week. The class of '28, who won last year are again favorites by long odds. The Freshmen ought to have no trouble annexing second place while Hop Anderson and Harley Catherman will fight it out for third place.

The records made in last year's home meet, which this year's crowd will try to beat were: 100 yard dash, 11.2 sec; 220 yard dash, 24.4 sec; 440 yard dash, 58 sec; Half mile run, 2 min. 25 sec.; One mile run, 5 min. 7.2 sec.; Two mile run, 11 min. 38.4 sec.; High hurdles, 30.6 sec.; Pole vault, 9 ft. 3 in.; High jump, 5 ft. 3 in.; Broad jump, 20 ft. 1 1/2 in.;

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Tuesday evening—Men's Glee Club practice in the chapel.

Friday, 3:45—Alma vs. Ypsilanti on Davis Field.

Friday evening—Alpha Theta Literary Society private dance. Kappa Iota Literary Society private dance.

Saturday evening—The Annual Stag Banquet of the Zeta Sigma Literary Society.

Javelin throw, 104 ft. 1 in.; Shot put, 34 ft. 11 1/2 in.; Discus throw, 114 ft. 1 1/2 in.; Half mile relay, 1 min. 44 sec.

Men Singers to Give Home Concert

The Alma College Men's Glee Club offers its annual home concert at the Strand Theater Wednesday, May 19. The club has been on its Spring tour and the reports that come back from alumni and friends that heard the club would indicate that entertainment of a delightful nature is in store for the Alma audience.

The home concert will come as the climax of a successful trip. The singers are hoping to make their Alma concert the best of the season.

In addition to the numbers rendered by the whole club, the quartette, which was very well received on the trip, will offer its numbers. Saxophone solos by Roger Cole, and flute solos by Pierce Boutin, are varieties very acceptable to the audience. And of course Good Old Irish Doc Hogan will be there with his brand new chalk talk series. All indications are that this evening will have splendid entertainment in store for us.

The concert which was previously announced for the week following the return of the club from its tour of northern Michigan had to be postponed because of Professor Ewer's absence from Alma. Because of the trip of the Women's Glee Club and other reasons the date had to be postponed until the 19th.

The postponement will not mean that the excellence of the concert will suffer. Since their return the men have been practicing regularly and the home concert will be the high spot of the year, the "swan song" of the 1926 Men's Glee Club.

DIARY OF A COLLEGIATE PEPYS

Up early this morning, which was a grave mistake as Miss Landwehr is away with the Girls' Glee Club and thus I had no class until chapel. To breakfast and did sit at a stag table and was disgusted by the swine-like manners of the others at the board. Also Steve Nisbet was swipe and seemed in devilish temper. To town to pass the time and did enter Rod Burgess' shop and that chemist prevailed upon me to purchase a new virgin briar pipe which I could ill afford but which was none the less a handsome thing. To chapel and did laugh much at Jimmy's picture of Dr. Brokenshire and Gov. Groesbeck arm in arm. To the library but Ed Lemen did have the pamphlet I desired and although he seemed much bored he would not yield to me though I did not care a snap as I knew it to be most tedious stuff. To lunch and was sore provoked to find that we were given soup which

though some folk claim it pleasing I find most unsatisfying. To Economics class and Mr. Sharrar was in high temper because his history class had not awaited him but three minutes though he has many times warned them that they must stay five. He did vent his spleen on us though we were at all times a docile group. Home after this and though I could ill spare the time I lay down for a brief nap and did sleep the whole afternoon. To dinner and was delighted to find ice cream for dessert 'e'en though it was somewhat melted. In to see my friend and she in most evil temper for she had no new frock for the J-Hop and I need resort to much buffoonery to make her smile again. Home at ten and to my stint when I did remember that there would be no German tomorrow and so to bed in great glee.

Campus Day Wednesday, May 12

Annual Home Track Meet

All classes are urged to get every man possessing track ability out to make the meet a success. The dope is that the Sophs will win and the Frosh come second. With representation from the upper classes the dope may be upset.

The Frosh-Soph Tug
Since 1923 no class has been pulled across the Pine. Both classes this year swear that the other is going through.

Cap Night

The Frosh have been wearing their pots all year. On this night they will burn them on Davis Field.

All in all Campus Day is to present some big events. Bring some of your friends to Alma and let them see Alma College on its annual play-day.

The police in an English town pinched a man who offered to sell his wife for \$50. The public must be protected against swindlers.—Baltimore Sun.

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CAMPUSOLOGY

Frau Einstein says that her husband never explained his theory of relativity to her. Does he think that a woman cannot keep a secret?—Boston Globe.

Mr. Jones—How shall I get word to you about our date for Monday night?

Mrs. Smith—Just slip it in my husband's pay envelope. He won't dare open it.

A telephone pole never hits an automobile except in self-defense.

"Bow legs are a sign of courage," says a scientist. They surely are if their owners wear a short skirt.—Alexandria Times-Tribune

Bud—Why use such a high crib for your baby?

"17—Married yet, Tom?
"18—No but I'm engaged and that's as good as married.
"17—'Sbetter, my boy, much better.

Shorty—So we can hear him when he falls out.

"I say, where do you buy your typewriter ribbons?"
"I don't. I get her boxes of candy."

Here lie the bones
Of Benny Fink,
They let him sample
Every drink.

Teetecher—Gertrude Junior certainly makes me work! Adelaide, don't drop another thing and stand up and use "dandified" correctly.

Hubby (trout fishing)—Did you see that fish jump?

Ad M. Upp:
A certain man felt awful wen
They cast him in the lion's den.
The bees's did rage
Inside that cage
But Dandified them all. Amen.

Wifey (eating sandwiches on the bank)—No, dear, scare him again.

"Does your father play golf?"
"No he learned to swear like that in college."

So live that Gen. Smedley D. Butler might drop in at any moment.—Ohio State Journal.

POETIC LICENSE

The Almanian has been criticized for its nondescript nature. It is said that it is not a newspaper because it contains no news. It is said that it is not a literary periodical because it contains nothing literary. For the first criticism we can say but little. Not having been press agents we are limited in our ability to create news. As to the second criticism we felt that definite progress could be made. We have the following contributions from the English Department which grants license:

Poetic License No. 75649
The drunkard's son is a reformer;
That is surely funny.
The preacher's boy is a son-of-a-gun
And blows his father's money.
The singer's son can't growl a note;
The pacifist's boy a gun will tote;
The offspring of Jesse James will quote
The scriptures—haint that funny?

Most things of life by contrast go
I think we all should know it.
If we could only practice this,
Results quite soon would show it.
But still we want school when we're home;
Hair tonic breeds the baldest dome—
I started out to write a poem
But who would ever know it?

Poetic License Applied For I
The frosh don't have to wear his pot,
This "tip your hat stuff" all is rot,
All class hours are reduced a lot—
That's progress!

II
The swipe his coffee does not spill
The four-bell fusing rule is nil,
The girls use social cuts at will,
That's progress!

III
Great kindness no professor lacks.
All chapel seats have cushioned backs,
The student council's out of "whacks",
That's progress!

IV
The Dean likes all of us a lot
So we dance all day as well as not,
And keep the bazzar-board red-hot,
That's progress!

V
On broken test tubes there's no tax;
The vig. committee, too, is lax;
And gee! there are no water sacks!
That's progress!

VI
We carry grub out from the table
Take all the cake that we are able:
—Now don't this sound just like a fable?
It ain't—it's just a dream.

A LIST OF TEN BEST BOOKS

1. The College Widow—By Katherine Joiner
2. The Flaming Youth's—By Katherine Jenkins
3. The Mirrors of Alma—By Ruth Hamilton
4. The Middle of the Road—By Everett Winslow and Dorothea Malpas
5. Wild Animals I have Known—By Violet Schwink
6. The Last Edition—By Ronald Harris
7. Sidelights on Washington—By Charles Murray
8. The Broken Handle—By Wilnot Pruyne
9. The Blasted Romance—By Cecil MacDonald
10. Daddy Shortlegs—By Raymond Hunter

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