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TUG-OF-WAR ENDS IN DRAW AGAIN

Third Successive Soph-Frosh
Pull With Neither Side
Winning

Twenty fellows with sore hands and aching shoulders, a ruined garden and a couple hundred or so disappointed spectators sums up the annual Soph-Frosh tug-of-war across the Pine River held last Wednesday. It was the old story all over again. Ten minutes proved to be too short a time for teams anywhere near evenly matched to gain any advantage over their rivals. Since 1923, when the present Seniors took to the stream, the tugs-of-war have ended in deadlocks. Fewer townfolks are going down to the river banks each year with seeming good reasons, and tiny changes in the rules have been of no avail—no one gets wet except some one who gets a little careless in a canoe.

The tug took place immediately after Olivet took its terrific drubbing on Davis Field. Amidst frenzied excitement the two classes prepared for the struggle. Kent MacGregor got all wrought up over things and tipped over his canoe to the huge delight of the folks on the south bank. (Poor deluded folks—little did they know that this was to be their greatest thrill.)

The Soph gladiators prepared for action. The mightiest of the class of '28 urged on by Coach Lee Crooks were Red Coan, Drev Drevdahl, Red Morrow, Goby Gobel, Skin Frazer, Moon Neuman, Kid Brown, Kayo Rauch, Irish Doc Hogan, and Hendy Hendershot. The Frosh men of might, under the frenzied pleas of Homer Barlow to keep him out of the chill waters, were Dob MacGregor, Jack Haffey, Hoby Hobart, Friday Kirsten, Gran'ma Scheib, Del Delivan, Ike Isham, Alex Hendershot, J. Vandenbelt, and Bill Hess.

At the crack of the gun these twenty men dropped in their tracks, bent back in agony for ten minutes when the second crack of the pistol set them free again, very much bruised and very much dissatisfied.

All the declarations of the past week that some one was sure to go through failed of fulfillment. The Soph team felt the humiliation keenly and gathering what few of their classmates as were in their immediate vicinity they crossed the railroad bridge and started into the serious work of throwing the Frosh in or getting thrown in—they weren't particular which.

Real action resulted for a minute and it seemed for a while as if the spectators might be afforded some amusement after all but misguided bystanders stopped the fray and everything ended. Some of the members of each class were still bent on giving folks a little enjoyment and dived in but their phlegmatic brethren refused to come through. And the tug-of-war of 1926 went down with its two predecessors as a dismal disappointment.

Albion Makes Ready for June Field Day

Schedule of events for the M. I. A. A. track and field competition to be held in Albion, June 4-5, as drawn up by the committee on arrangements has been announced by Professor H. L. Ewbank, of Albion College. A complete list of officials is now being selected, with Dr. George A. May of the University of Michigan at its head.

The schedule for the two day athletic carnival follows:

Friday—9:30, first baseball game; 10:00, semi-finals in tennis singles; 1:30, first section of track meet; 2:30, semi-finals in tennis doubles; 3:30 second baseball game.

Saturday—9:00, remainder of track meet except relay race; 10:00, finals in tennis singles; 2:00, finals in tennis doubles; 2:00, relay race; 2:15, championship baseball game.

As it is customary for the home school to participate in the baseball series, regardless of its standing in the M. I. A. A. race, Albion is certain to appear in the Friday afternoon game at 3:30 o'clock. The other three teams in the tournament will be the remaining three highest in the season's standings.

Pres. Crooks to Attend N. Y. Meeting

President Harry M. Crooks will attend the meeting of the Commission on Enlistment and Training of College Teachers of the Association of American Colleges in New York next Thursday.

The Commission is composed of five educators from different colleges and universities in the country. Dean Otis E. Randall of Brown University, is chairman of the Commission. The other four members are Dean Marshall S. Brown, New York University; President Harry M. Crooks, Alma College; President James L. McConaughy, Wesleyan University; and Dean Charles Lee Raper, Syracuse University.

STUDENTS ENJOY CAMPUS DAY DANCE

First All-College Informal in
Several Months Proves Enjoyable Affair.

The annual informal Campus Day dance last Wednesday was a huge success. After the seeming failure of Student Council informals last fall it came in the nature of a delightful surprise to see one of the same nature pass with marked enjoyment.

At the beginning things looked doubtful. Most of the college couples were there and, as usual, most of the campus stag men. But the stag women failed to present themselves and the dance had a dark outlook. Albert Dutch Weltoelter, president of the Council and acting Marshall of the day, saved the situation by calling together several of his bolder henchmen and making a raid on Wright Hall.

Arriving there the desperate nature of the situation was announced to the girls gathered around the "well" and after several overtures the ladies came en masse to the party. So far as could be judged none of them had cause to regret their decision.

A many pieced orchestra furnished the music. Frank Kennedy's band consisting of Rog Cole, Ken Hicks, Paul Bennett, and George Boyd, furnished the music greatly assisted by some volunteers: Bob Teft, Bill Hess, and Homer Barlow, who sat in and helped the cause along. The generosity of these musicians in furnishing the Council music for the dance was the largest contributing factor leading to a splendid party.

Tag dances, a Frosh "Obsequy March" and the real Charleston danced by Julius Chapman were the high spots of the evening.

Faculty guests at the party were Dr. and Mrs. Crooks, Dean Steward, Mr. and Mrs. Sharrar, Miss Landwehr, Miss Metzler, and Mr. Cagg.

ALPHA THETA GARDEN PARTY

The second annual Alpha Theta Garden Party will be held Wednesday afternoon, May 19 from 3:30 to 5:30 in the Rhodes Garden. There will be a special program of music, and candy, flowers, and ice cream will be on sale. All are invited.

ALMA WON AND LOST ON TRIP

Defeated Hillsdale, 10 to 7, But
Lost to Kazoo Normal,
8 to 1.

M. I. A. A. STANDING			
	Won	L.	Pct.
Ypsilanti	5	0	1.000
Albion	4	2	.667
Kalamazoo	2	2	.500
Hillsdale	3	4	.428
Alma	2	3	.400
Olivet	0	5	.000

Games This Week
Wednesday—Kalamazoo at Albion
Friday—Olivet at Ypsilanti
Kalamazoo at Hillsdale

Saturday—Alma at Ypsilanti
By winning two Association games during the past week the Presbyterians have moved up in standing to 5th place and are assured they will not finish any lower than that spot with a possibility of landing in third.

The first road trip of the Campbell men was a success in as much as the only Association game played was entered in the win column. The game at Hillsdale Friday resulted in a Presbyterian victory by a score of 10-7. Macdonald started for Alma but was relieved by Dawson in the third. Dawson was able to keep Hillsdale in their place during the balance of the game.

Dawson started against Western Normal at Kazoo, Saturday but was forced out in the eighth after pitching excellent ball for seven innings. Westfall relieved Dawson, but was unable to stop the Western Normal clubbers and the game was lost, 8-1.

Michigan State Normal won from Albion, Saturday, 7-4, tightening their hold on the M. I. A. A. championship. Alma faces Ypsilanti at Ypsilanti this coming Saturday and on the comparative merits of the two teams shown when the Teachers played at Alma, there is a chance that the Campbellmen may be returned a winner.

All the M. I. A. A. Association teams get into action this week and while there will be nothing to disturb Ypsilanti's leadership, it is possible that there may be material changes in the standing of the team now occupying 3rd, 4th and 5th positions. If Alma can continue its good work against the association teams and down Ypsilanti, Saturday, the Presbyterians would advance to 3rd place in event Kalamazoo and Hillsdale lose.

ALUMNI NOTES

Grace Beshgetoor, '23, who will be graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in June, will take internship in the Francis Willard Hospital in Chicago.

Margaret Holmes, '23, who has been teaching in Tecumseh during the last two years is to teach History in the Alma High School during the coming year.

The Sophomore Gang is earnestly begging for college trade; manicures, marceles, clothes cleaning, pressing and mending, and lemonade sales are their offerings at reduced prices. Gasoline purchases are their motives.

M. I. A. A. Coaches To Meet at Albion

Coaches of the newly organized M. I. A. A. under the Michigan Intercollegiate Association will have several propositions of importance to consider at their annual meeting to be held in Albion, June 3.

Shifting ahead the football training season to Sept. 10, strengthening of the eligibility rules, making out a basketball schedule, and discussion as to the advisability of a "Freshman rule," are among the outstanding items to be dealt with. A proposed Freshman ineligibility rule was defeated last year.

Representatives of Adrian, Albion, Alma, Hillsdale, Hope, Calvin, Olivet, and Kalamazoo will be present at the meeting.

BETA TAU HOLDS ANNUAL STAG

Youngest Men's Society Gathers
for Feast at Wright House
Saturday.

Members of the Beta Tau Literary Society gathered at the Wright Hotel Saturday evening, May 13 for their Annual Stag Banquet. The predominating note of the evening was good-humored informality. The boys rallied 'round with hearty laughs and appetites. A number of old timers present added greatly to the good fellowship feeling of the event.

MacDougal, fortified with a fifteen minute perusal of College Humor, acted as chairman. The program of the evening was of a forensic nature, at least as to procedure. MacDougal, as county clerk, rendered the indictment, Gillette, Holland, Winslow, Thoma, and Hull, were the witnesses, and Prof. Hamilton as Judge, gave the verdict. The speeches were excellent in many ways besides their brevity. Gillette, Holland, and Winslow, reminisced, telling of the beginnings of the society. Jack Thoma mirrored some of the high lights of the societies past in his talk, venturing a look into the future of its members. Jack burst into free verse toward the conclusion of his talk which was much freer verse than we had ever heard—a lot freer even than a lot of the prose one hears. Prof. Hamilton was far too lenient and generous in his verdict to make a good judge, as we know judges, but as a speaker was most stimulating, giving the society a fresher and newer insight into the meaning of their society.

Bob Baker, Fowler, and Jack Appsey were among the old timers present. A hilarious time was had by all. Gilbertus Schieb was offered an all day sucker, Havana flavor, while the rest of the boys enjoyed their smokes. Freddie Bliss confided to us that he had gone through the whole meal without spilling gravy on his vest—(we suspect he left his vest home.) Deac. Closser wore that absent look during the meal which we credit to the fact that the waitresses flitted hither and yon continually, like Belinda's Nymphs.

STIRRING EVENTS MARK POT BURNING

Upperclass Men's Club Help the
Frosh in Festivities Leading
to Pot Burning.

The Class of 1929 officially discarded its outward badge of servility last Wednesday night, when as the culmination of the Campus Day activities, they burned their pots in a huge bon-fire on Davis Field.

The ceremony was marked with festivities and rituals of a most impressive nature. A grand send-off was furnished the yearlings by the Upper Classmen's Council in the gymnasium for an hour or so after the Campus Day dance.

All of the Freshmen and most of the men of the three upper classes united in paying the first year men due respect on what they consider their nights of nights. Sheik Couture took charge of affairs and together with Elliot Crooks (son of the institution's president) acted as master of ceremonies.

The Freshmen men took an active part in the demonstrations. The first on the program was a Charleston contest staged by Freshmen Osborne, Westphall, and Niggeman. It was excellently received. A Frosh quartette composed of Barlow, West, Hocking, and Valentine rendered harmony that drew thundering ovations. Plebe Moss then sold his friend, Jacobs, Snell's jacket in a sales demonstration. Doc Hogan, The Irishman from the woods, gave a character portrayal of some great men of the institution, and so well was his work done that the near-sighted boys had many a qualm for fear that the officials of the institution had taken over the undergraduates' festivities.

Dr. Couture and Master Crooks then presented a few degrees to some of the men present. Elliott, in his mothers house dress and his papa's topper and Sheik in his room-mate's bathrobe and a German helmet he captured on the Marne looked very convincingly academic. Gov. Bliss and Hughy McDonagh were those who received honorary degrees. Others who were scheduled for honors were not present.

The finale of the stage ceremonies was a splendid juggling act put on by Messers. Couture and Crooks. They showed unusual dexterity in handling the many plates and although a few dishes were broken due to the poor lighting the entire act was very well done.

Refreshments were then served. Following these the Frosh took their ordeals. A long gauntlet of Juniors and Seniors were formed and the first year lads went humbly past. The upperclassmen mercifully used their hands with the exception of six, officially chosen, who wielded barrel staves with great enthusiasm in order to precipitate progress along the line. To cool the boys off the Sophomores kindly awaited them at the gym steps with cooling water to bathe their overheated bodies.

Then the huge fire was lighted. The girls from the hall were present and watched the boys run 'round and 'round the fire singing the war-cry "A-L-M-A, ALMA" and hurling their green pots into the flames. Then the yearlings gathered together and sang the Alma Chant and the next day the charred boxes on Davis Field were all that gave evidence of the one time submissive pot.

Many Graduation Speeches for Prexy

Starting June 4 President Crooks will have a busy three weeks giving Commencement addresses before high school graduating classes in the state.

He now has nine addresses scheduled. They are:

- McBain—June 4
- Shepherd—June 8
- Reed City—June 9
- Pigeon—June 10
- Albion—June 11
- Sebewaing—June 17
- Clarkston—June 18
- Battle Creek—June 24
- Corunna—June 24

Dorothy Bradley will teach in Emerson Junior High at Flint next year.



The Men's Glee Club of Alma College will present its annual home concert tomorrow evening at the Strand Theater. Group selections, quartette numbers, saxophone and flute solos, and a chalk talk will feature the program. Alma folks who have heard our glee clubs in past years will be assured of something equally as good tomorrow night.

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TUGS-OF-WAR

Following is an editorial which appeared in The Almanian for May 12, 1925. We are re-printing it completely without a change:

"Of late, there has been much inquiry as to why the tug-of-war is held across the river. For the past two years, the annual pull between the Freshmen and the Sophomores has resulted in a tie with no-one-wet decision. For the benefit of the present freshmen and sophomores, it might be said that in the old days, one side or the other used to win the contest, and the losing team and class was dragged through the water much to the pleasure of the victors and interest of the spectators.

"If the tugs-of-war in the future are to be held between two teams lying prone on the ground and entrenched in the earth, the protection of both sides might be bettered by the erection of concrete abutments upon the campus, and in addition, the student body would not have to take the long walk to the river in order to witness the feat of strength.

"The men who pulled in the last tug-of-war are not criticized. All of them did their best to dislodge the team opposing them, and all of them were recipients of sore muscles. There would have been fewer sore backs, though, if both teams were forced to pull from a standing position. Ten erect men through feint or strategy ought to be able to devise some means of throwing ten other men off their balance sufficiently to cause them to take to the water. Two years of experience has proven, however, that ten men entrenched cannot dislodge ten other men reinforced in the same manner.

"It might be feasible for the present freshmen to consider the plan of having the men stand erect, so that in their tug next year, one side or the other will get wet. The river might then be of some use in the pull. Every member of the class of '28 should make it his objective to see that next year's Frosh-Soph struggle will be of a decisive and cleansing nature."

Last year's editor had every right to be indignant. It is bad enough to have even one class tug-of-war end in a draw. To have two successive ones end that way is disgraceful. But when the third one ends that way it is a humiliation that the institution should seriously take to heart.

All of the other colleges of the country have their annual tugs-of-war. The strange part about it is that the rest of them see to it that somebody wins. We doubt if Alma men are so much more evenly matched than men of any other school. Something absolutely has to be done in Alma to make these struggles something other than farces.

Ten minutes is a very short time for ten men who are quite closely matched in strength with ten other men to pull these other men a rod or so. This is especially true when ropes stretch, or are long enough to permit a losing side to let out rope, or if one side does not possess some quite considerable placement advantage.

There have been attempts since the last two years to make the tug-of-war a success. Last Wednesday's contest showed that the rulings thus far have been futile. Perhaps the suggestion of last year's editor that the men pull standing might bring success. If not the only thing left seems to be to extend the time limit or do away with it entirely.

Now ten minutes is a long time to pull. The men are always quite worn out at the end. Nevertheless longer tugs are not uncommon. And the men who pull are always willing to pull. As for the dissatisfaction of the spectators, it is nothing when compared to the unsatisfactory feeling of the twenty men who have pulled. Their disappointment was greatest. Most of them would have been glad to finish things out at the end of the rope.

Rules are always essential but when they defeat the carrying out of activities which they are merely supposed to regulate for fairness sake the rules should be abolished. Alma College cannot stand another tug-of-war ending in a draw. If men, lying on the ground for ten minutes cannot win a tug, ten men standing up for a longer time are sure to win. Something of this nature must be done or the annual tug might just as well be abolished.

CLASS WARS

The young fracas which took place on the banks of the Pine between the Sophs and Freshmen last Wednesday after the tug-of-war has been the cause of some differences of opinion. It has been maintained by some that the affair was a demonstration of very poor spirit and that enough bad feeling now exists between the different classes on the campus. Others have maintained that the struggle should have gone to a conclusion, not merely for the sake of the spectators, but to mold a class consciousness which a scrap always does.

As far as we can see there is no bad feeling between the different classes in Alma College. In fact there seems to be no feeling at all. There is no class rivalry and when it comes to class functions there is no spirit at all.

The Seniors would scarcely know their rating if they were not acutely conscious of the debt hanging over them. The men have had their canes for two or three months and as yet only a brief half dozen of them have appeared on the streets while the Seniors in other colleges have been carrying their canes since the first of April. With the caps and gowns out most of the Seniors are begging to have them worn as few times as possible. The gowns are "too hot" or else they fear they "look like fools." Scarcely any Seniors tried out for parts in the Senior play.

The Juniors either don't publish an annual or fail to make a success of the one they do attempt. The Sophomores seldom can name their class officers other than president. The Freshmen generally know their class because they are continually reminded of their station.

We could scarcely advocate a class war. Nevertheless some rivalry, even bitter rivalry, would have a stimulating effect. The society feeling which exists on this campus has many an undesirable feature. But a little class spirit is very essential to any college and our institution is suffering from lack of it.

TRACK

Track and field athletics in Alma College have not been what they should be. Our team is regularly beaten by a large score by the Michigan State Freshmen. Not since the days of Frank Vreeland, Sid Foster, Harold Hickerson, and Harold Bailey have we triumphed over the down-state yearlings.

No plea need be made for track. The very fact that it is the most universal sport establishes it. There is no reason why Alma College should not have as good a record in these events as she has had in the other three sports during her history.

We have a few high spots to our credit within the last four years. Handy Foss, Jock Stuart, and Frank Bentley have hung up records which now exist in the M. I. A. A. We have first place winners in our present track squad.

But track victories cannot be gained by the possession of a few stars. To win a track meet a team has to pile up the most points and to gain points the track man has to be one of the best each time. And a good track man cannot just develop—he has to be trained just as much as a good football team has to be coached.

Alma's weakness is due to this lack of coaching. Coach Campbell is too busy with baseball to give track much attention. Professors Ewer and Clack have shown great interest and have done valuable work. But it has not been of an official nature. They have offered their services and have given them when they could find the time.

The Athletic Association should direct more of its attention to this sport. Have Professor Clack or Professor Ewer or both officially appointed as track coach and lend them the interest and aid that the other sports have given. If absolutely necessary have the appropriations for the other sports, limited though they may be, shaved somewhat for this fourth sport. If the theoretical value of college athletics is any where near the true value, the other sports have considerable owed to track and field sports.

We took three first places at East Lansing. We have two other men who are versatile stars and who have seen competition in the Drake Relays. With men like this it is shameful that more second place winners cannot be developed. Track receives too little attention in Alma and is deserving of a vastly greater amount.

Y. W. C. A.

The Alpha Theta Literary Society had charge of Y. W. C. A. this week. The topic was "Friendship" and was held especially for the girls who are graduating.

Elma Bishop acted as chairman and read the Scripture, John 15.

Marion Forrester sang very delightfully "A Friend of Mine."

An essay on "Friendship" was well read by Ethel West.

**PIONEER FROSH
HOLD BANQUET**

First Year Men Present Prof. Cagg With Masonic Pin at Wright Hall Banquet.

Last Tuesday evening the lowly Frosh quartered their legions together before the morrow's struggle and beneath the eagle eyes of Hogan and Rauch feasted until the china yielded no more fruit.

An elaborate program had been arranged and every member received a beautiful pencil as a favor—special favor. Jack West, acting as toastmaster under sham of hating notoriety, made a wonderful speech of presentation after which he, in representation of the class of men, gave Professor Miles H. Cagg a beautiful 3rd degree Masonic pin in appreciation of his year as pilot for the "good ship Pioneer."

Chuck Mann attempted a few words. Gilbert Scheib gave another lovely oration after which John Haffey rose to oratorical heights but needless to say he came down to earth again.

Delbert MacGregor, in true Scottish fashion, said a "few" words after which Homer Barlow briefly summarized the joys of an eventful year under the eaves of old Pioneer.

BETA TAU EPSILON

The Beta Tau Literary Society met as usual. The literary program two weeks ago was given over to the fascinating field of Michigan Lumbercamp Lore. The boys indulged in Munchausian fabrications as ingenious as they were incredible. Hewitt McDonough gave a number of lumbercamp tales in the dialect of the log-jugglers which fairly emanated camp atmosphere. Then MacDougal, of the mighty line, reminisced for Paul Bunyan, with stories of gigantic trees and other incumbances of camp life.

Last week was set aside for poetry. The fellows answered roll with a line or two of some comic poem, and after a short business meeting entered upon a program of poetic renditions. Glen Pratt gave a parody on the Charge of the Last Brigade. Then Deac. Closser gargled a few original poems composed in collaboration with Cecil MacDonald. They consisted of a heterogeneous mixture of historical facts ludicrously distorted. Bob Jones also recited some short parodies.

After the program the freshmen in the society sang the Alma Chant in beautifully modulated voices.

PHILOMATHEAN

The Philomathean Literary Society was called to order Monday evening, May 10, by the president Esther Oldt. The Freshmen girls responded to the roll call by singing the College Song—the other members by relating some memorable incident in connection with their college life. Following a short business meeting Ardah Buehler read a paper entitled "The Benefits which a Girl Expects to receive from a College Education." The impromptu "What College has Done for me" was answered by Alice Olson and Jennie Gilbert. After singing the College Chant in unison the meeting was adjourned.

ALPHA THETA

The Alpha Theta Literary Society was called to order by the president on May 10. Roll call was answered by a current event. The meeting was in charge of the Juniors, Elma Bishop being the chairman. A paper, Current Events, was read by Laura Hurst. Marion Forrester sang a solo, "I Love a Little Cottage." A play, "The Wonderer" was presented by Ethel West and Elma Bishop. A business meeting followed.

KAPPA IOTA

The meeting of the Kappa Iota Literary Society was called to order on May 10, by the president, Bertha Woodhurst. Roll call was responded to by a fact concerning the English strike. A paper was read showing the progress of the strike, by Helen Doyle. The program was followed by a business meeting.

LIBRARY NOTES

While in Toledo last week, Miss Ward attended the meetings of the Northwestern Ohio Librarians, taking part in the discussions of the College section.

Among the new books recently received is a set of books "The Polish Peasant in Europe and America;" "International critical tables of numerical data, physics, chemistry and technology," prepared by the National Research Council of the U. S. A.; and a gift of three volumes on philosophy.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The regular meeting of the Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity was held May 10. The first part of the meeting was given over to some discussion on old business and following that the meeting adjourned to the literary program.

It has been the custom in the fraternity in the past years for the Seniors to render farewell addresses. Such being the case Ronald Harris was first upon the roll call. Ron gave a very interesting as well as inspiring address even though, as usual, he had no time for preparation. Next upon the program was Gare Reid. Gare also told us that he was very sorry he hadn't had time to prepare his address, but nevertheless he managed to interest the boys for a few moments. Last for the evening but, as Gene quickly informed us, not least, Mr. Smythe took the floor. Gene enumerated a few reminiscences of the by-gone days when he and Ron were Freshmen and the like, and managed to draw several laughs.

We are all anxiously awaiting to hear the rest of the boys and are sure that with their extra week of preparation they will outshine their predecessors.

President Crooks spoke at the Westminister Presbyterian church of Grand Rapids last Sunday. He will speak before the Ithaca Chamber of Commerce this evening.

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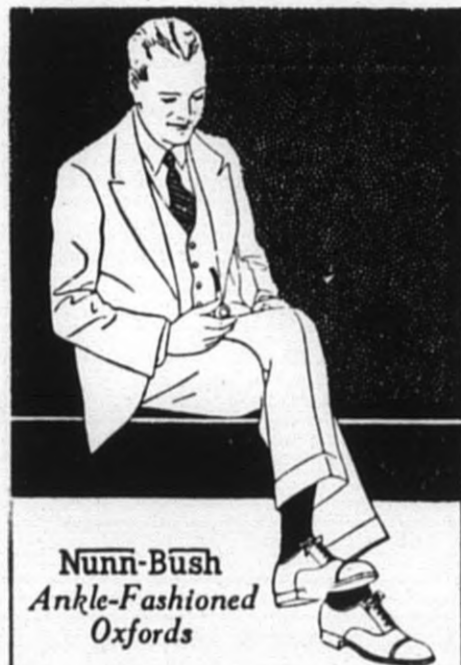
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**ALMA DEFEATS
OLIVET 18-1**

**Presbyterians Swamp Visitors
18-1 in Hard Hitting Game
Wednesday.**

Alma pushed Olivet down to the bottom of the M. I. A. A. standing Wednesday with a dull thud, giving the visitors an unmerciful licking, and winding up on the long end of a 18 to 1 score.

The Olivet pitching was just what the Campbellmen had been waiting and longing for and while Olivet pitchers "marched right on the hill and off again" with monotonous regularity, the Alma aggregation were industriously fattening up many a anemic batting average and several reached admirable proportions before the end of the day.

Westfall started on the hill for Alma and breezed through three innings in good shape, and gets credit for winning the first game of the season. Olivet scored its only run in the first on an error by Macdonald after two were out, a stolen base and a single to right accounting for the run.

Alma put together 5 runs in the 1st, an error. Two bases on balls, singles by Welhoelter and Macdonald and Catherman's triple to left center drove the first Olivet flinger off the hill before the curtain was rung down in Alma's half of the 1st, and gave Alma a four run margin which was never in danger.

Alma was passive in the 2nd but after Treadway had fled to center in the 3rd three singles in succession followed by Dawson's two bagger added four runs to the home colligians total and a second Olivet pitcher greeted the Campbellman in the 4th. After Welhoelter had made his second of five hits for the day, Macdonald was safe on an error by the Olivet second baseman, and Treadway slammed the pill far over the center fielders head, bringing the Alma score to 12. Welhoelter's home run in the 5th added one more to the score. After Hunter had scored on an error in the 6th Catherman hit a home run to right and the third Olivet pitcher made his appearance. Welhoelter's second home run in the 7th brought the Alma count to 16 and the final run came in the 8th, Dawson scoring on a sacrifice fly by Welhoelter.

Alma made 18 hits during the proceedings including four home runs, one triple and two two-baggers. Olivet was able to secure only five hits off the four Alma pitchers who showed their wares. Welhoelter was the Alma batting star with 5 hits for a total of 11 bases. Catherman gathered a home run, three bagger and single for a total of eight, and Treadway showed to advantage with a home run and single.

DO YOU BELONG?

Do You Belong to the Class of '10?

Yours was the first class ever to barricade Pioneer Hall. You were the first to abduct a class president when by your hands the president of the class of 1911 disappeared for two days. Many of you were in Prof. Notestein's Trig. class of 1906. You remember such names as "Sandy," "Fleety" McComb, Big Mac, Bradfield, John Campbell, Dan Duncanson, Chase, Graves, Elsie Bond, Agnes Redman, Hazel Blair and our own Royal R. Campbell.

Do You Belong to the Class of '11?

You remember Ethel Carey, Theron Chapel, Hurd Allyn Drake, Jean Dykes, Kathleen Gillard, Selima Hahn, Florence Hood, Huber, Leslie Kefgen, Del Lindley, Bessie Shaver, Isabel Stevens and Bob Von Thurn. You made "ien-dick-a-dean" heard at St. Louis. You won a football championship and won every basketball game played in the association during your last year. Do you know that "J. T." "Jimmy," "A. P.," Prof. West, Doc MacCurdy, and Miss Roberts are still here?

Do You Belong to the Class of '12?

Remember Cook Pohly, Fraker, Hume, Lauderbach and Sebrang? Do you know that Dr. MacCurdy no longer wears a moustache? Do you remember when Alma had Michigan 6-2 in the first two innings of a base-

ball game and would have made it worse had not rain prevented more play? You were here when Doc Rands joined the faculty.

Do You Belong to the Class of '13?

You were here when Dr. Blaisdell became president in the place of Dr. Bruske. You remember Bril Brilmeyer, or Edgerton, Billie Ewing, Jack Frost, Hoop Hooper Kolvoord, J. L. D. B. Landon, Hog Misener, Monty Monteith, E. A. Thompson, Chesty Von Thurn, Claudius Satterlee, and Rex Van Duzen. Another football championship was won during your last year. Maybe you were at Mt. Pleasant when the Normals took that famous 106-0 beating at Alma's hands. Alma also walked off with a track championship your Senior year.

Do You Belong to the Class of '14?

Do "Artie," "Stub," "Eph," "Doc," "Scoop," "Milo," "Hig," and "Leon" mean anything to you. Do you know that the "Dirty Seven" are planning reunions?

We hope that these few words will awaken memories and longings to these classes. The new Alumni Association is getting away to a good start. Do you remember when there were the Detroit Alumni Club, The Alma Alumni Club of the East and the Alma Alumni Club of the Northwest? The new club plans a meeting during Commencement Week this June. We hope that all the former students possible will be in Alma at that time.

Why Waters of Ocean

Have Varying Colors

The sea is not always blue. Sea water may be almost any color, depending on the amount of salt it contains, its depth and the color of the sand at the bottom. While a glass of its water is clear, the Mediterranean sea, which is rich in salt, is perhaps the deepest blue known, while the Pacific ocean is indigo.

A stretch of white sand below shallow water will cause it to appear water-gray or light green, while deep yellow-colored sand, joined with the blue of the water, produces a darker green, says London Tit-Bits. The Bay of Lorange is a deep red because of its red bottom.

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**SOPHOMORES WIN
INTERCLASS MEET**

**Second Year Thinclads Have No
Difficulty in Winning Cam-
pus Day Events.**

The Sophomore tracksters ran
away with the inter-class track meet
held on Davis Field Campus Day,
Wednesday, May 12. The Freshmen,
with only a little over half as many
points, took second place. The Jun-
iors and Seniors, suffering from lack
of entries, came third and fourth in
the order named.

The Sophs gamed a great majority
of their points, due to the work of
Harold George, all-around track man,
who comes from Petoskey and who
has seen considerable track competi-
tion. George was unable to take
part in the recent Michigan State
Frosh-Alma meet and was thus ren-
dered eligible for the local inter-
class meet. He carried off five first
places for the second year class.
Knowles, also of the Sophomore, took
four first places. The only entry
other than Sophomore to win first
places was Erskine, of the Juniors,
who took both the mile run and the
880 yard run.

The events are as follows:
Pole vault, 9 ft. 11 inches—H.
George, Soph; Harvey, Frosh; Bix-
by, Soph; Braum, Frosh.
120 yd. high hurdles, 17.5 ces.—H.
George, Soph; Anderson, Junior;
Seiferline, Soph; Barlow, Frosh.
One mile run, 5 min. 30 sec.—Ers-
kine, Junior; Goodenow, Frosh; An-
drews, Senior; Rauch, Soph.
Shot put, 32 ft. 10 1/2 in.—Staple-
ton, Soph; Brown, Soph; Burton,
Junior; Hendershot, Frosh.
440 yard dash, 60. sec.—Knowles,
Soph; Anderson, Junior; Mann,
Frosh; Davis, Senior.
100 yard dash, 11.5 sec.—Knowles,
Soph; Paige, Frosh; Grant, Soph;
Vanderverter, Frosh.
120 yard low hurdles, 16 sec.—H.
George, Soph; Vanderverter, Frosh;
Doudna, Junior; Hunter, Senior.
Running high jump, 6 ft. 3 1/2 in.—
H. George, Soph; Combs, Frosh;
Seiferline, Soph; Rauch, Soph.
220 yard dash, 22.3 sec.—Knowles,
Soph; Paige, Frosh; Harvey, Frosh;
Grant, Soph.
Discus throw, 102 ft. 4 in.—Staple-
ton, Soph; Davis, Senior; Hawthorne,
Junior; Murray, Junior.
Running Broad Jump, 19 ft. 4 1/2
in.—H. George, Soph; Hendershot,
Frosh; Hawthorne, Junior; Braun,
Frosh.
880 yard run, 2 min. 29 sec.—Ers-
kine, Junior; Brown, Soph; Goode-
now, Frosh; Highlund, Soph.
Javeline throw, 122 ft. 8 in.—
Knowles, Soph; Vanderverter, Frosh;
Murray, Junior; Davis, Senior.
Two mile run, 12 min. 43 sec.—
Nickels, Soph; Andrews, Senior; Ho-
bart, Frosh; Closser, Soph.
Relay race, 1 min. 42.8 sec.—Frosh,
Soph, Senior, Junior.
Summary of points:
Sophomores—72
Freshmen—42
Freshmen—42
Juniors—28
Seniors—13

Why Ship Is "She"
In some of the older languages such
as Old German, from which modern
languages have been derived, all in-
animate objects were given masculine
or feminine gender. In this way the
moon was feminine and the sun mas-
culine, and among other things, ships
and other vehicles were generally
spoken of in the feminine gender. Mod-
ern languages have adopted this same
idea; therefore, the reason for speak-
ing of a ship and train as "she."

Why Stars Change Color
That a star seems to change color
is due to irregularities in the refrac-
tion of its rays while passing through
air strata of varying densities. This
is also the cause of twinkling, which
is especially noticeable in the case of
stars seen near the horizon.

Why Fountain Pen Leaks
A fountain pen is more likely to leak
when it is almost empty because the
heat of the hand causes the air inside
to expand, tending to force out the
ink.

Why Statue Is Armless
Venus de Milo is always represented
without arms because when the orig-
inal statue was unearthed on the
island of Melos the arms had been
broken off and were never discovered.

COLE BURSTS INTO LITERATURE
For some time one Roger Francis
Cole has been busily engaged in send-
ing manuscripts around the country
for the purpose of having the litera-
ture of the nation enriched by his
contributions. He has a neat pile of
rejection slips in his memory book.

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aided his desire to see his works in
print. We seldom issue rejection
slips.
Through The Almanian Mr. Cole
has had one of his works printed and
re-published in this state. A few
weeks ago we published an article on
"Spring Fever" by Mr. Cole. In the
last issue of the Michigan State
News we find Mr. Cole's article re-
printed. It was changed somewhat,
the "Red Cedar" was substituted for
the "Pine" and was slightly spoiled
in other respects. Mr. Cole or The
Almanian received no credit. We are
considering charging the Michigan
State publication with plagiarism.

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ty. Rhodes Garden, Wednesday af-
ternoon.

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