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## HOLDS ANNUAL SPRING RETREAT

Y. M. C. A. Cabinet Spends  
 Week End Outing at Bass  
 Lake.

## LAY PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

"Y" Preparing to Meet Condi-  
 tions at College With Vig-  
 orous Work in Fall.

Vreeland firmly insisted that we never would get started, and that we should have taken the train anyway, but he was wrong. The "Y" bus rolled around about two hours late and got us, and then we were off. And right there the trouble began. Izzy's pie was the first victim; Ritt sat in that. And then the eggs began to leak. Two minutes after the first blowout came. Thank goodness it was the only one on the way out. Well, the eggs leaked, the pickle juice leaked, and the mustard leaked, but outside of that everything was all right. Except that the sausage got left and we had French toast for breakfast.

And that was how the Y. M. C. A. Spring Retreat began. The place chosen was Bass lake in a big convenient cottage. All but three of the "Y" Cabinet members were there, to discuss the work and lay plans for next year for the organization. The quiet hour held Saturday night was a short one, and then sleep claimed the bunch. Almost all of Sunday morning and a good share of the afternoon was given over to discussion and conference, the work of the "Y" as a whole and that of the various committees being taken up at length. Sunday evening Billy Amos came out and gave a talk, almost a farewell address it seemed. Then bed-time again and an early start back to Alma the next morning.

Next year should be a big year for Alma, and the "Y," realizing its responsibility, is preparing to face it. It was to make the organization ready that the retreat was conducted, and those who were there believe that its results will be evident as the work is taken up.

## FRESHMEN LIDS CAUSE BIG BLAZE

With the college year rapidly coming to a close the little skull caps of that charming green hue that the Freshies have been carrying around as sun shades since way along last fall have been dispensed with, the caps being burned.

It has never been realized that green caps of this kind would make such fine kindling. They did, however, create "some" blaze, and some one evidently thought that the college was burning, and about midnight Saturday night the fire alarm rang and the fire laddies were chased from their slumbers to answer a call to the college.

Not until they arrived on the scene was it realized that it was not the administration building, or Wright Hall that was burning, but simply a supply of little green caps, which have served their purpose in distinguishing the Freshies from their more mature brethren on the College hill.

**GET BOUND COPIES**  
 Those who wish to get bound copies of the Almanian for 1920-21 should see Business Manager Beshgetoor. These bound editions will be sold for three dollars (\$3.00) each. They contain every issue of the Almanian which has been put out this year. Orders taken now will be filled at the beginning of next year. They may be sent to those who will not be back. See the business manager now.

**At The European**  
 "Here, waiter, bring me a spoon for my coffee."  
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## ALMA COLLEGE

Thirty-fourth Annual Commencement

### PROGRAM

SUNDAY, June 12

10:00 A. M. Farewell Communion, Presbyterian Church, Rev. Willis L. Gelston, Pastor.  
 7:30 P. M. Baccalaureate Address, President Harry Means Crooks, Presbyterian Church.

MONDAY, June 13

8:00 A. M. Senior Breakfast at home of Dr. and Mrs. Crooks.  
 10:00 A. M. Final Chapel Service. Presentation of Emblems and Medals won in Oratory, Debate and Athletics.  
 2:00-4:00 P. M. Kindergarten Exhibit in Kindergarten Room.  
 8:00 P. M. Senior Class Play, at the Strand Theater.  
 12:00 P. M. Alpha Theta Banquet.

TUESDAY, June 14

5:00 A. M. "A" Men Spread, Honeyoak Creek.  
 9:00 A. M. Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees.  
 12:00 M. Alumni Luncheon in the Grove.  
 8:00 P. M. Senior Promenade. Illumination of the Campus.  
 9:00 P. M. President's Reception at the home of President and Mrs. Crooks. All friends of the College invited.

WEDNESDAY, June 15

10:00 A. M. Commencement, College Chapel. Address by James Schermerhorn, Editor of the Detroit Times. Presentation of Diplomas and State Certificates. Awarding of Honors and Medals.  
 12:30 P. M. Commencement Luncheon, Wright Hall.

## On Sabbatical Leave Next Year



DEAN JAMES E. MITCHELL

The Freshmen next year will miss something of the first year of college life, for they won't be greeted by the sunny smile and wholesome advice of Dean Mitchell when they plat their first semester course. Maybe they will not realize what they are missing, but the returning Alma men and women will know. For "Jimmy" will be far away from Alma next year, ranging the highways and byways of old Europe; taking a vaca-

tion in fact, and a deserved one. Dean Mitchell's sabbatical leave comes next year, and he is planning to spend it, or at least a major portion of it, visiting the European countrise. An instructor from Harvard will take his place in class work, but no one can take his place in the hearts of the students. The student body of Alma college wishes you Godspeed, Dean Mitchell, and a real vacation. We will welcome you back in 1922.

## PHI-S HOLD A BREAKFAST SPREAD

Early last Wednesday morning, in the Jungle, Phi Phi Alpha enjoyed a breakfast spread. The treat was on the new officers, and the "chow" made a big hit with the hungry masculines. Williams, chief cook and director of bottle washing activities, commissary, chef, and producer of cooked feed, brought on his royal committee, and they dug in and did the work of feeding the gang in great style. Even "Angel Boyce" said he had enough to eat, and that's going some. The high lights on the bill of fare were dissimilar in nature, coming one at the beginning, and the other as a final dessert, but the pancakes and the strawberries and cream made a big sensation, and brought a happy feeling to the diners.

The Jungle is a wild place—especially when there are hungry men in its midst, but after such a "Dejeuner"—the Phi men were filled and their hunger was satiated.

This breakfast spread marked the last Phi gathering of the year and it was with just a touch of sorrow that it broke up, and the men hurried back to their early morning classes.

## CAN WRITE SONGS

Mr. Frank E. Smith, of Smith's Music Store, has an announcement which will be of great interest to those students of a poetical turn of mind. Here is a chance for someone to write the words for a popular song a chance which may mean profit as well as pleasure. If there are those who would welcome such an opportunity as is here offered, and who would like to try their hand at writing the words for a song, they should not hesitate to see Mr. Smith. He will have good news for them.

Mr. Smith is himself a composer. Just lately he has completed a new song hit, "My Dear Old Southern Home," which will shortly be offered for sale in this vicinity. He has also written a number of other pieces of music, with very good success.

Maroon and Cream out tomorrow.

## SENIORS DEFEAT FACULTY TEAM

Take Big Count in Four-Inning  
 Tilt Last Wednesday by  
 8 to 7 Score.

## HAMILTON PRESENTS AN ALIBI

Absence of Tyrus Speaker Ruth  
 Brokenshire Brought De-  
 feat, He Says.

"We have met the enemy, and we are theirs." With that short sentence Professor Hamilton, speaking in chapel Thursday morning, told the tale of the Senior-Faculty baseball game. But he had an alibi; the faculty always has. "You see," our worthy English instructor continues, one of our strongest men was missing from the lineup Wednesday afternoon, weakening considerably our all star aggregation. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Tyrus Speaker Ruth Brokenshire did not appear on the diamond, and Alma's faculty was humbled by the Senior class, by the close margin of one point in a 7-8 score." Thus are the mighty fallen.

With Billy Amos twirling the pill for the Seniors, and Perrigo on the receiving end, the faculty found themselves unable to ring up more than seven counts on their opponents, while the winners, facing Steele, Washington-Jefferson star, pounded out enough clean bingles to make it eight for them.

Amos was in good form, and had the situation well in hand except for a time in the third, when a rally by the venerables almost put him out of the box. He rallied, and with tightened backing was able to sew up the inning without great loss.

All of the faculty members proved themselves proficient with the willow, West and Ditto especially, poling out some pretty ones, which went to the field after passing through the hands of the pitcher, the shortstop, the second baseman, and the first base artist, who had gone over to assist. Steele made a sensation with a three-bagger in the second frame, sliding into third and posing artistically before the excited plaudits of the crowd. On bases no one could put it over on Randels, who stole with all the art of a Tyrus Cobb, throwing himself into thrilling slides with reckless abandon and disregard for his clean overalls. In the field, West, with two gloves on, showed up to advantage spearing long flies and stopping throws which went past first. Two old league players were on the faculty team. Mitchell, at second, was right at home, and did pretty work stopping Seniors attempting to steal the second sack. Behind the bat the work of Ditto of Ohio State could not be paralleled. The outstanding feature of the game, however, was undoubtedly the speed which Beausang showed at short.

The Senior bunch was a group of stars and old time favorites, with a few has-beens sprinkled here and there, we dare not intimate just where. Beshgetoor, on first, held down his job excellently, letting scarcely more than two-thirds of the balls which came his way get past. "Hawk" French, at short, was undoubtedly a professional ringer, so his good work must be discounted. Sharrar and Lyons, holding down the second and third sacks, were right in their element, and sported around the diamond like a couple of croquet players.

The best work of the day was done entirely in the field, strange to say. "Slingshot" Williams, togged out in the coach's maroon and cream Alma jacket, made a name for himself in the post of umpire. The fairness of his decisions could not be questioned; he cheated as much on one side as he did on the other, which was all the time. The integrity of the presiding dignitary has been raised seven or

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## Joy Night OF COMMENCEMENT WEEK IS MONDAY, JUNE 13th!

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## ADIEU!

With this edition the Weekly Almanian of 1920-21 makes its departing how, and bids you all adieu. And it is fitting that as we close the year we of the staff should express to you, the student body, the faculty, the alumni, and all the rest of our friends, an appreciation of the support which you have given us this year. The Almanian has greeted you twenty-nine times before during the college year. We greet you again even as we say good-bye with this thirtieth number.

We have tried to be a truly representative college paper, we have tried to give you the news, to please you, to entertain you. We have tried to get behind all the best things of college life to support them with our utmost endeavors. We hope that in a measure we have attained our objectives. But it has been you who have made your college paper, and to you we express our indebtedness. And so again, adieu.

## STICK IT OUT

Exams this week! Tough stuff too, and we'll be glad when they're over and done with. Why not? college is great, but so are vacations. What are you doing when your examinations are finished? Going home! Forget it, let the idea sink into oblivion. Don't you know college isn't over when exams are done. No siree! There are still three big days coming, and they're not over till Wednesday night, and that's June fifteenth.

Don't go home, stick it out. Commencement, what does it mean? Do you think that only Seniors are concerned with it, that it's their commencement? Of course it is, but it's yours too. It means perhaps, more than you realize. It is perhaps, a greater event than you had thought. If you get that hurry-scurry-get-home-right-away feeling you are going to miss commencement, and you cannot afford to do that.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Commencement of Alma College! Say it proudly. Read the program, a treat is in store for you. The sit down will think, if you had intended to go home right away. And then STICK IT. You will never regret it.

## MEAGER RESULTS AT ALBION MEET

The track results achieved by the Alma College track team at the Michigan Intrecollegiate field and track meet at Albion Friday and Saturday were meager to say the least, the Alma clan placing in only two events. Captain Vreeland of the team, pulled the most surprising stunt of the meet in winning the two mile over Wilcox of Kalamazoo. The Kalamazoo distance man had broken the record in the two mile event the previous week in the state college meet at M. A. C. and was expected to take the event with ease. He took the lead at the start and held it for seven laps, when the Alma captain took the lead from him and finished far ahead of the Kalamazoo man.

Shoemaker was the only other point winner. This lad tied for second in the high jump.

## WOL HAVE WISLTEN POEMS!

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BREEZES

The Health Officer reports that there were more casualties from pink monade imbibed too freely and hot dogs devoured with too much vim and vigor than there were from all of Orville James' smallpox and the vaccination bee. Such is life, it ain't often that we get pleasure without a setback next day. Did you see the elephants?

Russ Wilson made another great utterance Sunday when he declaimed "Sunday lunch ain't to eat, it's to be social." To which we say amen. Unless you happen to be on the swipe force or at the stag table. Which is also social, but more filling.

Three ponies whinnied in a certain exam to a certain professor Monday. Did you catch 'em, Doc? which reminds us that it cost money to keep a full stable the way some of our jockeys have been doing lately.

This One Came Out Before Exams Professor West was delivering the final lecture in Organic, laying down the law of the necessity of preparation for the exam.

"The examination papers," he concluded, "are in the hands of printer. Are there any questions to be asked?"

Silence prevailed. Then Doggie's voice piped up from the rear seat, inquiring, "Who's the printer?"

The slaughter of the innocents came Tuesday at ten o'clock in the chapel. Ask the Frosh if it isn't so.

A fellow will eat, and a fellow will drink,  
And a fellow'll play all day,  
But a fellow won't work, and a fellow won't think,  
Because he ain't built that way.

A girl will sing and a girl will dance,  
And a girl will work crochet;  
But she can't throw a stone and hit a barn,  
Because she ain't built that way.

Girls won't throw stones at a fellow with ease,  
But he'll find to his sorrow some day,  
With blushes and kisses she can hit his heart square,  
Because—both are built that way.  
—Exchange.

Him—Would you like to go to the show tomorrow night, dearest?  
Her—What a darling boy you are!  
Of course, I would! What is the bill?  
Him—About ten plunks, I guess.

Jimmy—Where shall we eat?  
Claude—Let's eat up the street.  
Jimmy—No, thanks, I don't like concrete.

Hedburg—Could you fill that bladder with illuminating gas?  
Prof. Ditto—Not if you can't break it.

Kemp—Why do you talk from morning till night?  
Vreeland—Because I sleep from night till morning.

That's true, too. But can't make any noise down stairs because Frank broke all records.

Don't forget to get your pictures of the library.

Prof. Hamilton—Mr. Pratt, "Rise thou unhappy! From the cold ground raise thy head, thy neck!" Read on.

He—On what grounds does your father object to me, Eleanor?  
She—Any grounds within a mile of the house.  
—Holead.

Hudson rushed up to the hardware store all out of breath the other day and cried, "A nickel mouse trap, quick! I want to catch a train."

English Classes Please Note "Marriage license," says an exchange, "is a perfectly good example of a conjunction. Doesn't it connect a pair of fools?"

In the show the other night the villain didn't want to hit the hero hard so he pulled the trigger easy.

Miriam (poetically)—I could hang on your very words, Sidney.  
Foster—Is my line as strong as that?

Whatchagointerdohisvakashun? Hope you have a good time. So long, folks, I'm leaving.

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library notes  
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A list of recent accessions to the library has been posted on the bulletin board.

There will be a course in Library methods next year requiring one hour of recitation and two hours of preparation. One hour credit will be granted for the work when completed. The work of the first semester will cover the use of reference books, card catalogue, periodical indexes and research in general. This knowledge will be of benefit to both men and women whatever life work they may take up after leaving college, whether professional or business or club work. Of course the earlier in a college course this library study is pursued, the greater the advantage in future saving of time in looking up material for other studies.

The Librarian attended a Michigan Library Round Table meeting at Cadillac, May 27th, but was unable to represent the college at the opening of the Detroit Public Library, June 1st, to press of other duties.

There is a small exhibit of former Alma College programs in the display case, which may be of historical interest to the students of today.

SEMORS DEFEAT TACT LTV TEAM

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The student's work Wednesday.

The frames was as much as the players could stand, so the game was halted at Wright-Hall dinner time. Sincere satisfaction was expressed in the game, despite the brevity of it, and none demanded a refund of gate tax.

The faculty may feel like croaking with the raven. "Nevermore." but it is sincerely hoped that they won't. The game was a good one, and the most interesting in a long time.

ASSOCIATES APPOINTED  
Editor Wilson announces the appointment of Lowell Hudson and Roy Gustafson as Associates Editors of the Almanian for next year. Both men are next year Sophomores, and are good capable writers. Hudson, especially, has had a wide experience in connection with his school paper. They should fit well into their jobs. Other appointments will be made in the fall. The post of Wright Hall representative is being held open, pending further developments.

The hot sun sinks beneath the sands,  
And one by one the stars are lit,  
The moon comes up, and o'er the land  
The cold blue shadows stretch and flit.

The desert whispers in my ear—  
Then suddenly in caustic tones,  
The prof's sarcastic voice I hear:  
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— Exchange.

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