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## Friday, Hillsdale—Baseball, Davis Field—Albion, Saturday

### SOPHOMORES HOLD ALL-COLLEGE PARTY

Long Postponed Affair Finally Given Saturday Proved to Be a Big Success.

Saturday evening, April 30, an all college party was given by the Sophomore class. The affair was well attended (and chaperoned) and judged by all present as a huge success. The Sophomores have been trying all the year to render such a party but each time an appointment was decided upon, something always seemed to intervene. The affair was finally launched with all the characteristic eagerness that denotes human eagerness to accept sudden opportunity.

One of the impressive features about this party was its sensible "plainness." No great amount of money was spent on superfluous frills or decorative features. However, its "plainness" added rather than detracted from the crowning success of the evening.

It must not be thought that dancing was the only means of entertainment which the occasion afforded. Games of all descriptions were played in one of the kindergarten rooms—games, if we may say it, that from their quaint mannerisms and context, take us back to the days of childhood. Speculation avers moreover, that the respective steps of the museum and library were occupied at least part of the time. However, we have no definite proof of the authenticity of this report.

Music was supplied in an abundantly pleasing manner by Gallagher's four-piece orchestra. The moonlight numbers were made more effective by the super-abundance of light. Nevertheless the grief of the mourners was more than outweighed by the prevailing spirit of the evening. When it came to despondency "it simply wasn't there."

It was with the greatest reluctance that the guests departed. The omnipresence of tears in the eyes of departing guests was too pathetically apparent. A desire to linger seemed everywhere manifest, and even the "lemonade chasers", Wyatt and Dahlgren, were forced to give way to their emotions. Taken all for all, the evening may be assumed as one of the characteristic social affairs which makes Alma College so dear to her students. "What's the matter with Alma—huh?" (Say it loud!)

#### ALPHA THETA PLAY

Instead of giving one play as has been done in former years, the Alpha Theta Literary Society this year presents "The Travelling Man" by Lady Gregory and "Lucinda A.B." by Mrs. Harly Brown.

These two one-act dramas are both full of keen interest and their very difference makes for variety and contrast. "The Travelling Man" is a pathetic story of an Irish woman who failed to recognize the king of the world when she was most expecting him. Lady Gregory, the creator of this morality-play, needs no introduction to true drama-lovers. "Lucinda A. B.," written in an opposite mood, is full of humor and quaintness. Lucinda with her college diploma is making her first attempt in the business world, and her experiences are well presented in the play.

The Alpha Theta Literary Society feel proud to solicit your patronage and attendance, for the offering is quite worth your time and expense. Friday, May 6, 1921, 7:15 p. m., at the college chapel. Admission 50c.

"Cheerfulness, courtesy and tact are the lubricators of business."—James Samuel Knox.

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### ALMA NEGATIVE DEBATING TEAM



LEE M. SHARRAR, Capt.



THOMAS DASEF



RUSSELL WILSON

### Negative Debaters Defeat Olivet College Team

#### OBSERVE CAMPUS-DAY

MINGLE WORK AND FUN

The annual clean-up of the college took place Thursday when the pick and shovel gangs and the deck swabbers turned out to make the campus "look like what it ain't" and celebrated the annual event known in the annals of Alma as Campus Day. Even the late risers turned out in time for the preliminary rally in the chapel at 8:30, where Commander-in-Chief French outlined the campaign and assigned his forces. Parting instructions were dealt out, and the cohorts departed.

The wheelbarrow division, cooperating with the shovel gang and the tank corps started in on Davis field, and brought back from their grass covered oblivion the cinder track and the baseball diamond. The section of transportation did most noble work there, too, when it transported the bleachers to a more fitting position around Pioneer the third floor roughnecks under Corporal Hicks were busily skirmishing with dirt. (Continued on page two)

#### STAGES MEETINGS

Y. M. C. A. Starts Series of Four Evangelistic Meetings Among Men Monday Evening.

The Y. M. C. A. of the college began a series of evangelistic meetings in a gathering of twenty-five men held in the "Y" room Monday evening, and addressed by Foster, Petersen, and Vreeland. It is the purpose of the organization during these meetings to bring the cause of Christ and the appeal of Christianity to every man in college. The opening meeting presented the challenge of our Christian duty, and outlined the plan through which we might gain the right standards of living and the right attitude of our life. The attendance and interest shown in the opening meeting was very encouraging, and it is hoped that it will be increased with each succeeding night.

#### Get Unanimous Decision on Jap Exclusion Question in Contest at Olivet.

Alma College laid low an ancient hoodoo Friday evening when the negative debating team, consisting of Dasef, Wilson and Sharrar, journeyed into enemy territory and returned with Olivet's scalp. With the question: "Resolved, that all further Japanese immigration be prohibited" as the issue, the victory was appreciated even more heartily in that the judges' decision was a unanimous vote for Alma. President Voelker presided, with former lieutenant governor L. D. Dickinson, Professor Nelson of M. A. C. and Mrs. Winifred Harvey of Battle Creek acting as judges.

Olivet, upholding the affirmative side of the debate, introduced an old friend and former student of Alma, Gordon MacDonald, who pictured the Japanese as dishonorable framers of an ingenious agreement, but failed to back his statements with the necessary facts. Mr. Hanse, who followed Mac, urged that the Japanese be excluded on economic grounds as laborers who interfered with American rights. Mr. Milor, much to the gratification of the Alma team, and to the amusement of the college audience, produced a highly technical argument on the folk customs of the Japanese, which, he affirmed, made the yellow race a group not capable of assimilation.

Alma presented a closely knit argument on the question at issue. With an excellent platform presence and strong delivery, Dasef proved that the Japanese were desirable, politically, socially and economically, and urged America not to turn back on a group that bore its share of the burden of production. Wilson followed with a bomb-proof argument on the Gentleman's Agreement, a speech so logically outlined, and so effectively delivered, that it left the Olivet team gasping for breath. Lee Sharrar, the last speaker of the negative, hammered home the points of inexpediency, and injustice, and (Continued on page two)

#### WILL PLAY TWO GAMES

MEET HILLSDALE AND ALBION

The Alma College baseball team will play two Michigan Intercollegiate contests on Davis field this week end, meeting the Hillsdale Collegians on Friday and the Albion College team on Saturday.

Both teams are believed to be stronger than they were last year, and Coach Steele's rather green aggregation will be forced to step some to win in either contest.

There seems to be a good ray of hope, however, as both Scott and French are apparently pitching good ball, so that Alma will have two dependable hurlers for the two frays. The weakest spot in the entire team evidently is in hitting, but with a good week's practice there should be a notable improvement in this department. The team will also get a good drilling this week in handling bunts, and it is doubtful if any other team will be able to play the bunting game on the Presbyterians the way that Adrian made it work in last Saturday's fray which the downstaters forfeited for using an ineligible pitcher.

The Blue and White team is without question stronger than last season, except perhaps in the box.

Albion will bring a team of hitters to Alma Saturday, and they will have good pitching to back up their hitting. Smith, who formerly pitched in the Masonic league in Detroit, being the ace of the Methodist pitching squad. French will probably get the assignment for this fray.

#### PHILOMATHEAN NOTES

A regular meeting of Philomathean Literary Society was held on April 27th. Roll call was answered to by a quotation from Laurer, Bruce Evans gave the impromptu, the life of their author and Ruth Stewart a paper on his works. Louise Hainline read several selections from his works. Mabel Bradford played a piano solo. Adjournment.

### FORFEIT GAME TO ALMA NINE

Adrian Wins 2 - 1, But Uses Ineligible Pitcher; Rain Stops Game at Hillsdale.

After being rained off in the fourth attempt to start the season, Friday, at Hillsdale, the Alma Collegians finally got underway Saturday at Adrian, and although Scott held the Adrianites to two hits, the Maroon and Cream aggregation went down to defeat, 2 to 1. The game, however, was forfeited to the Maroon and Cream, Gruell, who did the hurling for Adrian, being ineligible.

Scott, who went to the mound for the Presbyterians, was in rare form, holding the Free Will Baptists to two bingles during the game, being in danger only in the sixth, when Adrian's two runs were counted. He struck out nine men. As had been expected, a lack of practice because of the inclemency of the weather had hurt the Alma hitting to a big extent and the Maroon and Cream swat artists were able to connect with Gruell's offerings four times, one of these being a double by Brewer.

Alma almost broke the ice in the opening inning. Marks was hit and went to second on Williams' sacrifice. He took third on Waggoner's out, but died at that station when French failed to furnish the hit to bring him home. Brewer made a big effort to score in the third, but was stranded just short of the cashing station. He opened the inning with a double. Scott sacrificed him along. Marks got four wide ones and went to first, but Williams and Waggoner died easily. In the fourth with two down, Kirker started the rally that brought Alma's one run. A hit put the Detroit on first and a base on balls to Dancer sent him to second. A wild pitch to Brewer presented the opportunity and Kirker leaped it for the plate. Not until the eighth did Alma again look dangerous. Scott made first on an error and went to second when Marks walked. Williams sacrificed them along. Gruell brightened up and got the next two men.

Except for the sixth inning Adrian did not look particularly dangerous. In the sixth inning they started counting the offerings of Scott, and the great infield went to pieces just long enough for the two runs to tally. Bassett landed at first on an error in handling his bunt. Lewis made first the same way, Bassett going to third. On the next pitch Lewis went to second. Funk and Hurst died easy, but Richie came through with the hit that was needed, and both Bassett and Lewis scored. The Alma aggregation looked (Continued on page two)

#### TOURNAMENT STARTS

Racket Wielders Busy in Elimination Contests to Determine College Representative in Tennis.

The eliminations in the tennis tournament for the men have already begun. Sixteen men are entered in the events. They have been paired as follows: Beattie-Wilson; Armstrong-Millett; Sharrar Black; Fry-Wyatt; Ainsworth-Hudson; Howe-Quinlan-Vliet; Foster-Erickson. The first four pairs make up the first section, the winner in which will play the winner in the second section. The winner in each section will be decided by elimination, two sets out of three being the determining number. Two pairs have already played off their sets, Vliet winning from McKnight, 6-2, 6-3; and Millett winning from Armstrong 6-0, 6-0. Indications are that Vliet and Millett will appear in the singles finals, with Beattie, Fry, and Howe making a strong showing. Dope may be upset however.

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### A LITTLE SUPPORT

When the Alma nine romps out on the field Friday afternoon to meet the Hillsdale sluggers they are going to need every bit of support that they can muster. And when they cross bats with Albion Saturday afternoon they are going to need just as much. Wherein lies the duty of the student body, to be there and root for Alma. Our boys lost a two to one game to Hillsdale last Friday, but Hillsdale used an intelligible pitcher. That gives us the game and makes our M. I. A. A. record 1000%. This week end we can keep it up to the top notch, or we can let it be lowered. The team is coming fine.

We got behind football in the fall, we boosted basketball during the winter months, will we fail on baseball?

Of course we know that the river is inviting on Saturday afternoons, and that there are a good many things that might be done, Friday and Saturday, get behind the team and BOOST.

### FORFEIT GAME

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ed like a real team except for the handling of the bunting in the sixth. The failure to handle these in good style can easily be excused for an aggregation that it playing its first game, and has new men at third, short and second.

There is every prospect that with improved hitting, and the pitching that should be given by Scott and French, the Maroon and Cream team should have an aggregation that will make a strong race in the M. I. A. A.

Lineup and summary:

ALMA	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Marks, 2nd	1	0	0	1	0	0
C. Williams, ss	4	0	0	0	1	1
Waggoner, lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
French, 1st	4	0	0	12	0	1
Rathsburg, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
H. Williams, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kirker, m	4	1	1	1	0	0
Dancer, 3rd	3	0	1	0	1	0
Brewer, c	3	0	1	9	1	2
Scott, p	3	0	0	1	7	0
	30	1	4	24	10	4

ADRIAN	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Bassett, 2nd	3	1	0	3	3	3
Bassett, 2nd	3	1	0	3	3	0
Lewis, 3rd	3	1	0	0	4	1
Funk, ss	4	0	1	1	1	0
Hurst, c	3	0	0	9	0	0
Richie, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Kinney, m	3	0	0	1	0	0
Harris, 1st	3	0	1	11	0	0
Powell, rf	3	0	0	0	1	1
Gruell, p	3	0	0	1	2	0
	28	2	2	27	10	2

Alma..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1  
Adrian..... 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 x-2

Two base hit, Brewer; first base on errors, Adrian 3, Alma 0; bases on balls, off Scott 1, off Gruell 3; struck out by Scott 9, by Gruell 9; passed balls, Brewer 2; hit by pitcher, Marks, Lewis.

### OBSERVE CAMPUS DAY

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and in front of Wright Hall all the busy feminine element of the college seemed to be concentrated on the job of piling sod on the sidewalk and then carrying it off again. And over in the grove was Dick Boyd in an entirely new role, wielding the saws and the pruning hook.

But the really big event was the outdoor luncheon at noon. On the S. A. T. C. benches, relics of the great war, the meal was spread. That is, it was spread there after the line-up had pushed and shoved and clawed its way up to the serving table and had received generous portions of potatoes, the beans, recalling fond memories to the ex-doughboy, and finally the great big pickles. These, with tea to wash down the bread and butter, made a meal fit for a hungry worker. Let us insert a query, "Was Professor Hamilton right when he said something about high school sweaters, and why did he look at Ed. Steele?"

And then it rained: Work was of course called off, but though halted in the midst of it, campus day had done much to clean up and brighten up the campus.

### DEBATERS WIN GOOD COPY

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quite with the substance of the question. The position of the battle to a close.

Too much cannot be said concerning the more adequate preparation of the Alma debaters. The judges complimented the Alma representation on their constructed arguments and rebuttals, and backed up their opinions by their vote. Throughout the debate, the spirit between the two teams was excellent. Olivet spared no efforts to make the Alma men feel entirely at home during their short visit. Perhaps it is a prophecy of future debating battles between two friendly colleges.

### LIBRARY CHANGES HOURS

Commencing next Saturday, May 7, the college library will be closed for the remainder of the day, at 11:45 a. m. Students may take out reserved books at 11:15, to be returned at the usual time on Monday morning. This Saturday schedule will be in order during the remainder of the college year. On other days the library will be open as heretofore. A list of the new books added during the month of April has been posted on the reading room bulletin board.

### CORRECTION

In the Y. W. C. A. banquet write-up of last week the toast, "Keep to the Right," should have been credited to Avis Lane.

In the Philomathean Banquet article the statement that Mrs. Hamilton represented Alpha Theta's patronesses, should have read Alpha Theta's honorary members.

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Poor fellow, his fate was grim,  
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**Ain't It The Truth?**

He wrote his father a single line,  
"Dear Dad, there's nothing to say."  
Then he started a letter to sweet Angeline,  
And he wrote till break of day.

It's funny how often romances  
Are broken by slight misunderstandings.

We ourselves would probably be going

With a co-ed today if it wasn't for  
One of these slight misunderstandings.

You see, at the time we started going

With her we understood that  
She had a car of her own.

We thank you.

**In Pioneer Hall**

He sang and he sang, "I will hang my harp on a willow tree-e-e, I will hang my harp on a willow tree-e-e," each time breaking on the high note. Finally the patient roommate ventured: "Better hang it on a lower branch."

Kirker—Coming up to the room to-night?

Johnstone—Sorry, but I'm going to see Othello.

Kirker—That's all right, bring him along too.

Mrs. Bebb—When do you use capital letters.

Bright Frosh—Oh, about half of the time.

Jimmy Mitchell—Didn't you have a brother in this course last year.

Vreeland—No sir, it was I. I'm repeating the same course.

J. M.—Extraordinary resemblance, though. Positively extraordinary.

**STAG EDITION**

The annual Stag edition of the Almanian will be published either next week or the week after, it is announced. The staff for this edition, which was elected Sunday evening consists of the following:

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Campus Day ended in the annual Y. W. C. A. Carnival. Coquettish little flower girls met all who came and their sweet smiles and gentle pleas enticed everyone to purchase their rare scented roses. Bill Bebbetoor and Ginnie Black filled the room with their loud cries, begging all to come and see the greatest of movie shows—5 cent. "Min," the queen of hearts, gave dates to all who would willingly pay for them. The seven wonders were a great success. Margaret Poole and Ulla Holshort of it in the first free show.

There were so many places to go, they represented the tall and the the Japanese ton thoms decorated with Chinese lanterns, the fortune-telling rooms where dark-eyed eyes forecast the future and reminded you of your dark and gloomy past, the green pig which was most attractive to the spectator, the lonely match swimming in a bowl and the wonderful artists who displayed their talents in silhouettes.

When came the second free show—the five wonders of the College, "Ole", Nellie, Genevieve, Gladys and Emma, who swayed back and forth to the melodious strains of "Bright Eyes," "Marmoset" and "Hortense." Oh!—Zigzag!—How could you let them go!

The last free show was the "Tangled of Fluffy-Haired Nan" by marvellous Margaret Poole and Emma Rattus. Their acting proved so successful that their contracts are filled for the coming year.

Go-r-r-r-r! The usual cry-killer roared, and the maidens ascended upward while the boys resplendently scouted out the front door.

## TO LECTURE

"Where Do We Go From Here?" This striking question, as applied to civic and every-day life, is answered in an address under that title given by Prof. Elton R. Shaw, of the Collegiate Civic Association, 100 headquarters at Chicago. The students of Alma College will hear the address at their regular assembly Monday, May 18, at 8:45 a. m.

Prof. Shaw is one of the masters of the American lecture platform, and in his genial and spicy manner, gives his message in a very entertaining manner. Being humorous without being frivolous, comprehensive without being tiring, pungent without being bitter, and serious without being depressing, his addresses command thoughtful consideration. His material is new and interesting, and his appeal timely.

The speaker is also a specialist in civic and governmental problems, and in late years has given more than 2,000 addresses on allied subjects in many parts of the country. His cheerful philosophy and his humorous way of looking at the follies of life have combined to give him the name of "The Southerner." His comment on the world as he watches it go by proves the name well given. Prof. Shaw will also speak at the following engagement while in the community: Monday, May 16, 8 p. m. "Hitting on All Four," Presbyterian church.

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