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ALMA WINS FIRST M. I. A. A. TILT

PROGRAM PLANNED FOR HOMECOMING

Large Crowd of Alumni and Old Students Expected Back for Celebration.

November sixth, the day of the Albion game, has been officially designated by faculty and student authorities as Homecoming. The campus has drawn a heavy circle in red around the date and is preparing a royal welcome for you who come back.

- HOMECOMING DAY PROGRAM SATURDAY, NOV 6th**
- 12:00, Dinner—Wright Hall
Alumni and Old Students
Tickets 50c
 - 1:00, Alumni Business Meeting—Wright Hall
 - 2:00, Football—Albion vs. Alma
Admission 75c
 - 4:30, Warming Up—Coffee and a Wood Fire—President's House
Faculty, Alumni and Old Students
 - 6:30, Supper—Wright Hall
Tickets 50c
 - 8:00, All College Party—Memorial Gymnasium
All Old Students Invited
Admission 75c

We students are rather thrilled at the prospect of seeing you all. We have heard so much about you during our years here that we feel that we know you—we regard you as brothers and sisters by adoption. Perhaps we have never met you personally, only knowing you by name or by tradition, but be assured that we know you. So if you happen to overhear a stage whisper on Homecoming Day, giving your old nickname and private college history, don't be surprised. You are really more important back here than you think.

Literary societies are planning to take care of their alumni. There will be people you know and plenty of room and time to talk things over. If you can stay over night with us there will be ample accommodations for you. By the way, there is an All-College dance in the evening that you won't want to miss, so plan to stay until Sunday.

The football game in the afternoon is with Albion. The dope doesn't rate them so high but we all know that Albion always fights their hardest against us. It is going to be a real battle. You will be proud of the team we have this year. It's a hard-fighting aggregation from the kick-off to the final gun. It will bring back memories of the teams in the days when men were MEN and well in the days when you went to school.

Don't forget the date. We have a place for every old student and please believe us when we say that nothing would please us more than to have every place filled. Will we not see you on the sixth?

Societies Draw For Frosh Smoker Dates

According to the agreement drawn up and submitted by the Council of the Upperclassmen's Club, and approved by the fraternities, the members of the council met Thursday evening in the Zeta Sigma house and drew for the dates upon which the fraternities will entertain the new men of the college.

Beta Tau Epsilon drew the first number and will hold their smoker Thursday evening of this week. Zeta Sigma will follow with theirs the next week, and Phi Phi Alpha the next. Announcement of these will be made later.

Everett Winslow, President of Beta Tau Epsilon wishes to invite on behalf of the society all the new men of the college to the Beta Tau smoker. It will be held in the Wright House parlors, Thursday evening.

Alma Couple Fall to Fabled Cupid's Dart

Flowers bloom in the spring, trala, and the love-birds warble in the poinsettias as certain young men gaze fondly at certain young women and think of things other than baseball. In the well known past articles on collegiate engagements always started off in the same strain as this one does. But, gentle reader, visualize the reporter's predicament. In between the chill rain drops of October the news of an engagement has been spread among the be-slickered students. Bernice Azelborn, a sophomore from Alma, is wearing the Pin of Karilton Brown, a junior from Parma.

The Almanian though at first inclined towards gentle reproof because of the unseasonableness of the affair relents and extends its most hearty congratulations and best wishes to the couple. May they be as happy as they deserve.

DEBATERS START TO OUTLINE WORK

Squad Gets Early Start on This Season's Question. Prospects Bright.

Under the direction of Professor Spencer the Alma College debating squad is getting down to serious work. Several meetings have already been held, and it is planned to continue these study groups regularly. The meetings will only last one hour so that too much of the students time will not be occupied.

At present the squad is engaged in outlining the question and digging out the major issues of the problem. The question is one of the most difficult in recent years, partly because of the rather vague statement of the proposition, and partly because of the uncertainty of happenings in Italy. It is even a fifty-fifty chance that Mussolini may no longer be at the helm before debate schedules are completed. Some of the debaters sense that there will be difficulty in pinning opponents down and getting a direct clash of opinion, as there are loop holes enough in the question to permit evasion.

However there can be no doubt that the proposition is an interesting one, and will draw better crowds than the usual debate questions. Most of the men at first glance favor the negative of the proposition, probably because of the inherent American dislike for autocracy, but enough are backing Mussolini to make the race for positions on the teams exciting enough. The squad will likely work as a whole on the question until around Thanksgiving time, and then the teams will be picked, so that they will be well rounded into shape when the season proper begins at the start of the second semester.

We understand that there will not be Freshman or Girls debating teams this year. It is unfortunate that they cannot be developed as the experience gained on those teams would be invaluable to the participants. And development of first year men on a Freshman squad would materially help them when they come to carry the varsity debating of the college on their shoulders.

Alma has not held her once high position in intercollegiate debating for some years. With some good new material from the new men at Alma, and a goodly number of regulars from other years to pick from, it is hoped this year by Coach Spenser and Manager Clark that Alma will end up with a more successful season than usual. Last year the teams won and lost an equal number. While such a record would satisfy the ablest exponent of the law of averages, Alma is out to better it in the 26-27 debate season.

BEAT OLIVET SATURDAY! ! !

PLANS LAID FOR RELIGIOUS CLUB

President Crooks Invites Men to Banquet in St. Louis for Discussion.

On Tuesday evening a committee of fifteen men and five faculty representatives met at the Park Hotel in Saint Louis to consider the ways to establish a Men's religious organization on the Alma College Campus.

This meeting was the outgrowth of the upper-classmen's dinner that was given by President Crooks a few weeks ago. On the morning before the St. Louis meeting President Crooks met with six men and together they selected those whom they believed to be the campus leaders who were best suited and who would be willing to take upon themselves the responsibility of the organization of a religious group.

After the meal at the hotel, all members of the committee were invited to give any suggestions that they might have as to the nature of such an organization. The committee agreed that there was a definite need for such an organization on the campus, but they believed that such an organization should not be tied to any denomination or outside organization, but should be a separate campus organization to promote a better religious atmosphere among the men of the college.

The men voted on names of those to form a sub-committee to report more fully on the nature of the organization, and to draw up a tentative program to submit to the whole committee at a meeting to be held Tuesday, October 19th.

Since the Y. M. C. A. passed as an active endeavor among the men of Alma College, there has been no organization which has made special effort to promote the Christian well-being among these students. While there are no conditions at this college which might be alarming, yet it has been felt that there is need of a religious group, especially as the college is an institution of the Presbyterian church. This year President Crooks felt that the failure of the Y. M. C. A. had been partly forgotten, and that a new organization could be successfully founded.

The problem that confronts the committee is the foundation of an organization that shall exist for a primarily religious and Christian purpose, whose functions shall be to create a profound devotional attitude among the students, and to take care to prevent the deterioration of this society into merely a medium of social gathering. It must have men at its head whose purpose is to place the Christian spirit first in their aims, and to subordinate within the organization all social and athletic activities.

The leaders must also use wise judgement so that the purpose of the society is not perverted into one of adverse criticism of other groups, and so that the society does not take an attitude of self-righteousness towards others.

This is a large task that the college leaders and the President is undertaking. It requires the support of all the men on the campus, and it will take the best leadership to keep it alive among the counter-attractions of college life today.

CAMPBELL ATTENDS ANN ARBOR MEETING

Coach Campbell traveled to Ann Arbor this past week to attend a meeting of district basketball tournament managers. Alma hopes to be able to entertain the tournament teams again this year as in the past.

Alumni—Send in your subscriptions to the Almanian. Write in and give us your opinion of the paper. Did it have some good feature in your day that we are omitting?

Randels Chapel Talk on German Education

Dr. Randels spoke before the student body in chapel Thursday morning. His talk related to some of his experiences abroad during the past year, and more especially, his conception of the German Universities. To him the universities of Europe have changed little since he first saw them some years ago. They are conducted in the same manner, and what is surprising, the same class of people are attending them. The war did not appear to admit a new class of people to their walls.

In these universities one finds no president, no dean, no registrar. In the classroom there is no roll call and no assignments. Dr. Randels made the point of his talk the fact that he believes such methods develop self-reliance and self-direction in the student. However, he pointed out, American students are not prepared for such a course. The European students fit into it because of their preparatory work and strict discipline.

SENIOR MEN ARE GUESTS OF THIS

Banquet Held in House Dining Room. New Social Event Great Success.

An event unparalleled in the annals of Alma College occurred on October 14 when the seniors of Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity entertained all the men of the senior class at a chicken dinner in the dining hall of the frat house. At 6:30 when all had gathered in the living room the dinner gong rang and the guests formed in line according to speed and agility as otherwise all were equal and rushed to their places about the two tables. The menu was: cream of tomato soup, roast chicken with hot biscuits, mashed potatoes, creamed carrots, combination salad, relishes, pie ala mode, cake, coffee, and smokes. Even Judge MacDougall was satisfied when LaVerne Bixby and Charles Goodenow cleared the tables.

The toastmaster, John Ardis Erskine, then took charge and after welcoming the guests introduced Charles Murray, president of the senior class. Mr. Murray remarked on the fine fellowship exhibited at the banquet. Francis MacDougall was the next speaker. He told one on Argyll Campbell, the next speaker, who in turn slammed Judge. These eloquent offerings concluded the program. All then adjourned to the living room for a fireside story spree in which Ike Sartor and Dick Waggoner easily lead.

Alma Downs Hillsdale in Cross-Country Run

Alma College cross-country team brought more laurels to the college when they ran away with the team from Hillsdale. The score stood 36-21 for Alma. The race was held prior to the football game Saturday afternoon.

Captain McManus of Alma took first place making the course of three and seven tenths miles in twenty minutes and thirty-two seconds. The other runners ended as follows:

- Vierson—Hillsdale
- McFarlane—Alma
- Erskine—Alma
- Gustafson—Alma
- Jones—Alma
- Cash—Hillsdale
- Thomas—Alma
- Cox—Hillsdale
- Ojala—Hillsdale
- Wilcox—Hillsdale
- Mount—Hillsdale

Pomery of Alma came in seventh, and Knighten ninth, but did not figure in the scoring as they were running for places on the Alma cross country team.

HILLSDALE BOWS TO ALMA ATTACK

Maroon and Cream Takes Opener in Championship Race 8-0, Saturday.

Playing her first M. I. A. A. game of the year, Alma College defeated Hillsdale on Davis field Saturday afternoon. This was the Maroon and Cream's third consecutive win, giving them a clear slate with the exception of the opener played with the University of Detroit.

An overwhelming attack at the beginning of the contest, featured with end runs by Hawthorne and Karpp, and the recovery of a Hillsdale fumble gave Alma her scoring chance. Hillsdale kicked off and Karpp returned the ball to his 36. Hawthorne raced around end on the first play for an easy first down. Chatman made 4 through the line carrying the ball outside. On the next play behind fine interference Karpp raced 20 yards around end before he was downed. But Chatman lost 2 and a fumble cost Alma five more. Bauer attempted a place kick from the 48 yard line with the wind, but it was wide. Hillsdale took the ball on her 20, but fumbled on the first play, Holdship recovering for Alma. Failing to gain through the line or around end, on an end around pass Holdship passed to Hawthorne on the goal line and he fell over it for a touchdown. Bauer failed to kick the extra point.

Once again in the first quarter Alma threatened to march down to the Hillsdale goal. A line smash by MacGregor which netted 12 yards and those added by the other backs carried the ball well into Hillsdale territory. But Bauer was forced again to place kick and missed by inches. In the second quarter, Karpp's punting, against the wind, forced Dorsch to punt from behind his goal line, a bad pass from center caused him to be caught behind the line for a safety, making the score 8-0 for Alma. There was no scoring in the second half.

Late in the second quarter Hillsdale blocked an Alma kick and took the ball on the 20 yard line. They gained two on the first play but Burton nailed the next play at the line. Arozin got the next one for a yard loss. A pass failed and Hillsdale's opportunity was lost.

Hillsdale started off the third quarter with a line smashing and passing attack which threatened to score. They ripped off three first downs before they were stopped and Alma got the ball on her 20. Alma had the ball in her opponent's territory the majority of the period. Hillsdale tried desperately to complete passes as her only chance of scoring in the last period, but with the wind against them, and Alma's defense air tight they were forced back deep to their 20. An end run gained but they had to kick. Alma took the ball and a pass Holdship to Karpp made first down. Chatman made five through the line, Ericson went through center for 6 and MacGregor made it another first down. Alma passed on the first down and Hillsdale intercepted the attempt. Captain Burton broke through and nailed a fake for a nine yard loss. Hillsdale kicked but recovered the ball as Alma was offside. On the next play they completed a pretty pass to their 33 yard line for first down. Another pass made 5, but two more failed and a 5 yard penalty resulted. Hillsdale punted to their 41. Alma failed to make its yardage and Karpp punted to the 10. Anderson intercepted a Hillsdale pass as the game ended.

Alma's line clearly showed its superiority to the much touted Hillsdale forward wall. Even without the services of Simmons at center. Frazer at center played a game which deserves a great deal of credit. Holdship (Continued on page three)

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ALMANIAN PLATFORM

1. Completion of the Alma College building program.
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3. Immediate completion of the new athletic field for use.
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THE NEW ATHLETIC FIELD

We cannot help wondering why our new athletic field which was generously presented to Alma College by the Bahlkes has not been made use of. Surely enough time has elapsed that some indications of using this field for the purpose intended should be apparent. It has served long enough, in our opinion, as a potato patch.

Of course we realize that probably the lack of money has been the cause of lack of development of the field. But at the same time, if we are ever to have an athletic field capable of satisfying the needs of Alma College, steps in that direction might just as well be taken promptly rather than let the matter slide along. Nothing is ever accomplished without effort, and in this case it would mean strenuous effort and ample support from students, townspeople and alumni.

Our present field is totally inadequate. The ground has never or never will be suitable for a good football gridiron. It is hard in dry weather, and terribly wet if the season brings rain. On occasions within our memory it has been necessary to borrow the local high school field for a football game. Such was the case in last year's Ypsi game. Again, we can never hope for a decent football field when it is necessary to prepare the same for a baseball diamond every spring. Alma College has not enough room in the shape of athletic fields. The new field was presented to remedy this need, and we would certainly appreciate some signs of making use of this splendid opportunity.

Looking at the matter from another angle, the completion of our building program would destroy the use of our present field. The building of the gymnasium spoiled the track, and the plans call for a new chapel to be erected on our Davis Field.

It will undoubtedly take work to even reach a solution of the problem, or rather a working plan. It would seem most practical to us, and we received the idea from President Crooks, that the college officials, the student body, our alumni and the citizens of Alma be brought together on the problem. Working at it from all these sources enough money ought to be raised to put the field in shape for use.

Our purpose in this editorial is to bring the matter out. It is something every live student should agitate. We wish the alumni to think of it, and be prepared to help when the call is made. Among these two bodies the demand for improvement of this field will have to come if anything is to be done. So talk it up, let's have a field that everyone connected with or interested in Alma College will be proud to acclaim.

THROUGH THE MILL

How hard it is for us to take advice. All Americans seem to have this failing, perhaps because we in this country pride ourselves on being self-reliant. History is marked by examples of great men who could count their downfall to their failure to take advice. Youth, more than anyone else, refuse advice, when they are the ones who are least qualified to refuse it. Can we, but a few years out of the cradle, dare to go along unassisted? Have you ever tried to imagine all our elders non-existent? Can you think of a world made up of nothing but people twenty-one years and under? As foolish as to believe that the apprentice could succeed without the master?

We are but in the period of apprenticeship. It is the duty of each generation to prepare the next to take its place, so that civilization might proceed in a manner far better than it had ever done so before. Can we, then, afford to close our ears to advice and guidance from the older generation, when in a few short years we ourselves will be intrusted with the affairs of the world?

Our faculty fully realize the situation, and are working to the best of their ability to live up to their trust. Their way has been long upon the earth in comparison with our short course, and we are not fitted in any sense, to criticize their actions.

"The thing for you to do is to do what you are told. Take advice from people who know more about things than you do."—President Thompson.

Open Meeting Held by Alpha Theta Society

The new girls of Alma College were invited to the open meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary Society on Monday evening, October 11. The meeting was called to order by the president, Ethel West. Roll call was answered to by quotations from Shakespeare. After this a very unique program followed, emphasizing the contrast between the classical and the modern; Lewis Salmon performed a toe ballet, a butterfly lance, illustrating the classical, while Margaret Reynolds gave a very good example of modern dancing in the Charleston. Marian Forrester then sang a song entitled "What the Chimney Sang" as an illustration of the classical and Isabel Craig and Lewis Salmon represented the modern by harmonizing the song called "Here I Am." A very interesting playlet, "The Wonder Hat," was presented, the following girls taking part: Columbine, Margaret Reynolds; Harlequin, Kathleen Ellison; Pierrot, Katherine Joiner; Punchinello, Ruth Hyde; and Margot, Isabel Craig. The play was a Harlequinade, the scene being laid in a park. The scenery was very effective; the night was dark, except for a big yellow moon which shone through the trees and a few stars. Autumn leaves covered the ground. Sandwiches and coffee were served after the meeting and then the guests left.

Pres. Crooks Writes For October Century

We very strongly advise anyone who has not yet read President Crooks' article in this month's Century to go to the college library or some other convenient source and do so. The article is entitled "The President Sits In His Study." It is an interesting story of some of the problems which face a college president. This article was a speech delivered before the Presbyterian College Union in Chicago, where it excited much favorable comment from other college executives.

President Crooks has also had a recent article in Scribner's dealing with other phases of college life from the view point of the college president.

Gelston to Preach on Last Success Sermon

Next Sunday morning Rev. Gelston will give the last of his series of sermons on "The Path To Success." In the evening the sermon will be entitled "The Essence of Christianity" and will be illustrated by one of Dore's paintings entitled "Lazarus and the Rich Man." Sunday, October 31st, has been named as the next Sunday when new members will be received into the church. Those desiring membership either as regular or affiliated members should let the pastor know of their desire.

This coming Thursday at 8 P. M. in the Presbyterian Church Coach Campbell will speak on the theme "Athletics a Means of Developing Christian Character." All are invited to these services.

LIBRARY NOTES

Among the new books now ready for use are the following attractive titles:

- Briggs—Men, women and colleges
- Hill—Modern French music
- Hunter—Youth's adventure
- Moyer—Introduction to music appreciation and history
- Fourtales—Life of Franz Liszt
- Proctor—Evenings with the stars
- Proctor—Young folks' book of the heavens
- Sherman—Critical woodcuts
- Smith—Short plays of various types

Standard encyclopedia of the alcoholic problem. Ref. U. S. Dept. of Commerce. Year book, 1925. Ref.

If you wish to read these leave your name at the desk if the book should be out when called for, and it will be reserved for you in turn.

Have you read the exquisite little verse by Sara Teasdale entitled "Appraisal?" It is a gem in the estimation of another's character, a balancing of the weak points and the strong, in favor of the strong. This poem is printed in the Book News of the Macmillan Company, which may be seen on the bulletin board.

Alumni! Old Students! Don't forget to make your plans to be back for homecoming on November 6th. Look over the day's program on the front page of this issue and ask yourself if you can afford to miss it. We want you here for Homecoming!

THE INQUIRING REPORTER

Again our inquiring reporter, in his insatiable thirst for knowledge, went out upon his beat, with the questions, Why did you come to college? Varied were the answers, but none the less indicative of the consensus of opinion on the campus.

These from the U. P. seem to be rather pointless in their intentions. Drevdal, from Manistique—answered immediately, "Darned if I know." The other U. P. student, F. MacDougall lived up to the standards of the locality in answering "darned if I know."

The Freshmen, through a lack of experience, gave their answers in all sincerity. Gerald Traham, when the question was sprung on him answered, "To learn something, if possible." We certainly hope that there is at least a vague possibility.

Freshman Hayden, with a worried look on his face as if not quite sure of the correctness of his response—said, "To get an education, I guess."

Some of the Frosh, it would seem, have had some preparation for college in that they have been reading the "College Humor," "Soup" Saunders from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. says, "I came to college to learn to be an impersonator of Joe College, Jr."

Frosh Forbes seems to have had a rather strenuous summer as he quickly answered, "To get away from working." We wonder if this is possible. Perhaps so, if he is clever enough.

Gene Wagner claims, without batting an eyelash that he came to college to get an education. He must have had some college experience before.

With the horror of the preceding year still in mind, Brody Thompson still insists that he came back to college to study.

Sad indeed is the case of Don Darnell. As a Junior on the campus, he claimed, with tears in his eyes that he is almost incapable of answering the question. With quivering voice he said, "I have been on the campus three years, and I haven't found out yet."

What a contrast between experience and inexperience. Dr. Randels gives us the proper attitude, which we believe to be true in a great many cases. He said, "The average student believes that with a college education his chances for success are increased."

Last week the request went out that any questions that were sent in to the Almanian would be taken care of by the inquiring reporter. None have as yet appeared. If there are any such questions which are weighing heavily on your mind, send them in and a speedy set of answers will be coaxed from members of the student body.

The inquiring reporter kept true to his sacred trust until he was beguiled into unfaithfulness. He encountered a Freshman girl and was about to ask her the question which has been ever on his tongue. He looked into her eyes, and his tongue ceased to behave. He managed to stammer out a question. It was, "Do you still love me?" She looked back into his eyes with steady gaze and said, "I love you as much as ever." Blindly groping through the halls, our reporter walked into his education class. It was empty. After waiting for half an hour, his brain cleared a little and it came to him that his class was not until the next hour. However, he promises that in the future he will keep his mind on his duty, and that alone.

Special Meeting of Drama Club Is Held

The Alma College Drama Club held a special meeting last Wednesday evening in the college chapel. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing plans for the years work.

Plans were outlined in detail by Earl Closser, and Miss Alma Gilbert presented the aims of the club. Last year the club had for its aim the study of the drama, but this year, in view of the fact that most of the members are interested in the actual production of plays, the club will take that particular phase of dramatic endeavor as its major work.

Attendance was very good, and a large number of new members were admitted. The atmosphere of the meeting was enthusiastic, and old members are confident that the club's ends will be accomplished with due credit.

A regular meeting of the club will be held next Wednesday evening, at seven o'clock in the college chapel. Election of officers will take place, and any students who wish to join, will be admitted. However, this is the last chance for students to obtain membership. A program is planned, which will be of a dramatic nature, and casts will be picked for the three one act plays that are to go into rehearsal immediately.

BETA TAU EPSILON

The society met in its room in the Administration Building Monday, October 11, and, after the business meeting, adjourned to the literary program. According to custom, this was opened by the College Song. MacDougall gave a treatise on jokes, aptly illustrating his various points in the speech. Musson gave to the men an analysis of the society, both quantitative and qualitative. Byron Combs was billed to give a selection of music, and he responded with an entirely new Biblical song. It is recommended that Uncle Charley get in touch with him at once. The final talk was given by Everett Winslow, who talked on the trend of atheism in Russia.

PERSONALS

Many former students were back in Alma over the week end to see the team take their first M. I. A. A. tilt from Hillsdale. Those back were The McGlone brothers, John Shroyer, Del McGregor, Ron Harris, Helen MacDougall, Pete Harvey, Bertha Woodhurst, Louise Watrous, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Freeman, Prince Williams, Jennie Gilbert, Dutch Welhoelter, Shiek Couture, Larry Gardner, Cuddy Shaver, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wolfe, Gilbert Davis, Henry Holland, Harlie Catherman, Wilda Martin, and that's all we can think of right now. Just a word we wish to add. We hope every one of these will bring about six more with them when they return for home-coming, November 6th.

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"You Never Know Women"

CAMPUSOLOGY

We hear that Tillie Williams remarked that she would like a dress made out of Homer's plus eights (you know those more than collegiate knickers he has.) Jake Westfall, who has been designing dresses for the past summer took the job and after planning Tillie's dress found he had enough left over to make her little brother an overcoat.

"The Six Best Steppers" will be published next week. Every Freshman should clip them out and decorate his wall.

We notice somewhere else in this edition that the most moral and Christian young men of the institution were invited over to St. Louis. Gordon MacDonald and Judge MacDougall were also there.

Do you remember way back when: Ike Sartor dated at Wright Hall. Lee Crooks walked by Wright Hall without going in.

Charlie Nimms was a woman hater. Ralph Frazer had his first date. Bill Stafford was a Freshman. Ex-Captain Anderson did not date at Wright Hall.

Jo Snell didn't use a road map whenever he wanted a date.

Wally Burton played the violin. The Ann Arbor was on time. Charlie Schafer talked slow.

Next week we will publish a list of Wright Hall reminiscences.

Mac Fowler is hunting for a nice girl. "Step right up and call me speedy," what a Ford!

The old songs are passing. Do you remember the one—

Today's the day
They give babies away
With half a pound of tea;
You'd better come quick
And take your pick
For there's only two or three.
How much more sensible that is than "Yes sir, she's my baby."

Along about January twenty-fifth we will have a poem about Bobby Burns, Scots-Attention!

We have a new department this week, our Hall of Fame. The first candidate to be nominated is Stan Vliet down at the college supply store, because of his popularity with the weaker sex for several years.

Although it is a little early to publish a list of the best campus books here are a few. Some are repeaters from last year, but still they are popular.

The College Widow—Katherine Joiner.

Irish Luck—Romaine Hogan.

My Four Years as Alma's Prima Donna—Ethel West.

The Cowards of '29—Gilbert Schieb.

The Mystery Team of Uby—Meril Holdship.

The Swedes Discover America—Clifford Erickson.

I'm From Missouri, Show Me—Marie McCoy.

Flint, The Heavenly City—Joseph Wilbur Snell.

The Idle Fat—Francis MacDougall.

Cloud Cuckoo Land—Clark Knapp.

The Underground Railway—Homer Barlow.

Paul Berndt has found a new use for his spoon in cleaning his plate.

So far June Cease has first claim on Kent MacGregor's picture, but she has requested that it be changed to her hero's, Jack West.

Ike Sartor was in church Sunday morning. We understand that he is taking care of the furnace.

Our jingle contest has created some comment. Three jingles are already in, names of author furnished on request.

Old Gil Schieb
Is religious by nater,
His ideas are like
Half-baked perators.

Oh, here's to Pete Bates, boys
For she's quite effusive,
That she wants a man, boys
Is shown quite concusive.

There is a man in our school
Who dances like a clown,
His feet are never clever,
His name is Karlton Brown.

I truly hate to tell you dearie,
But won't you please display
A wet paint sign my darling,
So my lips will stay away.

—Gloomy Gus.

We see Judge is starting a high hat club, might we suggest that the State street gang apply for membership. The reason for his attitude has not been found.

Lila Schafer still goes home to Merrill for the week ends, what's the attraction, Lila?

One of the athletes said on Friday in regard to the mass meeting. "Why you buy a dog to bark for you, don't bark yourself."

Perhaps the water cure could have been used on Sir Walter Raleigh and co-discoverers.

—Two Heavy Dates.

No Smoking

Do not inhale. It is injurious to scholarship. That is the conclusion Dr. J. Rosslyn Erp of Antioch College arrives at in his book, "The Student Who Smokes," based on a statistical study of the problem. These general conclusions are drawn from his study:

"The smoker smokes because it is a social habit. He has low scholarship because he is sociable. Scholarship demands the exercise of attention which cuts off the individual from his fellow. This solitude of mind is incompatible with the gregarious instinct.

"The habit of smoking devitalizes ambition.

"That some poison or poisons in the smoke acting upon the central nervous system produces a deterioration of nervous tissue leading directly to a lower mental output."

—The New Student

Dr. Erp, of Antioch College is an authority in medical circles. He was for some time president of the Royal British Medical Association and also editor of Hygera, a well known health magazine.

WRIGHT HALL NOTES

The Philo Fete was the occasion for the return of a number of former Alma students. Among those who came back were, Mrs. Forrest Freeman, Clarissa Vreeland, Esther Oldt, Jennie Gilbert, Margaret Poole, Rhea Joy Stinson, Helen McDougal, and Mrs. Roger Zinn.

Bernice Williams and Beatrice Williams were the guests of Alma Gilbert for the week end.

Helen Weigle, of Flint, visited Mary Shroyer over the week end.

Bertha Woodhurst and Louise Watrous took Wright Hall by surprise this week end. It is rumored that they decided at 1:15 Saturday to come back, and left at 1:20. Not so bad, eh? We were all glad to see them and hope that they will even improve on this record in case they do not always have five minutes in which to make the bus.

Wright Hall had quite a natural look last week end with a few of the old couples sitting around. Some of them noticed that the old order (?) of the numbers on the buzzer board has been changed, but they didn't find the new arrangement so very hard to get accustomed to. We don't really think they had the old order so very well mastered.

ALMA WINS FIRST M. I. A. A. TILT—8-0

(Continued from page one)
ship broke into the limelight recovering a fumble which put Alma in position to score, and then heaving the pass for the touchdown. The punting of Karpp, even against the heavy wind, was a wonderful help in Alma's victory. Anderson was down under the punts in his usual speedy fashion. It is seldom that an opposing team gets much chance to get back far with a punt.

Dorsch of Hillsdale performed in fine shape. Goertz was outstanding as a ground gainer.

The line up:
ALMA HILLSDALE
Holdship L. E. Smith
Burton L. T. Vos
Pezet L. G. Vandermolen
Frazier C. C. Morrison
Bauer R. G. Buell
Arozan R. T. Ronsh
Anderson R. E. Allinder
Karpp Q. B. Dorsch
Hawthorne L. H. Rowe
Chatman R. H. Goerhe
McGregor F. B. Collett
Touchdown—Hawthorne. Safety—Dorsch.
Substitutions—Dawson for Hawthorne, Riley for Bauer, Erickson for Chatman, Angel for Pezet. Referee—Jerpe, Kenyon. Umpire—Warner, Amherst. Head linesman—Buchanan, Kalamazoo.

Alumni—Make your plans to come back for homecoming on November 6th. Alma-Albion football game here that afternoon. Don't miss it. Come back and meet your classmates on homecoming day.

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Large Crowd Attends Friday Mass Meeting

The crowd is certainly under way and headed for another M. I. A. A. football championship if Friday night's mass meeting was any indication. Yellmasters Anderson, Zimmerman and Conlin succeeded in getting yells out of the crowd that "raised the roof." Homer Barlow led the singing of Alma's football songs and Alma Mater. The singing was noticeably better than in previous meetings. We were happy to see more of the faculty and townspeople out supporting the team.

Ex-captain Anderson started off proceedings with a speech in which he stressed the fact that anyone wishing to see the M. I. A. A. champs in action had better be out for all the Alma games. That's the spirit Andy! President Crooks was next on the program and spoke of Alma spirit as it has been exemplified through the years. The same spirit is expected this year. Alma plays hard, but fair. Jack Bauer promised lots of fight on the part of the team, as Julius put it, "The members of the team would a lot rather do their part out on the athletic field, than get up on the chapel platform." However Julius strutted his stuff on the stage Friday evening.

Dean Mitchell reminisced on bygone football days when he fought for Alma. In those days Hillsdale was not a great football threat, and "Jimmy" could not take them seriously in this day and age. He prophesied a touchdown every period for Alma against Hillsdale.

One thing we noticed was the lack of band support again. We understand that some members had other engagements which could not be broken, but nevertheless we cannot help saying that most of the student body would appreciate seeing the band out to some of the mass meetings.

A contest (noisemaking) between the Upper Classes and Frosh resulted in a tie. It was a good idea and brought out some unsuspected vocal powers.

Only three Frosh failed to show up at the mass meeting. They will undoubtedly regret missing such an excellent meeting.

The Alma fighting spirit that brought us a championship three years ago is under way. Keep it up, Alma!

Alma Team Journeys To Olivet Saturday

Alma's chances for another M. I. A. A. pennant are rising with every game the Maroon and Cream team engages in. At the beginning of the season most of the other colleges of the association and state sport writers did not concede Alma even an outside chance in the M. I. A. A. race. It appears, however, that some of their contentions will have to be retracted, as Alma has had three straight victories over powerful teams, and it must be admitted by those who follow football dope, that Alma has a death grip on the championship.

Perhaps the championship struggle will be between Alma and Kalamazoo when we meet Kazoo on the 30th. Kalamazoo showed their remarkable strength in piling up a 33-0 score against Olivet.

Albion's chances in the race have been lessened by the game with Western State Normal, where they suffered severely, in that many of their stars were injured.

This week end Alma meets Olivet, there. Alma is expected to take the game easily; the only thing that she will have to guard against is the apparent power that Olivet has repeatedly shown of inflicting injuries upon Alma players. Very likely Coach Campbell will play many substitutes.

Freshmen Entertained at Annual Philo Fete

Last Saturday evening the Philomatheans held their annual Japanese Fete in honor of the new girls of Alma College.

Soon after seven-thirty about seventy girls, dressed as Japanese maidens, had gathered in the reception room of Wright Hall. They were presented with quaint fan programs. The Grand March then started with Mrs. Dr. Randels and Vice-president Helen Egan taking the honored positions at the head, and the 1926 Philomathean Japanese Fete was in full swing.

After an hour of most delightful dancing intermission was called during which time Alice Olson gave a beautiful solo dance which was greatly enjoyed.

This was followed by another hour of dancing, then dainty refreshments were served. Then the Philos who are now here and also those who came back for the party formed a circle and gave the old Philomathean yell and one more annual college function was ended.

Adrian Petition to M. I. A. A. is Tabled

The petition of Adrian College, asking for admission into the M. I. A. A., will be tabled until the December 6th meeting of conference officials, to be held in Albion. This decision was reached as a result of a mail vote, taken by Albion, Alma, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo and Olivet, the five present members of the association.

It is probable that at the December meeting, Adrian will be voted into the league on a year's probation.

—Albion College Pleiad

THE GREEN HAT

(With a Wink at Michael Arlen)
By Marshall Michell.

We claim that we are civilized,
But see the hats we are using;
Some are too small, some oversized,
And all of them amusing!
I guess I've worn all that are made,
From derby to sombrero,
In some I felt composed and staid,
In some I felt like zero.
Of all that hats I've ever had
Without doubt I was proudest
Of one I wore when quite a lad,
'Twas certainly the loudest.
It was my Freshman hat of green
To teach me to be humble,
That I must doff, when Sophs were
scen,
Without a growl or grumble.
My Mortar Board in Senior year,
My silk hat since acquired,
My felt hat tilted o'er one ear,
None have I so admired!
And wouldn't I be glad to know
One-tenth of all the knowledge
I THOUGHT was 'neath that green
chapeau,
My Freshman year at college.

We hope to beat Olivet next Saturday. Nevertheless any student who can make the trip should be there supporting the team. Olivet may surprise us. Don't let the old fight ebb out now. The band will be there, let's go, Olivet added to our list of victims next.

CAMPUS CHATTER

Though Campus Chatter has been prepared for these columns before it has not appeared because of insufficient space. In the meantime 'The Two Heavy Dates' have purloined some of it's brightest bits in order to lighten the heavy burden of their tale of woe. Hearken ye rapacious wolves, let there be no more of this else by the three chin-whiskers of my pusillanimous grandsire there will be dirty work both underfoot and overhead.

When the students returned this year they found the tennis courts in a most regrettable state. After a lapse of some time the workmen in charge announced that one court was ready. And so it was if you overlook the fact that nearly all tennis courts have certain boundary lines laid out. This condition makes for a gentlemen's game if for no other kind. Would it not be a good idea to do work of this sort in August or even earlier so that the students could use the courts before snow had covered them up.

Remember how Dean Mitchell jumped Argyll in mass meeting and blamed him for not inspiring the speaker to a greater flow of oratory. Bud says that he knew from the first that something was radically wrong with the speech and hopes that the student body will not heap calumny upon his innocent shoulders.

Russ Neuman announces the arrival of a trick chair and invites all the students and faculty (except those from whom he has classes) to come and try it. Those who have already experienced this treat are asked to "lose nothing."

Joe Snell states that he intends to spend every week end in Flint and if any one who is going down on Friday or returning on Monday will inform him he will promise them some very interesting company. Joe worked in Flint this summer and he very probably wants to return to renew his acquaintances with his fellow laborers in the Chevy plant.

We would not envy Plato his Republic or Bacon his New Atlantis if we could live in a place where those bromide promulgators who are always exclaim, "Heads, I win and tails you lose" would be considered vicious criminals and treated as such.

A number of Menckentes were recognized on the campus but not until we saw a copy of his green covered Mercury in the Presidential mansion, we had not the slightest suspicion of interest in critical criticism in this quarter.

We read that Hillsdale had the better line. Wonder what they think now?

We C students usually look in a squint eyed fashion at leading scholars but did you ever meet decenter chaps than Don Campbell or Wally Burton?

We note that Ron Harris had a new tie on this week. This is the first result of the moral uplift of this column. We hope his next tie does not claim Mah Jong symbols.

The Albion Pleiad forgot that Alma had a football team this year or almost forgot according to their forecast of the probable winner in the M. I. A. A. this year. Wonder what they think now?

—The Lone Pick Up.

WONDER WHAT A PROF. THINKS ABOUT

"Ho-hum, here comes that bunch of dumb owls for another whole hour. Thank heavens this is my last class today. If I had to look at the faces of many more of this younger generation I'd begin heaving books at them. Here they come with all the eagerness of a kid on his way to a spoonful of castor oil. Hmf, wonder if they think I get a kick out of looking into their dear, dumb countenances for an hour at a time. Oh well, I guess I might as well get them started. I'll call the roll, maybe I can catch somebody answering for his absent partner. . . ."

"Only half-past three. If this watch wasn't an old friend of mine I'd surely think it was kidding me. I'm glad I thought of giving them a test today. At least there isn't anyone asleep on me. Wonder what could have been wrong with my game yesterday. That was the first time I ever had to take a five on that short hole—and my driving was terrible. Guess my stance wasn't right. . . . Look at that little rascal pretending to try to find a blank sheet of paper in his note book. First he glances at me and then peeks at his notes. Let's see, how long ago was it that I used to pull that? Tough luck for you, m'lud, check off another ten points. . . ."

"Ah, there goes the bell. . . . Hope none of these young upstarts hang around with a view to pulling my leg. I've limped ever since that little Irishman cornered me last Tuesday. Wait 'til he gets his paper back—he won't feel so cocky. . . . Darn these late afternoon classes. I've got to hurry if I get those nine holes in before supper."

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