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Association Season Comes to Its Close

With the final M. I. A. A. tilt of the year over, a final record of the season can now be announced. It was a season full of surprises and dope upsets, even down to the final game between Albion and Hillsdale. Hillsdale fell to Olivet, then came back and trounced the strong Methodist aggregation 9-0. Although Albion lost the services of two regulars in the Alma game, they were counted on to take the final contest with the white and blue. But the passing of Dorsch was too much for Hillsdale's victory forces the Methodists to accept cellar honors with Olivet, each having won but one of their association games. It also gave Hillsdale a tie for second honors with Kazoo each having won and lost two games. Hillsdale defeated Kalamazoo decisively in the encounter at Kalamazoo.

Alma is left far ahead with no rames lost. Her superiority is clearly hown although she is the dark horse winner of honors for this year. The nixup in the other association games reveals the four lower teams as of nearly equal strength, though Hillsdale and Kazoo showed the power to dace above their competitors.

Kalamazoo was defeated in her last fame of the year at Ypsilanti Saturday 19-0. Albion has another game Thanksgiving Day before her season s ended. North-Western college of Illinois comes to Albion on that date.

Following are the final standings of the year:

	Won	Lost	Pet
Alma	4	0	1000
Hillsdale	2	2	500
Kalamazoo	2	2	500
Albion	1	3	260
Olivet	1	3	250

Two Colleges Refuse Prohibition Question

New York (By New Student Service)- If the constitution is wrecked by college debaters who argue the merits and demerits of Prohibition eternal obloquy will not descend upon two North Dakota colleges. They have notified Pi Kappa Delta National Forensic Society that they will not prepare debating teams to argue that the Volstead law needs amendment to permit the sale of light wines and beers. The society chose as the year's subject for men's forensics: "Resolved, that the Volstead Law be amended to permit the sale of light wines and beers."

Dakota Wesleyan University, through its president, E. D. Kohlstedt, protested against the subject and declared that no Wesleyan debater would lift his voice in the affirmative, but offered to develop a team to uphold the negative of the "unethical" question against all comers. Northern State Teachers College of Aberdeen seconded the protest, declaring that the subject "verges on repudiation of the Constitution," and saying: "This college stands for law enforcement."

Philomathean Pledges 14 New Members

The Philomathean ranks are now practically filled. Fourteen girls were pledged Tuesday morning, and entertained at breakfast in the Wright Hall dining room. The girls who are now wearing the Philomathean pledge pins are:

Bernice Azelborn- Alma
Irene Beuthin- Saginaw
Katherine Boyd- McBain
Mary Kay Burt- Saginaw
Margaret Colby- Cadillac
Maurine Daken- Stanton
Dorthea DeRue- Flint
Mable Jaynes- Detroit
Louise Lau- Alma
Elizabeth Martin- Detroit
Margaret Roberts- Alma
Penelope Sawkins- Alma
Mae Schepers- McBain
Barbara Witkop- Cadillac
Tuesday evening the Philos entertained at dinner their pledged sisters and also Mrs. W. A. Bahlke who has accepted the invitation to become a patroness of Philomathean, Mrs. Randels the other patroness, Miss Foley, who is now an honorary member, Miss Stewart and Ruth Grierson, a former member of the society.

The table was very prettily decorated. All guests, including the newly pledged sisters, were given little Cara Nome vanity cases as favors, and the guests of honor were presented with corsages of English daisies and Swansonias.

M S B O

Material Out for Early Practice Very Promising. Tentative Schedule.

After Thanksgiving vacation will begin serious basketball practice. For the past week a group of zealous candidates for berths have been working out every afternoon in the gymnasium and the prospects are good for a most successful season in the court game.

There are only three men remaining from last year's squad, Hawthorne, Holdship and Anderson. Hawthorne is fast and tricky, untiring, and is a very good shot. It is expected that Hawk will come through as well as he did in football. Holdship and Anderson are guards. Holdship plays his position well, being equally as good on offense as on defense. Andy is a fighter and a hard man to shake.

Of the crop of new men perhaps the outstanding ones are Simmons, Karpp, Walters, Albaugh, Wagner, Conlin, Pezet, Mann and Lester. Simmons plays a forward position. He is a very deceptive passer and dribbler and an excellent shot. Karpp, a center, is rangy and active. Joe Walters, high point man on Russ Catherman's Fremont team last year, is a natural shot in his forward position. Albaugh, a forward, has an enviable high school record. Ho is a dead-hot from under the basket. Wagner, another forward, is quick and fast with the ball. Conlin is a guard, bringing quite a record from his high school. Pezet shows great possibilities for development into a back guard. He has the ideal physique for the position, is active and handles himself well. Mann is working at forward and Lester is playing at guard.

With this promising material and some mere which will probably appear when practice is formally begun. Coach Campbell expects to build a team which will rank favorably with the Alma basketball teams of recent years- a scrapping, winning team.

The first game of the season will be December tenth, when the varsity will play an alumni team. The alumni team will be composed of the stars of former years- Red Carry, Fred Shaver, Russ and Harley Catherman, Dutch Welhoelter, Gordon Macdonald and Bert Bowman, all of whom were members of championship teams in recent years.

Although the schedule for the season is not complete there have been a number of games arranged for the Christmas holiday season in and around Detroit. A tentative list of the teams to be played during the vacation is as follows: Flint I. M. A., Pontiac Merchants, the Wise Industrials, Colonial Clothes, Assumption College, Detroit College of Law, and perhaps another game to be scheduled later.

Besides the two games with association schools it is expected that the schedule will contain two games each with Hope College, Ypsi, Mt. Pleasant, and St. Mary's College, one game with the University of Detroit, and one with the Detroit Y. M. C. A.

Gordon Macdonald will have full charge of a reserve team, which will have regular practice and will play a schedule of ten or twelve games throughout the season.

NO ALMANIAN NEXT WEEK

Because of the Thanksgiving vacation there will be no issue of the Almanian next week. The next issue will appear Tuesday, December 7th. This will be the football issue dedicated to the Alma football champions of 1926, announcing M. I. A. A. selections, and carrying cuts of the Alma players.

VACATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Thanksgiving recess will officially start Wednesday noon, November 24th, and classes will be resumed at noon Monday, November 29th. Double cuts will be given by the faculty to all students missing classes the day before and the day following the vacation.

Detroit Times Gives M. I. A. A. Selections

In last Sunday's Detroit Times appeared the first and second all M. I. A. A. teams as selected by E. C. Kilman, of the Times sport staff. This is not the official selection, but is very interesting in as much as Albion, a team that tied for the cellar position of the association, is given five places on the first team, and none on the second. Kalamazoo had two positions on the first, and three on the second. Hillsdale was represented by Dorsch at quarter on the first team, and placed three more on the second. Olivet was not given a single position on either of the teams.

The dearth of outstanding material m the association this year was much deplored. It was felt that the teams representing the various schools were of much lower caliber than in previous years.

Following are the men mentioned for honors:

First Team	Position
Meulenberg, Kazoo	.... E
Scott, Albion	.... T
Tingstad, Albion	.... G
Johnson, Kazoo	.... C
Boldt, Albion	.... G
Burton, Alma	.... T
Hoffman, Albion	....
Dorsch, Hillsdale	.... Q
Hawthorne, Alma	.... H.B
Karpp, Alma	.... H.B
H. Williams, Albion	.... F.B.
Second Team	Positic
Smith, Hillsdale	.... E
Watson, Kazoo	.... T
Pezet, Alma	.... G
Simmons, Alma	.... C
Glezen, Kazoo	.... G
Arozian, Alma	.... T
Anderson, Alma	.... E
Bridgeman, Kazoo	.... Q
Rowe, Hillsdale	.... H.B
Chatman, Alma	.... H.B.
Goeriz, Hillsdale	.... F.B.

Few Students Will Be Here During Vacation

According to the statistics to be gleaned from the lists posted by Hoad Swipe Hogan, there will not be a great many students remaining in Alma during the vacation period. In fact they are outweighed about ten to one by the list containing the names of those who will absent themselves from dear old college scenes.

Most of those who are leaving are, of course going to their homes for the rest period, others who live far off have been fortunate to obtain invitations to the homes of other students. Of course a few students like MacDougall and Erickson are staying as they feel they cannot leave even for five days their loved books. We are doubtful in the former case, however, as it might be the announcement of a real Thanksgiving dinner in Wright Hall that is holding Judge in town. May the turkeys be plentiful!

The exodus will start as soon as lunch is over Wednesday, and the campus will likely present a dull appearance in place of its usual life that evening. But Monday will roll around quickly, and things will be as they were. The only change will be the fresh stories thac many of the boys will doubtless accumulate, and remember foV repetition throughout the remainder of the year. Many thrilling yarns are looked for, in view of the number of men who will be out after the swift runners of the forest. May every man get his buck, that is our wish for your vacation.

Kappa Iota Society Announces Its Pledges

On November 16, 1926 Kappa Iota pledged the following girls:
Mildred Baetz- Newberry
Lola Foster- Newberry
Virginia Hull- Oscoda
Mary Elizabeth McCoy- St. Louis, Missouri
Helen Frances Miller- Allegan
Tuesday night the traditional pledge dinner was held in the Wright Hall dining room, followed by adjournment to the society room where the pledge service was held.

Teams representing the colleges will uphold democracy against the debate team from Sydney, Australia when it visits Albion and Hillsdale.

We wish every student and faculty

DEBATE TBITS ARE SHOUTED

Places on Varsity Teams Are to Be Contested Thursday, Dec. 2nd.

Alma College Band Plays Before League of Women Voters Convention.

The Alma College Band appeared in concert Friday evening before the league of Women Voters who were in convention at Saginaw. The concert was given in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple. The invitation to the band was tendered through Mrs. M. W. Tanner, wife of the Alma College trustee.

According to all reports received the band gave a very pleasing performance, which was thoroughly enjoyed and applauded by the delegates. Many of the listeners came to the band members after the concert, and personally expressed their enjoyment of the program.

Professor Ewer is to be greatly commended on the band he has developed this year. Probably it is the best band that Alma has ever had. It is larger, and the music that has been mastered is much more difficult than has ever been attempted in the band previously.

Usually the Alma College Band is invited to some such engagement in Saginaw during the year. But further efforts have never been made to arrange outside talent that we have representing us this year, many on the campus feel that the band should have a tour arranged in common with the other musical organizations of the college. We understand that there is quite a little feeling in support of this, and believe that it is something well worthy of ardent support. Alma has enjoyed an enviable musical reputation through her glee clubs, and perhaps it is now time that an Alma College Band be given a chance to exhibit its wares to the public.

Before giving their concert the members of the band were entertained at a fine dinner in the Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church. Several numbers were offered after the feed to a group of men who were assembled at the church.

President Crooks addressed the convention of the Women's Voters League. Olga Down and Ethel West attended the convention as representatives of the Upper Class Women's Club of Alma College.

Following is the program by the band.

The program was opened by the "Viking March." This was written by K. L. King. The second number was a flower song, "Morning Tears." This song features a bass section and clarinet lead. The third number was "Wild Rose" Schottische. It was followed by the difficult "Royal Emblem" Overture. This is one of the more difficult band selections, but very beautiful because of the breaks in the time and a cornet cadenza. The fifth selection was a beautiful fiftee waltz, "Orchids and Roses." The closing number was a march "The Gateway City." This selection begins with a refrain from "Auld Lang Syne," swings into a stirring march, and features drum solo work by Erskine and Fowler at the last.

The numbers best received were the Overture and the closing march.

New Members Pledged by Alpha Theta Society

The Alpha Theta Literary Society is pleased to announce the pledging of the following girls:

Anna Marie Campbell, Newberry
Elizabeth Campbell, Newberry
Frances Colwell, Ionia
Mary Foster, Newberry
Blanche Frinck, Hesperia
Rcsemary Huddleson, Alma
Clara Schaefer, Saginaw
Hannah Spencer, Alma
Marion Watson, Detroit

The pledge dinner was held in the dining room Thursday evening, November 18th, and was followed by the pledge service in the Alpha Theta room. At either end of the table were large gray baskets filled with rose carnations, and in the center was brass candelabra contained rose candles, the society's colors. As favors, each girl received a lovely picture, each with a different verse. Miss Stewart and Mrs. Hamilton were the guests of Alpha Theta.

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THANKSGIVING

Probably ninety-nine out of every hundred students are eagerly looking forward to next Wednesday noon as the time when they will be able to forget that such things as classes exist, and when they will be able to get away and forget college for a few precious days. Lonesome Freshmen all over the land can hardly wait until they can see mother and dad and all the rest of the family, and perhaps we should include many Sophomores, Juniors, and even Seniors in this list too. At least we sincerely hope so. It is the least of our aims to criticize such a spirit. The student who can look forward with expectancy to congregating round the family table in this season of thankfulness is to be greatly envied. Foster and cherish the home ties, guard them jealously, and never let any false idea of enjoying yourself better someplace else keep you away from home if it is possible for you to get there.

Go home. The folks will be looking for you, and will be disappointed if you fail to arrive. Enjoy yourself amid the old familiar scenes for a few short days, forget college, don't take your books with you. Then when Sunday rolls quickly around you will find that you can come back with a much better spirit towards your studies. There will then be but a few short weeks until another recess comes around. But they are mighty important weeks. We have been living football most of this year, backing our championship team. Everyone on the campus can stand to get into their subjects and put in some real honest-to-goodness work. These short weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas are the time to do it. All too often the students use them as a period of loafing, stalling work off, but usually to their own sorrow when the day of reckoning comes.

And there is a more serious thought which we as thinking young men and women should take into consideration. This is the time of thanksgiving for all that we enjoy for all that makes life sweet to us. From all over the land come proclamations calling America to this spirit. From the President of the United States, from the governors of the individual states, from the mayors of every great city down to the smallest hamlet. It is this spirit of humble thanksgiving for all our blessings that has made America really great. This spirit lead the fathers of the country in the beginning. Abraham Lincoln was the first President to proclaim officially the spirit of the season, but since then his successors have followed his wise example, and only such a spirit can continue to make America a worth while.

We as college people have much to be thankful for. The opportunities of life are ours. We should be thankful for this and realize that with our opportunities come our obligations to use them to fit us for a life of service to the world. Let us live our thanks for the privileges which we enjoy.

EXAMINATIONS

One of our professors made the statement a few days ago in class that he was not in favor of exams. He said that he gave them for two reasons, first: because it was required of him to do so and second: because they were easy.

It is not quite fair to seize upon this statement in this manner, but we could not resist the temptation to make some sort of a comment upon this matter. We are sure that exams are not an ideal institution. They are merely a simple and easy way out of a perplexing problem, that of properly testing a student's knowledge of a given course. An examination can only question about facts. Therein lies their undesirability.

We are sure that the ancient Greeks were not hampered by examinations, they studied a subject for the spirit of it; they indulged in philosophy because it was pleasing to

their minds; because they enjoyed the philosophic atmosphere. Examinations could never prove that they had attained these ends.

Can the faculty discover whether or not a student knows the general trend of history because he answers correctly to the question concerning when certain wars were fought? Can a student tell what philosophic spirit he has attained by telling what the philosophy of Kant or Spinoza was? The important thing to be attained in a subject are things which can never be put into so many words, a thing which cannot be worked out in an examination.

The writer had the good fortune to previously attend a school where examinations were done away with, and was present at the time of their banishment. It resulted in the tightening down on the daily work. This was successful as the students realized that they had no time to redeem themselves after the year was over, and they came to realize that they could not cram for an exam and raise their mark by a good exam. The result was that the profts tightened down on the daily work and the students became more diligent in their everyday pursuit of their studies. The result was that each day the quota was digested and a great deal of ground was covered.

We do not wish to be taken as particularly advocating such a move at the present time at Alma College, but we wish to seize upon the statement of an Alma professor to illustrate our comment on this matter. It deserves a great deal of consideration, and it is our wish that the students will think out the matter, with unbiased minds, keeping in mind that they will not be getting out of any work by the elimination of exams, because the daily work will inevitably tighten. If, however, the student body can come to realize that it is really a better thing to be without exams, and if they are convinced that they would go into the new system because it will improve the situation, keeping in mind that it will not necessarily mean a lessening of their work, then we are for it. That is why we make the qualification that we are not advocating it at the present time.

CONGRATULATIONS

In point of real honest-to-goodness school spirit in the face of real obstacles Olivet college is deserving of some mighty high commendation and the deep respect of the other colleges of the state. Recently this fine spirit came through to an outstanding victory. We speak of it as such because we really believe that it was a victory made possible by unending faith on the part of the student body of the school. We offer this statement of our deep respect for such spirit, and the hope that its rewards will come.

A week ago Saturday Olivet won her first athletic contest in two seasons. The previous year her teams did not win a single win in any of the three major sports. Consequently there has been a feeling among her opponent schools that nothing is to be feared from the Congregationalists quarter. But Olivet teams have never ceased fighting, and the student body has never stopped turning out to the team's support. Such spirit is certain of reward, and the first instance of it came with the victory over a confident Hillsdale aggregation. It was more than a victory on the gridiron, it was a moral triumph, and we all may take our lesson from it. Those few who have been watching Olivet were not surprised, others called it an upset. Certainly members of Alma's football team did not concede any team an easy victory over the fighting machine they met there early in the season. Congratulations Olivet! The tide has turned.

"THE STUDENT"

A student's life is just the bunk,
He stands in fear he's going to flunk,
And yet he sees a show each night,
In class next day he's in a plight.

He wonders why he gets low marks,
He should steer clear of shows and parks,
The Prof can't understand a man,
Who cuts his classes when he can.

He doesn't go to bed at night,
Nor in his room is there a light,
He's either out on social call,
Or else attending dance or ball.

In all his classes he lacks pep,
And he is warned to watch his step,
For if he don't he'll flunk the course,
And that would fill him with remorse.

The student pays to go to school,
And he's the one who is the fool,
For he don't want his moneys worth,
He'd rather tear around the earth.

And now when all is said and done,
He's spent a lot of father's mon,
But now he is a College Grad,
And after all he's quite a lad.

—Charles E. Nelson.

STUDENT FORUM

LET'S THINK

Never before in the memory of the Senior class has there been such a fine spirit of fellowship among the men on the campus as has been witnessed by us this year. Society wars have passed into history. We are on the ebb of a new era characterized by good sportsmanship—an outgrowth of honest thought by the old men on the campus. In the 70 days society problems were problems of life and death. Today men see beyond the limits of their own organization with a sense of humor that makes the society problem sink into oblivion. As it approaches the time for the pledging of men, let us all continue the fine spirit shown thus far this fall. Let us remember that a man is a man whether he belongs to a society or not. We must not forget that the college comes first, and that friendships, not societies, are the important thing.

—A member of the class of '27

THOUGHTLESSNESS

Either the girls of Wright Hall have not stopped to think or they are not worthy of the high ideals that the men of the college attribute to them.

Another pledge night in Wright Hall has passed into history. The war is over, but as is always the case, leaves a bad taste in the mouths of many. In spite of anything that may be testified to the contrary, hard feelings exist in many quarters. Society lines have been drawn hard and fast. The girls are organized for the year.

Recognizing the problem connected with the girls' organizations, particularly since all exist under the same roof and are brought into close contact with one another, efforts have been made in recent years to reach the bottom of the matter, and work out a solution. At one of these meetings rules such as govern the men's societies were drawn up. But such rules are of little value unless they are taken in the proper spirit, and lived up to. And this is something which has never been possible.

The worst feature of the whole thing is that every year, and this one has proved no exception, a few girls are left out, because some high-hat in one of the groups think someone else is not good enough for her association. This, we repeat, would not be so bad if the girls did not all live under the same roof. But under existing conditions, the girl who is left out has an almost impossible position. Frequently they leave the institution, and we can well believe never use any persuasion in an effort to send others from their community to Alma.

In my humble opinion, girls societies under existing conditions are more of a detriment than an asset. Seemingly the evils connected with them can never be eliminated. For that reason I believe that they should be eliminated. And of course that raises the problem as to what will take their place.

—Bystander

ORATORY AND DEBATE

It is to be wondered at that in a college the size of Alma and being a Liberal Arts school there should be so little interest shown in the public speaking department—notably that of debating and oratory. Not only should there be more students coming out to debate practices and preparing orations, but there should be a better support of these activities on the part of the school as a whole.

During the football season all the pep and spirit of the entire student body—yes, even of the faculty—centers about the games; but one never hears of any such interest being shown in debating or any other form of mental athletics.

Then, too, if there were more active support to these public speaking activities, it would be possible for the women of the college to have a debating team. Now that it has been definitely settled for all time that woman's sphere extends beyond the home; now that she is preparing for a professional career, it is only just that her interests be furthered in college. Woman's entrance into politics has proved her thinking and acting capacities to be equal and, in many cases, superior to those of the men and she must be given her chance.

Other colleges have not found it too great a burden to support both a women's and men's debating teams. Why, then, should Alma College experience such difficulty? Is our college spirit and enthusiasm to be expended in athletics alone? There is no reason why this year's debating material cannot win an M. I. A. A. championship for Alma even as this year's football team did. But it is necessary that the whole-hearted support of the student body be given and in good measure.

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"FAUST"
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November 30-Dec. 1
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in
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O'Grady"**

CAMPUSOLOGY

Campusology program for campus improvement:

1. A white shirt for Charlie Mann.
2. A new hat for Ralph Frazer.
3. Leather cushions on chapel seats.
4. A bell system that rings occasionally.

We understand that "Green Stockings" will be given shortly. What organization will prepare "The Green Hat?"

Snell was quite astonished to discover the low cost of education in Denmark, but he must remember that few Danish students spend their week ends in Copenhagen.

Famous sayings of famous men:
"Tell me all you know—"
Charles Brokenshire.

We have not mentioned Pete Beatz and Kid McCoy for some time, we wonder if their lapse into obscurity has bothered them much.

This actually happened in Wright Hall one day:
Helen Doyle, "Say George, do you play basketball?"
George Lester (startled) "No thanks, I don't care for any."

Jingles are coming thicker than snow flakes at the north pole. Oh here's to Harold Fildey boys, I'd like to rule the campus, his mind is bent on kindly deeds his kindly word will swamp us.
(Ed, note. Please pronounce the "a" in swamp as if you were going to cough and then had an idea.)

We nominate this week for the Hall of Fame—Walter J. Burton because of aptitude in blocking punts.

It is rumored that Dale Dawson has become a vegetarian since he split that platter of meat.

Brute Hayden, the All Pioneer football center sent last week's Almanian some so the folks would know how he was getting along.

Laura Hurst has changed from buttons to lauer, a change from center to guard as it were.

"Bare Eyes" Drevdahl is disgusted with women. He is going back to manistie and get married.

We wonder what happened to the Alma Men's Christian Union.

Well we had an honest to goodness physical examination, it was a great shock but we survived. The good of campusology is well illustrated—as soon as our brief but illuminating article was published—Twinkle, Twinkle little star, How I wonder where you are.

One of the enamoured Wright Hall swains turned in the following: It reminds us of Brody Thompsonett.

To Mable
Classes were a bane for me,
I loathed the art of study,
And now I'm happy as can be,
For I have seen my lady.

She sits in class without a book,
Engaged in pleasant thought,
If I could draw a smile from her,
I'd bless my common lot.

With eyes cast down and looks demure,
She makes my pulses tingle,
I wonder what her name can be
And bless the stars she's single.

My life is full of joy and hope,
I live to love and study,
And now I'm happy as can be,
For I have seen my lady.

We understand that Prof. Spencer of the English department is in favor of the abolition of athletics because of the slang used in the bleachers during the games.

A woman's idea of Heaven must be an insight into all the world's scandal and an iron jaw to carry her views around.

Passing down the faculty line reminds us of Uncle Tom's Cabin when Eliza jumped from cake to cake.

Clark Knapp is so dumb he thinks the Mann Act is a new piece in vaudeville.

Thanksgiving is approaching and we ought to be thankful for:
A championship football team
No classes
A cessation of campusology
A Maroon and Cream
A Senior Class that is a class.

The Detroit Times may be a wizard at picking out poker teams, but in the selection of All M. I. A. A. football teams ranks with Charlie Murray as a singer.

Ed McKinnon must feel safer now that the roads from here to Freemont are blocked with snow.

Two Heavy Dates being inconsistent and our personnel changing, we have decided to sign,
Two Heavy Plates.

FROSH LETTER

Dear Mother and Father:
Well, it has been three months since I have written to you, and I know that you have been missing my brilliant letters in all that long period. But I wish to make the promise that I will write to you by next Christmas at least so that you will not be worried about me.

Perhaps you did not know that Alma had a championship team this year. We ran up some big scores but always think that they could have been much bigger. You know how I played football at home. Well, I should have gotten on the team here, none of the fellows were so hot, but the coach said I was too light and slow, and that I did not know how to tackle, or punt, or run with the ball, or line plunge, or drop kick, or pass. He said outside of that I had good football stuff in me. Well I thought I was slated for the team sure, but I never made it. Gee the fellows on the squad were sore about it because they figured on my valuable assistance, and I guess before the season was over the coach kind of felt he could have run up higher scores than he did if he had put me on the squad. Oh well, it takes some people a long time to learn some simple things.

I will soon be home for Thanksgiving. It will feel good to have someone wash my back for me when I take a bath. One of the fellows in our house will do it for me and it makes it makes me feel rather homesick. And then that big dinner we will have. By the way, tell Suzie that I am coming home and make a date for me for Wednesday night, will you?

They didn't make that advanced class for me as I told you they would in my other letter. But I guess they will pretty soon as they are beginning to realize that I am way ahead of the class and it is making it pretty hard for the pros as they have to teach me different things than they do the rest of the class. They always explain things to me more in detail than they do to the rest of the class, I guess because they realize that I must see into things deeply if I am to make the progress they expect of me in view of the high mentality I am possessed of. I bet the fellows in the house will be surprised when they see my report card. They all said I would. One of the fellows had to write a theme on "The Thoughts of a Dumb Guy." He asked me to write it for him, I guess because he realized that I had a wonderful flow of English. I can't think of any other reason.

Well, I will close and go to bed. I always go to bed at eight o'clock so that my mind will be fresh for the next days work. One of the fellows said that he can't see that it did any good. I suppose he meant in his case. Or else he meant it as a joke. Well, good buy until Thanksgiving. Your loving Davie.
P. S. I am going to bring my books home and study during my vacation.

THE ESCAPE

Ambition floats away on wings
Of summer suns. The Bluebird sings
Of fields in bloom. Winter's shroud
Has drifted off as a snow white cloud,
Escapes from the clutches of the wind
And leaves a spotless blue behind.

Down the street the student goes—
Aimless as the wind that blows
The maple leaves upon the limbs,
Dancing, prancing to it's whims,
Languid, careless in his looks,
He has Escaped from his books.

At night beneath the jewelled skies
He sends to the moon and her window his sighs.
While she, with winter in her heart
From sacred books cannot depart.
Ah, he wishes to God that he were dead
As he Escapes from the pitcher aimed at his head.

Earl H. Closser.

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