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HAWTHORNE IS GRID CAPTAIN

Phi Phi Alpha Will Give Dance Thursday

Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity will hold their annual Christmas party at the Elk's Temple on Thursday, December 16. This party is given each year as part of the welcome to the pledges. Dick Crowel, general chairman, announces that decorations in keeping with the holiday spirit have been obtained. The Phi orchestra will supply the music for the occasion and those who have heard them know what a treat is in store.

Simmons, Lester and Wagner
Are Pronounced Eligible
by Arbitrator.

According to word announced in chapel yesterday morning by Professor Ditto, Faculty M. I. A. A. representative, the decision of Professor Huron of Hillsdale, arbitrator of the association, in regard to the ineligibility of three members of Alma's championship squad was to the effect that Alma had not violated the rules. The three men Simmons, Lester and Wagner were declared eligible to compete in association athletics.

After having completed such a successful season this unfortunate affair was a disappointment to many Alma students and alumni. However Alma was entirely in the right. The rule of the association reads that any man transferring from one M. I. A. A. school to another shall have to complete one year of satisfactory work there before he is eligible to play. The rule; however, says absolutely nothing regarding such a requirement from a man transferring from a school outside of the association. It is rather humorous in that such action was taken against Alma. At last years meeting Professor Clack of Alma did his level best to change the rule to apply to outside schools as well. But he was refused the necessary support to pass it. Now that Alma profited by it, the men who would not pass the rule accused Alma of violating a rule not on the association list. We might say further that Alma is not the only school who played men under this rule this year. However, after much haggling the championship we won is to be left us, and everything seems O. K. A reversal of the decision would have made Alma lose it, and would also have made these men ineligible for basketball.

Convert Given Friday by George Midfinger

George Mulfinger, a young pianist who recently completed a successful concert tour in Germany and Austria, appeared before the College audience and a few music-lovers from the city last Friday morning. In presenting a rather heavy program the artist demonstrated a complete mastery of technique and played the numbers with sympathetic interpretation. The very favorable press notices concerning Mr. Mulfinger are none too extravagant. We were quite fortunate in securing him.

The recital was comprised of the following:

Sonata- Scarletti
Polonaise- Chopin
Aeolian liarp Etude- Chopin
To the Guitar- Lemare
Nocturne- Chopin
Valse- Chopin
Two Spanish Dances- Albaigne
Spanish Dance- Granados
Valse- Chopin
Devil's Prelude- Mulfinger
Dream of Love- Liszt
Rakoczy March- Liszt

Zeta Sigma Electa New Men. Burton President

At the regular meeting of Zeta Sigma Literary Society Monday, December 6th, the following men were elected to office for the second term of the year.

President- Walter Burton
Vice-President- Rex Anderson
Secretary- William Anderson
Treasurer- Pierce Boutin
Assistant Treasurer- L. A. Drevdahl
First Critic- Gordon Macdonald
Second Critic- Ross Mitchell
Sergeant-at-Arms- Russel Riley

VACATION NOTICE

Christmas vacation will start at noon Friday, December the 17th. Classes will be resumed Tuesday morning, January the 4th, at eight o'clock.

GIVEN BY ZETIS

Banquet is Held in St. Louis;
Dancing at the Elks
Temple.

On Saturday, December the 11th, the Thirty-Eighth Annual Zeta Sigma Banquet was held. It was possibly the most elaborate affair which has ever been attempted on the campus, in that it involved a Tea Dance in the afternoon as well as the entertainment in the evening.

To fill in an otherwise doubtful afternoon the idea was conceived to hold a "bit of something to do" at the fraternity house. The guests were invited to come to the house, have a cup of tea, dance, play cards, or talk. Between the hours of three and five the house was full almost to overflowing. Those who did not play or dance danced and those who did not dance enjoyed themselves anyway. It was a fitting antecedent to the evening. Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Crooks acted most graciously as hostesses.

The banquet proper, that is, the meal, was served at the Park Hotel, in St. Louis. The dining room was beautifully decorated with Christmas wreaths, holly, red carnations in lavish profusion, and rose-buds at each guest's place. There were favors for both the men and the women guests, with the insignia of the society engraved upon them. With the ice-cream was served a huge blue and white frosted cake, of which "Wally" Burton, President-elect, cut the first piece.

Immediately after the last course the party betook itself to the Elk's Temple, in Alma, where the dance was held. The music was excellent, the decorations were beautiful, the floor was just right, and the guests were very congenial. In short, it seemed perfect, but even the best of things must end- and the girls had to be in by a quarter of twelve. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Ewer, Mrs. Crooks and Dean Steward were the patrons and patronesses at the banquet.

In the general consensus of opinion, this year's affair was the best banquet ever held by Zeta Sigma in its long and somewhat colorful history.

Professor Journey spoke at last Sunday's Christian Endeavor meeting on the subject of "Youth." His talk was very much enjoyed by those present.

1927 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 7-8- Open at Alma
Jan. 14- Albion at Albion
Jan. 15- Olivet at Marshall
Jan. 19- Mt. Pleasant at Alma
Jan. 22- Hope at Alma
Jan. 28- Hillsdale at Hillsdale
Jan. 29- Detroit Y. M. C. A. at Detroit
Feb. 4- Kalamazoo at Kazoo
Feb. 7- Hillsdale at Alma
Feb. 11-12- Open
Feb. 16-19- Open
Feb. 15- Mt. Pleasant at Mt. Pleasant
Feb. 25- Kazoo at Alma
Feb. 26- Olivet at Alma
Mar. 1- Hope at Holland
Mar. 5- Albion at Alma

Schedules Drawn Up at Albion Meeting

At the meeting of the M. I. A. A. athletic heads in Albion the schedules for the coming seasons in baseball and football were drawn up. Alma's schedules for 1927 baseball and football are as follows:

Baseball Schedule 1927

Apr. 23- Hope at Alma
May 6- Albion at Albion
May 7- Olivet at Olivet
May 13- Hillsdale at Hillsdale
May 17- Hillsdale at Alma
May 20- Albion at Alma
May 25- Hope at Hope
May 27- Olivet at Alma
May 30- Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo (2 games)

Football Schedule 1927

Sept. 24- U. of Detroit at Detroit
Oct. 1- U. of Toledo at Toledo
Oct. 15- Albion at Albion
Oct. 22- Olivet at Alma
Oct. 29- Hillsdale at Hillsdale
Nov. 5- Hope at Alma
Nov. 11- Mt. Pleasant at Alma
Nov. 19- Kalamazoo at Alma

SPEECHES! SELECTS

Hamilton, Mitchell, and Spencer
Are Judges in Tryout
Speeches.

In the final debate try-outs for places on the varsity squad seven men were picked by the judges. The judges were Dean Mitchell, and Professor Hamilton, and debate coach Professor Spencer. The men selected were:

Carrol Clark

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Ed McKinnon has the boys feel his back every night to see if he has started sprouting fins yet.

It's about time for Charlie Nims to pull in his neck—his hair is bleached.

We received a letter the other day suggesting that some live organization should start a fund to take care of cleaning and pressing those sweaters which have the funny abbreviation on the left breast. (The letter was anonymous.)

"Do Do" Anderson evidently believes in taking the cream of everything, even the U. P.

Another proof of reaction through association has been found—Helen Benson has been found limping.

We wonder what Louis Zimmerman is doing now that mass meetings are over. Kate Joiner might tell.

Barlow says that the only thing wrong with popular songs is that everybody sings them.

Campusology slogan contest:
A slogan for the editor of the Maroon and Cream—"Out of the woods by Christmas."

One for the Upperclassmen's Club—"When I become a man I put away childish things."

One for the Upperclasswomen's Club—"United we stand, Divided we fall." (look out below).

And for the Student Council—"When better things are done the Student Council will do them." Editor's note: Goodby better things.

One for the campus reformers—"When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there."

And the Wright Hall Senate—"Judge not that ye be not judged."

Do-Do

I know a lad they call him Do-Do
He'll hear this name wherever he may go-go

At Wright Hall he has a girl
Now to her his heart he did hurl
He calls her Mary—but says it slow
She lovingly calls him "my little Do-Do."

He's got a new suit, shoes, overcoat, hat
When he goes on a date he's an aristocrat

He is no shiek because he is too meek
But you see him with Mary twice a week

He calls her Mary—but says it slow
She answers him with "my little Do-Do."

We hear that Inez Mauer is sore because she did not make the All Wright Hall Team again this year.

The editors of this column believe with the Stoics in philosophy: Nothing matters, not even grey matter.

Many parents of our Seniors will be sorry to hear that the Senior rings have arrived before Christmas.

Larry Gardner is back, can it be the old home college, or something else is the attraction?

Famous sayings of Famous People:
"Underline it twice, step on the gas and let's go."—By Prof. Journey.

We nominate for the Hall of Fame this week Elma Bishop because her every second remark is: "Now when Wally and I were in Ann Arbor . . ."

Glark Knapp wants to be careful or his teeth will become muscle bound from too much exercise.

Just 10 more days until Christmas, do your Christmas hinting early.

After the last issue, which we term the best in years, the Wright Hall team have convalesced after their first battle.

We wonder if it is too early to make spring announcements (in Spring a young man's fancy turns to giving away his society pin.)

Just a few couples:
Hannah Spencer—Everet Winslow
Virginia Hull—Louis Nickels
Kate Joiner—Louis Zimmerman

Betty Burgess—Gordon Macdonald
Betty Campbell—John Anderson
Betty Marshall—"Brute" Hayden
Charley Murray—"Banjo Eyes" Colwell
Stan Vallet—"Banjo Eyes" Colwell
Mary Huddleson—Jerome Hull?
Jerry Holmes—Ed Karpp
Mable Janes—"Brodie" Thompsett
Louise Solomon—Les Braden
Elma Bishop—Walter Burton

By vote of Wright Hall girls on campus men who count:
Most popular man—"Ces" Macdonald

Best looking man—"Bus" Riley
Best dressed man—Homer Barlow
Best dancer—"Kent" MacGregor

Well, children, Christmas is coming and every good little boy and girl will get a full stocking. Saint Nick will come and go. Well folks, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year a few dates and so forth. "Peace on earth, good will toward men." Selah.

The Campus Stick-Ups

Philomathean Society
Holds Auction at Hall

The Philomatheans held a short meeting December 6th, at 6:45. The meeting was adjourned in a very few minutes to the more important business of the evening which was auctioning off the few things left from the Fair. Ethelyn Adams took the block, and in a way which led every one to suppose she had had much practice in that line of work, started the entertainment of the evening. At first the bids were few and uncertain but as the fun progressed warm competition started until it appeared as if everyone wanted the same thing. Unfortunately from the stand point of amusement, there were far too few articles to dispose of, but due to the clever work of Miss Adams those few things proved very valuable to the society in a monetary way as well as a source of entertainment.

The Business Manager recently received a letter from Leonard Andrews of last year's graduating class. He is this year teaching in Manuel School, Albuquerque, New Mexico. According to Leonard they are now enjoying tennis out there. Well, Andy, don't really think I'll go out on the courts this afternoon up here in the United States.

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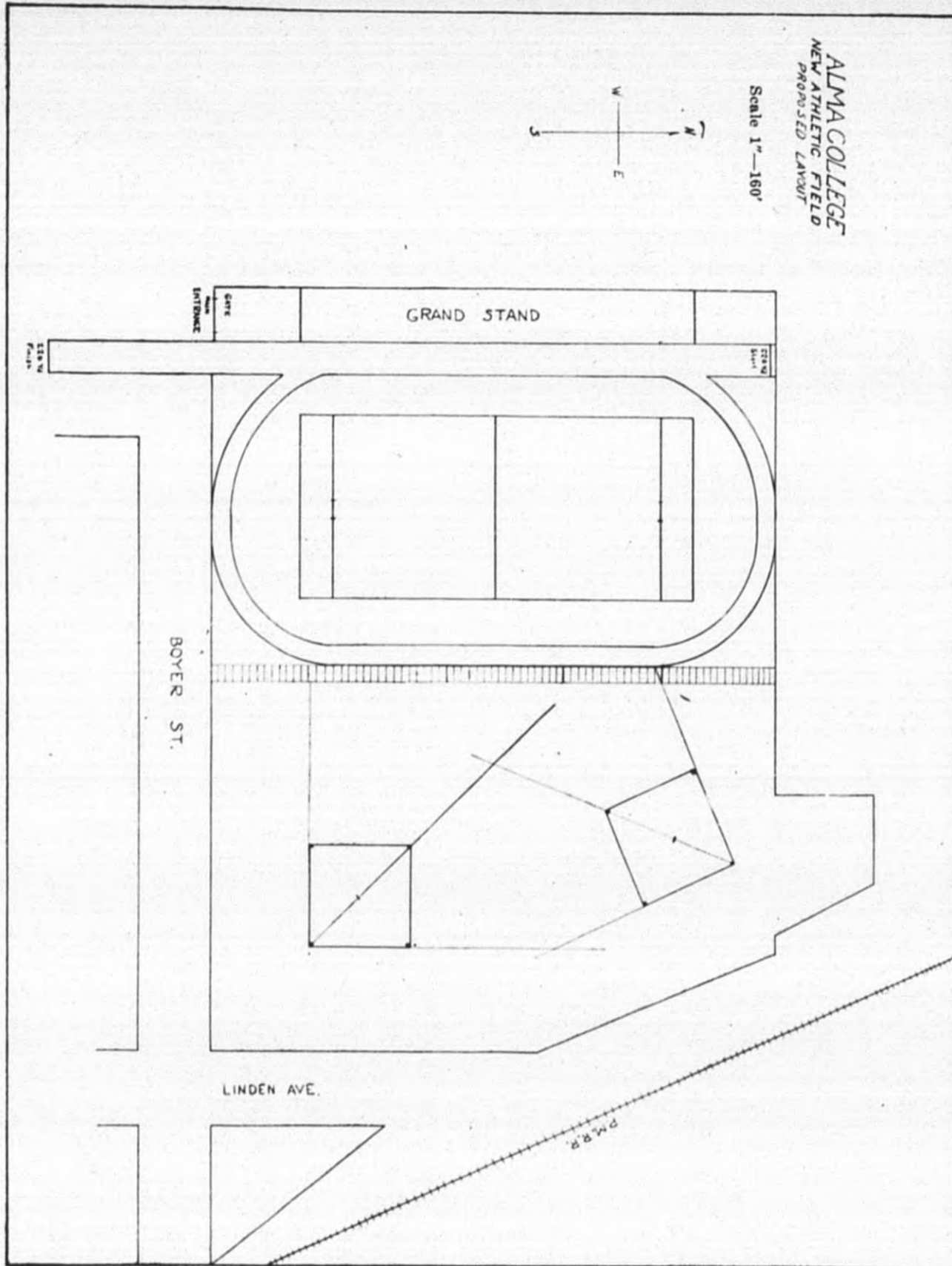
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CAMPUS CHATTER

Favorite records of prominent people:

Half Moon is Better than NO MOON—Gertrude Melody.

Oh! Miss Hannah—Ev. Winslow

Baby Face—Hank Rollo

This is My Lucky Day—Hop Anderson

The Campbells are Coming—All of THEM

The Blue Room—Mary Shroyer

I'm Looking at the World through Rose Colored Glasses—Schieb

There'll be a HOT Time in the Old Town Tonight—H. Burton

I'll Come Back to You—Jo Snell

My Wild Irish Rose—Bix Bixby

Ev. Winslow is gradually regaining his friends at Wright Hall.

Think of the lucky moths now that Homer's knickers are put away for the winter.

Latest bulletin from Thomas—Thompsett race!—Brody sprints into the lead.

We haven't heard the Yellow Dogs bark during the last week.

Dale Dawson goes to Lansing nearly as often as Jo. Snell goes to Flint.

The fellows sleeping in the same

dorm with Goodenow at the Phi House, recommend him most heartily for the coming Oratorical contest.

Red Morrow got his check out of the back of his car today, where it has lain since September. Ask the Scotch to beat that!

It took Johnny Dawson ten minutes Monday afternoon to awaken Judge MacDougall who had been sleeping since Thursday night. We thought Fat stayed over Thanksgiving to study. He blames it on the Wright Hall dinner.

No casualties reported from the swipes' table this week.

We wonder what sort of a future Mary Burt predicted for Red Clark at the Philo Fair.

If you appreciate our work, please remember that Christmas is coming.

—Soup to Nuts.

DRAMA CLUB NOTES

The members of the Drama Club made their bi-weekly appearance Wednesday night, December 1st at 7 o'clock in the Chapel. During the business meeting, which took up the first part of the program, several matters of importance to the Club were discussed and voted upon. Having first taken inventory of the treas-

ury the Club voted to have a Drama page in the Maroon and Cream with a picture of the members as the feature. Then the matter of giving a short play having Christmas spirit as its theme was discussed but later abandoned because of lack of time before the holiday season. It was also decided to present three one-act plays before the entire school the third week after Christmas.

After the business meeting Earl Closser read Charles Dickens' play "A Christmas Carol" to the club and the meeting was then adjourned.

LIBRARY NOTES

The library will not be open for general use during the vacation. Reserved books desired by out-of-town students may be had only upon presentation of a note from the Faculty member on whose reserve the book is placed. All books now out will be due on December 17th a. m.; and may be renewed on that date—if presented at the desk—for use during the vacation.

Among the new recent accessions to the library are the following; Booklovers' map. Historical charts of American, English, French and German literature. Volumes 5 and 6 of Thorpe's Dictionary of applied chemistry. Second book of negro spirituals. Theatre practice. New and enlarged edition of Wells' Outline of History. Faith and success. Winnowed wisdom. Also a number of books pertaining to Spanish literature.

Some folders of the Reading With a Purpose Series have been received from the American Library Association for distribution, and may be had at the Charging Desk.

MERRY XMAS TO ALL— from the Library Staff.

HAWTHORNE IS GRID CAPTAIN—ANNUAL BANQUET

(Continued from page one) Professor Ewer led in the singing of the Alma Chant which concluded the program.

The dining room was attractively decorated with Maroon and Cream. Paper footballs were hung from the ceiling, each representative of a man on the squad. The balls used in Alma's association games this year were hung over the tables where the squad sat. Each was marked with the score of the Alma victory.

J. W. Snell was chairman of the committee in charge. R. G. Hogan took care of the menu and program. Helen Benson and Ruth Hyde were in charge of the decorations.

Make some new year's resolutions when the time comes round. They sometimes help for the first week after you return.

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