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## PHILOS PUT ON JAPANESE FETE

### GYM WAS VERITABLE NIPPON; JAPANESE MAIDENS 'NEVERYTHING.

Philo entertained the new girls last Saturday evening, the form of which being the traditional Japanese Fete. One hardly recognized the old gymnasium because it looked like a Japanese garden with rugs, cozy pillows, autumn leaves, lanterns and Japanese maidens with their bright kimonos. Programs were given to the girls as they came in the door and for several minutes the busy sound of the girls' voices saying, "Have you the third?" "Is your program full?" or "May I have the fifth extra?"

The first number on the program was the grand march and by the way we mustn't forget to speak about the orchestra which was furnished us by the Phi Phi Alpha freshmen. The boys surely put lots of pep in the music but then you know that is to be expected because freshmen are always peppy.

After the grand march there was a rush for the paper chrysanthemums for surely a Japanese girl's costume would not be complete without chrysanthemums for her hair and then too there was the "Chrysanthemum Waltz."

The "Cherry Blossom Waltz" followed, then the "Japanese Revel One Step" came bringing the air full of bright colored streamers, and dancing couples entwined by them.

All during the "Geisha" the girls were wondering the purpose of the mass of orange and black ribbons suspended in the center of the room. The answer was found at the beginning of the "Rainbow Twist Waltz" for each was asked to hold the end of a ribbon, and while she danced the streamers were woven together. Then came the intermission and the girls retired to cozy corners to chat.

During the "Butterfly Fox Trot" the girls were given joss sticks to be lighted and put in the hair for the "Firefly Waltz." The lights were then turned almost out and all one could see was a host of fireflies dancing in the air.

Dean Roberts and everyone else was showered with confetti from the small paper bags that everyone carried, during the "Falling Leaves Waltz."

What could have been more appropriate to end our program than the "Dreamland Waltz?" This was not the end however. Refreshments were served: Chicken salad, buns coffee, maple nut ice cream and whipped cream cake.

As the fateful hour was approaching and as all good times must end, the Philos gave yells for the new girls, for Kappa Iota, for Alpha Theta, for Dean Roberts, and for our patronesses, and said good night.

### MASS MEETING

A mass meeting was held in the college chapel, Thursday evening, as a "pep" instiller for the Hope game. With Wilson as the capable cheerleader, the student body gave the old yells with much gusto and enthusiasm. Brief but optimistic speeches were given by Wyatt, Waggoner, McNaughton, Dunham, and Prof. Davison.

### STUDENT COUNCIL

A special meeting of Student Council was called to order Oct. 12, by Mildred Cash, vice president.

A motion was made and seconded that the Juniors be allowed to dance Friday at the Junior Frolic. Carried.

A motion was made and seconded that they be allowed to dance at the Phi-Philo party Oct. 22. Carried.

### FACULTY SUPPORTS HOUSE

The following resolution was passed by the faculty on Saturday, October 8th:

"That the faculty approve the idea involved in the proposed project of Zeta Sigma to purchase a home for the society, and offer any co-operation that may be possible."

Many old students are coming to the Olivet game, Saturday, Oct. 29.

## SCORES OF M. I. A. A. TEAMS

Scores of games in which M. I. A. A. teams played this past week follow. In the only strictly M. I. A. A. contest Kalamazoo defeated Olivet. Hillsdale was the only other association college to lose, Grand Rapids Junior pulling a surprise by beating Hillsdale by two touchdowns.

Michigan State Normal 7, Mt. Pleasant Normal 6.  
Grand Rapids Junior 13, Hillsdale 0.  
Kalamazoo College 35, Olivet 0.  
Alma College 32, Hope College 0.

## Dawydoff Relates A Wild Adventure

There is no more expert weaver of tales on the Alma campus than "Al" Dawydoff. His stories are all strikingly original, and there seems to be no limit to their number.

One of "Al's" choicest stories concerns his adventures during November, 1919, in the Russian city of Kiev. At this time, "Al" was attending the College of St. Catherine, and the students were greatly angered by the Bolsheviks' decree, that no one should be allowed to carry weapons. Therefore, the students did their utmost to secure weapons, and to pass them among the anti-Bolsheviks. It was in this way that "Al" came into possession of a Colt pistol. Not daring to carry it in his pockets, he conceived the idea of carrying it just inside his trouser's belt. But walking downtown one day, the pistol fell down through his trouser leg, and onto the sidewalk. It immediately attracted a sailor's attention, belonging to the Extraordinary Commission, and laying hands on "Al," he dragged him to the Commission building. "Al" was thrust into a guarded room on the second floor, with the pistol thrown in after him.

"Al's" thoughts were not exactly pleasant ones, for he knew that soon he would be brought before the commission, and his sentence would undoubtedly be death. But happening to glance at one of the walls, he noticed a sign which read: "500 rubles reward for anyone bringing captured pistols from anti-Bolsheviks."

Just then another sailor stepped in, and noting the pistol which Alex held, thought that he must have come for the reward. So when the sailor questioned him, Alex took full advantage of his opportunity, and stated that he had come for the reward. The sailor immediately secured the 500 rubles for Alex, and led him past the sentinels, and out into the street. What had at first seemed like a tragic adventure for "Al," had turned out to be a highly profitable one.

## Y. M. C. A.

The regular Y. M. C. A. meeting was held in the "Y" Thursday evening. Russell Wilson was the leader and he took up the rather unique topic of "The Devil's Playground." It was a very practical discussion of the dangers of idleness and the remedy for idleness among college students. "It is when we are idle," said the leader, "that we frequent the Devil's playground." It is a game, to be sure, but we are on foreign territory, and we don't know the signals. Small wonder then, that in this game we find ourselves the losers. This was the essence of the spicy message which Wilson brought before the gathering.

An important change has been made in the time of the "Y" meetings. Because of conditions this year it has been thought best to hold them, temporarily at least, at seven o'clock Wednesday evening.

The mid-week prayer meeting is a vital part of the program of the Y. M. C. A., and though not so spectacular as banquets and drives, is just as essential in the work of the organization. It is both a privilege and a duty which every man in the college owes to himself and Alma, to be there promptly Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

The Junior All College Banquet which will be held Saturday, October 29, is the biggest pep event of the year. Guests sit by classes, and competitive yells, and songs are one of the features of the banquet.

## THIRD SOCIETY NOW A REALITY

### KAPPA IOTA HAS EXCELLENT NUCLEUS WITH WHICH TO BEGIN WORK.

Much has been said about the founding of a new literary society. It remained for the class of 1925 to take the matter into its own hands and to find a way, or make it. Some time ago, at a house meeting, Dean Roberts outlined the circumstances to the Freshman girls. She told of the crowded condition of the two existing societies and the reason for it. She pointed out the desirability of founding a new society and, at the same time, warned the girls of the difficulties such an undertaking would involve. She asked for five volunteers and at the designated time there were not five, but eight. The girls recognized the need for a new society and responded nobly.

Ten girls, Elizabeth Munger, Violet Bramley, Henrietta Parker, Beatrice Shaunding, Margaret Morrison, Dorothy McClintock, Agnes Ledgerwood, Dorothy Flanagin, Josephine Keller and Greta Muir form the nucleus around which the new society is to be built. To insure the success of our new society, the following officers have been elected: President, Elizabeth Munger; vice president, Dorothy Flanagin; secretary, Dorothy McClintock; treasurer, Josephine Keller; corresponding secretary, Agnes Ledgerwood; athletic board of control, Beatrice Shaunding; Almanian Board of Control, Violet Bramley; Almanian Reporter, Greta Muir; Initiation officers, Margaret Morrison and Henrietta Parker. The colors of Kappa Iota are violet and gold; the flower, the blue violet.

We believe that this is an opportune time to express our appreciation of the admirable spirit shown by the two societies, Philomathean and Alpha Theta. A board of regents has been formed, consisting of eight members of the two societies, to advise and direct the founding of Kappa Iota. They are: Phyllis Bradley, Margaret Poole, Avis Lane, Pauline Strick, from Philomathean, and Helen Brien, Edith Hughes, Margaret Field, Agnes Youngs from Alpha Theta.

We wish also, to thank the faculty members for their interest in the new organization and to assure them that the nucleus will do everything in its power to fulfill their expectations. We see clearly the difficulties which lie in the way—the forming of an untrained group of girls into a strong organization, and the undertaking of founding a new society, with no financial backing except a conscientious desire to make good. However, we expect the co-operation of the other societies in our undertakings—a co-operation for the good of Alma. The new society recognizes the stupendous task before it—the gaining of the confidence of Alma. The eyes of the entire college are upon Kappa Iota. Will it succeed? It must; it can; it will!

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Junior All College Banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening, October 29, at six o'clock. It will be held in the Wright Hall dining room. This banquet is an annual affair, and is held for the two fold purpose of celebrating the victory over Olivet, and arousing interest in the Maroon and Cream. An excellent program has been planned, after which there will be a dance. Further details concerning the banquet will be announced later.

## WILL SETTLE GRUDGE

The Sophomores challenged the Frosh to a football game to be held Monday afternoon. Unless something unexpected happens, the Almanian will have gone to press before the game has been played, and consequently a full account of the fracas cannot be given at this time. However, the progress of the game will be posted each quarter on the Almanian bulletin board, and a trustworthy account of the game will be published in the next issue.

## M. I. A. A. GAMES THIS WEEK

Two M. I. A. A. games are on the list for this week end, Alma meeting Ypsi, and Albion meeting Olivet. Other games in which M. I. A. A. teams will engage bring into Michigan teams from two other states, Illinois and Ohio. The Saturday games follow:  
Alma vs. Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti.  
Albion vs. Olivet College at Olivet.  
Adrian vs. Toledo University at Adrian.  
Hillsdale vs. Defiance College (Ohio) at Hillsdale.  
Northwestern College (Ill.) vs. Kalamazoo College at Kalamazoo.

## Junior Frolic Was Good As Promised

The Junior Frolic, will no doubt be an annual affair after this, for the entertainment provided Friday night not only lived up to its extensive pre-billing, but also exceeded even the fondest hopes of the Junior class.

Everyone gathered in the College Chapel at 7:00 p. m. to witness the dramatic efforts of the brilliant Juniors. Much had been heard about "Freezing His Mother-in-Law," and so all were curious as to the real explanation of the title. This novel comedy was presented with as much merit by those who participated in its production, for the novel situations throughout the play elicited peals of laughter from an approving audience. It seemed as if one comic situation after another, followed in an endless chain. The action was fast throughout, not allowing the attention of the audience to wane.

The various characters were very ably portrayed by the Misses Hughes and Anguish, the Messrs. Foster, Waggoner and Stempfly. The stars of the play, however, were Edith Hughes and Sidney Foster, as Mr. and Mrs. What Muff. Each did full justice to it. They succeeded in downing their own personalities, a difficult thing for amateurs to do, so that they played their parts with assurance and ease.

After the play, the strains of Gallagher's Jazz Hounds lured one and all to the Gym, where, in short time, the floor was crowded with those tripping the "light fantastic." It was just one fox-trot after another, with all thoughts of the waltz and one-step, in the dim, dim past. There were 11 o'clock privileges, but even so when it was time to depart, all heaved a sigh, and thought of the good old days back home, when one was allowed to dance till the wee hours of the morning.

## CLASSICAL CLUB

The Classical Club is the only organization on the campus which makes a definite study of the ancient world. Its purpose is to acquaint the students with the rich lore of classical literature, art, and culture. The membership includes primarily those students who are studying Latin or Greek, or who are pursuing courses in classical literature. Enrollment is not limited, however, to just these people as any one who is interested in the work is invited to join. The club furnishes an excellent opportunity for those students who have no time for the classics in their regular courses to acquire a general knowledge which is of great cultural value.

Last year under the guidance of Dr. Ewing the club made a study of the Roman civilization. Interesting papers were given on the Roman law, customs, and architecture. Dr. Ewing has a large collection of slides illustrating the various subjects which are discussed in the papers. By means of the stereotican these slides are projected on the screen and add greatly to the interest of the meetings. Plans are now being made for the activities of the organization for the ensuing year, and the first meeting is planned for Saturday evening, October 22.

## Y. W. C. A. Meeting

A spirit of quiet prevailed in the Y. W. C. A. meeting led by Agnes Youngs. During the meeting, the lights were turned low and Margaret Field and Gladys Fryxell sang "Whispering Hope." The meeting was adjourned with the mizpah.

## ALMA DRUBS THE FIGHTING DUTCH

### CAMPBELL'S WARRIORS EASILY RUN UP 32 POINTS; OPPONENTS 0.

Although displaying the most ragged work on offense that the Maroon and Cream has shown yet this season, Coach Campbell's green Alma College aggregation, using straight football, mixed once in a while with a spread formation by way of variation, had no trouble in defeating Hope College Saturday on Davis field by a score of 32 to 0.

Although Albion said, "the game will give a comparison of the strength of Alma and Hillsdale," local fans feel that the score should have at least been doubled, so Albion's dope on the unreliable comparative score basis means little. "We should worry about the size of the scores."

The Dutchmen never had a look in, making just one first down during the entire contest. The Alma defense was working in fine style, and kept the Hollanders punting every time that they got the ball. It was seldom that three downs gave the visitors five yards.

One of the most pleasing features of the entire game was the fact that Handley has evidently hit form for the first time this season. He displayed the best work that he has shown this year. He was ably seconded by "Red" Carty, Anderson and Wright behind the line. On the line Hunter, McNaughton, Taite and Tarrant were the features.

Alma received to start the game and marched the ball down the field to the Hope goal, only to fumble and lose it to the Dutch. Hope punted and Alma carried the oval back and lost it on another fumble. Hope again punted and the Almaites smashed back, Carty going the final few yards for the touchdown, after 11 minutes of the quarter had been played. Carty missed the goal.

In the second quarter Alma still showed fumbling propensities, which proved costly, but they did not keep the Maroon and Cream from shoving over a counter in this period. After losing the ball to Hope on the goal line, the Dutch punted to Carty, who returned the punt 38 yards, placing the ball in a fine scoring position. Anderson smashed four yards for the counter. Handley missed goal.

To start the second half Catherman received and carried the ball 20 yards before being laid low by Hope, on the Alma 40 yard line. Alma fumbled, Hope getting the ball. Hope attempted to open up the aerial game, which Handley killed in its inception. He grabbed a Hope pass on the Alma thirty yard line, and running behind good interference went 70 yards to the Hope goal for a counter. He then kicked the goal.

Catherman received and carried the ball to midfield. He passed to Anderson for 22 yards, starting a march that continued until Hope held Alma for downs on the Dutch 4 yard line. Hope punted and Catherman brought the ball back to the 13 yard line. Wright and Foster smashed the Dutch (Continued on page four)

## PHI PHI ALPHA

The Phi Phi Alpha Literary society opened its regular meeting October 3 with President Williams in the chair. The first few minutes of the meeting were given over to the discussion of business, and plans for the year. The society then turned its attention to the initiation of eleven new members. The new will men form a very creditable addition to the society, and are counted as excellent material for the year's work. The new members are: R. L. Calkins, Arthur Rheinhold, John Shroyer, V. R. Soderstrom, Harold Gay, Frank Bentley, Kenneth Shrier, Alexander Dawydoff, E. D. McGlone, A. H. Zuelck, J. A. Maurer.

After the work of initiating had been finished "Stew" Pratt entertained and Clair Perrigo led mass singing. Light refreshments were then served in a very "appetizing" style, and the meeting adjourned with each fellow looking forward to a most successful year.

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Of what material benefit to the students of the College would be the formation of clubs in the several courses of the curriculum? This question becomes more incessant in its demands as the work in the classes progresses. It is a question commanding the attention of every student, particularly the attention of students of Chemistry, Economics, and Mathematics.

The success of the Classical Club which has been organized here for practically a year serves as a model in a number of ways. It shows that such clubs are practical; they can be organized and operated at very little, if any, cost. It shows that the clubs not only serve as a means of creating interest in a particular subject, but also that they supply information that is recognized as an invaluable asset to the preliminary training of a student. Papers delivered in the meetings by those who have made considerable research upon subjects common to all, contain items of interest in familiar language, some of which would never have come up in the lecture period. Then after the delivery of a paper, there invariably comes an informal discussion which can scarcely be afforded in the class period, especially when classes are as large as they are this year. Ordinarily the instructor has no time but for lecture and because of this unavoidable condition, the student is robbed of much training that is due to him.

Need I add the most obvious advantage in having these clubs: the faculty afforded for having outside lecturers brought to our college, one of the greatest inducements that a University has to offer. That Alma could profit by the organization of such clubs, everyone realizes. Shall then the initiative rest with the students as it normally should, or shall we overlook a rare opportunity for educational betterment? Our answer is, "Organize our Chemistry, Mathematics, and Economics departments."  
C. L. H.

The third women's society is under way at last. It is the most progressive step that Alma College has taken in years. Kappa Iota is the culmination of the combined efforts of representatives from each of the women's societies, and owes its inception to the unselfish manner in which the representatives have undertaken this difficult problem. Too much credit cannot be given to these women who, although members of existing women's societies, have been generous enough to cast their lots with the new organization as regents.

Greater praise is due, however, to those first year women who have volunteered to become members of the new society. They are sacrificing one of the most treasured experiences of their college lives,—that of being initiated into the mysteries of an old society which is hallowed with age and enhanced by tradition. They have accepted the responsibility of opening a new trail, and of laying down precedents for their society sisters to follow in years to come. Upon their shoulders, in the final analysis, rests the success or failure of Kappa Iota. Every decision which they make must be made with regard not only to the present, but also to the future. There is a mighty task, but a highly worthy one. In years to come, Alma women will talk with reverence of the women of long ago who had the courage and faith to launch a new society.

Alma welcomes Kappa Iota into the family of societies, and wishes her the best of success. May her trials and difficulties serve to temper her organization. May she so faithfully forge her ideals and traditions that they will easily become fused and amalgamated with the traditions of Alma.

Eddie Boyne visited his old haunts around Pioneer Saturday, and took in the Hope-Alma game.

## SATURDAY'S BLUNDERS

Saturday's game, while exciting and interesting, brought to light a number of deficiencies in the management of the games which should be called to the attention of those concerned. These deficiencies were lack of ability to keep the spectators from crowding over the side lines, lack of bleachers, and finally and most tragic a lack of enough students in time for the preliminary rooting.

To begin with, time after time during the game, the referee had to stop play until the fans had been forced back from the chalked line. In spite of the fact that a two yard line had been run around the gridiron, the people insisted upon encroaching upon the field of battle. This tendency, of course, is altogether human. In the excitement of the game, the crowd involuntarily surges forward. If no obstacle other than moral persuasion is placed in the way, no better result can be expected. Saturday, a group of high school lads insisted that they were privileged, and as soon as the line patrolman would turn his back they would surge on the field. Of course when the scrimmage was at the other end of the gridiron these embryo-brained post-graduate kindergartners couldn't see why they should be kept behind the line. Finally, when Wright had broken through for a sure touchdown, he was forced, after running fifty yards, to dodge into this crowd of downy chinned sapsheads and before he could extricate himself was downed ten yards from the goal line. The logical remedy for this condition is to put a wire fence around the field, and it should be there before the next game.

In the second place, a large number of the spectators couldn't see the game because they were in the fifth rank from the sidelines. This fact is particularly discomfiting when it is realized that within fifty yards of the side lines the old grandstand and bleachers still stand where they were placed for the baseball games last spring. No one had taken the responsibility of having them moved over to the gridiron, and consequently many people lost a good share of the game. Another fact in this connection is the difficulty of having good yelling when the rooters are strung out in a skirmish line a hundred yards long. With the grandstand and bleachers in place, these rooters would all be in one block. They could see better, and there would be less confusion. The yelling could be made much more effective. As considerable repairing will be needed to put these seats in shape, the work should be begun at once.

In the third place, most of the students were late. In spite of the fact that the time was announced at lunch, scarcely a handful of students were on hand when 2:15 rolled around. Enough finally arrived to elicit a faint murmur of approval when the players trotted on the field. By the time the game was well under way, most of the rooters had straggled to the sidelines. It is to the credit of the upper classes that those members that were there were mostly all on time, but the Frosh, Ye Gods! They came ambling on the field throughout the first quarter. The women were the worst. The first year men who were late can be dealt with. They will be dealt with. But the women are apparently beyond the law. There is nothing more exasperating than to see a group of giggling girls trowle into Davis Field fifteen minutes late as unconcerned as tho they were merely late for church.

It is two weeks before the next home game. This will be the historic tilt with Olivet. Plans should be made now to have everything in readiness for the game. A wire or two should be strung around the gridiron, and the bleachers and the grandstand should be moved to the sidelines. And finally the student body should become inoculated with enough college spirit to get to the game on time.

## TRACK PROSPECTS BRIGHT

Organization of track material for the coming track and field events was accomplished Monday noon in the College chapel. The scheme of preparing for track events that are to take place in the spring is quite a novel one in Alma College but apparently it has met with the heartiest approval of all the aspirants in that line of athletic endeavor. In addition to the old men back this year, there were approximately twenty-five "frosh" that responded to the call issued by acting captain Frank Vreeland.

A short business meeting was held first in which Mr. Vreeland, who holds the M. I. A. A. record in the two mile run, was elected Captain. Short discussions upon the prospects of fall workouts while the weather permits and upon the possibility of winter training in the gymnasium were given by both the old and new men. Enthusiasm characterized the meeting as a whole for, obviously, track and field athletics have never

received such an impetus by a wealth of material as they have this year. Vreeland and Shoemaker, both last year's letter men have begun the fall conditioning. Bailey and Foster, distance men, and Mitchell and Rose, sprinters, have also shown up for practice and appear in excellent condition. The new men have not as yet been able to display their talents but they come highly touted from state high schools.

Possibly the greatest factor on Alma's side is the fact that Coach Campbell is essentially a track enthusiast and coach, having made a name for himself in the four-forty. Under his supervision, arrangements have already been made to equip fully a track team this fall. Further inducements to arousing interest in track are offered this year. Plans have been formulated to enter Alma in not only the annual M. I. A. A. meet, but also in five or six other meets, one or two to be held on our own field. These plans will not only relieve the drudgery of a few men's grinding away in preparation for a meet in the distant future but will also increase the numbers of those wishing to represent Alma in track events. With an increase in numbers comes lively competition and competition is the life of any athletic organization. Any man whether he has a reputation behind him or not is asked to try out for positions on the team. Thus with competition on such a fair play basis, every bit of material on the campus will be brought to light.

Not for years has such enthusiasm at an organization meeting been witnessed in Alma College. Thus with the spirit of the students behind the sport, with an excellent Coach, with perfect equipment, and a wealth of material, Alma faces a year which undoubtedly will be a banner year for her in track athletics.

## TOP O' THE WORLD

By QUINN A. RYAN

What the Freshman Mind  
Thinks About.

(By Q. A. R. in his column, The Deep Purple, in the "Daily Northwestern," 1916.)

When comes the zipping, nipping Fall  
The gridders answer to the call—

Of cooler weather—

To tackle, batter, soak and maul  
Another, and to kick a ball

Of pigskin leather.

We see again the husky brutes  
Arrayed in thickly padded suits

And hefty sweaters,

Carvorting in their heavy boots  
As if a herd of crazy coots

Had snapped their fetters;  
And view their tricks and tactics

rough

And watch the fellows pant and puff,  
While all the hearers,

Are tickled and amused enough  
To break a rib by Chaplin stuff

From nutty cheerers.

The men again will gather round  
And form a line along the ground

Before the bleachers,

To give the ball a hearty bound  
And start to mutilate and pound

Their fellow creatures,

As if 'twere intent to kill.

Again they'll chase the leather pill,  
So bold and fearless,

And with alacrity, until  
The final whistle, loud and shrill . . .

Bon jour, game peerless!

The Playmakers of the University of North Dakota, a dramatic organization, has adopted as its insignia a replica of the buffalo mask used by the Dakota Indians in hunting buffaloes. It represents the head of a buffalo, this head being made from a pelt and decorated in such a manner as to insure the hunter coming in close range of his prey.

A movement is contemplated by means of which it is hoped that all the dramatic societies of the North Dakota high schools can be organized into a state society to be called "The Junior Playmakers." This will, no doubt, be of great service to these clubs which now exist under various names, as it will raise their standard in every respect. Annual competition can be easily made possible in the drama in much the same way as the athletic teams representing the various high schools compete in the inter-scholastic meet now held by the university.

The Grand Rapids Herald quotes President Voelker of Olivet as saying that scientists can now measure the capacity of a man's mind, and can tell by examination exactly how much of any sort of knowledge his mentality can absorb. In view of the fact, however, that the Herald credited Olivet twice last week with defeating the Aggies, it is an open question as to just what laurels the Grand Rapids paper is trying to heap upon our neighboring prexy.

Representatives of the student bodies of twelve countries became signatories to a world student confederation against alcohol in a three day conference held last August at Lau-

sanne, Switzerland. Coming immediately after the sessions of the Sixteenth International Congress against Alcoholism, this action is most significant in the international struggle against the alcohol traffic.

Learn those yells!

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**Open Forum**

The writer, during enrollment week, frequently heard expressions like these: "Will I have to take Bible?" I do not intend to graduate therefore I do not want Bible." "The University of Michigan does not credit Bible therefore I do not want it."

I do not believe that any student can be considered as having completed a liberal arts course in college who has not made quite an extended study of the Bible. I do not mean a study of creeds or denominationalism which is sometimes included in a course in Bible study, but, rather, a study of the great underlying principles of the Christian religion as they are found in the Bible. A thorough knowledge of the Bible should be a prerequisite to the study of literature and art for without such knowledge the student will never be able to fully appreciate the masterpieces in these fields of endeavor while students in all courses will be greatly benefited by such a study. The governor of the state of Oregon does not hesitate to say: "Shorn of its religious value, the Bible would stand out as a masterpiece of literature of all time."

The editor of a farm journal was speaking to a class in journalism and declared that agricultural papers had fewer golden calves than any other type of publication. So few in the class seemed to understand this reference to the Bible that a test was given to the thirty nine members of the class which test fully showed that a course in the Bible would have been very beneficial to them as future journalists. Some said that the golden calf was the idol worshipped by David while three members of the class maintained that it was an abbreviation for "Golden California," a country so called "because of its fruits and flowers." Other questions were asked and answers such as these were received: "David was Mary's husband," "The Red Sea was the place where the Jews started Mohammedanism," "Jonothan, the son of David, was swallowed by a whale," etc., etc.

When one of our Alma College graduates presented his work in Bible for credit at the University of Michigan, one of the professors made this remark: "You do not get credit for Bible in this world, you get that credit in the next world." I feel like suggesting to my university friend that Bible is a subject in course and not a graduate subject and that if he expects to get credit in the next world he should become familiar with its teachings and principles as they apply to this present life and that every one who applies the teachings of the Bible to this life does receive credit in this world and honorable mention in the world to come.

The teachings of the Bible form the very foundation of our civilization and whether the American civilization survives or perishes depends in no small degree upon the attitude taken by the American people relative to its teachings. I believe it contains the formulae that will solve the problems of this old world of ours but whether we will use these formulae or substituted formulae remains to be seen.

That parents and the thinking public are demanding of colleges and universities something more than the training of the physical and intellectual sides of the lives of their students may best be seen, perhaps, in an instance cited by Dr. Sheldon in his editorial. It was the day following Commencement and the president of a certain college was congratulating the father on the high record his son had made in college but the president was somewhat embarrassed by the deliberate and somewhat bitter reply of the father, who was also an alumnus of ability and wealth, when he said, "Four years ago I sent my son here for a college education because it is my own college, and because I believed that he would receive here a full and satisfactory training in the fundamentals of manhood. I put my son in the care of this college and committed him in a very large sense to you. On the day of graduation I find that the one greatest thing in education, as I regard it, is wanting in my boy. I refer to an enthusiastic religious conviction of life. You say he is intellectually brilliant, that he has led his class in mathematics and science. But in a frank talk I had with him this morning, he said that he was leaving college without any religious convictions. In fact, he confessed that the course in Philosophy here had so unsettled his mind that he no longer believed in the Bible as he used to and that he was in doubt as to what to believe when it came to the person of Christ, the reality of the future life and a large part of the teaching he had received at home about prayer. I am not complaining about the fact

of new ideas about theology or inspiration or miracles. What I am saying is that I left my son here to acquire the truth about life; and so far as his religious part of him is concerned, your teachers have not only failed to give him any enthusiasm about God and Jesus and the fundamentals of conduct, but they have succeeded in taking away the faith he once had, and have not given him anything to take its place. Granted that the religious faith he had when he left home was crude and needed to be enlightened, I would not object to such enlightenment, but I do object to his being left without any light at all."

Brute force will never solve the world's problems, education may accomplish much, but the only place that one can find the real formula that will transmute the baser qualities of men into golden deeds of conduct is in the Bible.

F. E. West.  
Department of Chemistry.

**LETTERS OF A FRESHMAN**

Dere Bill:

You sure must come here next year, for it will do youse a great deal of good. Not only will youse learn how many wives Moses had, and how to write a theme in five minutes, but also will youse learn the fine are of bein' a gentleman.

Lessons in this course are given 3 times daily at Rite hall which is the stop-off for the janes, and also the ents. They are not so particular at breakfast and lunch, but at dinner, we must all wear our glad rags. Us fellows all stay in the men's waiting room, until the hed waiter rings the gong which brings the girls to life. Then the Dean marches in 1st, to show the rest of the janes the trail, and then us fellows bring up the rear. After the vittles are blessed, us fellows pull out the chairs for the janes, which, take it from me, boy, is an art in itself. Wells, I sit at the right of the Hed, which is the place of honor, and where one dishes out the butter. The hed sets the style for the rest of us, and whichever she does we are supposed to do, and visa versa. I hev become quite an acrobat for I hev learnt how to balance peas on a fork and how to eat without makin a slip. But, sometimes, even the best of us make mistakes, and when the hed asks me to pass the bread, I helps myself first. It soon filters thru my dome that something is wrong, for I thinks for awhile that I hev found the north pole. But when the coffee arrives, it thaws the hed out and alls well again.

But say Bill you oughta see the jane that sits to the rite of me, she sure is a pippin, and of course, I kin see that she's quite taken with me. By the way, all the janes are quite smitten with me, and so as not to hurt their feelins, I takes a different one out every Friday nite, which is what I calls using tact by

Yours truly,  
Jim.

**YPSI SATURDAY**

Saturday the Alma College football team will meet Ypsilanti Normal in the first Michigan Intercollegiate battle of the season, and will be forced to play at top speed to down the fast aggregation that the Green and White will put on the field.

This game is certain to be the most closely watched contest of the week as it will be the first meeting of association grid machines that are being rated as possible title contenders this year. Ypsilanti has four strong veterans in her new eleven and this year boasts of one of the state's best coaches in McCulloch. He has turned out a smooth working machine that will force the fighting if the Almates slow up for an instant.

The Maroon and Cream will be forced to display a much higher grade of offensive work against the Normalites than they have shown yet this season if they are to come out of the fray as victors. There were indications Saturday that the offensive work of the Maroon and Cream is strengthening and the local fans have every confidence that before Saturday morning's fray Coach Campbell will have improved this feature of the Alma play to such an extent that Alma will be able to pound her way through the Teachers for good gains. Alma has a goodly supply of forward passes and some nice trick plays stowed away for use whenever occasion demands, but unless it is absolutely necessary to use them to win this fray, they will not be uncorked before the Albion fray in November. Some of the more ordinary aerial heaves, of course, will be used.

One thing is certain for Saturday, however, Ypsi will not be able to run up and down the field on the Maroon and Cream as she did last year. The Presbyterians have a defense that can be counted upon to stave off the Teachers in good shape, and they will undoubtedly be forced to use the air game if they gain much ground.

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 He—"No, fishing hasn't so much kick in it as it had."

First frosh—"I can't seem to collect my thoughts today."  
 Second frosh—"Why not hire a garbage collector?"

She—"What costume will be in vogue this season, dearie?"  
 Judge—"I'm not sure. No doubt the Divorce Suit."

He—"What makes you think I'm a poor judge of human nature?"  
 She—"Well, I guess it's because you have such a good opinion of yourself."

**Ode to Angel**  
 He's just about as hard  
 As the paint on the wall,  
 He's the roughest guy  
 In Pioneer Hall.

A big burly senior approached the fair young teacher and said, "Please teacher, may I get a drink."  
 To which she responded quite icily, "Yes, if you think you can reach the fountain."

**ALMA DRUBS THE FIGHTING DUTCH**

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 line, Wright going over on the fourth play for the counter. Wright goaled. In the fourth quarter Alma used a few more passes, two going to Wright for twenty yards each. Wright then located a big hole that the line had made and went through Hope 20 yards for a touchdown. Beam missed the goal.

Alma used 22 men, or enough for two complete teams during the game. Hunter was the only man to play the entire fray. This naturally had much to do with keeping the score down. The fact that the Ypsi team, which played Mt. Pleasant Saturday morning, was on the sidelines made it necessary for the eleven to hold to straight football during the entire game.

Lineup and summary:  
 Alma (32) (0) Hope  
 Waggoner RE Doekren  
 Farrant RT Wersing  
 McNaughton RG Fell  
 Hunter C Van Lente  
 Shaver LG Van Der Meer  
 Taite LT De Jong  
 Sartor LE Kingma  
 Catherman QB VanPutten  
 Handley RH VanZanten  
 Beam LH Japinga  
 Carty FB Keizer

Score by Quarters 1 2 3 4—  
 Hope 0 0 0 0—0  
 Alma 6 6 14 6—32

Touchdowns—Wright 2, Carty, Handley, Anderson.

Goals—Handley, Wright.

Substitutions—Alma, Anderson for Beam, Rose for Sartor, Bentley for McNaughton, Zuelch for Shaver, Wright for Carty, Carty for Catherman, Sartor for Rose, Catherman for Carty, Niles for Waggoner, Foster for Handley, Waggoner for Niles, Beam for Anderson, Rose for Sartor, Carty for Catherman, McNaughton for Bentley, Shaver for Zuelch, Cathcart for McNaughton, Williams for Taite, Rathsborg for Rose, Calkins for Tarrant. Hope—Joldersma for Fell, DePree for Keizer, VanEenam for Doekren.

Time of quarters 15, 12, 15, 12 minutes.

Referee—Crisp, Ypsilanti Normal.  
 Umpire—Mullin, Kalamazoo Normal.  
 Head linesman—Dunham. Timer—King.

**PHILOMATHEAN**

The open meeting of Philomathean Literary Society was held on Monday evening, and was presided over by the President, Louise Hainline. Roll call was responded to by quotations from modern drama. The president then briefly sketched the society's course of study for the semester.

The following program was given:  
 Piano solo, "En Route"—Mildred Gerow.

Paper, "Tendency of Modern Drama"—Helen Scott.

Whistling Solo, "Souvenir"—Margaret Holmes.

James Barrie's drama "The Twelve Pound Look" was then presented with the following cast of characters:  
 Lady Simms—Pauline Strick.  
 Kate Simms—Phyllis Bradley.  
 Sir Harry Simms—Margaret Pooler.  
 Tombes—Helen Carpenter.

Adjournment.

Miss Wilma Wilson of Traverse City was the week end guest of Rhea Stinson at Wright Hall.

Many old students are coming to the Olivet game, Saturday, Oct. 29.

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