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GREETINGS!

The Almanian takes this opportunity of renewing old acquaintances, and of introducing itself to those of you who are new upon the campus. The Almanian is your college paper. It aims to record faithfully the various events that happen from day to day, to promote and foster the highest type of Alma spirit, and to portray the life at Alma in such a way that the paper will be representative of the school. It would be useless to attempt to prognosticate at this time as to just how completely these aims will be realized. In a large measure the success of this publication depends upon the support of the student body as a whole. The Almanian hopes to achieve its purpose to such an extent that a stranger can gain from reading it an intimate glimpse of Alma College, that a student can see therein an accurate perspective of his college life from week to week, and that an alumnus can read it and live over the good times that made his Alma Mater so dear to him. To put the matter succinctly, the Almanian will endeavor to radiate the spirit of Alma from every page.

TO THE FROSH

Alma is not what you expected! It could not be, nor could any other college. To you college has always been rather a vague, yet magnificent figment of the imagination; something strangely intangible, yet strikingly real in some respects. Perhaps you imagined that all the buildings were imposing structures like the Capitol at Washington, and undoubtedly you thought that lecture rooms would have swivel chairs with leather cushioned seats, and shiny brass railings around the edges. You were chagrined when you found that you had arrived unheralded, that no one seemed to realize you are the lad who made that fifty yard run for a touchdown back in high school, or that the home town folks consider you one of the smartest in the young set.

Soon you will discover that Alma is more than you had expected. As yet, you do not know Alma. You haven't had even a remote glimpse of college life. You haven't rubbed elbows with these splendid young people from all sections of the country long enough to become intimately acquainted; you don't know what real generous-hearted human beings your professors are; you haven't seen Professor Hamilton in his old clothes trying to coax motive power into his flivver; you haven't heard Prexy give his illustration concerning the feeble minded at Lapeer; you haven't whispered secrets to the museum steps; you haven't stood on the sidelines

amid a waving mass of maroon and cream, and cheered as eleven men have plunged and fought down the field for the glory of Alma. You have before you experiences that will endear Alma to you, that will arouse in you the spirit of the school, that will make college life far more wonderful than you have ever imagined.

THE NEW CHEMISTRY BUILDING

Until 20 years ago the sciences of Chemistry and Biology in Alma College were combined in the department of Natural Science under the professorship of Dr. C. A. Davis. At that time a change was made, and the Department of Chemistry was formed under the professorship of F. E. West. Steadily this new department developed until its size and activity demanded a change of equipment. Realizing the need for new apparatus and larger quarters, the Board of Trustees of Alma College decided last year to remodel the Kindergarten building that it might be devoted to Chemistry. This work has been started, and at present the lower floor of the building is ready for use.

Entering the building from the East, one comes into a hall to the left of which is Professor West's office. Off of this office is a private laboratory and a small supply room for the lecture desk.

Directly opposite the entrance door is the quantitative laboratory equipped with up-to-date quantitative desks and other appliances necessary to the work. At the farther end of the laboratory is the balance room with places for six chemical balances. These balances, equipped with individual lights, rest on concrete shelves whose supports extend into the ground assuring stability which is necessary in quantitative work.

Beyond the balance room is a stock room leading to a laboratory. This latter opens into the hall at the west of the building. When the building is completed, this hall will be used as the main entrance.

The room in the southwest corner, formerly used as the music studio, is now a lecture room equipped with raised seats of tablet-arm form. The lecture desk in this room is especially convenient with its hood for classroom experimental work.

The plans for the building place the General Chemistry Laboratory on the second floor at the north side. At the south side will be the Organic Laboratory. Over the entrance hall will be a small stock room for the Organic chemicals and a chemical library. These plans seem very admirable. Judging from the part now finished, one would feel correct in saying that next year Alma College will have one of the best arranged and equipped laboratories in the state.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

The government of the campus in Alma College is in the hands of the Student Council. This organization consists of the four class presidents, three Seniors, two Juniors, one Sophomore, and a faculty representative. The Council aims to provide effective means of communication between the Student Body and the college authorities; to interpret and maintain college traditions and customs; to exercise a general supervision over student activities, organizations, traditions, customs, and conduct; and to crystallize and make more effective the most worthy of student opinions. It is not an organization for the coercion of the Freshmen. It does enforce Freshmen rules, but it also enforces traditions and rules applying to upper classmen. The marshal of the Student Council is the law enforcing officer, and he is assisted by the disciplinary committee of the Seniors. Infractions of the rules are brought to the attention of the mar-

shal. He then orders the offenders to appear before the disciplinary committee where they are given a fair trial, and if they are found guilty they are sentenced to punishments varying with the degree of the offense.

The first meeting of the Council this year was held Tuesday, September 13th, and was called to order by temporary chairman, Robert Wyatt.

The following officers were elected by a unanimous vote:

President—Robert Wyatt.  
Vice President—Mildred Cash.  
Secretary—Lucy Fellows.  
Treasurer—Lowell Hudson.  
Marshal—Roy Williams.

The purpose of the meeting was to set the date for the flag rush. After a short discussion, it was moved and supported that a committee confer with President Crooks. The committee consisting of R. Wyatt, R. Wilson, and L. Hudson, reported that nothing definite could be known until the next day.

The motion was made and seconded that L. Hudson as a member of the student council be authorized to appoint referee, fair play judge, and time keeper for the rush.

Adjournment.

A special meeting of the student council was held Sept. 14, 1921.

A motion was made and seconded that the privilege of setting the date be left to the Sophomore president, time not to extend such as to disturb more than one day of school. Carried.

Motion was made and seconded that a committee be appointed by the president to investigate the matter of purchasing the freshman caps, and that a report be given at the next regular meeting. Carried.

The following committee was appointed: Russell Wilson and Roy Williams.

Adjournment.

MacFadyen, the old "hasbeen" from Howell, dropped in on Pioneer Hall Saturday night. Mac is only here for a short visit before taking up further study at M. A. C.

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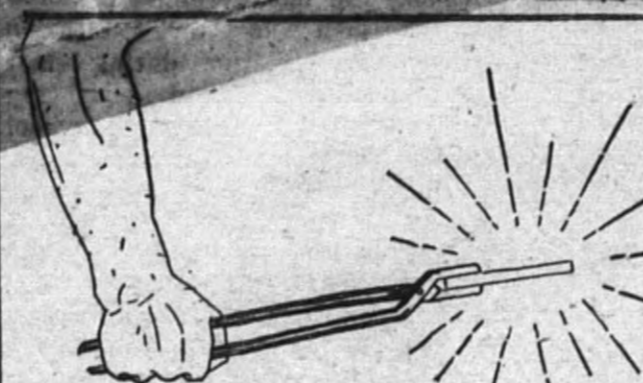
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The Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company began a purely scientific investigation to ascertain just how fast a glowing wire loses heat. It was found that for small bodies the old simple law did not hold at all. A hot wire .010 in. diameter dissipates heat only about 12 per cent more rapidly than a wire .005 in. diameter instead of twice as fast as might be expected.

The new fact does not appear very important, yet it helped bring about a revolution in lighting.

It had been found that a heated filament in a vacuum evaporated like water and that this evaporation could be retarded by introducing an inert gas such as nitrogen or argon. But it had long been known that the presence of gas in the ordinary incandescent lamp caused so much heat to be carried from the filament that the lamp was made useless. The new understanding of the laws of heat from wires, however, pointed out a way of avoiding the supposed necessity of a vacuum.

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**FOREIGN STUDENT ARRIVES**

Alexander Dawydoff, Three Months  
From Russia Accepts "Y"  
Scholarship.

That the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. did not wage a vain campaign when they made their drive for funds for a scholarship for a foreign student last winter was demonstrated when the recipient of that scholarship arrived last Wednesday. Alexander Dawydoff, which is the young man's name, is a former Russian citizen of days of the Czar's regime, dweller in a city under the Bolsheviki control, later member in the Russian army fighting against the Reds, finally a messenger and interpreter for the English army and in service on H. M. S. Destroyer Smyrna. Three months ago arrived in New York City under the care of the Russian Christian Students Committee and now, due to the generosity of last year's students and of the College is a student at Alma. Such in brief is the history of Alma's newest and most interesting Freshman.

"Al," as he is already known to the denizens of Pioneer Hall, was at one time son of the Governor of Kiev Province at a time when the "Little Father" ruled the land of the Northern Bear, and also was a student in a Russian "Gymnasium." The vicissitudes of war left Mr. Dawydoff in Kiev nine months while the Bolsheviki ruled the city. His experiences under their rule were many. He finally escaped to the Crimea where General Wrangel was disputing the ascendancy of Lenine and Trotsky with a "White" Russian army. Serving in this force until sickness compelled his discharge Alan finally reached Constantinople in the service of the English. Our foreign student's knowledge of German and Russian as well as French and English made him valuable as an interpreter and messenger until finally he took service with the English on board the destroyer "Smyrna" then operating in eastern waters. Dawydoff's mother and sister were in this country so his eventual arrival in New York meant a happy family reunion. Thus it can be seen that our guest has had an eventful career for the last few years and may well be thought to be ready to settle down for four uneventful years in college.

An interesting incident in connection with Mr. Dawydoff's stay with us is that while engaged in the Crimea he was at one time encamped on the banks of the river Alma and stayed at a little town in that region by the name of Alma. It will be remembered that our own city of Alma received its name from the battle of St. Alma fought on the banks of the river Alma during the war of the Crimea. That our new student should come from the region after which our town was named makes him seem more one of us.

It will be remembered that the College gave half and the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. the other half of the amount necessary to raise this scholarship for a truly missionary undertaking, and it is to be hoped that when the appeal is made again this December the College may do as well or better.

**RECEPTION IS WELL STAGED**

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excellent readings concerning the ever-laughable Cohen who tries to explain his difficulties over the telephone. Last but by no means least, Miss Edith Hughes accompanied on the piano by Miss Irene Anguish, gave a whistling solo which was as exceedingly entertaining as it was novel. The announcement of the end of the program was indeed a great disappointment.

Refreshments invariably carry an appeal to everyone especially when they are brought to one without obligation of any kind. Sophomore girls from either small reception room served ice cream, cookies and peppermint wafers to the happy family and not until every vestige of frozen delicacy had disappeared did the repeated attacks on the servers cease. Regular customers were forced to turn their backs in bitter disappointment and return to their partners, solaced only with the hope of sitting for a few moments with their hosts within accordance of all generally recognized rules of etiquette. Their hopes were rudely shaken with the steady announcement of an ultimatum from the office of the Dean of Women, and hurrying lest they evoke the ire of the first lady of the Hall, the unfortunates mumbled their appreciation and "good-bye" and stepped out into the extremely cool if not cold, cold world.

No doubt the words of a familiar song were fresh in their minds: "There's no place like home," with a good deal of reflection cast upon the young lady's home that had never been deserted at the unearthly hour of ten o'clock.

"Y" Stag Thursday.

**C. E. SOCIAL**

To get acquainted was the purpose of those who went to the Christian Endeavor social Tuesday evening, and the affair certainly offered an ample opportunity for the fulfillment of that purpose. Only a short time after the first arrivals appeared the church parlors were filled to overflowing. Then the fun began. When everyone had been labeled with his name, address and other personal history, cards were passed out and the search for partners began. Dates were easy to get, and in a short time the couples were formed and the grand march began. It was a devious way which the marchers followed, but its many windings finally led back to the basement. Another quick dating and busy couples were soon occupied with the task of constructing an animal out of a peanut and toothpicks. The array of completed beasts was imposing. The judges made a big hit by choosing their own animals as the best of the lot. Again came dates, but this time they were calendar ones, as the different months grouped themselves with one another, the holidays and Sundays all by themselves. The holidays were first to make themselves known, as they sang the national anthem of Sahara, but the Sundays were not to be outdone and presented a "him"; and outshining both of these came the double wedding, portrayed by June.

Arduous exercise promotes cravings of the appetite, so everyone was happy when the "watermillion" appeared. It disappeared almost as rapidly.

Some singing helped to add pep to the occasion, and then Rev. Gelston spoke in welcome to the gathering as he outlined the aims of the church in its relations with the young people of the college. And as a fitting close, happy voices joined in the singing of the college song.

The Christian Endeavor made everyone feel that Alma indeed welcomed him, and that the C. E. too, extended its proffer of friendship to every student new or old. On Sunday as well as at socials the society invited every student to take part in its good times; there are real ones coming.

**NEW FACULTY MEMBERS**

There are several new members in the faculty of the college this year, so it would not be amiss at this time, to become acquainted with them. There is no doubt but what they will fill their places well, as they come with flattering recommendations. They are all of amiable disposition and easily met, so it will be but a short time before they will become fast friends of the student body.

Professor L. Leroy Davison, who is to have charge of the course in Economics, has had a varied and interesting career. He first attended Eureka College, going from there to the University of Colorado, where he spent three years pursuing the undergraduate course of study. He was then made assistant in Economics and Sociology, at this same university, and here he received his B. A. At this time, he was awarded a research fellowship at the St. Louis School of Philanthropy, but decided instead to take the scholarship offered him at the University of Wisconsin, where he received his Master's degree in 1910. He next did some statistical work for the Public Utility Commission in Wisconsin. From 1910 to 1914, he was instructor in Economics and History at the Purdue State Engineering and Agricultural School. In 1914, he pursued a course of graduate study at Chicago University. From 1914 to 1915, he was instructor in Commerce and Industry at the University of Pittsburgh. From 1915 up to the present time, he was connected with the offices of the Jones, Lawson Steel Co.

Miss Phyllis Byrnes, who is the new instructor in English and History, is a graduate of Mount Holyoke. She received her M. A. at Radcliffe, which is connected with Harvard.

Miss Munger, who comes here as the instructor in Physical Training for women, graduated from this department at Northwestern University. She will pursue further studies in Alma College and is enrolled as a Junior here.

**ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE FRESHMAN GIRLS**

At the wierd hour of twelve a solemn procession of blind-folded Freshman girls, each accompanied by a jubilant Sophomore, wended its way up the stairs to the fourth floor. Sentinels, posted at intervals, adjusted bandages, administered caressing touches, and incidentally relieved them of their eats. After a few moments of quietness in a darkened room the blindfolds were removed and the lights were turned on. The eats were brought in and Freshmen and Sophomores feasted together. Then the Sophomore girls stealthily returned to their rooms. It is rumored that the floor is not very soft to sleep on.

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Some of these items  
May seem quite deep,—  
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24th Annual Appearance  
Swipe: "Tea or milk?"  
Frosh: "Coffee!"  
Oh History, why dost thou repeat  
thyself?

The article about Dean Roberts  
states that somehow she understands  
Wright Hall women. How does she  
do it?

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seum steps and all rights appertain-  
ing thereto. Terms to suit. Kenneth  
Fry.

Dawdyoff surely is a revelation.  
After seeing so many pictures of Rus-  
sians with beards, it seems quite  
shocking to meet one sans the bris-  
tles. Perhaps Russia is not such a  
brushy country as has been imagined.

- Frosh Rules for the Grove**
1. Always enter from the north  
west corner.
  2. After sunset, sneeze or cough  
at regular intervals as you proceed.
  3. Safety first. If you hear a  
noise make a wide detour.
  4. Don't trespass on the old regu-  
lars' lots.
  5. Girls should check their hats  
with the Dean.
  6. If the grove is full, turn  
around three times for luck and try  
the jungle.

Professor West, conducting a quiz  
in first year chemistry class, "Sup-  
pose you were called to attend a pa-  
tient who had swallowed a heavy dose  
of oxalic acid, what would you ad-  
minister?"

There was silence in the room for  
some time. Finally a Frosh piped up,  
more as a suggestion than as a so-  
lution: "The sacrament."

Hairdresser: "Yes, I can give you  
a nice permanent wave that will last  
thru the summer and will stand bath-  
ing."

Co-ed: "I'm not so particular about  
the bathing, but I want a wave that  
will stand manhandling."

Wyatt: "I certainly held some won-  
derful poker hands last night."  
Dib: "Win much?"  
Bob: "No; we were playing crib-  
bage."

L. A.: "Mabel, my neck is freezing.  
I wish I had something to put around  
it."  
M. B.: "Well, I don't like anything  
around my neck. Not even beads."

**PROSPECTS GOOD IN FOOTBALL**

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schedule Mt. Pleasant Normal for a  
fray if a satisfactory date can be  
made. Following the opening game  
with the Aggies the schedule will ease  
off, and then gradually work from the  
weaker schools in football to those of  
the association which will have bril-  
liant aggregations. This will allow  
plenty of opportunity to grind out a  
team to make a hard fight for the M.  
I. A. A.

- The schedule: :  
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East Lansing.  
October 8—Detroit Junior College  
at Detroit.  
October 15—Hope College at Alma.  
October 22—Michigan State Nor-  
mal at Ypsilanti.  
October 29—Olivet College at Al-  
ma.  
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