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PHILOS PROVE ROYAL HOSTESSES

Phi Phi Alpha Is Entertained By Affiliated Society With Party and Dance.

Great excitement reigned on the campus all day Saturday. Girls were dashing in every direction with crepe paper, pillows, and blankets under their arms. A path from Wright Hall to the gym gradually became apparent. Chairs and lamps were carried to the gym; scissors made their way thru strips of red, black, and yellow crepe paper which were in due time artistically arranged on the lights. This was the first attempt at decorating the gym and proved to be successful.

At seven-thirty, the annual entertainment of Phi Phi Alpha by Philomathean began. As the guests arrived they were resented with caps, red and black for the women, black and yellow for the men, and with programs which assisted in carrying out the color scheme. The chaperones were piloted to a cozy corner but as the program progressed they entered into it with such zest that they found little time to enjoy the comfortable chairs.

The party began with a grand march, for which Izzy Pratt was exceptionally lucky in securing two young ladies.

Next came the Hoop Relay race. There was some doubt as to the ability of certain of the participants to get thru the hoops but they accomplished this feat with ease.

This was followed by the Chair Relay and Jack's Alive, and various other entertaining stunts from which McGlone and Harris emerged triumphantly with the prizes.

The surprise of the evening came at nine o'clock when Bill Gallagher and Ken Wolf appeared to act in the capacity of an orchestra for the dance. A Robber's Dance and a Circle Two-step varied the usual program of dancing.

Refreshments were served, consisting of Wright Hall slush, rolls, cake and coffee.

Chaperones were: Dr. and Mrs. Randels, Prof. and Mrs. Howie, Dean Montgomery, and Miss Lanier.

Y. W. C. A. MEETING

The Y. W. C. A. meeting was conducted by Ruth Grierson, who chose for her subject, "Turn to the East." Her talk was on the Christian work and gave a fine insight to the things that are being accomplished. Alma girls are more than interested in Japan on account of Mabel Field who graduated from Alma last year and who is now teaching in Kobe college in Japan. Norma Messecar read a letter from Mabel in which she drew an interesting picture of life in Japan and what is going on in missionary work. To enliven the interest she enclosed several pictures of herself and her Japanese pupils.

LIBRARY NOTES

In the library showcase, a collection of the Temple Shakespeare Books is shown, with many interesting plates. It was three hundred years ago, in the year 1623, that the First Collected Edition of Shakespeare's Plays was published by his friends.

Miss Avis I. Lane has accepted a position with the College Library for next year to commence August 1, 1923.

Miss Ruth Bradley will continue her work in the cataloguing department next year.

Miss Ruth I King will help with the cataloguing in the library during the summer months and the coming school year.

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THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



BANQUET HONORS WORK OF SENATE

Installation of New Senate Held —Gladys Fryxell Chosen President.

On Saturday, April 14, a banquet was given in honor of the out-going and the in-coming Senates of Wright Hall.

The tables were tastily decorated with daffodils and yellow candles. A splendid dinner was served to those who attended and the expressions of satisfaction which were heard offered enough evidence that it was well enjoyed.

Following the dinner an interesting program featuring things concerning the life of a Wright Hall girl was given by both the students and faculty. Avis Lane, president of the adjourning Senate, acted as toastmistress in her usual charming manner.

Christine Decker, the first speaker on the program talked very cleverly on "Signing Up." Miss Montgomery gave a very interesting and clever talk on "Closed Hours." LoReta Neely gave a toast to chaperones. Gladys Fryxell, the president of the new Senate gave her ideas of "Rules."

Following the banquet the two Senates and guests adjourned to the reception room where the installation of the new Senate was held.

Avis Lane gave the gavel to Miss Montgomery after the close of a splendid year as president of the first Senate of Wright Hall. Miss Montgomery congratulated the adjourning Senate on the splendid work they had done. She said that there could never be another which could do so much for Wright Hall. She also praised the girls in their selection of the new Senate. She presented the gavel to Gladys Fryxell who stated her aims and hopes for the Senate of the coming year.

The officers for next year are: President, Gladys Fryxell; Vice President, Margaret Poole; Sec'y and Treasurer, Christine Decker.

SENIOR PLAY

The Senior Class has begun work on the annual Senior Play, and it is expected that the production will be well in hand in a few weeks. By beginning early the Seniors' hope to avoid the rush of work near commencement week, and to be able to use all their time to making the Commencement this year the biggest and most enjoyable in the history of Alma.

The title of the play this year is "The Dover Road." It was played all last summer and winter in New York and was adjudged by critics to have been the fourth best play in New York and there were twenty-five plays on the boards at that time. It's a better play than "The Bat" and is resembles slightly the recent success "Lightnin'". The plot is built up around the peculiar philosophy of a philanthropic minkeeper in England, who believes it his mission in life to solve, and point the way towards solutions of marriage difficulties, by removing the causes. He has a method all his own, and the play very cleverly works it out.

Mr. Sharrar, who so successfully produced the Junior play last fall, has charge of the play. His skill at directing is all the more apparent in this instance by his having seen "The Dover Road" played in New York last summer.

ALUMNI NEWS

Notice has come of the recent death of Mrs. Baldwin of Breckenridge. She was a graduate of the Conservatory of Music, and was sister of Ralph Chisholm, renowned in Alma track circles.

Flint Club formal dance in the new gymnasium next Friday, 8 o'clock.

"Captain Fly-by-Night." at the Strand Thursday and Friday.

Lyceum Number Wins Due Praise

The final number of the Lyceum was staged by the High School students and those of the Junior High last Friday evening. It was a musical concert and proved a revelation in showing the results that can be obtained in a musical way from the students of the High School and the Junior High. The long hours of training necessary for such a program must have been very trying and congratulations are due those who had charge of the work.

The program was divided into two parts. The High School chorus appeared in the first part and sang, O! Car' Lina—James Francis Cooke The Clang of the Forge—Paul Rodney Out of the Deep.—Frederic N. Lohr The Old Folks (Medley)—W. C. Sheridan.

Part two consisted of "The House that Jack Built," by Riley and Gaynor. On each side of the stage in special seats were very youthful singers who from time to time sang the parts of the actors. The theme of the play was very amusing. Mother Goose and Jack decided to have a party and invite their friends. The friends came, but in the meantime, under the inspiration of the Knave of Hearts, three black crows had stolen the key that locked the golden egg in the house that Jack built. The Queen of Hearts was then unable to make her delicious tarts for the party. Among the many guests to the party, were such characters as Little Bo-Peep, Little Boy Blue, Simple Simon, Little Riding Hood, Little Miss Muffit, and other Mother Goose characters.

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KAPPA IOTA

The roll call of Kappa Iota Literary Society last Monday night was a fact about the life of Sinclair Lewis. Esther Smith read an article by Sinclair Lewis "How I wrote a Novel on a Train," and "Beside the Kitchen Sink." Mr. Lewis brought out the fact that if many of the "I-want-to write" people really wanted to write, they could if they were willing to seize the chance at hand. In a paper on "The Significance of Sinclair Lewis" Dorothy Flanegin stated that Lewis is considered today to be one of America's most important major novelists.

Y CARNIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Greatest Aggregation On Earth To Disport For Your Amusement.

Come to the "Y" Carnival Have a thrilling time Join in with the crowd Spend a few shekels. See, the largest spider in captivity The only educated monkey in Alma The Real Darkey Minstrel Show Bask in the rays of real moonshine! April 28, Wright Hall.

This will be the one big opportunity of the year in which you can get bushels of real enjoyment for a few pence. Who wouldn't like to preserve their classic features for posterity? Just patronize the Art Studio. The moving picture show is guaranteed to exhibit the largest aggregation of "fussers" in the world.

Maybe you are interested in real literature (something the Atlantic Monthly can't produce) if so call at the post office and receive a really truly "billy doo" from the person you like best.

The seven wonders of the world take on a new aspect, probably they have decided to make Wright Hall their abode for one night. Reincarnation and that—you know!

The Minstrel show is the best ever, dusky faces, gleaming teeth, southern moon and soft voices singing to the tune of de ol banjo—

You know that an educated monkey is quite unique, the only one in Alma. We admit that there are many monkeys here, but only one educated one.

Who doesn't feel thrilled at the mention of fortune telling? Can't we all imagine East Indian sorcery, crystals and cold winds. Well, to tell you truly we are going to have a fortune teller, but you must come and see for yourself if it be an Indian fakir or a Gypsy beauty.

Most of us live to eat and living at the carnival will be one everlasting joy. Great, big, sugary popcorn balls, creamy coffee, delicious sandwiches, candy, etc., will be dispensed—at a price.

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Dr. White Gives an Unusual Talk

Dr. J. Campbell White, of the Biblical Seminary of New York City, addressed a joint meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon in Wright Hall. In his usual witty style, President Crooks introduced Dr. White as 'an old friend, a graduate of President Crooks' Alma Mater, and one who had also chosen his wife from the fair ones of Alma Mater.'

Dr. White based his talk on the four fundamental principles in the selection of a student's life work.

First, there must be the discovery of the calling which God has in mind for each and then to follow this calling. God prepares the life-work for each one before he enters into it. He knows our capacities, what is worth doing, and therefore what is the wise course. How will He reveal His will to us? There are good radio connections with the Heavenly Father, if each person will but tune in with messages from Him.

Obedience is the organ of spiritual knowledge was Dr. White's second principle. Christ's willingness to help us is in proportion to our obedience to Him. Are we ready to test ourselves by asking the question, "Could He tell me anything that I am not willing to do", said Dr. White.

Then Dr. White effectively illustrated this point by relating the story of a young man who was asked four different times, "Are you willing to go to Africa for Christ?" Each time he replied that Africa was too far away, but finally the realization came to him that the world is the field, and he signified his willingness. God can only make use of us in proportion to our utter will committed to Him. Dr. White asked if there was how much he was going to give of his any reservation in Paul's mind of life to Christ, and then he added that Christ will hold himself responsible for as much of our lives as we commit to Him. "When in doubt, say 'No' read a sign in a window. Many people go through spiritual life in impoverishment because they don't say 'No' when they are in doubt.

Dr. White's third principle was to get familiar with the World and its Needs—the fields are white with the harvest. We must study our own capacities and not take for granted that some childish impulse for our

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Presbyterian Church, Glee Club Concert, Tonight at 8:15

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CAMPUS DAY

Campus day has now been officially scheduled for April the 28th, which is this Saturday. It had been previously catalogued as of Friday, but due to the Field day exercises which also come on Friday, May 18th, the powers that be decided that Campus day had better come on Saturday.

This statement will undoubtedly raise a wail of discontent from most of the students who will feel themselves cheated indeed, if Campus day is not held on a school day. But they should take into consideration the fact that the term is nearly at an end, and that the loss of two days classes will mean a great deal at this time. The powers that be are not trying to visit an imposition upon you, but merely want to see the precious time that is left put to use.

Saturday will also be clean-up day in the city of Alma so it is eminently proper that the College should follow suit and labor on the same day. If the thought of working on Saturday is disagreeable to you, bear in mind the fact that Field Day program is coming and that it will be in truth a holiday.

So please use a little discretion, and do not suddenly decide on Saturday that your services are needed at home, or that you have some very important work which must absolutely be done on that day, or that one of your numerous relatives has taken sick and you must therefore hie yourself away. The services of all will be needed to clean up the Campus, and it is hoped that no one will need any forcible urging to stay.

There used to be an ancient custom of dousing all delinquents in the cold waters of the Pine. Whether this punishment is still in vogue or not I do not know, but when in Alma one had better do as the Almatites do, and turn out for Campus Day.

N. B.—Since the writing of this editorial, plans are being discussed to change the date of Campus Day, so that it will not come this Saturday.

SPRING FEVER

Spring fever is an artful thing. Nothing seems to be able to remedy it except the chill blasts of winter. It afflicts everyone without exceptions, and its hold upon a person seems to be in accordance with his age and outlook upon life. Powerful, exhilarating, it sets a youth's soul on fire.

In the good old days, Jack would hitch up old Brindle to the buggy and drive over to take Mary for a ride. Now it is a rumble, a roar, and a cloud of dust. Where is my wandering boy tonight? The young buck has spring fever. He usually comes back with the marriage papers in one hand and a girl in the other or else he comes back with a broken heart, vowing never again.

But the next night it is the same thing. Spring fever causeth much gasoline to be burnt and many pocket books to wither and die. It knows no limits; it comes to all.

The symptoms of the disease are well known. Here in Alma, one finds it much easier to take a stroll than to sit up three fourths of the night composing a master-piece dedicated to the English class. The wandering boy wants to wander; young hearts want to frolic; and even the oldest man wants to be young again.

Spring has been late this year, and now that it is here, things are happening with a rush. Lost time must be regained. Before, it used to be a rare thing to see couples parading before the world shortly after breakfast, but now it is the common thing. Some rare things are seen about the campus. For the benefit of the Freshmen, it is here determined best to say that spring fever may be recognized to be in operation when Howard Ainsworth gets out his checkered suit. For four years, now, that suit has faithfully and regularly graced the form of Mr. Ainsworth. While we will not be able to witness the event next year or in the succeeding years, we sincerely trust that the checkered suit will do its bit for others.

Another sign, even as sure as that of the moon, is that the other day Ken Fry and Buff Munger were seen strolling thru the romantic part of the grove.

The pampered curl in Mr. Patton's hair has taken a new twist. Then, while on the subject of hair, it is well to mention that Shadow Foster has had his annual hair-cut. That is a sure sign. Probably the only thing that has not fallen for the lure of spring is the Sheik's mustache.

Other signs are unmistakable. If one looks closely, one can see on the faces of the fair co-eds, positive signs of fever. There is a hasty search thru the trunk and silk stockings make their annual appearance. The artful male uses a little more Stacombe, and if he follows tradition, gets the freshmen busy on a box of snoe polish. In Pioneer Hall water becomes as scarce as rain is in April. Water, water everywhere, yet not a person in sight.

It must not be forgotten, either, that Francis Tait has blossomed forth in a new Plug hat—and after cap night, one may be prepared to see almost anything gracing the heads of the Frosh. No doubt John Stuart will bring out his cow-boy hat, which he wore while with Roosevelt's Rough Riders, back in the Spanish American War.

The spring is surely a wonderful time of the year. And it is the wise bird who does not let himself be carried off his feet by the fever. If the Pine were the stream of Life, he must remember that if he lets go of the paddle, a rude stump will no doubt be a sad awakening. But spring is here, and let us enjoy it while we may.

DR. WHITE GIVES UNUSUAL TALK

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life's work was the correct one. Dr. White cited the fact that in U. S. there are a thousand trained teachers giving their lives to Bible teaching. Dr. White suggested that an hour for reading and the discussion of foreign fields among a group of college students on a Sunday afternoon when they ordinarily waste much time, would indeed, broaden their vision—there are great opportunities for World investment of our lives if we use information for the expansion of our knowledge of the World.

Dr. White's last principle was 'Pray ye, the Lord of the harvest to thrust out more laborers.' He used vivid illustrations of the appalling conceptions of a god of the foreign people. Dr. White told of the lack of knowledge of a foreign doctor—his operating instruments consist of several small knives which he thrusts into the patient wherever there happens to be a pain. When a missionary physician operated upon a converted patient, he found four knives which had pierced through to the walls of the back, and the patient said, "The devil was very hard on me before I found Christ." Dr. White emphasized his idea by saying that there are 800,000,000 people in the world without doctors or hospitals—half the world is in darkness. These

people are ignorant that at the center of the Universe is a perfect God—let us give our knowledge of our God to all the world. There are 1,000,000,000 human beings needing Christ—one for every minute of the 1900 years of the Christian era. Dr. White brought out the truth that there is not one kind of a call for a missionary and another for the lawyer—it doesn't matter so much what we do as it does the spirit of enrichment we have for human beings.

Dr. White summed up his speech by saying, 'Do we put this question to ourselves? Is Christ reigning in my life, or is he merely on the throne? Does He make my decisions, is He my Lord? As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.'

MEET OLIVET SATURDAY

The Maroon and Cream baseball team will clash Saturday afternoon with the Olivet collegians on the Crimson field at Olivet, and it is expected that Coach McDonald's tribe will give the Presbyterians a real battle for the honors of the day.

Olivet has been showing fine form so far this year and without a doubt has a team that will be a dangerous one to any of the M. I. A. A. title aspirants. It is strong enough so that it may knock the props out from under title hopes of some of the other teams at almost any stage of the season.

Coach Campbell does not expect an easy game. In fact he is preparing this week for a real battle and will send his strongest lineup against the Crimson. Indications are that if Crittenden is in good shape Saturday he will be sent to the mound to bring home the bacon. Last year Alma had the tar licked out of her at Olivet and no chances will be taken on such a thing happening this year if it is at all possible to prevent such a thing.

'Y' CARNIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY

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Everyone knows that secrets incite curiosity so the best numbers we will not talk about. You know "curiosity killed a cat—but satisfaction brought it back" and that is just what is going to happen to you.

Every participant will be allowed to cooize a bit to the song entitled, "Minute by minute in every way I am enjoying myself more and more."

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LYCEUM NUMBER
WINS DUE PRAISE

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Finally Old King Cole arrived. He was put-out because there could be no tarts. Finally, tho, four fairies came and told the party that the three had stolen the key. He ordered them to be brought at once. They were dragged before him and the choice of the party was made between black bird pie or tarts. Fortunately for the crows, tarts were the order of the day. The instigator, the Knave of Hearts, was finally brought before the king, and was avenged in a rough and tumble fight. Thus ended an exciting day.

The costumes worn by the characters were truly representative of their parts. Those who possessed a good stage appearance and acted their parts well were Jack and Jill, Mother Goose, Jack, the courtiers, the Knave of Hearts, the fairies, and King Cole.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The program for last Monday night consisted of two papers on "Our Railroads," given by Herbert Nisbet and Frank Wesley, one on "Fabrikoid" given by Louis Coash; and a paper on "General Electric Advertising" by Elno Duncan McGlone. The impromptu speeches on "Social Lines Among Workers" were responded to by Russell Wilson, Richard Boyd, and Roger Cole. This was followed by the critic's report, by Richard Boyd, and officers' treat at the Strand.

G. B. PORTER

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CLUB TO GIVE
HOME CONCERT

College Glee Club Will Give Concert Next Tuesday at Presbyterian Church

Tuesday evening, April 24, the Alma College Men's and Women's Glee Clubs will give a home concert at the Presbyterian Church, which promises to be a particularly pleasing one.

The men's club will carry out a greater part of the program that was given while the club was on its highly successful Northern trip during the spring vacation. A few of the readings given at that time will be dropped from the coming concert, so as to provide time for the numbers that are to be given by the women's club.

The men's club at the college this year is one of the best musical organizations of the kind that has ever been developed here, and it is anticipated that those who attend will appreciate the work of the organization.

PARODY ON

"The Children's Hour." (Longfellow)
Between the dark and the daylight,
When the night is beginning to lower,
There's a class for delinquents in English,
That is known as "The Dumb-bells' Hour."

I hear in the hallway beneath me
The stamp of impatient feet,
And my students soon gather around me

With looks that are far from sweet.
Some whispers—I call for silence;
For I know by their baleful eyes
They've been plotting and planning together
To take me by surprise.

A sudden rush for the blackboard—
They line up along the wall;
With chalk in their hands they stand there,
And for difficult phrases they call.

They seek to chagrin me with hisses,
And say for their quiz they all pine;
Till I fain would change places with Bingen,
In his mouse-tower on the Rhine.

But think you, O wild-eyed deceivers,
Because you have bluffed me—all,
Such an old-time prof. as I am
Is not a match for you all?

I have you down in my class-book,
And will not let you depart,
I'll give ev'ry one a round zero,

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Once to every college woman Comes the moment to decide. In the fight for grades or frat pins, Will she think or be a bride?

There are several fellows in Alma who wear their girls' pictures in their watch cases because they think that they will learn to love them in time.

The belle of the choir loved the bass but she married the tenor because he was more high-toned.

"I knead thee every hour," sang the God-fearing baker, as he mixed up another batch of dough.

Visitor: "And what is that house over there?"
Soph: "Oh, that's the greenhouse."
Visitor: "I didn't know the Freshmen had a dorm all to themselves."

Teacher: "Mr. Smythe, illustrate the use of coincide in a sentence."
Eugene: "As I was standing outside of the theatre, a man came along and said, 'Here is two bits, my boy. Now you can coincide.'"

Shroyer: "What is your occupation?"
Gay: "I used to be an organist."
Shroyer: "And why did you give it up?"
Gay: "The monkey died."

Helen Brien: "This woman Salome must have been mean."
Ellen Laman: "Yes?"
Helen: "I'll say so. This literary criticism says 'In the final analysis it was Salome that made Oscar Wilde.'"

Certainly, she's Right.
A student stepped up to the desk in the library and inquired of Helen Scott, "Have you 'A Certain Rich Man'?"
Helen characteristically replied: "If I had, I wouldn't be working here."

Millionaire speaking to a body of students:
"All my success, all my tremendous prestige, I owe to one thing alone—Pluck, pluck."
Student: "But how are we to find the right people to pluck?"

Sharrar: "What is the difference between capital and labor?"
Hudson: "Capital is what you loan and labor is what it takes to get it back?"

Freeman: "Show me an Irishman and I'll show you a fool."
Prince Williams: "Gosh darnit, I'm an Irishman."
Freeman: "Er'er—that is—I'm the fool."

MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL
The regular meeting of the Student Council was held on Monday, April 9, at 4 o'clock.
It was moved and supported that the report of the Field Day committee be accepted.

The motion was made and seconded that the President be empowered to appoint a committee to help arrange the Field Day Program. Those on the committee are as follows: Richard Waggoner, Harold Foster and Marjorie McLearn.

The Junior class petitions the Student Council to allow them to give a Dance, Friday, April 13, in the gymnasium. It was moved and supported that the request of the Junior Class be granted.

Adjournment.
Sec. Student Council.

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