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DEBATE TEAMS WINS LAST TWO

Affirmative Beats Olivet; Negative Defeats Calvin

The College Negative Debating Team won its second consecutive victory by defeating the Calvin Affirmative Trio last Friday evening in the Chapel by a vote of two to one. The Alma team, composed of Francis Angell, Amos Ruddock and Homer Barlow has the distinction of being the only team in the Michigan Debating League that has won both of its League debates. The Alma Affirmative defeated Olivet College in the afternoon which gives Alma an enviable record of three association debates won and only one lost.

President Crooks was chairman of the debate and the judges were Professor Miner and Professor Maybee of Central State Teachers College and Superintendent R. L. Brown of the St. Louis Schools. Professor Miner and Supt. Bowen believed that the Alma Debators had been more effective, while Professor Maybee gave his ballot to the Calvin speakers.

The Debate was marked by finished speaking, clever debating and spirited rebuttal. Both teams had an excellent knowledge of the facts of the case and were composed of speakers who had the ability to very effectively present their case to their listeners. President Crooks introduced Mr. Woestra—who opened the debate as first speaker for Calvin College. He stated that the Affirmative were condemning the present Latin-American Policy of the U. S. because it was contrary to International Law and Agreement, Unconstitutional, Unjust to these smaller countries and contrary to the ideals and ethical standards of the American people.

Francis Angell, first speaker for the Negative, very capably sketched the history of our dealings with these small countries, showing that our policy is, and always has been, a policy of friendliness and Pan-Americanism—not Imperialism. He proved that our intervention in Cuba had made the present wealth and prosperity of that island possible, and gave a statement by the President of that country who had said that Cuba owed its national being to the policy of helpfulness which the U. S. has always had. He concluded an excellent discourse by stating that if this policy of the U. S. is a policy of Imperialism as the opposition are wont to call it, the world needs more of that kind of Imperialism.

The second speaker for Calvin proved that the President of the U. S. had exceeded his authority in sending forces to Nicaragua and that because of this our present policy is unconstitutional.

Mr. Ruddock, Alma's second speaker, replied that our policy was neither unconstitutional nor contrary to International Law. He proved to the satisfaction of the audience that President Coolidge had the right, as Commander of the Army and Navy, to send either organization anywhere in the world and that his power was only limited in that he could not make a formal declaration of war. He said that International Law recognized the right of any nation to protect its citizens anywhere there was an unstable condition of affairs.

The third speaker for Calvin gave the oration of the evening. He harked back to the ideals and policies of Washington, Monroe, Polk and Cleveland stating that our present policy as compared to the political moral standards of these men is an insult to the ideals and democracy of a liberty-loving people.

Homer Barlow, concluding the constructive argument for Alma, reminded the Affirmative that they were avoiding the issue when they tried to make intangible ideals solve the difficult situation that now confronts us. He explained that our present policy is not a policy of intervention, alone, but a policy of intervention plus withdrawal when we have established the stability of Nicaragua. He proved that the U. S. has gone into Nicaragua at the request of the Nicaraguan government and at the request of Great Britain and other nations of the world. He reminded the Calvin team that they must face the facts and that they must of necessity advocate immediate withdrawal of our marines or withdrawal in the future when a

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GIRL'S GLEE CLUB TO RETURN TONIGHT

The girl's glee club returns tonight from their ten day trip through the southern part of the state, after singing in eight concerts, before several luncheon clubs, and before high schools in the various towns. They will drive from Saginaw after their concert there Tuesday evening.

According to all reports which have come back to Alma from the members of the club, the trip has been most successful. In their concerts the girls have been received with much enthusiasm and appreciation. While in Detroit they sang at several luncheon clubs, whose applause was most gratifying. In Saginaw they sang before a luncheon club at noon and at the high school in the afternoon, besides their regular concert at night.

Glee club trips are becoming more and more difficult to arrange with the passage of every year, due to the changing ideas of entertainment of the general public. Miss Williams, manager of the club, and her assistants are to be highly congratulated for their excellent arrangements for this year's trip.

FOUR M.I.A.A. TILTS REMAIN ON CARD

Least Alma Can Get Is 2nd Place In Association Race

Four Michigan Intercollegiate games are left to be played during the next 10 days upon which will hinge Alma's chances for a tie for the honors, a clean-cut championship, or second championship, or second place in the standings.

Alma still has to meet Albion, Olivet, Kalamazoo and Hillsdale in the association race. Of the four games two can be conceded to the Almites now. That should boost the Alma standings seven won and one lost.

Kalamazoo, without the Alma game will show eight won and one lost.

Against Albion Friday night there is a chance that Alma may lose. Albion is certain to put up a strong game against Alma regardless of whatever else she may have done this year. A victory in this game would give Alma the same number of games won and lost as Kalamazoo will show.

That would put the championship up to the Kalamazoo game with the winner taking the honors.

Should Alma lose to Albion and defeat Kalamazoo, incidentally, Olivet and Hillsdale, Kalamazoo and Alma would tie for first honors, with a percentage of .800.

This is granting, also, that Kalamazoo does the expected this week and trounces Hope college.

Albion still have to meet Alma and Hope, the latter on the Holland floor, so last year's Champs still have a chance to slide down the ladder and while Albion may finish in third place in the race there is a looming possibility that she may lose both games and finished tied with Hope for fourth and fifth, with Hillsdale closing the season in third place.

If the team can give Alma the same dashing court game that the fans want and which the team has shown several times this year Alma still has a fine chance to bring the 1928 championship to Alma. One thing is certain—to turn the trick Kalamazoo must defeated.

GLEE CLUB CONTEST TO BE HELD MAY 25

The annual glee club contest which takes place this year on the twenty-fifth day of May at Albion College, has been announced. For the past several year this competition has been arranged to determine the best singing group among the colleges of the state. These contests are held under the supervision of the Director of Music Education, a subsidiary of the Department of Public Instruction of the state.

There are three groups which may be entered from each school, a men's club, a women's club, and a mixed chorus. The contest itself will be held beginning at nine in the morning and will be finished some time in the afternoon. There will be a program in the evening consisting of both numbers by the individual glee clubs and by the massed groups.

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ANNUAL TOURNEY STARTS MARCH 1

District Tournament To Last 3 Days. Classes B, C, D, To Be Here

Alma College is host to the annual district high school basket ball tournament, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 1, 2, 3. This year is the third year that the college has handled this competition. Under the older form of tournament competition all teams went to a sectional tournament and the elimination was all accomplished there. Since the adoption of the district plan, Alma has been given the district affair for this part of the state. Only the winning teams in each class and the runners-up go to the sectional tournament from the competition here.

There will be twenty-one teams entered in the three classes which will play here. Mr. Pleasant and Alma are the only schools in Class B. In Class C there will be six teams. Class D will have a total of thirteen teams in the three day schedule of games.

The work of the teams of the district during the season has been such as to indicate that there will be some royal battles in the elimination contests in the three classes. Especially hard battles are in prospect in classes B and C, the latter class having four teams that are certain to be well matched, so that the fans will see some unusually good basket ball.

In class B Mt. Pleasant high and Alma high will meet for the third time this season. This game is set as the feature for Friday night, the second night of the tournament and is certain to furnish a rare treat for lovers of good basket ball. Semifinals in class C that night will also bring forth some hot struggles, between Clare, St. Louis, Sacred Heart of Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd, the latter having the strongest team in its history this year.

The finals in class C will be fought out Saturday night, as will the finals in class D.

Class D offers a bunch of teams, thirteen being entered, among the most promising of these for the high honors of the tournament being, apparently, Middleton, McBride, Ashley, Merrill and Sacred Heart of Merrill. Championship cups in the three classes are offered with championship pennants also to be given in classes C and D.

The entry list for the tournament so far follows:

Class B—Mt. Pleasant and Alma.
Class C—Clare, St. Louis, Ithaca, Shepherd, Sacred Heart of Mt. Pleasant, Edmore.

Class D—Middleton, Coleman, McBride, Weidman, Ashley, Wheeler, Merrill, Blanchard, Sacred Heart of Merrill, North Star, Riverdale, Bannister and Vestaburg.

Drawings for the first round of play in classes C and D were made Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the office of President Crooks of the college and will be in charge of Professor Clack, assistant tournament director.

The games for Thursday afternoon will get under way at 1:30 o'clock and Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock. Friday and Saturday afternoon the games will begin at 2:00 o'clock and those nights at 7:30 o'clock.

Jack Jerpe has been selected by the tournament organization to referee the finals in all classes. The games Thursday and Friday will be refereed by Alma students.

The afternoon games each day and the Thursday night admission will be 35¢ and Friday and Saturday evening 50¢.

ORATORY CONTEST IS THIS FRIDAY

The annual oratorical contest is slated for Friday, the second of March, at Albion College. There will be the winners from all the schools of the Michigan Oratorical Association, and one of the best contests in years is expected.

The Women's contest, in which Alma is represented by Miss Louise Salson, takes place in the afternoon of the day, while the Men's contest is scheduled for the evening program. Mr. Clifford Erickson was the winner of the contest here and will go to Albion on Friday to enter the competition there.

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ALMA REUNION IN CHICAGO MARCH 16

The Almanian has received the news of an Alma reunion which will be held in Chicago on the evening of the sixteenth of March, Friday. It is expected that nearly fifty alumni and old students of the college will be present at the affair. Mr. Stuart S. Pratt, whose address is 1915 South 61st Court, Cicero, Illinois, is engineering the reunion and is anxious to get in touch with all of the Alma people in and around Chicago.

Mr. Pratt has had definite replies from over thirty old Alma people who have promised to be at the reunion. Many more are awaiting further word as to the time and place before replying. He has nearly fifty names of alumni in Chicago, and is sure that there are many more whose addresses cannot be definitely found. He wishes that anyone having the address of any old Alma student living in Chicago would communicate it to him at the above given address.

There will be a program of real merit at the reunion. President Crooks has promised to attend, and he will probably be called on to tell of the college as it now is. Other speakers and features have not yet been announced by Mr. Pratt, but it is sure to be most enjoyable for any Alma alumnus.

W. F. KNOX, EX-'98 GETS BIG JOB

Former Alma Student Is Made Manager Of The Hearst Properties

In "Time," weekly news magazine, appears this paragraph: "William Randolph Hearst wrote a letter for publication in his twenty-five newspapers on January 30, stating that he was 'distinctly and definitely opposed to any representative of our newspapers or news services receiving any decorations or honorarium from any foreign government, except for patriotic service rendered America's allies in time of war.' Last week, Moses Koensigberg, president of the International News Service, Inc., and other Hearst syndicates, was decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor of France at the Manhattan home of Jeweler Pierre Cartier, forthwith resigned all his offices with Mr. Hearst. It is believed his salary had been \$75,000 per annum. William Franklin Knox, New England newspaper man, replaced him."

Col. Frank Knox, former cub reporter for an Alma newspaper, and former college student, has made another big jump in the newspaper field and is now general manager of the newspaper properties of William Hearst.

Knox was a reporter in a small way here back in 1896 and 1897, when he was attending Alma college. With the outbreak of the Spanish-American War he enlisted, serving with the Rough Riders.

After the war he returned to Alma for a short time and then started on what proved to be an unusually successful newspaper career. For many years he was editor of the paper at Sault Ste Marie, and then went to Manchester, N. H., as publisher of the Union and Leader of that city. He left that post to serve in the World War, and then returned to his newspaper.

About a year ago he became associated with the Hearst appears as regional director for New England, with headquarters in Boston, where he was the publisher of the Boston American and Daily Advertiser.

In becoming general manager of the Hearst newspaper properties Col. Knox becomes the first actual general manager since the retirement in 1917 of S. H. Carvolho, who was one of the greatest figures in the Hearst service.

TEAM MEETS ALBION, OLIVET THIS WEEK

The Alma college basket ball team hopes to close most of the gap between the first place Kazoo college team this week and the Alma team, resting very comfortable in second place, when the Campbellmen tackle two road games this week, meeting Albion college Friday night at Albion and Olivet on the Crimson's floor Saturday night.

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CALVIN FALLS TO ALMA FIVE

Strong Grand Rapids Team Is Defeated In Fast Game

In what was claimed to have been the speediest court joust seen in Grand Rapids this winter, the Alma collegians defeated the speedy Calvin collegians on their own floor Saturday night in a hectic struggle 41 to 37, with either team having the chance to win until the closing moments of the game when Alma took a small lead to insure the victory.

Alma failed to show the offensive play that has marked her work in most of the games this season, with the result that the Calvinists rolled up the largest score that has been counted against the Almites this year, but even with the Calvin cagers counting 37 points, it was not enough for victory, as the second place M. I. A. A. team was stepping just a little faster than was the Grand Rapids outfit. Six of the seven Alma men used in the fray broke into the scoring column. Liephan, used for only a very few minutes before injuring his ankle, was the only Almites that failed to collect at least two points.

Alma got away in the lead and held consistently to it throughout the first half, although Calvin fought hard to pull down the margin that the Almites held. The half found Alma out in front by just a single point, 21 to 20.

In the second half Calvin pulled the lead from the Almites with her strong offensive working in good shape and looked for a time like a winner with the slender margin that was held. Towards the close of the game, however, Alma stepped out and took the lead, not being headed again by the Furniture City five.

In Verspoor, left forward, and Roseboom, center, the Calvin aggregation displayed two players, who would be a credit to any Michigan aggregation. Both had good scoring eyes and made fine use of them in the offensive play of the Calvin team. Roseboom came through with five field baskets and four fouls for a total of 14 points, while Verspoor counted five field baskets and a single ace for 11 points.

For the first time this year Simmons broke heavily into the scoring column, the Alma center getting four field baskets and three fouls for 11 points. He was ably assisted by "Tid" Tiderington, who dropped in seven deuces and made his hand better with an ace for fifteen points.

Alma	F. B.	F.	P.	Tot.
Karpp, rf	1	0	0	2
Hawthorne, rf	2	1	1	5
Wagner, lf	2	0	1	4
Simmons, c	4	3	1	11
Tiderington, rg	7	1	3	15
Liephan, lg	0	0	0	0
Holdship, lg	2	0	3	4

Totals	18	5	9	41
Calvin	F. B.	F.	P.	Tot.
Bontekoe, rf	2	0	2	4
Verspoor, lf	5	1	1	11
Roseboom, c	5	4	3	14
Tuls, rg	3	0	1	6
De Haan, lg	1	0	2	2

Totals 16 5 9 37
Score first half—Alma 21, Calvin 20.
Referee—Bryant, U. of Penn.

WASHINGTON GETS US OUT OF CLASS WED.

Wednesday, the twenty-second of February, was George Washington's birthday, and in deference to that event there were no classes at Alma College. Dean Mitchell announced the decision of the faculty to suspend classes for that day in chapel Tuesday morning. His words were greeted with one of the greatest outbursts of feeling of the year by the assembled students. Members of the faculty were much encouraged about the interest shown in classes and classroom work.

Because of the vacation the following day, Tuesday night was made an open night at Wright Hall, and many of the boys and girls were to be seen in the downtown sections of the city, celebrating their freedom from studies for the evening. There was also dancing after dinner in the reception room at Wright Hall.

Wednesday was spent in various ways by the student body. The

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EDITORIAL

This is a bad week. Nothing has happened, that is, not very much has happened, and although the editor has prayed for scandal, fire, robbery, or anything else which might be construed into a good story, he very much fears that nothing will break before the week's issue goes to press. And so there are those blank columns staring him in the face, but with a determined look in his eyes he bends over his typewriter.

What shall be used to fill the columns when the news runs out? It becomes a real problem to an editor, for there is nothing which cheapens a paper so much as a column or so of obvious "filler." The average reader of the paper can pick it out at a glance and recognize it; having recognized the real nature of it, he does not read it, and it becomes just waste print. "Boiler plate" is the best example of this type of filler. For the uninitiated perhaps an explanation of the term is needed. "Boiler plate" is cast in column length by companies who sell it to newspapers. To use it as filler the printer cuts off the desired length of plate, slips it onto a base prepared to fit it and inserts it in the form. The subjects which find the most favor with boiler plate manufacturers are to a great extent agricultural. Since the plate matter is always set in a different type face than the one the home machine sets, it sticks out on a page like a sore thumb, and is just as aggravating.

Another type of filler is the clipped article. This type is not nearly as objectionable as the boiler plate, for it is set in the home type-face, and is usually selected with some care by the editor. There are several services for college newspapers, sending out weekly bulletins of the latest news of nation-wide interest. One of these is the New Student News Service, which gives the doings of the colleges in interesting form. Their news items are really fairly good, although it is generally conceded to be an admission that news is scarce when it appears.

Several leagues maintain a collegiate news service as a form of propaganda. The League for Industrial Democracy sends regular bulletins to all of the college newspapers in the country in an effort to get their beliefs and policies before the students of today. Norman Anthony, who spoke here in the chapel at one time last year, does most of the editorial work for this bulletin. It is needless to state that they are well written and express the viewpoint of the L. I. D. in good newspaper style. There are other services which are run as an easy way of spreading propaganda.

Exchange columns may be used as filler. One can gather interesting (at least, fairly interesting) bits from the papers of other colleges, and string them together under the head of exchanges. This is one of the less obnoxious forms of the class under consideration.

As yet we have had to use very little filler. Our live news has responded admirably with the column inches which it has been our duty to take care of. But now, and preceding editors say that this is so, the spring approaches and news will start getting scarcer and scarcer. With an increased cooperation from the student body the paper will carry more contributions from students not on the staff, which will help a lot. Otherwise we may be forced to use articles which will be recognized as filler.

And by the way, we wouldn't for the world want any of you to think that this two thirds of a column was written just to take up space!

The Tournament

Alma College is host this week end to a sectional high school tournament. There will be between twenty and thirty basketball teams participating in the three days of competition. For most of the boys taking part in the tournament it will be the first sight of college atmosphere on a college campus.

The students of the college can do a lot to make the teams enjoy the tournament. By little acts of hospitality and courtesy their stay in Alma can be made a pleasant one. The tournament is one of the big things in their year. By playing up to them a bit we should be able to make them think of Alma as a friendly place, and perhaps they will pick out this school to come to for their college course. It is too good a bet to be overlooked. Let's try to make the days they spend here really happy and worthwhile.

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LETTER TELLS OF GIRL'S GLEE CLUB TRIP

This letter was received from the Almanian correspondent on the Girl's Glee Club. It tells in most interesting fashion the progress of their trip.

Dear Editor:
 Now that we've been gone a week, we feel that it is time to send home notes for the Almanian. We are faithfully living up to Rev. Huff's illustration of modern life—which is that of a man on horseback trying to go in four directions at the same time.

To go back to Cass City, our first stop, Annie Rooney was thirsty several times on the way there and ran out of alcohol, but she reached Cass City just the same. Poor bus! She got stuck in a lot of ice and water once, but Cass City streets can't be helped. We trembled and shook all through the first appearance before the public. We also smiled when the minister announced us so all having individually trained voices; but evidently they liked our singing for we were asked to repeat our most difficult number. May we add how proud we were to see Al, our Cass City student at Alma, taking up the collection.

About one-thirty the following day found us enroute to Fair Grove at place we first put on our regular concert. Of course the very first place we went to was the post office, and we all patiently waited for Mary to bring back the news "no mail." Then straight to the school house we went where the sextette sang before the Farmer's Convention, and the High School. After which, we were parcelled off to our respective homes to eat, dress and hustle back to the evening's performance, which, by the way, was a decided success. The Zinn sisters produced friends as usual, including a man in a big fur coat. Every place we land in, they produce some such person.

We left at five sharp the next morning for Detroit. Some of us were lucky enough to have had breakfast, others were not so lucky. Only one accident on the way! Some celluloid on a suitcase near the heater in the back caught fire and blazed up. But "Fos" came back and quickly eradicated the difficulty. Not a girl screamed either—we were cool as cucumbers. We pulled in at Hotel Statler on time, and were greeted by Mr. Tomes. Melba was quite insistent that we put on our city manners, but most of us could not help just being ourselves. Anyway, there are no bones broken! The men clapped so loudly after our singing that we concluded it must have sounded dandy. Rev. Rice spoke afterward, and all the girls greatly appreciated his talk.

Tuesday night we were at the Masonic Temple. We enjoyed a most wonderful dinner first, joined in community singing, and then adjourned to the fountain room, where we put on a program. We had to put up screens to make dressing rooms and needless to say quarters were decidedly scanty and everyone held their breath when Ike stumbled and gave the shaky partition a knock. However, after tottering back and forth several times, the partition decided to remain upright—the only sad fact of the adventure was that Ike lost a couple of buttons in a most necessary place. Anyway, we managed to get through the concert, and we're all here to tell the tale.

Wednesday noon we sang at a Shriner's luncheon in the General Motors Building. Between courses we were impolite enough to write cards and make out dance programs for the Leap Year party next Wednesday. We sang our numbers, and then listened to an excellent talk about Roosevelt by Rev. Huff. That afternoon most of us took in "Kid Boots" or "Blossom Time." Judging by the number of Alma students we bumped into, we believe Alma turns out musically inclined students.

Wednesday night we performed in the Highland Park High School Auditorium. Mr. Crosby took the entire responsibility of us. Alma students turned out in goodly numbers to hear us, and it certainly was an inspiration to see so many standing during the singing of the Alma Mater. No mishaps except that Jack and Jill lost their pail and how could they dance without one? So we had to hurry up and locate something that had the resemblance of the missing necessity. Jean too got so excited in her rendering of Peter's dance, that

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From Thursday morning until Friday evening we were left to our own courses, and needles to say, we have not been idle. We can rest in Alma. Anyway the Fosters are tired of hailing taxis, and waiting for busses; Babe got lost in a ten cent store; Mary Holmes has a quarter left for the rest of the trip, and everyone is ready to leave the hustle and bustle of the city. We've seen shows until we can't remember one from another. How we ever pulled through the concert last night is a puzzle, but do you know it was the best one we've given yet? So I guess modern life agrees with us. Ike was proud of us last night for it was her church that we gave our concert in. After the concert too they showered their thanks and appreciation by serving us coffee and cakes. And this ends our concerts in the metropolis of Detroit.

We must not forget to mention the mail. Dot White holds the highest record. Hort must spend all of his time in classes and out of classes writing letters. Tillie and Mary Holmes tie for second place. The mail going to Alma too, must keep the Alma postmaster unusually busy.

We'll soon be home now. We're doing our best to advertise our Alma Mater, only it is amusing to sing "Spring is Here" when the weather is so bitter cold. Perhaps you'll hear again from us—if we can find the time to put our experiences in black and white.

TEAM MEETS ALBION, OLIVET THIS WEEK
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The expected closing of the game last week in the Kazoo-Alma game did not materialize when the struggle was postponed until a later date because of the sudden death Wednesday of Professor Griffith of the Economics department of Kalamazoo college.

While Alma is playing two association games this week Kalamazoo is carded for only one, and then will have only Alma left to play.

Albion Friday night probably offers one of the toughest bouts that the Campbellmen will have during the balance of the season. Albion has a strong team, one strong enough so that Kalamazoo has been fortunate in winning two games from the Albionites, one by five points and the other by two points. The fact that Alma twice licked the Michigan B team, which in turn twice humbled Albion does not insure an Alma victory on the Albion floor by any means. Albion is regarded as certain to give her very best brand of

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court game against the Alma team and the chances are that Alma will be forced to show the very best brand of court game of the year to win. Upon a victory in this doubtful struggle will depend to a great extent whether or not Alma is to still get a whack at the M. I. A. A. championship.

Saturday night no great trouble is anticipated against Olivet if the team

plays a good brand of court game. Olivet has not shown much this year that should cause worry in the Alma camp. Yet, it must be recognized that up until the moment that Hillsdale put a blot on the Alma record, Hillsdale was discounted also. Alma should win Saturday night, but upsets are always possible in the old court game, and the battles are not won until the final whistle has ended the fray.

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Be ready for the surprise at the "Leap Year." party. There will be plenty of them.

We've heard from a good source that the Two Crows had a chance to fly south with "Butch."

The great triangle of the week, maybe of the year- M. F. writes to L. F.- L. F. writes to S. L. and S. L. sits back and smiles.

Jack Thoma has finally decided to go over to Hemlock to have his tonsils out. Then he will get special attention too.

Russ Neuman was found wandering about the grove the other night all alone. What will he when spring comes?

Have you heard how Vaughn Pruyne received his crack rib. Well it's hard to get Girtie.

Charlie Nims and Gil Schieb had a revolt- they went roller skating together.

We hope no one is holding their breath waiting for the Sophomore party.

The above isn't a hint, but maybe they could get Joe Taylor on a committee.

Do you remember way back when Charlie Mann gave Jerry Hall a black eye?

Drevie never favored Wright Hall. Mary Fowler and Skin Frazer only had foods. Louie Neekles had to keep his horn locked up?

Carl Brown was engaged and passed the cigars?

Lorimer Grant didn't know we had had a museum?

The John Tiller girls will have their coming out party soon. There will be Polly, Dolly, Solly, Molly, Oily and Colly and it's well worth waiting for.

By the way the girls poured out of Wright Hall last Wednesday evening it seemed they must have taken a hint from Clara Bow at the Strand last Sunday to "Get Your Man." Watch out boys! The Leap Year party will soon be here and there will be surprises!

Three Owls.

WRIGHT HALL NOTES

The Girl's Glee Club, being out of town for the last week, has been missed as far as call-downs are concerned but the less musical or we could say- the less loud inmates of the Prison have rather enjoyed the interval, for the sweet song bird of the Corridor, by name, Mary Burt, the Love Pirate, Cleo, Syl's and Mac's girl, the Dean's right hand maiden, the Witkop child, Drevie's true and only love, Braden's girl, Possum face, the milk fed baby, and the weak soprano of Downie Street have allowed us a happy time with their boring characteristics out of our path of every day activities.

"Ladies Choice" ventured out on two dates this week-end. A different reputation other than "a hot n-k-r" must be established for the Detroit gentleman.

How are the dates coming for the Leap Year Party, boys? Cheer up. the girlies will be back tonight and several of you will be in the running then.

A little trip to Saginaw last Wednesday helped to break the monotony of the week. Good car, good driver, good company, what more could a person ask?

A WARNING- The "Dirty Eight" announces that they will be ready to rare Wednesday, not that the remaining members have weakened at the task of keeping up the standard of the group, but our plans are made to be carried out then.

Too bad the begging Freshmen did not know that a birthday party was being held in the Matron's Apartment Tuesday evening and the goodies were on the kitchen table where any grabbing hand might reach them.

We certainly hope that Boogy's stated opinion concerning his weakening before two months of rushing for the Alpha Theta Formal will not be interrupted by any young inspired genius; for Boogy would hate to miss it.

Watch for the colored shoes, aren't they a knockout? Well, I guess, latest thing from California.

We certainly have enjoyed writing this column and only hope that we may do so sometime in the future. Thank you.

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**ALMA DEBATE TEAMS
WIN LAST TWO**
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stable condition has been established in Nicaragua. He satisfactorily proved that it would be impossible for the parties to withdraw immediately because every authority on international law is of the opinion that such a withdrawal would leave Nicaragua in a state of chaos. He then showed that the Affirmative, in facing the situation practically, must at least debate against the present policy of continued intervention and withdrawal when we have established conditions in Nicaragua.

The rebuttal followed during which time the speakers of both teams and themselves proved. Calvin abandoned his ethical argument and resorting to the facts of the case gave many instances of exploitation and imperialism on the part of the U.S. The Negative very ably recaptured by telling the other half of the story, which proved that in every instance the U. S. has been justified in its actions.

Last year the Calvin Debators defeated the Affirmative team from Alma and so a turn about being fair play the Calvin team agreed, that now that there has been a friendly spirit of competitive aroused even for them, had been a success.

OLIVET DEBATE

The Alma Affirmative Debaters journeyed to Olivet last Friday and received a two to one decision over the Olivet team on the question, Resolved, that our present Latin-American policy be condemned. Olivet College celebrated its Founders' Day on Friday and thus the debate became a part of the anniversary program. It was held in the church near the college campus, and the debaters report that they had an excellent place in which to speak. Four men made trip, William Randels accompanying the regular team as alternate, and time keeper. The decision gives the Affirmative team a percentage of .500, a two to one decision having been dropped earlier in the season to Kazoo College. The debate closed the season and as none of the men will be lost by graduation, good prospects are in store for next year.

**GLEE CLUB CONTEST
TO BE HELD WED. 15**
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The basis for the judging of the clubs will be as follows: Vocal count 40 per cent, Interpretation 10 per cent, Appearance 10 per cent, Musical Hanson, of the Evening Music, Rochester, has consented to act as judge and director of the contest.

Each competing club must prepare one set number and one free choice, besides the three numbers which must be prepared for the massed group. In the case of the men's club the set number is, "Now Let Every Tongue," by Bach. The massed group consists of three numbers, "Dance of the Gnomes," by MacDowell, "My Little Banjo," by Dichmont, "Creation's Hymn," by Beethoven. The women's clubs must sing "Rain," by Curran, as their set piece, and three numbers their massed group, "Would God I Were A Tender Apple Blossom," by Fisher, "The Kerry Dance," by Molloy, and "Lovely Appear," by Gounod.

It has not been decided whether either of the Alma clubs will enter this contest. In the past years it has been found impossible to do it because of the distance and other difficulties.

**ORATORIC CONTEST TO
BE HELD THIS FRIDAY**
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Students and authorities at Alma have expressed great hopes for high places at the state contests with Miss Sahnou and Mr. Erickson upholding the oratorical standards for the Maroon and Cream. Both of these representatives have very excellent orations, and they have been working constantly on them since the local contest, perfecting and finishing them up as well as possible. Mr. Erickson has an intensely interesting subject in "Timber," which is a plea for the reforestation of the waste lands of Michigan. His oration is a real work and it is expected that he will place in the competition Friday.

Miss Sahnou, who chose as the subject of her oration the question of Philippine Independence, has incorporated in her speech a wealth of personal experience and personal insights, which she gained during the years years which she lived in the islands. Her subject is a very live one and her treatment of it is very unusual.

Alma College sends her fondest hopes with these two people when they go to Albion Friday. We are sure that they will do wonderfully and bring home places in the contest.

**WASHINGTON GETS US
OUT OF CLASS WED.**
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morning, according to the best reports available, was utilized by most for a few hours of sleep. In the afternoon there were many bridge games ("A little bridging now and then is relished by the best of men"—Lovell), general rest period, and study.

Wednesday evening the campus was settling back into the usual routine of preparation for classes on the following day.

The first vacation on Washington's birthday was a reality three years ago, when it was decided by the students that the right spirit of reverence could be shown in no other way than declaring the 22 of February a holiday. The faculty fell into the spirit of the thing, when no student showed up for instruction and since that time the day has been set aside by the faculty as a day upon which there shall be no classes in the college.

As the campus slowly returned to its normal routine last year, it was one of the best things which the revered father of our country did, when he got us out of classes.

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