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EDITORIAL

Honor System

As shown by the balloting last Wednesday, the student body is not in favor of the adoption of the Honor System in Alma College. The proposition was literally snowed under by a vote which was almost two to one against it.

The editorial staff of the Almanian feels a little bit elated about the results, since it has been a part of their editorial policy to oppose the system and its adoption in Alma. How much credit we can claim for the attitude manifested in the voting will, of course, remain a question which cannot be settled, but we feel that our stand made some impression upon the minds of the students. This supposition seems more plausible when it is remembered that last spring all the agitation heard on the campus in favor of the Honor System. Thus, there has been a complete reversal in the attitude of the student body toward the plan.

This realization gives us new heart. We are almost forced to believe that the editorials are sometimes read, and that they do some good. Perhaps there is a place for a college paper after all. We must confess that there were many times during the college year just past when we were sorely tempted to leave a blank space under the masthead, believing that the editorial column would never be missed. What a calamity it would have been had we not had the little discussions of the Honor System in this column. Perhaps some would have been at a loss as to how to vote.

It is a wonderful thing to be able to mold young minds by a few well-chosen words and phrases, to guide them aright and make life's pathways a little less stony.

Seriously—we were very glad to see the vote go as it did, because it shows that the students are thinking seriously about the question and have made up their minds that an imperfectly working Honor System is worse than none at all. They have realized, it seems, that a successful system must be backed by tradition. The attitude taken by the students speaks well for their intelligence. In a few years Alma College may be ready for an Honor System, and when that time comes, the students themselves will adopt it and make it work.

The Newly Elected Staff

To the newly elected staff for the Almanian of 1928-29, we extend heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the year to come. It is a somewhat novel circumstance when the editor wishes his business manager much success in the editor's position. We cannot say that the "whole staff unites, etc." because Mr. Barlow would then be the recipient of his own good wishes. Therefore, we will say that the editorial staff unites to wish Mr. Mann and Mr. Barlow much happiness and good fortune in the enterprise over which they received command at the campus elections last Wednesday.

We feel that both Mr. Mann and his confrere, Barlow, are particularly fitted for the positions. Mr. Mann should do very well in his capacity as business manager. He has a very pleasing personality, and should be able to wheedle ads out of the most conscientious objector to collegiate advertising on the street (newspaper term for the business district). With Mr. Barlow to guide him at the beginning, he should have no difficulty in making a distinct financial success out of the college paper next year.

Mr. Barlow is going to be a good editor, we prophesy. He has done some writing for this year's numbers, and it is good enough for any paper. He has shown his ability to fill space by his advertising campaigns. It should be a full sheet next year, if nothing else.

Anyway, we, the passing staff, throw the standard of Alma College Journalism to these fresher youngsters and wish them luck in their endeavor to put out thirty good issues of newsy reading matter. May the worst of their mistakes be typographical.

Poor Sports

Every year at commencement time some poor sportsmanship is shown by some of the students of the college. We refer more particularly to members of campus organizations such as Glee Club and Band.

It is requested by the college authorities and by officers of the organ-

izations themselves that these groups stay on the campus through Commencement Week, so that the groups may be used in the programs of these days. Every year some of the members of these groups skip out immediately after exams are over, leaving the organizations sadly depleted as to members. The worst of it is that they usually sneak out, without telling the officers that they are going. Speaking of loyalty, what do you think of that?

Both the Band and the Glee Clubs took trips this year, and there was much competition for places on them. It was fine to be a member then, but now, when the college asks a small favor like staying over for two or three days, it is too much. According to our way of thinking, anyone who skips out when the organization in which they are members is scheduled to appear in Commencement Week, is pretty small, and does not deserve consideration for further membership.

If Alma was bigger and there was more material to fill the places on the Band and on the Glee Clubs, there would be no fooling with members such as those against whom this editorial is aimed. They would be disciplined with vigor and alacrity. They probably should be anyway, but it is harder to do when there are so few to pick from at first. Why isn't there campus sentiment enough on a question of this kind to make these people feel it their duty to see the year through to the finish?

There is a Band Concert scheduled for the Saturday night of Commencement Week. Every band man should be here for that concert. There may be excuses and reasons weighty enough to make an absence permissible, but these reasons are few and far between. The combined Glee Clubs will sing Sunday night, and every member of the Glee Clubs should be there. If you are a square-shooter, you'll be there. If you are the other kind, why go on home.

WRIGHT HALL NOTES

As the saying goes, "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly behooves any of us, to talk about the rest of us." So we're not going to trample on anyone's feelings this week, or arouse their anger. School is almost over, and all animosities, jealousies, and such allied states of feelings are being thrown to the winds. We hate to leave and separate from each other, even if Wright Hall rules are irksome. Couples especially are saddened at the thoughts of the impending separation, although they will doubtless establish a summer custom of week end visitations. Anyway "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

In the meantime it will be rush, rush, rush from now until school closes. Iphi demands hours every day and of course last-minute cramming for exams must not be forgotten. Lots of us have whole courses to master within a few hours before the final test. The poor Senior teachers are blessed with responsibilities at the High School every day. All other spare time will be occupied in social activities, and having the best time possible during the last few days.

As for news Wright Hall is the same as ever. No one is on the sick list, too many went home to enumerate, and Mike Jenks was our only visitor. Several term papers were finished, the usual weekly house-cleaning and laundry duties performed, the weekly stack of correspondence attended to. The usual couples had their usual dates and that is always the biggest news item of all. Therefore, newsless, we sign off.

RECITAL GIVEN BY MUSIC STUDENTS

A combined recital of the vocal and piano departments of the school of music was given in the college chapel last night, Monday, at eight o'clock. Eleven pupils of these departments took part in this most enjoyable program.

Three of Professor Ewer's students in voice were heard, Miss Mary K. Burt, Miss Louise Salmon, and Miss Katherine Lehner. All of these are sopranos. They showed much talent in their interpretation of their selections.

William Owen, Theo Barnes, Helen Standish, Florence Standish, Helen Frances Miller, Lucille Wolfe, Esther Zinn, and Alice Olson offered selections on the piano.

The program was most enjoyable to the audience who listened eagerly to the recital. The program, as it was given last night, follows:

- I Love Thee Greig
- Country Gardens Grainger
- William Owen
- Polonaise Hahn
- Theo Barnes
- Come Live With Me Garnett
- Will o' the Wisp Charles Spross
- Mary Burt
- Polonaise C Sharp Minor Chopin
- Helen Standish
- Impromptu Schubert
- Florence Standish
- Non, Je Ne Crois Pas Wekerlin
- Myrtles of Damascus Woodford-Finden.
- Louise Salmon
- En Courant Godard
- Helen Francis Miller
- Soaring Schumann

- Lucille Wolfe
- Villanelle Del Agua
- To a Hilltop Cox
- Katherine Lehner
- Polonaise C Minor Chopin
- Esther Zinn
- Romance Sibelius
- Alice Olson

CENTRAL TRACKSTERS TAKE MEET SATURDAY

The Alma Thin clads lost in a dual track meet with Mt. Pleasant Normal last Saturday owing to their inability to place men in the field events. Wagner and VandeVenter, two outstanding men in these, were on a base ball trip and unable to participate. On the track Alma completely subdued her neighboring rival by a three to one margin but Central's clean sweep in the other events gave her a 75-56 victory.

Several close races were run that showed plenty of fight to the finish. In the 440 yard dash MacFarland took up a five yard slack to defeat Furnan by a very close margin. The 1/2 mile run was a fight for all three places but McManus with a good finish placed first. Thomas led the field in the two mile run but was pressed hard by Simpson.

Cline was high point man with 23 while MacFarland took three firsts for 15 to put him in second places.

Results:
120-yard high hurdles—Cline, M.; Bernd, A.; Kinney, C. Time 18.5
Pole Vault—Cline and Robbins, C.; Fox, A. Distance 10 ft.
100-yard dash—MacFarland, A.; MacGregor, A.; Hitzman, C. Time 10.7.
1 mile run—McManus, A.; White, C.; Fox, A. Time 4:58.9.
Shot Put—Cline, C.; Pezet, A.; Burnham, C. Distance 37 feet 3.75 inches.
440-yard dash—MacFarland, A.; Furnan, C.; Pomeroy, A. Time 54.7.
220-yard dash—MacFarland, A.; Furnan, C.; Bernd, A. Time 23.6.
Running high jump—Cline and Stackhouse, C.; Aitken, A. Distance 5 feet.

220-yard low hurdles—Bernd, A.; Kinney, C.; Hatman, C. Time 28.4.
Discus Throw—Burnham, C.; Stackhouse, C.; Pezet, A. Distance 109 ft.
880-yard run—McManus, A.; Robbins, C.; Mann, A. Time 2:10.1.
Running Broad Jump—Cline, C.; MacGregor, A.; Kenney, C. Distance 21 feet 5.5 inches.
Javelin Throw—Juntain, C.; Burnham, C.; Bernd, A. Distance 155 ft. 5 inches.
2 mile run—Thomas, A.; Simpson, C.; Klerekoper, A. Time 11:11.

TENNIS TEAM LOSES TO CENTRAL—OLIVET


The tennis team was defeated by the Central Normal Tennis Team by a match score of 5 to 2 last Tuesday afternoon at Mt. Pleasant. It was the first match of the season for the Alma team, who have been handicapped very seriously by the inclemency of the weather and the resulting bad condition of the courts on the campus. Five men made the trip from the college. They were, Crooks, Leahy, Angell, Crowell and Owen. The program of the afternoon called for five single matches and two doubles. Mt. Pleasant took all of the singles except one, and the double matches were

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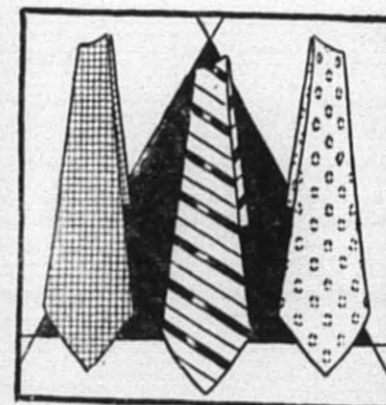
Crooks, playing first man for Alma, was defeated by Kelly in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4. Kelly was clearly the better player of the two, although there were some long rallies and interesting points featuring the sets. Leahy won from the Normal second man, Robinson, in three sets. The Alma man took the first set by a game score of 6-2. He lost the second set to Robinson, 6-3, but took the third frame of the match at 7-5. This was the only singles match won by Alma. Woodruff, Mt. Pleasant, beat Angell in three sets, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. There were many long points in this match, both men playing steady, careful games. Archer, of Central, defeated Crowell in straight sets with scores of 6-4, 6-1. In the last singles match Owen, of Alma was beaten by Stevens in straight sets also. The scores of these sets were 6-3, 6-4.

Angell and Leahy, playing first doubles for Alma, defeated the Normal doubles team by score of 6-2, 9-7. The last set was very long and hard-fought, with many deuce games and contested points. This team won from a very good combination, Kelly and Stevens, who played for Central. To

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TENNIS TEAM LOSES TO CENTRAL, OLIVET

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 conclude the tournament Owen and Crowell lost to Woodruff and Archer by set scores of 6-2, 6-0. The final match score, then, was 5 matches to two, with Mt. Pleasant on the long end of the score.

Saturday the Tennis Team journeyed to Olivet, where they engaged the Crimson netmen in a tournament. The members of the Alma team making the trip were Mitchell, Leahy, Angell and Randels. Four singles and two double matches were played. Olivet made a clean sweep of the matches, winning the tournament by the score of 6-0. Details of the matches are not available as we go to press.

SOPHS WIN CAMPUS DAY TRACK MEET

[An oversight or lack of space prevented this article from appearing last week. We apologize and offer it here. Ed.]

Although the track was heavy, the beauty of the day or the fair Co-eds inspired the breaking of several records that have withstood the battering of the ages. In the mile run McManus running his last race on the Alma track shattered the mile time by seven seconds. The former record of 4:51 has stood since 1922. Apland lowered the time of the 120 yard high hurdles, stepped up and heaved the javelin 150 feet 4 inches for a new distance record.

The final results—Sophs 78½; Seniors 27; Juniors 14.

120-yard Hurdles—Apland (Soph), Bernd (Senior), Odle (Soph).

Pole Vault—Bixby (Senior) and Fox (Soph), Hall (Frosh) and Apland (Soph). Distance—9 feet 6 inches.

100-yard Dash—MacFarland (Sophomore), MacGregor (Senior), Apland (Soph). Time 11:0.

1 Mile Run—McManus (Senior), Fox (Soph), Thomas (Soph), Weisner (Frosh). Time 4:44.

Shot Put—Pezet (Soph), Hyland (Junior), Chatman (Junior), Vanderventer (Soph). Distance—35 feet 10 inches.

220-yard Dash — MacFarland (Soph), Apland (Soph), Hall (Frosh), Mann (Junior). Time 23:6.

440-yard Dash—MacFarland (Sophomore, Couse (Frosh), Lamb (Junior), Pomery (Soph). Time 55.3.

High Jump—Odle (Soph), Tromater (Frosh), Apland (Soph). Distance 5 feet 5 inches.

220-yard Low Hurdles — Hall (Frosh), Apland (Soph), Bernd (Senior), Odle (Soph). Time 27 flat.

Discus throw—Lamb (Junior), Pezet (Soph), Hall (Frosh), Hyland (Junior). Distance 98 feet 9 inches.

880-yard Run—Fox (Soph), Tromater (Frosh), Aitken (Soph), Pomero (Soph). Time 2:18.6.

Broad Jump—MacGregor (Senior), Hall (Frosh), Brown (Frosh), Pomero (Soph). Distance 20 feet 6 in.

Javelin Throw—Hall (Frosh), Vanderventer (Soph), Brown (Frosh), Wentworth (Frosh). Distance 150 ft. 4 in.

2 mile run—McManus (Senior), Thomas (Soph), Klerekoper (Soph), Fox (Soph). Time 11:20.8.

Following a custom established two years ago the winner between the Frosh and Sophs will have its class numerals placed on a banner presented by Dr. Crooks. In 1926 the class of 1928 was honored. The class of 1930 won last year and again this year scoring 68 points to the frosh 56.

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ALMA DEFEATED
BY ALBION 13-9
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Albion marked their last tally on
three successive singles and never
again did they prove dangerously
near the plate.
Alma marked once in the seventh
and again in the eighth on four
singles, two each inning.

Table with columns: Player, AB, R, H, PO, A, E, and Box Score for Alma.

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Table with columns: Team, Innings, R, H, E, and Score for Alma vs Albion.

INDEPENDENTS WIN
OVER COLLEGIANS
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Score by innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 R
Alma College 0 3 0 1 0 0 0-4
Independents 0 0 0 2 0 3 x-5
Three base hit—Wagner. Two base
hits—Meredith, Hunsicker. Sacrifice
hits—Wagner, Yageman. Stolen bases
—Waston, Wellsby, Wagner, Haw-
thorne. Struckout—By Yageman 5,
by Whitewater 2, by Dick 2. Bases
on balls—off Whitewater 2. Hits off
Whitewater 6 in four innings; off
Dick 1, in three innings.
Umpire—McVey.

M. I. A. FIELD MEET
IS TO BE JUNE 1-2
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best chance it has had in years to cop
off the championship at Albion. With
Goeriz, the one man who won the
meet for Hillsdale last year, out of
competition, the best teams in the
meet this year may be said to be Kal-
amazoo, Albion, and Alma. It is ex-
pected that these three teams will
fight it out for points Friday and
Saturday. In MacFarlan Alma has a
man for the 100, 220 and 440 yard
dashes, who will be tough to beat.
Mac is due to take a first or so, ac-
cording to track authorities. Cap-
tain McManus is an 880 man of real
ability. He will also run the mile and
two mile races. MacGregor should
place in the hundred and broad jump.
Charley Mann runs a very good quar-
ter mile. The relay team (Alma won
the relay last year) is made up of
McManus, Lamb, Mann, and MacFar-
lan. They will try hard to take this
race again this year.
The tennis team will go to the meet
to participate in the tournament there.
The personnel of the squad has not yet
been announced, but it will probably
be Mitchell Angel and Leahy. Al-
though they have been severely handi-
capped because of weather conditions
and poor courts, they promise to make
somebody step to beat them.

FROSH VICTORIOUS
OVER ALMA HIGH

Showing a strong hitting power, the
strongest they have shown this year,
the Frosh walked off with two games
to end their official schedule for the
year. Last Wednesday they played
Alma High School and emerged vic-
tors with a count of 8-3. The Frosh
hit Toft freely for two innings and
then pounded Miller four hits and two
runs during the remaining four in-
nings.
Hornung performed well on the
mound for the Frosh. Ten batters
were turned back on strikes and the
High School could only connect for
six safeties. In the third three singles
and a walk gave Alma High their
three runs. At no other point in the
game was there any danger of the
Frosh losing the margin they had
gained.
Score by innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 R H E
Alma Frosh 0 2 4 0 2 0 8 11 0
Alma High 0 0 3 0 0 0 3 6 1
Battery: Hornung, Brown, Toft, Miller,
Borton.

FROSH ROMP OVER
ST. LOUIS 17-3

The bats of the Frosh again rang
out on Friday and St. Louis High
went home with a stinging 17-3 de-
feat. Packer was very liberal in is-
suing free passes during his stay on
the mound. They were all turned into
runs when the Frosh artillery did its
damage. In the first inning St. Louis

counted once on a walk and a single
in deep center. Alma came up in
their half and after two singles Brown
hit for a circuit that yielded 3 runs.
The next three men were easy outs,
after North had tripled and scored on
a wild pitch. The second and third
innings were uneventful although
Alma counted once in the second. In
the fourth St. Louis scored one but
Alma batted around and from the
stormy frame they received 8 runs.
Again in the fifth Brown opened with
his second home run of the day. His
mates followed with singles until four
of them had been chased across the
plate, then the side was retired. In
the final inning Brainard hit over
Hillman's head for four bases, the
third run for St. Louis.

Table with columns: Player, AB, R, H, E, and Box Score for St. Louis.

Table with columns: Player, AB, R, H, E, and Box Score for Alma vs St. Louis.

Base on balls—off Packer 6, Mur-
win 2. 2b hits—North, Murwin. 3b
hits—Hornung. Home runs—Brown 2,
Brainard. Struck out by Murwin 11,
Packer 6, Drury 3. Umpires Frazer
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