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## STUDENT COUNCIL HONORS GRIDDERS

### Annual Football Banquet Held In Wright Hall Last Thursday Evening

Although the Alma gridders did not again win the M. I. A. A. Football championship, there was no perceptible let-down in enthusiasm and spirit when the football men, in conjunction with the students and faculty, convened in Wright Hall to enjoy the Annual Football Banquet.

Shortly after six o'clock the entire group, with the Faculty and guests in the van, paraded into the dining room to enjoy the very sumptuous feast which the matron and cooks had prepared. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the Wright Hall girls, the dining room was nicely decorated in the "maroon and cream" of "old Alma," and suspended from the ceiling were pasteboard footballs bearing the names of all the men who had been on the 1928 varsity squad. After the four course dinner which included fruit cocktail, roast pork and mashed potatoes, perfection salad, and ice cream and strawberries, the Toastmaster arose and, after gaining the attention of the group by means of a large auto-horn, announced that Frosh Shimmers would lead the assembly in a few yells. After the cheering had subsided Professor Hamilton, in his capacity as Toastmaster, made a few very appropriate introductory remarks and then introduced Captain Arozian of the 1928 Varsity, "Chief" outguessed the program makers and did not begin with his traditional "Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking," but he did very briefly pay tribute to his team mates and to his Coach for their excellent spirit and co-operation which had made the season enjoyable and successful. He concluded by stating that he wished John Arozian had a few more sons who might don football suits and train under the supervision of Royal R. Campbell. Professor Spencer, speaking "From the Faculty", told in a very few words why the faculty enjoys the modern game of football. He contrasted the game of today with that of yesterday by giving the impressions he had gained by watching a football game in the "gay nineties." He proved to be a real connoisseur of feminine dress—giving

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## 'LIT' STUDENTS WRITE SONNETS

### Amos Ruddock, Elizabeth Hurst, Herman Rick Win First Three Places

Each year the students in Professor Hamilton's English Literature class write sonnets on "divers and sundry" subjects and then by a process of elimination by balloting select the three best products. This year the class voted Amos Ruddock the winner with Miss Elizabeth Hurst and Herman Rick in second and third places respectively. However, Miss Frances Cameron and Joseph Taylor, submitted excellent compositions and they also are printed.

#### On Classroom Sleeping

I hear the prof drone out his lecture dull;  
I've listened thus for nigh a year it seems;  
It's all the same to me, except the lull  
To ask a question and disturb my dreams.  
His high thin nasal voice shrills on my ears  
Relentlessly, across a chasm deep,  
And through the mist with evil face he leers  
As if defying me to drop asleep.  
I know that I should take down many a note;  
Exams will come and I will rack my brain.  
I know that I should learn these things by rote;  
I try and try again but all in vain.  
Will nothing come to save me from this Hell?  
Ah! there it is, the long awaited bell.

—Amos Ruddock.

#### Ole Writes Home

Dat Maester Hamilton just made me  
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To the Faculty and Student Body of

Alma College

## "The Almanian"

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Merry, Merry Christmas

and a

Happy and Prosperous New Year



## DR. LOCKE TALKS TO CHAPEL GROUP

### Missionary To China Gave Entertaining And Worth- while Talk Wednesday

One of the most interesting and inspiring chapel services of the year was held Wednesday morning when Dr. William Locke, a missionary from Chanteh, Hunan, China, addressed the faculty and student group. Professor Hamilton, who introduced the speaker to the college body, recalled the deep impression that Dr. Locke had made at an assemblage of the synod of Michigan in the college chapel several years ago. It was evident that the missionary had lost none of his effectiveness, as he captivated his audience in the opening sentence and presented his inspiring message in a most sincere and pleasing manner.

The frankness of Dr. Locke in his opening sentences was highly impressive as he prepared his listeners for a straightforward talk rather than one which would draw the epithet of "baldness." Dr. Locke portrayed vividly the scene of America's youth on the parabola of life, and warned his listeners to be awake to the realization of the fact that they were nearing the vertex of the great adventure as one of the finest generations that the world has known. The speaker reminded the students that with that excellent equipment for the game of Life there came a problem that required the untiring effort of every individual to effect its solution. This problem consists of "leading the peoples of the earth to the shadow of the Cross."

Dr. Locke sympathetically pictured the Chinese in their resentment of the attitude of foreigners toward their country, and showed clearly the tremendous force and power which is China's if she should choose to use it to oppose an enemy in any quarter of the globe.

Although the declining generation has left American youth but little to be proud of, still, said Dr. Locke, "the rising generation must exert every effort within its power to allay the bitter enmity that exists between nations by the doctrine of Christ rather than that of blood and sword." In urging this point, Dr. Locke spoke, not as a "white livered pacifist," but as one whose forebears left him a legacy of battlefield heroism gained on many bloody plains under the flags of many nations.

In conclusion Dr. Locke made a stirring plea to his listeners as the thinkers of tomorrow to forget the sword and to remember the Great Captain who would be their leader in the conquest of the world. "There is no jus-

## PHILOMATHEAN TEA

The Philomathean Literary Society gave a team December 15 in the Philo room. It was in honor of their patronesses: Mrs. Bahlke, Mrs. Kaufman, Mrs. Crooks and Mrs. Randels. All the old Philo members now living in Alma were invited. The program consisted of a pianologue given by Mary K. Burt and a very short one act play "All on a Summer's Day" in which Betty Martin, Gertrude Martin, Mary Mason and Charlotte Dakin took part. Tea and wafers were then served.

## PHILOMATHEAN MEETING

On December 10 the meeting of the Philomathean Literary Society was called to order by the President. The roll call was answered to by interesting facts and customs concerning Switzerland. Plans were made for the tea to be held December 13. The meeting was adjourned to sew for the Philo Fair to be held on December 15.

## CAPTAIN-ELECT PEZET



The varsity men of the 1928 Football Squad elected Walter Pezet of Detroit, Captain of the Alma Footballers for 1929. "Wally" is certainly deserving of this honor which his team mates conferred upon him. He has been the outstanding lineman on the Alma team since he came to the campus three years ago. He has been on the mythical All-M. I. A. A. team for three straight years and for the season of 1927 and 1928 was the unanimous choice of the coaches of the Association for the tackle and end positions respectively.

In addition to his prowess on the gridiron, Pezet has gained the coveted varsity "A" in baseball, track and basketball; an achievement few of the athletes of the college can claim. There is no question about "Wally's" all-round athletic ability and he will undoubtedly prove an excellent pilot for the 1929 Varsity.

## "PHILO PHAIR" WELL ATTENDED

### Philomatheans Held Annual Colorful Event In Wright Hall Saturday

The members of the Philomathean Literary Society held their "Philo Fair" in the Wright Hall Reception Room last Saturday afternoon. Those folks who took advantage of the Christmas bargains which the girls offered for sale, report that their money was well-spent, and the members of the student body who danced during the afternoon to the musical strains of the Campus Serenaders declare that their time was well-spent—in a word, the "Phair" was a success.

The girls had the Hall decorated very nicely with colorful booths and excellent lighting effects. The dancing floor had been carefully sanded and waxed and the setting was ideal for a most enjoyable afternoon. At one end of the Hall the traditional Philo Phortune-Teller in the person of Miss Mary Mason, weaved the threads of Fate and pointed out the Destiny of all her patrons. "Tag Dances" completely filled the program only in this case the "taggers" were of the feminine gender and dressed as jesters made life miserable for those who were inclined to be a little Scotch.

Behind the decorative fancy work, candy, novelty and oriental booths, in the garb of "Highland Flingers", Irish Mavourneens, Swiss maids, Dutch girls, Chinese or Japanese maidens, were the members of the Society selling their very unusual wares to anyone who came to buy (and to some who only came "to look around"). The counters were laden with very interesting novelties—antiques, book ends, silver-ware, dishes, pictures, etc. At one booth could be seen heaps of "goodies"—appetizing pies, cakes and candy. Behind another stand were a number of hand-painted scenes in watercolors which were very beautiful.

The "Philos" are to be congratulated on the success of their fair for their untiring efforts were certainly well-rewarded. It was socially successful and we hope—financially.

The girls enjoyed a large patronage from down-town people and it is a fine tribute to the quality of their merchandise that this patronage grows larger every year.

## OVERLOOKED!

The Frosh Edition gave the Erickson-Adams Chapel Program no publicity; but it should not go unnoticed in these columns. The talented young musicians were a sensational success, and were more than applauded.

## VARSITY CAGERS PRACTICING HARD

### Opener With Michigan "B" Cancelled Because Of Vacation Season

After the last football had been kicked and the referee's whistle had blown for the last time during the 1928 football season, the gridiron was deserted and the gymnasium became the scene of interest and action. Some fifteen basketballers who aspire to places on the Varsity have been practicing every day, and out of this material Coach Campbell is rounding out a team to represent Alma when the season opens with Albion in the Methodist stronghold. The original schedule called for the initial game with the Michigan "B" team on the third of January, but because the vacation period interferes, the game was, of necessity, cancelled.

Walter Heatt, of Detroit, who is apparently making the strongest bid for the center job, has played basketball "all his life" and after playing with Central High School got considerable experience and practice in Church, Recreation and Industrial League competition. Karpp, who's basketball capabilities are well-known to Alma people, will again be at his old guard position and may occasionally relieve Heatt at center. From last year's Frosh team, Gussin, another Detroit cager, is the outstanding contender for a forward berth. "Mooley" proved his ability with the "Green" cagers last winter and is a fast, elusive and clever man with the ball.

"Gene" Wagner who has played a number of games for Alma is probably the logical man for the other forward job. Wagner is clever with the ball and has a good eye for the basket in addition to having lots of speed. Another veteran, in the person of "Wally" Pezet, is back at his guard position and playing a real defensive game. Pezet is big and powerful and has a facility for breaking up the opposition's offense.

"Jim" Albaugh, from Marshall High School, is making a strong bid for one of the forward positions and will undoubtedly see some service this year. "Charlie Mann," of Bay City, who has been on the reserve squad for three years, has an adequate background of experience and ought

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## FROSH BASKETEERS HAVE LARGE SQUAD

### Large Squad Of Capable Yearlings Preparing For Busy Season

For the past three weeks the Freshman cagers have been hard at work daily in the Gymnasium under the direction of Ellsworth Simmons who is assisting Coach Campbell by coaching the first year men. Each year the Frosh team enjoys quite an extensive schedule playing a number of high schools in this part of the state and the freshman teams of the other colleges of the Association.

Every night after the Varsity squad has left the floor more than twenty members of the freshman group practice for an hour or two on fundamentals and basket shooting, and then wind up the practice period with scrimmage.

Of the large group there are about a dozen men who have outstanding ability. From Highland Park High School Carl Williams and Steve Crowell are making strong bids for the two forward jobs. Williams was named on a Detroit All-City team last year and is fast, clever and an excellent shot. Oldt of Battle Creek and Wehrly of Nappanee are the outstanding candidates for the center position. Both men are tall and rangy and have had considerable high school experience. At the guard positions Byron of Saginaw and Crawford of Central High, Detroit, seem to have the most stuff. Both men can grab the ball off the backboard and have the knack for breaking up the opposing teams' offense. Kucera from Traverse City and Sharpe from last year's Alma High team are making strong bids for forward positions, while Grey of Tra-

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TREAD LIGHTLY

There is an old adage which admonishes—"It is better to let sleeping dogs lie," and it would have been the part of wisdom for the Freshmen to have omitted their "post-mortem" on "Freshman Discipline" which appeared in the editorial columns of their recent edition.

They were, as an upperclassman put it, "presumptuous enough" to inquire—"Why Freshman Discipline?" and they were entirely right when they admitted that if they were told "they would not understand"; in fact, they will never understand until they are Sophomores or upperclassmen.

No, Freshmen you are not "a menace to the mental tranquillity of your advanced fellow-students" (although few of them do enjoy any peace of mind) but you are a menace to nothing more than yourselves. As one of your professors sympathetically and philosophically stated, at your own request, you are by nature "innocently conceited, (yet quite lovable?—this must apply to the females of your species) uncontrolled, but eager to work toward restraint?—with the Vigilance Committee as a stimulus) deluded in philosophy (but willing to be taught?) crass in manners (though rich in possibilities of culture?"—agriculture). As another one of your considerate and tolerant tutors put it, "possessing considerable capacities of intelligence and industry"—there is no doubt but that you have the capacities, but at present they are very similar to vacuums or "great open spaces."

Your journalistic champion stated that you are forced to evidence your "menial state" in your "every action, word and thought;" no, you are not forced to—you simply can't help it. Really, the abolition of this menial attitude is "a consummation devoutly to be wished."

But why the reference to the "barbarous physical chastisement?" According to your own definition, it is "archaic," passe and buried—but why resurrect it? You referred to "utopianism"—when some of the upperclassmen were Freshmen, they would have been more than satisfied with a little "democracy." You base your argument on the fact that "all men are created equal," but you forget that they never remain that way. "Why are we inferior?" you cry; and your older brothers answer by suggesting that a little introspection may solve your problem!

You tell the upperclassmen that "the abolition of the unjustifiable practice of inflicting physical punishment" upon your youthful expidermis "will mark true progress in collegiate history." They thank you for the compliment—for they have abolished and therefore progressed.

You have "no kick coming," (although some of the Sophomores think you deserve one) so why "lie about the sleeping dogs"—"why not let the sleeping dogs lie?" The Vigilance Committee is dormant but not dead. Walk softly—it is better so.

MORPHEUS VERSUS CHAPEL

"And more to lull him in his slumber soft,  
A chapel speech from platform rumbling down,  
And ever flowing words upon his 'loft'  
Mixed with the hum of chapel hymns;  
Did cast him in a swoond."

This little travesty on the Spenserian stanza very aptly describes the condition of one verdant freshman from the Grand Traverse Bay country, when he was discovered sprawled out in his chapel seat, eyes closed, and "intoning through his nose full seemly."

This is just one more proof that the chapel period is not disagreeable, but pleasant—even soothing to the over-wrought nerves of that student minority which still "burns the midnight oil." Evidently there are some students who make a literal interpretation of the favorite chapel responsive reading—the fifth verse of the third Psalm—"I laid me down and slept."

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sore,  
Ay tank ay skol kvit college and  
come home  
Because he say, "Yu each skol write  
a pome".  
Lak dat there Shakespeare faller and  
some more  
Of dem old geezers who all lived  
before  
Ay ever vas inventer. Dis har dome  
Ain't made for sonnets 'bout de tin  
sea foam  
And crimson sonnets or a famous var.  
But ay ban vise and so ay tank dat ay  
Skol write a pome about mine Yose-  
phine;  
And ven ay talk 'bout her dese udder  
yents  
Who write about de gals for whom  
dey'd die,  
Dat Martha Vashington and Bess de  
kveen,  
Vil look, ay tank, about lak sixty  
cents.  
—Elizabeth Hurst

A Sonnet

Because you love in vain be not cast  
down,  
Count not your cause as lost nor call  
it vain;  
For since you've loved and lost and  
now have found  
She loves you not. Rise up and try  
again.  
True that your life now seems with-  
out a goal,  
Your heart is filled with grief—your  
mind's awl,  
And all the joy is gone from out your  
soul,  
Since you have lost the one and only  
girl.  
Consider well the joys of being free,  
The days and nights are now all yours  
alone;  
And if again in love you'd care to be,  
Remember then the moral of my  
poem:  
Although throughout the world you've  
sought and sought,  
There's still a better girl that's ne'er  
been caught.  
—Herman Rick.

To A Lover

Like as a monument to ages gone,  
On yonder hill there stands serenely  
tall,  
With fringed limbs, a stately pine  
alone;  
Ne'er does it fade, nor downward bend,  
nor fall.  
Its loftiness through all remains  
sublime,  
As though to brigt'en th' earth's dark  
and cold expanse,  
Defying e'er the stroke of cruel Time;  
Unchanged still by al'tring circum-  
stance.  
One pine, an emblem of nobility,  
Amidst surroundings mean and com-  
monplace,  
A princely symbol of stability;  
One pine—whose splendor Time can-  
not efface.  
E'en so, my love unchanged remains  
for thee—  
Supreme devotion to eternity.  
—Frances Cameron.

On Poets

I often wonder why the great men try  
To form their words in unbecoming  
lines  
And group their thoughts in queer and  
soundless rhymes  
To make the maiden and the matron  
cry.  
They sing of love, of war, of death.  
But why?  
They sit and claim to spend 'most all  
their time  
In writing verse that hardly rivals  
mine  
Is really more than I can see. For I  
Just sit me down and take my pen in  
hand  
And then, before I wend my way to  
bed,  
I scratch me off a po'm or even worse.  
But what is more than I can under-  
stand  
Is why that these, who long ago were  
dead,  
Are said to be the masters of our  
verse.  
—Joseph Taylor.

ALPHA THETA MEETING

The Alpha Theta Society held its  
Initiation Service Monday, Dec. 10,  
1928, following a dinner for the new  
members.

The table was attractive with a  
basket of columbine roses in the cen-  
ter and candles at each end. The  
favors for the pledges and patronesses  
were trinkets in Italian wear, a  
pottery.

The following pledges were initiat-  
ed, Mary Elden, Norene Helberg, Eliz-  
abeth Hurst, Helen Logan, Helen  
Long, Mary Schaefer, Elaine Skimin,  
Helen Temple and Barbara Witkop.

EDITORIAL CONTINUED

There is an old adage which says,  
"there is no rest for the wicked." If  
this be true, then the faculty cannot  
justifiably condemn these "righteous"  
chapel slumberers for they do not need  
the moralizations of an evangelistic  
chapel talk.

At a recent meeting of the Student  
Federation of America a resolution  
was passed favoring chapel because  
of its recreational value—the truth of  
this statement has been brought home  
to us with a nap.

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**KAPPA IOTA MEETING**

On Monday evening, December 10, Kappa Iota initiated the following pledges—Mildred Angel, Isabel Carbis, Frances Cameron, Bertha Edgerely, Villa Burton, Raechel Faude, Betty Gilbert, Mary E. Forshar, Margaret McMillan, Marion MacKenzie.

After the ceremony refreshments were served and adjournment followed.

**CAMPUSOLOGY**

Someone asked Dale Dickinson if he lived at Wright Hall.

Emily H.—“Well he may not be a

football player—but he has pretty hair and lives in Detroit.”

It is rumored that some of the upperclassmen were kind enough to contribute a few “cracks” for the Frosh “Encyclopedia.”

There seemed to be some disagreement last week as to the condition of our head swipe—an unofficial bulletin gave rise to a dollar wager.

There is a story being told on the campus about a certain short, good-natured Scotchman who is listed in

the college catalogue as one of our “dear professors.” He was approached by a Salvation Army Girl down on the corner of Superior and State Streets: “Will you give a quarter for the Lord?”

“Hoo auld are you, young lady?”  
“Eighteen past.”  
“Ah well, I’m forty-five. I’ll be seein’ Him afore you, so I’ll hand it to Him myself.” (This would have been invaluable at the Football Banquet!)

Latest returns from the Wright Hall Handicap—Competitors:

“Holly” Fales is slowly dropping back into second place.

“Auburn” Grogan apparently has a clear field.

“The Flying Dutchman” is leading “Slim” Harris by a (curly) head.

“Chief” evidently has dropped out of the race since the Banquet.

Kaiser has a walk away—being the only one to qualify in the two-year-old class.

In the three-year old group there is only one entrant—and “Pom” is coming down the “Home” stretch with colors flying.

The only entrant in the five-year old class “broke” on the “home” stretch and it looked for a time like a “free for all”—but he finally got back in the “running” and looks like an easy winner.

Gil Scheib stated very emphatically that he is not in favor of students sitting at the faculty table—we can remember “way back when” Gil used to trade tables with the boys to get there.

The Frosh report that “Smoke” McClelland absent-mindedly ordered a cap and gown for graduation this June—some folks have a hard time remembering that they are “only freshmen.”

The Spats Family has a new addition; Empty and Jake announce the arrival of one “Dobber” MacGregor, alias the “Well-dressed Man.”

**WRIGHT HALL NOTES**

The girls in the Hall are all counting the days between now and Christmas vacation.

Helen Logan has patented a new method for reducing. She has Helen Carrow roll her from one length of the corridor to the other.

Babe says she used to be quite touchy about her neck but she’s gotten over that now. Can anyone enlighten us as to what she means?

There’s quite a craze for water-throwing going on in the Hall just as present.

Frosh’s voice over the ‘phone talking to a Wright Hall co-ed: “And I’m expecting a friend over from Saginaw tonight.”

Some of the boys who were at the Philo fair Saturday night ought to write a book on “How to Dance Twelve Dances on Six Tickets.”

**LIBRARY NOTES**

Many new books are now available for general reading.

Among them is one entitled “Around the world in twenty-eight days,” by Linton Wells. This trip was made by the author and Edward S. Evans in 1926. Those who were fortunate enough to hear Mr. Evans when he spoke before the faculty and students of Alma College on Wednesday, February 9th, 1927, will be interested in this book.

Another book that will be helpful to many of the students is a small reference work, “Authors’ and Printers’ dictionary,” by F. H. Collins. This is a guide for authors, editors, printers, correctors of the press, compositors, and typists. It gives a full list of abbreviations, and attempts to codify the best typographical practices of the present day. The library copy is the sixth edition, published in 1928.

The library will be closed during the Christmas holidays on account of the work of moving into the new stacks and alterations in the old building.

Students who wish to borrow books for the vacation period may do so if they will bring a note from the professor of the course of study for which the book is needed.

Merry Christmas to all, and a Happy New Year in the enlarged Library Quarters.

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detailed descriptions of the sweeping skirts of the feminine “rooters” of another day.

Miss Helen Logan of Niles, spoke “From the Frosh” and very delightfully told of the interest the first year people had manifested by constantly supporting the team. She reviewed very briefly woman’s place in the athletic realm, stating that Mrs. Walter Camp used to help her renowned husband in the selection of the Yale line-up.

Captain Karpp, “All M. I. A. A. quarterback” was then introduced in a very fitting manner, and gave a brief resume of the season past. He made no alibi’s (none were needed)

and reminded the students that out of nothing Coach Campbell built up one of the most formidable grid-machines in the Association. He told of the letter he had received from one, Mike Palermo, captain of the championship Albion team, in which the rangy Methodist end had stated that he had never played in a greater game in his life than the Albion-Alma tilt, and commended the Alma team for its sportsmanship.

Miss Irene Beuthin, Editor of the 1928 Maroon and Cream, then was recognized by the Toastmaster and spoke on the subject, “We Girls.” Speaking for the girls of the institution, she impressed upon the gridders that they have found and will always find the Wright Hall “inmates” out on the field cheering for the “champions of the Maroon and Cream.” She extended the best wishes of the girls for a most successful season in 1929.

Professor Hamilton then introduced his Scotch colleague in his “closest” manner—in typical Aberdonian style. Not to be outdone at this late stage in their “bonnie” rivalry, the “wee coach” rejoined by accusing “ouh deah professah” of telling his two feminine “specialties” that Christmas would come on the 28th this year, in order that he might take advantage of the Christmas sales.

Coach paid tribute to the members of the 1928 team for their wonderful spirit of co-operation, and remarked that although they did not “give the college a championship or him a watch” he could conscientiously say that he “was prouder of them than he was of the champions of last year.”

“On paper,” coach stated, “the team should never have beaten Hillsdale but it did, because the fellows were in there working together and fighting every minute.” He then introduced the captain-elect, “Wally” Pezet, who has been All M. I. A. A. end and tackle, for the last two years, by a unanimous vote of the Association Coaches. Pezet thanked his team mates for the honor they had conferred upon him and assured them that he would do his best to make the 1929 campaign a success.

At the top of the program was printed “Brevity is the soul of wit,” admonishing the speakers to be as brief as possible—and the admonition was not printed in vain. The success of the program is due, in a large measure, to the effectual manner in which Toastmaster Hamilton kept things moving along—and to the noisy, yet very effective innovation of the warning klaxon.

After singing the “Alma Chant” the “banqueteers” adjourned to the Wright Hall Reception room where they danced until ten o’clock to the rhythmic harmonies of the Campus Serenaders.

Although there were no awards made at the Banquet, George Kaiser, Manager of the Athletic Board of Control, read the names of those who had made either “A’s”, numerals or triple “A’s.”

Varsity letter men: Pezet, Arozian, Angell, Kittendorf, VanDeventer, MacGregor, Albaugh, Karpp, Lamb, Gussin, Mann, Hobart and Wagner.

Triple A men: Yagerman and Heartt.

Triple A sweaters: (Seniors) Horn and Thompson.

Freshman Sweaters and numerals were awarded to the following men: Potter, Grey, Williams, MacClelland, Graham, Kucera, Novak, Merry, Brown, Byron, Shimmers, MacQuaid, Koechlein, Oldt, Long, Crawford, Sharpe.

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**Varsity Cagers Practicing Hard**  
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to show up well this season.  
Other candidates from the Frosh squad of last year are: Al Dean, of MacBridge, who is trying for a forward position; "Dick" Spencer, of Alma, another forward who shows promise; "Pete" Boutin, of Merrill, who also aims at a forward job; Trotmeter, of Alma, whose height and ability enable him to play a good game at center; and Brown, also of Alma, who, although ineligible this semester, will undoubtedly play in a number of games after the exams.  
Eddie Fritz, from over in "the Thumb, also has had a lot of High School experience and bids fair to develop into a real forward. Charles Goodenow, another Detroit, has been on the squad for three years and is putting this experience to good advantage this year in his fight for one of the guards. Another Alma player, George Place, is an aspirant for a forward position and evidences considerable ability in that corner of the floor.  
Although "Chief" Arozian has not ventured forth on the basketball floor before in Alma College, he has played the game in his "home town," and knows a few tricks of the trade. The big boy is out for a guard job and states that he is a stationary guard—in the better sense of the word.  
The second semester may see a few of the "ineligibles" in the varsity line-up. "Brute" Simmons, who has been listed on a number of All-Association teams, is a finished basketballer and will very likely be one of the regulars after the examinations. "Lefty" Lang, a Saginaw product, is a capable cager and will give some of the regulars a run for their money when this semester is over.  
Alma has but three games on the bill for this semester—Albion, Olivet and Hope, and if these three "storms" can be weathered, the reserve material, which will fill the ranks for the remainder of the season, will help the Maroon and Cream to be contenders for the Conference honors.  
According to the consensus of opinion of the college papers of the state, Albion and Hillsdale are favored to be the leaders when the curtain is rung down in March. Olivet, however, has a real aggregation and may pull the proverbial "dark horse" trick. The Dutchmen from Hope make the cage game their specialty and they too will probably "throw a few scares" into opposing camps, for the Hollanders have their team of 1927 back re-enforced with some excellent Freshman material. Kazoo, last year's champions, lost their winning combination, and with the exception of Schrier, will put a new outfit on the floor.

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**Dr. Locke Talks To Chapel Group**  
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tification in sending the flower of the nation into the horrible slaughter. If wars must be fought send the old men and let the youngsters use their skill in the effort to establish that great earthly peace. "If the United States is big enough to sacrifice," said Dr. Locke, "she is big enough to serve, and if she is big enough to serve, she is big enough to save."  
D. M. L.

**Frosh Basketball Have Large Squad**  
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verse and McClelland of Calumet are right on the heels of Byron and Crawford. Kessell of Arthur Hill has had considerable high school experience and will undoubtedly develop into a valuable man. Shelleday from Milford, Iowa; Wiltshire of Riverdale; Grogan, Southeastern, Detroit; Novak from Gordon MacDonald's stronghold; all aspire to forward berths and back up their claims with a good deal of High School experience. Those who contemplate playing guard positions on the team are: Royer, of Northwestern High in Detroit; Merry, from Elwell, Budd of Stockbridge High School is the other center candidate.

**Two Year Contract Made With State; Mt. Pleasant Also To Be Slated**  
Off with the new and back to the old, promises to be the thing with the Alma college football schedule in 1929, with Michigan State College of East Lansing back on the list after a lapse of several years, and a practical certainty that Central State of Mt. Pleasant and Alma will again lock horns next season.  
Michigan B does not appear on the slate next year, believed by many to be a satisfactory matter in view of the expense of such a game in Alma and its possible drawing power.  
Michigan State offered Alma the choice of three dates for next fall, and when Coach Campbell got together with Michigan State on the matter a two year contract was arranged for the opening game of the season to be played in 1929 and 1930 at East Lansing. Some favorable terms were offered by State for the game.