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ALMANIAN CHOOSES MYTHICAL TEAM

Alma Sports Editor Selects Members Of M. I. A. A. Quintet

In the "Sportopics" column of the last issue of the Kalamazoo College Index appeared an All-M. I. A. A. basketball team, first and second, selected by the sport editor of the Baptist college paper. On the first five were: Restifo, Murdock, Spoelstra, Gussin, and Knight, while the second quintet included: Gilmore, M. Schau, Simmons, Cook and Gray.

Admitting that the two fives chosen by the Kalamazoo Index sport editor were both strong mythical aggregations, but not entirely convinced that they were the two strongest possible quintets, the Almanian sport editor would pick the following men on the honor teams:

First Team — Pos. Second Team
Restifo, Dales R.F., Densmore, Albion
Murdock, Kazoo L.F., Gilmore, Olivet
Spoelstra, Hope C. M., Schau, Kazoo
Simmons, Alma R.G., Knight, Kazoo
Gussin, Alma L.G., VanLente, Hope

Honorable Mention
Forwards: R. Schau, Kazoo; Brown, Alma.

Center: Cardwell, Olivet.

Guards: Gray, Albion; Cook, Hope.

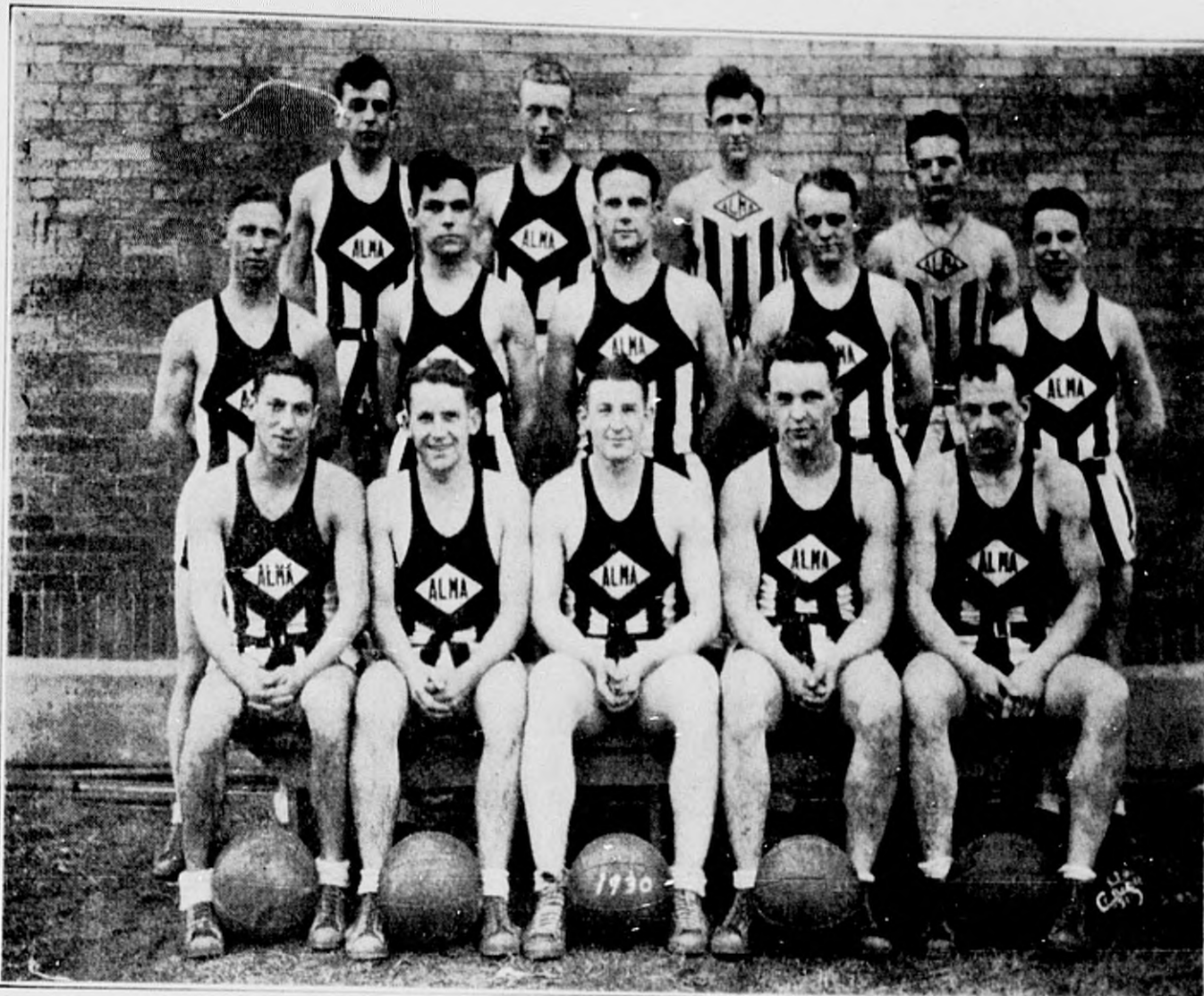
The first team selected is identical to that chosen by the Kalamazoo sport-writer, except that Simmons of Alma is placed at guard instead of Knight of Kalamazoo, who is chosen on the second five. Gilmore and M. Schau are retained on the second team, while Densmore of Albion is placed at forward instead of Simmons, with VanLente and Knight at guards in place of Cook and Gray, who receive honorable mention. Those given honorable mention would comprise a third quintet practically on a par with the second team.

The first team is composed of the leading scorers for their respective teams, all of whom displayed all-around ability enough to warrant their selection. All of the second team players chosen were among the association's high-scorers, and the guards—Knight and VanLente, played great defensive ball all year. Now we will wait for the official coaches' selections and then we can compare the teams chosen with the official mythical teams.

STUDENT COUNCIL NOTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Kaiser, March 19. There was a discussion concerning awards for oratory and debate and it was decided that pins should be given (Continued on Page 4)

THE ALMA COLLEGE BASKET BALL TEAM 1929-30



Top Row—Crowell, Spencer, Royer, Orivs. Center—Sharp, Trometer, Gray, Wehrly, Dean. Bottom—Gussin, Albaugh, Brown, Pezet, Simmons.

DRAMA CLUB PLAY WAS WELL GIVEN

College Presentation Is Well Received By Large Audience

Alma theatre-goers who were fortunate enough to see the presentation of "The Importance of Being Earnest" were privileged in seeing one of the cleevrest satirical comedies that has been given for many a day. The play abounded with witty lines.

The play was presented before a sizeable and pleasing "house". The cast was gifted; the direction excellent; and the staging executed with the minimum of time taken for the changes of scenes.

Probably the outstanding point in an adequate criticism of the piece was that the cast was exceptionally well balanced. There were few "high spots" and no "low spots" to speak of. Helen Logan, who, by the way, was playing her first major role, probably carried off the honors of the evening with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Adams running her a close race. Helen, as the sweet and unsophisticated ward was appealing and vivacious. Joe, as her guardian, proved to be an accomplished actor. Dan Adams as the rector cut the corners high, wide and handsome. Mention must be made also of the hair cut purchased especially for the occasion. He was more than original to say the least.

Vera White as the governess was convincing and pleasing. Irene Beuthin as the mother of Gwendolyn was quiet and orderly in her characterization. Les Struble and John Hurst as the two butlers gave excellent performances.

Clarence oMore and Frances Cameron acted distinctively and without restraint, their work being marked by fine and abiding perfection and polish.

Mr. Ruddock, the director of the play, deserves recognition for his accomplished directing and in spite of illness of the members of the cast and the disadvantage of shortened time brought the cast through with flying colors. Harold Smith, the able stage manager must be commended for his hard work in the staging of the comedy. His work was carried on behind the scenes but nevertheless there is work and lots of it in the capacity of stage manager.

The presentation of the Drama Club was another of the successful productions to be added to an already long list of successes in the field of amateur theatricals. D. H.

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BETA TAU FORMAL VERY ATTRACTIVE

Spring Party Was Thoroughly Enjoyed By All Who Attended

In spite of the fact that chaperons and pianos, due to their scarcity almost had the Beta Tau boys stumped, their Third Annual Dinner Dance given last Saturday evening in the Park Hotel at St. Louis turned out to be the most successful formal party given by Beta Tau Epsilon.

The dinner was preceded by an afternoon of cards and dancing at the Beta Tau house which had been well cleaned and partially repapered for the occasion. The hostesses at the open house were Mrs. Gelston and Mrs. Kaufman, and a delightful afternoon was only too soon a memory.

In the middle of the afternoon the Beta Taus learned to their dismay that the chaperons, Prof. and Mrs. (Continued on Page 4)

Y. M. C. A. TO MEET

The Alma College Y. M. C. A. will hold its regular meeting in room 8 tonight, with Frederick Schimmer, newly-elected president, leading the discussion on a subject that will be vitally interesting to every young man on the campus.

The Y organization is steadily outgrowing its embryo stage and with the increase in membership there will come the increase in activity.

At tonight's meeting the program for the remainder of the year will be outlined and committees will be selected to assist the executive committee in carrying on the Y activity on the campus.

The members extend a cordial invitation to every man on the campus to become a member of the group and lend his assistance in the helpful Christian service that the Y is rendering. C. D. M.

M. I. A. A. SELECTS TWO ALMA MEN

Ellsworth Simmons And Carl Gussin Chosen By Coaches

Alma College placed two men on the official mythical M. I. A. A. first team according to the line-up as announced by Albert J. McCulloch, secretary of the M. I. A. A., last night. Carl Gussin and Ellsworth Simmons received the votes of the coaches for both guard positions.

The official teams are as follows:
First Team — Second Team
Murdock, Kazoo R.F., Restifo, Dales Densmore, Albion L.F., Gilmore, Olivet Spoelstra, Hope C. M., Schau, Kazoo Gussin, Alma R.G., Knight, Kazoo Simmons, Alma L.G., Gray, Kazoo
Honorable mention: Cardwell, Johnston, Olivet; Rice, Albion; R. Schau, Kalamazoo; Davis, Hillsdale, VanLente, Hope; Burrows, Kalamazoo, Fyvie, Olivet.

ZETA SIGMA ELECTS SPRING OFFICERS

In the regular Zeta Sigma meeting last Monday evening officers were elected for the coming spring term. James Albaugh was elected President of the fraternity, Vern Kennett, Vice-President, and Robert Buchanan, Secretary. Harold Logan was selected as Critic while Clarence Moore was chosen Assistant House Manager and Alan Dean as Assistant Treasurer. Kermit Fischer will fill the office of Sergeant at Arms.

Plans were made for the initiation of the remaining pledges after spring vacation, and the meeting adjourned.

DOROTHY CARTER SENATE PRESIDENT

Election Held In Wright Hall Reception Room Last Tuesday

The reception room in Wright Hall was temporarily the site of a miniature election day Tuesday noon when the girls cast their ballots for the new Senate President. The candidates for this honor were Jean Peterson, Dorothy Carter, and Neva Hendrichs. When the votes were counted it was found that Dorothy Carter of Traverse City had received the majority.

A very great responsibility accompanies the assumption of the duties of this office. The enforcement of the various Wright Hall rules requires a great deal of sagacity and impartiality. Miss Irene Beuthin, the retiring president, has served in this capacity for the past term and has established a fine precedent.

ALMA CONCLUDES BASKETBALL SEASON

When Coach Campbell's Alma College basketball team defeated Hope College at Holland, March 11, it marked the close of a successful season for 1930. Nine games out of thirteen were won by the Maroon and Cream cagers, who scored a total of 416 points, while restricting their opponents to 337 tallies.

Capt. Carl Gussin, who led the M. I. A. A. scorers, also was high-point man for the Alma quintet, scoring 119 points in thirteen games, for an average of better than nine points per game. "Brute" Simmons, with 98 points, and Leo Brown, with 84 tallies, were second and third, respectively, for high-point honors during the year. Although the Athletic Board of Control has not yet decided on the

number of letters to be awarded to the 1930 cage squad, it is probable that eight men will receive their varsity "A's", namely: Capt. Gussin, Simmons, Brown, Wehrly, Sharp, Albaugh, Pezet, and Dean. Three other players—Crowell, Crawford and Williams—did not participate in enough games to win their letters. Simmons, Albaugh, and Pezet are the only three men who will not be back for next year and prospects are bright for a championship aggregation.

Kalamazoo nosed out the Campbellites for the M. I. A. A. championship by losing only one of their ten association games—that to Alma—while the Presbyterians were defeated in the return tilt at Kalamazoo and lost (Continued on Page 4)

SEASON'S SUMMARY

Players	Games	Baskets	F. T. At.	F. T. Made	P. Fouls	Tot. P.	
Gussin, rg	13	54	20	11	19	119	
Simmons, c, lg	13	37	41	24	29	98	
Brown, rf	13	37	21	10	25	84	
Wehrly, c	10	13	14	7	11	33	
Sharp, lf	13	11	11	7	14	29	
Albaugh, lf, ig	10	9	13	6	2	24	
Pezet, lg	13	4	16	6	17	14	
Dean, rf	7	2	4	2	4	6	
Crowell, rf	3	3	1	1	0	5	
Crawford, rg	3	1	0	0	5	2	
Williams, lf	2	1	0	0	0	2	
Totals, Alma	13	171	141	75	126	416	
Opp. Totals	13	122	162	93	112	337	
Alma	48	Flint Tech	26	Alma	21	Olivet	20
Alma	50	Hillsdale	26	Alma	15	Kalamazoo	22
Alma	26	Albion	21	Alma	44	Hope	27
Alma	27	Kalamazoo	24	Alma	36	Hillsdale	21
Alma	26	Central State	31	Alma	37	Central St.	40
Alma	22	Olivet	18	Alma	36	Hope	29
Alma	28	Albion	32	Total	416	Opp.	337

THESE MEN RECEIVED M. I. A. A BIRTHS



CARL GUSSIN

Association High Point Man Selected as M. I. A. A. Guard



ELLSWORTH SIMMONS

Chosen by Coaches as M. I. A. A. Guard

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TO THE FRESHMEN

Your class indubitably contains some excellent men. You won the flag rush, and your verdant fellowmen have obtained honor which naturally induced some of your prolific members to act accordingly. Some of the men in their exuberance, inspired by certain accomplishments either here or elsewhere, have overstepped the traditional bounds and in doing so have incurred the righteous indignation of the upperclassmen. It is now necessary for the old Vigilance Committee, somewhat restricted in their powers but nevertheless equal to the occasion, to come forth once more and perform the necessary duties effectively.

It is regrettable that such methods must be resorted to once again, but the ephemeral experimentation period in which the Freshmen were granted a great deal of freedom, and a slight reprimand after an infraction of the rules composed the punishment, seemed to initiate an interval of laxness toward certain campus customs. The evils were in no way mitigated by the condescending attitude of Juniors and Seniors, and the trial may be classified as a failure. The reiterated statement that the Vigilance Committee would be the avenging deity in cases of Freshmen misdeeds has provoked an air of scorn, and the old state of trembling is being replaced by one of laughter.

The realization that the shadow of an impending paddle is no longer in evidence may account for this condition. Let it be understood that this paper is not endeavoring to overthrow the law against paddling, nor does it consider such a method a nostrum for the first year ailments, although it proved highly effective when applied. This form of barrel stave diplomacy is rapidly becoming obsolete in American colleges, but the replacement of such physical punishment by some other form which is equally efficient has confronted this campus for the past two years.

Another experiment is beginning—the results remain to be seen. Various suggestions have been contributed, and the trend of thought seems to be that mental discomfiture overshadows the physical. Ingenious systems have been devised combining both of these factors which, according to the laws of human nature should inaugurate a very efficacious policy.

The Freshmen are fully aware of those in their own ranks who have not conformed. Each man will be given a fair trial before his classmates as well as others; then the committee will act as it sees fit.

"The Vigilance Committee will get you if you don't watch out" is no longer an empty threat but is a reality.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE WRIGHT HALL SENATE

With the approach of spring vacation comes the inevitable problem of the election of some girl who is to become in a large measure responsible for the enforcement of certain laws designated and formulated by the Wright Hall Senate.

Past experiences have only strengthened the statement that the term of office is one long harrowing experience in which the girl occupying the presidential chair is forced to undergo the lashings of the elongated tongue of gossip. The mere performance of her duty as duly elected executive incites the rise of such terms as "squealer" and hypocrite. There are some girls in Wright Hall who make the life of the president absolutely miserable. The casting of disparaging and insinuating remarks concerning the course of action pursued only shows a great inconsistency in the Senate control of affairs. The very girls who should aid in the enforcement of such statutes, which are the products of their own handiwork, are often the ones who lead the group in the condemnation of the one appointed by them to see that the aforementioned rules are properly executed.

Many people speak of the honor connected with such an office, but is it an honor when the chosen girl is practically socially ostracized by the co-eds?

After selecting the new President of the Senate why not resort to a policy of helpful cooperation instead of destructive criticism? Let's give her a "break" during the future terms of office.

STUDENT FORUM

Once upon a time in a land far, far away from here, across the great and boundless ocean, lived a king, mighty and great. Now this king was not an absolute monarch for he allowed his people to make their own laws (except that he still held the power of veto) and he let them also elect those who were to enforce those laws. And the people chose wise and good laws and elected honored and just men to enforce them and everyone was happy.

But the years passed and as the children grew up they did not understand the value of their parent's laws. In fact the laws were out of date and the majority didn't want them any more. But they were a weak-willed and cowardly people and were afraid to tell the king about this.

But these people had brains and they concocted an easy way out. Now you remember that I told you that the king had given them the power to elect those who were to enforce the law. And these lazy people remembered this and laughed. For all they had to do was to elect people to this office of enforcement who, like the majority, were opposed to these laws, and they of course wouldn't enforce them.

But here's the catch, there's where the greatest minds did fail. These lazy, cowardly people did not realize that by their action they were creating disrespect for all laws. And eventually the day came when the king realized his mistake and took all power from the hands of the people and ruled things himself.

And now, dear reader, we substitute the faculty for the king, the girls of Wright Hall for the people, and the Wright Hall Senate for the policemen who were elected by the people to enforce the law.

If there are old, useless laws in the Wright Hall law book, repeal them instead of voting into office someone who has no respect for Wright Hall rules and so will not enforce them. For if the latter course be taken, disrespect for all student enforced rules will soon follow and the faculty will be forced to throw out the Wright Hall Senate.

Let's go, girls, show a little spunk, and either get rid of those old rules you've been breaking for so long, or enforce them. Why not show what you're made of and do the former instead of electing to office those who you know won't enforce any rule you dislike. W. T.

EDITOR SPEAKS TO COLLEGE MEN

Again last Sunday morning the College Men's Bible class had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Babcock, editor of the Alma Record.

The primary thought which he put over very effectively in both of his talks was: that every man must make his own decision in this world and each should do his best to make them for the right and then stick by them. He illustrated this point by many very interesting examples both from the lives of people he had known and from his own life.

Most of the illustrations were drawn from newspaper work, and in the course of his talk he listed the three uses of the newspaper which are: to spread news, to form public opinion, and to advertise.

He said that the news must be unbiased, that the editor must expect opposition to his editorials, and that the advertisements must be truthful in every detail, for the paper is held equally responsible with the men who advertise falsely.

He brought home with many examples the point that when a newspaper man makes a mistake it is down in black and white and cannot be dodged but must be forced as it is, regardless of the sad consequences. He told of having to throw away whole editions of the paper because of some single mistake made by the linotype operator and missed by the proof reader.

Mr. Babcock warned those present that they would be offered bribes to change their course of action and he illustrated this from his own life, but he challenged them to stand by their convictions and make their own decisions for the right. W. T.

ALMA DEBATERS LOSE TO OLIVET

The Alma women's affirmative team completed its debating schedule when it met the Olivet negative at Olivet last Thursday evening. The judge, Prof. F. McKay, gave the decision to the negative after an excellent debate.

The speakers making up the Alma forensic group were Miss Marjorie Gesner, Miss Louis Waider, and Miss Nancibel Thorburn. The girls forming the opposing team were Miss Pearl Bishop, Miss Helen Weatherwax and Miss Jean McCarthy. The question for debate was: "Resolved that the Chain Stores are detrimental to the public welfare."

Although the debating season has not been as successful as was expected, Professor Spencer was well pleased with the progress of the team, and promises to produce a banner winning group next year. Those who participated in the past season were Louise Waider, and Nancibel Thorburn, Mildred Angell, Marjorie Gesner, burn. Three of the girls are Sophomores and Miss Thorburn is a member of the first year class. These four girls will form a strong nucleus for future seasons.

Negotiations are being made for a post-season debate with Central Normal at Mt. Pleasant, but nothing definite has been decided at the present date.

GIRLS GLEE CLUB HOLDS SERVICE

The Alma College Girls' Glee Club, under the direction of Professor Jesse

Ewer, held a very impressive Vesper service at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday at 4:30 P. M. A large number of students and townspeople were in attendance at the services. The following program was given:

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| Come Unto Me | Coenen |
| Night Song | Wilson |
| Glee Club | |
| Solo— | |
| Come Ye Blessed | Scott |
| Professor J. W. Ewer | |
| God is Love | Shelley |
| To a Wild Rose | MacDonald |
| Glee Club | |
| Snow | Elgar |
| Lift Thine Eyes (Elijah) | Mendelssohn |
| Sextette | |
| The Swan | Saint Saens |
| Ave Maria | Schubert |
| Alma Mater | Hamilton |
| Glee Club | |

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CO-ED NEWS

Note: The editor wishes to prepare the general public for this issue of Scandal Sheet and Tabloid, Incorporated. Since most of the content has been contributed, direct all personal invective against Wright Hall inmates. Remember bombs and poison pen letters are childish!

Discovered by two Wright Hall girls—one Sherlock Holmes who would make mighty good track material—a sprinter. And then on second thought, Ray, he might make a good night watchman.

Some more of us have birthdays. Queer how the time flies and we get older. Oh don't we? And then came the snow—and rabbit tracks, and snowbirds and—better wear your goshes so folks won't recognize you. And by the way how about repairs for the crashed in fence on the East side of Wright Hall?

The Betas gave a real party and came through in grand style with breath taking favors. And everybody had a good time too.

Howdy's finding that Buicks sort of clutter up a man's big moment. Just to get even he's going in for ironing in a big way.

Zippy and Ann rode back from the party with Win and Betty and what do you suppose—they found holding hands is contagious.

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Jack and Irene even crashed a debate the other night, not being aware that sometimes chapel has social engagements too.

And while we're on the subject, did you notice our Paul Reveres the other day. We understand that Jim and "Willie" go in for dog shoes. Pardon us, coon hunting.

Now that Buff is taking Geometry in an effort to solve triangles (eternal and otherwise) why wasn't it that two of the angles suffered momentary collapse on seeing the other angle up and walk in Saturday? We suggest he take up Astronomy and avoid day time star gazing.

Flint surely is an up and coming town and that Buick still carries a certain Senior places.

Query: Why did Helen and Mickey go flat footed upstairs Monday night after dinner? Beware of keeping two good women down.

Our Hebe develops into a social butterfly and says it with flowers. You know the way to a woman's heart.

Erle has the family down to look the ground over and give the customary, "Bless you, my children."

The glee club goes over big and one interested spectator gave whole handed support to the affair.

Smitty is becoming conspicuous by his absence over week ends. Who is she?

We hear that Angell catches strawberries on the wing.

And Ora has changed hair dresser. Have you noticed what a difference a few cents make?

Red's favorite song is "If you like Mary, like I like Mary."

CAMPUSOLOGY

Well, folks spring vacation will soon be here, so get rested up for that last lap.

Don't call me Mr. Buchanan, call me Bob.

And when he walked in who was there but the Buff?

Howdy and Spuddy had a box social the other evening. We are wondering if they charged the coffee.

Dorothy Thompson entertained Betty Gilbert and Christine Frieberg in a delightful repast last Thursday afternoon at Dorothy's chop house—formerly the Coney Island.

Royer says he is starting a new spring campaign.

Imagine Dean's embarrassment at the services Sunday afternoon when he couldn't find change for his quarter.

Speaking of Marathon dances you should have been in Wright Hall Saturday afternoon.

This little game of "Bunberrying" seems to appeal to the boys and perhaps the girls.

We thought Frances Cameron was going to mispronounce that name a

few times in the play.

For heaven's sake girls watch out for Dinty.

We have it all figured out now. When Joe and Frank Wood go up to the cottage—Well, they're just "Bunberrying."

ALPHA THETA NOTES

A business meeting of Alpha Theta was held Monday, March 24, to discuss the initiation of pledges that were not taken in the first semester on account of marks. Committees for the Alpha Theta formal were appointed.

PHI PHI ALPHA GIVES SERENADE

The midnight silence of Wright Hall was disturbed Monday night when some not-so-melodious voices of serenaders brought the co-eds scrambling to the windows. To the girls it was only another serenade, but to the serenaders, it wrote fins to the evening of activity. Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity, augmented with ten new members, sang the songs as the end of a perfect night.

Following the regular fraternity session Monday night, ten new men were initiated into the Phi circle by Amos Ruddock, chairman of the initiating committee. The initiatory exercises marked the termination of the pledgeships and the wind-up of "Hell Week".

After the initiation had been completed, the new members attended the Strand as guests of the society in a body.

From the theatre, the group of thirty-five adjourned to the Rainbow Trail Cafe and the new comers were feted by the society at a steak dinner. A long table in the center of the Cafe was surrounded with hungry Phis, and after the singing of the fraternity song, the members set themselves to the task in hand and topped off the repast with pie a la mode.

A smoker was the next feature of the evening's program and Edward Gould acting as chairman introduced the two speakers of the evening, Del MacGregor, whose term of office as president of the society came to an end Monday night, spoke briefly in expressing his appreciation of the support given him during his term and extending to the president-elect his hearty wishes for a successful regime. Francis C. Wood, the Phi's new "Prexy" spoke feelingly on the election and expressed a wish for continued support from the members.

The hasty "chain-gang" march to Wright Hall and an equally hasty retreat down the curtain on a night of enjoyable fellowship with the new members of Phi Phi Alpha.

The neophytes who entered the sorority Monday are: Charles Peterson, Charles Mann, Charles Leadbetter, Kenneth Sanson, Lyle Jannesse, Detroit; Hamilton McNichol, Oscoda; Lawrence Kibbler, Marshall; Lewis Baldwin, Manclona; Adrian Heerschap, Clifton, N. J., and Irwin Nichol, Ionia. C. D. M.

PHI PHI ALPHA NOTES

The old enigmatic tongue-twister on the wood-chucking capacity of the wood chuck has found a counterpart in Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity with the question of what will happen when Wood strikes wood with wood. The answer will be known next Monday when Francis C. Wood calls the Phis to order by tapping the presidential gavel for the first time. Wood was chosen president at the elective meeting Monday night to succeed Del MacGregor for the last term of the present year.

Fred Klerkoper was chosen as vice-president to succeed Archie Joyce. Ralph C. Harwood was named Treasurer as Klerkoper's successor. Edward Gould relinquishes the secretarial pen to C. Douglas McLellan and Arthur Crawford has been named Marshall to succeed Harold Holland. Jacob Koechlin will assume the duties of Amos Ruddock as House Manager, and Hollis Fales has been named as his assistant. Barker Brown was advanced from Second Critic to First Critic and Donald Barstov was named to fill the chair of Second Critic. C. Douglas McLellan will act as Almanian reporter. Cari Wise retained his office as Keeper of the Archives and the offices of First and Second Wardens of the Keys were left vacant temporarily.

Following next Monday's meeting, the fraternity will be the guests of the newly-elected officers at the usual social affair. C. D. M.

PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

President Crooks will speak before the Rotary Club at Ionia Wednesday, March 26.

On Thursday evening, March 27, he will appear before the downtown branch of the Detroit Y. M. C. A., and the following night he will be at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit. The occasion is the monthly church supper.

Dr. Crooks will be the speaker at a banquet given in Cadillac by the Exchange Club on Thursday evening, April 3. The banquet is to be given in honor of the Cadillac High School students who have an average of B or better. On the following Sunday he will talk in the Presbyterian Church in Mason on "Christian Education."

EXCHANGE NEWS

The New Planet

How quietly we welcome the new planet into our universe! What difference does it make to us to know that there are nine planets instead of eight revolving about our tiny sun? It seems that it makes very little difference indeed. That is one of the deplorable things about mankind.

To the scientist the universe seems boundless and filled with countless wonders. To the average man, it does not exist, except as an abstract thing that will never concern him in his little sphere.

Fifteen years ago a scientist, Dr. Percival Lovell, noted certain irregularities in the behavior of the planet Uranus. He predicted, as a result of mathematical calculation, that a ninth planet must exist to account for the misbehavior of Uranus. He reasoned that Uranus would not deviate from its normal path unless there were some other planet near enough to exert a gravitational influence upon it. A few days ago his prediction was proved beyond all doubt to be correct. What a triumph for intellect!

But where are the frantic mobs that pushed and fought to catch a glimpse of the ocean flyer? Where are the hushed throngs that stood in reverence at the funeral of the motion picture idol? Yes, they are silent—because they do not exist. For, after all, who cares? The knowledge that there are nine planets instead of eight does not affect the daily routine of men. The day will neither be longer nor shorter. Winter will follow Autumn and Autumn will follow Summer and Spring time. Wine will flow as freely and the dance of life will be as passionate. Today is the same as yesterday, and tomorrow will be like today.

Man lives upon his little world, and thinks he is the most important thing in all existence. Perhaps he is—but his earth is but a grain of the sand among the stars.

Man proudly boasts of his intellect, and claims distinction among the animals because of it. He struts the earth with his complacent sophistication on arrogant display. But, after all, his tribute is reserved for those who excel in physical accomplishments. He heaps unbounded praise upon the head of one who flies across the ocean, and greets him with wild applause. Of course it was a heroic act. He lowers his flags, and grieves loudly and long at the passing of one who could arouse the passion of adolescent girls, young wives and pussy-petting spinsters. But he remains silent and unmoved at one of the greatest intellectual triumphs of the century.

It is but a proof of the smallness of man. After all, who can prove that he is but an animal that has risen just a little above the rest? Just as the hazy mountain in the distance does not concern the ants busy about their ant-hill, neither do the planets nor the stars concern men busy about their man-hill. Man sees, perhaps, but he does not understand, nor does he desire to understand. His life, his happiness, the satisfaction of his physical desires come first, last—always. What does the rest matter!

But not so with all men. Since the time of the Pyramids there have been men—a few men—who have watched the stars. They have realized that there must be something infinitely great among and beyond them. Galileo made his crude lenses and looked at the moons of Jupiter, but men laughed and called him "fool." Galileo died, but his spirit lingered, and in its saplingly scattered reincarnations lenses of finer texture have been ground, and patient Friars of Science have been slowly fitting together the jumbled pieces of the Picture Puzzle of the Universe.

Our little solar system is but a tiny corner of the Picture, but only now, after more than twenty centuries, has one of the pieces—the ninth planet—been found and fitted into place.

Only they deserve the title of "Men"—the Friars of Science. It is they who understand. They see the littleness, not the greatness, of humanity and its thorny little garden. The rest of us are but the ants busy about our puny ant-hill. We give them no thanks; but fortunately, and to their credit, they neither ask nor expect it. They work only for the love of intellect and for the thirst for insight into the methods and handiwork of some mysterious but omnipotent Deity. All they ask of us is peace, toleration, and a little support.—Western State.

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MEN'S GLEE CLUB LEAVES FRIDAY

The Alma College Glee Club under the direction of Professor Ewer will leave on its twentieth annual tour next Friday as was announced in last week's Almanian.

Additional concerts have been arranged in high schools about the state. It is expected that the men will return from the trip on April 8.

ALMA CONCLUDES BASKETBALL SEASON

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a close battle at Albion for an M. I. A. A. record of eight wins and two losses. Following is the final M. I. A. A. standing for 1930:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Kalamazoo	9	1	.900
Alma	8	2	.800
Olivet	5	5	.500
Hope	3	7	.300
Albion	3	7	.300
Hillsdale	2	8	.200

10 Scoring Leaders

Player	G.	B.	F.	T.P.
Gussin, Alma	10	47	6	100
Spolstra, Hope	10	37	12	86
Gilmore, Olivet	10	28	17	73
Densmore, Albion	7	28	16	72
Restifo, Hillsdale	10	27	27	71
Simmons, Alma	10	24	22	70
Murdock, Kazoo	10	24	11	59
R. Shau, Kazoo	10	24	11	59
M. Shau, Kazoo	10	21	17	59
Brown, Alma	10	25	7	57

BETA TAU FORMAL VERY ATTRACTIVE

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Hamilton would be unable to be present due to the illness of Mrs. Hamilton. And upon going to Dean Steward to ask her advice they found that she too was ill. Undaunted, however, they went into "the highways and byways", into the country where Miss Biondi was having a delightful drive and onto the golf course where Prof. Clack was having a pre-season round of golf, and the boys brought them both back to town in order that the party might be quite properly chaperoned.

Upon arriving in St. Louis, again an evil wind blew, for it was found that the Park Hotel pianos were sadly out of tune—both of them. And having the Baker-Crampton, six piece orchestra present, it was decided not to let a poor piano spoil the music, so again going into the "highways and byways" Mr. Sawkins was located and soon another piano arrived by truck from Alma.

Each girl, when reaching her place at the table, found her favor hidden under a napkin, and there were many ohs and ahs when the coverings were removed.

After dinner a word of welcome was extended to the guests by Les Rowland and then with the tables removed and with only half a dozen lamps to light the dancers on their way, the orchestra struck up the first dance. The chaperones were seated under a crepe paper bower and the orchestra was fenced off with the same material.

Time did not drag on its ceaseless course but danced merrily on its way, stopping for no one, so in what seemed to be no time the orchestra was playing "Home, Sweet Home" and goodnights were being said. Each one on the way out stopped long enough to tell Les Harris, who was chairman of the social committee, what a fine piece of work he had done and what a wonderful time they had had.

The assistant chaperones, Prof. and Mrs. Clack and Miss Biondi, made sitting with the faculty a pleasure and more than one fellow left his guest to entertain the Clacks or be entertained by them while he danced with the assistant Dean.

The out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Terzia of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Weber of Royal Oak, and John Toomey of Ferris Institute. The alumni and former students present were: Tom Jackson, Clayton Neff, Wilfred Schiefly, and Arvid Hicks. W.T.

STUDENT COUNCIL NOTES

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again this year. Professor Hamilton gave a report of the financial condition of the Oratory and Debate Council. A motion was made by Mr. Crawford and seconded by Mr. Thomas that the Council give \$50 to the Oratory and Debate Council. It carried.

A discussion followed concerning awards to be given to the society ranking highest in scholarship. Mr. Karpp suggested that there be two cups, one for the men's societies and one for the women's. Mr. Dean was appointed to investigate and report on the price of cups for this purpose.

The motion for adjournment (Dean, Moore) carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Miss Irene Beuthin, Secretary.

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