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## Pulpit Returns After World Cruise

### ZETA BANQUET OPENS FORMAL PARTY SEASON

Michigan State Collegians  
Furnish Good Music  
for Dance.

By HELEN VINCENT

Exceptional music and fine food were the outstanding features of the Zeta Sigma fraternity's annual dinner-dance, held Saturday night in the ball room of the Park Hotel in St. Louis.

The programs were very attractively carried out in the fraternity colors of blue and white. They were surmounted by the Zeta Sigma coat of arms done in gold. Music was furnished by the Michigan State Collegians from East Lansing. Both slow waltz medleys and fast music was featured by the orchestra. Specialty numbers included a trio and instrumental soloists. The drummer added much to the occasion by his antics and contagious grin.

Dinner was served at six-forty and dancing was enjoyed between courses. The tables were arranged in parallel rows and were set for three couples. The first course consisted of fruit cocktail and celery hearts, while the second included fried chicken, mashed potatoes, biscuits with gilet gravy, combination salad, June peas and brown and white bread. Vanilla ice cream, cake and coffee were served as dessert. After the dinner the tables were removed and dancing was held until twelve o'clock.

At one end of the ball room was a large Zeta Sigma coat of arms, electrically lighted, which was placed directly above the chairs of the chaperones. The room was dimly lighted by floor lamps placed around the edges of the room. The music standards of the orchestra lent much to the decorative scheme, having a modernistic design done in orange, black and brilliant.

During intermission the couples adjourned to the lobby of the hotel where a few became interested in the miniature pool tables, while others listened to the radio. Alumni present were Douglas Frevert, Alvin Royer, Marian Mackenzie, David Golden, Richard Spencer, Gerald Phillips and Margaret Wellwood. Out of town guests were Beatrice Schrock of Saginaw and Margaret Richardson of Detroit.

The chaperones for the dinner dance were President and Mrs. Harry Means Crooks, Dean Florence M. Steward and Dean James Mitchell.

Committees for the affair included Eldon Aitken and Herbert Estes as general chairmen. The decoration committee consisted of Russell Hubbard, Louis Meisel and Emery Kendall. Invitations and programs were in charge of Richard Johnson and John Colbeck.

The following couples were present: Milton Smith and Miss Beatrice Schrock; Leslie Olmstead and Miss Inez Passenheim; Lawrence

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### ALPHA THETAS HAVE BENEFIT BRIDGE TEA

The first of an anticipated series of bridge-teas was given at the Wright House last Friday afternoon by the Alpha Theta Literary society. Twenty-five tables of contract and auction were filled, and most of the afternoon passed with the card-playing. Prizes were won by Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Sherman. The games were followed by a brief program featuring Marjorie Lundbom as soloist and Claire Wilson at the piano. The guests then retired to a small ante-room where tea and small cakes were served. The table was decorated with tall Christmas candles, pine and holly-berries, under the direction of Dorothy Davies, who was in charge of the tea. The program was arranged by Aileen Waters. Alice Biondi and Freedom Burget assisted with serving, while Mabel Kennett and Janet Hill were in charge of general arrangements for the bridge-playing.

### DIRECTOR



PROF. J. W. EWER

### PHILO PHAIR IS PHAR PHROM PHLOP

By MARION DAY

The annual Philomathean Christmas Fair was the big attraction at the Hall Saturday afternoon. Booths and dancing featured the affair which lasted from one o'clock on. The arrival of the Chapel pulpit, missing since Hallowe'en, at 3:00 caused much excitement inasmuch as it seemed to come from abroad. Stickers addressed to he professors in mathematics, science, history and the languages and to Watch Dog Hubbard in French, German, Spanish and Syrian gave it the oriental touch.

To get back to the fair and the booths—first the Japanese display, in charge of Florence McCallum had everything that one could desire in the line of gifts,—purses, jewelry boxes, games, perfumes, and everything.

Cakes, plain and angel food, and home made cookies were in the baked goods booth under the direction of Charlotte Hardy.

Pillow slips, luncheon sets, fine linen handkerchiefs, pillows and stuffed animals helped the fancy work booth keep its position under the leadership of Harriet Noyle.

Spray Dehnke was in charge of the home made candy booth and Lois Beardsley was head of the Sawkins booth display. Here were ornaments, cigarette holders, smoking sets, letter openers, etc. Chocolate and maple nut ice cream and home made cake were served in the Japanese tea room. Elizabeth Willetts was in charge while Florence Gunsell, Margaret Hodges, and Elizabeth Tenney poured.

The grab bag and toy department were under the direction of Jeannette Seaver.

Dancing started at 1:00 o'clock to the music of Paul Bennett's orchestra and lasted until 5:00. Even a little marathon took place. Lillian Ogle and Mary Lou Peters were cashiers.

In every way, financially and socially, the fair was a huge success. Mary Lou Peters, the general chairman, and all the assistants mentioned above, are to be congratulated for their good work.

### MINUTE INTERVIEWS

Following the dramatic return of the (now) famous chapel pulpit several prominent, and otherwise, personages from here and there were caught in weak moments by Patsy, the office dog.

Prof. Weimer: "Thanks, now I have a place to put my elbows."

Prof. Brokenshire: "I got along alright without it."

Prof. Etherton: "I never use it anyway."

Miss Banta: "I refuse to translate the Greek on the packing case."

Prof. Ditto: "Give me a week and I'll find the culprits."

Chet: "I don't think much of the decorations."

Charley Ox: "Now the faculty has something to hide (behind)."

Prof. Clack: "Does that mean me?"

Ex-Mayor Walker: "The pulpit and I had a fine crossing. We talked. I went to sleep."

George Leonard: "They made me clean it up."

Kibitzing Katy: "Really it is not a problem for me to discuss, but I think that you might look for the woman in the case."

Miss Foley: "The pulpit has

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### CHOIR PRESENTS FIRST CONCERT

Presbyterian Church to Be  
Scene of Charity  
Program.

By JOHN MENOCH

The following is the program for the Christmas concert of the College Choir which will be given Wednesday evening. This year there will be 75 voices in the choir and it promises to be one of the most outstanding concerts ever staged by a musical organization of Alma College. Coming at this season it has been very popularly patronized in the past year and this year promises to be no exception. It has provided the musical department of the College with an opportunity to bring, not only to its student body, but to friends of the college and many of the townspeople a musical treat seldom equaled. The opportunity and scope of the organization has not yet been reached, and Prof. Ewer feels that with such a start as has been made in the past year the accomplishments of this group will make it one of the ranking choirs in the state. It has gone a long way to put Alma on the map and has taken no mediocre place among the A Cappella choirs of the state. The Shepherd in the Fields, Malling Shepherd's Dance (From Henry VIII) German, arr. by Lemare GRACE ROBERTS

Souls of the Righteous . . . . .Caley Adoramus Te . . . . .Palestrina Beautiful Saviour . . . . .Christiansen A CAPPELLA CHOIR

Jesu Bambino (Infant Jesus) . . . . .Yon RUTH MOORE

Cherubim Song . . . . .Bortnyanski There's a Friend in the Homeland, Havens I Wrestle and Pray . . . . .J. S. Bach Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, Praetorius A CAPPELLA CHOIR

Offertory . . . . .Flute Solo Nocturne . . . . .Chopin PAUL FIELD

As With Gladness Men of Old . . . . .arr. by Koehler The First Noel . . . . .Traditional Cantique de Noel . . . . .M. Adams Silent Night . . . . .M. Haydn A CAPPELLA CHOIR

### WALTER L. JENKINS SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

By GORDON SMITH

"In what terms shall the youth of today measure success?" was the keynote of an address in the chapel service last Friday by Mr. Walter L. Jenkins, field representative for the Board of Christian Education of the Michigan Synod.

An exceedingly vivid picture of life and its problems in 1932 was presented, showing the stark despair which has visited society during the present economic depression. "We are living in a day which is filled with shattered dreams and false hopes; a day in which we see our air castles come tumbling down about us."

Offering a reason for this chaotic condition, the speaker described the ultra-materialistic view of success in life which is held by large numbers of people today. "Too much stress has been laid upon wealth in terms of automobiles, houses, clothes and social position, to the sad neglect of spiritual riches which can be had by all who will." The satisfaction which is born of the accomplishment of helpful and worth-while enterprises far exceeds the mere sensuous pride of possession of wealth.

What shall the young folks of today do about the modes of doing business which are commonly accepted today? Shall we fall in line with modern methods even though they are unchristian, or shall we have the strength of mind and character to set our goals as doing something lasting and of real value? These and several other thoughtful questions were asked with the purpose of aiding young folks in "thinking through" the whole problem.

Jerry Brodebeck has been laid up for the past three weeks at his home near Ithaca with a bad mixture of sinus trouble and streptococic throat. He will probably be unable to return to school before vacation.

Dr. Crooks was a speaker at the inauguration of Dr. Brown, the new president of Ferris Institute, held at Big Rapids last Thursday.

### ACCOMPANIST



PROF. GRACE D. ROBERTS

### CHRISTMAS COMING! SCHOOL OUT FRIDAY

One-third of the long grind is over, and now comes the pause that refreshes. Classes stop Friday, the pad-lock goes on the Ad Building, and college will be forgotten while we rush home to get the cards ready, and buy a present or two, and try to get caught under the mistletoe, and enjoy all the other old customs connected with Christmas. The arrival of snow in an appreciable quantity this weekend gives earnest of a real old-fashioned white Christmas.

Far be it from us to urge the students to take on any extra work, but we would like to remind you again of the oratorical contests, which will come the third week in January. That really is not very far off, and if you have hopes of landing a cut of the prize money, you will have to do a good share of your work during the holidays. With the three prize-winners in the men's contest last year all out of school, and Edith Davis, twice winner in the women's contest, ineligible because of established superiority, there will be a wide-open fight in both divisions, and anybody who wants to go to work has a good chance to win. Claire Wilson, second place winner in the women's contest for the past two years, is the only one of last year's winners who may compete this year.

College activities will cease almost entirely. We hope that the basketball team may take a trip, with several games tentatively booked. They are anxious for a few practice tilts before meeting Kalamazoo in the M. I. A. A. curtain-raiser the first week in January.

There is an announcement elsewhere in this paper concerning the days when the library will be open. The students who remain in town will have access to books two days a week during vacation.

With Kibitzing Katy, we also wish you un joyeux et gai Noel, et une bonne et heureuse annee.

### NOTICE

All books, including any "indefinitely renewed," are due for return to the College Library on Tuesday, December 13.

If books are needed for use during the vacation, they may be obtained by meeting the customary conditions, leaving a deposit for the value of the book; and in addition, for books on the reserved shelves, by bringing a note of permission from the faculty member on whose reserved shelf the book is placed.

The library will be open twice a week during the holidays, for exchange of books, to the faculty and town students, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon only on Wednesday and Saturday, December 17, 21, 24, 28 and 31.

Annette P. Ward,  
Librarian.

By the way, that high school play was a first class production. The actors showed none of the hesitating or awkwardness that usually characterizes such a performance, and they put the whole thing across well. The milkman had an even dumber expression than Estes, and the drama club could easily use a pair like Al Fortino and Bob Davies. And we liked the leading lady too. Quite a number of college students saw the play. (Sonny Boy was all alone but he didn't mind).

### EXCITED CO-EDS RECEIVE UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Ancient Chapel Decoration  
Has Had Many Strange  
Adventures.

(By Wm. Johnson and Bud Campbell)

Following a six weeks' absence from the chapel, after its mysterious disappearance on Hallowe'en, the chapel pulpit was delivered to the Wright Hall reception room Saturday afternoon while the Philo Fair was in progress.

Both the packing box and the pulpit itself were covered with stickers from ports all over the world, revealing the itinerary of its trip. It took it six weeks to go from its former resting place to the Wright Hall reception room via the Eastern route. It traveled from Greenland's icy mountains to Africa's burning sands, from George Leonard's fiery furnace to the museum's icy steps. The complete itinerary of this famous and long sought for specimen of ornamental sculpture is as follows:

Nov. 1 (3 a. m.)—Was placed under the bridge. Floated down to New York.

Nov. 2—Arrived at New York. Mr. Ellis Isle (no relation to Uch) put me on board Ile de France. Captain got drunk and we landed at Greenland.

Nov. 7—Arrived at Liverpool. Very eventful trip. Sea got rough. Rail very convenient. Tossed up a lot of rotten chapel speeches. Tried to cut across Ireland. Got thrown out.

Nov. 7—Arrived at London. It rained.

Nov. 8—Arrived at Dover. More rain.

Nov. 9—Paris (Ah). Rue de la Paix. Who pays?

Nov. 11—Hamburg. Ach, da beach.

Nov. 13—Boulogne sewer Myer.

Nov. 15—Rome. Received the pope's blessing.

Nov. 16—Venice. Didn't see much. They had just had a flood.

Nov. 19—Alexandria.

Nov. 20—Port Said.

Nov. 24—Jumped to Johannesburg, S. A., 26 Kinder Strasse. Hot.

Nov. 28—Flew to Semaplatinak, Siberia. Cold.

Dec. 2—Arrived at Hangchow, China.

Dec. 3—Shanghai-expressed. Sailed on S. S. Transylvania for Boston.

Dec. 8—Chiapas, Mexico (where is that?) on board S. S. Majestic.

Dec. 9—Arrived at Boston (good old Boston) on board S. S. Mauritania. Had to leave Boston; could not find my Blue Book rating.

Dec. 10—Good old Alma on the Pine. O. K. Wright Hall. Boy, did I create a sensation!

### K. I.'S ENTERTAIN WITH OPEN HOUSE

Dancing and cards were the main attractions of the Kappa Iota open house at Wright Hall last Friday night. The couples met in the reception room and at 8:30 adjourned to the fourth floor to the K. I. room where the evening's activities began. There were five tables for bridge or other card games, various other amusements, and room for dancing. Music was furnished by a radio and victrola alternately.

Refreshments, consisting of ices cream and cakes, were served at 11:00 o'clock. Coach and Mrs. Roy R. Campbell chaperoned the affair.

The guests present were: Katherine Campbell, Gordon Clack; Eleanor Curtis, Max Novak; Mary Elizabeth Soper, Elmer Frost; Onilee MacDonald, Russell Ludwig; Jean Cameron, Leonard Graham; Marian Day, Bruck York; Annabel DeKracker, Irwin Nichol; Mary Painter, Eldon Aitken; Phyllis Randall, Al Wilkas; Gertrude Elliott, Robert Lehner; Jane Allen, James Day; Isabel Palmer, Leslie Struble; Jane Rice, Ward Campbell; Louise Stickney, Kenneth Carter.



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## EDITORIAL

### ON WITH THE STUDENT PARADE!

By EDITH DAVIS

"Not what we give but what we share . . . For the gift without the giver is bare."

Last week a committee was appointed in Flint to make plans for celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Alma College in the year 1936. By the time the present yearlings doff the senior cap and gown, college people will be remembering that the kindly old man who looks down from the Chapel walls once shared an idea. He used to say that the greatest satisfaction of his life came from observing the change that college experience brought about in young people. He liked his student parade.

The average student on the campus today is not immediately concerned with a jubilee year so many seasons distant, nor yet with the student-parade of the forty-five years past. Yet his first step on the campus was into an atmosphere created by the traditions and customs growing out of that long line ahead; "friendliness," our Syrian fellow-student calls it; "school spirit" says the average freshman. No matter. It's there—a complex pattern of shared experiences. Faculty bringing experiences and ideas from Harvard, from Yale, from Columbia, from Penn State, from Illinois, from Northwestern, from Chicago, from thought-centers the world over. Students bringing experiences from town, city and farm. All of it merging into a tremendous philosophy belonging peculiarly to Alma College. Everybody contributing, everybody sharing in the steps of the student parade.

It is perhaps safe to say that a large number of graduates leave the college knowing as little of its history and progress as they did on the day of matriculation. They leave, too, with little realization of the influence of that forty-five years ahead, and with an even less perfect understanding of their part in determining the type of student that will fall in behind.

Those who have worked to any extent among high school pupils, seeking to influence their choice in college selection are constantly surprised by the frequency of the point: "I'm going to Blank College . . . I know someone there." A little questioning will likely bring out the fact that the extent of that "knowing" is perhaps a mere bowing acquaintance. But the fact must be reckoned with. To the high school pupil, college is a distant, vague, but none the less glorious place that one goes away to. One must make new adjustments, enter a new world. But it is yet a strange world, representing no security beyond the friendliness of a familiar face. If then, a mere acquaintance with a home-towner is one of the chief drawing cards for the college, how much more significant would be the influence of the student who set about deliberately to inform himself as to the status of his institution, and deliberately make friendly contacts with home-town young people who are already bursting with enthusiasm and the desire to hear.

The loyal Alma College student who is interested in drawing the very finest young people into the student parade, will make use of the following salient points:

1. Although the youngest college in the state, Alma ranks with the highest in scholastic standards, according to the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.
  2. Alma is the only college in the state preparing pre-medics who has never had a failure in the University's medical school.
  3. Alma's standing in the North Central Association has never been questioned during her sixteen year membership.
  4. Alma is one of the two institutions in the state to witness an increased enrollment this year.
  5. Alma's size makes it possible for the vast majority of her students to enjoy first-hand contact with the various department heads.
- The points that he chooses to present to the prospective student will depend largely on the personal experience and vision of the individual who is doing the sharing. Many young people who take a

temporary delight in poking fun at campus customs, or meals, or dormitory life, are nevertheless loyal to the social values of small-college life when they have occasion to view them in a saner perspective.

When you go home for the Christmas vacation, remember that there are hosts of young folks, some graduating in February, some next June, some in two or three years, who are eager and anxious to hear the things you have to say, to take the encouragement you have to give, to share the experiences you have acquired. You can bring them here, to share with them Alma College. On with the student parade!

### CAN YOU TAKE IT?

Everywhere, on and off the campus, in the movies, in the newspapers, we run across the expression "can't take it." Like all popular expressions, excessive use of the phrase has taken away most of the force it originally carried, but occasionally we find a situation where it may be said in such a way that it carries a lot of sting.

The widespread use of this expression, although it has no serious intentions at all, has had quite an awakening effect, just as last year the use of the phrases "Quit sobbing" and "Quit bragging" shook those two undesirable habits off quite a number of students. Quite a few have learned to take the jibes and "dirty cracks" that the college student continually receives in the spirit of fun in which they are given, and even when they are backed up by personal enmity, they are passed over without any display of temper.

The Alma students are remarkable for their ability both to "dish it out" and to "take it." The faculty have long been noted for their ability to take even the crudest of practical jokes in good spirit, and we congratulate them on being such good sports. Such a spirit is a very valuable one, for it makes the rough spots in life a great deal easier, and it is much easier to bear the disappointments and troubles that come on the serious side.

### UNSUNG HEROES

Al, I'm sorta mad today—I been gettin talked about on account of I dont tell all I know about some people—but gosh Al I couldn't do that now could I. Besides anyhow I'm supposed to give people a little boost—just a little ray of sunshine—that's me Al. Always tootin in somebodys horn what is too bashful or to lazy to do it theirself. Take Perry Gray for instance—my gosh Al there's a bashful guy. Ever see him dating Wright Hall women—no siree. He's too bashful—but just between you and me Al it's on account of as how he's gotta crush on this here Davies dame and I cant say I blame the guy. She's a keen looker. Anyhow Al I guess poor old Gray had enough of Wright Hall women. But you know what they say Al, oil and water wont mix or somethin. Well as I was goin to say before I stopped to chuck Samanty under the chin, this Perry Gray heps the "big gun" coach the football boys and Al they say he coached a whole team by hisself once. The frosh I mean. Guess that boy knows his huddles—no Al nct what your thingin of I mean his football. He's got a hard job anyhow Al just think of tryin to tel House and Helmer that they aint so hot—Why Al its just like tellin your grandma to go fan her bustle. Sorta dangerous anyhow Al you know and I know and everybody knows that them guys are the pride of you and of Alma. But they know it too so I guess I better not say no more.

Then there's this cute little Sharp outfit. He's a assistant coach too, Al. Only he plays with the basketball boys. He's a brave little guy too Al. Once he even called Al Glance by his right name and thats just like being Daniel in the lions den and not bein a dentist so's you can pull the lions wisdom teeth out. Anyhow Al this Katy Sharp is a nice guy and he can play baseball as good as Jack Dempsey or Bill Shakespeare ever thought of. And besides Al he can play tennis like an angel. But Al you know why I like him special sorta? Thats on account of how he never brags. No siree Al and thats terrible unusual for a man now you gotta admit it. Course you and me dont brag Al but then everybody knows were awful good he-men, huh? He aint so big but when he says dribble well Al them guys dribble no foolin. Were for him.

Say Al old kid I'll tell you about a bird that is noble—just plain noble Al—that's this Erickson guy. Gee he's got a heart like Minnie the Mocher, he has. Know those poor kids what the girls gave the party for? Well Al Cactus played Santa Clause for them little kids. Wasn't that swell Al? Course he didn't come down the Chimney Al—he couldn't on account of his bay window which was a pillow but anyhow he grew a swell white beard for the party and he bought a new red suit on account of because Santa Clause always wears one. Golly sakes Al but he looked swell—His girl was terrible proud of him and I think she'd make a nice Mrs. Santa

Advice To The

## LOVELORN

By KIBITZING KATY

To my Public:  
In closely following Alma's Daily Vital Statistics, I find an increasing number of our college family are married. This does not debar them from taking advantage of my services. A prominent Alma dentist is fond of quoting to his victim as he drills the grinder into the live nerve of a tooth, "Yes, the young man said when he got married, he thought he was at the end of his troubles, but he did not know which end." Married friends, your case is not so hard, but a remedy if not a cure can be found.

I wish to thank the married, single, and all the stages in between for the response you have given me.

If I succeed in completing my doctorate thesis on "Visible Manifestations of Cupid and Cupidity with Their Remote and Immediate Causes as Illustrated and Demonstrated by the Almanics of Alma, Michigan, Based on Personal Interviews, Public Observation and Private Investigations," I shall give you all honorable mention in my preface.

Joveux et Gai Noel,  
Bonne et Heureuse Annee.  
Katy.

Dear Kibitzing Katy:  
We are an unassuming freshman couple, and so far as we know, we have never done anything wrong. But the Almanian snoops are always on our trails, and are giving us more notoriety than we deserve. Even the alcoves at the museum aren't safe any more. How can we avoid the spotlight?  
Alma and Detroit.

Dear Alma and Detroit:  
So you don't like the spotlight? Wear smoked glasses and cry loudly, "Dim your lights." Send me a stamped self-addressed envelope or interview me in my office, and I shall tell you a place safe from Almanian reporters and the vigilance committee. I heartily sympathize with you. Alma is as bad as Hollywood for sweethearts. So many close-ups!  
Katy.

Dear Katy:  
I came to Alma this fall after an unsuccessful year at Detroit City College, and in less than two months I had a fraternity pin. But my catch foiled me by bringing a girl from outside to his fraternity banquet. Should I try to win him back or work for a bid to the next frat party? Of course, I shall keep the pin.  
Hopeful.

Dear Hopeful:  
Keep on hoping. If one fish swims off flapping his tail desirively after nibbling the bait off your hook, try another angle worm. Aesop said two thousand and five hundred years ago, "There are as many fish in the sea as have ever been caught." Someone else, Spinoza, I believe, said something about one being born every minute, but that cannot be referring to fish.  
You show a fine level head in keeping the pin but regard its former owner with the unconcern of a practice hand at contract. Go in for bigger game.  
Katy.

Dear Katy:  
I am a bashful man by nature, and when I finally screwed my courage to the sticking point, I found the object of my desires in the grasp of a very tenacious Scotchman. Although I can serve her better food, since I wait table, still it's hard to compete with a Ford. What to do?  
Vulture.

Clause on account of she's sort of motherly lookin if you know what I mean.

Well Al I practically got to go and play ping pong now all the boys are waitin for me—I'm the official score pad or somethin. Somebody says did you see Miss Foley's pretty blue blouse.  
The Kitchen Cynic.

### ZETA BANQUET

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Muscott and Miss Freedom Burget; David Golden and Miss Marie Cook; Alvin Royer and Miss Marian Mackenzie; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Frevert; Gerald Phillips and Miss Margaret Wellwood; Richard Spencer and Miss Helen Walker; John Hurst and Miss Janet Hill; Warren McVittie and Miss Marjorie Morrison; Gordon Dawson and Miss Aileen Waters; Howard Catherman and Miss Alice Gerwin; Russell Hubbard and Miss Helen Vincent; John Colbeck and Miss Grace Teunis; Eldon Aitken and Miss Marian Cook; Edward Jacobson and Miss Marjory Lundbom; Robert Campbell and Miss Betty Welch; Lawrence Smith and Miss Sara Brodebeck; Fern Erickson and Miss Jean Fowler; Kellogg Beach and Miss Florence Gussell; Stanley Bussard and Miss Elizabeth Malcolm; Emery Kendall and Miss Margaret Richardson; Al Glance and Miss Maryon Osterhaus; Hal Helmer and Miss Greterchen Wilson.

Dear Vulture:  
If your deadly rival is only a Scotchman, I think we can handle him. The Scotch can only eat oats. It is the other men who sow them, and I'll put it to a straw vote after chapel, any morning, if the fair sex can resist wild oats. Ten to one your Scotch competitor is only hanging on from reflex action. While he is making up his mind, dash in and carry the damsel off a la Lochinvar.

I knew a Scotchman once who courted a girl (at least she was that when he started out) for seven years. One evening:  
Silence.  
She—A penny for your thoughts. (She is encouraging him).  
He—I was thinkin' o' nothin'.  
More silence.  
Later:  
She—And what's you thinkin' o' now?  
He—(promptly)—I was wonderin' when you would gi' me the penny.

Does this give you a hint as to how your problem may be solved?  
Katy.

Dear Katy:  
I have fallen hard for a girl who is promised to another man. I have been taking long strides toward gaining her favor, but she is still faithful to Bill. How can I prove my worth?  
Longfellow.

Dear Longfellow:  
I have lost all of an hour's sleep and have sprouted three gray hairs over your predicament. If I could only get in touch with you swains before the fall, I feel as if I could have saved Adam if I had only been on the ground. Every Jack has his Jill, and if she is Bill's Jill, she can't be yours. The woods are as full of Jills as Wright Hall is of Janes and Jeans. There are so many more pussies than corners that "Pussy wants a corner" has gone out of style. I'll wager your generation has not even heard of it. Names are taboo in this column, but a stamped self-addressed envelope will bring a waiting list of ten possibilities.  
Katy.

Dear Katy:  
I am engaged to big strong football man, in whom I find no fault except that he doesn't shave very often. How can I develop his self-respect and save my own face?  
Bernhardt.

Dear Bernhardt:  
Since my own preference is for a rough beard and bristly tweed coat slightly scented with Camels, I can't really share your agony. However, a long career as a public servant has developed in me, to some extent, an ability to put myself in the other fellow's place.  
Purchase a tube of Newskin at your druggist's, apply it generously before and after dating.  
How about sending him ten razor blades with your love for Christmas?  
Katy.

Dear Katy:  
Rosemary for remembrance and pansies for thoughts, but what does it mean when your boy friend sends you a toad?  
Dutch.

Dear Dutch:  
Your riddle is hard to read. The boy friend gives you a bufo lentiginos instead of a bouquet of American Beauty roses, and expects you to know what he means. He surely can't intimate that you are a toady, and he would hardly imply that he is a toady, himself.

His interest in toads must be purely scientific. Use it in biology lab, and send him your approved drawings in lieu of a Christmas card. Have your boy friend apply for a patent in Washington, D. C., for a new slogan, "Say it with toads." Katy.

### MINUTE INTERVIEWS

(Continued from page 1)  
nothing on me. I have been abroad too."  
Stanley Snoop: "Not bad. But in the good old days . . . ."  
Mike: "Are there any stamps on it for me?"  
Prof. Tyler: "Watson could explain this peculiar phenomenon by the behavioristic theory, but . . ."  
Dean Steward: "I'm glad it's back—yowsah!"  
Pres. Goggin: "It was only through the efforts of the Vigilance Committee that the lost was found."

Get out your etiquette books, children. Anyone who has asthma or chews very loud is going to be barred from the dining room—the faculty can't stand the noise.  
No foolin', folks, Bob Campbell has it bad.

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# SPORTS



## MIAA RACE WILL BE CLOSE FIGHT

### All Conference Schools to Have Good Court Teams; Olivet Favored.

The 1933 basketball situation presents a neat outlook from the standpoint of close competition. The Comets of Olivet have practically their championship team back in the running with a few exceptions. Hope reports a veteran team and with an outstanding Frosh team last year, the Dutchmen ought to have a good year. Albion and Kazoo on the other hand lost several veterans, but addition from the Frosh ranks and reserves probably will put them in the running.

At this early period, it is possible to pick at least two teams that will give Olivet a good race for the crown. Hope and Olivet seem to have plenty of reserve strength to throw in a close game, while Alma, Albion and Kalamazoo will have to rely on a limited amount of subs.

Alex Milankov and Fortune Sullo, the senior members of the Comets, will again be the backbone of the Congregationalists' attack. Kane, Schultz and Lowe will bear the brunt of the games in the first semester. It is hoped by Olivet's rooters that Arthurs and Halvery will be reinstated in the second semester.

Hope will have a good team even with the loss of Watson Snelstra and the older Dalman. Slichter, Visscher and the younger Dalman are the remnants of the varsity five, while Bonnette, Bouman, Korstanje, Boven and Van Zanden come up from the Frosh squad. The Dutchmen have one advantage in that most of these, especially the latter, played together in high school. The same was true with Olivet last year, as

was witnessed by some of the scores.

Albion faces the return of three veterans—Chapman, Risley and Krapp. The first two are forwards and the latter a center. Pre-season games have shown offensive power for the Methodists. The strong Battle Creek quintet was humbled by a decisive score. Albion ought to have a hard time to fill the guards vacated by former captain Rice and Gearhart.

Three fairly strong players are left by Hillsdale's contender of last year. Mobily at center, Beckwith and one of the Selby brothers at guard. Mobily, a regular for the past two seasons, will probably take over his old position at center. Mammoth Jesse Clark is also available, as is Stanich.

Kalamazoo College was fairly hard hit by graduation. The Schau brothers' loss will be felt keenly. However, Warner, Mike Hackadorian and Carson Neifert are left from the varsity. Inglis and Findlay from the football team should help considerably.

The Scots will have a tough time to down all these distinguished foes. However, as we look back on last year's results, we find that Alma was the only team in the MIAA who gave Olivet a tough battle. In the game at Olivet the champions won only in the last few seconds and thereby the game was won by one point. If Alma plays this kind of ball this year, we can't help but feel that if there is a break given, Alma will take the advantage offered.

### Ping Pong Tournament Reaches Semi-Finals

One upset was recorded in the ping pong tournament this week, when Norman Borton beat Milton Smith, three games to one. Smith was the favorite to reach the finals in the lower bracket. The other matches, which have now progressed as far as the semi-final round, resulted as expected. One third round match remains to be played—Bennett and Kahn—and the winner of that plays Borton in the semi-finals. In the upper bracket, Hunter plays Prof. Weimer in what should be about the best match of the tournament.

The best battle so far was the third round match between Prof. Weimer and Kieth Seale. With the score tied at 2 games apiece, the final game went to deuce five times.

Results of the second round: Glenn Hunter defeated Coach Campbell 3-1.

Lee Weimer defeated Herbert Estes 3-0.

Arthur Weimer defeated Lawrence Muscott 3-0.

Keith Seale defeated Irwin Nichol, 3-0.

Milton Smith defeated John Hurst, 3-0.

Willard Bennett won from Russell Hubbard by default.

Third round results: Hunter defeated L. Weimer, 3-0. A. Weimer defeated Seale, 3-2. Borton defeated Smith, 3-1.

Balfour calls his frat pin soldier because it has been on so many fronts.

Hey, Howatt, does Rambo keep you awake every night?

Chris likes his (deer) dear meat.

Prof. Etherton: "I'll fool these bloodhounds yet." And slipping on a pair of rubbers, he erased his tracks.

Dr. Randels: Professor Weimer, what would you suggest to bring a return of prosperity?

Our Artie: The horse, sir. Bring back horses and the country will be stable-ized.

What do you think of a little girl that does the hula and then has to go to a chiropractor—even her room-mate was shocked. Tsk, tsk!

### Football Awards To Be Presented in Chapel

A special Chapel service will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock to take place of the annual football banquet. As usual an outside speaker will be provided and some very novel entertainment has been arranged.

Miles Casteel, assistant football and track coach at Michigan State College, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Casteel is very well known in MIAA sport circles, as he once participated in it. During Coach Campbell's first year at Alma, "Mike" Casteel was quarterback of Kalamazoo's championship football team. In the spring of '22, he caught on the baseball team and was the pole vaulter and hurdler on the track team. When Ralph Young, former Kazoo College coach, went to Michigan State, he took Mr. Casteel as his assistant, and he has been there ever since.

The student Council has several acts up its sleeve, but for reasons best known to itself, they will not be known. However, the student body can be assured they will be the best possible.

Twenty letters will be awarded by the Athletic Board of Control per Milton Smith, the student manager. Of these nine will be receiving sweaters for the first time. And to go further into detail, five of these are upper classmen to receive first sweaters. Abraham Kahn is winning his first football letter, but as he received a sweater in basketball last year, he will be awarded only a letter.

The letter-winners and years of service are as follows: Captain Norman Borton, a regular for three years; Edward Jacobson, 3 years; Charles Leadbetter, 3 years; Ronald Runshaw, 2 years; Algid Wilkas, 2 years; Lawrence Smith, 2 years; Gordon Dawson, 2 years; Winham Busnell, 2 years; Carl Drury, 2 years, and Muscott, 2 years. The next are the first letter-winners: Abraham Kahn, Herbert Estes, Russell Hubbard, Russell Baumblatt, Howard Catherman, Ronald Bacon, Stanley Busard, Gordon Clark, Fern Erickson and Robert Leahy.

### WRIGHT HALL NEWS

Last Thursday was Jeanie Fowler's birthday, and she had a big birthday party—liver sausage and home made cakes and everything!

Marion Mackenzie was a guest of Nancibel Thorburn over the week-end.

Margaret Wellwood, of Ann Arbor, stayed with Alice Gervin and Aileen Waters Saturday and Sunday.

Margaret Richardson, of Detroit, was a guest of Dorothy Striffler Saturday.

Marie Cook entertained Beatrice Schrock over the week-end.

Florence Gussell's sister Marian visited her Sunday, as did Dorothy Striffler's sister Charlotte and her grandmother.

There is competition between Stan and John now; we wonder who will win the little Scotch girl's heart.

Miss Banta and Dean Steward could not resist those big, green stuffed frogs at the Philo Fair.

Ice skating is becoming a popular sport with the hall girls.

Sunday night the Freshman girls, led by Alice Biondi, had a pop-corn stringing party—Gretah certainly hopped around, and we found out that Alice likes butter.

Is it Aileen's debate "A" that is up on her desk?

Les Olmstead ate at the hall Sunday!

In about half a dozen more lessons Topsey will take the prize in any skating tournament.

We wonder who this night prowler is with the flashlight who inhabits the chapel.

Beth's pink pig made a big hit at the Philo Fair. It was bought by the Pres. of the Senate.

The Central State Teachers' college varsity opened its basketball season in Mt. Pleasant Thursday night in a practice tilt with Bay City Junior college and won 36 to 24. Central, with an all-veteran quintet, got away to a first period lead after trailing for the first minutes of play and was never threatened again. Hamilton and Pierpont each snared 11 points to lead in the Bearcat scoring. Twenty cagers were used in the game.

### DIRT FROM THE STAIRS OF THE AD BUILDING

(By the Janitor)

The other day when cleaning up around the building (the same day that I found the toad) I found a notebook. The only means of identification seems to be this poem which was stuck in the book. The book will be returned to the owner upon proof of ownership and payment of the expense of this notice. Here is the poem:

To Florence  
I'll try in verse to sing the charms of Florence,  
The only girl I'm ever thinking of;  
And when I try to tell about my love,  
Superlatives come pouring forth in torrents;  
That's only what her pure perfection warrants;  
Her beauty far outshines the stars above;  
In disposition—gentler than the dove—  
No metaphor's too strong to use of Florence.  
And when at last this life of mine is o'er; enshrined with my sinking heart you'll find  
The image of my sweet beloved Florence,  
Most prized of all I have to leave behind.  
Oh Florence mine, with heart so fond and true,  
Throughout all time I'll only worship you. —Bob.

On second thought we ought not to embarrass the owner of the notebook by insisting on him (or her) coming to us personally to claim it. We have turned it over to Kibitzing Katy, and it can be obtained from her. She is so sympathetic with all the problems of lovers that none should hesitate a moment in sharing with her the most sacred emotions of the heart.

Some people on the campus have been so blind to the real truth as to advance the idea that Katy is a man. Anyone with powers of perception ought to be able to see from her carefully thought out answers that this can't be true. For example to the question last week from the "Two Plus" any mere man would have replied only "What difference does it make it the girls are satisfied?"

Al, you better look out. We hear that the faculty member who suffered at your hands is now taking a course in Sockology from Dec Randels.

What does it mean when Sunshine sleeps all through English class, and Moonshine all through chapel?

But, Janet, are you absolutely sure about the other 56/100%?

Boys, let's organize an Equal Rights League on the Campus. Here Bill gets up to make an announcement in chapel, and Alice tells him he is speaking out of turn. Of course Bill ignores the interruption, but now that all the returns are in it seems that Bill spoke out of turn.

Sugar and Ginger Snap join with Liz in having special invitations to Ann Arbor. And we hear that it was not Golly either.

Soapy must be strong medicine. George generally goes around in a fog, and now see what happened when she took Jack to the K. I. party Friday night.

Gordy must be planning to go to Notre Dame next year. At any rate he seems to be taking up with the Irish. Ask anybody who was at the Philo Fair.

### THROUGH THE KEYHOLE AT PIONEER HALL

Gene Miller has a little snag tacked on the back of his door. It would be a good thing if Brodebeck would look at it.

Bussard knew his stuff when he picked room number five.

Even two pounds and a half of pop corn wouldn't induce Hay to lend out his popper.

Three boys sure did make tracks from Wright Hall toward the museum Sunday night, didn't they, Mr. Overmeyer?

Perry can't take it at 9 o'clock and he can't give it at three. O. K. Escanaba—how about it, Flint?

Johnny Romanau is going to visit Pioneer. This ought to interest one of the twins and worry Bob Cant.

Uch, did you hear the speech that Prexy gave on not knowing what it was all about?

Fifty bucks is quite a bit for that coat, Rosenberg.

Horace Greely said, "Go west, young man," but Miller finds his attraction in the north.

What is it that attracts Loft-house home every week-end?

Webster says that taut means tight. According to that, Weimer has been taut quite a bit, college after all.

Wanted: The couple that witnessed the Miller-Hallin towel marathon around the Ad building, Friday night. Please notify Mahatma Ghandi.

How much hush money do you pay Uch and Johnny Walls, Perry? Oh, you lilac bushes!

In spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love, but Glance can't wait—poor Maryon.

Onilee, we wonder if you know about Ludwig's million dollar baby from the dime store?

We understand that Hal Helmar made a big impression on Fran Rice at dinner last week.

Nichol (looking at his picture): Say, these pictures don't do me justice.

Oakley: You don't want justice; you want mercy.

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Outside of the return of the pulpit, the biggest event of the week was the Zeta banquet—and what a party it was!—Royer and Sunshine fighting it out again for the honor of doing the most dancing in the least space—and by the way, we might suggest to these boys that have to have the whole floor to hop on, that they watch those two—and then there were Osterhaus and Bull Smith carrying on messages in code across the dining room—and Prexy swapping stories with Dean Steward, and Jimmie doing like wise with Mrs. Prex—and Aitken trying to replace his high water pants—and a visit from Texas Red Erickson—and Sunshine and Cactus running around on the porch in their shirtsleeves—and Iney showing off her birthday present (don't blame her, do you?)—Betty Jane was there, and so was Gretchen—and of course all the married people—and Goldy was back—and Marg Wellwood—and the orchestra was good—and we had seconds on everything—and some of the girls got stranded on the way home—and all in all it was quite an evening.

It took a high school boy to put Dot Davies on the spot, but when he did, Doc Randels was a pale pink in comparison.

We understand Dawson made a really dirty crack Sunday morning.

A certain black-haired girl down town says that Russ Hubbard is "just a big brother to her." Oh yeah?

Bessard made another big jump in his attempt to break up the Scotch twins Saturday night.

Jack Frost proved to be quite a cut-up at the K. I. party Friday night. And what a nice looking bride Louise made!

And here's our old friend Joe Brown bobbing up again in the social limelight. This time it's just an old high school acquaintance.

Gert Elliot tried to start a fad during the cold spell by digging up an old stocking cap and wearing it to school. They're warmer, anyway.

Spray claims that her affections league is all broken up, but we don't care. Mary Painter is starting one that beats hers—Tarrant to Prof. to Novak to Aitken to Coach to Tarrant. We can understand now how she is able to take care of nine kids.

Bill Boyd can't stay away from these freshman girls. Now it's the Petoskey "flaming youth."

Little innocent-looking John Walls is sure making the rounds. At present he is located on Gratiot avenue, right up there where Hunter can watch over him.

Coach is right on the job with his nicknames. The newest one is "Chassis" Volk. But it took Chubby Waters to think up one for the other center—"Doll-Face" Dawson.

Buck and Sis thought they could sneak out on us by going to the high school together Wednesday night. But there's always a Shadow lurking around the corner.

The above should take lessons from Vera and Woodland. They never appear together on the campus, but outside—oh, boy!

Big marathon dance at the fair Saturday—Bob and Greta vs. Sam and Jeannie. Cant won and Greta lost.

Having gone south for the fall, C. Douglas came back for the winter, so Bob goes to the Xmas party.

A bunch of the boys were whooping it up in Pioneer Saturday night—carol singers going from door to door until Bijjani bribed them with an apple to pipe down.

Hallin and Gene Miller put on a show in Pioneer the other day—you should have seen them imitating Ghandi.

Helmer broke into the league with a bang Saturday night.

N . . . O . . . W — Cookie, was that nice?

Never turn your back on a sorority sister—she might knife you.

Poets are fallen angels—that's all right, King, you aren't going to fall.

So the girl said it must have been a dirty crack or Herb would not have laughed so hard.

Notice: Gentlemen—that wasn't a suitcase you hooked Saturday night—it was Smitty's shoe and he wants it back.

Jeanie Beanie said this Campusology wasn't any good because we didn't have anything in about her—but Jean's been so darn good lately.

If some people could get a rear view of themselves—we wager this nervous cow dance era would end.

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## Alma Wins First M. I. A. A. Game

### BIJJANI TALKS ON NATIVE LAND

Blames Lack of Knowledge for International Disputes.

By MARION DAY

Misunderstanding, mistaken, and misrepresentation are the three disturbing elements in everyone's life. War is the result of nations not having learned to understand each other" was the main idea of George Bijjani's speech in chapel last Thursday morning. He is the Alma student from Syria who came to the United States to study. This was the first of a probable series of student chapels being given by the College Christian Society Endeavor Society.

Mr. Bijjani stated that in order to appreciate and like a thing was to understand it and know something of the history and geography of it. Furthermore, a person needs to understand himself before he can get along with himself.

"Many think that Syria is a backward country but these people are showing their ignorance of the geography of it." The plough used is very efficient inasmuch as this is a hilly country. The tractor would prove very inadequate due to the narrowness of the valleys.

Glasses are comparatively new in Syria. Earthenware pitchers were formerly used. The villagers are all located near some mountain spring and there is no uniform water system.

Syria is not an industrial country, mainly on account of the lack of minerals. There are very few factories. Rather it is an agricultural state. Climatic conditions make it necessary to irrigate the fields. Vegetables are the main food the year round. The sun shines every day and there are but few slight frosts. The ground never freezes. Without considering all these geographical conditions, one would hardly say that their modes of living are ancient.

For the history of the country—formal society has found it customary to keep the fez or little red cap on during church and other public gatherings. Kindergarten students wear hats similar to our freshman "pots", only of a different color.

Mr. Bijjani pleaded for a clear understanding between Syria and the other countries, especially America. "You will not and cannot appreciate a personality until you understand the background of it. As individuals, we are more apt to understand each other than as nations," because after all, war is caused by misunderstandings, sometimes trivial.

William Johnson arranged the chapel service and acted as chairman, Lavon Winterberg, a student for the ministry, gave the prayer.

### BOOKS PURCHASED BY SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS

Sociology students engaged in a study of ethnology have purchased for the use of the department the following books:

Death Customs: An analytical study of burial rites, by Effie Bendann, introduction by Alexander Goldenweissen.

The Ozarks: An American Survival of Primitive American Whites.

Black Yeomanry: Life on St. Helena.

The Changing Culture of an Indian Tribe, by Dr. Margaret Mead. Life Among the Pueblo Indians of the City of Acoma.

Sea Island to City, by Kiser.

These books are now being used by members of the class on projects relating to primitive cultures, after which they will be turned over to the college library.

### FOOTBALL DANCE SATURDAY

A football party, honoring the lettermen, will be given Saturday night at Wright Hall by Kappa Iota. All the lettermen will be admitted at half price. It is a man bid party and will commence at 8 p. m. Committee chairmen are Catherine McCuaig, general chairman; Marion Day, decorations; music, Jean Currie; tickets, Katherine Campbell; programs, Gertrude Elliot; advertising, the pledges. Admission is fifty cents; lettermen, twenty-five cents.

— BEAT HILLSDALE! —

### GELSTONS ENTERTAIN DURING VACATION

On Wednesday evening, December 28, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Gelston entertained a number of present and former Alma College students, as well as several other Alma young people, who are students in other schools, at an informal party in their home.

In an impromptu poetry contest Godfrey Norman, Jerry Phillips, Jack Menoch and Lorny Smith revealed unsuspected talent in producing some classic New Year's gems. In the amateur theatricals, Wort Randels carried off the honors with his impersonation of Ghandi, with John Mitchell closely following as the Mahatma's goat. Other presentations featured the Lindbergh kidnapping, with Bud Campbell as the kid (bonnet and all), a rough-and-tumble Alma-Mt. Pleasant game, and a re-enacting of the theft of the pulpit.

After a devastating attack by the group ensemble upon fruit salad and lots of et ceteras, Jerry Phillips presided at the piano and everyone joined in our "Old Black Joe" and all the other old favorites.

Besides the present students, the following alumni were present: Godfrey Norman, '32, Floyd Byron, '32, Robert Randels, '32, William Randels, '30, William Creaser, ex-'26, Don Phillips, ex-'33, Jerry Phillips, '32, Helen Murphy, ex-'34, Elizabeth Hurst, '31, Perry Gray, '32, Kathleen Ellison, '29, John Mitchell, '30, and C. Douglas McLellan, '32.

— BEAT HILLSDALE! —

### Football Men Receive Letters and Sweaters

On Thursday morning before Christmas vacation, the football awards were made in a very unique chapel program. Bill Goggin's broadcasting equipment was pressed into service, and the first part of the program consisted of a broadcast of four big games. Assistant Coach Miles Casteel of Michigan State gave the feature talk. Nineteen stalwarts received their football letters.

The radio program was in charge of Bill Goggin. Howard Hirschberg, Bill Johnson and Bud Campbell. Claire "Mrs. Pennyfeather" Wilson went on the air to relate the Albion game. "Thistle" Campbell and "Scotty" McCampbell gave between-halves pep-talks. Altogether it was a very clever act and much enjoyed by the students.

Mr. Casteel gave a comprehensive history of football, telling how the game has developed into what it is today. His talk was filled with illustrations from his experience as a football player at Kalamazoo College and as a coach. He pulled a couple of very wise ones on our own Argyle.

The last part of the program was the awarding of letters and sweaters, and for the next two days anyone who didn't have a nice new sweater to wear just wasn't in it.

— BEAT HILLSDALE! —

### WHY NOT TRY FOR A GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP?

We would like to remind those among the upper one-fourth or so in the Senior class of the fact that every year several Alma students obtain scholarships which enable them to do graduate work in prominent universities. Members of last year's class are studying at Yale, Harvard, Penn State and the University of Michigan on such awards, and many others have received them from other schools in previous years.

The Michigan scholarship, carrying quite a comfortable stipend, is given each year to one outstanding member of the graduating class. Others may apply at leading schools for financial aid, with, if their work here has been of very high quality, reasonable hope of success.

The reason we mention this is that most of these schools want applications for graduate appointment in early, and it is time to get started. Blanks may be obtained from the Dean of the Graduate School of almost any university.

Romaine Hogan, '28, and Miss Helen Kempf, ex-'28, were married at Fremont on December 26. After a trip to Chicago they are to be located in Grand Rapids, where "Doc" is located with the Grand Rapids Store Equipment Co. Lee Crooks, also '28, was best man at the wedding.

— BEAT HILLSDALE! —

### DEBATERS BEAT MICHIGAN STATE

Johnson and King Win by Wide Margin at Davison.

On Friday afternoon the Alma affirmative debate team, composed of William Johnson and Robert King, defeated the Michigan State negative team of Charles McLean and Robert Hurley. The debate was held before a joint meeting of the Pomona and Davison Granges in the auditorium of the Davison High School. The audience rendered a decision of 74-13 in favor of Alma with 25 ballots indicating no decision. After the debate there was an open forum in which both teams answered questions from the audience.

The question for debate was: Resolved, that the general property tax in Michigan for state and local revenue should be substantially reduced and replaced by other sources of taxation. Substantially means here by at least fifty per cent.

William Johnson opened the fray and showed that the present property tax was failing because it did not produce sufficient revenue. He claimed that it was unjust, as it placed too large a burden on a certain form of wealth. He outlined a system to replace it. This would provide for a classified property tax to equalize the tax assessments, and a general sales tax and income tax to provide more revenue.

Charles MacLean opened the negative case and showed how an enforcement of rigid economies could reduce the tax burden. He showed that the two new taxes proposed would probably become just an added burden. Robert King in the next speech admitted that economy was necessary, but went on to show how taxes under the proposed change would be levied according to ability to pay. He pointed out again that real estate is bearing an unjust share and showed how this could be equalized.

In the second negative speech it was questioned whether sufficient revenue could be obtained to meet the necessary amounts by these new proposed taxes. He doubted this for, he said "There are no incomes and no sales at the present time to tax!" He also raised the point that the cost of establishing and collecting such taxes would be prohibitive.

In the rebuttal which followed Alma scored decisively. Attention was called to the fact that only fifty per cent of the revenue need be raised by the new taxes. They then showed how other states had used such systems effectively. As these were not adequately refuted, the decision clearly was in favor of the affirmative.

The debate was one of the first of the year for both teams. There was a certain lack of smoothness, but from all signs Alma is out to experience another very successful debate season.

Some night this week the Alma negative meets Calvin affirmative at St. Johns. Next week Wednesday will be the first home debate, when Hope affirmative comes here. The conference debates start soon after the second semester begins.

Editor's note: The above article was written by Jack Williams, '32, who paired with Robert King to make one of the best debate teams in the state last year. Last year, Mr. Williams covered all the debates for the Almanian.

Howard Potter and Robert Randels, '32, and William Randels, '30, graduate students at Harvard, Yale and Brown, respectively, set something of a record in returning home for the holidays in Potter's Ford. They made the trip from the east in 31 hours.

Other members of last year's class who were here during vacation were Jacob Koechlin, Roscoe Hileman, Douglas McLellan, Margaret Sandel, Norene Helberg, Leo Brown, Donald Barstow, Harry Crooks, Floyd Byron, Fred Schimmer, Ford Graham, William MacCurdy and Roy Nestle.

— BEAT HILLSDALE! —

### Kalamazoo Beaten 31-24; Scots Win Four Straight

### SCOTS WIN TWO ON TRIP NORTH

Defeat Charlevoix Polar Bears 58-22, Traverse City Elks 33-26.

The two holiday games played by the Scots last week turned out very successful, as the Scots turned back the Charlevoix Polar Bears 58 to 22 and then defeated the Traverse City Elks, 33 to 26.

The Maroons left Alma December 27 for Traverse, where they practiced in the high school gym that night. The next night found them in Charlevoix and after they had laid them away, the Scots came back to play the Elks. Most of the players returned the following Friday.

These holiday games were very desirable for they gave the boys a bit of a game before the Kalamazoo struggle this Friday. Coach Campbell also has a good idea of how they will act under strain.

### Charlevoix Game

Before the game all was for the Polar Bears, but the crowd soon found out different. The local rules were used as far as the Polar Bears were concerned with unlimited time-outs, and personal fouls and no regard to the new ten and three second rules. The Maroons played according to the latest rules.

Norman Borton led the scoring with ten baskets, half of which were made in the last quarter. Dawson was next with five baskets and a foul shot. At one stage of the game the Charlevoix team were all over six-footers. Brown

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### SENIORS TO PUBLISH APPLICATION BOOK

The members of the Senior class who are applying for teaching positions decided last week to publish a booklet containing the pictures and qualifications of each one. The pamphlet is to contain thirty-six pages, with a short preface and conclusion and one page devoted to every applicant. This booklet will be sent to the various superintendents throughout the state, and any who are interested in any of the Alma students may write to the educational department and receive fuller information.

In order to get this booklet out in time to do any good, it is necessary that the pictures be in by next Monday, January 16, because it will take two weeks to get the cuts made. Any good, clear picture will do, but a small one, about 4x4 inches, with a glossy finish, makes the best cut.

If the present plans go through, the pamphlet will be printed about the second week in February.

### A CAPELLA CONCERT IS WELL RECEIVED

By JANE EDWARDS

Wednesday night, December 14, the A Cappella choir gave their annual Christmas concert in the Presbyterian church. The numbers were chosen and executed very well, the majority of them being sacred pieces.

Intermittently between groups of four choruses numbers solos were given by Mrs. Ruth Moore and Mrs. Jane Soper, the former singing "Jesu Bambino" by Yon, and the latter giving "Cantique de Noel" by Adams. Mr. Paul Field played a flute solo, "Nocturne" by Chopin, and played the accompaniment for Mrs. Moore's solo.

Miss Roberts accompanied at the organ. As the prelude she played "The Shepherd in the Field," and "Shepherd's Dance" from Henry VIII.

A large audience attended the concert and all expressed their appreciation of the fine music under the direction of Professor Ewer. A silver offering was taken and about \$38 was given. This will be used for the purchasing of music for the choir.

### WEEK-END GAMES EASY FOR ALMA

Early Leads Enough to Win Over Hornets and Battle Creek.

Alma made a good start in the M. I. A. A. basketball race by beating Kalamazoo, 31-24 last Friday night at Kazoo. It was Alma's first victory over the Hornets on their home floor since 1925. It was a very rough game, three Alma men and one Kazoo man going out on fouls.

The Scots were clicking the first half, and rolled up a score of 20-6. The Hornets made a number of substitutions, trying to find the right combination, but their Sophomore stars couldn't get going. Inglis, who was their high scorer in practice games, sat on the bench during most of the first half. In the second half, however, Kazoo went to work and made an interesting game of it, and twice were within four points of tying the score. Although the Scots lost Kahn, Dawson, and Volk, they came back and killed a very promising rally.

Alma had five points on baskets by Volk and Borton and Kahn's foul shot before Weiss made a short shot for Kazoo's first points. Dawson scored on a pass from Borton and Hachadorian made a free throw. Borton tipped one in, but Weiss got it back when he was left all alone at the foul line on an out-of-bounds play. A double foul was called on Catherman and Thomas and Howdy made his shot good. Catherman dug up a loose ball under the Alma basket and passed to Dawson, who threw a long pass to Borton, playing sleeper, for an easy basket. Volk and Catherman made foul shots, and Borton's pass to Dawson on a tip-off play was good for two points. Catherman scored on a pass from Borton to bring the count to 18-5. Warner made one out of two foul shots and Kahn's pass to Volk was good for a basket. The half ended with Alma leading 20-6.

The Hornets, with their best line-up in to start the second half, got going and threatened to overtake the Scots. Dawson tipped one in to start things going, but then the Alma team went to pieces, and Kalamazoo made twelve straight points. Neffert sank a long shot and Hachadorian made one out of two foul shots. Kahn fouled Inglis and left the game, Beach replacing him. Inglis was left alone under the basket and scored on a

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### CENTRAL STATE LOSES BUILDING IN BAD FIRE

The Training School building at Central State Teachers' College, Mt. Pleasant, was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. The blaze had gained so much headway by the time it was discovered that firemen had no chance to save it, but confined their efforts to preventing the fire from spreading to nearby homes. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

The building housed the manual arts department, and the equipment lost was valued at \$10,000. Another serious loss was that of the work of an instructor who had been preparing a new textbook. The book was almost ready for publication, but all the material was destroyed.

The emergency buildings, constructed in 1925 after the fire which destroyed the old administration building in 1925, are to be used to accommodate some of the classes which were held in this building, while others will meet in the science building. It is hoped that construction of a new training school may begin at once.

There appeared recently on the sport page of the Detroit Free Press a story by Kenneth Fry, ex-'24. Fry was sports editor of the Chicago Evening Post until it was purchased a short time ago by Colonel Knox's Daily News.



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## EDITORIAL

### SCHOOL BUSES

Not wishing to detract at all from the glories of the warblings of the Kitchen Cynic, we are taking a chance on stealing her pet subject for an editorial outburst. For we know of some unsung heroes, that a person living right on the campus could never appreciate, but who grow ever more dear to the hearts of the luckless ones who have to walk from a few blocks to a couple of miles to school every day.

We speak, of course, of those members of Alma's elite who are either industrious enough or fortunate enough to have cars to drive. There seems to be no limit to the size of their hearts or their room for one more, particularly on below zero mornings. And after chapel they are willing to go miles, it seems, out of their way to get pedestrians home before the soup gets cold.

This appears to be just another expression of Alma spirit—their perfect willingness to give a poor hiker a lift is not called for in the book of etiquette, and may never win a campus office—it is merely the old Alma friendliness which breaks out in every phase of campus life. Three cheers and the proverbial tiger for the campus chauffeurs!

### A GOOD START

Last week the basketball team and the debate team scored rather notable victories, and both showed championship possibilities. The court team, with a lot of height and speed, have high hopes of cleaning up the M. I. A. A. this year, and the green debate squad is rapidly developing into as capable a group as represented Alma last year, when we enjoyed the most successful season in years.

Last year the student body began to notice the debate team, and this year they are showing more than usual interest in its activities. And we are confident that when Hillsdale comes here this week, the students will all be out backing the basketball team from the sidelines. The student support means a lot to both these groups, and we are confident that they will receive their full measure this year.

But support alone wins neither basketball games or debates. A certain amount of enthusiasm, expressing itself through the medium of hard work, is necessary for a successful season. We onlookers are going to do our part, and with the possibility of championship honors, it is only fair that we ask our representatives in these two activities to put forth a little extra effort to make our dreams realities. LET'S GO, ALMA!

## PHIS HOLD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Appropriately winding up the pre-vacation college festivities, the annual Christmas party of Phi Phi Alpha was held on Thursday, December 15, in the Park Hotel in St. Louis. Forty-five couples, including members of the fraternity and representatives from each of the other fraternities danced to the tunes of "The Collegians."

The ballroom of the Park Hotel was very attractively decorated in a Christmas scheme. A large Christmas tree occupied the center of the floor. The room was lighted by the Phi Phi Alpha sign, from one end of the floor.

The decision of everyone was that it was a very wonderful party. The setting, the orchestra, and the crowd all contributed to make it one of the best Christmas parties ever held by the fraternity. When strains of the last encore had died away, shortly before twelve o'clock, the happy crowd turned its weary steps homeward.

The guests from the other fraternities were, Herbert Estes, representing Zeta Sigma, and Lavon Winterberg representing Beta Tau Epsilon. The chaperones were Professor and Mrs. Clack.

The high school played basketball Friday night, and half the College went. Where was Betty when the light went out?—that's what 50 million kids wanted to know. And we're beginning to suspect that Campbell can't take it.



## Campusology

Happy New Year, folks! May you all make Campusology before June!

The biggest social event in Alma during the holidays was the High School alumni party, with 22 members of the class of '32 present. For instance—

Les Olmstead, most faithful of the faithful few, broke down and took the red-headed neighbor girl. We don't know if she or Les is the chiseler. (That isn't all about Les—more later).

Herr Gottfried Norman was back and Cabby was in her glory.

Turkey came back, so Sis went.

Roberts and Sope were at it again. Wonder what George meant when he said he would have a good time if Mac hadn't been there.

And big Fritz, oblivious of Owosso, was here for several days, and Fran burst into print.

Liz Goggin had her doctor, and Bill had his perpetual date—Marian. Eddie also crashed through.

Dave Glass was right on the scene with Liz Smith.

Don Phillips and Mabel were at it again.

The blond flash from Liberty Corner whooped it up with the Faculty Child.

Perry Gray rated, and so did McLellan, and so did Gert Eliot.

We had hoped to catch Tommy there—it has been rumored—but no, Tom's faithful.

Jerry Brodebeck was alone when he came, but not when he left. As for Sara, she's never alone; for, to quote a pun dating from Tri Gamma days, ever since the frat pin arrived she's been beside herself.

To return to the wayward Mr. Olmstead, it appeared on New Year's eve as if he were also being a big brother to Hubbard's "little sister." And what a swell lot of runs you can make with that name Downer.

In Freling Foster's column in Collier's "Keep Up With the World" we find listed as one of the strange maladies that afflict mankind ergophobia, the morbid fear or hatred of work. At last we have found the name of the ailment which is so prevalent on our campus.

What tiny young lady down town spoiled Smitty's plans for a studious vacation?

What prominent Lansing family has on display in its china closet an Alma College plate? Shame, shame!

And now we know why we don't have faculty censorship of The Almanian. They couldn't tell which cracks are the dirty ones.

In case you haven't noticed, Bud Campbell is getting as bad as King when it comes to rotten puns. He insists that we use his prize one about the Frosh who was so dumb he thought a catalyst was a cowboy. And the other day he asked when the Drama Club was going to give its pun—you know, a play on words.

It's funny how 20 Phis failed to see that she had red hair—it's probably because the Zetas have a corner on most of the Titian-haired furies.

Why did Catherman tell us so naively, "If you hear anything about that trip up north, don't believe it—it isn't true"?

And speaking of Catherman, did you know there is a new Howdy's Honey? Our prophecy is that during the next few weeks he and Bushnell and Borton will make Lansing their headquarters. Do those boys slay them!

Dr. Kaufman seems to have convinced Marian Day that there is "Romance in Chemistry."

Cookie and Gordie "Clickety" Clack both agree that after all is said and done there really is nothing in a foot or two.

It's a trifle early in the game to decide whether Bishop Leyrer is trying to turn Cave Man or Mormon; we would like to advise him, however, that polygamy is now forbidden by law.

Lavon, we can't possibly see how any self-respecting man could score a hundred on that test.

Harriet Noyle says she doesn't have a dream man now, since Frank has given her his picture.

Now what men are Jeanie and Janie looking for when they go down town every afternoon?

Yes sir, we can truthfully say that hard times have hit St. Nick harder than they have Cupid. Fight Extra:

Daisy Day vs. Porky York the sailor man. First bout. Stopped on account of clinches.

Masterful Marion Cook vs. Awful Annoyed Aitken. Preliminary bout. Given to Aitken because of fouls.

You all know how Colbeck lets his girl lead him around by a string. He should take lessons from Beach, who makes his girl come around after him so he can take her down town.

It's no use, folks—we thought that by turning spy we would avoid having others spy on us, but we were wrong. The Shadow spent a couple of days away during vacation, and the first day after he returned to school, one of the youngsters in his class down at the High School told him everything he had done. A Stanley Snoop in the making!

The Museum is losing its popularity. It's so-o-o cold. Windows and dash boards stop the wind some.

Golf widows aren't anything compared to basketball widows. Thassa fact.

You might think that the power plant went blooie Friday night but we think it's because Jo and Mac had to sit in the main reception room.

"He may not be so good looking, but gosh he's nice."

"Any room is lucky to get it on Sunday morning," said Cookie the Arab as she shook her mop.

And did you see Smitty's blessed event—all wrapped up in a blue satin quilt? Tsk, tsk, such a bad baby!

Hardy and Schwartz said that what this world needs is more art, so they're gone in for interior decorating. They promise a big blow-out after exams.

And we still maintain that Kenny Carter should be on the swipe force. Such grace in the gentle art of—well Osear Zilch is a back number compared to Kenny.

"Al, let go of my leg!"

The German and Spanish classes would like to suggest to Mr. S. W. B. Etherton that he keep a record of his assignments. How can he expect us to do a lesson when he doesn't write it down?

The height of optimism—Emery Kendall combing his hair before going to bed just in case he meets the girl of his dreams.

### THEATRE COLUMN

Alma College Players Present: I AM A FUGITIVE from the Mess Hall

Starring Bill Bushnell as the Fugitive Chet Robinson as the Warden Bill Boyd and Al Calkins, as Guards The Faculty as the Parole Board and

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OTHER ATTRACTIONS Lee Weimer in "Air Male." Lorenzo Muscotti and Freedom Burget in "Drifting Souls." "False Faces," with an all Wright Hall cast.

Jo Woodard and Ann DeKraker in "Afraid to Talk." Lawrence George Smith in "The Pride of the Legion." Johnny Walls in "This Sporting Age."

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Freddie says he'll have to have his photo taken, to stay in the race with Jibbie.

**COVERT'S STUDIO**

## MINUTE INTERVIEWS

Our friend Katy proves her versatility this week by going out after some minute interviews, or, as she chooses to call them, famous sayings of famous people. We regret that the sayings of three of the most famous must be deleted, for reasons best known to Katy and the Board of Censors.

Dean Mitchell: A man may lead a double life if he is careful not to get his wires crossed.

Prof. Hamilton: Now, if the Freshmen in the back row will keep quiet, I shall deliver my famous chapel speech on Cattle Boat Jim, and then we'll sing the doxology.

Mr. Abernethy: What a freeze! I spent hours on a rich old dame thinking she was good for a \$10,000 gift for the college, and before I got out of her clutches, I had lent her \$100 out of my own pocket. Oh woe, woe!

Dr. Kaufman: The rain falls on the just and the unjust, but anyone who falls asleep in my class will get . . . Hail, Columbia.

Prof. Weimer: I don't know about love making the world go round, but it certainly has made my head spin.

Coach Campbell: An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. Go to it! Let's get 'em, boys!

Prof. Ditto: It is a shame they are not putting up the storm door to the Ad Building. The couples appreciated it so.

Miss Foley: I can live without love, but never again can I live without love birds.

Prof. Brokenshire: Let us pray.

Miss Banta: Students, I want you to understand that hell and devil are two perfectly good English words. I insist that you use them freely in my classes.

Prof. Ewer: Maybe I can't put music into you, but if there's any there, I'll get it out of you.

Kibitzing Katy: I have spent my life luring other women's husbands, and have, speaking without boasting, a fair collection of scalps, but I would trade them all, girls, for one well trained husband.

Dr. MacCurdy: Give me bugs and a microscope and I'll show you the mysteries of creation.

Miss Roberts: Everybody to her taste. The cow likes her cud, but as for me, give me spearmint after my meals.

Miss McCray: If I could only have office hours and somebody would keep them.

Dr. Randels: Believe it or not, I went through Europe and never touched a drop. (Of what, doctor?)

Charley Ox: I didn't know what I was getting myself in for, but I am in, and I intend to keep on going.

Prof. Spencer: A comma here and a comma there, what is life without commas? Coffee without cream. Eggs without salt.

Miss Ward (to library science class with hands on Bibles): For God, for country, and the A. L. A., and I'm not sure the A. L. A. oughtn't to come first.

Mrs. MacGregor: I knew he was Scotch before I married him, but I didn't know how Scotch.

Chet Robinson: The three cent postage ruling goes hard with bill collectors.

Miss Houser: I can't seem to satisfy them, but they do keep coming back for more.

Prof. Clack: The only time I was ever angry in my life was when the roof leaked and the water ran down the back of me so I had to change my shirt.

Prof. Tyler: Acres of diamonds—oh my ear and eyebrow!

**THE OFFICE XMAS CAROL**  
(With apologies to Dickens)  
Now on the College faculty  
We're called a bunch of scrubs  
We take the dough and keep the books  
And credit all the subs.

We scrub the floors and sweep the stairs  
Type, and register the marks  
We bravely shoulder all the grief  
And smile and sing like larks.

Chester leads "Apres La guerre."  
We've never heard the rest  
But someone else who went to war  
Thinks it's for the best.

There's Benny, Prof. and Miss McCray  
Edith, Russ and Al,  
Eugene Tarrant's Junior girl  
And Perry's little pal.

Now Santa Claus sneaked up on us  
With one swell Christmas tree  
Popcorn, candy, apples, cakes,  
'Twas scrumptious for to see.

A kiddie car for old Prof. Clack  
Made that dear man happy,  
But Hubbard got a Mickey Mouse  
And grinned 'til he looked sappy.

Edith got a fat white mouse  
And a bright new penny,  
Three monkeys sitting on a pad  
Were all that went to Benny.

A greenhorn on this Faculty,  
Aloysius Gance his name  
Got a big pink elephant  
That he will have to tame.

Wardie got a baking dish  
Now what will come of that?  
Dot Davies hooked a pretty pin  
From Alma's keenest frat.

Mary got a rolling pin  
So she could sit and roll  
Chester sang that old war song  
And got a lump of coal.

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# SPORTS



## WEEK-END GAMES EASY FOR ALMA

### Early Leads Enough to Win Over Hornets and Battle Creek.

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nice pass from Hachadorian. Two beautiful long shots by Gilchrist and one by Hachadorian, with Neifert's foul shot, brought the score to 22-18. Dawson sank a long one but Neifert evened things with a pretty one-handed shot from the foul line. Borton got a tip-in shot but Hachadorian came back with another long one. Dawson made a foul shot, but went out on personals a minute later. Bushnell replaced him. Beach made a long one from the side to give the Scots a seven point lead. Volk went out on personals and Johnson took his place. Bushnell scored on a pretty play—he passed to Borton and was left wide open, so Bull passed back to him and he had an easy shot. Two foul shots by Weiss ended the scoring for the evening.

Bud Dawson was high scorer for Alma with nine points. Bull Borton, playing the same easy-going yet very effective game that won him an all-M. I. A. A. position last

year, made four baskets, and his passes were responsible for several more. Howdy Catherman played a good defensive game, and Johnny Volk's long arms were a big help in taking the ball away from Kazoo players. The Hornets had no outstanding stars, although Hachadorian, Neifert and Inglis all played good ball. Mike made six points and Weiss and Neifert got five apiece.

On the whole, it was not a very well played game. Both teams missed plenty of easy shots, and both were woefully weak on foul shots. But Kazoo's strong comeback in the second half, and Alma's rally in the last five minutes, made things pretty exciting for a while.

The line-ups:

ALMA	G	F	P
Dawson, f . . . . .	4	1	4
Bushnell, f . . . . .	1	0	2
Borton, f (c) . . . . .	4	0	0
Volk, c . . . . .	2	1	4
Johnson, c . . . . .	0	0	0
Catherman, g . . . . .	1	2	3
Kahn, g . . . . .	0	1	4
Beach, g . . . . .	1	0	2
	13	5	19

  

KALAMAZOO	G	F	P
Weiss, f . . . . .	2	1	1
Inglis, f . . . . .	1	1	0
Kreikard, f . . . . .	0	0	3
Neifert, f . . . . .	2	1	0
Thompson, c . . . . .	0	0	2
DeLeeuw, c . . . . .	0	0	0
Hachadorian, g (c) . . . . .	2	2	4
Thomas, g . . . . .	0	0	2
Gilchrist, g . . . . .	2	0	1
Warner, g . . . . .	0	1	0
	9	6	13

### BATTLE CREEK GAME

Apparently not very tired from the Kazoo game, Alma had little trouble beating Battle Creek College, 42-36 Saturday night in the huge gym of the Sanitarium in the Breakfast food city. As in the game the night before, Alma piled up a big lead in the first half and blew it in the second. However, the Scots were never in danger, and Coach Campbell was able to use his substitutes quite a bit. Deadly accuracy on long shots enabled Battle Creek to score most of its points.

Alma made a basket on the first tip-off, Dawson taking the pass from Borton right under the Battle Creek basket. Catherman followed with two baskets on passes from Borton, and Alma ran up a score of 16-1 before Kelleher dropped in a long shot for Battle Creek's first basket. From then on things were fairly even, with the half ending 26-15 in Alma's favor.

Alma was outscored, but not outplayed in the second half, with Battle Creek making long shots from all angles. The Scots muffed plenty of scoring opportunities by poor passing and shooting. Several times Alma men were left out in the open and missed easy shots. But whenever the Corn Flake boys came close to tying the score, Alma made a couple of baskets to lengthen the lead again.

Dawson was high point man for Alma with four baskets and as many free throws for a total of twelve points. Kelleher, flashy little Battle Creek forward, made six baskets and a foul shot to beat Bud by one point. Borton made five baskets for ten points. Volk made four baskets and Kahn and Catherman got three apiece. No one but Dawson was able to cash in on any free throws.

The line-ups:

ALMA	G	F	P
Dawson, f . . . . .	4	4	1
Borton, f . . . . .	5	0	2
Volk, c . . . . .	4	0	2
Bushnell, c . . . . .	0	0	0
Catherman, g . . . . .	3	0	3
Kahn, g . . . . .	3	0	1
Beach, g . . . . .	0	0	1
Johnson, g . . . . .	0	0	1
	19	4	11

  

BATTLE CREEK	G	F	P
Kelleher, f . . . . .	6	1	0
Schrock, f . . . . .	1	3	1
Zeller, f . . . . .	0	1	1
Morrison, c . . . . .	2	2	0
Jones, g . . . . .	3	1	1
Vueger, g . . . . .	0	0	0
Kaye, g . . . . .	1	0	1
Fischer, g . . . . .	0	2	3
	13	10	7

### OLIVET TAKES HOPE

All the rumors that Olivet was not as strong in basketball this year as last went by the boards Friday night when the Comets swamped Hope, 56 to 36. Al Milankov, all-MIAA last year, led the Olivet attack with 20 points, seven baskets and six fouls. Kane made six buckets. Steffins, an unknown as far as Alma is concerned, made 17 points for the Dutchmen.

Did you know that the ghosts of such great former luminaries as Moore, Simmons, Gussin and Knapp are traveling with our basketball team?

## SCOTS WIN TWICE ON NORTHERN TRIP

(Continued from page 1)  
even had the height on Johnny Volk. The feature of the game was Brown's neat underhand toss from about ten feet beyond the center for two points.

The box score:

Alma College 58	FG	FT	F
Dawson, rf . . . . .	5	1	0
Borton, lf . . . . .	10	0	3
Volk, c . . . . .	2	3	1
Johnson, c . . . . .	2	0	0
Catherman, rg . . . . .	4	0	1
Beach, rg . . . . .	0	0	0
Kahn, lg . . . . .	4	0	0
Baumblatt, lg . . . . .	0	0	0
	27	4	5

  

Charlevoix	FG	FT	F
Davenport, rf . . . . .	3	1	1
Beaudoin, lf . . . . .	1	0	1
Ikens, lf . . . . .	2	1	1
Supernaw, c . . . . .	1	0	0
H. Davenport, c . . . . .	1	1	0
Cooper, rg . . . . .	0	0	1
Brown, rg . . . . .	1	0	2
V. Smjth, lg . . . . .	0	1	0
	9	4	12

Referee—Hallett.  
Score by quarters:  
Alma College 10 12 12 24—58  
Polar Bears 8 4 4 6—22

The Scots picked up an early lead of four points at the first of the game, but the McDonald-coached team came back and ran up a score of 14 before the Maroons got another point. However, in the final quarter the men of Alma started and Johnny Volk and Bud Dawson broke loose with the baskets and the Scots emerged as victors.

Borton was again high scorer with four baskets in the first half and five fouls throughout. Volk and Vondie Wahl, '35 came next with six points. Bain and Richter, both ex-'34 started with Wahl for the Elks, while Alma's feature was Catherman's clever defensive and offensive work. Abie Kahn was hurt in the Charlevoix game and did not appear in suit against the Elks.

The box score:

Alma College 33	FG	FT	F
Dawson, rf . . . . .	2	1	1
Borton, lf . . . . .	4	5	1
Volk, c . . . . .	3	0	1
Catherman, rg . . . . .	3	1	1
Johnson, lg . . . . .	0	0	4
Beach, lg . . . . .	1	0	1
	13	7	9

  

Traverse Elks 26	FG	FT	F
Richter, rf . . . . .	1	2	3
Bain, lf . . . . .	3	3	0
Wahl, c . . . . .	3	0	2
Kauer, rg . . . . .	1	0	2
Ostlund, rg . . . . .	0	1	1
Kellogg, lg . . . . .	2	0	2
	10	6	10

Referee—Moran.  
Sore by quarters:  
Alma College 4 9 7 13—33  
Traverse Elks 8 9 7 2—26

### MILANKOV LEADS SCORERS IN FIRST M. I. A. A. GAMES

Alex Milankov, Olivet's somewhat temperamental but all-MIAA guard, sank 20 points last Friday to lead in the defense of his title of leading scorer. A newcomer to the ranks by the name of Steffins of Hope ranked second with eight baskets and a gift shot for 17 points.

"Raisin" Kane of Olivet was ranking third with 12 points after the game Friday with Hope. An Associated Press dispatch from Olivet gives Borton fourth place with five baskets, but Coach Campbell and our editor credit him with only four, giving the other one to Bushnell, so Dawson, VanZanden of Hope and Risely of Albion surpass him. Tom Mobily of Hillsdale brings the total up to eight with seven points.

The ratings of the first eight are as follows:

	B	F	T
Milankov, Olivet . . . . .	7	6	20
Steffins, Hope . . . . .	8	1	17
Kane, Olivet . . . . .	6	0	12
Dawson, Alma . . . . .	4	1	9
VanZanden, Hope . . . . .	4	1	9
Risely, Albion . . . . .	3	3	9
Borton, Alma . . . . .	4	0	8
Mobily, Hillsdale . . . . .	3	1	7

The Standings

	W	L	Pct.	Pts.
Olivet . . . . .	1	0	1.000	56
Alma . . . . .	1	0	1.000	31
Hillsdale . . . . .	1	0	1.000	22
Albion . . . . .	0	1	.000	20
Hope . . . . .	0	1	.000	36
Kazoo . . . . .	0	1	.000	24

Results Last Week  
Alma 31, Kalamazoo 24.  
Olivet 56, Hope 36.  
Hillsdale 22, Albion 20.

Games This Week  
Thursday—Hillsdale at Alma.  
Friday—Albion at Holland.  
Friday—Kalamazoo at Olivet.

## Hunter Beats Kahn In Ping Pong Final

Glenn Hunter won the ping pong championship of Alma College and the immediate vicinity Monday afternoon, defeating Abe Kahn in the final, six games to two. Abe's trick shots, which many times just ticked the edge of the table, were not enough to offset Hunter's terrific drives. The turning point of the match came in the third game when Kahn netted two balls in succession after Hunter had deuced the score.

One thing in Hunter's favor was the highly partisan crowd, with four Zetas against three Phis. The one G. D. I. present failed to help Kahn's cause. The prize for which the two stalwart athletes were fighting was a brilliant green sweater. Oh, well, Kahn never looked well in green, and Hunter has something to match his pot for the last three weeks of his freshman year.

Hunter won his way to the finals by beating Coach Campbell and both Weimers. Kahn beat Bill Bushnell, Bill Bennett and Bull Borton.

In the consolation, three first-round matches and one second-round match have been played. In the first round, John MacFarland beat Chuck Leadbetter, 3 to 1; Dick Spencer beat Wilmer Littlejohn, 3 to 0; Bob Campbell beat Eldon Aitken, 3 to 0. In the second round, Spencer beat Campbell, 3 to 0.

The scores for the championship match were as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Hunter	15	21	22	21	11	21	21	21
Kahn	21	16	20	16	21	18	7	14

## BASKETBALL NOTES

The boys will have to play a lot better basketball than they did last week-end if they are going to win the M. I. A. A. championship. At times they looked like world beaters, but most of the time their play was very sloppy. They missed a good many easy shots, their passes were poor, and they frequently went to sleep on defense. However, the team has possibilities, and if they work hard, they have a good chance for the title. The students are all back of the team, and will give the same fine support that Alma teams always get. Let's go, Alma! We WANT THAT CHAMPIONSHIP!

The Kalamazoo game was a battle royal, with elbows and knees flying everywhere. Referee Beem tried to call them close, but there was so much going on that he couldn't get it all. Neither team took advantage of its numerous foul shots—Kalamazoo made only six out of twenty-four, and Alma blew all but five out of fifteen. In all this excitement, Borton never made a foul.

The Battle Creek game was comparatively clean, but one member of the home team tried to get a free ride on Dawson's back, and Bud came up with a skinned knee. What with running into the wall at Kalamazoo before the game and bumping an elbow, he was a pretty bruised up young man.

Borton introduced a bit of football into the Battle Creek game with a flying tackle. The object of his attack could accept it, so there were no hard feelings.

Smitty almost played his first game of college basketball Friday night. With three men out of the game, three persons on Catherman and two each on Beach and Bushnell, Bing began to think he'd have a chance to make a hero of himself.

Coach took no chances on aggravating Kahn's injury in the Battle Creek game. As soon as the ball had a safe lead, Beach took his place, and Johnson replaced him for a while in the second half.

Borton and Catherman played all of both games on the week-end trip. Dawson played all of the Battle Creek game.

Johnny Volk was hot with his overhead shots against Battle Creek. He made three of them, two from outside the foul circle. And just try to guard them!

Hillsdale's defeat of Albion was a mild surprise, since Albion is supposed to have a strong team, but the Blue and White beat Manchester twice, and made a good showing in all their preliminary games, so their victory was not altogether unexpected.

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## Fast Hillsdale Team Plays Here Thursday

Thursday evening Hillsdale's fast traveling basketball team comes here for the first home game of the season. The 'Dales, with a flock of Sophomores in the lineup, have run up an imposing string of pre-season victories, and beat Albion Friday night in their first M. I. A. A. game. Two free throws by Stanich decided the game in the last minute of play. This same Stanich, who was the Sophomore sensation of Hillsdale's championship football team, has been a leading scorer so far, and will be a hard man to stop. Beverly Selby, the colored flash, Ojala and Tom Mobily of last year's team are back. The other Sophomores who have been playing good ball are Rock and Sweeney, the six-foot three-inch center.

Abie Kahn's knee is recovering rapidly from the beating it took in the Charlevoix game, and he should be ready to go at top speed. Max Novak's knee is also coming around, and he scrimmaged with the varsity last week. He will be in uniform Thursday evening, adding some more height to our gang of skyscrapers.

This will be a tough game, but Alma, playing on her own floor, should be able to pull out a victory. All the rest of the games this semester are at home, so the Scots should make a good showing. The addition of Hunter will strengthen the team for its out of town games the second semester.

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**WRIGHT HALL NEWS**

What will those three room mates be wearing next, red flannels?

Nancibel has been ill for the past week with sinus trouble. Her mother has been staying with her. Alice Girvin has been ill with an attack of the flu, and Elizabeth Malcolm also had an attack for a few days last week.

John calls Claire "Baldy" now.

Cookie has a new doctor friend; she happened to have the flu during vacation too.

Talking about coal bins—just ask Marion and Bruce.

Last Saturday night in the reception room Cyril and Parker thought that a screen was needed—so a couple of our "romancing" couples were concealed from the public gaze.

After a wild ride in a "flying Ford" Friday night, four Wright Hall maidens found some consolation in the cemetery.

Fran Rice has become watchman of the hall.

Cactus better watch out—Jeanie's vacations may bring forth serious rivals.

Since vacation all you've heard about in the Hall are the stories

about New Year's Eve.

Topsey's suit case had a longer vacation than she did—and to think where it was all the time—scandalous.

True story. Once upon a time there were three little girls who were tired of the monotony of college life—they craved bright lights and dancing—finish this yourself.

Too bad it isn't Sunday all week, isn't it Dorothy and Emery?

Currie and Rice always "just" get to meals.

Especially when you are wearing your room mate's shoes you should be careful about jumping out of windows.

**ALUMNI NEWS**

**Alma Alumnus Trains Champion Debate Teams**

The Detroit Free Press for Sunday, January 1, carried quite an extensive write-up about the remarkable success of Carl Titus, '17, as a debate coach. Titus is superintendent of schools in Cheboygan, and has coached the debate teams there since 1918. During that time his teams have won 74 debates and lost only 15, and in 1930 and '31 they hung up eighteen straight victories, which is an all-time record for the state of Michigan. In 1930 Cheboygan won the state championship, and they reached the semi-finals in the state elimination tournament four other times. They have won the northern Michigan championship eight times during the thirteen years Titus has been there.

Godfrey Norman, '32, was in town for several days during the holidays. He is to do graduate work at Michigan State this term.

Maxine Ingold is sporting a diamond, a gift from the principal of Peck High School. Congratulations!

When the principal of Riverdale High School resigned, just before Christmas, Robert Nunn, '32, was right there to step into his shoes.

Thomas Arnold "Tar" Robinson, '16, was recently elected president of the American Club of Mexico.

Miss Alinda Montgomery, who was Dean of Women in 1922-23, is attending Northwestern University.

**THEY ALWAYS COME BACK FOR MORE**

Once again it comes to our attention that there is a germ that infects every Alma student and produces a strange nostalgia that develops every time he goes home for vacation. There is always, during the week before vacation, the uncontrollable desire to get home as soon as possible, but as soon as the student reaches home, the pull is reversed.

It is true that the more daring students pull out anywhere from a day to a week before college closes, but it is usually some of this same crew that comes trooping back anywhere from a day to a week before classes start again. That indefinable something always gives them the itch to get back.

This is indeed a good sign. The anxiety to get away is perfectly natural, and is found everywhere. Not so the desire to return to school. One would suppose that any normal human being would want to stay at home as long as possible. It seems a credit to our institution that they always come back for more.

**ANNUAL N.S.F.A. MEETING HELD AT NEW ORLEANS**

The eighth annual congress of the National Student Federation of America was held at New Orleans with headquarters at the Hotel Roosevelt December 28 to 31. Students from 94 schools in 30 states made up the delegation to the congress.

The following resolutions were passed by the group:

Favoring faculty supervision of student affairs.

Election of student members of the governing body by the constituents of the student body rather than by societies or fraternities.

Favoring publication of The Student Mirror.

Favoring maintaining existing scholarship exchanges and increasing the number.

Favoring efforts to maintain N.S.F.A. columns in college newspapers.

Opposed to subsidizing athletes.

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

Mike D'Angelo: This year I'm going to win the mile.

Headswipe Calkins: I'll make 'em holler!

Campusology editors: To get something on Miss Banta.

Les Struble: I'm going to get a permanent place in the Gratiot Avenue League with Hunter, Pete Rinck, Walls and Ralph Scheifley's girl.

Gert Eliot: I'm going to stop some of those Gratiot Avenue boys in my block.

Isabel Palmer: I'm going to make the Drama Club.

Deacon Davis: I'm trying to live up to my name.

Blinky McDonald: Bigger and better pigs.

Kelly Beach: I'll not be denied my freedom of speech.

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