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MLA MEET HEARS SCHREIBER TALK ON MUSIC DRAMA

German Dept. Head Speaks at Washington U in St. Louis on Richard Wagner.

Dr. Theodore Schreiber read a paper entitled "Die Liebesethik der Wagnerschen Musikdramen" at St. Louis, Missouri, before the German Literature section of the Modern Language Association which was celebrating its 50th anniversary at Washington University, December 27 and 28, 1883, to discuss matters pertaining to modern language study in American colleges and universities. This conference was remarkable as the first attempt ever made in the United States to unite the professors of modern languages and to develop among them a feeling of common interest. As a result of this conference the Modern Language Association of America was organized, with Professor Franklin Carter of Williams College as president, and Professor A. Marshall Elliott of Johns Hopkins University as secretary.

About a thousand members, representing colleges and universities from all parts of the United States and Canada, attended the sessions.

The Association had its beginning as a conference of teachers of modern languages held just 50 years ago. Forty scholars met in New York City, December 27 and 28, 1883, to discuss matters pertaining to modern language study in American colleges and universities. This conference was remarkable as the first attempt ever made in the United States to unite the professors of modern languages and to develop among them a feeling of common interest. As a result of this conference the Modern Language Association of America was organized, with Professor Franklin Carter of Williams College as president, and Professor A. Marshall Elliott of Johns Hopkins University as secretary.

In the course of the fifty years, the Modern Language Association has gradually developed into a large national organization. Its membership at the present time is something more than four thousand and it includes members from every one of the forty-eight states in the Union. It is at present the only organization in this country which devotes itself primarily to scholarly research within its field. It forms one of the constituent societies of the American Council of Learned Societies, and carries in this way a large responsibility in maintaining, stimulating, and directing higher studies in the Modern Languages and Literature.

FRATERNITIES STRIVE FOR PING-PONG FAME

Although the past few years have offered very little in the way of entertainment for the "independents," in the traditional knock-down and drag-'em out mortal battles between the Zetas and Phis, spectators may witness the renewing of these once so powerful feuds between the oldest and the next to the oldest fraternities Thursday night at the Varsity Shop.

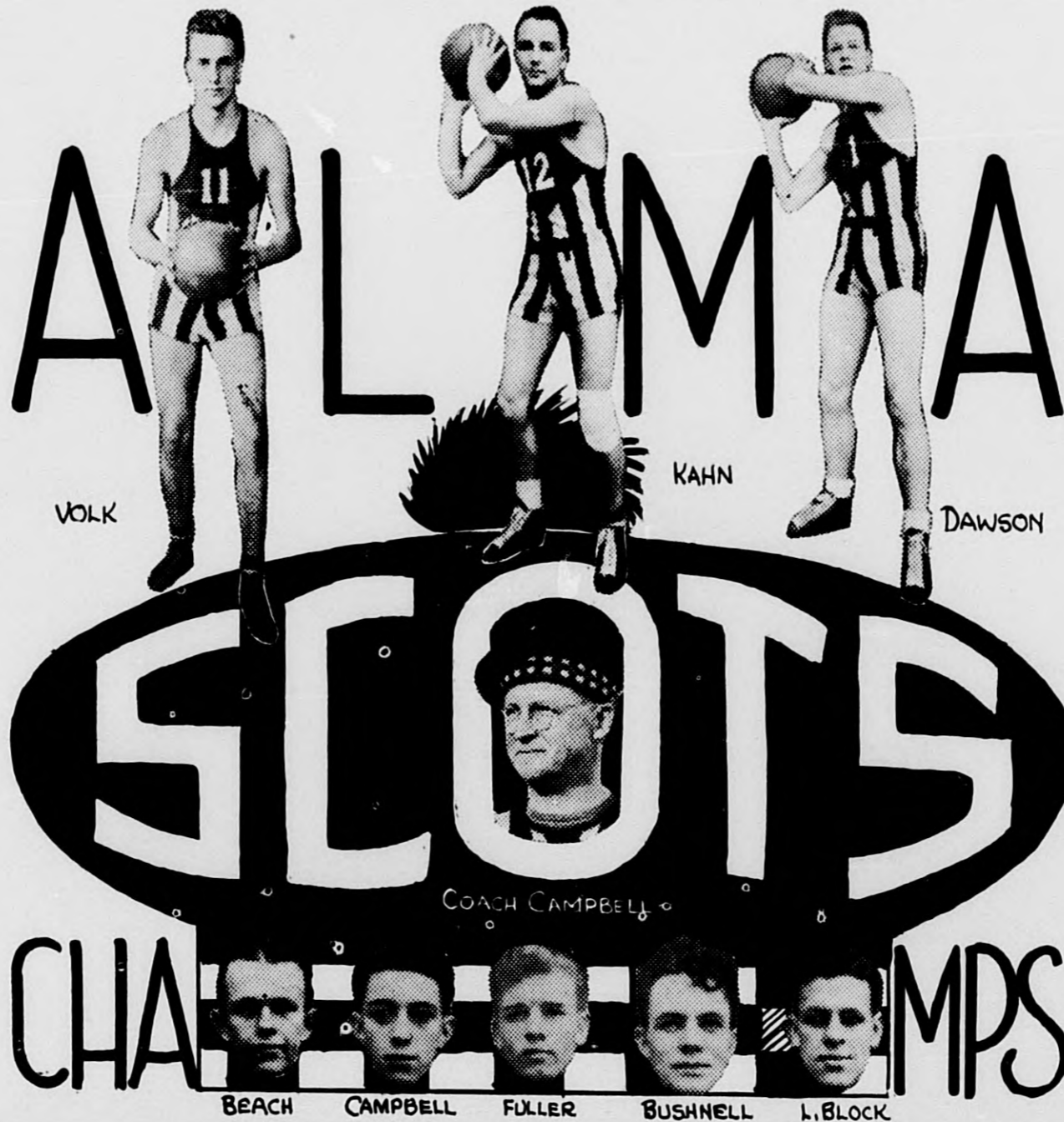
Stanley Vliet has grown tired of the inactivity between the two-across-the-street-from-each-other frats, and so he racked his brain to find an idea to entertain his star roomer and boarder, G. D. I. Weimer. The offspring of this mind of his was to stage a ping-pong match between a team of Zeta members and pledges and a team of Phi members and pledges. To the winner he would give a massive banner bearing the letters of the fraternity.

Various comments about the Campus have brought about a question, "How can more interest be aroused in Campus doings?" The outcome of this terrific battle may lead into something more interesting.

Stan also states that an open tourney will be staged shortly in the interests of the whole college.

PHIS ELECT JOHNSON

The Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity held elections just before the Christmas vacation. The newly elected officers are: President, William Johnson; Vice-president, William Boyd; Secretary, Sam Bal-four; Treasurer, Keith Seale; Keeper of the Archives, Ansel Christopherson; Marshal, Hughes Noble; 1st Critic, Gordon Clack; 2nd Critic, Benjamin Leyrer; 1st Warden of the Keys, Edward Goggin; 2nd Warden of the Keys, Le-Roy Block.



SCOTS TO FACE DALES TONIGHT; HORNETS FRIDAY

Kalamazoo Game This Weekend Opens Home Schedule in M. I. A. A. Race.

Tonight the Scots open the M. I. A. A. basketball season at Hillsdale in the first meeting of the Dales and the Scots since football. The Dales are now leading the M. I. A. A. along with Hope as a result of a victory over Albion. Last Friday, the Dales took Albion for a 31 to 22 ride, while the Hope Dutchmen were taking the Comets of Olivet, the favorites according to some newspapers, 31 to 29.

That leaves Alma and Kalamazoo untried and undefeated until tonight. Friday the Scots open the home season against the Kalamazoo Hornets, here.

The Dales have a few veterans from last year and a bunch of football sophomores. Against Albion Whitey Linton was the champion with 17 points. Bruno Narji, the boy wonder, and Albert Stanich made up the rest of the second year men. The veterans include Frank Stanich, the long shot artist, Red Stickney, a veteran forward, and Joe Rock, the hard hitting left halfback.

The Kalamazoo outfit is sort of hard up for untried men. Fourteen lettermen return for the Hornets. Naturally enough they will be contenders to displace the Scots until they are defeated. But plenty of reserve strength is an asset.

The Scots practiced last Saturday afternoon in the Boys Vocational School field house in Lansing.

A scrimmage with a bunch of boys gathered together by Frank Angell, '30, ensued with the Scots taking more than a slight advantage.

40 Maids Inhale CO2 To Hear WBCM Static

A certain Professor Ward once said that carbon dioxide is for women. At any rate, that is what the forty girls who crowded into Onilee MacDonald's room Sunday night had to breathe for the space of one half hour. In spite of all the radios in the Hall, only one or two brought in the Michigan Radio Network clearly enough for listeners to distinguish Prexy's voice from static.

The program, broadcast from WBCM at 8:00 P. M., featured a piano solo by Mae Nelson and a song by Prof. Ewer. Following this, Dr. Crooks talked for twenty minutes on "The 1934 Outlook for a College Education." He pointed out that in spite of decreased enrollments everywhere, the liberal arts schools had suffered the smallest loss during the depression, and anticipated not more than a ten per cent decrease in enrollments next year. "No student," he said, "has had a more wonderful day to study" (forty mental images of final exams!).

The College Trio, composed of Bill Boyd, Bob King, and Jack Clark then were introduced and sang three numbers, "Lies," "Stormy Weather," and "Perfect Day." A voice signed off, amid great clapping and huzzahs in the MacDonald domicile, with the surprising announcement that the time was up, and the guest announcer had been Roy W. Hamilton.

COLLEGE OFFERS \$25 FOR THIEVES' ARREST

Thieves broke into the Administration Building on New Year's Day and succeeded in entering the offices of Dr. Crooks, Dean Mitchell, Prof. Tyler, and the business office. Some damage was done to doors and locks.

Filing cabinets, desks, and files were rifled, but the looters obtained only petty cash and stamps. The College, working in conjunction with Chief of Police James R. Campbell, has offered a reward of \$25.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thieves. This is one of a series of robberies perpetrated recently in and around Alma, the public schools having been looted on several occasions in the past month.

PRESS RULES IN U. S., SAYS PROF.

Spencer Claims Roosevelt is Dictator Because Jefferson Was Poor Speaker.

"Because Thomas Jefferson was a bad speaker, the leadership of Roosevelt last spring looked, and still looks, more like the leadership of a dictator than of an American president," Prof. Herman Spencer declared in stressing the value of the study of rhetoric to a Chapel audience Wednesday. He pointed out that Jefferson's lack of confidence in his debating ability caused him to send written messages to Congress instead of appearing on the floor himself. Consequently, legislative leadership was distributed among forty or more committee chairmanships, so that unified action is almost impossible today.

He went on to state that "the great problem of social living is the problem of bringing public opinion to bear on our social institutions, in order to make government responsive to the will of the people. If this is the greatest problem we have to solve, then the most important part of an education is the mastery of the mother tongue. The man who has not learned to use his mother tongue is not much of a social asset; he is unfit to take a citizen's part in a free country. Good writing and good speaking are of paramount importance in a country governed by discussion.

"But it is in journalism," he said, "that the art of publicity is at its best. The editor has more influence in shaping public opinion than all other agencies together. The three estates of the realm, lords spiritual, lords temporal, and commons, avail but little when opposed by the fourth estate, whose seat and power is the editorial chair. Scott of the Manchester Guardian defined journalism as 'the art of making righteousness readable.' And the art of making anything readable is the art of rhetoric."

One of the first principles of good journalism is, according to Prof. Spencer, a negative one—"Don't parade a vocabulary of big words!" Secondly, avoid circumlocution, a roundabout way of saying things. He quoted Frederick Allen's definition of the goon and the jigger. The goon has a heavy style, the jigger, light. "Most Germans are goons; most French, jiggers."

Criticizing Wallace Rice's recent statement before the American Association of English Teachers, (Continued on page 4)

ORATORICAL CONTESTS BEGIN NEXT SEMESTER

At least six men are expected to participate in the oratorical contests, to be held the first week of the second semester, according to an announcement by Prof. Hamilton. In a brief Chapel talk, Prof. Hamilton urged the girls to prepare speeches between semesters. Prizes are given annually to first and second winners in each section. The divisional meeting will take place on the first Friday in March, and the state finals the second. Colleges from all over the state are expected to compete for the gold and silver medals awarded at that time.

SOCIOLOGY CLUB TO HEAR MCLAIN

Former Chaplain of Jackson Prison to Speak Thursday on Criminal.

Dr. Richard Waln McLain, former chaplain of Jackson Prison, and an authority on psycho-analysis and juvenile delinquency, will speak on "The Criminal As I Knew Him," in Wright Hall next Thursday afternoon. Dr. McLain will analyze the criminal personality, and illustrate with personal experiences gained from his years at Jackson.

All students and Faculty members interested in social problems are cordially invited to hear Dr. McLain lecture in Wright Hall Thursday afternoon at 3:30 P. M. Those who are planning to enter the course in criminology next semester are especially urged to attend. Dr. McLain has had several years of intimate contact with the criminal personality, is a contributor to periodicals and a well-known lecturer, both on juvenile delinquency and the adult criminal.

Sociology Club

Members of the Sociology Club, of which William Boyd is president, are in charge of the meeting. All sociology students are invited to attend the lecture, as well as those contemplating the course in criminology to be offered next semester. Dr. McLain is a physician and a minister, as well as a lecturer, and is a consultant in vocational guidance. His lecture, scheduled for the reception room at Wright Hall, will start at 3:30 P. M.

ALUMNUS SPEAKS AT BOSTON MEET

Wm. Randels Presents Math Paper to Scientific Group at M. I. T.

William Randels, son of Dr. George Randels, and graduate of Alma College in 1930, spoke in Boston during the Christmas holidays before the American Mathematical Society, whose meetings were held in conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Mr. Randels, a graduate student at Brown University, presented a paper entitled "The Summability of the Conjugate Series." Other theses read before the Mathematical Society were given by professors from Rice Institute, and the universities of Michigan, Minnesota, Purdue, Brown, Yale, Harvard and Columbia.

Three thousand scientists from all over the United States were attracted to the meetings of the various scientific societies, held at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, under the auspices of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. This is the most important gathering of scientists held during the year. There are divisions for all the sciences and a large number of sectional programs participated in by leading scholars.

Recent scientific advances were shown at an unusually large scientific exhibit. According to the New York Times: "The science of yesterday, today, and tomorrow turned staid old Memorial Hall, with its church-like interior and its priceless stained glass windows into a wonderland of modern scientific progress. A stereoscopic device, showing the results of a collision between an irresistible force and an immovable body enabled scientists to view for the first time a three-dimensional image of the debris of the heart of an atom after being struck by a cosmic ray." This device was brought to Cambridge from Pasadena by airplane, by Dr. Robert A. Millikan of the California Institute of Technology.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 9—Hillsdale, there
Jan. 12—Kazoo, here
Jan. 16—Albion, there
Jan. 18—Hope, there
Jan. 30—Central, here
Feb. 2—St. Mary's, there
Feb. 6—Albion, here
Feb. 9—Hillsdale, here
Feb. 13—Central, there
Feb. 16—Hope, here
Feb. 20—Olivet, there
Feb. 23—Kazoo, there
Feb. 28—Olivet, here

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STUDENT FORUM

Dear Editor:

Alma, as a liberal arts college, is missing an opportunity to offer its students the widest possible cultural background. Many of our students prepare themselves here for graduate schools and in order to get in the required courses they must forego the advantages of many of the classes which would give them a broad viewpoint.

Science students usually have very little, if any, contact with the social sciences, philosophy, or the world's great literature. Many of them realize this, but the requirements are such that there is no time. Science courses make so large a demand on hours that the student finds conflicts with anything else he might desire to take.

In many other schools a plan known as "auditing" or "vaga-bonding" operates to allow the student to cover the general fields, aside from his own special preparation. He simply attends the regular lectures or classes, when he is able, as a guest. He listens and acquires an appreciation of these fields that will make him an intelligent conversationalist, and a better judge of the world about him.

The plan would serve another purpose, too. It would tend to make lectures more interesting and more to the point. As it is, professors too often forget to prepare their work with the student in mind. They become dyed in their subject and forget to provide a background for what they say.

We would appreciate having the Faculty discuss this plan with the idea of incorporating it for next semester. As a means of broadening the College's influence, it is something well worth serious consideration.

Interested Students.

Dear Ed.

You never wood print won of my letters, but Im going to trie agin. I got all het up about the deplorable condicions after reeding BUS leter, so I went to my Stud. Cou. Rep. and ast him wotell! Hes a good guy so he explained it to me. He says wot Alma Coll. nedes publicity alrite, but it aint the kind BU is ben giving it. He says as how Prof Wimer tride to git a fone from the Adm. on akount of hed be dammed if hed run up and down 2 flites of stares evry time he wantit to folow up a hint or hunsh, but they says nix because it takes to much Jack to kepe 3 fones in Right Haul already. So he ast the Stu. Cou. Heres how the guys wot put it threw the Stud. Cou. figgered my Rep says. A fone costs \$2.50 a mo. If Prof has it 6 mo. that is 15\$. If he gets 1 more stud. by his inkreased efishincy that pays for the fone by the aktivty Phi. If it gets more its a dam good invest. An enyhow if it dont get no one it only cost each stud. 2.50. 2.50—1 scent each a mo. for sum good publicity wich dont hert my fellins nun. I bet if its put to a vote of the Stud. Boddy they OK it. I wisht I had some Jack to invest. I bet Prof was happy wen he herd the Stud. Cou. wood pay 2\$ a mo. to a fone. That shows we got a wide wake Stud. Cou.

Enyhow Im glad we got a guy like BU to kepe a I on things. Its to bad he didnt sine his name becaws then we cood vote fer him nex year. If he gits steemed up over the fone I bet heludpop wen he startit investigatin danse money, and seenyer swettters fer guys wot aint gradjwated. I recken he'd git appleplexi and haf to be caried out on a shingal wen he tride to git a financial statemint from eny orginiazashun wot gits sum of the 7:50. I bet BU stands fer Brite Un, dont it, Ed?, Yors, Aint So Brite Ether.

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of The Almanian the Student Council was quite severely criticized by B. U. The criticism was apparently called for, though somewhat bitter, but it is a surprise to me that there

is not more pro and con discussion on the work of the Student Council, since it is the representative body that we elect to govern us.

Some will agree that it never does anything, others that its acts are always above criticism, but it is my opinion that the workings of the Council are not given enough publicity. There are few organizations on the Campus whose activities are less known by the student body. Few know what is done in meetings, how individuals vote, or what things are planned.

We publish the minutes of the Athletic Board of Control showing all this, but the Student Council, which is far more vital to the student body, fails to receive any such publicity. It is my belief that if this paper would give greater publicity to the Student Council, a real constructive interest in the body would be created.

A. P. B.

LECTURE ON GOETHE GIVEN WEDNESDAY

The girls of the College, who were not there, have no other way than this of learning that the moving picture machine broke at the half, when Dr. Schreiber was lecturing on the life of Goethe in the Chapel Wednesday night. In the name of accuracy it must be admitted that one young lady found her way into those learned portals—Miss Margaret Randels, whose daddy took her.

Members of the Faculty and several college men were present, and witnessed scenes from plays whence Goethe got his material for Faust, as well as views of the various cities associated with his life. Dr. Schreiber lectured and read Goethe's poems in German, while Prof. Hamilton supplemented with the English translations.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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THE MODERN DEBTOR

The following is an up-to-the-minute will left by a deceased customer:

"Make my will so my overdraft at the bank goes to my wife—she can explain it.

"My equity in my car to my son—he will have to go to work to keep up the payments.

"Give my good will to the supply houses—they took awful chances on me and are entitled to something.

"My equipment you can give to the junk man—he has had his eye on it for several years.

"I want six of my creditors for pallbearers—they have carried me so long they might as well finish the job."

MARJORIE STONE FATALLY INJURED

Miss Marjorie Stone, a student at Alma College in 1929 and 1930, died as the result of an automobile collision north of Detroit, on New Year's Day. Miss Stone, whose home was in Fenton, was a teacher in the School for the Deaf at Flint.

CAMPUSOLOGY

Mary(on) had a little dress,
'Twas dainty, fine and airy(on),
It didn't show the dirt so much
But oh, how it showed Mary(on).

Dirk gave Jean a canary for Christmas. She calls it dirkie-bird. Speaking of birds, Hagaman calls Delevan her little Freddie-birdie.

Spendlove, cleaning chickens in the kitchen: "Now I'll know how to wash babies." Little mother!

Helen Walker went home for Christmas more than ever.

Novak, addressing package in Pat's: "How do you spell Manistique?"

Esther had a mouse in her wastebasket, so she gave it to Richmond to remember her by.

Lots of people got lots of pictures. Merrill got one from Cyril, and Cyril got one from Merrill. Jim's getting one from Jane, but Walker sent the boy friend an empty frame. Sounds like a frame-up. Spendlove has a great big one of Joe, but Culver says his is from his sister. Jane Rice has one of her Bob, and Anthonisen's is from Jinny. Which is enough snooping for one night.

Currie's sending around a petition to initiate freshman bird-duty.

New Year's Resolutions:
Marj Morrison—"I'll Be Faithful."

English 25—"Oh Lord, please take away the darkness."
Jeanne Thurlow—"I'm No Angel."

Louise Hagaman—"Let's All Sing Like the Birdies Sing."

Anthonisen—"I'm all for the GRA—the Good of Robert Anthonisen."

Bill Johnson—"From now on, I'm for Chesterfields."

Chuck Smith—"Two's company, three's a crowd."

Prexy—"Let's abolish Chapel."

The Pulpit—"Let's."

And other 1934 Theme Songs:
"I couldn't tell them what to do"

—Fran Stephens.

Somebody loves me, I wonder who?"—Marj Southern.

"Sweet Adeline"—Gage and Du-Long.

"Annie Doesn't Live Here Any More"—??

"Blue Hours"—Guider.

"Moonlight and Pretzels"—Kendall, Hubbard, Colbeck, and Erickson.

"Sittin' on a Back Yard Fence"—MacGregor.

"You've Got Everything"—Kilmer (dedicated to Johnson).

"Who Besides Me Sits Beside You"—Vitek.

"Farewell to Arms"—Connie.

"After You're Gone"—Bruce.

"Jimmy Had a Nickel"—Bud Campbell.

"Honeymoon Hotel"—Jean and Pudge, King and McCallum, Marj and Bill, Claire and Johnny.

"Thanks"—Osterhaus to Gage.

"Girl of My Dreams"—Tomes to Schwartz.

"It's All Over Now"—Carter (the same).

"What's the Use"—Bob Mack.

"Headin' for the Last Roundup"—Anthonisen. Aren't We All?

"Alice in Wonderland"—Reva.

"When We Build a Little Home"—Virginia.

"The Three of Us"—Spendlove, Girvin, DeKraker, Rice, et al.

"Where's Elmer?"—Menoch.

"Learn to Croon"—R. Johnson.

"Put Another Log on the Fire" Upper Peninsula.

"I've Got the Jitters"—MacDonald, O.

"Goodbye Again"—Everybody.

Students down at Olivet are henceforth forbidden to commune with the spirits of the departed. The heartless town fathers have ruled that any unnecessary loitering among the tombstones will result in liability to a fine of twenty-five dollars.

For years the Olivet cemetery has played a role in their college life analogous to that of the Museum steps at Alma. As no college student ever has twenty-five smackers, this edict probably means death to one of the quaintest, if slightly unearthly, college traditions in the state.

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who struggle for lore
And the Alma vales could tell
queer tales of the girls ever
seeking for more
Now the Alma lights have seen
odd sights but the oddest they
ever did see
Was the day when the Zetas bade
goodbye to the Thetas and for
Brazil put out to sea.

Now Brazil you see is a far off country and was meant for the Zetas' delight

Where you sleep all day, and get some pay and go out and carouse at night.

Where you learn to tame a Brazilian dame on the shiny Amazon shore,

And you toil and sweat and drink and bet, while the beasts of the jungle roar.

They sailed away for three years and a day, and were heard from up here not again

For they settled down in a Brazilian town and started in to raise sugared Cain;

Then the Alma girls pulled down their curls and shed bitter tears from their eyes,

And they tried to forget the men they had met and go out to get new guys.

But the senior room was filled with gloom for its barrenness of girl and boy,

And the girls soon learned that those for whom they yearned had found their peace and joy.

May this be a warning to all those forlorn and pining for the men they lost

They wanted to boss, and would not come across, so paid this dreadful cost.

So this is advice to the boys who are nice, if your girls seem to want to fight

You can pack up your clothes, your these and your those, and sail silently out in the night.

So if the girls here at school, might make you a fool and treat you like a mechanical toy

Take a tip from the daunted, who knew what they wanted, set out for Brazil, my boy.

—Joe Scope

THE TALE OF A DOG AND HER OWN FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE

Many residents of Alma are friends of Patsy Ward, the beautiful "police" dog belonging to Miss Annette P. Ward, librarian of Alma College. Pictures and news of Patsy have from time to time been sent to relatives and friends on the Pacific coast.

Last week a large box of holly of the beautiful Oregon variety was received at Patsy's home for Christmas. In the box was a little Christmas tree, wonderfully decorated, and a large Christmas stocking to hang by the fireplace, a package of biscuit bones—all for Patsy. The stocking was filled with little boxes of dog-biscuit, and the tree was decorated with small dog-biscuit, each one wrapped with red, yellow, green or blue cellophane paper, lending a festive appearance to the tree.

Accompanying the tree was the following poem,—for Patsy:

PATSY'S TREE
"I have never had a tree
All fixed up and just for me.
No, doggone it, Patsy said,
No one here has used his head.
But I think I have a friend
And to her a wire I'll send
Telling her, please send a tree
Not for humans but for me.
Shiny, bright and all the rest
Something to give Christmas zest."

"You live on the Coast,
Where of fir trees you have most,
And you like me, this I know,
For your letters tell us so.
Trees are rather kin to me,
For they have a bark, you see."

Patsy dear, here is your tree,
Fixed up shiny—all from me,
And if you the branches lift
You'll find 'neath them a gift
Please to give to your two friends—
And I guess the story ends.

Apologies to "Rhyme and Rhythm" and for this doggerel.

What a lot of wasted energy floats around a Campus. Lelsz phones Ralph so much he can't study—and Stitt-Trapps haven't a phone, either.

THE LOST CHORD

(With apologies to art and science)

Under a spreading rubber tree
In Scottish kilts he stands,
An Alma graduate is he
Footing Brazilian lands,
But nary an Amazon does he see
Sporting upon the sands.

His hair's grown crispier and long
His nose like Yuletide hollies;
His sobs ring out, he wants to shout
A curse on those faithless mollies;
What have the silly females done?
They've joined the Ziegfeld Follies!

Marjorie Morrison wanted a special edition for the announcement that she has a new ring, but most of this had already gone to press. We'll run a special when she gets another.

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MALCOLM'S TEAM WINS 3 COMBATS

Only Three Teams Left Undeclared in Intramurals; Star Forwards Out.

The second week of play in the intra-mural round robin left only three undefeated teams, although only one of these, Malcolm's Frosh, has won three games. Campbell's Juniors and the Faculty were unengaged during the week, as both teams suffered the loss of star forwards.

Ralph Scheifley and his Sophs took Steve Keglovitz's Fighting Irish to knock the Irish from the undefeated ranks, last Thursday night 42 to 26. Eddie Goggin and Norm Wright were the biggest factors in the struggle for the victors. Ivan Storbekski led the Frosh with 13 points. The first half ended 26 to 24, but then the Sophs pulled away and held the Frosh to one basket in the second half.

Led by massive Gordon Purdy, the Giants won their first game 28 to 14, putting Brenneman's five below .500. Al Fortino was the big factor with 10 points, although Alick Howat of the Sophs got 8. Woodinhead-puddinhead Tomes was the feature of the game and his swishing bucket was applauded by the nine gods.

Due to the absence of Jo-jo Vitek, the Ramblers were forced to play with only four men, so the Men of Vitek took a white-washing from the Jews led by Fraser Malcolm, 45 to 10. Don Johnson with ten baskets was the big gun, while Chuck Smith followed with 9. Charley Ox's blocking featured the game.

Two senior teams, remnants of the finalists last year, were led to the slaughter block. Purdy's

Giants, through the efforts of one Fortino, put Aitken's Would-be Graduates through the mill to the tune of 37 to 14. Bom-bom Baumblatt, ex-varsity, dropped in 9 points to Al's 15. The Seniors set a good example with 13 personal fouls called.

Vitek came Friday night and as a result, Cates dropped further into the cellar with the lower end of a 31 to 17 score. Apparently M. E. M. was in the crowd, for Cy Lewis sank nine baskets and a couple of free throws for 20 points to lead the battle. Huck Seale, the pride of Kinde, became known to the scoring lists with four baskets. Drury's hips were also a feature, although they missed contact with Lewis several times.

The Intra-mural standings:
 Malcolm (Fr.) 3 0 1,000
 Scheifley, (Soph.) . . . 2 0 1,000
 Campbell (Jun.) 2 0 1,000
 Keglovitz, (Fr.) 2 1 .667
 Purdy (Fr.) 2 1 .667
 Vitek (Soph.) 1 2 .333
 Brenneman (Soph.) . . . 1 2 .333
 Fraker (Fr.) 0 2 .000
 Aitken (Sen.) 0 2 .000
 Cates (Sen.) 0 2 .000
 Faculty 0 1 .000

Scores thus far:
 Malcolm 13, Purdy 12.
 Campbell 24, Vitek 14.
 Scheifley 22, Cates 15.
 Brenneman 12, Fraker 10.
 Keglovitz 21, Aitken 19.
 Campbell 24, Brenneman 15.
 Keglovitz 23, Fraker 22.
 Malcolm 23, Faculty 17.
 Malcolm 45, Vitek 10.
 Purdy 28, Brenneman 14.
 Scheifley 42, Keglovitz 26.
 Vitek 31, Cates 17.
 Purdy 37, Aitken 14.

The leading scorers:

	g	b	ft.	tp.
D. Johnson (Malcolm)	3	16	4	36
Lewis (Vitek)	3	13	6	32
Fortino (Purdy)	3	13	4	30
Goggin (Scheifley)	2	10	2	22
Ewer (Keglovitz)	3	6	8	20
Day (Campbell)	2	8	0	16
Mapes (Scheifley)	2	7	2	16
Reed (Keglovitz)	3	7	1	15
Bell (Malcolm)	3	6	3	15
Bernd (Purdy)	3	6	3	15
Baumblatt (Aitken)	2	7	1	15
C. Smith (Malcolm)	3	5	4	14
Howat (Brenneman)	3	6	1	13
Storbek (Keglovitz)	2	6	1	13
Nash (Purdy)	3	6	1	13
Brenneman (Bren'man)	3	5	2	12
Bruce (Brenneman)	3	6	0	12
Keglovitz (Keglovitz)	3	5	2	12
Cates (Cates)	2	4	4	12
Wright (Scheifley)	2	6	0	12
Malcolm (Malcolm)	3	5	1	11
Scheifley (Scheifley)	2	4	2	10
Lehner (Campbell)	2	5	0	10
Dawe (Fraker)	2	5	0	10
R. Carter (Fraker)	2	5	0	10
Sayles (Fraker)	2	5	0	10
G. Clark (Campbell)	2	4	1	9
Evans (Vitek)	3	4	1	9
Seale (Cates)	2	4	0	8
R. Clark (Faculty)	1	4	0	8
W. Boyd (Cates)	2	3	2	8
Glass (Campbell)	2	3	1	7
Bennett (Faculty)	1	3	1	7
Ling (Purdy)	3	3	0	6
Lofthouse (Malcolm)	1	3	0	6
Aitken (Aitken)	2	3	0	6
Vitek (Vitek)	2	1	3	5
Ditto (Campbell)	2	1	2	4
Crooks (Keglovitz)	3	2	0	4
Hopkins (Malcolm)	2	2	0	4
K. Carter (Purdy)	3	2	0	4
Oakley (Aitken)	2	2	0	4
Clark (Keglovitz)	2	2	0	4
Purdy (Purdy)	3	2	0	4
Battles (Scheifley)	2	2	0	4
Dean (Vitek)	2	2	0	4
Drury (Cates)	2	1	2	4
Washburn (Purdy)	2	2	0	4
W. Johnson (Aitken)	2	1	1	3
Fraker (Fraker)	2	1	0	2
North (Keglovitz)	3	1	0	2
Jacobson (Faculty)	1	1	0	2
Campbell (Campbell)	2	1	0	2
Hubbard (Aitken)	2	1	0	2
Delevan (Brenneman)	3	1	0	2
Charley Ox (Vitek)	2	1	0	2
Rambo (Vitek)	3	1	0	2
Tomes (Brenneman)	1	1	0	2
Balfour (Aitken)	1	0	1	1

Highlights by "Proxy"



Forgotten Man John ("Jack") Nance Garner (pride and joy of Texas) and that almost forgotten group—the U. S. Congress journeyed to Washington last week—there to assemble together for the purpose of turning out material for the "Congressional Record." Custom-breaking President Roosevelt read his annual message in person to the two houses of Congress while the aforesaid Jack Garner and Illinois dirt-farmer Speaker of the House Rainey presided over the august assemblage. The speech noted administration achievements—many—pointed future general policies—two days later was followed by the w. k. bad-news, the budget. Calling for an increase of public expenditures during 1934 and 1935 the budget would lead to the biggest debt in U. S. History—more signs of progress—but would begin balancing after '35.

Business was lethargic last week—let down from Christmas—hang-over from New Year—Dow Jones averages indicated little movement either of stocks or bonds—rails up slightly, industrials and utilities slightly off—livestock and commodity markets a bit livelier—very little bit.

The F. D. I. C. (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) started business last week after 13,000 of the 15,000 banks in the country paid their ante—a total of 90 to 100 million and this plus a donation of 150 million from the government, plus 131 million from Federal Reserve Banks made up the total pot whereby John Public's deposits of \$2,500 or less in the qualifying banks were guaranteed by the government. Reactions were generally favorable—most banks reporting an increase in their deposit business—less hoarding.

The Seventh Pan-American Conference disembarked from Montivedo last week—accomplished little—Sec'y Hull had a nice time at their party. George V dished out some thousand honors over the New Year—noticeable among the recipients being some Canadians—none having been given there since 1919. Germany was punishing a butcher for preparing kosher meat—Hitler reports that he is now thinking with his blood—wish we could—but Nazi Codifier Nicolai has stated, "The conscience of the racially pure Teuton tells him what is right and what is wrong." Does it also make him do right? But we musn't question Nazidom. Italy banned beauty contests as unpatriotic—substituted "child-raising contests"—prize to the mother who exhibited offspring of best quality between 6 months and three years old—well, there's no Hollywood in Italy anyhow. Stalin granted a press interview to Walter Duranty—gave his views on Roosevelt—favorable, on Bullitt—favorable—made a bid for U. S. credit—feared Japan.

The Balkans continued to boil with excitement following the assassination of Premier Ion Gheorghe Duca by Nicolas Constantinescu, reputedly a member of Roumania's "Iron Guard". Shiek-King Carol remained under guard as did other members of the royal family.

Another storm-center—Japan, was quiet last week as the new Crown Prince was christened—name Akihito Tsugu no Miya—bet he won't be quiet long after that. California suffered a flood—and Stanford, not accustomed to bad weather—lost to Little's Columbia Lions—7-0. Biggest football upset of year.

New Yorkers were attending the auto show.

Name in news—Mr. John Law, 1929, N. D. football captain, coach of the Sing Sing prison team—promoted to position of confidential clerk to the warden—he still seems to be on Law's side. But on the wrong side of the law was columnist Walter Winchell—being sued for libel—tut, tut, Walter, naughty.

85 CHILDREN WRITE LETTERS OF THANKS

Eighty-five children who were entertained by the Y. W. C. A. at the Christmas party just before vacation, wrote letters of appreciation to the girls. At a Y. W. meeting this week the letters will be distributed among the girls, to be read.

One little boy, a second grader, wrote:
 Dear girls at the college,
 I had a good time at the college last night. I liked the present very well. Are you going to have another one next year I will try to come next year I liked the present very well good by

James
 And from a little girl in the third grade:
 Dear Friends:
 I had a very good time. I had a good time playing the games, and, especially singing the songs. And I had a good supper. I like the doll you gave me.
 Its name is Patsy.
 I like my shoes, coat, hat, and dress.
 I brought my doll to school today.

Your friend,
 Joyce.

Tom Blaisdell Listed for U. S. Service in 1933 Columbia Report

Thomas C. Blaisdell, Jr., son of Dr. Thomas C. Blaisdell, president of Alma College from 1912 to 1915, was among those praised by Nicholas Murray Butler in his report of Columbia University for 1933. "Tom" Blaisdell, serving in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is a lecturer in economics at Columbia University.

Dr. Butler, president of the University, expressed great pride in the fact that many professors and instructors and graduates of Columbia University are doing notable service in Washington, in various state capitals, and in city governments. Blaisdell's name was listed with those performing such service.

NEW YEAR USHERS IN COLDS, SUNDRY ILLS

The satchel that young Mr. 1934 came in with must have been somebody's medicine case. At any rate, the first day of school found not only an epidemic of colds but a few familiar faces missing. Jimmy Day had a tumor removed from his jaw and won't be back until next week. Helen Koth was kept at home with an attack of jaundice. And everybody knows that Prof. Weimer was in bed with a bad attack of tonsillitis.

However, it's an ill wind that blows nobody good. Prof couldn't meet his classes all week. Prof. Tyler has dispensed with his cane. He says he has relegated it, to borrow a colleague's borrowed phrase, to the realms of innocuous desuetude. With these compensations, no one has a thing to worry about—except finals.

Phi Christmas Party Enlivens Yule Season

The Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity heralded the Christmas season with their annual Christmas party on Wednesday night, December 20. Nat Frye and his orchestra, en-

gaged on the Campus in former years for J-Hop appearances, gained the hearty approval of everyone with their program.

The party this year was staged in the Elks' Temple, where a Christmas tree and bright red and green paper decorations served to accentuate the Yuletide spirit. Programs were in a harmonizing red. The guests included Professor and Mrs. Robert W. Clack, Dr. and Mrs. Wilford E. Kaufmann, and Robert Campbell with Miss Betty Welsh. After the party, the annual stag affair was held at the Phi House where joke gifts provided merriment for everyone.

Dean Has Odd Escape; It's All in the Air

Dean Florence Steward had a narrow escape from innocuous desuetude or something during the Christmas holidays. Into the startled and horrified ears of countless Alma vacationers a radio broadcaster, doing his duty by the day's news, calmly announced that Dean Steward, an instructor at Alma College, had been killed in an automobile wreck, in Canada.

However, Prof. Hamilton cleared up the mystery in Chapel on Wednesday with the announcement, in the Dean's presence, that she was very much alive (and on hand for final examinations). Unfortunately, there was a Miss Stewart killed, Miss Jean Stewart, of the faculty of Alma College, in Ontario, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. William Garner of Detroit announce the birth of a baby daughter, Lou Ann, on December 19, 1933. Mrs. Garner was formerly Ruth Richards, a graduate of Alma College in 1927.

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 Saturday, Jan. 13 EDMUND LOWE and SHIRLEY GREY in "BOMBAY MAIL"
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 Sunday, Jan. 14 SLIM SUMMERSVILLE and ZASU PITTS in "Love, Honor, and Oh! Baby!"
 News, "Three Musketeers" serial, Comedy 10c

Games this week:
 Tuesday night—
 7:15 Aitken vs. Vitek
 8:15 Fraker vs. Cates
 9:15 Keglovitz vs. Brenneman
 Wednesday night—
 7:15 Campbell vs. Malcolm
 8:15 Faculty vs. Cates
 9:15 Purdy vs. Scheifley

There have been or will have been 19 games played at the end of this week. That leaves 36 games to be played before the first of March in the round robin. Approximately 12 nights are open for the games so this means 3 games a night.

Varsity and Reserves Defeat Clare Cagers

Last Wednesday, the Scots, varsity and reserves, took a double-header from the Clare Merchants at Clare, 46 to 23, and 39 to 37.

The Merchants, starring Leo Brown '31 and Hooley Elias, ex-'27, led the attack that held the Scots in check pretty much in the first half, but the Collegians came back and swept over them in the second period.

Long John Volk and Capt. Abie Kahn were high in scoring with 13 and 12 points apiece. Brown and Elias each dropped in six points to lead the home team.

The reserves led by Bushnell had a fairly easy time with the Clare reserves beating them out 39 to 37. The Scots with the team of Rea, Bussard, Gance, Fuller and Bushnell piled up a 22 to 11 lead at the half, but the Merchants crept up as the Scots sent in subs.

OLIVET STUDENT A GUEST
 Randall Brown, a student at Olivet College, and a member of Phi Alpha Pi, was a guest last week at the Phi Phi Alpha House. Mr. Brown, connected with the staff of The Olivet Echo, is one of a few Olivet students who elected to enter courses on a basis of absolute freedom, taking a comprehensive examination at the end of the college course. Students at Olivet had a three weeks Christmas vacation.

ANOTHER PROSPECTIVE
 ALMA STUDENT
 Shortly before the Christmas holidays a baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Andrews of Ann Arbor. Leonard Andrews is a graduate of Alma College ('26). The baby's name is Mary Josephine.

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BORTON, GUSSIN MAKE DR. TOOLE'S AAA TEAM

Norman Borton, graduate of Alma College in 1933, has been selected along with Carl (Moey) Gussin, graduate in 1931, to play on Dr. Toole's Team in the Detroit Basketball Association. Borton and Gussin were teamed together at Alma.

Dr. Toole's team, now in second place among the AAA teams in the Association, having dropped a game to Belmont a week or two ago, is a serious contender for the AAA championship.

The class AAA teams are made up of outstanding college, independent, and former professional players, among them such stars as Norman Daniels, Ivan Williamson, Al Shaw, Joe Truskowski, and Ed Garner from the University of Michigan. Alex Milankov, Olivet Comet star who graduated last year, is the other M. I. A. A. contribution to the Association.

From Ypsilanti comes Frank Worniak, forward, while from Mt. Pleasant comes Don Wattrick; and Notre Dame has given Norbert Crowe.

Dr. Toole's championship last year was due in part to the work of Moey Gussin, who came through in the final seconds on more than one occasion to win. His team is coached by Philip "Cinci" Sachs, well known in Detroit basketball circles.

PRESS RULES IN U. S., SAYS PROF. (Continued from page 1)

at Detroit last month, that there is no such thing as formal English, Prof. Spencer said: "I think he has gone too far in his thesis. Abraham Lincoln had an everyday style like his everyday clothes, loose and easy; then there was the terse, succinct phrase of his legal argument. But he had another style, and you can see a sample of it written in letters of brass wherever the traditions of English culture are known and maintained. That is formal English, and has its uses."

REYHER INITIATED
The Zeta Sigma Fraternity formally initiated Myron Reyher of Alma, on Monday, December 18. Reyher, a Junior, was pledged in the fall, and it is the custom of the Fraternity to initiate upperclassmen who have been on the Campus before, earlier than the date set for initiation of freshmen pledges.

Howard Potter and Robert Randels, also Alma graduates, were in attendance at the A. A. A. S. meetings.

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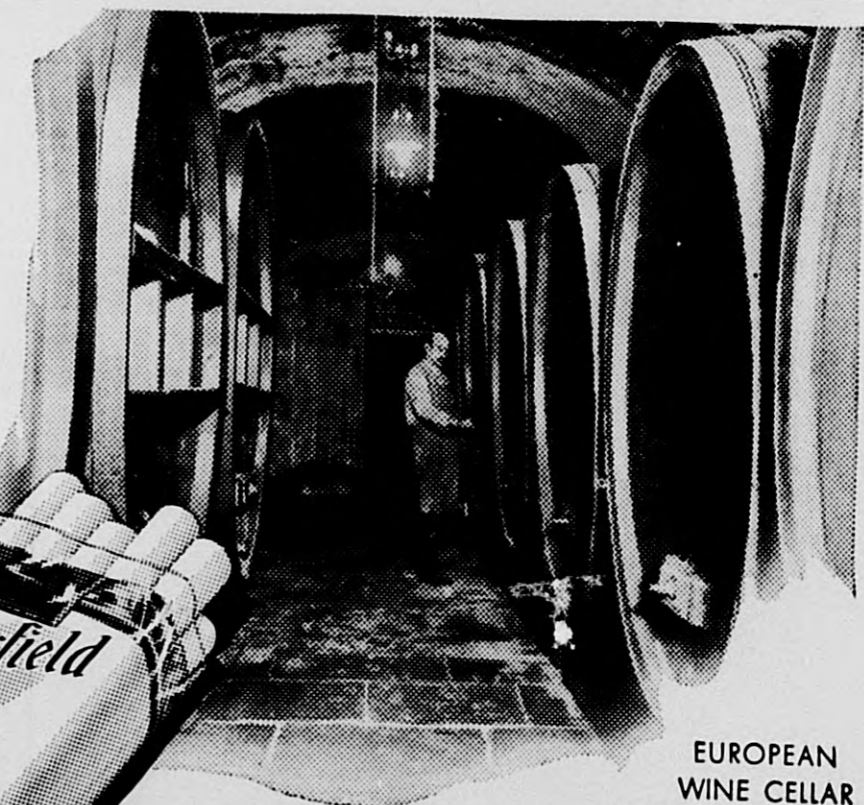
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