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## Zetas Ride For A Fall; Phis Ping-Pong Victors

The boys of Phi Phi Alpha demonstrated to their across-the-street neighbors, the Zeta Sigmas, that they really know their ping-pong, by trouncing them four to two in the match held at the Varsity Shop last Thursday evening. The Phis are proudly displaying a banner from Stan Vliet, the prize of their prowess.

After a few minutes of preliminary sparring and warmups, Nash, the driving demon, engaged Keglovitz, the jibbering Jew. At first it looked as though Keglovitz would talk his way to victory, but Nash watched his slices and drives, and maneuvered Keg out of position many times. The matches were supposed to be three games each, the loser of two of them not being the victor. At the end of two games it was found unnecessary to continue the match as Nash had more points than Keg in each encounter. Score PPA 1; ZE 0.

Ewer, the panting panther, met Ling the handsome Hemlockian; Ewer got the lead, fighting for his colors, but the old Ewer fight lost out in the closing minutes of each game and Ling hammered his way to victory in two games. Ewer tried to protest, charging Ling with using hypnotic powers on him. Umpire Vliet, however, refused to honor the protest. PPA 2; ZE 0.

Nash and Ling then met Ewer and Keglovitz over the green hardwoods in a doubles match. The match looked even until Keglovitz started being polite. He refused to return a serve that landed on the line between his and Benjie's territory. He said he didn't want to hog the limelight. Nash wanted a box to stand on so he could see over the net. Having this request refused, he went to town. The match went only two games. PPA 3; ZE 0.

Seale, the driving Dutchman, then scowled across the net at Estes, the bouncing buccaner. Seale shot serves to right and left but Estes with left handed flips returned them. The southpaw was driven to the limit to beat the lanky one, but Seale was downed in two games by the gentleman from Perry in what the gallery said was the best match of the evening. PPA 3; ZE 1.

Muscott, the perpetual juvenile, shot the ball (b-A-1-1) across the curtain to Bushnell, the bounding Basque, in the next encounter. Bushnell had a sprained wrist, spinal meningitis, and a nosebleed, so Muscott finally won his first two games. Things were picking up for Zeta Sigma. PPA 3; ZE 2.

Seale cast about and selected Kahn, the hiccupping Hebrew, and the twain met Estes and Muscott in a doubles match. This was the Zetas' chance to even the count, but Musk and Herb, flushed with the singles victories, were unable to win. So the boys from the stucco house meandered home, having been immersed in ignominious defeat four matches to two, while the Phi boys scampered blithely up Superior with the laurel wreath.

## Miss Banta to Speak on "House of Atreus"

"The House of Atreus" is the title of a talk to be given tomorrow evening, Wednesday, by Miss Josephine Banta, in the College Library. This is one of a series of Faculty lectures given annually and is open to the public, starting at eight o'clock.

Following the poet Aeschylus, Miss Banta will trace the working out of a curse in Greek literature. She will follow in the main the version of Agamemnon, The Choephorae, and The Eumenides.

Her paper will be preceded by a pot-luck supper for Faculty members. Students and townspeople are invited to the lecture.

## ALBION GIVES SCOTS THIRD MIAA DEFEAT

Inferior complex caused the Scots third defeat, from the hands of Albion last night, 32 to 21. Albion led at the half 22 to 11, but only tough luck on shots prevented the Scots from lessening the margin in the second half. Abie Kahn led the scoring with nine points and Mel Fuller was second with six. Smith and Berner were the best for the Britons. Full details will appear on the sport page of the next issue of the Almanian.

## PROF. CLACK ENTERS NATION-WIDE CONTEST

Prof. Robert W. Clack, who recently submitted a book of Chinese translations to the magazine Versecraft in a nation-wide poetry contest, is still in the running for the prize, according to an announcement made by the editors. The winner was supposed to have been announced early in December, but due to the large number of entries and the keenness of competition, the decision will not be rendered until the February number of Versecraft comes out. However, all but six of the manuscripts have been returned; Prof. Clack's is among the half-dozen still under consideration.

The winner of the contest will have his book published through the agencies of Versecraft. Prof. Clack has made a hobby of translating Chinese verse, and has been a contributor to Versecraft during the past year.

**JEAN FOWLER PLEDGED**  
Miss Jean Fowler, of Manistique, was pledged to the Alpha Theta Literary Society on Monday evening, January 8.

## 50 HEAR M'LAIN TALK ON CRIME

### Former Jackson Prison Chaplain Describes Experiences With Criminals.

Fifty students, Faculty members, and townspeople heard Dr. Richard Wain McLain, former chaplain of Jackson Prison, read a paper entitled "The Criminal As I Know Him" Thursday afternoon. The meeting, held at Wright Hall, and sponsored by the Sociology Club, was followed by pictorial illustrations of case histories in Dr. McLain's experience.

Dr. McLain, asserting that crime threatens the stability of the nation, and is a challenge to civilization, pointed out that crime costs, indigence, and accompanying social menaces cost America 25 billion dollars a year, while crime alone runs into a billion dollars a month. In a three-month period last year there were 207,000 Federal arrests alone. Murder, as a factor, has increased 350% in the past 40 years. He quoted a statement by the chairman of the National Surety Company to the effect that one hundred million dollars are lost annually in embezzlements alone.

Speaking of conditions at Jackson (Michigan State Prison), he said that nine thousand men had passed through its gates during his four and one-half years as chaplain. The normal population is about 5,200, 1,000 of whom are colored. His experience brought him into contact with criminals from 45 trades and professions; very few of these, he said, were men of high calibre, and few were really dangerous men.

The housing problem is a serious one, as Jackson (and most other institutions) are overcrowded, a fundamental factor in prison riots. He related his visit to the Auburn Prison in New York just after the riot of 1929, and said the cells were so damp that a match wouldn't light in one of them. "A decent man wouldn't keep a hog there," he declared.

**AFTER EXAMS**  
Oh! It's fine to be a Zeta when the girls are getting gay,  
Or to be an Alpha Theta, hard at work or hard at play,  
And it's nice to be a G. D. I. and have a telephone,  
But when romance is in the air, the Phi is not alone.  
For the Zetas win the letters and their sisters have the marks,  
K. I. girls respect their betters and they go on jolly larks,  
And the eyes of pretty Philos are a-sparkle 'neath their curls,  
But the true-born Phi Phi Alpha has the choice of all the girls.  
So here's to Kappa Iota and to their brothers four,  
May they always have their quota, may they thrive forevermore!  
Alpha Thetas and the Philos have merry hearts that sing,  
But the Phi Phi Alpha's gladdest at the coming of the spring.  
—Peetur.

## JOHNSON, HOOD FACE MSC SQUAD

### Alma Debaters Contend That Increasing Presidential Power is Dangerous.

Alma's negative team journeyed to Midland last Saturday to meet their traditional opponents, the Michigan State debate squad, before a county teachers' meeting at the Midland High School. William Johnson and William Hood represented Alma against Mr. Yale and Mr. Molloy of State, who presented the affirmative side of the question: Resolved; That the powers of the President of the United States should be substantially increased as a settled policy.

The affirmative in their constructive argument reviewed the depression and said that to avert future depressions we need economic planning by a commission responsible to the President, and with broad powers over industry. They argued that elections, impeachment, Supreme Court, and public opinion would prevent a dictatorship.

The negative proposed that such a policy would make the President a dictator, and that the change was unnecessary because the Constitution is adaptable to any situation and gives the President added powers when he needs them. In rebuttal Alma pointed out that each new President would mean a change of policy if this were adopted. They warned of the cost of a new and untried plan, and challenged the affirmative to show how it would work.

The affirmative replied that the present system would lead to a forceful dictatorship, while their proposed commission would avert this with economic planning, and, being experts, would probably not be removed often. They stated that industry needs control, and the President strengthened in this way could do it. After the debate, the audience questioned the two teams on problems arising from the speeches.

No decision was rendered by judges, but an instructive ballot was given to the people in order to discover their ideas on the question, and the majority favored increasing Presidential powers. This was the second practice debate of the season, in preparation for the tournament in Detroit on February 16. Alma will also meet Hope and Albion on February 2.

## SCOTS DROP TWO OPENING GAMES

### Hillsdale Trounces Alma 33 to 18; Last Minute Rally Saves Kazoo.

Last week was poor as far as the Scots' basketball hopes were concerned, as the two opening M. I. A. A. games were losses, 33 to 18 from the hands of Hillsdale Tuesday night here, and 39 to 36 from Kalamazoo here Friday night.

In the Tuesday game the Scots started the game like the champions they were, and immediately ran up an 8 to 0 lead over the 'Dales. The half ended, 15 to 10 for the 'Dales. In the second half, the Scots failed to get a field goal but scored eight times in attempts from the foul line.

John Volk led the scoring with four baskets and a foul, while Ojala was the 'Dales' best, although he had to leave the game via too many pushings.

Friday night the Scots started out with all the advantages of a home floor and a sympathetic crowd. For 38 of the 40 minutes Alma was in the lead ranging from one point to eight points except for one brief minute near the first of the game.

The seven point lead changed very quickly as the Hornets got angry and started sinking long shots. Neifert swished the ball in from the side to give Kazoo the lead by one point. Thompson gave the Hornets a three point advantage a minute later with a short shot.

Volk again led the scoring with 15 points and Garrison of the Hornets came second with 14.

## Girls Open Intramurals; Sophs Down Big Sisters

### Four Former Students Speak Marriage Vows

Announcements of three recent marriages involving four former Alma students were made during vacation. The Rev. Winston Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Thomas, of Ferndale, Michigan, married Miss Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Martin of Detroit. The ceremony was solemnized January 5 by the Rev. Robert S. Steen of the First Presbyterian Church in Royal Oak.

Win Thomas received his degree from Alma College in 1930, and his bride received hers in the same year. Mr. Thomas was also graduated from the McCormick Seminary in Chicago. After March 1 the Thomases will reside in the Presbyterian Manse at Munger, Michigan, where he has accepted a pastorate.

On Christmas Day, Miss Florence Burlingame, '33, of Chesaning, became the bride of Mr. Floyd White. Mrs. White will continue to teach near her home town for the winter. The Whites spent the Christmas holidays at Carson City and in Alma, at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Goble.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Jasper Rhynard, ex '36, and Miss Edith Sibley, both of Ithaca. Rhynard attended Alma last year, and has been managing the Shell Service Station at Ithaca. Mrs. Rhynard is a teacher in the rural schools.

## NEW C. E. SERIES STARTED SUNDAY

### Dr. Kaufmann Begins Talks on "Builders of the World" at Evening Service.

Dr. Wilford E. Kaufmann will continue a series of discussions on the topic, "Builders of the World," at the College Christian Endeavor meeting next Sunday evening at 6:30.

Dr. Kaufmann's topic Sunday was "How to Find Life," through books, nature, and science. "The biggest job of each individual is successful living," he said. "We should develop interests outside of our life work, in gardening, sports, books, and making friendships."

Finding life in the realms of morals was discussed. The depression has taught us two things, first to evaluate life, and second to realize that happiness is not found in abundance of wealth. Dr. Kaufmann summarized the problem by saying, "In Christianity we have the only real formula for living."

Dr. Kaufmann's series of discourses will run for another five weeks, according to present plans. This is an excellent opportunity for those students outside of scientific fields to become acquainted with one of the most inspiring men on the Faculty.

The College Christian Endeavor has made a wide appeal to the student body this year. Under the leadership of Benjamin Leyrer and Gordon Clack, and with the assistance of members of the group, a uniform program has been worked out, and every Sunday evening finds from 20 to 35 young people participating in this weekly worship service. The series of talks planned by Dr. Kaufmann, to which the whole student body is invited, are counted on to swell an already satisfactory attendance.

## K. I.'s Work on Plans for Valentine Party

Tentative plans for the annual Kappa Iota Valentine Party set the date as February 10 or 17. Announcement of the date will probably be made sometime this week. Jean Cameron, who will succeed Onilee MacDonald to the presidency, announces the following committee appointments:

Music: Marion Day, Jean Currie, Isabel Palmer.  
Programs: Florence Pierson, Kathryn McKay, Melva Raymond.  
Decorations: Phyllis Randall, Gertrude Elliott, Josephine Wilkinson.

Two games opened the girls' intramural program last Thursday night in the gym. In the first game, two Freshmen teams battled it out to a good 15 to 13 game, while the Sophomores ran roughshod over the combined Juniors and Seniors, 22 to 12.

The two Freshman teams were well matched and the fans settled down to watch a duel between Melva Raymond and Anna Roberson, with the former girl's team winning. Melva dropped in three baskets and four fouls, while Anna shot four baskets and only one foul.

Edna Parker helped out her team-mate with five points, while the best assistance "Tiger" Merrill could give Miss Roberson was 4.

The Juniors and Seniors had never played together before and seemed lost before the dead-eye shooting of Betty Welsh and Greta Wilson, but came back gamely in the second half. Betty dropped in ten points and Greta nine, while Margaret Hodges counted the rest of the tallies. Captain Phil Randall with seven points topped the upperclassmen and Marion Number followed with the remaining five.

A good deal of interest was shown in the crowd watching the games and succeeding games should find similar interest.

## RAILROAD WATCHMAN DIES IN ZETA HOUSE

Leoi (Pat) Murphy, 80 year old railroad employe at the Superior Street crossing, died in the Zeta Sigma House at 7:15 last Friday morning from a heart attack. He was found on the roadside in a very serious condition by Kelly Beach, who was on his way to breakfast. Kelly hurried to the Zeta House to get help, and while Herb Estes phoned for a doctor, he and John Colbeck carried Mr. Murphy into the House, where he died almost immediately.

Mr. Murphy, who has been employed for 36 years by the Ann Arbor Railroad, was known to scores of college students for his cheery greetings, as they passed him by on the way up to the Ad Building. Prof. Tyler also knew him very well, having lived with him for a year in a lumber camp when he was 12 years old. Mr. Murphy is survived by a wife and son. His death is the only one that has ever occurred in the Zeta Sigma House.

## GERMAN VOCABULARY SET AT 2,123 WORDS

A vocabulary of 2123 "basic words," or about 10,000 working words, will henceforth be expected of second-year German students, according to a plan accepted by the American Association of Teachers of German, before whom Dr. Theodore Schreiber spoke last month. The adoption of this German vocabulary was the first successful attempt on the part of language teachers to arrive at some sort of standard for the two year course. Teachers of other modern languages have long felt the need of such a standard, but have thus far been unable to agree on the essential words.

## Halvery, Olivet Star, Bitten at Cage Tilt

Bitten in a basketball game with Western State three or four weeks ago, Morris Halvery, Olivet Comet flash, is in danger of losing the index finger of his right hand. Halvery, whose ineligibility was a serious drawback to Olivet last year in their race with the Scots for the championship, had just come back for regular play when his finger was bitten by a Normal player.

At first the wound was not considered serious and was bathed with an antiseptic; later it became swollen and red, blood-poisoning developed, and during the Christmas vacation he was confined to the Highland Park hospital, where surgeons made every attempt to save the finger. A hole was made through the finger and drainage tubes inserted, but at present it is feared that amputation will be necessary.

### OUR ERROR

That was Floyd Clark, and not Jack, you heard singing over station WBCM a week ago Sunday, in the Alma College broadcast.



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## GETTING YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Editorially speaking, we would be violating a tradition dear to the annals of The Almanian if we passed up a chance in the "exam edition" to direct a few barbs at that headless horseman who paces a pony through the blue books. Yet that is exactly what we intend to do.

Not without a purpose, however. We merely pour upon fresher meat. For along with the books, the cramming, et al, rides that arch-procrastinator, the eleventh-hour Professor. He is the man, who, a week and a half before the final examinations, becomes suddenly aware that your future welfare (or his peace of mind) depends upon the mastery of certain fundamentals somehow missed in the other sixteen weeks of study. These, he reasons, are absolutely essential because: (1) They are in the book. (2) They are in the catalogue. (3) He has taught them before.

Whereupon he, and the fellow-members of his guild, suddenly awaken to the fertile and untrammeled byways in your alleged mind, and proceed to trace out in indelible etchings one-half the contents of a course. Not that it makes any difference. With a mere half-dozen Professors thus diligently pouring a motley array of facts into your cerebral vacuum, you will likely sprout a most convenient and liberal education in record time. This conscientious attitude of the eleventh hour Professor not only takes your mind from leisurely preparation for finals, but absolutely guarantees you your money's worth. Which is something, these days.

## STUDENT FORUM

Dear Editor:  
 During the past two or three athletic seasons the student body has been in something of a fog regarding athletic schedules for the year. This applies to football, basketball, and track. Usually the schedule is not announced until the games are half-completed.

This year we have seen football teams going down to defeat by narrow margins, and now the basketball season starts out with little to its credit. It's not that we aren't just as good as the rest of them; but somehow in a handicap we don't seem to have that final drive, that should have been gained in the pre-season schedule.

As a member of the Boosters Club and a contributor to the athletic fund, I feel that we students have a right to know why our schedule isn't as full as the rest of the schools in the M. I. A. A. Those schools are certainly facing as many economic difficulties as we are, but at the same time they have managed a reasonable pre-conference schedule. During the vacation I was actually ashamed, when some of my friends asked me if we had a basketball team this year. That was because there wasn't a thing in the newspapers. On private inquiry I have learned that a large share of my activity fee goes to the Athletic Board of Control, and all I want to know is why the Board doesn't schedule more games earlier in the season?

The same thing applies to track. If the frosh-varsity meets are any indication, we have a wealth of track material in the present sophomore class, and this means that in order to get the best results from this material, they need some good seasoning before the M. I. A. A. meet. Has any definite schedule been arranged or are we using "a punt, a pass, and a prayer" attitude to win first or second place in M. I. A. A. track? If I'm wrong, is it that The Almanian isn't giving these schedules the proper publicity?

This question isn't troubling me alone. The campus is full of comments and criticism and dissatisfaction. That means that we're still loyal enough to want another M. I. A. A. championship for Al-

ma. Yet if we get out there and root one hundred per cent it won't win a game for a team that needs practice. Conference games are no place for practice.

I think we have a right to know the dope about the Athletic Board of Control, and I don't mean the minutes!

Scot Booster.

Dear Editor:

Might not the continual harping upon schedule difficulties, as the reason for losing games, tend to become an alibi? I have heard it stated somewhere that often teams lose games because of poor material, poor coaching, poor student support, poor morale, poor physical condition, or poor luck.

Might not some or all of these reasons also be responsible for a dropping in per cent of games won, as well as our doubtful schedule?

An On-Looker.

Dear Editor:

Last week A. P. B. expressed the opinion that more publicity should be given the business of the Student Council. Although this may be a rather unique assertion on this campus, it may have some just foundation in the fact that this group of students is responsible for the dissemination, per year, of some \$3,750.00 of the students' money (estimated on the basis of 250 students).

Here is how the funds are ostensibly divided, per year.

	%	Act. fee	Total
Athletics	62½	\$9.35	\$2,337.50
Stu. Coun.	14½	2.15	537.50
Almanian	13½	2.00	500.00
Oratory & Debate	10	1.50	375.00

Total . . . 100 \$15.00 \$3,750.00

The constitution provides that in December of each year every organization using any portion of this activity fee must submit an itemized budget to the Student Council. This is the one and only means by which the Student Council, or anyone else, can ascertain whether the money is spent fairly, honestly, and for the best interests of the student body. Very few, if any such budgets have been submitted and printed in recent years.

The matter of finances is only one phase of the Council's responsibility, although a rather important one. \$3,750.00 is important almost any place. However, critics of the Student Council, constructive or destructive, must remember one thing—hinted at by A. P. B. The members of the Council are only students, and they will act as individuals except as they are influenced by student opinion. And where there is no student interest, and consequently no opinion, there can be no true representation.

G. C.

Dear Editor:

My attack on the student council seems to have been catalogued as that of an irritated erratic, and so I wish to define my position in a more lucid manner.

Our college catalogue sets forth the purposes for which the student activities fee may be used as follows: "It covers admission to athletic games and all public speaking and debating contests, subscription to the college paper, etc. It is not a college fee, the amount being fixed by college vote."

It must be that the expenditure of \$2.00 per month for a faculty member's telephone comes under the authority of the "etc." The specific things listed, however, indicate that money is spent for things from which students reap a direct benefit. It will be noted that it is not a college fee and therefore may not be applied on college expenses.

If the council finds it within its authority to spend student money for the convenience of the official advertising man on the faculty it should as well pay the same amount for the telephones of other professors who do, and always have done a great deal toward securing students for Alma. Of course the council would revolt at

this, but its action makes such a policy logical.

It is not unreasonable, indeed it is far more reasonable, to say that certain students who for two years have been going about to high schools as official representatives of Alma College, and who received nothing from the college except lowered grades and grudgingly excused cuts, should receive some payment from the council. If advertising the institution is to be paid for by students then certainly these people deserve a lion's share of the reward.

It is the policy of the council and not the particular act with which I quarrel in the private telephone case. It is not the first instance of prejudiced expenditure either, for you will remember that last year the council members voted themselves keys for their superior work. The purchase was made with money from the student activities fee.

There is no better indictment of the council than the remark of one of its members made this year the essence of which was: My sense of humor is the only thing that relieves the sense of disgust I feel for council proceedings.

B. U.

## CAMPUSOLOGY

It was a trifle hoarse-y, that "Walker" and "Spendlove" that floated through the ether Friday night. Just another false alarm.

False alarm or no, "Ed Wynne" Campbell and the rest of the Fire Chieflets made a hasty exit when Josie came bargin' around the corner.

What we'd like to know is, was this the same bucket brigade that worried the Phis into a four o'clock Pajama Parade?

And even a false alarm couldn't keep li'l efficiency Schwartz from barring all doors and windows, just like the good book says.

We were gonna put in a crack about Topsy, but she said she wouldn't like it. Anyway, Topsy doesn't live here any more.

Mel Fuller's girl, Fran (so they say), has his sophomore sweater.

They really mean it when they say nobody from Right Haul went to the Masonic dance. Other people did—Gert and Al Glance, Mary and Eldon, Lib Smith and Boergert, Fraker and Nummer, Dave Glass and Ruth Dickinson (going places with Bud Dawson of late—not too late.).

During vacation Carter sent an overweight letter to Elsie. No, dear frosh, that is not her name.

Merrill gave her picture to Cyril on the condition that "if anything happens" he has to give it back. His was given "Sincerely yours." Maybe he won't be forever and forever.

Bob Mack at least walked home with Aileen Saturday night.

So Dorothy and Emery are back together again! Guider's first date AC will be with Ken Kauszler.

They're all the same to Striffler. She's still PHI-ble minded.

Society Notes: Nick was around this week, and Eleanor had Novak all smiles. Walker's Lester came and brought Eddie along for Girvin. So Inez spent the week-end in the country.

It IS nice that Patsy got her own little tree, at that.

Prof. Spencer says students should read Western novels—and not Mae Western, either.

Woolley says all the dirt she knows is in Dirkie-bird's cage.

The newest G. D. I. pledge salutes a "Hi there, big boy", whenever he sees Weimer. Just another pledge duty.

When Tenney and Woolley give parties, they always invite all the proctors. Like eating unsalted spuds.

They've got Dirkie trained so that every time he wants Jean he rings a little bell.

At last! Hurst admits she has a secret passion. For information see Lib Smith.

And Onilee wants to know if we

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won't please put in a little notice of her departure—with a black line around it!

Kate McKay's glancing at Glance, but keeping a safe weather eye on Pelican Hopkins. Redman's just Glancing.

Not that it makes much difference, but there IS a Senate rule that all radios are to be OFF during quiet hours.

Who's the best player in frosh basketball? That vivacious blonde from Detroit—eh Guider?

Spendlove looks like that because she dreamed the other night she was sitting on the Acropolis, inhaling Mundus and flat bean soup.

Jane's just studying these days—studying, and pining for Jim.

It isn't any of our business, but it seems peculiar that the Trio would sing "Lies" right after Prexy got through talking.

Mary Craig insists its Platonic, but Hubbard calls it Love in the Rough.

The criminologist examined Boyd's head, but refused to make his statement public.

Ralph and Bill went to the girls' intramurals the other night just to see Koth—play.

Boergert dated Craig Saturday night, but he says it's all in the family. Fraker took Gretchen just to make it sound plausible.

These frosh who want more publicity ought to kick up a little dust once in a while. Take Edwards, if nothing more she'd get herself compassed over social cutting.

Bud called Liz Goggin Little Null, which makes 'em Null and Boyd.

Koth was Bob Carter's treasurer, after two dates. Hort found out that she was Lee's little treasure the other night.

Prologue:  
 This short play, fair reader, has been written for the express purpose of giving any student-body any insight into any meeting of any Student Council. Selah!  
 Time—Some Tuesday Night.  
 Place—You name it.  
 Setting—Dark Dismal room.

ACT I

(Everybody makes business of talking at once. Nobody says anything. Finally a voice is heard):  
 President: May I call the meeting to order?  
 College Wit: You call in the order and I'll deliver it.  
 President: We will now have roll call.

(Secretary takes roll call).  
 President: The meeting will recess for five minutes.  
 (Puts feet on desk and sleeps for ten minutes).

ACT II

(Scenery the same. Two members have slipped out to make show in time to avoid social cuts).

President: The meeting will again come to order.

A Member: May we hear a report from the publicity committee?

College Wit: Are your ears clean?

President: You're out of order.

College Wit: I'm not the only thing around here out of order.

President: Mr. Publicity Chairman, may we hear your report?

Publicity Chairman (rises, salutes, genuflects and bows): Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, you too, Herman. The publicity committee has done great work this semester. We had two half-inch columns in some issue of the paper. I can't remember just when. We also had a chance for a big interview but I wasn't sure what you'd want me to tell the reporter.

Mr. President: Thank you.

College Wit: My, what accomplishment! what achievement! what renown!

Mr. President: You weren't recognized. The meeting will again recess.

ACT III

Mr. President: The meeting will again come to order, for the third and last time.

A Member: I wish to make an announcement that next semester freshmen will not have to—

(Voice trails off as knock of Inquiring Reporter is heard at door).

Inquiring Reporter: May I come in?

Chorus (not A Cappella): No. A thousand times no!

Inquiring Reporter: Thanks. I'll come in anyway. Is there any news?

Chorus: No. And again no.

College Wit: And the moral of this little playlet, dear folksies, is simply what you don't know won't hurt you.

—Bill Shakespeare

—Gene O'Peill

Love is never blind to competition.

## GIRLS...

Give him  
 your picture  
 before he leaves  
 for the  
 Amazons

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# PH.D'S ASPIRE TO CELLAR ROLE

### Undergrads Use Poor 'Exam' Strategy; Defeat All Professorial Efforts.

The results of the six intramural games played last week show that only the team composed of A. B's, A. M's, LL. D's, etc. are the ones who can't score a victory over the undergraduates. In other words ten teams have scored victories and the Faculty, the pre-season favorite, is in the cellar with no victories.

Fraser Malcolm and his rascals eliminated another favorite, by taking Campbell's Juniors into camp, 21 to 18 in the last minute of play. Ralph Scheifley and his mates sailed serenely on by dropping Gordon Purdy's Giants, 39 to 18.

Steve Keglovitz and his Rambling Irish pulled through with another one-point victory, this time over Brenneman, 24 to 23. Galloping John Fraker and his "Silver-bells" came out of the cellar by defeating the lowly Cates five, 30 to 20. However, Cates retaliated and dropped the Faculty the next night, 34 to 11 with a tremendous last half rally. Aitken rounded out the six games by pulling through the mud with a 39 to 14 victory over Joseph Vitek and his lads.

Russ Baumblatt got going right from the tip-off and outscored and out-free-threw Vitek's five.

Soulful Sam Balfour came out of his one point slump and dropped in four baskets for Spray. Lewis counted the most times for the losers with 8 points. He tied ed through with three free throws out of three attempts.

The line-ups:

Aitken 39	B	Ft.	Tp.
Aitken . . . . .	2	1	1
Baumblatt . . . . .	7	5	19
Balfour . . . . .	4	1	8
Hubbard . . . . .	1	1	3
W. Johnson . . . . .	1	0	2
Colbeck . . . . .	1	0	1
—	16	7	33

Vitek 14	B	Ft.	Tp.
Dean . . . . .	0	1	1
Vitek . . . . .	0	2	8
Lewis . . . . .	3	2	5
Charley Ox . . . . .	0	0	0
Evans . . . . .	1	0	2
Rambo . . . . .	0	0	0
—	4	6	16

The luck charm around Steve Keglovitz' neck dangled him out of victory at Hugh Brenneman's expense, 24 to 23. Ben Ewer led the scoring with 11 points, while Capt. Brenneman dropped in 8 for the losers.

The line-ups:

Keglovitz 24	B	Ft.	Tp.
Ewer . . . . .	5	1	11
Crooks . . . . .	0	1	1
Reed . . . . .	0	0	0
North . . . . .	1	0	2
Clark . . . . .	2	2	6
Keglovitz . . . . .	2	0	4
—	10	4	24

Brenneman 23	B	Ft.	Tp.
Howat . . . . .	2	0	4
Brenneman . . . . .	4	0	8
Christ, etc . . . . .	0	0	0
Tomes . . . . .	0	0	0
Bradford . . . . .	3	0	6
Delevan . . . . .	1	0	2
Bruce . . . . .	1	1	3
—	11	1	23

Silver bells rang out nicely for Fraker as Cates' Tigers were nosed out in the final minutes, 22 to 20 in a rather warm game last Tuesday. Willie Boyd led the scoring with 5 buckets for the losers, but Bob Carter followed closely with four and Chick Sayles with three.

The line-ups:

Fraker 22	B	Ft.	Tp.
Fraker . . . . .	2	0	4
Dawe . . . . .	2	0	4
Carter, R. . . . .	4	0	8
Soper . . . . .	0	0	0
Sayles . . . . .	3	0	6
—	11	0	22

Cates 20	B	Ft.	Tp.
King . . . . .	0	1	1
Smith . . . . .	1	0	2
Seale . . . . .	1	0	2
Cates . . . . .	2	1	5
Boyd . . . . .	5	0	10
—	9	2	20

Although Parker is admitted to be a "good fellow", Fritz Malcolm and his boys played better without him than they did with him as they took Campbell's cagers down the line, 21 to 18. The winners started off with a bang and soon had a 12 to 2 lead. Then Lofthouse was inserted and the Juniors started to go. Dave Glass of the Juniors led the scoring with 7 points, and Johnson and Malcolm followed with 6 points apiece.

The line-ups:

Malcolm 21	B	Ft.	Tp.
Bell . . . . .	2	1	5
Johnson, D. . . . .	3	0	6
Malcolm . . . . .	3	0	6
Smith . . . . .	2	0	4
Lofthouse . . . . .	0	0	0
—	10	1	21

Campbell 18	B	Ft.	Tp.
Glass . . . . .	3	1	7
Clack . . . . .	1	1	3
Lehner . . . . .	2	0	4
Campbell . . . . .	0	1	1
Ditto . . . . .	0	3	3
—	6	6	18

Universally the term Faculty and the word absent-mindedness are synonymous. So when the Faculty team, or at least part of the members fail to show up until the game is half over with borrowed substitutes playing, it is left to one's imagination as to the correctness of the above statement. Therefore, Ralph Cates and his veterans won a victory over the brain trust, 34 to 11, although the score at the half was even-stephen, 9 up. Cates and Willie Boyd led the scoring with 12 points apiece.

The line-ups:

Faculty 11	B	Ft.	Tp.
Nash . . . . .	1	0	2
Kaufmann . . . . .	0	0	0
Noble . . . . .	1	1	3
Clack . . . . .	0	0	0
Bennett . . . . .	3	0	6
Leyrer . . . . .	0	0	0
—	5	1	11

Cates 34	B	Ft.	Tp.
Cates . . . . .	4	4	12
Boyd . . . . .	6	0	12
Seale . . . . .	1	0	2
King . . . . .	4	0	8
—	15	4	34

Cliff Mapes' 16 points were too much for Purdy's Giants, so Ralph Scheifley remained undefeated, 43 to 18. Purdy's alibi rests in the fact that Corky Bernd was not on

hand. However, if there was any sense in the world, he should have been on the bench.

The line-ups:

Faculty 18	B	Ft.	Tp.
Mapes . . . . .	16	0	16
—	16	0	16

Ho hom lackaday—two weeks before exams as dull on the campus as it possibly could be—Uncle Charley misses two more days—stuff to write home and cheer about. Weimer still laid up but he insists all term papers be in on time. Wonder how many wrote their own—the urge this semester seems to be to get someone to write it for you and the cheaper the bid gets the job—Prof. Spencer fails to meet his seven fifties three times and then they say the early bird gets the worm, but he doesn't get much sleep. Margy still is keeping up with that promise to stay faithful, and has gone quite puritanistic on us—Jake insists its the germs in the ducks that back up and cause all the trouble—he says that was what bothered Koth with her yellow jaundice . . . Helen insists her ducks aren't yellow, but who knows. Roomy consoles the old GRA and goes out with him—at least Roomy takes the breaks as they come.

What with getting up in the morning and finding a corpse on the couch and Estes (slow as ever) taking so long to get hot water that the poor fellow passes away, and then having doctors and coroners and what not, to disturb your peaceful repose . . . Now the latest comes out about Brazil; Jimmy assures us that the storms will frighten the faint hearted and that all is not so fair and good on the shiny shores of the Amazon.

Prof. Spencer says things are getting pretty bad, when a year ago a good citizen could carry a pocket full of gold in safety and would be arrested for having a bottle of hooch, when now you can have the hooch in safety, but be imprisoned for having the gold . . . Who were the funny eggs out at the Masonic dance, pulling the fancy steps—Glance would still like to know, and then there was the usual amount of chiselling. Is Gage worried about the Lansing situation—he just can't keep away, and they even know a Phi when they see him in Lansing. Ellwyn says he and McConnell room together, because McConnell loves him—and what does that make McConnell? Topsy insists that the Finnish baths in Caspian are not a community affair and that only her family and her aunt's use theirs. Iney says they have parties at the Finnish baths in Manistique . . . Fowler says, "Who rang the firebell at 3:00 Friday night?" It must have been Joe Scope.

Then there's Big Red who was over looking for the "young lad," but the "young lad" was out singing "Sweet Adeline." Estes says that the trouble with King's debating is not the fact that he can't understand the problems, but that he is in love.

Still exams ahead. Hammy says if you're bitter because of that you will have to be put to bed and sprinkled with powered sugar. And then there was the one who called the belligerent Kazoo player Frankenstein while the way Kelly romped over the floor it was a case of Slide, Kelly Slide. Or the one who says it isn't Northwestern's fault, they really do try and teach them.

Glance is so good now, he can't go with the boys, but is sporting a young hall girl, while Osterhaus says "All men are alike," and then goes out with another.

And more exams—term papers, and what not. A special bouquet of stink weeds to Estes for his relating of the part he played in the ping pong tournament; when Muscott was asked whether the tournament was good or not he merely said, "It be."

But that doesn't eliminate exams, nor the worry thereof. —Joe Scope.

Advice to people about to tackle final exams:  
Rule 1. Groom and re-shoe the old filly. The Professors use the handicap system.  
Rule 2. Wear a white shirt at least a week before the kickoff. Your cuffs won't arouse anybody's suspicion.  
Rule 3. Be an apple polisher; hang around his desk after class is over. He will admire your discretion in seeking out his advice.  
Rule 4. If necessary, kick the old nag in the ribs (the pony, not the Professor), in order to hand

right combination of Estes-Muscott\* failed to function in the pinches and was out-pointed by Seale and Kahn 21-13, 21-17. Close critics of the game claim that those oft-mentioned Wright Hall table manners were the cause of the downfall of Estes and Muscott. They both tried to dip their paddles in the same dish at once.

The Zeta Sigma alumni are howling for a change in the table tennis coaching staff. No authoritative statements could be obtained by the press, however.

The "G. D. E's" advance favorites of the betting fraternity and bookies, were forced to withdraw before the tournament because of illness, intellectual pursuits and Michigan Child Labor laws.

\* In justice to these participants, it must be acknowledged that they played immediately after evening Astronomy class and their thoughts were above the game.

Brucie spilled in the game; guess he got his night work in. Marion's sobbing because they've only had six dates this week.

After a grueling battle, Phi Phi Alpha, led by Slim Seale, the Kinde K. O. Kid, triumphed over B. O. Estes, the Pride of Perry's Ping Pong Products, and his Zeta Sigma cohorts. It was only after such a combat as would have stirred the souls of the gladiatorial fans of Nero's day that the laurels of victory rested on the perspiring brows of the members of "the next to the oldest fraternity on the campus."

The pledges unaccustomed to the roaring crowds (and after all, what's a circus without peanuts?) appeared a trifle nervous but the more calm and professional mien of the Phi prospects led to a clean sweep of the preliminaries of the evening. Nash defeated Keglovitz 21-15, 21-22; Ling bested Ewer 21-12, 21-15; Nash-Ling combination overpowered Ewer-Keglovitz 21-12, 21-13.

Will that bitter, dogged, sparkling ping pong that soared at times to those masterful heights of skill that mark the true champion, ever be forgotten by the enrapt onlookers? (Both of them say no-empirically NO). Will those prolonged rallies and goal line stands of "Honest Herb" and "Slicker" Scale ever fade from the minds of man? (the one who stayed awake still says no). The Associated Press, by leased wire paid for by the Student Council, because of N. R. A. space limitations merely says prosaically that Estes won 21-19, 21-18.

Wm. H. Bushnell, the metropolitan runner-up, was decisively beaten by the Breckenridge Bat Boy, a recent graduate of the amateur division-Larry Muscott. The latter gives great promise—he even promised to pay his entry fee later—and was a favorite with the fans (Estes). The score: 21-10, 21-12.

The last and deciding match was the doubles in which the left-

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 19 TO MEMBERSHIP**

Nineteen new members have been added to the executive board of the Alma College Booster Club since the beginning of the year, when the pin campaign and membership drive were sponsored.

Two new Seniors are members, Frances Stephens and Emily Nordling; the Juniors added are Dorothy Striffler and Stanley Bussard. Sophomores include Jane Allen, Greta Wilson, Gretchen Wilson, Betty Welch, Jean Thurlow, Jane Edwards, Ansel Christopherson, Russel Ludwig, Hanley Rosenberg, Earl Tomes, Dorothy Hannigan, Bruce York, Joe Vitek, Constance Clack, and Raymond Hallin.

The Constitution provides that the executive board of the Booster Club shall be comprised of fifty members from the three upper classes. Maxwell Novak is president.

Dear Editor:

I wish you'd put us freshmen and freshwomen into your gossip column oftener. We girls are really quite bold and bad, but if I told you how a nice little Philo got an F from Spencer for not having any margins you'd probably answer about how Claire once got two rewrites on the same theme for the same mistake. Anyway, we Frosh started out grand until Opal Hines' mother discovered about the town kids from her diary.

But we freshmen hardly take up as much space as celebrities like Maryon Osterhaus. I was going to give you some stuff about how her theme song was, "Men may come and men may go, but I go on forever . . .", only I heard she wanted to go to Lansing with one of us Frosh.

We have temperament like you upperclassmen, and the kitchen subs argue, and one night up on third the kids had a grand time just among themselves, and they got mad when everything got out—so maybe it's us that's to blame for no publicity. Now take Fred Battles' little sister—the other day the town kids were in a huddle talking about the old days and the Gratiot Avenue League, and up I piped, "Josephine how did you and Andy make out, really?" and she laughed self-conscious like, so I knew I'd made a break or something.

Opal and Ralph have been practicing for cross-country (walking) for a year. Lois Copeland lost a pin or a ring or something; that would be all right but it isn't hers. So you see, we're all O. K. Please print this.

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