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1925 Team Lauded at Annual
Affair. "Wally" Burton is
New Captain.

The Annual Football Banquet was in Wright Hall Saturday evening. At this affair the 1925 football squad was lauded for their work during the year.

The guests entered the dining room shortly after six o'clock finding the pillars around the tables reserved for the football men wound with Maroon and Cream streamers and with paper footballs bearing the names of the different players suspended from the ceiling.

After the edibles had been dispensed with the faculty table started the entertaining of the evening by singing "Alma Will Shine To-Night," the first time within our memory that an exclusively faculty table in Wright Hall had entered so completely into the spirit of an occasion as to venture a song from its table.

Professor Roy Hamilton acted as toastmaster. In his first remarks he spoke of the current criticism directed against college football this year, the menace of professionalism, the prevalence of unclean playing and the large amount of super-organization. He then went on to quote that the true amateur sportsman is the man who "enjoys the game." "For this reason," the professor said, "we are paying tribute to our 1925 football team. They seemed to play for the love of the game, because they enjoyed playing."

Burton Is New Captain

Regretting that Coach Campbell was absent in Chicago, Professor Hamilton introduced Percy Anderson, captain of the team, who was to speak on "Football of Yesterday." Andy made no mention of the past season, however. With a few remarks of praise for his team-mate

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CAPTAIN ANDERSON

Anderson is the fast, aggressive, determined captain of the 1925 Maroon and Cream squad. "Andy" is an Alma boy and played tackle on his high school team. He was picked as all-Michigan tackle in high school and continued his splendid football in college. Last year he was chosen as all-M. I. A. A. tackle and again received honorable mention this year. He weighs 157 pounds and didn't go up against a man as light as himself all season. But the way he handled the big boys proves him to be one of the finest tackles in the state.

Senior Dance Held Saturday Night

Following the football banquet the seniors sponsored an informal dancing party in the gymnasium Saturday night. The dance made amends for the party given by the seniors before the Thanksgiving recess, it being a very enjoyable affair. The number of guests was small, too small for the seniors who are endeavoring to meet a rather heavy debt. But from the viewpoint of those attending the party the crowd was just right for a very enjoyable evening.

The courtesy of the Zeta Sigma Literary Society in allowing the Sen-

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Annual Party One of the Prettiest Affairs in Society's History.

Zeta Sigma gave the first supper-dance in the history of the society last Friday evening in Memorial Gymnasium. The party takes the place of the banquets that have been until this year, the annual affair to which guests are invited. The now plan met with unquestioned approval and the dance was one of the most enjoyable parties the society has ever sponsored.

The dancing started at eight o'clock, and at ten a delightful buffet supper was served to thirty members and guests. Music for the dancing, and for a supper concert, was furnished by the La Forge Band of Bay City.

The decorations were probably the most elaborate ever used in the Gymnasium. A false ceiling was made with festoons of orange and French bismarck, and directly against the ceiling were four rose motifs. A drum of the same color with the emblem of the Society silhouetted on its six sides hung in the center.

The orchestra was placed against a black ground at the stage end of the gym, and on either side steps led up to the stage, where the buffet was placed. Booths about the dance floor were lighted with floor lamps, and all about the floor were footlights of red and white and green, that were flashed in time with the music a time or two.

There were a number of alumni who returned for the party, so that there were about sixty couples in attendance. Members of the faculty present were President and Mrs. Crooks, Dr. and Mrs. MacCurdy, Miss Steward and Miss Landwehr, who acted as Patrons and Patronesses, Mr. and Mrs. Ewer and Mrs. Campbell. Mr. Ewer is an honorary member of Zeta Sigma. Coach Campbell is an alumnus of the society, but was unable to be present.

FORMER ALMA STUDENT

TALKS TO GIRLS
Miss Anna Reiser, who graduated from the Kindergarten Department of Alma college in 1911 talked to the girls in Wright Hall Sunday afternoon. Her talk was about her work in Japan, where she teaches at the Hakurika Jo Gakko school in Kanazawa. She had recently met Gertrude Peters, '19, who is also teaching in Japan.

The men are as follows:

Back row, Gobel, tackle; Burnham, line; Haven, line; Harvey, end; Crandall, back; Knowles, back; Boutin, back; Chatman, half-back; K. MacGregor, guard.

Third row, G. Lamb, back; Holdship, end; Frazer, center; Sartor, back; D. MacGregor, guard; Berndt, tackle; Nowiski, center; Shaft, end.

Observer Who Has Seen Twenty-Five Alma Teams Makes Choice.

ALL TIME ALMA TEAM
Ends- Henning and Verne Richards.

Tackles- "Ox" Edgerton and "Enh" Johnson.

Guards- Roy Beehler and Harry Normandie.

Center- Ora Misner.

Quarter- Malcom Smith.

Halves- Pearl Fuller and Harry Schultz.

Fullback- Macdonald.

Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Athletic Editor of the Almanian,
Dear Sir:

On a number of occasions during the last two or three years, students and alumni have asked the writer to pick an "All Time" Alma Football Team. Having attended high school and college at Alma, having practiced my profession here for several years, and having visited there frequently since coming to Grand Rapids, I have had an opportunity to observe every Alma team in action since the first championship team in 1900.

Picking an "All State" or "All Time" team is merely a matter of personal opinion; probably no two critics would make the same selections; and undoubtedly many are much better qualified to pick such a team than myself. However, such a selection furnishes food for thought and starts a discussion, so here are my choices:

FULL BACK. This position is given to Macdonald of the 1925 team. The fact that he has been unanimously selected All M. I. A. A. Fullback during his college course is ample justification for my choice.

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WAITER BURTON

Walter Burton was selected. Burton is tackle on the eleven, comes from the northland, is all the officers of the "Pine Stump Club," has received all-M. I. A. A. mention, and bids fair to be the first Alma football captain to graduate with honors. We predict a very successful season.

UNUSUAL PARTY

Very different from anything ever attempted by any other society on campus, Beta Tau Epsilon, Alma's youngest men's society, will journey to Lansing next Friday evening for a combined dinner and theater party.

The party will leave Wright Hall at four P. M. by bus. The group will stop at East Lansing's new roadhouse, The Green Gables, where a chicken dinner will be served. Following the dinner the party will continue to the evening's performance at the Capitol theater.

The chaperones will be Dean Steward and Bliss Landwehr.

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COACH CAMPBELL

Coach Royal R. Campbell came to Alma college, his Alma Mater in the autumn of 1921. Since that time he has raised Alma's athletics to her present high position. Since coach has been with us, he has secured five championships in three sports in four years. Under his tutelage every Alma team has always been able to strongly contest first honors in any sport and has caused all other teams to point toward the Alma game in their strivings for the top.

This is the squad who represented Alma college on the football field this fall. Lighter than most Class A high school elevens, this team played the game with a spirit and determination that brought them through a fine season, and gave them the reputation as the "dark horse surprise" of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

"WOLF" MACDONALD
"Wolf" Macdonald again finds himself unquestionably placed as the All-M. I. A. A. fullback. Mac has the distinction of receiving that honor three successive times. His freshman year he was placed on the second all-association eleven while "Waddy" Beam of Alma was given first honors. Mac captained the 1924 football team. He is a three sport man, receiving all-association selection in basketball last year, and is a fast pitcher and hard hitter in baseball.

Second row, Burton, tackle; Couture, guard; Welhoelter, fullback; Macdonald, fullback; Anderson, captain and tackle; Catherman, half-back; W. Lamb, back; Davis, guard.
First row, Murray, back; Veeder, end; Hawthorne, halfback; Dawson, quarterback; Bobby Lehner, mascot; Gealor, quarterback, Mead, end; Tredway, back.

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STUDENT FUNDS

An invitation comes from President Hibben of Princeton University to all student bodies to send representatives to a student conference on the World Court.

As the Almanian remarked recently this is not so much a study of the World Court as a meeting of students generally who are doubtless very definitely committed to the idea of the World Court. It is their attempt to make felt their influence. I am so much in favor of the World Court myself that I should have been very glad to see a representative of Alma College at the meeting held November 30 and December 1. This meeting was called by John Elliot, a senior at Michigan, who is on a committee of fifteen arranging for the conference at Princeton.

I am seeing also a considerable amount of printed matter concerning the interdenominational student conference to be held in Evanston, Illinois, in January. So far as I know the convention of the Methodist students at Louisville, Kentucky, a few years ago and the Presbyterian conference of the same kind at Ann Arbor last year are the only conferences of this kind that have actually been held.

I am writing to The Almanian concerning these conferences because I am not quite sure how representatives would be selected for them and how their expenses would be paid. It occurs to me that the machinery of our organization fails in cases like these.

For instance, who knows whether there is any fund that might be called upon? If there should be surpluses in any one of the departments to which students' money is voted how would the students know about it? Has the Student Council ever made any financial reports? Does the Student Council in its own meetings hear reports from its own finance officers?

There may be money in some of the funds controlled by the Student Council that could possibly be called upon to pay the expenses of delegates to such meetings. I am not at all sure that this is true, but I think very few of our students know whether it is true or not. Would it be fair to call upon Student Council funds for purposes such as this? Has the student body a right to direct the Student Council to spend money along some certain lines? I am raising these questions in order that students may do some constructive thinking concerning the money that is contributed by each and every one of them to student affairs. I am also feeling that our college ought to have contact with some of these gatherings of national and international importance.

H. M. Crooks.

FOOTBALL BANQUET AT WRIGHT HALL
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on the other side of the line, Captain Anderson presented to the guests, the captain of the 1926 squad, Walter Burton. The announcement of the new captain was greeted with a burst of cheering. Burton has been an exceptionally good tackle, a clean, aggressive, cheerful player, and a man who possess the qualities to lead a football team through an excellent season. In speaking of "Football of Tomorrow," Wally in a few words promised the school the first championship in the new association.

In continuing his duties as toastmaster, Professor Hamilton, gave the new captain some excellent advice, letting him in on the secret of some new and highly successful plays, known as the "concealed ball play," the "canoe play," and the "dugout play." Without doubt these plays will gain a great amount of yardage for Alma's next team.

Roger Wright was then introduced to the guests. "Rodge," has been of great help as assistant coach. Himself, one of the finest centers the college or association has seen for many years, he has played on four Alma teams and is capable of judging this year's team with those of past years. He spoke of the 1925 team as one of the lightest that Alma or the M. I. A. A. has seen for many years, and by far the lightest that has represented the school since his association with it. Yet while a light team, it was one of the best. He lauded the squad, for its spirit and determination, its spirit of "wanting to win." He especially praised the work of Anderson and Macdonald. Disregarding percentages no one who has ob-

served the year's work can help but admit that the season was highly successful.

President Crooks Pays Tribute

President Crooks was then introduced as a man who likes sports. Professor Hamilton spoke a few words of appreciation for Dr. Crooks who has just completed ten years of service as president of Alma college. The president began by paying tribute to Alma's senior players. He spoke especially of Macdonald, who has developed from a football player possessing a seeming "desire to kill someone" to one who could grin tantalizingly from underneath three or four tacklers. He spoke also of personal victories won by Couture, Catherman, Lamb, and Welhoelter. In praising Captain Anderson, President Crooks told how Andy's leadership had started when he was elected captain of his high school team. He also spoke of the praiseworthy work done by Roger Wright.

In speaking of football the president told how no other game was so able to amalgamate a student body. While he would hope to see more enthusiasm in the college for such interests as debate, oratory, and dramatics, the fact remains that football holds the center of attraction, and from the standpoint of the time and effort of those participating football is deserving of this interest.

In speaking of the season, President Crooks, told that if Alma didn't win a championship, no M. I. A. A. team ever felt in any way sure of the title until Alma was put out of the way. Especially was this true of the 1925 team. Remarks from the coaches of the Ypsilanti and Albion teams testified that these teams had to be at their best against the Maroon and Cream. It was the team's spirit, its loyalty to the school, its friends, and its ideals, not alone a football season that was being celebrated that evening, the president concluded.

The banquet ended with the singing of the Alma Chant.

SENIOR DANCE HELD SATURDAY NIGHT
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iors to use the decorations from their supper dance was in great measure responsible for the success of the party. The decorations were among the best ever seen in the gymnasium. An artificial roof of streamers was above the dancers, while several large lights were suspended from the ceiling. A new effect had been created by floor lights around the room with colored lights alternating in them. The orchestra was in a cleverly constructed pit by the stage.

A six piece orchestra furnished the music. Although the dance was a success, it seemed to show that "informal, non-program dances are not successful here. There were very few stags and no girls came without partners. The party proceeded exactly as a couple dance.

Y. W. C. A.

Alma Gilbert was in charge of this week's Y. W. meeting. Our organization has just received new song books, "Joy to the World," so the meeting consisted mainly of a song service. We spent a very enjoyable half-hour singing our favorite hymns and some of the more unfamiliar ones.

The Holmes girls seem to be out for football captains.

NORMAL AD. BUILDING BURNS

Main Building of Central Normal Completely Destroyed Late Sunday Night.

At about a quarter to one Sunday night, a fire broke out in the main administration building of the Central Michigan State Normal School, at Mt. Pleasant. The fire, which was of an unknown origin, defied all efforts of the fire department to save the building and by three o'clock the entire place was destroyed.

All of the loss cannot yet be ascertained. The library and assembly room as well as valuable apparatus and works of art were destroyed. All of the records were in the building, but it is hoped that the vaults in which they were kept were sufficiently fire-proof to save them.

The official inventory of the building placed its value at \$40,000. However, in present day values, it is expected that it will cost at least a quarter of a million to produce a new building to fill its functions.

Classes will not be discontinued as a result of the fire. Schedules were arranged Monday and by using the other buildings of the school, little time will be lost.

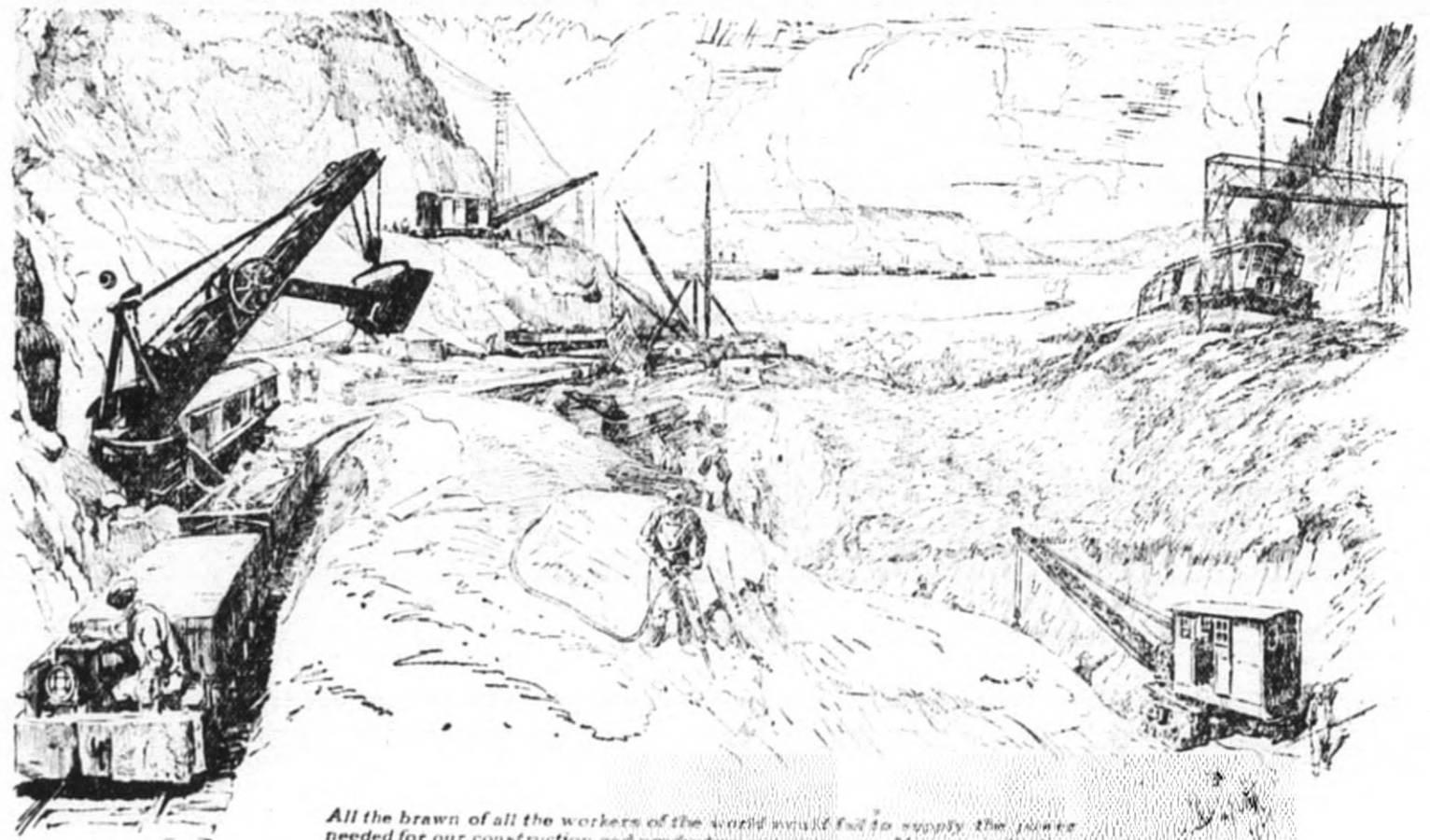
WRIGHT HALL NOTES

Among the guests for the Zeta Sigma Banquet, who stayed at the Hall were Adrienne Vandergoort, Margaret Morrison, Elizabeth Jenkins, Virginia Tremaine, LoReta Neely, Hildegard Finch and Martha Wiles.

Dorothy Bradley is ill with a severe cold.

We are glad to report that from all recent noisy indications, Helen MacDougall's galoshes still flop effectively.

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READER PRESENTS LYCEUM NUMBER

Erma Blaine McKendry Entertains Audience With Pleasing Reading Wednesday.

Miss Erma Blaine McKendry, dramatic reader, presented to a very appreciative audience Rachel Crothers' play, "A Little Journey," as the fourth number of the Alma college Lyceum course in the Presbyterian church, Wednesday evening. The beauty and charm of her manner and personality as well as of her interpretations thoroughly captivated her audience.

The story told of Julie Rutherford, boarding a train in New York with only twenty-five dollars besides her ticket and Pullman reservation. Soon after the train starts she finds that she has lost her tickets. She is without sufficient money, and has neither family nor friends.

A young man offers to lend her the money for her fare. At first she refuses, but finally, in desperation, she accepts. Then for three days her fellow-passengers indulge their foibles and petty frailties—to the extreme amusement of the audience. Julie sickens of life and sees no brightness in her own outlook.

Then on the fourth day, a wreck happens, bringing out the bigness in human nature, so that everyone in the Pullman—and in the audience—is lifted to a higher plane of living and thinking.

Miss McKendry's characterization of the various people in the car contributed largely to the audience's delight in the play. The deaf old lady and her pretty, provincial granddaughter; Annie, the pathetic young mother; Frank and Charles, collegiate wits; Leo Stern, pants salesman, these and many others seemed actually to appear, in this interpretation, bringing vividly home to the audience the inspiring truths in this powerful play.

ALL-TIME ALMA TEAM

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Weighing over 170 pounds, fast on offense and a tower of strength on defense, as well as being able to pass, punt, drop kick and place kick, we think his position secured, although closely pressed by Leslie Koepfgen of the championship 1910 team, who is my second choice.

RIGHT HALF BACK. This is given to Pearl Fuller, captain of the 1902 champions and without doubt the greatest all around football player to wear Alma colors. Weighing 175 pounds, fast, in a class by himself as a punter during his college days, and naturally a leader, his right to this position and to captain the team cannot be questioned.

Second choice for Right Half Back is "All Time" Harry Schultz, a wonderful player on the wonderful all star team of 1912, hereinafter mentioned several times.

LEFT HALF BACK is given to Harry Helmer, who probably did his best work on the 1906 team. He weighed over 180, was fast, and had no equal in his college days.

Second choice for this position rests between Bill Schultz of the 1912 team and Carl Anderson of the 1902 champions who played his stellar game in 1903. He was a wonderful half back, but the defensive playing of Bill Schultz, would, we think give him the choice.

QUARTER BACK. For this position, the choice of Malcolm Smith of the 1917 champions will not be questioned by any one. As I recall it, Malcolm weighed about 160 pounds, but his wonderful all around playing, passing and kicking made him the terror of the Intercollegiate.

Elias of the 1923 champions presses him closely, and had he played more college football, the first choice might be more difficult.

RIGHT END. This position is given to Ralph Henning of the 1912 champions. This was the team of which the famous "Toot" Hall said: "It is the heaviest, fastest and most wonderful small college team ever assembled." Henning stripped 188 pounds, stood six feet in height and

was an ideal end. He went to M. A. C. the following year, later serving as captain of their foot ball team. In one of their games, when they played Penn State, the coach of the latter team selected Henning as an All American end.

LEFT END. At this position we pick Vern Richards of the 1917 champs. Richards weighed well over 170 pounds, and the forward passing combination of Malcolm Smith to Vern Richards can never be forgotten by any one who saw them play.

Second choice for Ends rests between Elton Brock of the 1900 champions, Carty of the 1923 champs and Von Thurn, Hennings's team mate on the 1912 champs. Brock was the type of end who could play the modern game. Von Thurn was a hard worker but scarcely as fast as Carty, who is therefore selected. Shaver of the 1923 team is entitled to honorable mention.

TACKLES. No doubt all critics would pick the same men for Tackles—Ox Edverton and Ephie Johnson of the 1912 team, as in my judgment they have never been equaled upon a Michigan gridiron. The former weighed 210 pounds, and the latter 195 pounds. Both were fast for big men and without question either one could have made any University team in the country. Upon two occasions, playing against Notre Dame, the work of Johnson amazed the fighting Irish. (Johnson was given honorable mention on Eckel's All Western in 1912.)

Second choice for these positions are Bill Brown, captain of the 1903 team, a fast, heavy and versatile player, and Captain Anderson of the 1925 team. The latter is not as heavy as some who have been considered, but he is a fighter, a heavy player and a good leader. Scott of the 1917 team gets honorable mention.

RIGHT GUARD. For this position we select Roy Beechler of the 1902 team. Beechler was an ideal guard. He weighed 210 pounds or more, was fast and later played on one of Yost's great Michigan teams.

Second choice for this position is Johnnie Stewart of the 1922 team.

LEFT GUARD. We select Harry Normandie of the 1900 team, who could not be overlooked by any critic, for this position. Baribeau of the 1916 and 1917 teams is second choice.

CENTER. This is nearly a tossup between Misner of the 1912 team and Wright of the 1924 team. Both were fast, aggressive players of the finest type. Misner possesses a weight advantage of about 20 pounds over Wright, which probably would tip the scale in his favor. Another great Center was "Grandpa" Angell of the 1902 team, but "Grandpa" was hardly fast enough to play the modern game.

The above selections take into consideration the modern as well as the old game, and where old players are picked they are players who would shine today as they did in their day.

This gives us a team, wonderfully fast, a team that would average about 187 pounds, possessing a most versatile offense of every kind and a team whose defense would stand any attack. This team put upon the field—well, it would be a "beaut," and would make any combination step some.

John M. Dunham Ex-1910

STUDENT COUNCIL

NOTES WANTED
The Almanian would like to receive notes from the Student Council. So far this year we have received notice of the doings of that body but once.

Elsewhere in this issue President Crooks asks some very pertinent questions concerning the functions of the Council. The Council is often criticized on the campus as a body with no power beyond that of granting dance petitions or disciplining freshmen. While it can scarcely be called a student governing body, it nevertheless has very important functions. The student body should be kept constantly informed as to its proceedings. General reports, such as those asked about by President Crooks, and notes from its weekly meetings which would be of interest are requested.

If the Council has no officer for this purpose we would suggest that one be appointed to give such notices to the Almanian.

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Large Checks

E Alma College is \$77,000 richer than it was several days ago, by the receipt during the past week of two good sized checks, one of these being from the Carnegie Corporation, and the other from the General Education Board of New York.

Intercollegiate Executive Committee Discusses Plans for Princeton Conference.

Favorable response throughout the country to the National Collegiate World Court Conference to be held in Princeton on December 11th and 12th is indicated by the rapidly increasing list of colleges who have signified their intention of sending delegates, the total at present numbers 75, including Mills and Leland Stanford on the Pacific Coast and many throughout the Middle West and the South.

Important among the developments in the plans for the Conference was the meeting of the Intercollegiate Executive Committee in New York last Saturday and Sunday. The points which aroused most discussion concerning the advisability and possible scope of a permanent student organization in America, which might emerge as one of the results of the Conference the more readily because of the extremely representative character of the gathering.

General Tasker H. Bliss, American Commissioner to the Versailles Conference, has offered his services in connection with this permanent organization. Royal Meecker of the former International Labor Office at Geneva will lead a discussion group at the Conference.

IF A MAN DIE SHALL

HE LIVE AGAIN

Recently three men stood in the writing room of one of Alma's hotels. One who heard their conversation reported it as follows- Said A "What do you think about the future life?" "I don't think," said B, "for there isn't any." "Oh. yes, there is," said C, "As I see it when a man dies he comes back to earth in either a better or poorer condition according as he lived a good or bad life."

None of these men were Christians for what the church thinks on this matter is well known but were they right? Where does reason lead? This subject is to be discussed in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning.

Get ready for the "Yokohama Maid."

In addition it is expected that another check from the General Education Board will be received shortly for approximately \$13,000, a balance on the Board's pledge to the College as a result of the recent endowment campaign.

The check received from the Carnegie Corporation was for \$40,000, the part of the conditional pledge by that corporation which Alma College is able to claim. The check from the General Education Board was one of \$37,000.

The funds from the Carnegie Corporation will go into the pension fund, and the money from the General Education Board check will go into the endowment fund.

President Crooks of Alma College, in speaking of the receipt of the checks, stated that many people seem to have an idea that these institutions attempt to dictate the policy of the institutions to which they make gifts, but that the opposite is actually the fact. Especially is this true concerning matters pertaining to religion.

Pre-Thanksgiving

Party Rather Flat

Something was radically wrong with the informal dancing party given by the Seniors the evening before the Thanksgiving recess. For some reason the crowd was small and these who were there failed to succeed in their strenuous attempts to inject life into the affair.

The idea of the party was a good one. It was dedicated to football. The first was a headlinesman and a referee and a timekeeper. Numerous penalties were inflicted. "Arms around nn rffsenc," "holding," and even "clipping" constituted the fouls, Anderson and Macdonald being the chief offenders. Boh Tritten acted as cheer bader and the noisy bleachers gave a thundering "2-4-6-8."

The committee didn't sweep the gym floor before putting on the so-called slippery stuff in their endeavor to make the floor seem like a grid-iron. There success was too great. With a rough floor and a small crowd the game lacked snap. Then too our girl talked too much about how lovely Boll's dancing was, our own Torpshk rean efforts suffering greatly by comparison.

The seniors had a good idea but for some reason no one has explained why, the party was a flat one.

Gwendolyn says that it's perfectly simple. People don't get what they want in this world because they want what they can't have.

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