

THE ALMANIAN

THE STUDENT PUBLICATION OF ALMA COLLEGE

VOLUME TWENTY

ALMA, MICHIGAN, TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1927

NUMBER 24

BASEBALL GETS UNDER WAY

J

WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB ON TOUR

Women Singers Leave Today for Tour of Southern Part of State.

Today the Women's Glee Club left for Crosswell, where the first concert of their annual spring tour will be given tonight. A fine crowd is promised and the club promises an equally enjoyable concert.

A very careful selection of songs has been made for the formal umbers and one group has violin obligato. The costume act this year is "The Antique Shop" and like last year's act has many colorful numbers of dancing and singing.

The club is particularly fortunate this year in having Miss Hannah Spencer as violin soloist; Miss Ethel West, soprano soloist and Miss Esther Zinn as piano soloist.

The sextette has a gypsy troupe for its special feature on which the members have been putting a good deal of work to make it a success.

This year's sextette is composed of Ethel West, Marian Jenks, Lewis Salmon, Kathrine Lehner, Alice Olson and Lola Foser.

The schedule of concerts promises an interesting trip.

April 19—Crosswell
April 20—Detroit
April 21—Birmingham
Detroit—Farmington
April 23—Marshall
April 24—Battie Creek
April 25—Charlotte

At Detroit the club will sing at the Statler Hotel for the Statler luncheon club and then will be rushed to the General Motors Building where they will sing for another luncheon club. Thursday they will sing before still another luncheon club. There is also a possibility of the club broadcasting from W J R Thursday noon.

(Continued on page three)



PROFESSOR J. W. EWER

Professor J. W. Ewer has made an enviable record as music supervisor during his time at Alma College. Especially his work directing the college glee clubs has earned him high commendation. Many call this year's men's club the finest he has developed. Certainly the concert of last Wednesday evening reveals the high caliber of Professor Ewer as a director.

After having completed a successful trip through northern Michigan with his men's club, Professor Ewer left today to conduct his women's glee club through a series of concerts in southern Michigan.

Evening Post Essay Winners Announced

New York, April 16—Randall E. Riley, Columbia 1930, today was awarded the prize of \$100.00 offered by the New York Evening Post for the best answer to the question: "Has the American Undergraduate a Post-War Neurosis?" Walter W. Marting, Princeton 1927, receives a second prize of \$50.00, and John H. McDill, Yale 1927, third prize, \$25.

Judges of the essays were Dr. A. A. Brill, nationally-known psychiatrist; Charles L. Guy, former Justice of the Supreme Court, and Dr. Frederick P. Robinson, president of the College of the City of New York.

According to Riley, first prize winner, the picture that has been painted of disillusioned youth seeking suicide as its ultimate resource is "fanciful to the last degree." "The press of late," he writes, "has dwelt upon what it terms a 'wave' of student suicides. A sincere alarm is evident as to whether or not the youth of the land, and in particular the supposed-

H

ly choice part thereof in American colleges, is experiencing a reaction of pessimism and self-destruction.

"Some authorities, chiefly pedagogical or ministerial in nature, issue weighty judgment to the effect the 'wave' is the direct result of a 'flaming youth' period of modern history. The picture drawn is exceedingly depressing. Youth, worn out by illicit and high-powered pleasure turns to the morbid philosophers of guidance. Thoroughly disillusioned by the latter, suicide becomes their ultimate resource.

"All this is fanciful to the last degree. College youths, after all, are only high school boys grown a little older, a little more assertive, but still only boys. Matriculation does not age the student, nor even perceptibly mature him. An observer concealed in a classroom would notice the same appreciation of a clever joke, the same indifference to an arid topic, the same attitude toward study that characterize all secondary schools. In the majority of cases studies are 'taken,' not 'pursued.' The dread of a 'snap' quiz, rather than a zestful interest in the subject, is the typical student obsession.

"It is primarily the theme-seeking movie director and best-sellers like the 'Plastic Age' which have built up the popular notion of college life. And from that source did this original erroneous idea derive? As usual, from the few notorious extremists. It does not seem to occur to some scenario writers that a few students actually cannot afford eight cylinder sport models. A very few suffer the permanent deprivations of costly liquor!

"Petting, gambling, drinking? For a small fraction prone to such pastimes, perhaps, but the overwhelming majority? Here are a few standard pleasures: boxing, swimming, wrestling, fencing—and most spectacular of all—yelling one's throat to shreds at mighty football contests. To discuss college boys as mature and reflecting is absurd. They are glorified school boys, knowing little of and caring less of 'flaming' parties and gloomy lore.

"It is required of all freshmen at Columbia College to study the greater part of Dr. Randall's 'Making of the Modern Mind,' a survey of philosophy. It was the writer's experience to hear nothing but emphatic denunciation of the volume throughout the period of its perusal. It was anathematized for dullness and incomprehensibility. If it were the intention of the faculty to instill

(Continued on page four)

MEN'S CLUB IN HOME CONCERT

Songsters Please Large Crowd at Strand Theater Wednesday.

The Alma College Men's Glee Club pleased a large and enthusiastic audience at the Strand Theater Wednesday evening, with their annual home concert. Opinion seems to be agreed that this year's club is one of the finest that has ever represented the college. The club is unusually well balanced, and show a great deal of excellent training in their work. A feature of the program was the unaccompanied work of the club. The home concert came as a successful climax to the spring tour of the club, and closes the season for the club. Probably the quartette will appear in surrounding cities during the remainder of the year.

The club opened their program singing "Song of the Vikings" by Fanning, a rollicking song of the sea. The club is to be congratulated on the presentation of "Three Fishers" by Goldbeck, and the "Sword of Ferrara" by Bullard, two really difficult numbers, very well interpreted by the singers. Other numbers especially well received were "Boys of the Old Brigade" by Parks, and "Secrets" by Smith.

Quartette Scores Hit

The club quartette composed of Leslie Hawthorne, Marvin Stapleton, George Boyd and Homer Barlow was the hit of the evening. The audience repeatedly encored their se-

O

lections again and again. Especially liked selections were "Lullaby Lane" by Wood-De Costa, and "Love and Success to you" by Ball. The quartette is composed of four very accomplished young singers and they are to be complimented highly on their work.

Mr. Frank Prouty, baritone soloist, sang three very delightful numbers. Mr. Prouty has a fine voice of considerable range, and considerable artistic ability in his singing.

Mr. Pierce Boutin entertained the audience with his excellent flute playing. A flute is a somewhat rare musical instrument, especially when played by such an accomplished musician as Mr. Boutin, and the audience was cordial in showing their appreciation of his ability.

Mr. Carroll Clark, piano accompanist and soloist, deserves much credit for his work in the club. Mr. Clark played Godard's "Valse Chromatique."

(Continued on page three)

NOW YOU ANSWER ONE

The Almanian has secured the services of an expert on this answer another one stuff. He forthwith runs his first series of questions, the answers are to be found in another part of the paper.

1. Why are women faster than men?
2. Was Moses all wet in the bull-rushes?
3. Who shot the three thousand four hundred thirty-third shot of the world war?
4. Who said, "Gimme a little Kiss?"
5. Where do the angels fly high?
6. When is Drevdahl going to buy the cigars?
7. When do exams start?
8. Where's Winslows textbooks?

Frosh-Soph Meet to Be Staged Tomorrow

The Frosh-Soph track meet which was scheduled for last Friday has been postponed. According to announcement from track coach Professor Ewer, the meet will take place tomorrow afternoon at Davis field.

The track squads of both classes have been out on the cinder track getting it condition. Both captains are confident of victory. According to advance dope, the Freshmen stars will run away with the sprints, but the Sophomores are much stronger than their rivals in the distance events.

It is freely predicted that inter-class records will fall when this year's Freshmen and Sophomores clash Wednesday afternoon. Coach Ewer has placed on display a beautiful banner which was given by President Crooks, to be awarded to the classes winning these meets each year. The winning team will have its class numerals placed on the banner.

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR PASSION WEEK

Student Leaders from Christian Union Have Charge of Services.

The Alma Men's Christian Union had charge of the special services during the past week in observance of Holy Week. The services were held at the regular chapel hours each day, with student leaders in charge, and members of the faculty as speakers.

The scripture reading and addresses dealt with the events recorded in the Bible of Passion Week, and the lessons to be drawn from Jesus' actions and sayings during this period of time.

On Monday Mr. Donald Campbell and Mr. Wiston Thomas has charge of the service. President Crooks took as the event around which to base his talk, Jesus cursing the barren fig tree. He drew from this the lesson that we all have a task to perform, and each must fulfill his own part in the scheme of life. Mr.

P

Snell and Mr. Gustafson had charge of the Tuesday service. Professor Hamilton was the speaker of the hour. He spoke of Christ's trials with the Jewish religious leaders on Tuesday of the last week. Mr. Richard Crowell and Mr. William Randels were the student leaders at the Wednesday service. Dr. Randels spoke on Isaiah's prophecy of the coming of Jesus. The Thursday meeting was in charge of Mr. Willard Ake and Mr. Charles Nims. Professor Clack spoke concerning the Last Supper. The Friday meeting was in charge of Mr. Gilbert Schieb and Mr. Harold Fildey. Dr. Brokenshire delivered the address, speaking of the crucifixion of Christ and its meaning and importance to mankind.

Beauty

There was a young man with a scar
The work of a dangerous bar.
And the whiskers he grew
To conceal it from view
Were the best of his features, by far.

—Touchstone

DOUBLE HEADER WITH CENTRAL

Reserves of Each School Meet Varsities on Their Home Diamonds.

The Alma College baseball squad will open the 1927 season this afternoon in a dual meet with Mt. Pleasant. The Mt. Pleasant reserves will come to Davis Field to take on the Alma varsity, and the Alma reserves will travel to Mt. Pleasant to meet the Mt. Pleasant varsity. These games are preliminary practice games, but will be valuable in giving Alma and Mt. Pleasant a line on each other in preparation for next Friday afternoon, when the Alma and Mt. Pleasant varsities meet at Mt. Pleasant. The games will also be a testing of both squads.

The game this afternoon at Davis Field is scheduled for four o'clock. Yeggeman and Westfall will probably do the hurling for Alma, Yeggeman likely being on the mound to open the game. Conlin will catch; Holdship on first, Gaelor at second, Tiderington at short, and Kippert on third will give Maroon and Cream a strong infield. Dawson will probably start in right field, Hawthorne in center field, and LeBlanc in left field. Fans will get some idea of the team's strength this year in the game this afternoon.

Assistant Coach MacDonald will take the following men to Mt. Pleasant: Boutin, Golden, Moco, Erickson, Wagner, Losey, Knapp, Albaugh, Leiphan, Crowell, Hendershott, and Seig. Jimmy Albaugh will start the game on the pitchers mound for Alma. Knapp will handle the work behind the plate. This array of strong reserve material should give Mt. Pleasant a busy afternoon.

April 30th To Be a Big Day on Campus

From all indications April 30th will be one of the big days of the remainder of the college year. Already many alumni have signified their intention of coming back to the campus for this day, and it is expected that many more will be here, as well as many guests.

On the afternoon of the 30th Alma will inaugurate the 1927 baseball season when they meet Hope College at Davis field. This will also be the first scheduled baseball game of the year. All the men's societies are planning on staging their annual stag banquets on the evening of the 30th. Many former members of the societies will be present for these banquets.

Then to climax a busy day, the annual J Hop will be held in the Memorial Gymnasium at eight thirty, lasting until a quarter of twelve. The Junior class is planning on making this party the most elaborate and the finest J Hop ever put on in Alma. Russo's Unit of Chicago has been engaged to furnish the music. The committee has made extensive plans in regard to decorations, and promises something novel and exclusive. It will be one of the big events of the season.

The committee encourages and invites all alumni to make their plans to return to the campus and attend this premier social event.

Painted eggs and yellow tulips were served at the Wright Hall breakfast Easter morning.

APRIL 30TH

THE ALMANIAN

The Student Publication of Alma College.
Entered as Second-Class Matter Sept. 24, 1907
Act of 1879, Alma, Mich.

Published by the
ALMANIAN PUBLISHING CO.
ALMA, MICHIGAN.

ALMANIAN STAFF
Editor: C. MacDONALD
Business Manager: LORIMER GRANT
Associate Editor: F. MacDOUGALL
Associate Editor: L. CROOKS
Associate Editor: A. E. CAMPBELL
Night Hall Editor: HELEN WOOD
Contributors: CHARLES NIMS
WILMOT FREYNE, FRANK PROUTY
Circulation Manager: RUTH HYDE

ALMANIAN PLATFORM

1. Completion of the Alma College building program.
2. The ALMANIAN an expression of student thought.
3. Immediate completion of the new athletic field for use.
4. Better and closer relations between students and alumni.

FROM THE OTHER ANGLE

Frankly, we wondered for several days what this editorial would be about. We were at loss for a subject which we felt fitting of discussion before our student body. Now we know, for we are told it on every hand, that there are countless problems facing student bodies in every institution of higher learning all over the land. This story is told over and over in countless student publications, by educational lecturers, and at our numerous student conventions.

Knowing all this we were quite disgusted with ourselves at not being able to lay hands on some problem, applicable to our own institution, to discuss in the editorial column. It couldn't be that we had depleted our stock of criticisms of our college as it is now conducted. There must be something left we might want to change; the faculty must have done something lately for which they might be criticized. But we must admit that as far as "suitable" editorial material was concerned our mind was a total emptiness.

This afternoon a former Alma student, who could not remain in Alma and complete his studies, was back visiting some of his former student friends. During the light conversation which college students inevitably carry on, a present student of the college remarked in an entirely playful manner, when asked why he was so downcast—"I'm thinking of all the studying that I have to do before June." Every one laughed, ourself among them, we have learned that it is the thing to do. That is, everyone but the visitor laughed. He, strange to relate, wore a serious look on his face and said, "Boy, I wish I had the chance to study."

Somehow we couldn't put this remarkable incident out of mind, and get back into the atmosphere of the "meeting." Here was a former student, as normal as the rest of us during his time at Alma, making a nearly obsolete statement about studying in college.

So from this little incident grew the idea for this editorial. (Gosh, I've done pretty well,—half a column and I haven't got to the main idea yet.) Here was a former college man who realized that college students really are getting an exceptional chance at the opportunities offered by life,—probably. He reached this point of view after he left college. Let us turn from a criticism of others to ourselves. How much use are we making of our chance here at Alma? Are we not failing to take advantage of our chance, and will we not regret it in later years of our lives? Are we not committing the common fault of mankind of not thinking of our future in terms of the present? We are forced to believe so.

Life here at Alma goes along very easily. We have to do a little

studying once in awhile, but usually we can steer clear of the classes where we are forced to have a day to day knowledge of the text. They are beneath college men and women, silly of any professor to expect us to go back to high school methods. So usually a semester glides along very pleasantly with the exception of a few exams some designing prof may force on us,—woe to him! Of course there is always the hurly-burly of finals, but then they are only with us for a few days and then we can forget them, provided we cram enough knowledge to pass the exam and get our credit.

It is very suggestive to thought that those who are forced by circumstances to go throughout life without college training, regret that they did not have a chance to study. We in college seldom realize how lucky we are until we get out. We find much wrong with our colleges and sometimes do a little toward telling the world what we think is wrong and how it should be righted. It is the student who has graduated and has proved the value of his training here to his own satisfaction, who gives the most unswerving loyalty to his institution. And most of them probably regret that they did not make more use of their opportunity while here.

Now, perhaps this editorial is a one-sided view of college life. We are inclined to think that it might properly be so termed. But at any rate it is no more one-sided than the very prevalent view that everything is wrong with our college, a view popular among the students of our colleges. We feel that it is healthy for the mind to look at things from both extremes, and thereby, mayhap, strike a happy medium.

FOR A BETTER SOCIALIZING SYNTHESIS

By Norman Thomas

The following article by Mr. Norman Thomas is printed as of interest to the student body inasmuch as Mr. Thomas was a recent visitor on our campus.

Any book by John Maynard Keynes is both interesting and worthwhile. This is no exception. Yet it leaves a sense of disappointment by reasons of its undeveloped hints and its dogmatic assertions. For instance, one does not need to be a dogmatic Marxian to think Mr. Keynes a bit cavalier when he writes:

"But Marxian Socialism must always remain a portent to the historians of Opinion—how a doctrine so illogical and so dull can have exercised so powerful and enduring an influence over the minds of men, and through them, the events of history."

Still the book deserves to be judged by its acute reasoning rather than its dogmatism. Mr. Keynes begins by a brilliant analysis of the beginnings of individualism and the economic doctrine of laissez-faire. He proceeds to clear the ground of all the metaphysical pre-suppositions of laissez-faire in as complete a fashion as any radical could desire. He then makes some provocative suggestions as to the future organization of society and concludes his section on laissez-faire with a criticism of the money motive. This whole constructive section is too brief to be satisfactory and to make it still briefer for the purposes of a review is a doubtful service to the reader. Nevertheless here goes:

Keynes argues that some things at present the state should and some it should not do. Three great tasks lie properly in the agenda of the state: control of currency and credit, regulation of savings and investments and a national policy on population. The money motive basic to capitalism still works, but in

Europe though not in the United States there is a latent reaction against basing society to the extent that we do upon fostering, encouraging and protecting the money motives of individuals. Capitalism is probably still our best bet but in many ways it is "extremely objectionable." The next step is thought and thought must take account of the depressing fact that "material poverty provides the incentive to change precisely in situations where there is very little margin for experiments. Material prosperity removes the incentive just when it is safe to take a chance. Europe lacks the means, America the will, to make a move."

The second half of the book, sharply divided from the first and scarcely related to it, has to do with a Short Review of Russia—the one country which has the will and seems to be finding the means for bold social experiment.

This short review with all its inadequacies seems to me about the most searching brief critique of Russian ideals and practice that I have read. This I say in spite of my doubts that Mr. Keynes has rightly measured or appraised some of the economic machinery which Russia has set up or the scope which Russian religious zeal gives to an education which ultimately may make possible a more genuinely scientific attitude.

Mammals—The Redneck Devil

The essence of Mr. Keynes' position, as everybody knows, is that Russia is in the grip of a great new religion, not in the least supernatural, which while protesting its extreme faith in a materialistic determinism yet sets up a new ideal and a new emotion in its service which is definitely religious in quality. This religion which he calls Leninism "centers about the individuals and the community's attitude toward the love of money." For that ignoble passion Leninism seeks deliberately by every means to substitute other motives. Here is its greatness which Mr. Keynes almost unwillingly asserts despite his fear of its dogmatism, intolerance, superstition and occasional cruelty. Even though he is skeptical of the economics of Soviet Russia he is not sure but that the comrades were right who told him: "Ten years hence the level of life in Russia will be higher than it was before the war, and in the rest of Europe it will be lower than it was before the war." At any rate, "if irreligious Capitalism is ultimately to defeat all the forms and variants of religious Communism which are likely to spring up in the coming years, it is not enough that it should be economically more efficient—it must be many times as efficient."

That statement, I think, is profoundly true. Those of us who are not satisfied with some of the features of this Communist religion can not simply join the forces of capitalism in railing against it. We must seek a better synthesis of scientific insight and method with religious purpose and passion of the sort that Mr. Keynes has found in Leninism. The task may be harder for Americans not only because of the greater degree of prosperity in capitalistic America than in capitalistic Europe but also because in our country capitalism still has its own rather spurious but potent religious quality—witness Rotarianism! European Socialism and Communism have no such enemy. And I grow almost fond of the cheap but boisterous negations of that superficial Menckemism which is so popular in the "advanced" circles of our colleges when I consider that it may at least destroy the false idols of a still religious capitalism.—New Student

Seniors Accept Positions in State Schools

Several members of the graduating class have already accepted teaching positions for next year. Among these who have taken positions are Mr. Harold Fildey, who goes to Riverdale where he will be superintendent of schools; Mr. Alpha Musson will be principal of the high school at Britain, Michigan; Miss Ethel West will be language instructor in the Charlotte high school; Miss Elma Bishop will be in Manistique in the high school, English department; Miss Marion Forrester will teach in her home town, Decker-ville, Michigan. Mr. Gordon Macdonald has accepted a position as coach at Traverse City.

ANSWERS

1. They have to be.
2. No. Pharaoh's daughter found him in time.
3. The man behind the gun.
4. Will Yahuh.
5. In Mobile.
6. When Frances says yes.
7. Too soon.
8. In his grip.

PHOTOGRAPHS
Tell the Story
BOICE STUDIO
North
of
The Wright House

Don't Wait Too Long
Let us repair those shoes you are wearing before it's too late—we'll make them look trim and neat—and think of the saving! Bring them in today.
MAYES SHOE SHOP

EARL C. CLAPP
Hardware, Stoves, Paints, Sporting Goods
SERVICE COURTESY PRICE QUALITY

Capital \$100,000.00 Surplus \$100,000.00
FIRST STATE BANK
USE OUR FACILITIES FOR HANDLING STUDENTS' ACCOUNTS
L. A. SHARP, President CARL WASHBURN, Cashier

B B BURGESS B
GREETING CARDS
FOR ALL OCCASIONS

Two wonderful new Whitman records just released.
HEAR THEM TODAY at
SAWKINS MUSIC HOUSE

ALMA-ST. JOHNS BUS LINE
Leaves Alma—7:00 A. M. Daily; 11:45 A. M. Daily except Sun. and Holidays; 1:30 and 4:35 P. M. Daily. Bus makes direct connections for Lansing and St. Johns. Good connections for Detroit, Owosso, Flint and Grand Rapids. Lv. Alma 4:35 P. M., Ar. Detroit 9:25 P. M. (one change at St. Johns). Lv. Alma 1:30 P. M., Ar. Grand Rapids 4:45 P. M. Leave Grand Rapids at 5:00 P. M. and Ar. Alma 8:00 P. M. (via St. Johns.) Busses leave St. Johns at 8:45 A. M. Daily; 1:35 Daily except Sunday and Holidays; and 4:10 and 6:35 P. M. Daily. Busses wait until 8:45 A. M., 4:15 and 6:40 P. M. for Grand Trunk trains from Grand Rapids. (Central slow time). Lv. Detroit 12:15 P. M., Ar. Alma 5:40 P. M., via Grand Trunk. Call 410 for special trips. D. S. FOSTER, Prop., 818 Woodworth Ave.

Name Your Sport
We equip you for it.
BASERALL TENNIS
GOLF TRACK
Theme Paper Special 3 pkg. for 25c
COLLEGE SUPPLY STORE

QUALITY
in Ice Cream and Home Made Candy
DELUXE CANDY COMPANY
To please you pleases us.

"Say it with Flowers"
CAPLE FLOWER SHOP
Member of Florist Telegraph Delivery Association.
308 Woodworth Ave. Telephone 277

ALUMNI
We are expecting you and we are hoping not to be disappointed on
APRIL 30th

BUTTER
TOASTED
SANDWICHES

Candies of Quality

"Luchini" Confectionery
SIMI & SMITH Proprietors
We deliver. Phone 284

Ice Cream and Lunches
at
The Coney Island

Get Your Hair Cut at
FAULKNER'S
Barber Shop
324 Woodworth

A. B. Scattergood
caters to the
COLLEGE TRADE

G. B. PORTER
Jeweler and
Optometrist
Daily Papers and Magazines

RENT A CAR
Drive it yourself
PUTNAM BROS.
PHONE 18
Baggage Transfer
Taxi Service
Located at
Chevrolet Garage

Rogers' Grocery
TEA and COFFEE KING
Home Baked Goods
Fancy Groceries
and Candies
Phone 173 123 W. Superior St.

**Everything
Electrical
Starting, Lighting
and Ignition**
**Alma Electric and
Battery Company**
Willard Battery Station

Strand Theatre
Tuesday and Wednesday,
April 19 and 20
IRENE RICH in
'Don't Tell The Wife'
Thursday and Friday,
April 21 and 22
LOIS MORAN in
"God Gave Me 20c"
A heart-searching human interest
drama of exceptional merit.
Saturday, April 23
ALBERTA VAUGHAN in
"Uneasy Payments"
Sunday and Monday
April 24 and 25
DOLORES COSTELLO in
"The Third Degree"
A powerful and intensely dramatic
story of the New York Police De-
partment.
Tuesday and Wednesday,
RIN-TIN-TIN in
"Hills of Kentucky"

WINDMILL

The following column is clipped from the New Student. This is a more or less humorous column telling college news of the day. We thought this week's column especially good.

A class at George Washington University recently waited fifteen minutes for an instructor and then dispersed. The next day the instructor claimed to have been in the class because he had left his hat on the desk. On the following day upon entering the classroom he was greeted with rows of chairs occupied only by hats, but not one student. Our informant does not state whether or not the instructor left his hat and went home.

The Versatile University Prexy
From the Ohio State Lantern:
President George W. Rightmire, presiding over the last session of the University traffic court to be held this quarter, sentenced one student violator of campus traffic rules and dismissed 13 others with warnings.

Pity the English Instructor
Mr. H. L. Mencken, whom someone aptly called a connoisseur of human ignorance would enjoy the Log Book kept by the English Department at the University of North Carolina. In that amusing journal is kept a record of the outstanding boners committed by freshmen and others. Here it is recorded by one freshman that David Copperfield's novels are infinitely superior to anything Dickens ever wrote. Another first yearling recalled having read Hawthorne's House of Seven Gables.

Gems are culled from compositions. A freshman describing a singer said "She had a charming voice of melodious noise."

Lincoln's mind, another essayist reminds us, "grew as his country kneaded it."

"I pulled through a disease," another recalls, "which was a victim of my sister." She was a microbe hunter, we presume.

In public speaking class an embryo Patrick Henry exclaimed "Mr. Speaker, I smell a rat in my opponent's remark, but I suppose to kill him while it's young."

Pity the poor English instructor!

The Faculty Edits

Besppectacled men with bulgy brief cases marched across the front page of the Smith College Weekly. At the top of the page black letters announced a "Faculty Number." News stories and editorials were written by faculty members. Even the column "Sauve Qui Peut" was usurped by a faculty member whose printed "diary" contained choice morsels, such as these:

Monday:
Two visiting alumnae in class this morning, so I put What I Believe back into my brief case and quoted instead from the Gettysburg address and Christopher Morley. That will save the President two letters anyway.

Wednesday:
Faculty meeting this afternoon. We spent half an hour listening to the minutes of the last meeting and an hour and a half discussing the giving out of semester grades. The point at issue seemed to be: would you rather be disagreeable to a student yourself or have the Registrar do it for you?

On the authority of The Tulsa Collegian we are asked to believe it is an established fact that a man with a university education and a dime can get a cup of coffee anywhere.

IF CONTEMPLATING SUICIDE READ THIS

Perhaps the publication of Enough Rope, a book of light verse by Dorothy Parker, (Boni & Liveright) is responsible for the slump in student suicides. At any rate, The Windmill found therein a poem called "Resume" that should be posted in all conspicuous places about the campus:

Razors pain you;
Rivers are damp;
Acids stain you;
And drugs cause cramp.
Guns aren't lawful;
Nooses give;
Gas smells awful;
You might as well live.
—New Student.

Sometimes a fool, rushing in where angels fear to tread, finds something that makes angels regret their timidity and lack of initiative.

MEN'S CLUB IN HOME CONCERT

(Continued from page one)
Hogan, Chalk Talker

Another feature of the evening was the chalk talk lecture given by Mr. Romaine G. Hogan. Mr. Hogan possesses considerable ability in his chosen field, and his work is always well received. The club is fortunate in having such a clever entertainer. Mr. Frank Prouty is president of the club, and Mr. Hogan is business manager.

The personal of the club is—
First tenors—Marvin Stapleton, Ithaca; Leslie Hawthorne, Detroit; Edward Karpp, Detroit; Richard Mueller, Manistique; Jake Westfall, Stockbridge.

Second tenors—Lee Crooks, Alma; Hugh Ward, Alma; Walter Pezet, Detroit; Charles Schaffer, Merrill; Merrill Hendershoit, Alma.

Baritones—George Boyd, McBain; Frank Prouty, West Unity, Ohio; Jack West, Crosswell; Richard Crowell, Crosswell; Lester Braden, Flint. Bass—Gordon Macdonald, Bay City; Bruce Knowles, Northville; John Dawson, Detroit; Don Horton, Alma.

Following is the complete program presented:

- PROGRAM**
I. Song of the Vikings.....Faning
THE CLUB
II. Valse Chromatique (5th Valse) Godard
MR. CLARK
III. Mifanwy.....Forester
Sylvia.....Speaks
MR. PROUTY
IV. Boys of the Old Brigade.....Parks
The Sandman.....Prothro
THE CLUB
V. Rhapsodie Hongroise.....Popp
Estudiantina Walzer.....Waldenfel
MR. BOUTIN
VI. We Meet Again.....Wood-De Costa
Lullaby Lane.....QUARTETTE
VII. Three Fishers.....Goldbeck
THE CLUB
INTERMISSION
I. Sword of Ferrara.....Bullard
THE CLUB
II. Chalk Talk.....**MR. HOGAN**
III. Softly the Shades of Even Fall, Wilson
Secrets.....Smith
THE CLUB
IV. A Little Close Harmony.....O'Hara
Love and Success to You.....Ball
QUARTETTE
V. Serenade.....Titi
Serenade Badine.....Gabriel Marie
MR. BOUTIN
VI. Come Where My Love Lies
Dreaming.....Foster
Alma Mater.....Hamilton
THE CLUB

WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB ON TOUR

(Continued from page one)

The ensemble includes:
Prof. Ewer, director
Miss Foley, chaperone
Ethel West, President
Gertrude Williams, Manager
Katherine Lehner, Elizabeth Campbell, Lila Schaefer, Mary Burt, Margaret Colby, Marian Jenks, Mabel Jaynes, Isabel Craig, Mildred Baetz, Lewis Salmon, Mary Foster, Lola Foster, Marion Forrester, Alice Olson, Treva Zinn, Esther Zinn and Kathrine Joiner.

SOME MORE LINES

The other night
We were sitting in a bull session
And somebody said
That is was shame
That the College Band
Had no uniforms.
Every one talked at once
And when the air thinned out
We discovered
That we had arrived
At no definite
Conclusions.
Somebody started
Again
And
Said that
Since the athletic teams
Were all outfitted
With nice new uniforms
Every season
It seems that
Perhaps a rich alumnus
Or
The student body
Might come across and see
That the Band had coats
And pants that matched
Their capes.
Since the Band is
A necessary unit of Alma College
In developing
Spirit and as
An advertiser, don't you think
That their appearance
As they march across the field
On a Homecoming Day
Or at basket ball games
Would be improved
With nice maroon coats and pants
To wear under their capes?
We do.
Think and Think.

To Late

Madge—It's terrible, dear! It's awful, and I'm so sorry for you. Go ahead and cry, dearie. You'll feel better after a good cry.
Ethel—I can't. I've been at the movies all afternoon.

MURPHY'S DRUG STORE
CONKLIN ENDURA
Unconditionally and perpetually guaranteed

New Shades of
Pumps

Economy SHOE STORE
ALMA, MICHIGAN

Carryola Master \$25.00
Fastest Selling Portable Talking Machine in U. S.

WINSLOW BROTHERS
DRUG STORE
Opposite Strand Theatre

WRIGHT HOUSE
A Good Place to Entertain
The Folks From Home

Dining Room Service
a la carte

Provide for
The Autumn of Life
with

CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY
6% Preferred Shares

Hansen Motor Transit Co.

Saginaw—Alma—Greenville—Grand Rapids
Connects with North Star Line at Greenville to and from Grand Rapids. Associated with United Motor Lines at Saginaw in all directions.

BUS CONNECTIONS

At Alma for Mt. Pleasant, St. Johns and Lansing
At Greenville for Grand Rapids and Ionia.
Phones—Saginaw, Riverside 21; Greenville 293; Alma 51.
Special Rates for Party Trips
H. C. HANSEN, Manager, Alma, Michigan

**STAR
DYERS AND CLEANERS**

College Agent—Dan Adams

Phone 92

213 E. Superior St.

**We Have What You Want
Ask For It**

MINER'S CAFE

**THE ALMA RECORD
PRINTERS**

We rarely fail to deliver a job
at the time it is promised.

COLLEGE CRUISE OFFERS PRIZES

Full Scholarships To Be Given
for Annual Student
Cruise.

New York, April 11—A school year in the University Afloat on its Second College Cruise Round the World is the prize offered in a national essay contest, according to an announcement made today by the University Travel Association, 285 Madison Avenue.

The scholarship, valued at \$2500 will pay the entire expenses of tuition and lectures in this floating college, the steamship ticket around the world, stateroom, shore trips and other expenses.

It may be won by any young man student who is now an undergraduate in any college or university in the country and goes to the writer of the best essay on one of three specified subjects.

"The University Travel Association recognizes the value of education which is combined with travel and wishes to place before ambitious students the opportunity for a school year spent in study and a tour of the world," said Charles H. Phelps, Jr., president of the Association, who made public the conditions of the contest today.

The candidate for the scholarship is given the choice of three subjects. The International point of view in Education.

The Contrast between Eastern and Western civilization.

The Influence of the West on the East.

The scholarship provides for a continuation of regular academic courses aboard the S. S. Ryndam, college ship, which is now on the First College Cruise Round the World. It may also be used for

post-graduate study or the study of special business courses relating to foreign commerce and international relations.

The Second Cruise leaves New York about September 20, 1927 and after visiting 25 countries will return in May, 1928. This cruise is to be a college for men with the enrollment limited to 375, instead of the co-educational student body of 500 now enrolled in the first year of the University Afloat.

In order to give the winner of the contest sufficient time to make arrangements, the contest will close on May 15, 1927.

Mr. Phelps stated that any student interested in competing for the scholarship may obtain further information concerning the rules of the contest by writing to the University Travel Association, 285 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Tennis Players in Annual Tourney

With the advent of sunshine and warm weather on our campus, tennis has again come to life as a popular sport. The courts have been, or are being, rapidly put into good condition, and every day, weather permitting, sees the courts crowded to capacity.

Professor Clack, tennis coach, has announced the annual tennis tournament. More men have entered the tournament than have ever been out for this sport before. Those who entered were catalogued, and places given them, by lot, on the schedule. The names are arranged in the form of a pyramid, any man may challenge any other player on the row above him. The best two sets out of three determine the winner, unless the first set is a love set, in which case two sets are enough.

Professor Clack also announces that any men not in the tournament who wish to join, may do so by challenging and defeating some player on the lowest row. Several have signified their intentions of entering in this manner.

All players should arrange matches at once, that the tournament may get under way. All indications point to a hotly contested race for the varsity positions.

KAPPA IOTA LITERARY SOCIETY

The meeting of the Kappa Iota Literary Society was called to order by the president, Josephine Peavy, on April 11, 1927. Roll call was answered by a quotation from an American humorist. A program followed the business meeting, consisting of a vocal solo, "A Bowl of Roses," sung by Katherine Lehner in her usually delightful manner; some enjoyable selections from Mark Twain read by Catheryn Lee; a piano solo, "Simple Aven" well rendered by Lucille Wolfe; a reading from Mark Twain effectively given by Elizabeth Burgess; and an impressive reading of Oliver Wendell Holmes' "The Last Leaf" by Lena Hall. The meeting was adjourned.

EVENING POST ESSAY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

(Continued from page one)
a love for philosophy in the students, it failed dismally. Of course, a few, a precious, elusive few, appreciated and admired the book. They will probably continue the study of philosophy. They are not 'flaming' youths seeking an excuse for suicide.

"In short, the earnest and despondent student of philosophy is twice as rare as that other comparatively rara avis, the debauched student. The latter variety never had the brain requisite for the study of philosophy. Between these two extremes moves, laughs and lives the great bulk of American undergraduates—the fellows who know Ruth's 1927 average to the fourth decimal and who know and care as little as possible about Schopenhauer's doctrine of human futility."

Marting denies the implication that students are neurotic. "Within the past six months," he writes, "there has occurred what seemed to be an abnormal 'wave' of student suicides. A New York newspaper in a recent editorial showed that the number was not abnormal by presenting statistics for former years, and pointed out that the various causes ranged all the way from high school children who are not capable of philosophical reflection about death, to the graduate student who is married and overburdened with financial troubles.

"The publicity given these cases, coupled with the popularization of the idea of 'the jazz age,' 'flaming youth,' 'the wild younger generation' has aroused public opinion and the press, and we, the much-talked-of youth, find ourselves either the recipients of condolence and patronizing sympathy, or the object of vitriolic attacks and dire prophecy."

CAMPUSOLOGY

Yes, folks, Spring is here. Conclusive proof of it was witnessed by us Sunday morning, when the big parade passed our domicile on its way to Easter Sunday service, and to show the neighbors the new Easter clothes. Other proofs are numerous.

1. Dad Fowler had a touch of the fever when he presented Mac with the Chevie.

2. The golf links are crowded to capacity the whole week round. They were even out in the rain Saturday.

3. Professor Clack has started the tennis tournament.

4. All the boys are buying knickers.

5. The wonderful full moon, enjoyed by many happy couples.

6. The buds are bursting forth in their verdant beauty.

7. Did you hear the boys crooning love songs on the Zeta Sigma porch Sunday evening.

8. Bill Anderson became engaged—the rain Saturday changed everything.

9. Some of the boys went swimming in the rain Saturday.

10. The up river pilgrimage has started.

Yes, finally, Spring is here.

We know who will be the most popular girl on the campus the next two weeks. Jo Peavy brought her Packard back with her.

Ralph Frazer was sick in bed Sunday afternoon from eating too many Easter eggs—so they say.

Someone died in the Hawthorne family. Did you see that creamy suit?

Some of the Alma swains will be running up large bills at the post office, the girl's glee leaves Tuesday we are told.

We have eight weeks of school left.

We don't know who made the coffee, but plenty were sick from the grounds.

Winslow went home for the week end to study, but his dad thought he ought to learn how to drive a team first, being a farmer lad.

Gil Schiel received an Easter card addressed in a feminine hand. We're not sure, but we think we know who sent it. Prizes for the best answers.

Home for the week ends
And your girl
Goes
Out with other mens.
—E. Winslow

Simplicity in a girl's dress may be a good thing, but don't make it too simple.

Speaking of tin hats, how's your flat feet?

Cheer up Lester, it will only be for two weeks.

Hendershott has at last devised a means of getting the boys at the Zeta house up in the morning. He has developed a patented alarm system devised from all the clocks in the house.

Distance lends enchantment—we'll stop there.
Signed, Dedunk and Company

EMPTY CHAIRS

But a few more months and many familiar faces will leave us, never to return as students. That is, many of them hope to. And each of these departing will leave a vacancy that will be hard to fill, if, indeed, we deem it worth while filling it. We have managed to get along with them so long that it will be hard to get along without them. For instance, who will replace:

Horace and his musical laugh?
Judge as the college heavy?
Olga as the watch-dog of Wright Hall?

Argyle as the college wit (not-half)?

Marion as the old fashioned girl?
Carroll as the boy wonder?
Louis and Neva as gatherers of honor points?

Harold as reformer of the campus?
Cassie as "the great stone face"?

Wilmot as the campus doubter?
Everett as trouble chaser?

Percy and Walter as guardians of the nursery?

Ethel as the Female Lead?
Charlie as the boy with a smile?
Ethelyn as "after reducing"?

Joseph Wilbur as the man of the hour?

These are but a few of the empty chairs that we will find hard to fill. Those of us who return will exclaim "Gosh, but things seem different this year," but we will never be able to make things as they used to be before this year's graduates had gone.

GAY'S 5 & 10 CENT STORE

"Where You Buy It For Less"

ALMA,

MICHIGAN

When in Town Don't Forget Us. When Leaving Town Remember Us.
Texaco and other Petroleum Products.

Gratiot County Oil Co.
FREE ALMA STICKERS

Latest Haircuts and Bobs

ALLEN'S BARBER SHOP

JIM ALLEN

Opposite Postoffice

Home Made Candies

Toasted Sandwiches

Best Soda Service

THE STRAND SWEET SHOP

SAFE AND SATISFYING

Alma City Dry Cleaners & Tailors

College Agents

LAVERNE BIXBY

THOMAS JACKSON

KENNETH FORBES

All kinds of altering and repairing done.
Work called for and delivered.

LOOK-PATERSON DRUG CO.

The Rexall Store

SODA FOUNTAIN

The Newest Styles for College Students This Spring

are at

The Beamer Boot Shop

325 State St.

Opposite Postoffice

As the Birds Begin to Sing

We begin to lay off our heavy clothing. Soon, we shall be down to our shirt sleeves! A nice shirt with a tie that will blend is becoming important.

Collar Attached Shirts,
late patterns,.....\$1.85 and \$2.50

Neck Band Shirts,
collar to match.....\$1.85 and \$2.50

Ties, Silk, Nobby.....85c and \$1.35

Martin Stores Corporation

Superior and Woodworth Ave.

J. E. CONVERSE

JEWELER

The City News Stand

for All
Magazines and Newspapers
122 1/2 E. Superior Phone 383

"DOLL UP"

the room with some odd
pieces of furniture

G. V. WRIGHT

Idlehour Theatre

"Where the Big Ones Play"

Tuesday and Wednesday
April 19-20

TOM MIX

in
"No Man's Gold"

Thursday and Friday
April 21-22

JEAN HERSHOLT

in
"The Old Soak"

"Collegians in "The Cinder Path"

Saturday, April 23

HOOT GIBSON

in
"Hey, Hey, Cowboy"

Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed.
April 24-27

BUSTER KEATON

in
"The General"

Here is Buster's first effort for United Artists and Oh! What a laugh! We are not advancing the admission prices on this big picture.