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DRAMA CLUB PLAY SUCCESS

"Icebound" Given A Striking Tuesday Evening To Good Crowd

The first of a series of three major productions, which the Alma College Drama Club has planned to present during the year, played to a very good crowd of students and townspeople last Tuesday evening at the Strand Theatre. The production was "Icebound," a Pulitzer prize play of a few years ago, by Owen Davis. The play was a very excellent one of its type; the cast executed their several parts admirably; the direction was very good. Incidentally, it is interesting to note that this production was student-directed, Mr. Richard Crowell, a Junior, supervising the action. This plan is an innovation to the Drama Club, as always before the direction of the piece has been in the hands of some faculty member or experienced player.

The action in the play concerns itself with the affairs of the Jordan family, living in a small town in Maine. As the curtain rises, the whole Jordan family are seen in the living room of the old homestead, brought together by the extreme illness of their old mother. Instead of grief of the children (all past middle age) only wonder what division of riches the will may provide. After the death of the mother Jordan, the family lawyer reveals that the bulk of the fortune has been willed to a servant girl who has been in the household for some years. The entrance of the youngest son, Ben, at this point complicates matters, for Ben is the family black sheep and is at the time a fugitive from justice for a previous misdemeanor.

After the departure of the rest of the family, a deputy sheriff comes after Ben, but Jane, the new possessor of the Jordan fortune, gives bond for him, with the agreement that Ben is to stay on the farm and work until his case is settled. With this agreement Jane's affection for Ben is revealed to the audience and the responsibility Jane has assumed is gradually given a new meaning by the world.

Without Ben's knowledge Jane tells her own story and then she tells all the family together again to announce that she is leaving for the west and to return to Ben as she explains it should have been done. Confronted by her impending departure, Ben realizes his love Jane, and the play ends with his declaration and acceptance by her.

It is a powerfully written play, containing moments of real pathos, bits of humor, excellent characterization, and a telling sermon against selfishness. The cast, as we have mentioned before, entered into their characters with great feeling and portrayed them with the greatest accuracy. Outstanding in individual performances Earl Closser showed his recognized skill in the dramatic art by his interpretation of Ben Jordan. Irene Beuthin, as Jane, was as capable and dominating as the part demanded, and yet she acted the character so well that she succeeded in appearing essentially feminine and fine.

Once more the Drama Club is to be congratulated on its efforts to give the people of the college and town worthwhile dramatic productions. Their hard work and concerted effort is mirrored by the success of "Icebound."

The cast was as follows:
Henry Jordan Vaughn Pruyne.
Emma, his wife Lola Foster.
Nettie, her daughter by a former marriage Dorothy White.
Sadie Fellows, once Sadie Jordan, a widow Mary Mason.
Orin, her son William Randels.
Ella Jordan, the unmarried sister Mary Burt.
Ben Jordan Earl Closser.
Judge Bradford Reynolds Smith.
Jane Crosby Irene Beuthin.
Hannah, a servant Mary Holmes.
Jim Jay, a deputy sheriff Donald Horton.
Doctor Curtis Hugh Ward.

FOOTBALL SQUAD IS BANQUETED

The Champions of the M. I. A. A. have been more than living high since their victory in school from their opponents. They have been entertained at a special dinner this week, and these are the reports coming according to the reports.

Tuesday at six o'clock the victorious squad was entertained at Coach Campbell's residence. The "piece de resistance" of the banquet was venison in large quantities. It is rumored that there were also other things to eat besides the deer meat—oyster cocktails, potatoes, salad, and wonderful dessert. Even the largest appetite of that hungry bunch was finally satisfied, however, and the boys crept away from the table very, very full.

Verne Miner, at Miner's Cafe, invited the squad in for supper the next night, which was Wednesday. At eight-thirty the whole squad of thirty-three fellows were assembled. The Almanian Scout reports that they ate at Miner's too. Verne gave the squad plenty of chicken and all that goes with a real chicken dinner. After the meal, the place was turned into a sort of cabaret with entertainers and singing, and lots of spirit.

Looking forward to several more promised feasts, the squad is singing in unison, "There's a good time coming."

'27 GRID RECORD COMMENDABLE

Alma Wins Second Consecutive Title And Establishes Other Marks

In winning the Championship pennant in M. I. A. A. football the Alma football squad has gained an enviable record for itself. For the first time in more than fifteen years, two pennants have been won by the same school in consecutive years. It was in 1912 that the association competitor when Alma school accomplished this feat.

In addition to the individual players on the M. I. A. A. team it is noted that among the coaches the Alma players were regarded as very successful in play. Captain Hawthorne of Alma, was elected unanimously on the honor team and was the only player selected. Arozian, at Alma, has twice made the All M. I. A. A. team. Simmons was named last year at center, and this year at end.

In rolling a total of 207 points to their opponents 46 in the nine games played during the season, the maroon and cream warriors certainly showed their superiority very conclusively in most games. They are next to the largest scoring team in the state, Michigan State College, Lansing, being the only school securing a bigger total during the season just ended.

The college and city are certainly most proud of the achievements of this team. They have come through in wonderful shape, fulfilling every wish which was expressed for them at the first of the season.

DATE ANNOUNCED FOR BIG CARNIVAL

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Of course we are talking about the All-College Carnival which will be in full swing for two whole days in full swing for two whole days the second week-end after the Christmas holidays, Friday and Saturday, the thirteenth and fourteenth of January, 1928. The best minds of the campus (ahem, ahem) are at work to make those two days the most enjoyable.

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ZETA BANQUET HELD SATURDAY

Thirty-Ninth Annual Affair Pleases Members, Guests And Alumni

The thirty-ninth annual banquet of Zeta Sigma was held on Saturday, December third, at the Park Hotel in St. Louis. The banquet proper began at six-thirty in the dining room of the hotel. After the meal the tables were moved out of the room and dancing was the entertainment until eleven-thirty, when the guests were brought back to Alma.

After a banquet the members gather 'round and tell each other that it was "the best ever," "biggest and best," etc., and perhaps they are always right in their claims. Certainly the 1927 affair was no exception as to attendance, planning, and availability. There were a large percentage of active members present ever before, and the members of the society were very well represented.

Following the custom introduced last year, there was a Tea Dance at the fraternity house on Saturday afternoon. Between two-thirty and five o'clock the house was almost packed with members and their guests. There was dancing to the music of a victrola in the front room, and the floor was so crowded as to make it at least very desirable. Several tables of bridge were going in some of the other downstairs rooms. About four-thirty tea and wafers were served to the crowd. An affair of this sort is especially welcomed by the guests and their escorts because it affords a very pleasant afternoon entertainment before the evening's big affair. Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Ewer, and Mrs. Crooks acted as hostesses at the tea.

After the rush of getting ready between five and six o'clock for the party of the evening, the guests were transported to St. Louis where the main event was held. The large dining room was striking with its tables decorated with bouquets and single roses, and the favors and programs at each place. A very delicious meal was tastefully served, after which the guests withdrew to the lobby until the room should be prepared for dancing.

With Bill Hammond's orchestra from Flint furnishing excellent dance tunes, the floor was crowded with couples until eleven thirty, when the cavalcade started for Wright Hall to get the girls in before twelve o'clock. It was a most successful party, with the big crowd enjoying every minute of the day's program.

Among the alumni who returned for the affair were: Foster Mitchell, Gilbert Davis, Gordon McDonald, Ferris Gardner, Carrol Clark, Carlton Needland and Reardon Caple. Honorary members of the fraternity at the party were: Mr. Edward Lobdell and Mr. Jess Ewer. Mr. and Mrs. Crooks, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Steward, and Dean Mitchell acted as patrons and patronesses.

The chairmen of the committees in charge of the banquet were: Ralph Frazer—Music, Russell Riley—Decorations, Lee Crooks—Favors, Programs and Invitations, Romaine Hogan—Menu, William Anderson—Transportation, Lauritz Drevdahl—Finance. Pierce Boutin was chairman ex officio of all the committees.

CALENDAR

December 9—Freshman All-College Party in Memorial Gymnasium.
December 10—HIVY FAIR.
December 11—CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION BEGINS AT 10:00.
January 2—CHRISTMAS PARTIES ENDS AT NOON.
January 13-14—Big All-College Carnival.

PHILO FAIR TO BE HELD SATURDAY

The annual Christmas Fair given by the Philomathean Literary Society will be held this year on December 11 in the reception room at Wright Hall from 12:30 to 5 o'clock. There will be the usual attractions with some additions and changes.

There you will be able to buy enough candy to provide you and your relations for the Christmas season. There will be good goods to buy for midnight spreads and good dinners—embroidered goods to give your mother, sister, or best friend. Indian goods also Philomathean goods will provide you with a little novelty that your Christmas list requires. Be sure to have your Christmas cards made out so that you will be prepared to buy your Christmas cards at the Philo Fair.

Before you leave have your afternoon tea in the Japanese tea room. Don't forget to have some Blue dances while there, but above all, do not leave until Sibyl has told you your past, present, future, your future mate, date of your death, correct vocation, how to win the girl you love, and about all other important things.

Do your Christmas shopping at the Philo Fair.

ALMA GETS 5 ON COACHES' TEAM

M. I. A. A. Champions Place Five On Mythical Team Picked By Vote

All M. I. A. A. Teams 1927

First Team	Pos.
Simmons, Alma College	L.E.
Pezet, Alma college	L.T.
Boldt, Albion college	L.G.
Frazer, Alma college	C
Johnson, Kalamazoo college	R.G.
Arozian, Alma college	R.T.
Palermo, Albion college	R.E.
Hawthorne, Alma college (C.)	Q
Mahoney, Kalamazoo college	L.H.
Penzotti, Albion college	L.H.
Cascarelli, Hillsdale college	F.B.
Second Team	Pos.
Gray, Albion college	L.E.
Watson, Kalamazoo college	L.T.
Vandermolen, Hillsdale college	L.G.
Glezen, Kalamazoo college	C
Vanderbush, Hope college	R.G.
Thingstad, Albion college (C.)	R.T.
Vos, Hillsdale college	R.E.
Wager, Hillsdale college	Q
Schuler, Albion college	L.H.
Berry, Kalamazoo college	R.H.
J. Japinga, Hope college	F.B.

Honorable Mention
Ends—Bernd, Alma; Muelenberg, Kalamazoo; Allinder, Hillsdale.
Tackles—Roach, Hillsdale; Klay Hope.
Guards—Erickson, Alma; Kittendorf; Alma, Morrison Hillsdale.
Centers—Cardwell, Olivet; Bartlett, Albion.
Quarterbacks—Karpp, Alma; Rowe, Hillsdale; Robinson, Albion.
Half Backs—Null, Olivet; Porosky, Hillsdale.
Fullback—MacGregor, Alma.

In most positions the selection of the All Michigan Intercollegiate team for 1927 presented no great difficulty, apparently, in the minds of the coaches, whose composite selections give to Alma five places on the first team, three to Albion, two to Kalamazoo college and one to Hillsdale. On the second eleven the Michigan Intercollegiate Champions failed to place a man, Kalamazoo getting three, Albion three, Hillsdale three and Hope two. By a very strange prank Olivet failed to have a man on either eleven, although getting honorable mentions. Five matches submitted their choices for first and second elevens this year, Coach Dougherty of Albion excusing himself from the selections on the ground that he had not seen the teams in action enough. He is new to the Michigan game this year.

No man selected was the unanimous choice of the coaches.

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extra point was wide. Early in the second quarter Alma reached the Police 9 yard line, but lost the ball on a pass over the goal, which was incomplete. Shortly after the Cops recovered a fumble deep in Alma territory and started a drive that took them to the Alma 11 yard line where Alma held and took the ball.

Then Came Donnelly
Then came the play mentioned earlier when Donnelly presented the Police with a touchdown and the resultant extra point.

Throughout the balance of the half and the entire third and fourth quarters, except for the final five minutes the Police held to this single point margin, Alma continually being dangerous with her greatly superior passing attack that kept the Police worried throughout.

Bernd Runs 55 Yards
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team to know that the whole student body is backing them to the limit, and Alma teams have always been able to depend on that backing. If we may be permitted to bring up a bit of personal recollections—we remember 'way back in the days of our youth, when we were mascot to a winning Alma football team, there was a little scene which made a deep impression on us. Alma had won the game and the players were going back to the showers in Pioneer Hall, where the teams dressed in those days. We were carrying an armful of headgears, as our mascot duties demanded, when we heard one of the day's opponents say to an Alma player, "Well, you fellows played a good game, and you deserved to win." The player addressed, a big guard, not much given to speech, replied, "Thanks. But there was nothin' else we could do. When you've got two hundred and fifty friends of yours, all expecting you to come through, and all pullin' for you—well, there's not much else you can do but win for 'em." That same attitude seems to have become traditional around here, the same cooperation between team and backers still exists and is one of the finest things on the campus.

It has been the combination of these things which has made Alma always a team to be feared, and has brought many more victories than defeats to the Maroon and Cream standard in past years. We predict that as long as Alma is Alma, we will have teams to be proud of.

All of which is blowing our own horn very vociferously, but we do not apologize in any way for our statements, for if a student does not think his college the very best college in the country, then it is time for him to find another college.

And then, the student body must have some credit for their loyalty and spirit in supporting their athletic teams. It is a great asset to any

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ALMA TIES DETROIT COPS
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Hawthorne, evaded two tacklers, and on the run, heaved a pass to Bernd, who dodged two defensive men in the Police secondary and started diagonally down the field, with Alma interference cutting down the Police. He went 55 yards to the goal. Squaring away in placekick formation, Hawthorne stuck the ball to the ground for the kick, then grabbed it up and passed to Simmons, who stood alone behind the Police goal, for the extra point, making the score Alma 13, Police 7.

The Police got a short Alma kickoff with the seconds ticking off rapidly. Clago took a pass from Georiz for first down on the 45 yard line. Then Georiz circled the Alma end for 25 yards and another first down. With time almost up Georiz shot a long pass to Clago, who fell over the line for a touchdown. Facing defeat if the Police got the extra point on the try after touchdown, the Alma team smashed the heavier Police line to smithereens and smeared the kick just as it was leaving Brackett's toe, leaving the two teams tied at 13 all when the whistle blew a few seconds later.

The lineup and summary follow:
Police Pos. Alma
Clago L.E. Simmons
Haskins L.T. Pezet
Carter L.G. Angell
Kane C. Frazer
Brackett R.G. Erickson
Edwards R.T. Arozian
Hill R.E. Bernd
Georiz Q. Karpp
Wittmack L.H. Hawthorne
Chester R.H. Holdship
Shapiro F.B. MacGregor

Score by periods:
Police 0 7 0 6—13
Alma 6 0 0 7—13
Touchdowns—Krapp, Georiz, Bernd, Clago. Points after touchdown—Brackett (place kick), Simmons (forward pass).

Substitutions—Alma: Gilbert for MacGregor, Van Deventer for Angell, Mueller for Erickson, Hogan for Arozian, Lamb for Holdship, Kittendorf for Frazer, Veeder for Simmons, Holdship for Hawthorne, Angell for Van Deventer, Erickson for Mueller, Arozian for Hogan, Frazer for Kittendorf, Conlen for Lamb, Hawthorne for Karpp, Simmons for Veeder. Police: Brooks for Carter.

Referee—Donally (Michigan). Umpire—Myers. Headlinesman—Curtis (Ypsi.).

WRIGHT HALL NOTES

Wright Hall girls struggled back to the hall after a very enjoyable exhausting Thanksgiving vacation. Many came back with strong determination of studying hard until Christmas and if lights burning far into the wee small hours of the morning are trustworthy evidences of such proceedings, they are faithfully carrying out their lofty decisions. However occasions otherwise than study have often been known to necessitate late hours, and who knows but that some of these such occasions have been the cause of so much midnight illumination during the past week? In enumerating some of these, we offer midnight feasting with the tasty, thrilling journeys to the kitchen, group discussions of the latest campus scandal, the ungodly length of various lessons and other such questions of importance; but the most important cause of late hours this week can be summed up in the one word "Ross" (not the author of Principles of Sociology). Of course, the Zeta Sigma Banquet caused an undercurrent of excitement in the dormitory all week which finally culminated in the actual reality of the looked-forward-to affair. But even this did not overbalance the almost disastrous excitement created by our latest Wright Hall visitor, Ross.

Guests in Wright Hall over the week end were Miss Doris Jost of

ling; Miss Dorothy Atkin of Flint; Saginaw; Miss Cathryn Lee of Gray; Miss Nan Bauer of Saginaw; Miss Betty Campbell of Ann Arbor, Miss Helen Logan and Marie Hallogan of Niles.

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