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## SCORE WITH ALUMNI EVENED

### MANY ATTEND THE LINCOLN BANQUET

Phi Phi Alpha Stages Its Annual Banquet at the Hotel Park, St. Louis.

Phi Phi Alpha gave its annual Lincoln Banquet on February 12th, at the Park Hotel in St. Louis. Pat Dollahan's orchestra from Flint furnished the music. Promptly at six-thirty the viands made their appearance; grape fruit cocktail, cream of tomato soup, chicken a la king, cream potatoes, creamed peas, fruit salad, Neopolitan ice cream, cake and coffee.

After the dinner a short program was given. Argyll E. Campbell acted as toastmaster and first introduced F. Horace Prouty, president, who gave the speech of welcome. Helen Benson replied graciously on behalf of the ladies. Philip Brown, representing Phi Alpha Pi Fraternity of Olivet College, brought the message of good will from the affiliated brethren at Olivet. From then until eleven thirty the lilting strains of popular syncopated melodies were wafted about the dining room. At ten thirty there was a short intermission for punch and wafers.

The favors were silver jewel cases, early Italian Renaissance style, and bearing the crest of the fraternity on the cover.

Alumni who have attended these annual banquets for the last ten years or more are unanimous in saying that the party of 1927 was easily the best they had ever attended. Everyone present concurred in this opinion.

The chaperones were Mrs. and Miss Steward and Professor and Mrs. Ewer.

The guest list included:  
 John Shroyer, Mary Shroyer  
 Jack Mauer, Betty Johnson  
 Dick Waggoner, Mrs. Waggoner  
 Carl Wood, Ruth Mueller  
 Roger Zinn, Mrs. Zinn  
 Ronald Harris, Helen Wood  
 Harold Bailey, Margaret Holmes  
 Stanley Fraser, Clio Streeter  
 Philip Brown, Millicent Moyer  
 James Rose, Mrs. Rose  
 Wilmot Pruyne, Helen Benson  
 Wilbur Snell, Helen MacDougall  
 Henry Rollo, Marian Mitchell  
 Russell Neuman, Gertrude Melody  
 George Boyd, Marjorie Azelborn  
 Kent MacGregor, Clara Schaefer  
 John Erskine, Martha Stein  
 Laverne Bixby, Katherine Boyd  
 John Anderson, Betty Campbell  
 Frank Prouty, Elma Bishop  
 Collier Crowell, Lucille Wolfe  
 Louis Zimmerman, Virginia Hull  
 Ralph Nickels, Neva Stinchcomb  
 Wesley Waggonlander, Barbara Witkup  
 Harold Filday, Elizabeth Martin  
 Kendall Hicks, Dorothy Emmons  
 Louis Nickels, Mary Burt  
 Argyll Campbell, Penelope Sawkins  
 Francis Wood, Margaret Reynolds  
 Marvin Stapleton, Marguerite Donnan  
 Charles Goodenew, Margaret Goodenew  
 Dale Dawson, Alice Olson  
 Carlton Brown, Bernice Azelborn  
 Claude Marrow, Lola Foster  
 Russell Amos, Jessie Amos  
 Rollie Harvey, Irene Parks  
 Delbert MacGregor, Naomi McQuaig

#### ALPHA THETA

The Alpha Theta Literary Society was called to order by the President, Marian Forrester on February 7, 1927. The roll call was responded to by giving an interesting current event. An enlightening impromptu on "Poe's Philosophy of Literature" was given in a charming manner by Frances Colwell. An exquisite violin solo "Scene de Ballet" played by Hannah Spencer in her delightful manner gave an inspiration to all. A resume of "The Pearls of Loretto" a well chosen short story was read by Gertrude Williams in a way that held every one's attention. Following the program was a business meeting after which the meeting adjourned.

### Alma Meets Mt. Pleasant on Court Tonight

The Alma basketball team has two games on its hands this week, both away from home, and neither in the association. The second of our annual series of two games with Mt. Pleasant will be played there this evening. Although Alma defeated Mt. Pleasant in the game at Alma, a forfeiture has been tendered to Mt. Pleasant due to the fact that the M. I. A. A. directors later ruled Simmons of Alma ineligible, and the game was played under association rules. It is expected that a large delegation from Alma will accompany the team to Mt. Pleasant this evening, as these games are always supported with much spirit. It is certain that the normal team will show all that they have to escape defeat by Alma on their home floor, and Alma will fight just as hard to even up the score.

The team will be in Detroit this week end for their game with the University of Detroit. Detroit has turned in some mediocre basketball this year at times, and at other times some mighty good exhibitions of the court sport. Alma may expect a tough fight in this encounter.

### NEGATIVE LOSES TO WESTERN TRIO

Alma Team Loses 2-1 in Debate with Western Normal at Kazoo.

By a two to one decision, Alma's negative team lost the debate with Western State Normal at Kalamazoo, Saturday evening. The judges were Karl Robinson, Central High School; A. H. Nelson of the English Department, M. S. C., and J. W. Sexton, Superintendent of Schools, Lansing, who gave his decision for Alma.

Both teams showed a certain lack of smoothness in delivery due to the fact that this was their first appearance of the season. Alma's constructive argument was thought to compare very favorably with that of their opponent's, but their rebuttal failed to carry out their initial advantage. One at least of the adverse judges based his decision on his disapproval of what he called "canned rebuttal," especially when it fails to connect closely with the opposing argument.

The question was the same as that debated here Friday evening, viz., Resolved, That this house endorses the governmental principles of Mussolini.

The team was composed of Ross Mitchell, '29, who opposed Mussolini on political grounds; Homer Barlow, '29, who based his argument on economic considerations, and Merrill Hendershot, '29, who took up the social phase of the question. The division of the Affirmative argument was not easy to follow.

Coach Spencer accompanied the team, and they returned the same night.

Mary had a little lamb,  
 It drank some gasoline,  
 One day it wandered near the fire,  
 And since has not benzine.  
 —Dairyman's League News

### STUDENTS ENJOY EVANS' ADDRESS

Around the World in 28 Days Hero Tells Story of His Trip to Students.

Alma was unusually fortunate in being able to hear Mr. Evans, who with Mr. Wells made the now famous trip around the world in twenty-eight days, last Wednesday morning. The story of his experiences in this great race against time made such an adventurous and interesting tale that the only complaint of his audience after his hour's talk, was that they could not hear more. Besides telling the story of the globe-circling in record time, the speaker also instilled in the minds of his audience the future importance of aviation in the commercial world.

Mr. Evans is a man who loves adventure for its own sake, and also for the purpose of doing some good for humanity through daring. Previous to undertaking this adventure, he had travelled all the way across Canada by automobile. And this at a time when seemingly unpassable mountain ranges and deep ravines had to be negotiated. The result of that trip was that the Canadian government constructed an automobile road providing for the passage of the automobile from coast to coast.

When he decided to try and go around the world faster than any man had previously, Mr. Evans wrote to Wells, another experienced adventurer who has visited all parts of the world as a newspaper man, and asked him to accompany him. Wells at once gave up business plans to join in the attempt. And to make preliminary arrangements for passports and travelling accommodations, he went over to Europe.

When he had come back final arrangements were made, and the two left the World Building in New York, the official starting place, at a little after one o'clock A. M., June sixteenth. They were driven to the pier, and there took a fast launch through the harbor and were picked up by the Aquitania, as it started on the journey to France. Rough weather was experienced, and the boat was late in reaching the port in France. And as misfortune never comes singly, the plane they had chartered to carry them to Paris, had been wrecked. So it was a case of reaching Paris by auto, but that got them to the metropolis too late to catch the regular passenger plane to Berlin. So a special plane was hired. This carried them to Cologne, where the French pilot refused to go any farther that night, and to top that was arrested by German officers for lacking the proper papers. Mr. Evans finally succeeded in getting a German plane to carry them on the dangerous night flight to Berlin. This plane carried them to Magdenburg, from where they were rushed into Berlin by car in time to catch the regular passenger plane to Moscow, and were back on their schedule. In Moscow, as in all the countries through which they passed, they were treated with great courtesy, and also sumptuously entertained at an eighteen course banquet.

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### Cooks' Write of Interesting Experiences

According to a card received by Mr. Robinson, in the college business office, Professor and Mrs. Cook have reached Atlanta, Georgia, and reeled off over the first thousand miles on their trip to southern Florida.

They are enjoying good weather on the whole, though quite a little rain has also been encountered. At least Professor Cook writes that he found it necessary to shed his overcoat.

A day or two ago Professor and Mrs. Cook passed over the mountains of Tennessee, being above the clouds a great deal of the time it took to pass their heights. They also saw the stone hill on which a Civil War memorial is being sculptured. At present the figure of Robert E. Lee is the most nearly completed.

#### MACGREGOR CONVALESCING

Kent MacGregor is convalescing at his residence at 517 West Superior street after having had his tonsils removed. Dr. Smith performed the amputation. Mr. MacGregor is confined to his bed at present, but will be at home to his friends in a few days.

### HOME DEBATERS LOSE TO YPSI

All Three Judges Favor the Negative. Alma Presents Good Case.

The Alma Affirmative debate team lost their first contest of the season to the Negative team of Ypsilanti State Normal College. The three judges, President Warriner of Mt. Pleasant, Professor Larzelere of the same institution, and Principal Little of Saginaw High school all gave their votes to the Negative team. The debate was very interesting, and the teams came to a definite clash in deciding the merits and demerits of Mussolini's governmental principles. Mr. Angell and Mr. Prouty of Alma, two men new at college debating, gave very satisfactory accounts of themselves in their first contest. Captain Clark put up his usual clever debate. Mr. Meyering was the outstanding speaker of the Ypsi team.

Dean Mitchell introduced Francis Angell to open the debate. Angell outlined the Affirmative case on Political, Economic and Social grounds. He stated that the former Italian government had failed, and that Mussolini had appealed to the best feelings of the Italian people in securing their support for his new government, and had rescued Italy from Red domination. He further stated that three fourths of the Italian people are Fascist sympathizers. That the present government is efficient he proved with statements from many noted writers on Mussolini's government in practice.

The first Negative speaker, Mr. Meyering, outlined the Ypsi argument that Fascism is dangerous to Italy and to other countries of the world as well. He stressed the speech of Signor Rocco, an official in the Italian government, in which he said that Italy must cross the frontiers

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### ALUMNI DEFEATED IN SECOND GAME

Grads Have Guarding Power But Lack Punch to Score. Lose 23-14.

The college team defeated an alumni team in a slow basketball game Saturday evening. Except for flashes of real basketball the game was not very interesting to watch. The work of Shaver and Welhoelter, our former championship guards, was up to the form they used to display on the Alma court. But the offensive of the grads was weak, and they connected with the basket from the court only four times. These and six ringers from the foul line gave them a total of 14 points. Wolters was high point man in the college array of 23 points, getting four field baskets. Seng and Tiderington played a nice game for the college team.

The scoring was very slow at the start of the game, and nearly a quarter was up before anyone connected with the basket. The work of Shaver and Welhoelter kept the college aces from close shooting. And the alumni shooters were as effectively checked by Anderson and Tiderington. Most of the early scoring was from the foul line, occasioned by the close guarding. The alumni led at the half 6-5.

The college got going in the second period and rolled in enough baskets to take a decisive lead which they held for the remainder of the contest. Simmons and Anderson left the game in this half each having four personal calls on him by referee Johnson.

College	FB	F	T
Gaelor, rf	1	0	2
Hawthorne, lf	0	0	0
Karpp, c	1	3	5
Anderson, rg	1	0	2
Tiderington, lg	0	2	2
Seng, c	2	0	4
Wolters, rf	4	0	8
Holdship, lg	0	0	0
Leiphan, lf	0	0	0
Alumni	FB	F	T
Catherman, rf	1	1	3
Shaver, lf	1	2	4
Bouwman, c	0	0	0
Macdonald, rg	0	1	1
Welhoelter, lg	0	0	0
Simmons, rg	2	2	6
Davis, rf	0	0	0

Score 23-14. Referee—Johnson.

### Kazoo vs. Albion Tilt Heads M. I. A. A. Card

The next two weeks will tell the tale of the struggle of the M. I. A. A. teams for honors this year. This week the two association leaders, Albion and Kalamazoo College, come together at Kalamazoo Wednesday night. Albion has a defeatless record, while Kazoo has been defeated but once, and that by Albion. In their previous encounter Kazoo scored more field baskets than Albion, losing the contest on fouls. It is more than probable that they will take the Methodists down a notch this week, although they will have to show top form if they are to accomplish this feat. Albion also has to play Hope at Holland on Friday night, and may find themselves pushed to win from the dangerous Hope team on their home court. Kazoo will meet Olivet on the same night and will have no difficulty in taking that game. Kazoo also meets Ypsi in a non-association game Saturday evening.

Both Albion and Kazoo have yet to meet Alma at Alma. The Maroon and Cream is in a position to seriously endanger their title hopes in these games. Should Kazoo defeat Albion, Thursday, it will then be a question for the two leaders to down Alma when they come here. A defeat at the hands of Alma would then spell the loss of the title to either team.

#### HERE'S ANOTHER ONE

We are now informed that the Charleston is reputed to have been originated by a college student who absent-mindedly stuck a lighted pipe in his hip pocket. —The Outlook.

## LISTEN IN FOLKS!

MT. PLEASANT -- ALMA GAME

WILL BE

TELEPHONED PLAY BY PLAY TO

WRIGHT HALL

STARTING 8:15 P. M.

DON'T MISS IT TONIGHT!

STUDENT FORUM

Dear Editor:—

Coinciding with Mr. Evans' interesting, if not convincing, chapel talk last Wednesday I happened to notice an account of his partner's book on their unusual vacation. You may read it in the Saturday Review of Literature, February 5, 1927, page 570. The high spots of the review so agreed with my own opinions of the speech that I include them here.

"One question mutinously persists through a reading of Mr. Well's rapid, not to say brassy and cocksure, narrative, and that is "What of it?" The introduction by V. Stefanson was much better written than the book, which proved that travel by air is swifter than any other means and that there are not enough commercial planes in the United States, facts which both Mr. Evans and Mr. Wells knew before. "Nevertheless, it seems on a whole another case of too much cry and little wool." Or, much ado about nothing.

The climax of Evans' speech did not appear until in the concluding few minutes when he told of flying here without using any controls. The falling action occurred, so I am told, when Stinson attempted to fly without warming up the motor.

—A Student

CONGRATULATIONS

TO FACULTY  
We are moved by the power of a sudden burst of propriety to offer our Faculty our sincere gracias for the number of very excellent, and unusual chapel services which the student body has enjoyed within the last few weeks. We refer particularly to the mornings when Professor R. D. Hollister presented his "Creative Interpretation of Literature;" when Wilbur D. Nesbit in fifteen minutes won our highest respect and admiration; and when E. S. Evans in his "Round the World in Twenty-eight Days" held us spellbound for an hour. Our combined vocabulary is not worthy of doing these men justice for the beautiful services which they gave to us. We feel that we are expressing the feeling of the entire student organization when we say to you that we thank you most sincerely and that we wish you to know that we appreciate deeply the many fine things which you do for us.

—Seen and Unseen.

LANDINGS

To be in keeping with the spirit of the campus we just flew in. Now that we're here we may as well take off.

We are not accepting the challenge of Seen and Unseen, as presented in their article on cribbing and ponies. We give our strongest approval to all that they have said and add this: that we know a lot of names we would like to use on those whom the authors call vaqueros. The situation is deplorable and we also hope that before the spring roundup comes along there will be some iron-bound system whereby the sneaks can't sneak.

Did you notice in one of the leading magazines of the month an article on "Gold-Digging" The Alumni? We wonder how we will feel when we are hit for a \$500.00 gift to—Oh, say a library fund? Will we think that Alma needs a new library or a new library system. Have you ever gone there to read quietly for a few minutes. By the time you have signed the required number of slips your eye falls on the clock and to your dismay you find that you have been signing an 8:30 alarm instead of reading. But statistics must be collected, we need a new library. We know a fellow, hard pinched for money, but a philanthropist at heart, who plodded in and out seventeen times in one day furnishing statistics. Wasn't his contribution as notable as that of the widow with the two mites? We say yes.

Perhaps in our new and ideal library there will be stack privileges for Juniors and Seniors at least; half comfortable chairs and a reading room for men where they can put their feet on the chairs or above their heads if they choose. Perhaps seats will be furnished for couples who desire to study, or who desire to sit and look at books and enjoy the cultural atmosphere of the environment. However if such seats are not in vogue, if such modernness is omitted, perchance a chaperone will be provided for each couple instead of overworking the single one we have now. Did you ever go back into the stacks and sit all by yourself at the table only to find that along comes a co-ed who likewise wants to study? Eager eyes miss little. You both just get studying when a stride announces a third comer. "Don't you know that couples are not allowed in the stacks?" That regardless of whether

it is a real criticism of the student body for lack of school spirit and proper support of school activities. But we have tried to cut the flagrant RAH RAH stuff this year, and particularly the front page boxes, having only used them on one or two occasions when particularly hard pressed, for we believe that it has no place in a college newspaper, dedicated to student opinion and thought.

But an outstanding criticism of our publications is that we tend to make too much of local events. Everyone knows about this or that party for instance, yet we play it up to too great a length, usually because there is nothing else to print. We have felt this weakness and worked toward eliminating it. To this end we employ student news from other parts of the country, and more particularly work toward cultivating a spirit of contributing to the ALMANIAN columns on the part of the student body. What some fellow student has to say is always of interest to the rest of the student body. In this effort we have met with a very gratifying support from various students on the campus.

One thing we differ with that our critics have charged us with. The statement has been made that outside of the college where it is printed the school paper creates little interest. Yes, this is true all right, but the paper is not written for all the students of the country primarily. For instance, this is an Alma publication. Our first aim is to give student opinion and feeling here at Alma, and of course what one student body is doing and feeling here at Alma, should be of interest to other students. But a great deal of the material used is purely local material, or of no interest to anyone outside of Alma. And we defend the publication of such material. We believe that students want local news, and even local fun in their humorous column. What good would it be to reprint a column of jokes from College Humor every week? Anyone can read that from that publication if they wish, and we are not criticizing College Humor at all.

Well, this fills up the empty column this week, so selah.

DEBATE SUPPORT

We might devote considerable space to criticizing our student body for not attending Friday's debate, and be justified in doing it. But we prefer simply to state that our opinion of students who prefer to take in a show, loaf about downtown, or even sit in their rooms in preference to supporting the college debating teams is not very high. We cannot help but compare it with the Alma spirit of a few years past, when a group of the athletes of the school were always present at a debate to fill up the front rows.

Wonder how long we'd have championship athletic teams if the student body stopped turning out to the games? Well, when a little debating support is worked up, that soon will we succeed in putting ourselves into a high place in debating.

Lastly, the value of this college activity is fully as great as that of any athletic sport. Turn out and hear one once to find out what they're like, we bet you'll never miss another.

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A DIALOGUE

"Hello Bill, how are things today?"  
"Oh, pretty fair, pretty fair, y'ain't seen Leonard or Bill Storey around, have yuh?"

"Nope, Bill. Haven't seen 'em. Well, Bill, are they keeping you pretty busy these days?"

"Yeah, been pretty busy. These leaves are coming down and I gotta rake 'em all up. Raked all out in front of the Ad Building yesterday. Raked all afternoon. Thought my back was busted, by golly, I did. Too much work for one man I tell you."

"Yes it is, Bill, but then—you get good money, don't you? You are always dressed well. Why, only yesterday I heard a couple of girls say—"

"Well, I tell you. A man's got to look decent around a place like this. That's why I wear a coat—might be out rakin' leaves or something and then I'd have to go and see ol' Cook or somebody. Jis' slip on my coat an' look decent. But say, take a look at this coat. Ain't that fine tweed? Bought that seven years ago, an' she's a good coat yet. And another thing—I don't like to look sloppy around all them girls. Creates a bad impression for a man of my position. But say, you ain't seen Bill Storey or Leonard around, have yuh?—yuh ain't eh?—Well, I gotta get to work, there's a leak in a pipe over in the library an' Annette wants me to fix it. I told her I'd find somebody to fix it for her. I gotta rake leaves."  
—Contributed.

He sipped the nectar from her lips  
As under the moon they sat,  
And he wondered if ever another man  
Had drunk from a mug like that.

With some of them like this ( ) and some of 'em like this ( ), they still wear short skirts. —Kreolite News

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

A week from today will be the day when our nation turns aside from work-a-day life, to pay tribute to the founder of this nation, the man who led it through early trials and hardships and put it on the path to prosperity that we now enjoy as the greatest nation in the world.

Throughout the country his memory will be observed, among high and low alike. And as is their usual custom many of the prominent educational institutions of the country will close the doors of the halls of learning, dedicating the day to the memory of The Father of His Country. Our leading educational institution in this state, the University of Michigan, will set the example for the state.

SELF-CRITICISM

One of the charges that has been made against college newspapers is that they are prone to neglect self-criticism that might accomplish an ironing out of some of their weaknesses. It is said that a few progressive student papers dare to criticize the faculty and the student body occasionally, but never do they invade the field of self-criticism.

Recently we reprinted a statement of this nature in our editorial column. Since then we have been thinking about it, and wondering if we tried to put ourselves at a distance from the publication of this paper, and looked at our handiwork, something might be accomplished toward improvement by that process. In the first place we were inclined to think that it could not accomplish any good as we inevitably occupy a prejudiced standpoint inasmuch as we are editing the paper. We make it our endeavor to give Alma the best publication it is in our power to print. We are doing what we can to make it interesting.

But then, going a little deeper into the matter, we see how we might acquaint ourselves with the criticisms of others and thus better the publication, by testing them out in print. But we do believe that most criticism of value must come from outside sources; from others who have ideas other than those which we practice. And we state again what we made plain at the beginning of our office, that we welcome and appreciate criticism from the student body or faculty that we might improve. And further, that a little introspection might make us realize some methods of improvement. Aristotle recommended the individual to know himself, and the same statement might be applied to college publications.

So we start in. This is the first thought that strikes home. Often we come to the day of publication and find that we lack a column to complete the paper. This, surely is the experience of any college editor who must put out the paper in addition to carrying on his school work. Then in the rush we usually look around and pick up something, maybe of student interest, probably not, and rush it in to fill up the column. We realize this weakness and will try to correct it by looking for more material of student interest in time to stop such practice.

Then it is certain that in all college publications there is a leaning towards filling up space with the so called RAH RAH stuff. Papers come out with large front page boxes extolling the students to support the team against Jones College at the game Saturday. Editorials are written in the same style. Now, we feel that some of this is alright and inevitable in a student paper, provided

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of  
**"The Four Horsemen  
of the Apocalypse"**  
with  
**RUDOLPH VALENTINO**  
and **ALICE TERRY**

## President Crooks Experiences Plane Fall

President Crooks accompanied the Stinson, Evans, and Graham party on their return flight to Detroit, after they had appeared before the student body Wednesday morning. A near catastrophe was experienced by the party as they were leaving Alma. On the first take off the engine failed to respond, probably being cold, and only the clever handling of the plane by Mr. Stinson brought it back to earth with only minor injuries that were easily remedied. A few telephone wires were also brought down with the plane. But the party immediately got under way again, this time taking off successfully, and making the flight to Detroit in fifty-five minutes.

President Crooks went to Detroit to speak at the Father-Son Banquet at the Fort St. Presbyterian church last Thursday evening.

## Charles Hunter Corbett is Heard Again

The student body and faculty of the college once more enjoyed a visit from Mr. Charles Hunter Corbett last week. Mr. Corbett, who is connected with the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A., spoke briefly on the subject, "America and Its Relation to the Rest of the World," at the Friday chapel service. He stressed the potentiality of American students, as he has come to know them in his visits to student groups all over the country. Mr. Corbett said that students were fast becoming a force for good that cannot be overlooked. American students are thinking today as never before, and courageously meeting their problems as well as considering national problems. As an example he told of his experiences with Southern students as they are meeting the race problem in the South today.

While in Alma Mr. Corbett also spoke to the Y. W. C. A. and the Alma Men's Christian Union.

## Yale-in-China Closed by a Student Strike

Sweeping northward from Canton, the revolutionary and nationalistic forces have possessed themselves of the Province of Hunan sending missionaries scurrying to the coast and paralyzing, temporarily at least, Yale's Chinese branch, Yale-in-China at Changsha. By cablegram the announcement came that the college, closed on December 10th by a student strike, would not reopen for the second term on February 15th.

No specific mention of mob violence to the Yale graduates who conducted the institution is made. Nor is there fear that the Yale property in Changsha, valued at more than a half a million, will be confiscated.

The American Consul has promised to seal the building with the official seal of the United States. All Americans have fled to Shanghai, except the treasurer, who, according to late reports, has been imprisoned.

— New Student

## STUDENTS ENJOY EVANS' ADDRESS

(Continued from page one)  
The next part of the trip was the most dangerous of all. It was necessary for them to take a plane on an eleven hour flight to a little village in Siberia. And they even had to abandon their parachutes in order to be able to carry fuel enough to make the trip. A severe thunder storm was encountered, and the village was reached in the nick of time. They flew on from here, and met another obstacle when their passports only allowed one of them to take planes all the way to the coast. A special train had to be chartered to carry them to Manchuria. A steamer was taken to Japan, a train down through Japan to Yokohama, where they caught a steamer to Seattle. Even after reaching this destination the two travellers had difficulty in getting their plane connections across the continent to New York. But with the aid of army planes and those of friends the flight was made, and they reached the end of the 'round the globe journey twenty-eight days, fourteen hours, and twenty-six minutes from the time that they had started. This beat the previous record by seven days and seven hours.

Mr. Evans was accompanied to Alma by Eddie Stinson, perhaps the most famous flyer in the world today, and Mr. Graham, an aviation man from Detroit.

## CAMPUSOLOGY

There seems to be such a scarcity of material this week that the task of writing this column is hopeless. We admit that on several former occasions we have built a long line out of almost nothing (there is a chance for some embryo wisecracker to vehemently affirm that statement) but tonight our brain refuses to function. You see, it was this way—It was a long, hard week and then my sense of humor was exhausted by my escort to the party Saturday night. Don't misunderstand us, we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly—yes, we'll go again next year, thank you. But, coming back to the subject, we know how much you anticipate the joys of reading this column of good, clean, fun (emphasize every word, please) and we hate to disappoint you, but tell us, please, what's to be done in a case like this?

Of course, we might have said something about Gert Williams and Bill Caple, but then we shouldn't take part in family squabbles, and besides, Homer summed it up pretty well himself when he remarked, "If that's what she does when I'm away one night, what does she do in the summer-time?" Quite a statement, neat but not gaudy. And then we might give the official time on how long it took for Charley's mustache to come off after Peggy arrived, or we might remark on the kindergarten which the gym teacher held while Gil was in uniform, or we might just mention by the way that Hugh Ward annexed himself to the aforesaid kindergarten (mercy, mercy, we're getting downright personal), or a real torrid one that we know about Marian Jenks, but, no, we promised we wouldn't tell that one, and we are honorable, so help us God. Amen.

## Overheard

This conversation between two girls who attended the Phi Party was overheard in the Whispering Gallery. "Listen kid, wasn't that a perfectly gorgeous affair last night?" "Yeah, I thought I'd die when Frank Prouty tried to quote Shakespeare."

"Well Shakespeare did say that didn't he?"

"I don't know but he blushed and Dean Stewart laughed."

"Wasn't that vest tight on Zimmerman, wonder whose it was, the poor fellow could hardly breathe."

"Gosh, I thought I'd get a bunch of buttons in the face all the time I danced with him."

"Say, the pride of Alpha Theta sure deserves his nickname, doesn't he?"

"I'll say—who'd he take?" "Why El—oh no, what made me say that—Betty."

"And Frank Prouty didn't take any chances on a reconciliation, did he?" "Well, wish more of the boys would do that."

"Ech, more of us kids got dates for this party than usual."

"Yeh, when they can't get anything else they come after the Wright Hall girls."

"Well, just the same, I'm glad I got a chance to go—those were lovely favors."

"Gosh, a lot of the girls can put their engagement rings in them."

"Isn't it funny how the orchestra hollered after the intermission?"

"Hop, was he out with them, he was yelling too."

"Wasn't it nice for all the people in Alma and St. Louis to have their flags up in honor of the Lincoln Banquet?"

"Wonder how they got them to do it."

"Say when's the next party comin' off?"

"Oh, hear some talk about a Beta Tau party."

"Wonder who'll Mabel go with." (laughter)

"The faculty won't be able to say anything about last night's party, will they?"

"Oh they'll find something to kick about."

"Wasn't it funny that three girls had those green and black dresses, almost alike?"

"I bet they were sore."

"Well—let's hit the snoring bars, good night."

"Good night."

## Anonymous

Don't worry if your job is small  
And your rewards are few;  
Remember that the mighty oak  
Was once a nut like you.

—Royal Arcanum Bulletin.

If you think politics easy, try standing on a fence while keeping one ear to the ground.—Wilmington Dispatch.

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# WILSON CONTEST IS TO BE HELD

**\$50,000 in Prizes to be Split by  
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Contestants.**

Of interest to students of Alma College will be the announcement of a contest seeking the best essay on "What Woodrow Wilson Means To Me." Two prizes of \$25,000 each are offered to the winning contestant among the men and women entries respectively. The contest is open to anyone between the ages of 20 and 35.

A limit of twenty-five hundred words is set on the length of the papers, and the contest closes October 1st, 1927. All essays should be addressed to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 17 East 42nd street, New York City.

The prizes totaling \$50,000 are awarded by this foundation for the purpose of creating a closer knowledge of Woodrow Wilson, his principles and ideals among the young people of the United States.

This is a splendid opportunity for students of history in the college, or for that matter any not majoring in history as well, to study a most interesting period of the history of our country, and the life and motives of one of the greatest American leaders who has ever occupied the office of President of the United States, and to turn that knowledge thus gained to good purpose. Students should not miss these opportunities.

## A. P. E. A. to Meet in Des Moines in April

On April 13th, 1927, the American Physical Education Association will be in Des Moines, Iowa, for a four day session, meeting jointly with the Mid-West Society of Physical Education and the Central Division of the Iowa State Teachers' Association. This is an unusual opportunity for teachers of physical education and all other members of the teaching profession to come in contact with nationally known leaders in this field.

A few of the representative people appearing on the program are:  
Dr. Helen Wodehouse, Bristol, England  
W. H. Burton, University of Chicago  
C. W. Savage, Oberlin, Ohio  
Col. Henry Breckenridge, Former Assistant Secretary of War

John L. Griffith, Big Ten Commissioner  
James G. Rogers, National Physical Education Service  
F. C. Allen, University of Kansas  
Jesse Williams, Columbia University  
Dr. Ernest Burnham, Kalamazoo, Michigan  
J. B. Knight, University of Iowa  
C. S. Daubert, Iowa State College  
D. W. Morehouse, Drake University  
Margaret H. Doubler, University of Wisconsin

The theme of the convention will be "Teaching Methods." Vitally interesting and significant phases of physical education will be presented.

On Thursday evening there will be a pageant illustrating the opportunity offered by physical education in the development of the child.

The annual meeting of the A. P. E. A. is one of the truly important conventions dealing with public education, and Des Moines, famous hostess to conventions, considers herself honored in the privilege of entertaining this composite group.

## College Students Are Arrested as Strikers

Marching for a few minutes with 500 striking paper box makers, a few inquiring Columbia University and Hunter College students were quickly supplied with data on strikes. A mounted policeman charged into the picket line bowling over women workers, a police reporter and causing one striker to be removed to the hospital with a possible fracture of the skull.

One student, James D. Wyker of Union Theological Seminary, received additional information. He was arrested, spent some time in a police cell and then was released on \$500 on the charge of disorderly conduct.

About a dozen students had come to strike headquarters to get first hand information on strike life. They first attended a mass meeting at the Church of all Nations, 9 Second Avenue. After listening to a harangue by the strike leaders they filed out of the Church with the strikers marching along Wooster Street, where the industries are located.

On the trip up Wooster Street several strikers shouted to the workers on the sidewalk before the union shops. Two policemen then charged the line with swinging clubs, forcing the pickets off the walks. Shortly afterwards the mounted policeman charged into the crowd, without warning, jolting the students and strikers unmercifully. Four of the students and strikers were arrested.

—The New Student

## Reserves Defeat Ithaca Independents 2-1

The college reserves defeated the Ithaca Independents in a preliminary game Saturday evening. The reserves found the going hard against their taller and heavier opponents for a while, but were clever at passing the ball and managed to get in enough baskets to win 24-13. Ike Sartor and Moco starred for the home team, Sartor being high point man with four field baskets.

The first half was very slow with both teams playing a careful game. Both teams speeded up their play in the second period, but the visitors were held to long shots at the basket and could not locate it to any great advantage. The score at the half was 6-2 reserves.

The line-up:

	B	F	T
Mann, rf	1	0	2
Sartor, lf	4	0	8
Schieffy, c	0	0	0
Moco, rg	2	1	5
Veeder, lg	1	0	2
Leahy, rf	0	1	1
Albaugh, lf	1	0	2
Conlin, c	1	0	0
Boutin, rg	1	0	2

Substitutions: Golden for Sartor, Bauer for Veeder, Boutin for Mann, Conlin for Schieffy, Albaugh for Conlin, Bern for Moco, Leahy for Boutin, Conlin for Mann, Erickson for Schieffy, Leahy for Veeder, Boutin for Conlin, Berndt for Moco, Bauer for Sartor.

Referee—Frazer. Scorer—John Hayden.

## WRIGHT HALL NOTES

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Fred Dubois invited twenty girls for bridge in honor of Miss Elizabeth Sidebottom's birthday. Decorations suggestive of Valentine Day featured the small tables at which the guests were seated. Miss Gertrude Williams and Miss Ruth Hyde won the bridge honors. As a conclusion to the delightful afternoon refreshments were served.

## HOME DEBATERS LOSE TO YPSI

(Continued from page one) and acquire more land. He also criticized Mussolini for destroying the democracy of the Italian people, and making state sovereignty the paramount thing.

Frank Prouty dealt with the argument that Italy has prospered greatly since the advent of Mussolini. He first restored governmental order and then went about putting the country on a better basis. He pointed out that financial leaders throughout the world have confidence in Mussolini expressed by the loans which they have floated for him. The second Negative, Mr. Harrell, spent his ten minutes pointing the international menace of the Italian dictatorship, as they have expressed it, "Europe must peacefully give us colonies or we must take them by force." He stated that evidences of this policy are obtained from recent Italian foreign intrigues.

Captain Clark closed the Affirmative case with a plea for endorsement of the present Italian government on Social grounds. He said that the Fascists were trying to unite all Italy to the ideal of a better nation. They are destroying class grounds. He finished with the statement that Italy is getting what they want, which is the most important thing. Mr. Perdue, the third Ypsi speaker, stated that what prosperity Italy enjoys had not come through Mussolini's principles of government. His speech was largely an appeal to American democratic feeling.

The Negative speakers were more forceful in pressing home their rebuttal points which probably won them the decision. They dwelt on the menace of Mussolini's foreign policy largely, as expressed by Italian leaders.

The Alma debaters have now turned their attention to bolstering their arguments in preparation for their coming debates with Mr. Pleasant and Calvin College.

## YES, YES, YOUBIT

—A Musical Comedy

Act I—Scene 1. Museum steps. Charley Widebottoms and Mary Kidemalong sit on the bottom step. As the curtain rises the moonlight shines on the pair. They hold hands and he sings softly, "I Love You." Chorus of men, in outing sports costume, enter from the shadows and sing, "We Love The College Girls," then enter the girls' chorus and they do. They form couples and do an intricate dance. The girls then exit singing, "Won't You Come Over to My House." The men then follow them hurriedly, leaving Charley and Mary alone on the steps. Follows an extensive discussion of the three field system by the girl. The scene ends as the snores of Charley become audible and Mary sings "All Alone."

Quick Curtain

Note—Act I—Scene 2 in an early issue.

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## Reserves Defeat Shepherd Independents

The college reserves defeated the Shepherd Independents 25-11 in a game played at Shepherd Friday night. The game was very rough, three of the home team being laid out in the course of the evening. Added to the excitement of the game the players enjoyed the recreation of keeping out of the way of the two red hot stoves that furnished heat for the occasion.

Ike Sartor starred for the college reserves with four field baskets and three ringers from the foul line. McKinnon got two field baskets.

Only six men made the trip. Sartor and McKinnon played the forward positions, Schieffy jumped center, Erickson and Bernd alternated at left guard, while Charley Mann held down right guard.

## A SELF-ACCLAIMED MARTYR

I am a martyr. I admit it. I have no reason for hiding the fact. By my abasement here I assuage my outraged feelings. I am the victim of an individual who knows not that he is my Nemesis. My nerves were fairly steady. I considered myself master of them. Now I must bow to each and every twinge of tortured ganglions. What a pitiful plight is mine. At the very moment that I earnestly endeavor to ascertain the meaning of such delicate passages as are contained in the Apostles' Creed, my auditory centers are bombarded by a base and utterly unfounded report that "Hogs are low" to the accompaniment of screechings and gruntings which bring to mind the fact that the creature in question is indeed at hand calling to the high heavens in its incomprehensible way the news that it is indeed in such a precarious state.

My tormentor has no whims of conscience. If he has found a selection which is entertaining but local, he must needs cut off this entertainment to find something distant, but which may not have such a soothing effect. The axiom that distance lends enchantment is all too true in his case.

What am I to do? My cries for mercy are as naught. I am in the hands of the Philistines. Where must I turn for succor? I am the victim of a radio fan.