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## ALUMNI WIN OVER COLLEGE

### STUDENT REPORTS ARE PUBLISHED

#### Committees Make Report on Problems to Be Faced by Colleges.

A few issues ago an account of the second annual meeting of the National Student Federation of America at Ann Arbor was printed. At one of the last meetings of that convention the body was split up into groups for the purpose of studying various problems. The publicity department of the Federation has furnished the findings of these different groups.

We quote first the report of the committee on athletics.

"The Committee discussed fully the place of athletics in college life, summing up its ideas in the unanimous resolution which reads: The Committee favors the policy of athletics for all students, and the promotion of interclass and intra-mural athletics. As a supplement to this, the Committee recommends that no coach be paid a higher salary than that of the highest paid professor." This resolution is the result of the feeling of the Committee that too much attention is paid to the man who plays on a team, and not enough to the ordinary student. A resolution against commercialism in sport was also adopted, and one which would require each man playing on a team not to turn professional until his class had been graduated from college.

It was also felt by the Committee that alumni interference in athletics is a very objectionable thing. It recommended the placing of control in the hands of a Director of Athletics who shall be answerable only to the President and the Board of Trustees, and secondly, strict eligibility rules. It was also felt that a transfer student should not represent the institution in a sport in which he had played at his previous school.

The report of the Committee on the Choice and Methods of Teachers favored the study of the tutorial system as practiced at Oxford. It also passed a resolution in favor of student criticism of the work of their instructors as some schools are already practicing. Similar resolutions call for reports from the various student bodies who may have suggestions for problems confronting students and faculty.

A very interesting report was turned in by the Committee on the Nature of the Curriculum. Almost without objection it was passed that the main object of a college should be intellectual. But the Committee felt that study of the problem would introduce methods which would enable the college to fulfill this purpose better than most do at the present time. The Committee liked the plan decidedly of having an undergraduate committee report suggestions to the faculty on curriculum. A committee was formed to work out the definite problems and program to be followed, as it will take detailed work to accomplish this end.

The report of the discussion group on student government found that student government should come from the willingness of the student body to take responsibility and cooperate with the faculty in solving problems confronting both groups. Student government should never be a faculty made institution. It was also believed that students alone should have control over matters affecting the students alone. The Committee felt that much better results would be established if a student body would organize, elect its governing body, which would control a great many interclass and whole college activities. It was not felt that student government was capable of successfully governing athletics because of the great detail involved and necessary continuation of policies from year to year. Nothing definite was reached concerning the control of student government over profit-making campus activities, but a

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### Word Comes of Death of Former Alma Man

The Alumni Association of the college has received word of the death of Dr. Frenn L. Preston, who was a student at Alma at intervals from 1901 to 1906, and who was a former member of the Alumni Association. Dr. Preston became ill October 17, with rheumatic fever and was critically ill for five weeks, death occurring November 26th, at the age of forty-five years. He graduated from Northwestern University Medical School in 1910, coming to El Dorado, Kansas, in 1911, where he organized and operated the El Dorado Hospital from 1914 to 1921, when it was sold to the St. Luke's Hospital Corporation. At the time of his death Dr. Preston was a surgeon on the staff of the latter and had been since 1921.

Only ten more days until exams—  
to your cramming early.

### TEAM TAKES TRIP DURING HOLIDAYS

#### Basketball Squad Breaks Even on Tour. Two Games Won, Two Lost.

The Alma College Basketball squad broke even on the games played on their trip during the holidays, winning and losing two. In the early games the team lacked form, but the games were very valuable in improving the team play of Alma's aspirants for basketball honors in the Michigan Intercollegiate this year.

**Defeat Scovel Church**  
In the first game the Campbellites met the Scovel Presbyterian Church team of Detroit. Only five men were available for this tilt but nevertheless Alma turned in a 45-28 victory. Simmons was the star of the game and accounted for many of Alma's baskets.

The line up:  
Hawthorne—L. F.  
Moss—R. F.  
Simmons—C.  
Anderson—L. G.  
Lester—R. G.  
Referee—Craig

**Lose to Wise Industries**  
In the game with the Wise Industries team of Detroit the Alma team showed a lack of team play. Simmons and Holdship turned in a good performance. The Alma team fouled a great deal and gave their opponents the opportunity of winning on free throws. The Wise team made 8 points in this manner. Alma held the opponents to a two point victory however, Wise Industrial finally winning 23-21.

The starting line up for this and the other two games which followed was:

Hawthorne—L. F.  
Walters—R. F.  
Simmons—C.  
Holdship—L. G.  
Karpp—R. G.  
Wagner and Lester—Subs.  
Referee—Powers

**Pontiac Merchants Win**  
The team next journeyed up to Pontiac where they met defeat at the hands of the strong Pontiac Merchants aggregation. The Pontiac men were too familiar with their surroundings for the Alma team, and seemed capable of putting them through the rim from any angle. They won 23-18. The Maroon and Cream showed better team play in this game than they had in the previous tilts. The above line up was again started and Wagner, Lester and Moss got into part of the game.

**Defeat Calvary Guards**  
In the last game the Calvary Guards of Detroit went down to defeat before the squad which showed the best form of the trip that evening. The team showed the benefit of the previous games and looked good. Simmons led the scoring, with Holdship showing up well at guard. Alma won 25-19, even though seriously handicapped by the smallness of the gym in which the game was played. The same line up performed for Alma.

### CHRISTIAN UNION HOLDS MEETING

#### Plans Are Under Way for the Establishment of Men's Organization.

On Thursday night the first meeting of the Alma Men's Christian Union was held in the college chapel. Twenty men were present. Under the chairmanship of Don Campbell the group discussed the platform and program of the organization. It was believed by the majority of the men that it would not be advisable at the present time to identify the organization with the Y. M. C. A. The men also felt that the problems of organization, platform, and program could be efficiently handled by the members of the group without the need of foreign aid.

It was brought out at the meeting that a group of Freshmen had organized a voluntary Bible study group the first part of the year, and were holding regular meetings several times a week. These men showed interest in the forming of a campus men's organization which would enable them to take an active part in a larger group than they had among themselves.

It was deemed advisable to defer an election of officers for several meetings. Willard Ake was appointed as chairman of a committee on a program, and Charles Nims as a chairman of a committee to draw up a statement of purpose of the union. They will report at another meeting to be held next Thursday evening.

All men who are interested in this work should be present at the next meeting. There will be no wholesale campaign for membership, but all who desire to do so are invited to join, and all men may attend meetings and take part in the discussions whether or not they are members. It is hoped that many will take advantage of this chance to express their views.

### M. I. A. A. Basketball Race is Under Way

With the coming week the M. I. A. A. basketball season will get into full swing. Albion got away to a good start by defeating Olivet by a top heavy score at Albion on the 7th. The smaller school was defeated 48-15. Albion showed a strong passing attack and the ability to score at will. They will evidently put up a good fight for association honors this year. Babcock and Carlson starred. The Methodists turned in a good report from their holiday trip also.

On paper Kalamazoo seems to have the best chances in the association. They have most of their last year's championship squad available, and aspirants for the banner cannot safely count on it until Kazoo has been turned back. Hillsdale is also strong. The down-staters have Captain Harmon, Vos, Allinder, and Owens about whom a strong squad has been built. They also were on a holiday trip to get in shape for the opening of the association race.

What Hope will do in the M. I. A. A. this year is mostly a guess as yet. One thing can be counted on, however, and that is that Hope will present a team worthy of any in the race. It has always been a strong basketball school, and consistently brought out a winning squad. Last year they had one of the strongest teams in the state. Hope may be the surprise team of the Intercollegiate this year. It will be well for all not to underestimate Shouten's squad.

Alma is scheduled to break into the race this week with two games. The Campbellites meet Albion at Albion Friday night, and the next night take on Olivet at Marshall. The game with Albion is critical and will shed light on the Maroon and Cream's chances for honors this year. It is expected that Alma will turn back Olivet Saturday night. Olivet has been handicapped this year with the loss of Brumm and Sampson.

### Wooster Students Enjoy Crook's Address

The following was taken from the Wooster Voice speaking of the address which President Crooks delivered to the student body of his Alma Mater on the occasion of Wooster Day.

"Dr. Crooks spoke to the students on 'The Cost of Not Having.' At first he sent his audience into fits of laughter with a series of humorous remarks and illusions, but ended his speech with a very sincere and serious appeal to the students to acquire those habits which are worth while.

"The speaker made use of stories involving everything from a new suit of clothes to a washing machine to illustrate his point that you pay for it whether you buy it or not. He admitted that sometimes a particularly worthy object or virtue costs much to lay hold of, but insisted that if we neglect to pay the price of obtaining such, we are sure to pay a higher price to gain it some time in the future or the still higher price of doing without it.

"Dr. Crooks' speech was well received by the students who made it the main topic of discussion for the remainder of the day."

### 'GREEN STOCKINGS' IS WELL RECEIVED

#### Alpha Theta-Zeta Sigma Play is Greatly Enjoyed by Large Audience.

The English play "Green Stockings" was given at the Strand Theatre by the Alpha Theta and Zeta Sigma societies of the college on the Tuesday evening preceding the Christmas vacation. It was very well received and proved to be one of the outstanding college events of the year. Professor Hamilton, the director, and the members of the two societies who carried the parts are deserving of very hearty congratulations.

The cast had attained a familiarity and ease with their parts which put their work across to the audience of students, faculty and townspeople. The appearance of each character was a distinct pleasure. Some students had seen the play given previously, but said afterwards that they found this presentation entirely pleasing and completely capable of holding their interest throughout.

The theme of the play is a spirited one dealing with the unmarried old, and her ultimate revolt, which ended in her increased popularity and marriage. Ethel West deserves high compliments on the manner in which she carried this lead. Romaine Hogan played opposite her as "Wables" Smith, the dashing hero who rescued the fair maiden from the ignominy of an unmarried existence.

Lauritz Drevdahl gave a good presentation of the pompous little admiral. Homer Barlow was convincing as the old English gentleman, William Faraday. Margaret Reynolds took the part of the vivacious younger sister, sweetheart of the coming politician, Robert Tarver, played by Ross Mitchell. Madge and Evelyn, the other sisters, both married, were well portrayed by Lila Schaefer and Elma Bishop. Marion Jenks gave a very real presentation as Aunt Ida from Chicago. Martin, the butler, was a source of great amusement as played by Leslie Hawthorne. Russell Riey and Gordon Lamb took the parts of Henry Steele and James Raleigh who developed into ardent suitors of Celia, the heroine.

As the Alma Record remarked, it would be difficult to pick out the most versatile character in the play. All worked together in their own parts to give a very finished appearance to the play. It was so well enjoyed by townspeople as well as the college audience, that we hope for more such productions on the part of the college students. Alpha Theta and Zeta Sigma have led the way in making an outstanding success of "Green Stockings."

### FORMER CHAMPS RETURN TO GYM

#### Champions of 1925 Show Old Form in Opening Game at Home.

A good crowd turned out Saturday evening to see the Alumni team defeat the college quintet in the first game of the year on the home floor. This year's squad put up a game battle all the way through, but they were unable to keep down the slight lead of the former Alma stars. Our team looks good nevertheless, and we look for a successful season. The team did well in the opener Saturday. To be entirely truthful we didn't expect the champions of '25, with "Wolf" Macdonald at center, "Red" Carty and "Nate" Gaelor holding down the forward positions, "Dutch" Welholter and Rus Catherman at the guard posts, and Harlie Catherman and Veedor ready to get in and contribute their share to a victory, to be turned back. It looked good to see them on the floor again. The game ended with the score 28-24, close enough to suit anyone.

**Alumni Take Lead**  
The college scored first when Karpp tossed in a nice little short shot from in front of the basket. But the Alumni got warmed up and soon had a lead amassed which they held throughout the game, with the exception of a minute in the second period. Gaelor and Simmons were high scorers for their respective teams in this frame, each annexing four field baskets. Carty and Macdonald each added two field baskets during the period, and Carty a foul shot. Karpp got another basket and Walters, who went in for Hawthorne, put one through the rim. This made the score 17-14 for the Alumni at the end of the first period.

**Simmons Stars**  
Simmons, Alma's star center, got under way at the beginning of the next period and quickly put his team in the lead. The biggest worry of the Alumni was to keep him covered. But the former stars got into the lead again with a beautiful shot by Macdonald, and kept it for the remainder of the contest.

Coach Campbell has gone wonders with the material he had at the beginning of the year. There is only one letter man on the squad this year, but Campbell has his new material whipped into a team that will give them all a run for the money this year. The Holdship and Anderson combination kept the scoring efforts of Carty and Gaelor well under control. Alma has a pair there that it is hard to pass. Karpp, Hawthorne, and Walters are developing into nice forwards, although they failed to use all the scoring opportunities that came their way. Wagner played a good game during the time he was in the fray.

Malcolm Smith, the man who was picked as All Time Alma quarterback by John Dunham of Grand Rapids, acted as referee. During his period at Alma he starred in three sports. We were glad to see him out on the floor again. He had a job that kept him busy every minute for the competition was keen all through the game.

The race for another championship is under way. The pep of the crowd aided by the hand showed the old Alma spirit is not dead yet. We're backing the team to bring home the bacon again.

The line up:  
Hawthorne—L. F. Carty  
Karpp—R. F. Gaelor  
Simmons—C. Macdonald  
Holdship—L. G. Welholter  
Anderson—R. G. Catherman  
Field baskets: Simmons 6, Carty 4, Gaelor 4, Macdonald 3, Karpp 2, R. Catherman 1, Walters 1, Holdship 1, Wagner 1.  
Free throw: Gaelor 3, Carty 1, Simmons 2.  
Fouls: Simmons 2, Karpp 2, Walters 1, Anderson 1, Carty 2, Macdonald 1.  
Substitutions: College—Walters for Hawthorne, Wagner for Walters, Hawthorne for Wagner, Walters for Karpp, Karpp for Hawthorne.  
Alumni—H. Catherman for R. Catherman, Veedor for Welholter, R. Catherman for H. Catherman.  
Score by periods: First Half: 17-14 Alumni  
Second Half: 28-24 Alumni  
Officials—Referee, Malcolm Smith, Scorer, Campbell, Timekeeper, Lamb.

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**THE NEW YEAR**

At this time of the year it is always well to stop and consider, it is the time to change, if a change is needed. Some may think it is a good thing to get started at the new year with a rush and without any stop. But we believe in rest, and in rest mainly as a chance to "think it over." What has the last year been? Did we accomplish much of anything? Are we satisfied with the record behind us? Well, we might as well be for it can't be changed. But don't fail to remember the lessons learned from experience in the work of the future.

We of Alma College, it seems, have two ways to look at the problem. In the first place, from a personal point of view, and secondly, as a college body. We are all at college for a purpose, supposedly. Supposedly because a great many of us are merely drifting along toward a degree. And it is possible to merely drift along. A college degree can be secured with a very little effort these years. The only thing is, the smaller the effort, the longer the time required. We idle away the year, fail a few subjects, but there is always an easy summer course to take that will fix it up. It is always surprising the good marks, A's and B's which return with the summer-schooler. I thought at first they must study, but have realized my mistake.

However the catch in the whole proposition is, what are we going to do when we get out? Some will be out into the world with the coming of June. Ejected from the cloistered halls to make room for others. It is time such thought of the world, and how best to wring a living from it. Be sure of this, your degree will not be of the least value to you, unless you have the knowledge and training which in some cases goes with it. No man ever succeeded who refused to think for himself. Dig into the books, get it into your head, it will do you some good there.

Another thing, we should plan out our life as well as possible. Chart a course and stick to it if you will succeed in anything. All too many people wander easily through life taking what comes, and wake up on the brink of the grave unsatisfied. And that must be one of the greatest of sorrows, to realize that life could have been richer when life is almost gone.

Then we have the problem of facing the new year as a college. We can apply the same questions concerning the past year. We should all

The following resolution was passed by the Alma College Alumni Association as an expression of sympathy to Mrs. J. T. Ewing, widow of the late registrar of the college:

Whereas—God in His mysterious Providence has removed from our midst the life of  
**PROFESSOR JOHN T. EWING—**

Whereas—The many devoted years of labor as Professor of Ancient Languages and Registrar of Alma College gave him a unique place of usefulness in the history and development of that institution, and

Whereas—his gracious fidelity to duty, his high attainments as scholar and teacher, and his Christian gentlemanliness and fortitude had endeared him to his students, faculty associates, and neighbors—

Be It Resolved—That we, the members of the Alma College College Alumni Association, express to the bereaved widow our great love for the departed one, extend to her our most prayerful sympathy and commend her to the special care of the Heavenly Father, who will minister unto her in the hour of her great need and will inspire within her the assurance of again being united with those of her family who have preceded her to the Eternal Abode.

**ALMA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
Adebert H. Lindley, President  
Chester R. Robinson, Secretary  
Nov. 26th, 1926.

examine it. Our student groups, our societies, our governing council, our social life, have they been as we would like to have them? Very probably not, there is always improvement to be made. The big thing is to put hands on the obstacle and remove it. We cannot but wish that in some way a brief but thorough survey of the past could be made, and suggestions for the future brought out and plans laid for their accomplishment. A definite objective and a working method is needed before anything can be accomplished, and a concentrated effort secured.

**EXAMS ARE COMING**

Bluebooks are coming and the wise young student has already started to get his knowledge in hand. Do your cramming early and avoid the rush—it pays. If you cram one bit of knowledge the night before the exam you are sure to forget something else, it will crowd it out. The only way to approach the final test with confidence is to make a review of the material covered during the semester, outline it, get it in shape in your mind. Every course has a logical sequence and if you will remember it in that manner it will stay with you long after the examination. **BUT—DO IT EARLY!**

**N. S. F. A.**

An editorial in the Harvard Crimson entitled the second annual Congress of the National Student Federation of America as promising of a "forceful, sane, and necessary existence." The writer felt that the Congress was a distinct success for all the leaders clearly recognized the necessity of having contributions to the leadership of the movement from the student representatives. Our leading educators are coming to this conclusion finally, one which Europe recognized long ahead of us.

Now that the results of the student attitudes toward college problems have started to come in, we cannot help but see at once the inherent common sense and good judgment exercised by the committees dealing with the various problems. Nothing radical or beyond sense has been incorporated into these resolutions for betterment, as some might have expected from present day college students. On the other hand, there seems to have been no "beating around the bush," the students were certain of their methods and stated them clearly and boldly.

Some of the resolutions, which are all given in another article, are especially interesting. In regard to athletics, the one concerning the salary of the athletic coach is perhaps a little forward looking, but a mighty good suggestion. While we all admire and back a good football coach, he assuredly cannot take the place of leading professors of the school. He can never be of as much real worth to the school. That is, perhaps we had better remark for safety, in regard to the legitimate ends of an educational institution. Likewise stricter eligibility rules were advocated and the non-participation of a transfer student in a sport in which he played at his former school. It was also felt by this committee that the slogans "athletics for all" found in most college catalogues are empty words, nice sounding but that is all. There is no well worked out system for the physical development of all the student body today, at least we have never heard of it, and such a thing would not be hid under a bushel for it is most eagerly sought. That this condition of physical education and development just exists for a few men can be no better attested than by an examination of our own college. The girls physical education department seems to us far ahead of the men in regard to the numbers who participate in sports. We hope and believe that a better day is coming when those oft quoted words will contain some real meaning.

The report of the committee on the Honor System should also be very interesting to Alma. Examination time is coming and soon the eagle-eyed faculty will again mount the platform, and the blue-bookers below watch them covertly, ready for any chance to use the closely scribbled "notes." Every semester we hear of some new ingenious method of cribbing, and more of it goes on among the women than the men. Some, who recognize this condition, may say that it makes an Honor System very impractical, there would be no failures then. But surely a system applicable to the needs of the school could be worked out, and would operate better than the best of blue eyes. The student committee of the Federation concluded that the good points of an honor system far outweigh the bad. We cannot help but feel that the faculty member who takes his scheduled period on the platform during examination week with a news paper before his face, would endorse our feelings in the matter.

The whole text of these reports are meaty and it would do no student any harm to see one of our repre-

sentatives to the Congress and read the news service which the Federation sends out. It is all worth while, and once read, worth thinking about.

**L. A. Sharp Presents Chapel Talk on Egypt**

L. A. Sharp, president of the First State Bank of Alma gave an instructive talk in chapel last Thursday morning. During the past year he has been enjoying a sojourn in and about the Holy Land and had spent some time in Egypt. It was upon this phase of his trip that he spoke to the students.

He spoke of many interesting events connected with that strange country, telling of the interior of King Tut's tomb, and of many interesting details connected with its discovery and opening.

Mr. Sharp presented a great array of facts that were of great interest in as much as they are the sort of information which cannot be gleaned from the ordinary history text book. He went into the customs, dress, and habits of the people and described in detail the many cosmopolitan cities of Egypt.

It was a distinct opportunity to be given the pleasure of hearing Mr. Sharp speak and it is certain that should he be so inclined to speak to us again, we shall be more than pleased to be given the privilege.

**Marriage of Popular Couple is Announced**

During the holidays the marriage of Bert Bowman to Miss Elizabeth Williams came to light. The couple had been married since last September 1926. We congratulate them on their ability to keep a secret. Even the girls at Wright Hall did not seem to know about it.

Mr. Bowman and his wife were both popular members of the graduating class of 1925. While in college the bridegroom pitched the college baseball team to a championship, and participated in football and basketball. Since graduating he has played baseball with several professional teams. The bride has held a position at the college library.

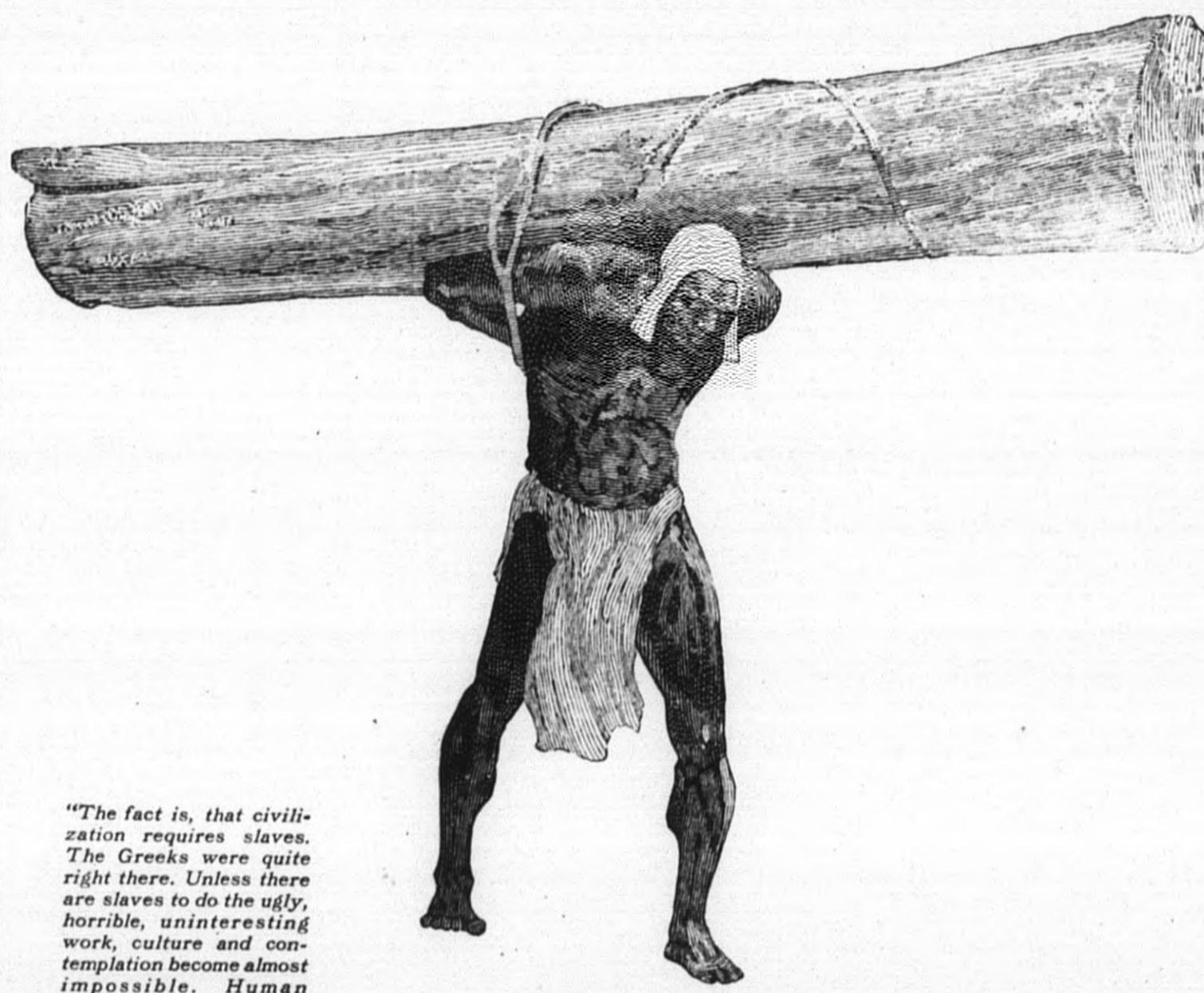
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**Drama Club to Give Plays for Students**

The Drama Club of Alma College has been making distinct progress toward the completion of their plans for the presentation of three one act plays to be given in the chapel shortly after the semester exams.

The program of plays is to be varied, and from their selection it would seem that an evening of worth entertainments will be the result. The plays are directed and managed by members of the club.

"The Potboiler" is a rollicking one act play, of the pure farce type. This farce depicts the trouble that results in the author of a play attempting to direct his own play. Many difficulties arise as the author thinks that the actors are continually mutilating his brain child. This play is directed by Miss Ruth Hyde.

"The Maker of Dreams" is a fantasy coming from the English school and is beautiful because of its simplicity and fancifulness. It is directed by Miss Katherine Lehner.

"The Game of Chess" is a tragedy with the setting in Russia. It tells of the conflict between the peasants and the nobility. It has some remarkably strong lines and can be made exceedingly effective if done properly. This play is being directed by Earl Closser.

It is expected that many students will take advantage of the opportunity of seeing these student produced plays when they are presented in the near future.

**Reserves Defeat High School by One Point**

In a preliminary game to the Alumni basketball game Saturday evening, the Alma College Reserves defeated the local high school team 13-12. The contest was rough and Referee Frazer was forced to call a great many fouls. The high school failed to take advantage of these opportunities in the first quarter and got one field basket while the reserves annexed a field basket and a free throw. In the second period the work of Sammy Moss brought the reserves lead up to 7-4. The close guarding in the second half of the game held down the scoring but occasioned many free throws. At the end of the third period the college team only led by one point, 12-11. In the last period the high school tied it up. Pierce Boutin made a free throw just before the gun which proved to be the winning point.

Anderson, Albaugh, Conlin, Goodenow, Mann, Golden, and Thielman alternated on the scoring end of the reserve machine. Gustin and Schiefel worked in the pivot position. Pezet, Angell, and Boutin did the guarding. There is some mighty good material in the reserve squad which will some day be useful on the varsity team.

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(Continued from page one) slight majority were in favor.

It was the majority opinion of the Committee on Honor Systems that such a system is of great benefit, and that its good features far outweigh the bad, such as the odium of reporting fellow students. Having reached this conclusion the Committee proceeded to find the best working method. But since nearly every institution has its own honor system and method of conducting it, it was thought best that each school should adopt a system to fill its needs and conditions. The main factor in such a system, the Committee held, was to create in the student body a spirit of honor which would be the foundation of such a plan.

The remaining Committee, that on Fraternities, has not yet issued a detailed report, which will come out the first of the month. However it found that while the Fraternity is sometimes harmful to the individual, it is not inherently detrimental to the individual development of the students. Such problems as the Fraternity in campus politics, rushing and pledging rules, interfraternity government, etc. will be discussed in the forthcoming report.

**SELECTED**

On a wonder of wonders  
We now raise the curtain,  
Our "cum laude" football star,  
Walter J. Burton.

The campus walking fashion plate  
From jaunty "pot" to "kicks,"  
A drummer and a Charleston whiz  
Our versatile Ken Hicks.

There's a rut on Wright Avenue  
Worn by our roamer:  
He travels it nightly,  
Good faithful Homer.

In Pioneer Hall  
There's a shy little flower,  
Modest and coy he is,  
Dainty Jack Bauer.

They get their lessons every day;  
They never heard of "E's!"  
"Who are these paragons so rare?"  
Why, Neva and Louise.

A lovely young lady is Pat,  
A wizard with sharp and with flat,  
A musician so fine and a dancer divine,  
This daughter of Alma named Pat.

"Men! How I despise them!  
Oh! I really loathe 'em!"  
That's the funny statement  
Made by Miss Sidebotham.

A heart-breakin' freshman  
The girls all smile upon.  
Last name—Aitken,  
First name—John.

Her blond and curling tresses  
Have won her great renown.  
"Who's the girl with the marvellous hair?"  
Oh, that is Olga Down.

—Unknown

**CAMPUSOLOGY**

Well folks, after a vacation of complete meditation we are back again with a set of New Year resolutions (just to be orthodox).

Never to be sarcastic  
Never to be ironic  
To always tell the truth  
We would resolve to be humorous but we have not any apprehensions about our being so.

This happened in Chemistry class—  
Prof. West—"Who lives in Detroit?"  
Adair—"Henry Ford."

And this in "Jimmie's" History class—

Jimmie—"Mr. Musson, why is it the natives of the Congo don't do much work?"

Al—"Well, in the daytime it's too hot, and at night it's too dark."

Jack West was watching for a Christmas present, but all he got was a post card with two cents due.

We haven't received our December issue of the Crowell Blat, so we cannot tell you what Homer's Christmas exploits were as yet.

In case you haven't recognized them the following are the members of the newly formed Mustache Arinos—

President—Jess Ewer  
Vice-Pres.—Lauritz Drevdahl  
Secretary—Charlie Murray  
Treasurer—Russel Riley

Also R. G. Hogan, L. Crooks, West and Dick Mueller.

One of the more unkind members of this school whispered a nickname for Les Braden—"Bass" Braden. It wasn't because he can sing.

Wally Pezet shifted from guard to tackle in the preliminary game Saturday night.

Pierce Boutin picked up some extra money advertising underwear while playing in the preliminary game the other evening. The only question is, what kind was it? Our man at the keyhole says it was Cooper's Kenosha K K !!

Three things attributed to Ev Winslow of which he is not guilty:

1. Living in Saginaw
2. Smoking Cigarettes
3. Belonging to the Presbyterian Church

Red Erickson's fondest dreams are shattered—circumstances recently beaded him that he is not going to be a railroad man. At least not on the Michigan Central.

We have two new departments to announce. They are the "Eye to the Keyhole" and the "Ear to the Floor." The reason for this is that we have lost our contract with Wright Hall and consequently the march of events. The personnel of the departments is a dead secret.

The course of true love in Alma—"Even though you are ineligible, I love you just the same."

When "Hammie" finds a pot of gold he's going to send us all abroad. We bet he goes around with his eyes shut from now on. When Hawthorne heard him say that he requested one with red hair.

Exams are coming—even Jo Snell spent the week end in town.

Leg Pulling season began January 4th, it will close on the 27th. No license is required.

Some one seeing Rosemary's coat said—"There's a horse on you."

In the case of Argyl Campbell Blondes seem to prefer Gentlemen.

One of the landmarks of this college has passed. No more the sign appears "Lee M. Sharrar will not meet his classes today."

Things in town this week—  
Theatres:  
Strand—Moving pictures  
Idlehour—Moving pictures and farmers  
Night Clubs:

Pat's—No cover charge  
DeLuxe—Free napkins  
Rods—Cafeteria style  
Luchinis—Cabaret style

Social Events:  
Churches—Sunday only  
Wright Hall—Meals. Calling hours to be announced  
Dives:

Zeta Sig House—Door never yet padlocked  
McIntyres Dorm—Open all night  
Pioneer Hall—Age limit—under 19  
Wright Hall—All welcome  
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Tuesday and Wednesday  
January 18 and 19

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in  
"Stepping Along"

## PHIS GIVE PARTY AT ELK TEMPLE

Thirty Couples Enjoy Christmas Party Given by Phi Phi Alpha.

Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity gave its annual informal Christmas dance at the Elk's temple on the evening of December 16. The hall was decorated in a fashion in keeping with the holiday spirit. A huge tree occupied the center of the floor while the corners were filled with smaller ones; all of which were gay with lights, stars, ornaments, and icicles. The walls were covered with wreaths including one gigantic one about eight feet in diameter. Bells and green and red crepe paper formed an artificial ceiling.

Promptly at eight o'clock the enchanting strains of the Phi orchestra bewitched the feet of some thirty

couples. Fox-trots with an occasional waltz filled the time until ten o'clock when with a jingle of sleigh bells and a gust of laughter Santa Claus and his team of one reindeer arrived. Saint Nick explained the scarcity of reindeer and the poor condition of his single animal by telling of the shortage of forage in the frozen North (page Judge). All the good little boys and girls pressed forward to receive their gifts from the pack on the back of the team. Kris Kringle remarked that when little girls wanted something badly they asked Santy for it and then presented Helen Benson and Bernice Azelborn with diamond rings. Jack Erskine's brother Bill, from M. S. C. received a rake. Gertie Melody got a game of Old Maid. Liz Sidebotham was presented with a cornoc pipe and admonished to be more collegiate in the future. Peg Holmes who came with Don Campbell got a box of graham crackers because Don has nationality objections to getting girls anything to eat. Mary Holmes was given a rattle to amuse Erskine with. As faculty children are naturally precocious Hannah Spencer was given a game of Authors. Clara Schaefer received a set consisting of fork and spoon as Kent can't be trusted with a knife. A beautiful little steam boat that ran right along was Henry Rollo's gift. A pop gun was judged suitable for Ike Craig but Santa was quickly proved at fault for the young lady at once shot the reindeer in the left flank. Bill Randels, the rear portion of the brute, thought this was the signal to rise and Joe Snell, the other half, did not, so the team was almost torn asunder. At this moment a package was brought to the door for Harold Ebbey. The bottle neck which protruded from the wrapping gave rise to the belief that the package contained that beverage made by the man whose last name is the same as Gordon Macdonald's first name.

The orchestra then resumed playing until eleven when the party broke up. The chaperones were Prof. and Mrs. Clack and Prof. and Mrs. Ewer. The committee in charge consisted of Richard Crowell, chairman, Russell Neuman, Charles Goodwin, Paul Bennett, and Dale Johnson.

### Pres. Crooks Speaks Before Women's Club

President Crooks spoke before the Highland Park Women's Club on Tuesday afternoon. His remarks that women are almost entirely to blame for the success of the immoral novel has attracted some attention. President Crooks claims that a book of that sort is usually read by more women than men. He said that high sales are encouraging this sort of writing and it is on the increase rather than on the decrease.

He defined as a moral book one which helps us to "understand, love, and live life." He classed as really immoral many of the books found in Sunday School libraries and the dime novel. "To teach a boy that if he is good he will grow up to be the President of the United States is obviously wrong," he stated.

In closing he admitted that he had a preference for happy endings. He said he feels that a mere engagement does not mean a happy ending for him. "If you see as many broken engagements as I do—you would get skeptical too," Dr. Crooks concluded. We cannot help but appreciate our President's point of view.

### LIBRARY NOTES

Students of history should be interested in a brief interesting article in the January, 1927, Personalist entitled "The interpretation of history." Also in a chapter of Mott's Rewards of reading, on Library Methods reserve, "History as Literature."

A very valuable gift has been made to the library by Mrs. Frank E. Stroup of Grand Rapids, in a set of four portfolios—a publication entitled Manuscripts, inscriptions, and monuments, oriental, classical, medieval and modern.

The second hundred dollars of the Elizabeth Mae Roberts Memorial Fund for the purchase of books on English literature for the library has been started by a recent gift of money by one of her family. Are there not many friends and former students of our former much-loved Dean of Women who will be glad to complete this second hundred within this college year? Such gifts are an enduring manifestation of appreciation and regard, and are of great usefulness in furthering the study of literature by the students of Alma College. These books are also open to the use of townspeople and club women.

The announcement of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Williams, of the library staff, to Mr. Bert Bouwman, both of the class of 1925, was announced during the holidays. They were married in Ithaca last September 19th, and succeeded in keeping the secret.

### Personnel for Glee Club is Announced

Professor Ewer has announced the final selections for places of this year's glee clubs. Following are the personnels for the two clubs.

#### Men's Club:

First tenors—Leslie Hawthorne, Marvin Stapleton, Edgar Karpp, Paul Westfall, and Richard Mueller.

Second tenor—Lee Crooks, Charles Schaffer, Hugh Ward, Walter Pezet, and Merrill Hendershot.

Baritone—Frank Prouty, George Boyd, Jack West, Lester Braden, and Richard Crowell.

Bass—Gordon Macdonald, Bruce Knowles, Homer Barlow, John Dawson, and Donald Horton.

Manager—Romaine G. Hogan

Pianist—Carroll Clark

Flutist—Pierce Boutin

#### Women's Club:

First soprano—Echel West, Katherine Lehner, Marion Jenks, Lila Schaffer, Elizabeth Campbell, K. Burt, and M. Colby.

Second soprano—Lewise Salmon, Gertrude Williams, Mildred Baetz, Mary Foster, Mabel Jaynes and I. Craig.

Alto—Katherine Joiner, Marion Forrester, L. Foster, E. Zinn and A. Olson.

### WRIGHT HALL NOTES

First of all, we want you to know that Wright Hall is a building. Girls live in Wright Hall. In fact some people call it the center of social activity of Alma College, while others know better. Some of the girls have gentlemen friends; most of the girls do not.

Friday and Saturday nights are open at Wright Hall. Some of the boys and upper classmen come into the reception room to dance these nights—of course some of the upper classmen do not. Some of the girls dance with the boys and upper classmen—of course many of them do not.

Some of the boys take some of the girls to shows once a week. Many of the girls go alone, and have to pay their own way. Some of the boys take the girls to the shows, take the girls to the afterparty; but many of them come to study.

Some of the boys get cases on this and some of the girls get cases on boys. Occasionally a boy gets a case on the girl that has a case on two boys, just anywhere from any part of the world.

There is a telephone in Wright Hall. Its number is 59. Many boys would rather ask for dates over this telephone. Various opinions have been ventured as to the reason for this. Before a dance a boy makes out a list of girls he might take to the dance, and calls 59. He asks for his first choice first, second choice and so on. Sometimes he gets a date with his first choice. Usually the ten girls in Wright Hall that go to the parties get their dates early, so occasionally some of the boys take some of the other girls.

For further information, true or otherwise (mostly otherwise) inquire at the "frat" houses.

### ALPHA THETA NOTES

The regular meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary Society was called to order by the President, Ethel West, on Monday evening, December 13. The roll call was answered by an English drama and its author. The regular business meeting followed with election of officers for the following term. The following officers were elected:

President—Marian Forrester  
Vice Pres—Elma Bishop  
Secretary—Lewise Salmon  
Cor. Secy.—Marian Jenks  
Treasurer—Lila Schaffer  
First Critic—Ethel West  
Second Critic—Gertrude Williams  
Sentinel—Elizabeth Sidebotham  
Guide—Katherine Joiner  
Almanian Reporter—Josephine Simons

The new president accepted the chair graciously and continued the meeting with the program. An impromptu "George Sterling, Poet" was given by Elizabeth Sidebotham, and a paper on the Russian Drama was read by Josephine Simons. The meeting was adjourned.

### KAPPA IOTA

The year of 1926 was brought to a grand final in the Kappa Iota Literary society on December 13 when the spirit of Christmas prevailed. After many Christmas wishes, the meeting was closed by the reading of "A Christmas Angel" by Olga Down the retiring president.

### Meeting of Dec. 6th.

The Kappa Iota meeting on December 6th was a business meeting in which officers for the coming year were elected: President, Catherine Lee; Vice President, Elizabeth Burgess; Secretary, Lucille Wolfe; Treasurer, Inez Maurer; Corresponding Secretary, Dorothy Tindle; Almanian Reporter, Mary Elizabeth McCoy.

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