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M. I. A. A. FACES HEAVY WEEK

TEAM WINS AND LOSES ON TRIP

Basketball Squad Loses to Albion 38-30, and Wins From Olivet 51-23.

Coach Campbell's basketball team played two association games this week, losing to Albion 38-30, and winning from Olivet 51-23. In the game at Albion Friday night the Alma team showed nervousness and strangeness on the large floor of the Methodists in the first half, but put up a much better battle in the second half. The first half ended with Albion on the big end of a 22-11 score. Alma expanded her play and guarded to better advantage in the second frame of the game and outscored the Betchell men in this period. Albion has a court squad which will very likely rank as one of the best in her history, and the Alma squad, although coming out on the losing end of the count, shows promise in as much as the Methodists won out by only eight points. Karpp and Simmons put up a good game for the Maroon and Cream, while Carlson and Grey led the scoring for Albion.

Reports from Albion state that Simmons and Wagner were protested before the game, and that Olivet officials were also going to protest these two men if they played in the game at Marshall. Neither school protested the men to our coach.

Alma
BromleyL. Karpp
CarlsonR. F. Hawthorne
GreyC. F. Simmons
BabeockL. G. Anderson
GoldbergR. G. Holdship
Field Baskets—Carlson 5, Karpp 5, Grey 5, Bromley 3, Simmons 3, Wagner 2, Babeock, Hawthorne. Points after fouls—Grey 4, Simmons 3, Carlson 2, Bromley, Karpp, Holdship 2, Goldberg 2, Babeock.
Substitutions—Coreker for Carlson, Wagner for Karpp, Walters for Hawthorne.
Referee, L. W. Olds (Ypsilanti); Umpire, Ray Fisher, (Michigan)

Win Over Olivet

The next evening over at Marshall, Alma handed a trouncing to Olivet 51-23. In fairness to the Olivet team however, it can be said that they had played a strenuous game at Holland 40-31; driving back to Olivet they encountered a snow storm and didn't get in until 6:30 in the morning.

Simmons and Walters led the Alma scoring each accounting for 14 points. Hawthorne played a nice game while he was in the fray, and Albaugh, playing in his home gym showed up well. Karpp broke his finger early in the game. Anderson was forced to leave the game after four personals had been called on him.

The starting lineups were:
Alma Olivet
KarppL. F. Sampson
WaltersR. F. Church
SimmonsC. F. Folland
HoldshipL. G. J. Null
AndersonR. G. J. Null
Field Baskets—Sampson 3, R. Null 3, Kenny, Moher, Karpp, Walters 6, Simmons 7, Hawthorne 4, Holdship 3, Albaugh 2.
Point after fouls—Sampson 5 out of 6, R. Null 1 out of 1, J. Null 1 out of 1, Walters 2 out of 2, Simmons 1 out of 2, Holdship 1 out of 6.
Substitutions—Moher for Church, Kenny for Folland, Coupus for R. Null, Albaugh for Karpp, Hawthorne for Albaugh, Bauer for Anderson, Wagner for Bauer.
Referee—Thompson.
Score first half—31-14 Alma.

Senior Committees Appointed by Murray

An important meeting of the Senior class was held Thursday noon. Several matters of business were taken up among which were the matters of caps and gowns, invitations, emblems, and various activities for the remainder of the year.

President Murray appointed several committees which will submit reports to the class in the near future. Francis MacDougall, Ethelyn Adams and Everett Winslow are in charge of caps and gowns. The committee in charge of emblems is composed of Frank Prouty, Elma Bishop and Carol Clark. Wilmot Pruynne was appointed chairman of the committee on invitations. He will be assisted by Hope Winslow and George Boyd.

Detroit City College debaters are to meet Leland Stanford University and George Washington University this season.

Alma Graduate Speaks To Chemistry Students

T. S. Higbee, an Alma graduate of 1912, spoke to the students interested in chemistry last Tuesday morning and afternoon in the chemistry building. He took as his subject "Chemistry in relation to business." After graduating Mr. Higbee worked for the Michigan Sugar Company in Alma. He was later with the Detroit Copper and Brass Works for some time. He has also had experience in the Dodge Laboratories and as an appraiser of motors for the government after the war. At present he is employed with the Victor-Peninsular Company of Detroit.

Mr. Higbee spoke very interestingly of the work in which he is now engaged. He described the processes employed in the making of the bolts and of the aims and standards that he company must live up to. The speaker assured his audience of the great help a knowledge of chemistry is to the business man of today. He paid a fitting compliment to Professor West and the chemistry department of Alma college for the foundation which has enabled him to succeed in the business world. There is always room for the man who has a strong knowledge of science as this knowledge is applicable to business in a multitude of ways.

Mr. Higbee is the uncle of Miss Laura Hurst, assistant in the Registrar's office.

Alma College has a low percentage of failures as shown by the report of the North Central Association, issued in the September, 1926, North Central Quarterly. Alma has a percentage of 5.8, one of the lowest of the Michigan colleges.

Twenty intercollegiate debates are on the schedule of Western Reserve University.

PROGRESS MADE

ON YEAR BOOK

Present Plans Contemplate Unusually Fine Annual. Much Work Done.

Work is rapidly being pushed by the staff of this year's Maroon and Cream toward an annual which promises to excel any that have been published in the past. A great deal of the work has already been accomplished by the editorial and business managers. If present plans go through the Junior class will have a year book which will be a lasting tribute to the class.

The student body of the college has cooperated well with the staff and progress unusual for this early in the year is reported. There perhaps, will be more individual photographs in this year's annual than have ever before been available due to this spirit of cooperation. Every girl in the school has had her picture taken, and ninety-five percent of the fellows. All Freshmen and Sophomore pictures have already been mounted and sent to the engravers. Seven pages of snaps have also been mounted. (Continued on page 4)

There will be no issue of the ALMANIAN next week on account of the semester examination period. The staff proposes to hibernate and study so that its members may be with you again next semester. The next issue will come out February first. We wish you all luck.

Membership Pledge is Adopted by A. M. C. U.

The A. M. C. U. met in the college chapel Thursday evening. The committee for the determination of the purpose of the organization submitted the following pledge:—

The Alma Men's Christian Union is an organization of Alma College men for the following purpose:

To lead ourselves and others to a better and more appreciative understanding of living as exemplified by the life of Jesus Christ.

Believing that my participation in this organization will benefit my fellow men and me, I hereby wish to be known as a member of this union.

Sixteen men signed this pledge as charter members of the organization. The committee on the program was not ready to give a full report, but recommended that the next few meetings be given to a discussion of campus problems. An impromptu discussion of predestination followed. The next meeting will be held on the 27th of January. The topic for discussion will be "The Honor System."

ALPHA THETA

The weekly meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary society was called to order on January 10th. This was the first meeting of the new year. Members of the society responded to roll call by giving some fact concerning the life of Nathaniel Hawthorne, or his works. An impromptu entitled "What is Culture?" was given by Clara Schaefer. Then a paper was read by Hope Winslow dealing with the life of Hawthorne. Following this came a lovely Indian song "Crying Waters" by Ethel West. Laura Hurst read the most famous of Hawthorne's short stories "The Great Stone Face." A short business meeting followed the program after which the society adjourned.

CRITICAL TESTS FACE ALL TEAMS

Kalamazoo Faces Hope and Albion. Alma Meets Hope. Hillsdale vs. Olivet.

Without exception the M. I. A. A. basketball teams face a week which is very critical in the race for 1927 honors. Last year's champions, the Kalamazoo Hornets, have a heavy task ahead of them facing two association games and one outside game. On Wednesday evening the Hornets meet the new member of the association, Hope, at Kalamazoo. Just how these two teams line up in this year's race will not be known until the final whistle blows. Kalamazoo probably is the favorite, but Hope is also given credit for a strong team. Both these teams will have another critical game on their hands. Kalamazoo will journey to Albion, and Hope come to Alma. Albion has proved the sensation of the year so far. The victories of Betchell's men over Olivet and Alma, as well as their conquest of Michigan State outside of the association, has brought them forward as possible champions. Probably Albion and Kalamazoo have the best rating in the league at present. Which possess the edge will be shown Friday evening. Kalamazoo also meets City college of Detroit this week.

Alma basketeers will meet Mt. Pleasant here Wednesday night, which makes it quite a heavy week with Hope due in Memorial gym Saturday evening for an important game. Mt. Pleasant has turned in a very good record so far this season, and it promises to be as good a scrap as our encounters with our nearest rivals always are. The other association game of the week will be Hillsdale at Marshall. According to the dope Hillsdale should take Olivet into camp quite easily. But it is well to remember the football game of last fall between these two schools. Olivet may spring a surprise again.

The outcome of this week's games will be interesting and very likely throw light on the chances for this year. With one game won and one lost in the association, Alma will do her best to take Hope into camp Saturday night and boost her standing. Neither team has the edge, no safe prediction as to which will win out can be made. At the end of this week, with nine association games away, it will be possible to work out a pretty definite standing for each team.

The Maroon and Cream is scheduled to play an association tilt with Hillsdale at Hillsdale on the 28th. On the next evening they will meet Detroit Y. M. C. A. at Detroit.

Exchange Papers Are Placed in Library

Alumni have told the Editor that in the olden days the student body were accustomed to go to the college library and follow events in other schools through the files of the exchange college newspapers which come to the Almanian. Thinking this practice would probably be welcomed by the students and faculty of the college arrangements have been made with the librarian to have the exchanges placed in the library and made available to those interested.

We feel that our student body can obtain much of interest and also much of value by reading other student newspapers and we hope that the practice of using them will again grow. In late years, and so far this year, the exchanges have just been used by the editors of the Almanian in following student life and thought in other institutions. It is hoped that Miss Ward's efforts to make them available will be properly appreciated.

A recent survey showed fifteen different religious denominations to be represented on the Kalamazoo College campus.

Alma Prexy Announces Definite Stand On Ineligibility Question

The following statement was issued from the office of the president regarding the charges Albion college has made against three Alma athletes. The three men who were charged with ineligibility transferred from other schools to Alma at the beginning of the school year. Professor Heron of Hillsdale, arbitrator, ruled the men eligible as Alma had not violated the rules of the association in playing them. In fact, as is pointed out, Alma was not the only school who played transfer students under the existing rules.

Having settled the matter in this manner, the gentleman from Hillsdale now reverses his decision. Whether this is because of the unceasing attacks which Alma has been subjected to by others in the league, it is not known, but we know of no other reason. At any rate Alma has now been accused of violating the spirit of the rules. Truly a vague enough statement on which to base action. That Alma cannot accept this decision is inevitable. Standing on the grounds that the judge advocate is not a legislator, but an interpreter of legislation, the issued statement respectfully requests a meeting of directors to care for the matter in a constitutional manner.

"Professor R. C. Ditto, faculty representative for Alma College in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, has sent to his fellow directors on the M. I. A. A. a formal request that a meeting of the Association be held, if there is to be any change in the interpretation of the rules governing athletes transferring from other institutions.

Accompanying Professor Ditto's request is a statement from President Crooks, at Alma College, who asserts that this is the first authoritative statement made by him, concerning the participation in the recent football tournament (won by Alma College) of three

students who were transferred from other institutions.

President Crooks transmits a sworn statement by Professor R. W. Clack, who represented Alma College because of Professor Ditto's illness, which is also attested by sworn statements of Coach R. R. Campbell and Professor J. W. Ewer:

"In June, 1926, I attended the meeting of the Directors of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association at Albion, as the faculty representative of Alma College. The chief business of the meeting was the adoption of a new constitution. At the last session of the directors, when the coaches had been called in for suggestions, Coach Campbell of Alma called attention to the fact that a former interpretation of Rule V of the Eligibility Rules had been omitted. This interpretation was to the effect that the rule should apply also to the scholarship of students who had transferred from other colleges to M. I. A. A. colleges. At Coach Campbell's suggestion I moved that this ruling should be included in the new rules, and that it should be extended to apply to Rule VII, which also deals with transfer students. My motion was lost for want of a second from the other directors."

(This affidavit is made before Albert P. Cook, Notary Public, and is dated January 11, 1927)

President Crooks deems this statement necessary because Albion College has issued statements charging Alma College with violation of the spirit of the M. I. A. A. rules. Professor Ewbank, secretary of the Association, says that these rules were "in some manner" omitted from the Revision Committee's report on the new constitution of the Association adopted at the director's meeting last June. If the committee's report was faulty, it would seem that Professor Ewbank, as secretary, must accept full responsibility for the omission. No explanation has been given as to why no member of the Revision Committee, or any other director, failed to second the motion made by Professor Clack to include these very rules.

Although Albion College protests formally our transfer men, Professor Ewbank certified the eligibility of an Albion student who withdrew from Michigan State College after the football season in 1925. The registrar's office at Michigan State College informs me by telephone that this student is charged with failure in all his courses (nineteen hours) except physical training. Professor Ewbank was entirely proper in certifying to his eligibility. He was eligible exactly as our two transfer men were eligible.

Alma stands ready once more to propose the adoption of the old rule governing transfer students. We request, however, that a meeting of all the directors of the Association be called, and that the matter be cared for in the constitutional method.

Until the rules are legally adopted by the Association we must respectfully deny the power of the judge advocate to rule that these transfer students are ineligible the second semester. The judge advocate is, we insist, by his very nature empowered not to legislate but to interpret legislation.

During the twelve years of my presidency of Alma College I do not remember a single protest lodged against the eligibility of our athletes, despite the fact that we have won quite more than our share of the championships. Of course, the winning team is usually the team subject to protest. I would like further to state that the friendship and the keen rivalry between the students of Alma College and Albion College are traditional, and that I hope the students of both colleges will continue to hold each other in affection and respect."

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1. Completion of the Alma College building program.
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Although no representatives from our own college attended the recent National Student Conference of Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. groups, some of the results should be of much interest to any student body. About three thousand men and women from a multitude of different colleges and universities were present for this student meeting which is held once in a generation, or rather, once in a student generation.

In the early days of the convention older people helped the representatives to decisions with their interpretations of problems. Some of the prominent speakers were Dr. G. A. Studdert Kennedy, Chaplin to the King of England; Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, President of Union Theological seminary. These two gentlemen debated on the relative virtues of science and religion. Dr. Niebhuur of Detroit rapped this age of jazz severely, but the young people of today were in turn defended by Dr. Edith Swift of New York, who has two daughters of her own. Kirby Page spoke on the problem of war which was a subject of deep interest to the convention.

The last day of the convention was devoted to securing student opinion on some of the problems which had been discussed. It turned out that the delegates were more or less divided on practically all of the votes.

The question of war was dealt with in four propositions.

1. "I will not support any war."—1-6 of total vote.
2. "I would support some wars but not others."—1-2
3. "I would support any war declared by the authorities of my government."—1-17
4. "I am not ready to commit myself."—1-6

The vote on the race question was as follows:

1. "I am willing to give to members of every race the same opportunities that I have."—Almost unanimous
2. "Regarding some races as inferior to mine, I favor keeping them in their places."—11 votes
3. "On my campus I will deny to no one of any race the privileges that I claim for myself."—681 votes
4. "I am not ready to commit myself."—35 votes

Many other problems were stamped with the opinion of the students. The present day economic order was disapproved and something of a more cooperative nature felt to be the solution to the problem. A small number felt the capitalistic system in accordance with the principles of Jesus. A large group favored backing organized labor as a means of correcting industrial evils. However only a small number were so radical as to advocate Communism. Other problems dealt with, as the New Student says, "Were contemporary as this morning's headlines." Jazz, Prohibition, Godlessness, Militarism, and narrow Nationalism all came in for their share of rebuke.

The thing to be especially noticed about the convention was the seriousness and graveness with which the business was completed. It cannot be missed that the representatives at this meeting were in dead earnest. Sometimes this spirit reached almost that of depression. There seemed to be a current of feeling that most everything was wrong, and only God and his inevitable justice filled the background. It is not at all our purpose to criticize this spirit. But we feel rather the importance attached to such a meeting of thinking young America. We cannot feel with some others that it is radical youth trying to change the world overnight. Whatever else may be said of present day youth it cannot be charged that they do not think. They have their own opinions and it is evident that they disagree with many things in the world and more particularly, in our own country. The far looking man will watch student movements and opinions. Already a definite trend is shown.

We are indebted to articles in the New Student and the Milton College Review for material used in this editorial.

FACTS

The student council exam bounce Friday evening was well named. If the correspondent's memory is correct most of the members of that governing body of the college were present. Aside from those interested in the immediate success of the party about twenty-five couples came to participate in the evening's amusement. The rest were either at the show or having a bull session at which they were crabbing about the social life at Alma college.

The students here this year might well be called the demagogues of 1927, they crab because there aren't more parties; and when the student council tries to satisfy their wishes by giving a good dance like the one held Friday evening, the student body fails to properly support it. The stags who were present and the girls who came over from Wright Hall alone are to be commended on having spizzerkintum enough to come out of their shell of conventionality and join in having a good time.

—Contributed

THOUGHTS MORE OR LESS LITERARY

Saturday afternoon from one o'clock until three is an ideal time to read magazines at the library. The reading room is seldom crowded and as the students present are kindred spirits I am able to sprawl over the table or to tilt my chair against the wall without fear of offending some one. Then I enjoy myself and browse upon various articles until I find one that should be digested. The electric bell is disconnected, (Thank Heaven) and I am saved from its deafening, ratchet clatter. Why is the infernal thing allowed in the library? Anyone who is able to sleep on the cushionless reading-room chairs certainly is in a greater need of rest than knowledge and if a student is so deeply immersed in a book that he forgets a class, surely his reading is more beneficial than the lecture which he misses. I suggest that some classes be held or even a couple be substituted for that disturbing and useless of progress.

I often find myself wondering which magazine is read by the largest number of individuals. Is it the American? The Literary Digest? The Colliers? The Scientific American? The Century? or Harpers? Many are utterly ignored and I could offer a hundred and one reasons for the neglect of some of the Reviews but how long has it been since you even glanced through The North American Review, The Atlantic Monthly, The Nation, The Saturday Review of Literature, The Survey, current History, The Bookman, or Scribners? This quarter of the N. A. Review contains several very interesting articles and I hope that the following samples may trick you into reading the originals.

James S. Wilson of the University of Virginia writes on 'Poe's Philosophy of Composition.' Poe adopted a phrase 'The Unity or Totality of Interest' from Schlegel for the heart of his philosophy. In formulating a story plot an author may use a succession of incidents, built around unfolding character, create an atmosphere that suggests incidents or enlarge upon some action that will provide an opportunity for philosophizing or moralizing. Poe added to this list a fifth starting point as he first settled the denouement or intended effect and made every word tend toward the development of that particular end. Reread "The Fall of the House of Usher" for a splendid example of this principle or (if you are interested) read Poe's "Philosophy of Composition" which may be found in Volume VI of his Complete Works (Reference.) In the latter the inception and writing of "The Raven" is explained. This essay has been denounced by many inspired writers as a hoax, but Poe very plainly stated, "There is no greater mistake than the supposition that true originality is a mere matter of impulse or inspiration. To originate, is carefully, patiently and understandingly to combine."

"The Commercialization of Tennis" by Fred Hawthorne is a mild protest against professionalization. The author has a Britisher's attitude toward sports, that is, "Sport for sports sake!"

Another article with the unusual title "Why Women Fail in Business" aroused my curiosity and certainly will arouse much comment.

Finally, although you can read George Harvey's Maxims for 1927, a discussion of the Cotton Surplus or the Franco-American relations, J. Brooks Atkinson contributed an excellent article on Richard Brinsley Sheridan: "Sheridan—Whom the Gods Loved." Byron wrote in his diary "He (Sheridan) has written the best comedy, the best opera, the best farce, and the best address,—and to crown all delivered the best oration

ever conceived or heard in this country." Sheridan's winning of Elizabeth Linly, a beautiful and popular singer of the period, and the two duels that he fought in her behalf as well as many amusing incidents are included in this sketch.

Have you read "The Rivals" lately? I hesitate to suggest a revival of interest in scandal. If not, renew acquaintanceship with Mrs. Malaprop after you have written that hard examination. Her speech on "What a Girl Should Know" is a gem. I quote it below:

"I would by no means wish a daughter of mine to be a progeny of leaning; I don't think so much learning becomes a young woman; for instance I would never let her meddle with Greek, or Hebrew, or algebra, or simony, or fluxions, or such inflammatory branches of learning—neither would it be necessary for her to handle any of your mathematical, astronomical, diabolical instruments. —But Sir Anthony, I would send her, at nine years old, to a boarding-school, to learn a little ingenuity and artifice. Then, sir, she would have a supercilious knowledge in accounts;—and as she grew up, I would have her instructed in geometry that she might know something of the contagious countries;—but above all, Sir Anthony, she should be mistress of orthodoxy, that she might not mis-spell, and mis-pronounce words so shamefully as girls usually do; and likewise that she might reprehend the true meaning of what she is saying. This, Sir Anthony, is what I would have a woman know;—and I don't think there is a superstitious article in it."

You have read the advertisements stating that fifteen minutes a day with certain classics would improve your social and financial status. It seemed preposterous and you laughed, but Horace Mann said, "Resolve to edge in a little reading every day, if it be but a single sentence. If you gain fifteen minutes a day, it will make itself felt at the end of the year."

—Horace.

STUDENT FORUM

To whom it may here-in-after concern:

It has come to our attention that the headlines of the Almanian proclaim this paper a student publication. Hoping to relieve the struggling editor of his burden of Sunday evening labor, to abet the praiseworthy efforts of his staff, and hoping to put in writing some of the prevalent ideas of our campus life, we sought the editor. Haltingly he gave his word to the end that, if our efforts do at all deserve it, he will allow us space for their presentation.

Please do not infer from our reference to space that we merely intend to help the editor and his staff in the ever present problem of filling up space. Rather the idea is to present some of our own suppressed ideas, and also some that we have heard discussed at numerous times and in various places. The goal of our efforts is not the creation of a Utopian Alma Mater. If through this medium we are provocative of ideas which result in active benefit to the college then we will have accomplished our purpose.

We have striven long. If in our toil we weary of ideas and resort to the human sport of Campusology, bear with us. Noble effort should be commended. If at any time anyone feels that our ideas are wrong, or if he feels that he has a better idea and wishes to express it to our confusion, see the editor and air your opposition at our expense.

If, when June brings out the campus squirrel, and the stumps show in the Pine, and when caps and gowns are the mourning dress of '27; if when that dear time arrives we shall have accomplished some little good, brought some cheer, shall have helped our Alma Mater and our editor—then we'll be happy.

Until next issue,
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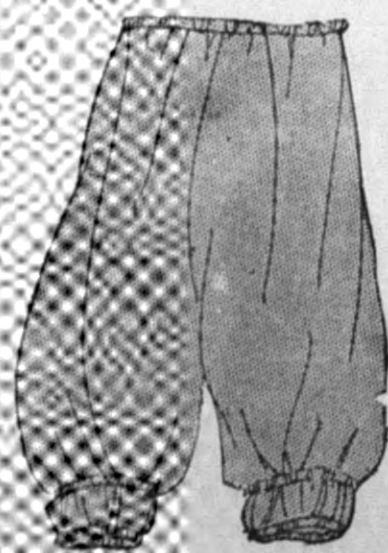
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Public Speaking Contests to Be
 Held February 2nd and 3rd
 in Chapel.

The annual oratorical contests for men and women of the college have been scheduled for an early date in February. The winner of the men's and women's contests respectively, will represent Alma college in the annual contest of the Michigan Oratorical League which will be held the first Friday in March at Olivet. In addition to this honor the winners are awarded cash prizes, and the first place winners get the pearl A pin, the official emblem of Debate and Oratory, and also the literary frit A. Prizes of twenty-live dollars each are awarded the winners of the contests by the Rev. W. K. Spencer of Ionia, and President Crooks. Second place prizes of fifteen dollars each are given by Mr. William R. Hamilton of Algonac.

From the large number of contestants who are preparing orations some of the best contests in the history of the school are looked forward to in both the men's and women's preliminaries. The support of the student body is hoped for. Turn out and help Alma towards a higher place in the field of oratory in the state.

Professor Spencer's squad of varsity debaters are working hard to get their cases in shape for their first debates of the season. On February 15th the Affirmative team will meet in the hall here, and the Negative team will travel to Kalamazoo to meet Western State Normal.

PHILOMATHCAN

Monday evening the Philomatheans held their 12th meeting of the new year. The society was called to order by the President, Marion Phillips. The roll call was answered with each one giving the Philomathcan yell, this ended disastrously for some of the new members, for the queer words had a way of twisting themselves about. After the business of the evening had been dispensed with, a motion was made to proceed with the program.

Alice Olson gave a very interesting talk on "The Five Day Week." Margaret Roberts gave a splendid piano solo "Romance en Re" by Chaminade. Penelope Sawkins told "Why Women Fail in Business." Margaret gave a delightful solo "The Japanese Sunset." Alice Goebel completed the program with a paper "The Crime Wave."

If this first meeting is a criterion the members of Philomathcan are assured an instructive and entertaining year.

LIBRARY NOTES

Students interested in Ancient, Mediaeval and Modern literature may find in the college library the comprehensive catalogs of Maggs Bros., London and Paris. These lists rare items for sale, and include facsimile reproductions of rare title pages, autographs, maps, etc. They make these available in the studies of the various subjects covered, and help to vitalize and add interest to the study of early writers. These catalogs are being received currently through the courtesy of Mr. Lester A. Sharp and Messrs. Maggs, and may be consulted by inquiry at the charging desk.

The classes in Spanish literature may be interested to read an article in the Jewish Tribune of January 7, 1927, entitled "The Jewish author of a Spanish masterpiece, Fernando Rojas, who wrote the famous novel, "Celestina." The title page of this work is reproduced in an illustration.

Two interesting visitors have called at the library this past week: Miss Goodwin, a field Y. W. C. A. secretary, from N. Y. City, who left with the library a list of "Recent books and pamphlets recommended to college students in Christian world missions," published 1927; and Mr. William L. Steele, of the class of 1901. The student assistant who showed Mr. Steele over the library learned that Mr. Steele had been a room-mate of her father when at Alma College. Mr. Steele said that in those days "the boys and girls were not allowed in the library at the same time. The boys came one day and the girls the next. Stack privileges were not allowed, and the books could not be taken from the library."

FRESHMEN: - In planning your studies for the second semester do not forget the very important course in the study of Reference works and how to use the library, Library Methods 12, which gives two credits in the English department, and is planned to alternate with Freshman Bible.

THE ALMANIAN

Beta Tau Epsilon Announces House Fund

Beta Tau Epsilon Literary Society announces the beginning of a house fund looking forward to the day when the society will be able to have a society house. Plans have been discussed for some time and members of the society and alumni believe that in the close future Beta Tau will be able to carry out the project. At present it is expected that close to one thousand dollars will be pledged for the support of a house proposition during the current year.

Beta Tau Epsilon is the youngest men's society on the campus and the only men's society which does not boast a house. It is hoped by the members of the society that possession of a house will establish Beta Tau Epsilon even more firmly on the campus.

CAMITSOLOGY

As Bobby Burns's, the great Scotch bard, birthday will be celebrated next week, we offer our contribution of appreciation to him.

To Bobby Burns
 Oh, here's to Bobby Burns, boys,
 He lived among the heather;
 His shirt was made from oatmeal sacks,
 His britches came from leather.

Oh whiskey was his diet boys,
 He loved it like a brother;
 Its stench was on his dying breath,
 He ruled his dying shudder.

His verse was of the common folk,
 It made the day seem brighter;
 He touched the simple country heart,
 And made the burlesque lighter.

So here's to Bobby Burns, boys,
 For women were his bane:
 And every loyal Scotchman,
 Should follow in his train.

Sye Leahy and Tommy Jackson have broken into the Wright Hall setting column.

It seems to be about time for the jovial Thompson to hand out the rags.

We had a good one on Red Clark but he bribed the editor.

The boys are all sore because we called McIntoshes Dorm McIntyres in the last issue. We apologize.

Chief Arozian's mass melting in the chapel was a success Thursday morning.

Don Campbell joined the tonsillitory dub.

We wish that the next time girls wise crack in the Almanian they would sign them so that we won't get blamed.

Say girls, may we transpose last week's Wright Hall notes into an artistic appeal?

I dream
 Of my Chevalier-
 I wonder if he will never come.
 The fairies told me
 Long ago,
 That he would be
 Handsome
 Brave
 And strong.
 Fairies never lie
 So I dream of my Chevalier-
 I wonder if he will never come.

Any wishing to take mouth organ lessons apply to Ruth Hyde. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Those must be some of next Spring's chickens that we enjoyed at Wright Hall Sunday noon. Wonder what happened to the pineapple, there was none in the ice cream.

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SLEEP

Sleep
 Sleep, not as in the era of nightlight
 For night is a time of love,
 But sleep in the drowsy classroom
 Where the professor drones his way.

Sleep
 Sleep, not as in the image of death
 For death is eternal rest,
 But sleep in the drowsy classroom
 Where the professor drones his way.

Sleep
 Sleep, not as in the throes of drug
 For oblivion wears the soul,
 But sleep in the drowsy classroom
 Where the professor drones his way.

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 Sleep, not as in time of danger
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EXAM BOUNCE HELD IN GYM

Small Crowd Enjoys Pre-Exam Dance Given by Student Council.

Enough evidence of the success of the exam bounce given by the student council at the gymnasium Friday evening was recorded when protest on the part of witnesses in the case of the plaintiff was brought to Acting Attorney Thoma that the time had been too short. Objection was brought before Her Honor (Miss Steward) and a motion was made by Thoma that permission be granted by the court to extend the time to eleven thirty. After consultation with Judge Landwehr, the court overruled the objection and the case was brought to a close at eleven; on the grounds that the girls should all be in bed at eleven thirty one week prior to exams.

However enough evidence had been produced, that the dancers were having a good time, before the court decision had been granted that little protest was prevalent after the decision. The court room was not filled as had been expected only about twenty-five couples being present.

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The Campus Melody Hounds, who stood up under severe cross examination, were in the jury box during the whole trial.

Aside from Judge Steward and Judge Landwehr, who acted as chaperones, other members of the bar present were Mrs. Crooks, Miss Foley, Miss Renich, and Dean Mitchell.

Shatiko, Former Alma Student, Goes Insane

Many friends of Basil A. Shatiko, a former student of the college will be sorry to hear that he was adjusted insane by a commission of doctors in the county court at Champaign, Illinois. He has been committed to the Kankakee asylum.

Shatiko, or Shadigo, as he was known in Alma, is 27 years of age. He was born in Russia, coming to this country early in his life. He attended Alma for some years and later graduated from the University of Illinois. He made a very good record there and was a member of the Illinois wrestling team. This year he was engaged in graduate work in Botany at the University.

Of late it was noticed that he was losing his mind, and formed the tendency of attacking imaginary enemies. He had entertained hopes of some day returning to his native land as an organizer.

PROPER ETIQUETTE

A member of the Almanian staff has kindly consented to write a series of articles each week on the subject of etiquette. We are sure that these enlightening articles will be of great value. This issue he writes upon "The Etiquette of Travel."

Etiquette of Travel

Every well educated person should indulge in some sort of travel before he can truthfully say that he is cultured. Automobile trips are not to be considered as travel as they are not conducive to higher thoughts. One cannot think of the beauty of the landscape while listening to a bearing knock.

When going abroad, the first thing to do is to decide whether you will go by steamer or by launch, and by many authorities a steamer is considered as having many advantages. The next thing to do is to decide what boat you are going on. Then call up the ticket agent and inquire as to when the boat leaves for that is very necessary, also from what point it is going to leave. This will eliminate a great deal of trouble for you.

Take as much luggage as possible with you, as you will find that it will add greatly to your comfort while away. Take with you all the little conveniences which you have been accustomed to at home. It is best to take an oil stove with you for a great many times you will want to heat up food which the bell boy has brought to you when you are unable to leave the cabin on account of seasickness. It will be good to remember that seasickness can be easily aggravated by eating cold pork chops and onions and there is nothing so sickening as eating cold sausage. Be sure to take hip boots along with you as sometimes the water splashes in deluges across the deck and there is nothing that will bring on a cold as quickly as wet feet. If possible take a small chicken coop as it will keep away lonesomeness, providing the coop is filled with chickens, and then too, one can always order one of the hens cooked to your own taste. You can always decide easily whether or not you want a tough fowl or a tender one and then be sure of getting it.

When you arrive in foreign lands, always argue with the customs officials. It will get you quickly acquainted with the peculiarities of the race, besides giving the impression that you are an American and that you cannot be bamboozled into believing everything that is told you. If you become involved with the police it is advisable to use the identical tactics.

The best people always make it a point to miss their steamer at some place or other. If you do not do this you will never have the chance to say: "I missed my steamer, and it was so beastly disgusting."

When traveling about the city, if you are an elderly lady, grasp your umbrella firmly in one hand and your numerous packages in the other and begin looking for a tram car. Go to a corner which has a sign "CARS DO NOT STOP HERE" and wave your umbrella frantically at each motorman that is piloting each passing tram.

After five cars have gone by you will return to the curbing and say "My Goodness!"

"Firefly," a comedy in three acts has been chosen for the annual opera of Detroit City College. It is taken from the book by Otto Hauerback. The music is by Rudolf Friml.

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Sophomores Win Over Frosh in Basketball

The Sophomores defeated the Freshmen in an exciting basketball encounter in the gym Saturday afternoon. Towards the end of the fray it became mostly a personal encounter match as the first year men made desperate efforts to overcome the lead of their rivals. The final score was 22-15.

Sammy Moss was easily the star of the game for the victors. He put the ball through the net twice in the first quarter to place his team in the lead at the end of the period 4-1. During the rest of the game he raised his total points to 15. Captain Conlin led the scoring of his team annexing 9 points.

At the start of the second quarter the Sophs put in a bunch of subs while the first string men rested up. But their opponents quickly took the lead and held it until the end of the half. The half ended 9-8. Both teams fought for the advantage during the third period. First one outfit would lead, and then the other. But in the final period some spectacular shooting by Moss sewed up the game for the Sophomores. In fact the team work of the Frosh showed up to better advantage, and the second year men needed a sure shot in their ranks to win. The Frosh continually missed shots that seemed sure counters after they had worked the ball down the floor.

There is talk of a Junior team taking on the winners in a game to be played a week from Saturday. It would make some good sport if a league of class teams could be worked out to compete for the inter-class championship.

The starting line-up was:

SOPHOS	FROSH
Lamb	L. E. Golden
Moss	L. F. Thielman
Brown	C. Gustin
Goodenow	L. G. Pexet
Mann (c)	R. G. Conlin (c)
Substitutions—Sophas—Thompson for Lamb, Westfall for Moss, Crowell for M. Moss, Hobart for Goodenow, Hoffman for Brown, Zimmerman for Hobart, Moss for Crowell, Brown for Hoffman, Lamb for Westfall, Mann for Thompson, Crowell for Goodenow, Thompson for Brown, Zimmerman for Lamb, Westfall for Mann, Frosh—Leahy for Gustin, Wilkinson for Thielman, Aiken for Golden, Thielman for Leahy, Golden for Wilkinson, Gustin for Conlin, Holt for Aiken, Conlin for Holt.	
Field Baskets: Moss 7, Conlin 4, Mann, Westfall, Golden. Foul shots: Moss, Goodenow 2, Mann, Golden 2, Pexet, Conlin, Leahy.	
Referee, McKinnon; Timekeeper, Nickels; Scorer, MacDonald.	

PROGRESS MADE ON COLLEGE YEAR BOOK

(Continued from page one)
ed and sent in. The Campus View section will be the largest ever included in an annual and all pictures will be from full page cuts.

Assistants Report Progress
The editors in charge of the various sections report progress in their various fields. Art Editor Hogan has half of his work ready for the engraver. Fraser, in charge of athletics, announces an especially extensive and attractive athletic section, which will feature our championship football team. A circulation drive has been announced to start at the beginning of next semester by Circulation Manager Bixby.

The advertising campaign will be launched soon, probably in the interval between semesters. The merchants of Alma have always been very good in their support of the college annual, and with their help it is hoped to make the year book a financial as well as a literary success. Although the last annual published came out with a deficit the price of the one issued by the class of 1928 is to be reduced from three dollars and a half to three dollars. The staff hopes to make up for this by means of added circulation among the student body and alumni. Letters requesting subscriptions will be mailed to all alumni next week.

It is very probable that the Alma Record Printing Company will be given the contract for the publishing of the year book.

The staff of the 1927 Annual is:
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To get a "D"
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—Richmond Collegian

Albion College debaters met a University of Michigan team in a no-decision debate last Thursday evening. Albion defended the eighteenth amendment.

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