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**LOOKING BACK AND AHEAD**  
Coming to the end of a year, it is quite fitting that we should pause for a moment and look back over the record of Alma this year. Look back to weigh and consider the happenings of the year, both good and bad, that we may build for a greater and better Alma next year.

We feel that Alma has had an unusual live and energetic student body this year, in more ways than one. Principally, in the way they have studied campus problems and tried to solve them. Never in recent years has there been as much discussion of improvements that the students feel could be made in the college. We are sorry to say that results do not show the strength of student opinion, but we are very nappy that students have made their opinions known on several occasions when such action was needed. We want and need thinking Alma students. Only thus will we improve our college.

Again, we have strong athletic records this year. Alma has had strong, fighting teams, who did their best for the school. Alma spirit has been shown on the gridiron, basketball court, and all other places of athletic endeavor.

While far from the top in Oratory and Debate, the men and women in this field have worked honestly and hard. Giving one's best effort is more important than winning.

So we look forward to seeing these records improved next year. We would hope in the first place, that students would think how best to improve, and then act courageously along the line of action. We would hope for Alma men and women who will give their best efforts in every college activity, and win or lose find satisfaction in that.

Every student is prone to speak ill of his college at times. It is student nature, perhaps. Often a low grade where a high one was expected is the cause, failure to make teams may be the cause, disputes with faculty members may be it, or any other of innumerable causes and conditions. We feel that it is a student right to criticize if he feels he has just cause, and if he criticizes constructively. We would defend that to the end. But at the same time, do not keep any grudge against your college because of something that has happened. The year is finished, we have all worked toward a better Alma, faculty and students, according to our lights. We have all made mistakes. But Alma means more to us than the attainment of any one thing we may not have been able to get. Let us be satisfied, looking forward to next year to again lend our best efforts for Alma.

**DUNT ESK!**  
(Cornell Daily Sun)

The next time someone of our acquaintance drags out the latest "Ask Me Another" book and, his eyes gins to fire query after unanswerable query at us, we shall not crawl down into our collar nor try to hide vainly behind a newspaper muttering feeble "I don't know." On the contrary, with a bland air of superior knowledge we shall interrupt him with, "When was the first Ask Me Another book published?"

He will be a bit startled by what seems to him such an obvious question, and with a condescending smile will say, "Why, in 1926, of course." Then we shall say, "Not at all. It was published in the fourteenth century by Phillippe de Thaon, Jofroi de Watreforde, and other learned men. I must say I am surprised at such appalling ignorance. I can see that you don't read the Boston Transcript."

Utterly crushed, and unable to reply, he will tear his beloved question book into tiny shreds, cast them one by one into the fire, and slink off, muttering unintelligibly to himself.

If he should prove stronger than we thought and answer that one, all we shall have to do will be to ask

him one or two of the questions in "What Mediaeval Ask Me Another: "When God made Adam how old was he?" or "Will idiots be damned?" That will be sufficient and we shall be able to go peacefully back to our books.

—By I. P. Service

**Alma Awarded Football Championship**

At the annual meeting of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association directors, held in Albion in conjunction with the annual field day, Alma was officially awarded the pennant for the football championship this year. Alma also received the relay pennant in the track awards.

Albion was awarded the basketball championship, and Kalamazoo took both baseball pennants, for the association championship, and for field day champions. The track title was awarded to Hillsdale.

The Alma baseball team was eliminated by Albion in their first game of the field day series. Alma played their best brand of baseball but was eliminated by the Methodists who turned in a spectacular exhibition of baseball. Lightbody hurled good ball for the victors, but Alma collected as many hits off him, as Albion did off the Alma pitchers. However Alma's were scattered hits and Albion bunched theirs in a few innings to score six runs to Alma's three. Meanwhile Kalamazoo put Hope out of the race, and managed to defeat Albion easily in the final game of the series. Watson hurled both games for the Kazooks.

Alma's track team put up a game fight for the track title. MacFarland, Gilbert, MacGregor and MacMmanus did the outstanding work for Alma, placing high in several events. The relay team, Wolters, Lamb, MacFarland and Gilbert took the relay in one of the most thrilling races ever staged on an M. I. A. A. track. However Alma was only able to finish in third place, with Hillsdale first and Kalamazoo second. Considering the strong teams in the association this year, Alma made a very fine showing, much more than had been expected.

**Kappa Iota Gives Annual Luncheon**

Members and guests of the Kappa Iota Literary Society held their annual society luncheon at the Wright House, Saturday, June 11th, at 1:30 o'clock. Decorations were very beautiful consisting of yellow rose buds, snap dragons and purple honey suckles.

Many former members of the society were back on the campus to attend the luncheon. Among them were M. Campbell, M. Furman, B. Woodhurst, L. Watrous, D. Lee, F. Holmes, D. Tindale, D. Landwehr, and D. Jost.

Following is the program enjoyed:

- Toastmistress—Ruth Richards
- Entertainment—Helen Frances Miller
- Afternoon Tea—Mrs. H. M. Crooks
- The Buggy Ride—Bertha Woodhurst
- The Call—Lucille Wolfe
- Leave Taking—Cathryn Lee

**Writing Class Produces Entire Novel**

Birmingham, Ala., (By New Student Service)—On the title page of the new novel that is almost completed at Birmingham-Southern University will be the names of eighteen students of the English composition class. The class collaborated on this novel which is being written as a regular part of the course.

Eighteen different students wrote the twenty-three chapters of the novel. Each chapter was rewritten at least one time to insure smoothness and transition. As may be imagined, it was not easy to concoct a uniformly written and coherent novel from the hands of so many amateur writers. Most of the action takes place in Birmingham in a district familiar to all the writers.

In charge of the composition class is an instructor whose first novel is just appearing in print. His name is Mr. James Saxon Childers and his first novel, "Laurel and Straw," the story of a Rhodes Scholar, will be reviewed in a later issue of The New Student.

Are the scientists who say that the span of human life may yet be one hundred years giving sufficient attention to the influence of the motor-car accidents in pulling down the average?—Boston Transcript

After working the political boss for a job a man can afford to take it easy.

The dinner gong and the dinner ring are not always synonymous.

**Crooks Delivers Many Commencement Speeches**

As usual President Crooks is delivering many commencement addresses in cities of the lower peninsula. Last Wednesday afternoon he spoke to the graduates of Detroit University School, and in the evening to the senior class of the Marshall high school. He addressed the Gaylord high school graduates Thursday evening, and spoke Friday evening to the Grand Ledge graduates.

President Crooks has four more engagements to fill. Next Thursday he will speak to the Standish graduating class, and Friday evening will be the speaker of the evening at the Fairgrove commencement exercises.

On Thursday, June 23rd, President Crooks will deliver the commencement address at Creston High School, Grand Rapids. The exercises will be held at ten o'clock in the morning. On the next evening he will be in Pontiac to speak at the commencement of the Pontiac High School seniors.

**Camp Tamiment Offers Summer Opportunity**

New Yor (By New Student Service)—For the student who wishes to combine summer sociological discussion with swimming, tennis, boating, baseball and hiking, the three day conference of The League for Industrial Democracy is especially designed. This conference is an annual affair and will be held at Camp Tamiment, Forest Park, Pa., June 23 to 26.

One conference is devoted especially to talking over the student's particular dilemma and finding out what he can do in regard to bettering Industry and International Relations. Well informed speakers will be on hand, a circular announces, including Paul Brigorden of Columbia, Jacob Billikopf, Impartial Chairman, New York Men's Clothing Industry, Professor Paul H. Douglas of Hilluqilt, E. C. Lindeman, of the New York School for Social Work, Robert Morse Lovell of the New Republic, Scott Nearing, lecturer and author, George Soule of the New Republic, Norman Thomas of the League for Industrial Democracy, and others.

Special reduced rates are offered students who are all invited to attend. Further information may be obtained from the League for Industrial Democracy, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

**Drama Club Selects Next Year's Officers**

After a very successful season the Drama Club of Alma College met on last Thursday evening, June 2, in a special meeting for the election of officers. They are:

- President—Earl Closser
  - Secretary—Leslie Rowland
  - Treasurer—Louis Zimmerman
  - Reporter—Louis Nickels
- With these officers and an abundance of talent, the future of the Drama Club is very bright. The coming year will see several fine plays presented by the organization.

**LIBRARY NOTES**

A display of old programs may be of interest to visiting alumni, who, perchance, may note some that look familiar.

Among the Alma College graduates of this year who have served on the library student staff or who have had the course in library methods are the Misses Forrester, Gilbert, Lau, Richard, Stinchcomb and Winslow, and Mrs. Perdue. Among those who are being graduated from other colleges or universities are the Misses Marjorie Kunze and Mary I. Parr. Of those who have completed a year of graduate study elsewhere is Miss Ruth I. King.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams Bouwman, who has been such a popular and efficient assistant, first as a student helper, and later as a graduate assistant, has resigned her library position to join her husband, Mr. Bert Bouwman, of Grand Rapids.

Miss Helen Wolter, of Benton Harbor, a graduate of the University of Michigan, who has studied in the Library Department or School of that university has been appointed to the position of library assistant for next year.

Work in the library will go forward during the first part of the summer. College students and faculty members may exchange books or read the periodicals mornings (while open) from 10 to 11:45.

Hopes have been entertained that sufficient funds would be forthcoming to start work on the fireproof bookstacks this summer, and thus afford a larger reading room (from space of present stacks.) However, this is not, as yet, assured. The library has now over 35,000 volumes

housed in space originally planned for 20,000; and much discarded material has been disposed of to make room for what is now included.

**FACULTY MAKE SUMMER PLANS**

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ning on attending the University of Michigan. John Dawson will attend the summer session of Detroit City college, before entering the University of Michigan law school this fall. Lauritz Drevdahl will study at Marquette Normal this summer.

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## Band Elects Officers for Coming Season

The last meeting of the year for the college band took place last Thursday and officers were chosen for the coming year. The band has had a most successful season under the leadership of George Boyd and it is hoped that as good results will be obtained again next year. One who deserves much credit for the success of the band this year is the manager, Alpha Musson. Because of his hard and consistent work the band has been able to come out on top financially. He also worked hard to secure the vote of the student council conferring letters on the band men, but was only able to secure them for senior men who had served two years. However he got the sentiment for band letters started and we are quite certain that next year will see the band men getting their letters.

Besides looking forward to a letter, the club is looking forward with enthusiasm to a five or ten day trip up North next year. Plans are already being laid, and chances are good that next year and will take such a trip.

The officers for the coming year are as follows:

President—Louis Nickels  
Manager—Erle Leichty  
Secretary-Treas.—Robert Jones

It is the sincere wish of the men who served in the band during this year, and who are graduating this year, that a very successful tour will be accomplished next year and they hope to return to see band members wearing letters.

## SENIORS HEAR FINE BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

(Continued from page one)

or Bryan or Darrow, or Fosdick, or Sherwood Eddy, or Dr. Cadman, or John Roach Straton, or Governor Al Smith, or Coolidge, or Voliva, or Mary Baker Eddy. My quarrel begins if you say you accept any one of these in order to be popular, or to be agreeable, or to secure a position, or to be elected to Congress, or to please a pastor, a teacher or an employer. Only truth has the right to compel your opinion. Only after honest and diligent thought have you the right to your opinion. Cowards and the indolent minded can follow without a thought.

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"In your souls must constantly be maintained the struggle of idealism against materialism. Our people are called the most materialistic of races. Seers in China and India warn us that our spirits' flights are likely to be impossible because of the abundance of the things we possess. Yet America gives more to schools, colleges, art galleries, education in all phases, foreign missions than any one else, and responds always to the appeal of ideals. I spend only a moment to say that America cannot save her soul by giving her money. Men and nations are only saved by giving their souls.

"You must be master of things. You must be anxious that money and possessions (so called) do not possess you. Here is the real enemy of the spirit.

"Selfishness has ever been the enemy of spiritual growth. The man who is choosing always what is best for himself, never makes the right choice for his soul's enrichment. Even the question 'What must I do to be saved' is not necessarily the sign of religion. It may be the query of a man in spiritual panic, the last cry of a man whose selfish life has brought him to the black abyss of hopelessness.

"The teacher who teaches for the salary; the business man who gives service only because service leads to profits; the minister who saves souls to be called to a larger church; the statesman who votes for the right only to be reelected; these are examples of men who may rise to higher positions. Their souls, however, make no flights. Their spirits'

wings will not lift them above the earth whose fulness they covet.

"Another conflict is with the giant unbelief. Faith has worked all the miracles of human history. Faith has built the cities, the towers and spires, the homes, and the parliament building. Faith has cemented all the organizations that help men to rise. The works of unbelief are ruins and howling emptiness. The only house fabricated by unbelief is the mad house.

"God gave men, through men's own minds and creations, the blueprint of a building fit for men to inhabit. With man's lack of comprehension threatening the success of the structure, he sent his own Son to give working principles and supplementary diagrams. He gave to men's spirits new power to rise and fly.

"So for your spirits' health I call on you to fight unbelief as you would pestilence itself. . . . There are giants in these days. No man can be himself; above all no man can be God's man, whose soul is not constant in warfare with these enemies of mind and spirit.

"The warfare of the spirit is never ended. The boundaries of the impossible may be pushed back, and back but beyond is still the goal. 'Be ye perfect' . . . As explorers are perfect? As fliers are perfect? As heroes are perfect? As saints are perfect? Like the rainbows end, it may never be reached. Still it is the authorized goal: Be ye perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect.

"The flight of the soul is to no earthly city. The goal is not Berlin, not Paris, not New York City. The goal for the soul is that city whose builder and maker is God."

## FINAL CHAPEL HELD ON MONDAY

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Arozian, Karpp, Pezet, Simmons, Hawthorne, and Chatman of Detroit; Anderson and Lamb of Alma; Captain Burton of Manistique; Bauer of Saginaw; MacGregor of Pontiac; Frazer of Flint; and Holdship of Ubyly.

Sweaters for four years of athletic participation were awarded to Walter Burton and Rex Anderson. Anderson, Holdship, Hawthorne, Gaelor, Seng, Karpp, Tiderington, Simmons and Wolters were awarded the basketball letters.

Assistant Coach Macdonald awarded the baseball letters to Holdship, Gaelor, Conlin, Yaggeman, Westfall, Albaugh, Tiderington, Kippert, Boutin, LeBlanc, and Hawthorne.

Track Coach Ewer awarded track emblems to Captain MacGregor, Gilbert, MacManus, Bernd, Lamb, Wolters, MacFarland, Conlin and Pezet. Medals won in the association meet at Albion were also awarded. Captain MacGregor received one for second in the hundred, and third in the broad jump. MacFarland had second in the two twenty. MacManus for first in the two mile and fourth in the mile run. Bernd for third in the two twenty low hurdles. Pezet for first in the shot and third in the discus. All members of the relay team received medals for winning that event. The team composed of Lamb, Wolters, MacFarland and Gilbert have not lost a relay event this year. They turned in the fast time of 3:35 at the association meet.

MacManus received a medal for taking fifth place in cross country event and Erskine for seventh in the same race.

Reserve letters were awarded to Thomas, Knighton, Pomeroy, Fox, Burton and Knowles.

Ross Mitchell and Lee Crooks received the tennis awards. They took fourth place in the association doubles at Albion. Leahy and Angell and Crowell received the reletter.

The varsity pearl A was awarded to the following men, who were participating in athletics for the first time. Arozian, Karpp, Pezet, Simmons, Bauer, Tiderington, Seng, Wolters, Kippert, Conlin, LeBlanc, Yaggeman, Albaugh, Gilbert, MacFarland, Lamb, Mitchell, Crooks, Bernd, Erskine and Boutin.

Francis MacDougall received the award as student business manager of athletics during the past year.

Professor Ditto, faculty association representative, presented Captain Burton with the championship banner adding it was seldom that a student captained a championship football team, and won a magna cum laude degree. He also presented to Captain MacGregor the championship banner for the winning relay team at the Albion field day.

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## SENIORS REVEL ON SKIP DAY

Members of Class of '27 Spend  
Enjoyable Outing at  
Bass Lake.

Wednesday, the first day of June was declared by the seniors to be their annual spring skip day. As a consequence the campus missed the black robed graduates. An early start was made, and breakfast enjoyed near the pines of Three Pines. Professor Journey gets much of the credit for starting the day off right with a hearty breakfast, as he gathered most of the firewood. This while the others frolicked about with the birds and cows, and Wally Burton and Joe Snell climbed trees. Unfortunately Wally dropped his watch, with the river flowing directly beneath. As an aftermath he and Red Clark spent thrilling moments in the icy waters in the search for the lost trinket. It being finally recovered, and breakfast devoured, the trio of cars took up the march for Bass Lake. Special mention should be given to the driving ability displayed by Erskine, seldom taking a corner on all fours.

As soon as everyone had regather-

ed at the lake, Snell and Scotty chose sides for a game of baseball. Harold Fildey was unanimously appointed umpire of the battle. He served faithfully and well. Note—the ed was on the winning team, though many a hot dispute arose over some of the many close decisions, especially when the player in question happened to be of the so called fair sex.

The Macdonaldites got away to the best start, the captain and Murray featuring with home runs in early innings. But by dint of hard effort their opponents slowly closed up on them, and then forged into a lead which they held the rest of the game. Burton, pitching for the winners, had a fine day, walking few and keeping the hits scattered well. Journey pitched a nice game for the losers, but had a few bad innings when the Snellites hit him pretty freely. Prof. also gave a pretty exhibition of base stealing in the fifth, when he returned to first with a diving slide when catcher Snell threw to first in an effort to catch him napping. Mention should be made of the heavy slugging of Winslow and Adams, who figured in the play of their respective teams.

Swimming was in order after the game, and soon everyone was in the water. Prof. entertained the spectators by swimming and at the same time keeping a cigar going. He accomplished the seemingly impossible. Swimming and rowing soon created a number of healthy appetites, and the losing baseball team prepared the eats. Steak, beans, bananas, rolls, coffee, and cake formed the simple menu.

After eating the crowd enjoyed dancing and lolling about in the sunshine. But by about four the majority felt that the day should not be completely given over to play, especially as some had incompleting work to finish, so the start was made for home.

Skip day will be an event long remembered by the members of the class of '27 as one of the most enjoyable affairs of their college days. Most expressed the wish that the class could only get together for another such picnic day.

### Campbell, Stinchcomb Win Highest Honors

Donald Campbell of Gladstone has been named valedictorian of the class of 1927. He has made an unusual scholastic record at Alma, and plans on continuing his studies at Harvard next year, where he has been appointed to a scholarship.

Miss Neva Stinchcomb has been named salutatorian. Miss Stinchcomb is an Alma girl, and has a very brilliant scholastic record for her four years here. Following is the class roll:

Miss Elma Bishop, Mr. Donald Campbell, Miss Louise Lau, and Miss Neva Stinchcomb, A. B. summa cum laude.

Miss Ethelyn Adams, Mr. Walter Burton, Miss Alma Gilbert, Mrs. Viola H. Perdue, and Miss Ethel West, A. B. magna cum laude.

Mr. John Anderson, Mr. Carroll Clark, Mr. Hubert Doudna, B. Sc.; Miss Marion Forrester, Mr. Alpha Musson, Mr. Frank Prouty, and Miss Hope Winslow A. B. Cum laude.

Mr. Rex Anderson, Mr. Argyll Campbell, Miss Olga Down, Mr. John Erskine, Mr. Harold Fildey, Miss Cathryn Lee, Mr. Cecil Macdonald, Mr. Gordon Macdonald, Mr. Francis MacDougall, Mr. Wilmot Pruyne, Miss Ruth Richards, Mr. Stanley Sartor, Mr. Joseph Snell, and Mr. Everett Winslow receive the A. B. degree.

Mr. George Boyd, Mr. Walter Buzard, Mr. Charles Murray, Miss Gertrude Sutton and Mr. Keith Tarrant receive the B. Sc. degree.

### Mt. Pleasant Here for Final Baseball Game

Baseball fans will have their last opportunity to see the 1927 team in action at Davis Field Tuesday afternoon, when Alma meets Mt. Pleasant in the last game of the season. Despite the fact that Alma met with unexpected reverses in the last baseball games of the association race, and at the field day at Albion, Coach Campbell assures fans that they will see a fighting Alma aggregation at Davis Field this afternoon. Alma has a flock of good material, hampered mostly by the fact that for most of the squad this is their first year of college baseball. But the men have been getting some valuable experience, and it is felt that Alma has an even chance at least to knock off the strong Mt. Pleasant aggregation this afternoon.

In an early game of the season the Normal defeated Alma in a close battle, 2-1. Alma is out to even up the count, and win the final game of the year. A large crowd of students, alumni, and visitors is expected for the game.

### Student Council Sponsors All College Dance

An all college dance sponsored by the student council was given in the college gymnasium last Saturday evening. The music was furnished by Kendall Hicks' orchestra.

Because of the commencement season a number of alumni, old students and friends of the college were present to enjoy the dancing. Dancing concluded at eleven o'clock. Chaperones were Dean Steward, Miss Renich, Miss Foley and Mrs. H. M. Crooks.

### CAMPUSOLOGY

Well, folks, here we are back for a last crack at all our dear friends before we leave our Alma Mater. Its all good clean fun folks.

Frances must have left town because Drev came down to see us.

We know something of note would happen before school got out—a Wright Hall girl was caught reading a newspaper.

Say, the tobacco companies will lose money now that the boys will be livin' at home for the summer.

Mike Jenks asked Drevdahl if he said goodby to Frances, he said "Yes, twice."

Kent likes Saginaw water so well that his dad bought him a car so that he could get up there frequently this summer.

The saddest time of the year is here. The boys and girls part for the summer, and go home vowing eternal love, unswerving allegiance and all that sort of thing.

Well Thursday morning Professor Journey will go out to the old sport model and say, "One, two, three, step on the gas, underline it twice and lets go to Chi."

Thirty couples attended the all college party at Crystal Saturday evening.

Did you notice the new hat Cassie had on Sunday? She has finally pleased Ralph in some particular.

Doc's Gazette got him through three courses this semester, the professors thought that he was taking notes.

Skin Frazer got impatient after a forty-five minute wait at Wright Hall Saturday night, so he went to the foot of the stairs and called, "Hey, Cassie, haven't you got that dress made yet?"

This year's senior class has finally done something together. They all appeared at baccalaureate service Sunday evening and marched in unison down the aisle. Harold Fildey says everybody was out of step but him.

Hop Anderson wishes to thank all the students for their kind cooperation and enthusiasm during the three years that he has been yell master. He feels sure that his assistant Louis P. Zimmerman the Chicago handspringer, will fill his shoes without difficulty during the coming year. We too are sure that Mr. Zimmerman can fill Hop's shoes without difficulty. All right, now let's go, a big 2-4-6-8—who do we appreciate? Well, what's it to you?

From now on the faculty is going to regulate all fistic encounters between students, because of the numerous parties who plan on getting hit in the eye near exams next year. Applications for this privilege must be made promptly, as they will be considered in the order received, and only a limited number are available.

Wednesday will be the last chance the college will have to bring Prouty into the ranks of the believers. If they fail on that day we expect that Frank will take Mencken's place on this here green covered magazine called the "American Mercury," and expose the college as an educational center.

Well, now folks, this year is over. The Campusology column, which has been conducted on occasions by Francis Angus MacDougall and Lee Elliott Crooks, with the able assistance of several of the more wittily inclined of the campus, notably Romaine Graemael Hogan, and Charles Richard Murray, is no more. We have singularly enjoyed writing this column, in fact, we have heard it said with some conviction that the enjoyment was entirely too singular in some instances. But that is neither here nor there. The main thing is that we are all caught up and we hereby affirm that we are all through. Hoping you the same. Gedunks.

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