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EDITORIAL

As is customary in the first issue, the staff acknowledges the responsibility that rests upon its shoulders. We hope to make the Almanian truly the representative student publication of Alma College. We hope to record the happenings of the campus—the activities of this college group. We hope to present, on occasion, student opinion on matters ordinary and extraordinary. Above all, we hope to make the Almanian readable.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Cleo Oakes, a fellow student, whose smile and cheery word will always be with us.
Sophomore Class.

WORK PROCEEDS ON NEW GRIDIRON

During the summer months work has been going forward on the new athletic field and the President's new home in the grove. The athletic field, which was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bahlke of Alma, has been graded, reseeded, and sowed. The bed of the running track is completed and needs only the cinders and gravel to be in complete readiness. The football gridiron and baseball field is graded, tiled for drainage, and a turf started. Owing to the extreme dryness of the summer season most of the grass planted this summer has been burned out, but the fall rains are expected to start it again. The program now calls for the field to be ready for use next fall, when there will undoubtedly be enough turf to make the field one of the best in the state. Mr. Holmes, of Alma, is the contractor under whom the conditioning of the field has been done.

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**INTELLIGENCE TESTS
(Continued from page 1)**

The fact that a person comes to college indicates a form of ambition for at least a little more knowledge. With this in mind, it is interesting to read that results in some colleges, "lead examiners to conclude that test results furnish a better basis for grouping or rejection of incoming freshmen, than do reports from high schools." It is not our's to determine whether this applies to Alma or not.

The number of freshmen who wrote the test was eighty-two. This is rather significant and should mean high scores. There is not such a large margin for error as in the last few years. Three hundred and sixty-three would make a perfect score. Of course, with human limitations fully considered, such a mark is a physical impossibility. If a paper is ever marked with such a score the examiner has made a mistake. Kenneth Fortman of Holt, Michigan, received the highest score with a total of two hundred and eighty-four. Cecil Ellis of Alma was second in the ranking with a score of two hundred and twenty-five, while a co-ed, Miss Mary Mason, of Saginaw, came third with two hundred and twelve. These were the only three freshmen to score more than two hundred. The men seem to have the edge on the women this year although such is not always the case. Once in a while a woman gets the high score.

Every year the American Council on Education publishes a division of the Educational Record, entitled Psychological Examinations. In this bulletin results are compiled from tests taken by some five thousand freshmen and interesting conclusions are drawn and deductions made. The 1926 edition of the bulletin is on hand. From this we find that the highest score made in Alma College in 1926 was about fortieth best in the whole five thousand, and we may also see that there were about forty scores which were lower than Alma's lowest. This is the way matters usually turn out. There is a possibility—just about as much chance of our college getting a student with the highest score on this test, as of our getting a man on the All-American Football Team. We at least got honorable mention.

There is no cause for alarm to those who slipped a little on this test. As was announced no basis for grading is worked out from these results. Merely because one made a poor score here is no sign he will flunk out. Indeed, in past years it may be pointed out that one person who was about the middle of the ranking for this test came up among the first ten of his class in scholarship records. Of course, such a regularity works another way. As a rule of those ten who are highest in these tests there will be at least six who are among the first ten in scholarship.

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**OPENING RECEPTION
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 As has always been the custom, each one present was equipped with a card and a pencil, with spaces for signatures on the card. The person filling all the spaces in the card first won the game—if it might be called a game—and was awarded a fresh card. This card idea fulfills its purpose, anyway, it furnishes something to say to a stranger. Thus, for a large part of the evening might be heard shrill, feminine voices asking, "Will you sign my card?" and the answering masculine, "Sure. Sign mine, will you?" And so, with these pleasantries, time sped quickly enough, and refreshments were soon in order. Then began the scurry to find the one whose numbered card corresponded with the one in hand. Why? Because in this manner does one find one's partner of the evening. And so to the maple-nut ice cream and wafers. The crowd started thinning after the serving of refreshments. Some lingered to talk a while longer, others betook themselves to parts remote with the impressions of the evening still fresh. The girl in yellow—that boy with the checked suit—the gang of fellows who came just in time for refreshments—the girl with the boyish bob.
 The Opening Reception was over and with it ended the opening week of college.

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FOOTBALL (Continued from page 1)

and MacFarlane are also working as halves, where their value will be a great help to Campbell in the coming season.

MacGregor was worked into the fullback job last year after playing two years in the line. When yards were needed MacGregor was frequently called on to deliver them. He seems ready this year to do even more than last. Gilbert, of Croswell, another applicant for this job, shows worlds of ability. Seig is making these two men extend themselves and promises to work in excellently at fullback when called on to do his stuff.

With so much good material on the varsity squad, Alma grid fans are assured of a real team, one that it will be a pleasure to watch in this 1927 championship battle.

ANNUAL Y. W. WEEK IS A GREAT SUCCESS

Y. W. Week started off with a bang last Wednesday evening, when the old girls treated the new girls to the show. As far as we know, all the frosh enjoyed their first social engagement, and Y. W. members took pride in escorting the fair young damsels to Alma's leading theatres. And then the Sophs had the nerve to challenge those same frosh to put on a stunt at the first Y. W. meeting. The frosh accepted the challenge and immediately put on an evening's program. The older members awaited the entertainment with some curiosity. It consisted of a miscellaneous parade of various sorts of animals and men, followed by a vocal solo by Melba Davidson.

The Y. W. Tea on Friday afternoon was the main social event of the program. Beautiful bouquets of flowers were artistically arranged about the Reception Room at Wright Hall—otherwise it was the same familiar place. Each Y. W. member escorted a new girl, who, by the way, had her name embroidered on a strip of cloth and pinned across the front of her white dress, and each member introduced her guest to as many people as possible. After a piano solo by Alice Olson, and a vocal solo by Katherine Lehner, punch and tiny cakes were served.

Y. W. Week has been unusually successful this year both in the carrying out of its social activities and in the promoting of Y. W. spirit toward attaining its chief aim—to acquaint the new girls with the manners and customs of the college and with the student body. May the same success be with this organization throughout the year.

LIBRARY NOTES

The college library will be open daily excepting Sundays. On Saturdays the closing hour is 11:45 a. m. Other days the library will be open from 8 to 11:45 a. m.; and from 1 to 5:30 p. m.

Miss Helen Wolter has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Elizabeth Williams Bouwman. Miss Wolter is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and has had library school training. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bouwman have established their home in Grand Rapids. Both will be missed from the college campus.

A notable gift has been received this summer from Mrs. J. T. Ewing to be known as the MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF CLASSICS AND GENERAL LITERATURE OF JOHN T. EWING, A. M., Litt. D., L. H. D., Alexander Folsom Professor of Classics and Registrar 1890-1926. There are 430 volumes in this collection of carefully selected works, some of which titles have already been in the college library, but most of which have not been, thus making a very valuable addition to the Classics.

It is hoped that a John T. Ewing endowment fund may be established, in memory of Dr. Ewing, the income of which shall be used for annual purchase of books for the Greek department. There is already a similar fund, the Gelston fund, established in recognition of the splendid service of Miss Gelston, for the purchase of Latin books. Any friends or former pupils of Dr. Ewing who may wish to contribute to the John T. Ewing Fund may do so through Mrs. Ewing or through the College Office.

Such gifts as this Ewing memorial library emphasize the pressing need for new and fireproof stacks. Every volume now added to the library creates a problem of its own as to where room may be found to place it on the shelves.

Those who heard Mr. Wilbur Nesbit give his delightful readings in the college chapel last year will be sorry to learn of his sudden death in Chi-

cago on August 27th. Some of his works are in the library.

FRESHMAN RULES (Continued from page 1)

head when she sits down.

11. Freshmen do not wear middie jackets at dinner.

12. Freshmen put their names on the outside of their doors immediately.

13. Freshmen do not call or run through the halls during study hours.

14. Freshmen who dance will attend to the rugs before and after dancing in the reception room.

15. Freshmen attend to bell duty and do Almanian duty when requested.

16. Freshmen will discard High School rings, pins, and sweaters.

17. Freshmen wear a green bow not less than two inches in width on their hair for the specified time.

18. Freshmen never fail to help an Upper Classwoman when requested to do so.

Rules for Men

1. Do not forget that you are only freshmen.

2. Pay great attention to notices from the Student Council.

3. Wear green caps without excuse or fail when ordered.

4. Tip your green caps to Faculty and Upper Classmen.

5. Do not smoke on the campus or in public places.

6. When asked by an Upper Classman to help, do so without fail.

7. Be moderate in your fussing. Absolutely do not fuss during class hours.

8. Appear at all athletic games without excuse.

9. ~~Keep~~ your seats in chapel until Faculty, women and old students have left.

10. Greet old students upon meeting them.

11. Enter the dining room after old students.

12. Be seen and not heard on the campus. Give advice to Upper Classmen only when you are asked. Be sure you are asked.

13. Freshmen shall not be guilty of marring in any way bulletin boards or notices, especially Student Council Notices.

ALUMNI NEWS

It is indeed unfortunate that the Alma College Alumni Association's effort to publish and carry on a publication independent of any other help should have to die a natural death, but such is the case.

At the meeting of the Alumni Association in June, 1927, it was voted to discontinue publishing the Alumni News and to make an arrangement with The Almanian whereby each member of the Alumni Association would receive the Almanian throughout the college year and wherein the Secretary of the Alumni Association would have published news of the Alumni. In words more comprehensive, if you send two dollars to the Almanian or to the Alumni Secretary you will receive all the Alumni news and the campus news as well because it will all appear in the Almanian.

More in detail the plan is to have three or four issues of the Almanian filled partially at least with nothing but Alumni news. There will be a savings to the Association by this arrangement and we believe the response should be equally good.

CHALLENGES

The funniest sight on the Alma Campus in years, in the opinion of the spectators, was the two obedient frosh, who, at the request of one of the sophomore men, faithfully put up the Flag-Rush challenges for the sophomore class. When asked to do the simple task they did not grumble, but set out immediately with a big bucket of paste and the supposedly hated challenges, and manfully completed the work assigned them.

They made the rounds of the campus and the downtown section and did a very thorough job of it. They took pride in their work, pasting each challenge securely and in the most conspicuous positions, where the bills would surely attract attention. When they had no more bills to post, they vended their way back to Pioneer Hall to the wrathful brother frosh, against whom the insulting challenge had been drawn up. How they were dealt with in the privacy of the class has not been divulged.

Ah, the good old times, when Flag-Rush challenges were put up under cover of darkness and blackest secrecy, and scarcely lasted until the paste had dried before they had been torn to shreds by freshmen and replaced by the answering acceptance, with pitched battles occurring all night when challenge-posting sophs met acceptance-posting frosh. But those days are gone forever—and perhaps it is just as well.

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