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Changes Demanded in Frosh Discipline

Faculty Asks "Drastic Curtailments" by Council

Given the alternative by the faculty of either doing away entirely with all freshman discipline or else bringing about such "drastic curtailments" as will remove all objectionable practices, the Student Council, in a special meeting last Thursday night, failed to reach any definite agreement after over an hour of heated discussion, and adjourned after the appointment of a committee to draft a plan to be approved later by the council.

More or less dormant for several years, faculty supervision of freshman discipline is apparently on the way back, with the sudden resumption of activity on the part of the faculty evidently precipitated by a letter from a Presbyterian minister to Prof. Roy W. Hamilton, faculty adviser of the Student Council, objecting to the Pajama Parade of 1935, and several other practices that the letter claimed were rampant on the campus.

Hell-Week Questioned

With the question of the treatment of freshmen brought out into the open, the faculty immediately went further than the general practice of freshman discipline and brought up the problems of fraternity initiations. Committees from both fraternities were called in to confer with a committee from the faculty, and the wisdom of hell-week practices severely questioned as a source of physical injury, waste of time, and "plain foolishness".

President Harry Means Crooks, who has always been opposed to all "so-called" freshman discipline, declared that not only Alma College, but most of the colleges in Michigan were extremely "backward" in taking steps to do away with all freshman hazing.

The committee, consisting of Opal Hines, Fraser Malcolm, and Clyde Dawe, student marshal, met with the president and a committee from the faculty consisting of Dean James E. Mitchell, Prof. R. W. Clack, and Professor Hamilton, shortly after the Christmas vacation, and reported back to the Student Council Thursday night with the request from the faculty committee that freshman discipline be done away with entirely or that drastic curtailments be inaugurated.

What Is Drastic?

The Student Council soon found itself hung up on the interpretation of "drastic curtailments", and after passing almost unanimously a resolution addressed to the faculty that, in effect, asked why the Student Council was being asked for action based on its honest opinions if the faculty had already decided what needed to be done, adjourned with the committee named above given the task of drafting a plan to present to the faculty.

A resolution attempting to do away with nightgown tearing, one of the most serious objections to the Pajama Parade, by doing away with nightgown wearing was proposed, but the faculty adviser told the council that the only action on this score that would be acceptable to the faculty would be action giving freshmen permission to wear their full clothing beneath their pajamas.

In light of the above, student marshal Dawe expressed himself, both in the meeting and afterward, as in favor of doing away with freshman discipline entirely rather than adopting the curtailments that the faculty evidently thought needful to be considered "drastic".

Crooks Attends Meeting of College Association

President Harry Means Crooks began his most extended stay from the campus of this semester last Monday when he left for New York City to attend the annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges, of which Alma College is a member. When he left last Monday he intended to return during the first part of this week.

The meeting at New York was the reason for his trip east, but the president decided that as long as he was there he would visit friends in Philadelphia.

Mitchell Declares Outlook for European Peace is Bad

Addresses Faculty after Pot-luck Supper at Library

Declaring that the outlook for peace in Europe during 1936 was not very encouraging, Dean James E. Mitchell presented a paper before the faculty at the library last Wednesday evening on "The ABC's of the European Situation" that left the European problem clearly outlined in the minds of his hearers as almost completely based on the unsolved problems of the World War. Peace cannot be expected, he said in effect, with the artificial boundaries of the Treaty of Versailles tearing people from their own nation and putting them under another.

Hinting at the possible necessity of more equitable division of the world's surface, Dean Mitchell divided the seven principal powers of the world into four "haves" and three "have-nots". Great Britain, France, Russia, and the United States he called the "haves" and Japan, Germany, and Italy the "have-nots", because the former have more territory than they need and the latter do not have enough.

The paper was presented as a regular part of a faculty program in charge of Dr. W. E. Kaufmann, and was delivered at the library after a pot-luck supper had been served.

Dr. Kaufmann announced the next meeting for March 18, to be in charge of the Music Department.

February Class Sets Job-Getting Mark

A new record for job-getting will be hung up by the class being graduated from Alma in February, 1936. The new record will be a perfect record, with 100% of the class going to work at once.

The catch comes when you find that there is but one graduate. That lone graduate, John Darbee, will go to work in his old home town, Clawson, teaching mathematics and coaching football, immediately after his completion of this semester's work. He will be the first graduate of the class of '36.

Alma Students Continue to Make Name of College Known in Graduate School

Freshman chemistry students wrinking up their brows over complicated structural formulas for bleaching powder and potassium dichromate probably wonder what sort of hieroglyphics are used to represent 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazones and methyl-isopropyl-ketone and why any student who has had the advantages of a liberal education at Alma College deliberately thrusts such things upon himself, but it has been done, and can still be expected to be done. For Alma College has long been sending out students into the graduate field of

Alma 100 Per Cent for Knox Is Goal

Brenneman Launches Plan for Support of Alumnus

With "Alma College 100 per cent for Colonel Knox" as its aim, a campaign was launched in chapel last Thursday morning to establish a Colonel-Knox-for-President Club on the campus that will have complete support from faculty and students of the college that proudly claims Colonel Frank Knox, prominent candidate for the Republican nomination to the Presidency of the United States, as its most illustrious alumnus. The gesture from Knox's alma mater came during the same week that he was making appearances in Michigan in the interests of his campaign.

On the night that the project was launched, Colonel Knox made what has been called the most important (Continued on page 4)

Fifty-five Men at Formal, but Only Six Wear Tuxedos

Third Annual Women's League Party Called Best of Three

Fifty-five fortunate men received bids from fifty-five women for the Women's League Formal held last Saturday night at the Odd Fellows' Hall—and only six of the fortunate ones wore tuxedos. With the first two formals held by the Woman's League, in 1934 and 1935, living up to their titles almost one hundred per cent, the formal of 1936, by general agreement among most of the fifty-five men selected for attendance, was converted into a semi-formal party.

But formal or informal in attire, it was generally agreed by the men attending that it was the best Women's League Formal that had ever been held—the crowd was larger than last year's crowd, it was peppier than last year's crowd, and the music, though from the same orchestra hired last year, Cecil DeRemer, from Bay City, was better than last year's.

From the standpoint of the organization, the party was also more of a success than last year, for a profit of approximately ten dollars was made, while the formal of 1935 was put on with a loss. In an effort to fairly assess members last year who had left the Women's League with a small deficit, juniors and seniors this year were charged slightly more than others for admission to the party.

Chaperones at the party were as announced on the programs except that President Crooks was unable to attend because of his trip east, Dean Florence Steward felt unable to attend because of a recent injury to her back, and Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Kaufmann were not there.

chemistry, and will continue to do so.

Not only chemistry, but other fields of graduate study have been entered by Alma students, and they have established an enviable record for future students to shoot at. But though other fields are entered, it seems that Alma students who have majored in chemistry have been more consistently represented in graduate school by a higher per cent of their number than other fields. Recent communications from some of them give a little insight into what happens to the man who (Continued on page 2)

Joy Olney Has Sonnet Printed in 'Versecraft'

The campus poets once more have been breaking into print. On page 2 of this issue is reprinted the sonnet written by Joy Olney published in "Versecraft" for November-September, 1935. It was originally written for Professor Hamilton's course in English Literature last year, and appears in the latest issue of "Versecraft" with a few changes.

In the issue preceding that in which "Fundamentals" appeared, Professor Clack's "The Great Wall Speaks" was published. In the regular poll of subscribers taken after the appearance of each issue it was awarded fourth place.

International Relations Club Plans for League Assembly

Takes in Four New Members at Second Meeting of Year

Pointing to its big project of the year, the International Relations Club held its second meeting of the semester last Thursday afternoon, in the reception room at Wright Hall, to get plans under way for the Model League Assembly to be held next spring at Ann Arbor. As usual, nothing much has been done during the first semester by this club, but preparations are now being made to have an active program going with the opening of the new semester.

The rolls of the club were filled to within four of the full quota at the meeting last week with the acceptance of Betty Hamilton, Gordon Netzorg, Russell Staudacher, and Jack Clark. The club is limited to fifteen members.

At the meeting Thursday, Claude Knight spoke on the purpose of the club and the program for the year. Art Boynton also spoke, telling of the Model League Assembly, to which all such clubs point as the climax of the year's work.

Ten people were present, among them two faculty members, Miss Marjorie Gesner and Mr. Lyder Unstad.

Phi Discover Fifi Has Pedigree,--also Owner

Fifi, new mascot of Phi Phi Alpha fraternity, has a pedigree.

The Phi found out about it last Saturday. At the same time they found out that the dog had an owner, that her name should be Diana, and that she is only three years and four months old instead of the eight years at which previous estimates had placed her.

Bill Hopkins, best-loved by Fifi of all the Phi boys, was stopped by a gentleman on the streets of Alma last Saturday and informed that the dog had formerly belonged to him, and now should be the property of a man at Cedar Lake. Whether the dog was lost accidentally or purposefully remains to be seen.

Pre-Med Club Shows More Surgical Films

Films of an appendectomy and a nephropexy were shown by the Pre-Med Club last Thursday night in the lecture room of the chemistry building as a part of their scheduled program for the year.

The meeting last week was open to the student body in general, and club officials report the presence of about twenty-five persons including non-members of the organization.

No further meetings will be held during this semester, but the usual regular and special meetings will be held beginning with the second semester, according to president Claude Knight, with the usual announcements being made as they occur.

Scots Upset 'Dales and Win, 32 to 31

Smith's Free Toss Breaks Tie with Two Seconds Left

With the score tied and two seconds to play, Art Smith, sophomore forward from Oxford, stood on the free-throw line last night, tossed in the thirty-second point for the Scots, and brought Alma its first MIAA victory in five starts, furnishing the conference with another big upset at the expense of Hillsdale, defending champion of 1935. Playing on their home floor, the Scots were behind only twice, once at the beginning of each half, and atoned to some degree for the defeat handed them by the 'Dales at Hillsdale in the first MIAA game of the season.

With one minute and twenty seconds to play Al Stanich tied the score with a field goal, but missed the free throw awarded him by referee Eddie Powers. Both teams tried to score, but their shots were hurried. Stanich made one last attempt, but missed, and Art Smith, carrying the ball down the floor after the rebound was hacked by Francis Smith.

Mel Fuller led the Alma attack with 14 points well distributed throughout the game. The revamped Scot line-up started slowly, but once it started it kept the lead to the end of the half, when the score stood 15 to 11.

The start of the second half found the 'Dales using Oliver, six (Continued on page 3)

Alma Students Hear Morgan at Saginaw

Two carloads of students and townspeople attended the Community Concert held in the Masonic Temple at Saginaw Tuesday night, January 14, hearing George Morgan, well-known baritone. The twelve people attending from Alma returned describing the program as "extraordinarily fine".

Music students on the campus have been taking full advantage of what they term "a splendid opportunity to hear fine artistry," and many students, not in music, attend the concerts as a source of enjoyment.

The next concert will be held at the Masonic Temple, Saginaw, February 11, with Gregor Piatigorsky, cellist, as guest artist.

Question,--Is Popular Man Always Envied?

Whether popularity with the fairer sex engenders envy or derision for the lucky man in the hearts of his less fortunate class mates depends on conditions. Sometimes it seems that the popular man pays and pays and pays.

Last week Russ Ludwig and John Boyd were turning everyone green with envy, for they had two formal parties scheduled for them in a row. Each had bids to the Women's League Formal here Saturday night and each had bids to the Panhellenic Society Formal at Albion the night before.

But Friday night about eleven o'clock, when the worst storm for several years descended on Alma, men who had formerly been forced to appear cheerful at Ludwig's and Boyd's good fortune chortled with glee thinking of the long drive home ahead of them.

They got into Alma in time for breakfast Saturday morning.

Schreiber Misses Classes

Dr. Theodore Schreiber missed all of his classes during the latter part of last week, spending the time at home confined with a touch of influenza. German classes went right on meeting however, and they were still ruled over by the Schreiber family, Mrs. Schreiber taking over the reins while her husband was laid up.

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More Politics

One of the fraternities on the campus recently sent to its alumni a regular number of its alumni bulletin. In the bulletin, just to assure the old grads that the active members were carrying on with tradition as they should, the fraternity proudly mentioned, as fraternities will, certain campus offices to which its members had been elected and certain other campus positions to which its members had been appointed by members of the faculty.

Later the bulletin was read by one of the faculty men having the power of appointing men to some of these positions, and he objected to the fraternity mentioning their men holding these positions filled by appointment. He said that it was all right to boast about campus offices obtained through the vote of the students, but the mention of campus positions obtained by faculty appointment should have been avoided.

Yet, in almost the same breath, he said that, although he and others appointing students to paying positions were often accused of showing partiality to one or another fraternity (which was his reason for objecting), the men were chosen strictly on a basis of their ability, ambition, and need.

In other words, it is advice that boils down to this: Raise the roof in extolling the ability of your fraternity to cleverly manipulate campus politics so as to have your men elected, but under no conditions mention the attainment by some of your men of positions awarded strictly on merit, because they showed the willingness and the ability to work that made them stand out above other candidates.

This is not an attempt to prove partiality. It is not an attempt to justify the fraternity bulletin, for, if the fraternity has not already done so, it should have apologized long ago to faculty members who have felt their fairness in such matters questioned. It is merely another question being raised about campus politics.

A former editorial appearing on this page mentioning the use of a civil service method of choosing the more important campus offices was met with a little ridicule and disagreement from every side. Perhaps it was because of the unfortunate use of a rather formidable sounding term.

Yet, there are many of the positions on the campus that are filled by faculty appointment—and almost without exception well-filled—and this is a form of civil service appointment. Suppose that student instructors in chemistry were elected by a vote of the students, that swipes were elected by a vote of the students, that janitors were elected by a vote of the students? Would the men deserving the places get them?

Of course, the biggest objection to the removal from the polls of positions like the editorship of the Almanian, and so forth, would come from students objecting to what they would call "further intervention by the faculty in strictly student affairs." But objections of such a character would be well forgotten until the objectors have done something to clean up fraternity politics.

Keep it Up, Carroll

Congratulations from Alma to her sister college in Wisconsin!

In the Presbyterian Tribune for December 26, 1935, we find that Carroll College, Presbyterian school at Waukesha, Wisconsin, started the year of 1920, at the inauguration of the present president, Dr. William A. Ganfield, with 254 students, instructional salaries of \$24,300 a budget of \$62,098, and total assets of \$725,343. Now she has 502 students, instructional salaries of \$71,904, a budget of \$180,904, and total assets of \$1,682,326.

Certainly for such a record of growth Carroll College, and her president, Dr. Ganfield, are to be congratulated.

And certainly, as Alma College looks forward next year to the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary, it is encouraging to look across to Wisconsin and see there a Presbyterian College that has already accomplished what Alma hopes to accomplish, beginning with the celebration in 1937.

Again, Carroll, congratulations!

Alumni in Graduate School Make College Widely Known

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chooses further study instead of immediately going to work after school.

Trend Eastward

The farthest west that any of the ten men recently heard from have gone to school is Chicago. Outside of the University of Illinois, the University of Chicago, and the University of Michigan, they have gone clear back to the older eastern schools. And then, after completing their graduate work, their shift eastward has been even more apparent, with Akron, Ohio, the far-western front.

The University of Chicago drew John Shroyer, '25, where he took his master's degree in inorganic chemistry in 1928 under H. I. Schlesinger, and his Ph. D. degree in 1932 under Julius Stieglitz. He then shifted east, and is now teaching in Flint Junior College, Flint, Michigan.

The other man going slightly west from Alma to continue school was Al Calkins, '33, at the University of Illinois. He took his master's degree there, and now holds down the far-western position with the B. F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio, where he is employed as a chemist.

U. of Michigan Draws Three

Three of the ten have gone on to the University of Michigan, Lorimer Grant, '28, and Barker Brown, '32, receiving the Michigan Fellowship there, and Jim Day, '35, starting there last September. Grant received his master's degree in 1928 and his Ph. D. degree in '33, in biochemistry. Brown is in the same field, having received his master's degree in 1933, and expecting his Ph. D. in June, 1937.

Pennsylvania State College also took three, John Mitchell, '30, Leslie Harris, '31, and Harry Means Crooks Jr., '32. Mitchell is now working for the Rohn Haas Company, in Philadelphia, as a research chemist. Harris received his master's degree in biochemistry in 1932, and his Ph. D. degree in 1934. He then went to New York, where he is now working for the United Fruit Company as biochemist in their research laboratories. Crooks, the last of three to go to Penn State is still there, receiving his master's degree in 1934 in organic chemistry, and now working on his Ph. D. degree.

Men at Harvard, Cornell

Howard Potter, '32, is now at Harvard and expects to receive his Ph. D. degree this year, in organic chemistry. His master's degree was granted him from Harvard in 1934.

Alma's most recent contribution to the eastern graduate schools was made last year when Gordon Clack, '35, started in at Cornell, intending to take a Ph. D. degree in theoretical chemistry.

Most of these ten men who have received advanced degrees and are working for even higher ones shrug away the importance of their work, taking for granted what the average college student has to look upon as a little bit more than he would like to tackle. For instance, one of them starts off a letter to Dr. Kaufmann like this: "Any record of my achievements and activities since leaving Alma must of necessity be brief."

Yet, most of them have part of their work already published in important scientific journals in this country, some of them are expecting shortly to publish their first papers, and others are looking forward to the publication of more work.

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The rosy softness of a bud revealed;
The tingling vigor of cool dawn; for night,
Rain-drenched, perfumed, and sweet with breath of spring;
The rustling of the forest's sturdy might;
The birds' gay songs that down the morning ring.
Sweet home-things, too, have quiet bliss in store:
A glimpse of lamplight through the sifting snow;
Gay voices in a room beyond a door;
A book to read; the firelight's ruddy glow.
A tender, thankful feeling fills me through—
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SPORTS

Both Senior Teams Win in First Week

Devaney's Frosh and Boat's Sophs also Win

By Russell Staudacher

Showing what might be expected of them later in the season, both of the senior teams in the boys' intramural basketball league came through the first week of play with one victory apiece. Four games were played, the soph team of Floyd Boat and the freshman team captained by Bob Devaney also taking their first games.

In the two games played on Tuesday, January 14, Harold Stacey and Devaney led their team to a 26 to 13 victory over Cash Lea's sophomores. Stacey led the scoring of both teams with 10 points with Devaney, MacGarvah and Lea following with 8, 6, and 5 points respectively.

Ralph Schiefley's seniors with a fast breaking offense were too much for Chet Currie's frosh with the result that the seniors won, 25 to 20. The game was much more one-sided than the score would indicate. Ed Goggin, playing a fine game, turned in 11 points for the seniors while Currie led his team with 6 markers.

Bruce York with 13 points led Joe Vitek's seniors in the other half of the double triumph, winning over Joe Bell's juniors. The score was 31 to 25.

The senior girls did not do as

well as the two senior boys' teams. They lost to the freshman B team by the lopsided score of 22 to 6 in one of the two games played in the girls' intramural league last Wednesday night. The score in the other game was almost as one-sided as the one in which the seniors were defeated, when the juniors defeated the sophomore A team by a score of 18 to 7.

Consolation for the sophomores came in the form of the 39-31 defeat which Boat's team handed to Bob Adams' freshmen. Jake Miller and John Hurosky with 15 and 10 points respectively led the soph scoring while Howard Nunn single-handedly kept his team in the running by contributing the best scoring effort of the four games. He made nine baskets for a total of 18 points.

Scots Will Meet Only One More Team Before Exams

Albion Favored Over Alma When They Clash Friday Night

Only one more tussle awaits the Alma College Scots on the basketball floor before they enter the class room to tussle with final exams next week, the game on their home court next Friday night with Albion. The game Friday night will be the sixth conference clash for Alma and only the third for Albion, but the Britons come to Alma with a decided edge over the Scots by virtue of their decisive victory last Friday night over Kalamazoo's Hornets, who nosed out the Scots by two points the week before.

Olivet furnished the big surprise of the conference last week when she defeated Hillsdale by a one-sided score in a game that was supposed to be close. Olivet, with victories over every team in the league except Albion and Kalamazoo, now stands alone as the team favored to take the conference title this year, although last week it was generally conceded to still be a wide open race, and the season is still young.

Five conference games are slated for this week, and with semester exams facing most of the schools the week after, these five games will virtually wind up the first half of the season. Olivet, undefeated by an MIAA team yet, plays only one game this week, with Kalamazoo, and then adds another January 31, with Albion, but should have no trouble taking either of these games and so should emerge at the head of the list for the first half of the season.

No more conference games are scheduled until February 7, and no more conference games for Alma until February 18, when Hope comes to Alma.

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Scots Lose to Hope and Central State

Teachers Win by 3 Points, Dutchmen by 29

Following what seems to have been generally established by them as a custom of interspersing closely fought contests with games lost by wide margins, the Alma Scots last week lost to the Central State Bearcats by a score of 20 to 17, and to the Hope Dutchmen by the score of 46 to 17. The week preceding that the close game was lost to Kalamazoo by 2 points, while the other one was won by Olivet by 22 points.

The Central Bearcats playing on their home floor were a little more basket-conscious than the Scots last Monday and so took a 20-17 decision in the first of the home and home game arrangement. The Scots failed to find the range of the basket from the floor in the first half and tallied only four times from the foul circle.

Central with three veterans in Ross, Young, and Grimm tossed in 10 points in the first 20 minutes to lead at the halftime 10 to 4. The second half saw a rally by the Scots with Riley Block adding 7 points to his one of the first half. His mates, however, failed to keep up with him and the Bearcats passed them to win out.

Although the score was low, the game was not as rough as Alma Central games can be.

At Holland last Friday night the Scots received their worst drubbing of the year at the hands of Hope, while Roppink, Hope center, and Thomas, Hope forward, scored 16 and 15 points respectively.

Keglovitz, starting for Alma at right forward was high point man for the Scots, scoring 2 from the field and one from the free-throw line for a total of 5 points. Block and Ewer, who have consistently been sharing scoring honors for Alma this season counted for only 2 points apiece against the Dutchmen.

The game with Hope left Dawe one game ahead of Block in the number of complete games played by each. In the Central State game both added one to their string, but Block went out the last three minutes of play at Holland on personal fouls, all of them called in the last half.

Almanian to Appear in Middle of Exams

Probably for the first time in the history of the Almanian, an issue will be published right in the middle of final exam week. With advertising wires crossed up last June contracts call for the issue of February 4 to be omitted rather than the issue of January 28, which comes on the second day of final examinations for the semester.

Although some little inconvenience may be caused staff members by this arrangement, it pleases the incoming and the outgoing editors. With 30 issues contracted for during the year, they will in this way be evenly divided between the two semesters, with number 15 appearing one week from today.

Scots Take First MIAA Victory from Hillsdale

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foot four inch guard, at center, and Don Beardon at forward. They sank three quick baskets to put them ahead, but the Scots, led by the high-scoring Fuller, pulled ahead until the basket by Stanich tied the score at 31 all.

The line-ups:

Alma 32	FG	FT	PF	TP
Ewer, f	3	0	0	6
Fuller, f, c	6	2	3	14
Smith, f	0	1	0	1
Keglovitz, f	0	0	2	0
Johnson, c	1	1	1	3

Block, g	1	2	4	4
Dawe, g	2	0	3	4
	13	6	13	32

Hillsdale 31	FG	FT	PF	TP
Smith, f	1	3	3	5
Hogan, f	0	0	0	0
Charland, f	0	1	1	0
Beardon, c, f	3	3	1	9
Oliver, g, c	3	1	3	7
Stanich, g	1	0	0	2
Clark, g	0	0	1	0
Linton, g	3	2	1	8
	11	9	10	31

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"HEIR TO TROUBLE"

Sun. and Mon., Jan. 26-27

BETTE DAVIS and FRANCHOT TONE in

"DANGEROUS"

Have Your Clothes **CLEANED** and **PRESSED**, so you can at least look good at your examinations.

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"RUSS"

"CASH"

