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New Staff Named to Edit Almanian

Walker and Staudacher Are Associate Editors

Starting with this issue of the paper a new staff will take over the duties of assisting Arthur Boynton in publishing the Almanian during the second semester.

Four members of Luther Evans' staff, Joy Olney, Ward Campbell, Claude Knight, and Herbert Peters, will continue in the same positions that they held during the first semester, while both George Walker and Russell Staudacher, reporters under Evans, have been named Associate Editors.

Fewer Reporters Named

The number of special reporters for the new staff will be much less than last semester. The present staff will consist of only seven such reporters instead of eighteen.

Jane Rice will handle the news of the kappa Iota Sorority, Virginia Anderson, Philomathean news, and Herbert Peters that of the Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity. Ted Heth will be the reporter for all musical functions, while Claude Knight, Louis Crampton, and David Smith will work on general news and features.

Campusology Returns

The only important change in the policy of the paper is the return of the well-known campusology column. This column has been reintroduced owing to the large number of requests for it from both the students and alumni. It appears in this issue, and will continue as such, with the new name, "Sidelights".

This column could almost be considered one of the campus traditions. It first appeared in the Alma Record in 1888, one year after the College started. It was incorporated into the earliest Almanians and has remained in one form or another throughout the years. Other features of this year's paper will remain the same.

Wherein a beehive resembles a spoiled potato; a beehive is a beeholder; a beholder is a spectator; and a spectated tater is a spoiled potato. Ah me!

Alma Profs Qualify for Jokes on Both Professors and Scotchmen

The Scotchman, and the college professor,—they bear the brunt of more jokes than any two other groups of people in the world. Then pity the poor professor at Alma College,—he qualifies in both groups!

The college professor, whether he is Scotch or not, has to stand for most of the abuse he receives because of a reputation gained in some manner for absent-mindedness. It may be that some of the stories below originated at Alma, and it may be that they did not. It may even be true that they originated in someone's fertile mind rather than from an actual happening.

But whether they originated on Alma's campus or not, it probably won't be much trouble to look them over and pick out a professor at Alma that they fit.

Maybe This One Was Scotch

First there was the professor in a small-town college who travelled 50 miles to another campus to see a basketball game. When the game broke up, a man from his home town offered him a ride home.

No sooner had he set foot on his porch at home late that night than he realized that he had driven his own car to the other city!

Since the professor had to teach the next morning, he sent his wife on the train to get the forgotten

car. So he stopped in at the depot and bought his wife a round-trip ticket!

Then there was the German professor who was sitting in a railway depot with his wife, waiting for the train. Suddenly he exclaimed, "My word! I've left my gold watch up in the hotel room! 'Til have to run up and get it."

His wife objected, "But you haven't time," she said.

So the professor jerked the watch out of his pocket and blurted, "Sure I have, I got fifteen minutes. I can make it." And he turned and started scurrying away!

What's This, a New Step

Alma College can't be said to have a faculty dancing club, although such institutions are known to exist. But there are still a few of the faculty who do a little stepping when they are asked to chaperone a party.

At one college there was a professor who went to a party and began to dance with the wife of another instructor. As the dance wore on, the educator began to complain vociferously, first of the floor, then of the music, and finally he even hinted that maybe his partner wasn't quite up to snuff as a dancer.

But everything was solved peaceably when his partner informed him that he still had his rubbers on!

MIAA Editors to Meet At Albion February 14

A second meeting of the Michigan Intercollegiate Association of College Editors will be held in Albion on Friday, February 14, 1936, according to a recent announcement by William Uranek, Olivet Echo Editor.

The plans were made at the first meeting of this group in hopes that a larger number might attend since the transportation problem would be made easier by the fact that a debate tournament is to be held at Albion that same day.

It will be a round-table discussion of problems facing the various editors such as was held at Olivet but a more complete one, for at the first meeting three of the M. I. A. A. Colleges were not represented.

MIAA Plans Indoor Meet At Hillsdale, March 25

Last Year's Invitational Meet Is Made An Annual Event

Plans for the First Annual Indoor Meet to be held at the Hillsdale College Field House on March 25 were adopted by the committee on the Annual Indoor Meet and the Field Day at a meeting in the Columbia Hotel, Kalamazoo on January 3.

The idea for the meet came from the invitational indoor track meet held at Hillsdale last year. The order of events will be the same as last year. There will be a 40 yard dash, high hurdles, and low hurdles; 440 yard dash; 800 yard run; mile run; two mile run; 4/10 mile relay; shot put; broad and high jump; and pole vault.

Medals are to be awarded for the first three places in all events except the relay. Trophies will be given to the winning relay team and to the college winning the meet.

The committee that drew up these plans was composed of Coach D. B. Harwood, Coach C. M. Bernard, Coach L. D. Erwin, Prof. A. B. Stowe, Mr. DeGay Ernst, and Prof. K. G. Hance.

This new feature of the M. I. A. A. track season is expected to attract a great deal of interest this year. There is to be no admission charge, and there will be ample seating room all around the track.

Oratorical Contest To Be February 13

Women's Contest in Afternoon; Men's at Night

With twelve students tentatively entered, the Presidents Annual Oratorical contest will be held on Thursday, February 13th in the Alma College chapel. There is a twenty dollar first prize and a ten dollar award for the two best contestants in each division of the local competition.

The freshmen head the number of entries with five persons competing; the juniors have three, and the seniors and the sophomores each have two entries in the contest.

Betty Mackie, Richard Neville, Russell Staudacher, Gladys Turrell and Jeanette Verplanck will represent the frosh which Vivian Harwood, Bertine MacGarvah and Holmes Sullivan will do their best for the juniors. Arthur Boynton and Hugh Brenneman are the seniors and Marian Hickson and Jane Sturtridge are the competing members of the sophomore class.

Professor Charles D. Broken-shire will act as chairman of the trials which will be held at 4:00 for the women and 8:00 P. M. for the men. The judges as announced are Josephine D. Banta, Margaret E. Foley, Professor Wilford E. Kaufmann, Professor Hansford E. MacCurdy and Professor George B. Randels.

The winners of the local competition will be entered in the divisional contest which will also be held at Alma College on Friday, March 6th. The finals of the state contest will take place in Kalamazoo on the night of Friday, March 13th.

College History Facts Found in Old Almanians

The Almanians of past years, now on file in the stacks of the College Library, have proved to be the greatest source of information in the writing of the History of Alma College, which has been one of the projects under the NYA on this campus.

These papers provide a weekly report of the student and faculty activities and the problems and development of the institution ever since they were first published in 1907. Other sources used are the issues of the Maroon and Cream, Synod Reports, old letters, documents, and speeches, the Alma Record, and a History of Alma College written by Dr. Bruske.

The history that is now being written will cover the fifty years of Alma's existence, taking the reader through the administrations of President Hunting, President Bruske, President Blaisdell, and bringing it up to date under the administration of President Crooks. It is expected that this history will be completed by June, 1936.

Closet Is also a February Graduate

In stating in the last issue that John Darbee, Clawson's teacher-of-mathematics-to-be, was Alma's lone graduate of February, 1936, the Almanian made a mistake. Clarence Clohset, Bay City, was also graduated at this time.

But the record of the February class of 100% of its members getting jobs still holds, for Clohset expects to work the rest of this year in the field of sociology. When September rolls around again he will enter medical school, no openings being available in such institutions in the middle of the year, making it impossible for him to start on his medical work immediately after graduation from here.

Piano Recital and Class Attended by Miss Roberts

During the past week Miss Grace Roberts attended a piano recital given by Josef Hoffman in Detroit Monday night, and Tuesday and Wednesday Miss Roberts spent in Flint attending a master class given by Isidor Philipp, of Paris, France, sponsored by the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs.

Besides the class work there was a lecture and conference for teachers. Following this there was another lecture dealing with French music. Immediately after this Mr. Philipp and an artist pupil gave a piano recital of French piano numbers.

MIAA Editors Lay Woes To Indifferent Student

Blame Indifference, in Turn, on Fraternities and Sororities

Editors of MIAA college newspapers meeting at Olivet late in January to discuss ways and means of improving their papers placed the blame for most of the troubles of the small-college editor at the door of the indifferent student. The editors present agreed that the indifference found among students toward the college newspaper made it impossible for the paper to accomplish what it should be able to, and that it was agreed that the attitude of indifference could be blamed on the fraternity and sorority, which control major campus interests.

Frank Sparks, editor of the Grand Rapids Herald, was a guest of the college for the day, speaking to the group of editors. He discredited the value of schools of journalism, claiming that the man who really wanted to get somewhere in newspaper work usually did so.

Sparks told colorful stories of his early journalistic experiences, from the time he peddled papers on the street corner, at the time he took a five-dollar-a-week job after graduation from college, to his present position.

The meeting was held at Olivet College, being arranged for by William Uranek, editor of the Olivet College Echo, who has been active since last summer in trying to form an association of the editors of college newspapers in Michigan.

Almanian Starts Contest for the "Geenyusses" Among Its Readers

A clean slate . . . a fresh start . . . a new semester . . . a new editor . . . and a NEW CONTEST for all "geenyusses" in college

Contests may come and go . . . you can eat breakfast foods until you're blue in the face in order to get box tops . . . you can make 14,345 words out of horsefeather and you "can draw me and win an art scholarship" but you will never have participated in a contest that offers you as much in the way of financial reimbursement for so little an expenditure of thought as in our little brain child.

Here we are at beginning. I have had so many themes returned to me to use as second sheets in my typewriter that it was time to do something about it . . . result—a contest in which anyone writes a silly theme upon a dumb question, sort of a freshman theme.

The rules have been formulated and the prizes donated.

Fifty dollars in cash prizes will be split three ways: The Editor—\$25.00. Charities—\$24.70.

The winner—TWO TICKETS TO THE STRAND THEATRE AND PUBLICATION OF THE WINNING ENTRY IN THE ALMANIAN.

Phi Phi Alpha Buys Hooper Residence

Members Move to New Home Between Semesters

A dream of long standing became a reality last week-end when Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity at Alma College moved into its newly purchased home on Philadelphia avenue. The most recent revival of long-laid plans to put the fraternity in its own house, finally ended successfully with the purchase of the Fred W. Hooper home, immediately west of Wright Hall, and adjoining the college property where Professor H. W. Spencer now lives. All papers were signed just before the end of last semester, and everything was made ready for members to move from the old location on West Superior street between semesters.

Study rooms have been provided for twenty men, and fifteen moved in last Saturday, with more expected. Sleeping accommodations for fifty men will be available on the third floor, making it possible for the fraternity to take care of even more of its alumni than formerly.

The Hooper house was finally selected from three possibilities, the Robinson house on Center street, just south of President Crooks' home, and the old Phi house 121 West Superior street. The Hooper house was chosen because of its location, its convenient layout, and its sturdy construction, even though it was not the cheapest offer received.

Revive Plans Homecoming Plans for buying a house were revived at the Homecoming banquet of the fraternity last November for the first time since the depression put an end to plans for buying the old Ammi W. Wright, now the R. B. Smith Memorial Hospital, on North State street.

Committees were immediately formed in different locations throughout the state, the Hooper house approved, the bargain made, and contracts signed late in January. It was originally hoped, in November that the deal would be put through by Christmas, but it was delayed so that the moving had to be postponed until the short vacation between semesters.

Heading the committee transacting the business for the fraternity (Continued on page 4)

The rules:

1. Any student of Alma College may enter. (Professors are excluded from the contest for the simple reason that they would cop too many prizes.)

2. The themes must be type-written, 100 words or less in length and signed by the author.

3. They must be in the Almanian box of the college business office before 6 P. M. on Friday of each week.

4. Correct English will not be considered and syntactical redundancies are strictly taboo.

5. The judges will be as dumb as the participants and their decision will be undisputed.

6. The winner will be announced in the Almanian.

Open To All

This is a contest in which everyone has a chance. It is open to wits, half-wits and, Yes, Meyer, even lamebrains can enter. The prize is one that almost anyone can afford to win and in case Mr. Reed is the winner he can go to the cinema twice.

Now that exams are over why not take up your pencil and write us a theme, then type it and wait and see if you have won.

The first theme topic is, ON GOING BAREFOOT.

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Let the Editor Speak----

Who are we to write editorials? Yes, I know that many of you have asked a similar question all last year, and my answer is probably the same as yours—we can't do so properly. What Zeta can write an editorial with which the Phi Phi Alpha would agree, and the man doesn't live that knows about what the fair co-eds of our institution are thinking (of course there are those who doubt that any such mental exercise takes place in Wright Hall). In short it all boils down to this: We have about as much chance of writing editorials that reflect the opinion of the campus as we have of writing an interesting column here and now.

But hold on a minute! That doesn't mean that you are going to keep us from using a four year's collection of scrap paper. If you will bare or be bored with us for about six and three-quarters minutes (proof-reader's time), we will discuss things as we see them.

A word now about the ex-editor, Luther Evans. There are probably very few editors who have given as much time to the publishing and improving of the Almanian. His efforts have not been without result, and in many respects the Almanian is one of the best ever edited—or at least "was" one of the best until we were elected to the controlling position. Though many may see in this last act a cause for impeaching the entire Student Council, we like to read into the action a sign of better feeling on the campus. At the present we are working on a plan that will eliminate elections for the Editorship, unless there are more than two candidates, to further this same spirit. It is just a plan as yet, however.

Taking a long jump we come to the discussion of so-called "dirt" columns. A recent editor's meeting branded students as "moronish" for liking such columns. In the next breath they asked whether they should be left out, standard raised; or in, and interest secured. Well, maybe what Carlyle said applies today, but "moronish" or not we consider interest as one of the important standards of any paper. When better papers than the Almanian give numerous columns to a similar type of news, only headed "Society" or "Personals", we must confess that we are not worried about our "moronish" tendencies.

So we end. Let it not be thought that we stand only for the Alma Mater and to give a lady our seat, but we will discuss things from our viewpoint and will work for better feeling and co-operation in the place of editorials which are too often critical and more or less falsely assume to be general student opinions. At any rate this column will fill up as much space as any editorial, and we hope it will not stir up half as much trouble. And now farewell, my little chickadees.

Phis Hire Reid for Formal at Midland Country Club

The new semester will be less than a week old when the Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity holds its annual Lincoln Dinner Dance at the Midland Country Club, Saturday, February 8. Addison Reid's orchestra, from Bay City will play.

General chairman, William Hopkins, announces that all arrangements have been finished, and everything is in readiness for one of the finest parties of the year. The place and menu were selected by the general chairman, and Edward Goggin was appointed to obtain the orchestra.

Kenneth Ling is in charge of the transportation question, and invitations are being sent to alumni and honorary members by Holmes Sullivan. The selection of the programs has been left to Luther Evans.

The Phi Phi Alpha Lincoln Day celebration is one of the oldest traditions of that society, beginning in the school year of 1901-02, the year that the society was organized. Originally a stag ban-

quet for members and alumni was given at this time, but this has been changed in recent years to a formal dinner dance.

Article By Dr. Schreiber Gets Nation-Wide Comment

An article by Dr. Schreiber criticizing present day text books and methods in modern language teaching in the German Quarterly of November has brought admiration and counter criticism from all over the country. The article is entitled Vom Fremdwort Im Deutschen Unterricht.

Another article of Dr. Schreiber appears in the December Publication of The Modern Language Association of America. It is entitled Zum Begriff Des Jungen Goethe and is strictly an academic research article. It is one of ten articles in the field of German printed by this magazine.

A printed copy of both these articles as well as a research article which was read previously at the national meeting of the Modern Language Association are to be had in the College Library.

Side Lights

If Herr Doctor was really a very smart fella, He'd know enough to carry an umbrella.

All those unfortunates suffering from "roupee-nair" see James Oswald for advice.

The name "David" has been suggested for Lionel Gibb, 'cause ne certainly can sing it.

Pa writes to me to say he just christened the old homestead, "The Lien-10".

The poor are always with us—even when we are alone.

The trouble with a lot of students when it comes to writing tests is that they can't remember what it was they were supposed to remember.

The psych prof who tells us that nuists are egotists, must mean they're just wrapped up in themselves.—O. S.

The history text takes pains to point out that women used cosmetics in the middle ages. Women still use cosmetics in the middle ages—and most all other ages, also.—O. S.

One of the main causers of dust is janitors.—Geology student.

See how clever you are at un-tangling these. A man gets no more than he pays for—yet—The best things in life are free. Look before you leap—but—He who hesitates is lost—but—Haste makes waste—but—In delay lies no plenty—but—All things come to those who wait—but—Progress never stands still—but—a rolling stone gathers no moss—and where did you get on?

Ozzy of the convict clip, complains there ain't no protoplasm in his cell at Pioneer.

HYMN OF HATE — NO. 34758
We nominate for eternal hisses,
The babe who gurgles, "Guess who this is."—O. Swish.

The Freshman started for his test,
His pencil new and keen.
He wrote one word the whole day long,
Since then he's not been seen.

NOTABLE QUOTABLE QUOTES . . .

It is the purpose of this column to present quotations of professors, students and others that should prove to be entertaining as well as educational, WE HOPE . . .

Chester R. Robinson . . . Pioneer Hall is an example of successful self-government.

George Reed . . . You know! love is a great thing.

Professor Brokenshire . . . Stand up in front and tell us all you know about—

Dan Tenney—I like to see that quality in a man.

Russ Ludwig . . . Supper will be served after dinner to-day.

Greta Wilson . . . At Alma College, kiss stealing is known as petting larceny.

Miss Houser . . . 14 vitamins behind . . . let's give them hash.

Bob Mack . . . There's nothing like an old fashioned razor. Ask the man who hones one.

Dean Mitchell . . . That's the second time Grandmothers died this semester.

NOTE . . . The editor of this column can be reached by writing to Box 226903427587, Manila, Philippine Islands.

Twins Elected Highest Alpha Theta Officers

Twin Sisters, Gretchen and Gretah Wilson, seniors from New Haven, were elected to the two highest offices of the Alpha Theta Literary Society, president and vice-president respectively, at the last meeting in the first semester.

Other officers elected at this time were Vivian Harwood, Recording Secretary; Pauline Chick, Corresponding Secretary; Charlotte Temple, Treasurer; Jane Sturtridge, Sentinel; Marguerite Witt, Keeper of the Archives; Wilma Wright, Second Critic; and Joy Olney, Almanian Reporter.

These officers will serve until spring vacation.

Philos Hold Elections and Initiate 5 Pledges

Margaret Randels was chosen president of Philomathean Literary Society for the second semester when the society held their elections at the last meeting of the first term. The elections followed a short preliminary meeting in the society room at Wright Hall.

Other officers elected were Dorothy Hannigan, vice president; Betty Tenney, recording secretary; Dorothy Foster, corresponding secretary; Bertine McGarvah, treasurer; Virginia Anderson, sentinel; Opal Hines, Critic; Helen MacCurdy, parliamentarian; Betty Chapin, Almanian reporter; and Ruth Malcolm, keeper of the archives.

Miss Randels succeeds Elizabeth Ann Malcolm, who was president of the Philos during the first semester.

After the adjournment of the business meeting, five of the pledges of the society were initiated. They were Virginia Anderson, LeElla McCleod, Margaret Sandal, Lois Jo Watkins, and Phyllis Wiley.

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Mrs. Shilling, Mother of Mrs. Ditto, Goes to Rest

Death summoned one of Alma's esteemed and aged women on Tuesday morning of last week when Mrs. Emma Jane Shilling, 80 years, died at the residence of her son-in-law and daughter, Prof. and Mrs. R. C. Ditto on Philadelphia avenue. Though Mrs. Shilling suffered many critical illnesses during her short life in Alma she was saved long suffering at the last, death resulting from a gradual weakening of the heart. She was able to be dressed and down-stairs for dinner last Saturday evening, but a slight cold combined with a chronic bronchial trouble proved too much for her feeble strength, and the end came quietly.

Rev. William T. Roberts of the First Baptist Church conducted the funeral service at 1:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, using comforting passages from the Scriptures followed by the reading of favorite hymns. After the service Paul Crandell left for Columbus, Ohio, with the body, and soon afterward Prof. and Mrs. Ditto, accompanied by Mrs. C. B. Young and her two youngest sons, left for the same city. The family party drove as far as Deiphos, Ohio, that afternoon and after spending the night with a sister of Prof. Ditto, went on to Columbus Thursday morning. A brief service was held at eleven o'clock in that city and burial was made there beside Mrs. Shilling's husband, the late George T. Shilling.

The Dittos have the sympathy of the students in the loss of a loved member of their family circle.

Phi Phi Alpha Buys Hooper Residence
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was Bill Hood, junior from Flint. He did most of the bargaining himself, and took care of all legal matters with the help of Paul Cash, local attorney, who was a member of the fraternity when he was in school at Alma early in the 1920's.

Fifth Home of Phis
Since the Phis were chased from their house at 421 West Superior street by fire early in the spring of 1932, they have not been settled for very long at any one place. The Wright Hotel housed them for a while after the fire, and then they moved into the Davies residence, on south State street.

After one year there they moved into the house at 320 West Superior street, where they remained until they went into their new house last Saturday.

Third Number of Concert Course to Be February 11

The third number on the Saginaw community concert course will be given February 11th by Gregor Piatigorsky, cellist.

The bus will be engaged as usual for this one of the series of Saginaw concerts. If tickets are loaned, it should be reported to Mr. Elwin Carter.

Teachers Plan Booklet

Preparations have already begun for the publication of the Teachers Booklet in the spring of the year. During the past two weeks practice teachers have been busy getting their pictures. The date for the publication of the booklet has not been announced as yet.

Date of Hope-Alma Game Changed to February 17

The original date of the Hope-Alma basketball game as given in the schedules published at the beginning of the season has been changed. The game will be played Monday, February 17th, at the Alma College Gymnasium. The date of the Kalamazoo game will also be changed, and the new date will be published as soon as word comes from the Kazoo coach.

He was not quarrelsome but his wife was of the opposite sex.

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Cartoon

Thurs.-Fri., Feb. 6-7
GRACE MOORE, LEO CARILLO in

"Love Me Forever"
Comedy Novelty Cartoon

Sat., Feb. 8
GEORGE O'BRIEN in
"Thunder Mountain"
Miracle Rider No. 6, Comedy, News

Sun. and Mon., Feb. 9-10
JACK HOLT, ROBERT ARMSTRONG, GRACE BRADLEY in
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In 1936—

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