

# CAMPUS DAY EDITION

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## M. S. C. THINCLADS BEST ALMANIANS

### Freshman House Wins Only Alma First Running 100 Yards In 10.3

The Alma Varsity and Frosh thinclads journeyed down to the Michigan State College campus last Friday and were only successful in garnering a total of forty-five points while the State Freshman aggregation ran, jumped, and threw its total up to 113.

The Alma Freshmen completely outclassed the Maroon and Cream Varsity, securing thirty-six points while their older brothers managed to collect only nine. In only one event did Alma have the best man on the track and that was in the century dash. Frosh House outdistanced a field of eight or ten men and romped down the stretch to break the tape in ten and three-tenths second after the starting gun.

Alma managed to place second in five events. House further distinguished himself by trailing close on the heels of the State man in the 220 yard dash. The time of the event was 22.7. Gordon Shelledy, another member of the Freshman squad, danced over the 120 yard high hurdles to end up on the heels of the State hurdler in second position. Wehrley remained in the pole vault longer than any other contestant except the M. S. C. vaulter and added another three points to the Alma total. Pezet took two seconds which lacked very little of being first. The big fellow heaved the shot and the discus up and away but not quite far enough to beat his Green and White competitor. Tarrant, another first year man for Alma, did a fine job of high jumping but had to be satisfied with a second place in the event.

The runs were trotted off in little better than average time; 100 yard dash—10.3, 220 yard dash 22.7, 440 yard—54.6, 880 yard run—2 minutes 9 seconds, mile—5 minutes, and nineteenth seconds. Other members of the Alma teams to place were: Merry fourth in the 100 yard dash, Graham third in the mile, R. Randels fourth in the mile, Long third in the high hurdles, Odle fourth in the high hurdles, Muscott third in the 440, Graham fourth in the two mile, Long third in the low hurdles and Shelledy fourth in the same event, Crawford fourth in the half mile, Wehrley third and Gray fourth in the shot put, Odle third in high jump (tied with M. S. C. man) Tarrant third in the broad jump.

The only event in which no Alma man placed was the javelin. Alma lost the relay to the Capitol City College boys, the latter easily passed the baton around ahead of the Almanians and romped down the finish a considerable distance ahead of the Maroon and Cream anchor man.

Although the local tracksters were badly beaten, Coach Ewer does not look upon meet as an Alma failure. The Michigan State thinclads have a reputation throughout the United States as being among the best in the country, and the showing of the Alma men, especially the Freshmen, is anything but discouraging in the face of such competition.

The Maroon and Cream athletes meet Central State Teachers College here Wednesday and they will engage the Normalites in the second dual meet of the year. Here the tracksters will have an opportunity to measure their ability as the Mt. Pleasant team is considered to be in the small college class.

## HOMER DUNHAM JOINS WESTERN STATE STAFF

Homer Dunham, who has been editor of the Alma Journal for the past two years, recently accepted the position of publicity man for Western State Teachers College in Kalamazoo. "Ham" knows the reporting business to a fare-ye-well and this is a splendid opportunity for him—and then, the Normal is fortunate, too.

## CAMPUS ELECTION DATE TO BE MAY 23

The Constitution of the Student Council of the College provides that the annual elections shall be held on the last Thursday in May. Due to the fact, however, that that date is Decoration Day, the Council has decided that the elections shall be held on the last Thursday on which school is in session which will be the 23rd of May.

The elections will be conducted this year as in the past. Balloting will begin at Chapel time on the morning of Election Day and the polls will be closed at exactly twelve o'clock.

The offices to be filled by members of the student group are: Editor of the Almanian, Business Manager of the Almanian, Manager of Oratory and Debate, and unless the Student Council takes action to the contrary, Representative to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Nominations for these offices will be made at the regular meeting of the Student Council this evening at six-thirty o'clock.

## MARQUETTE NORMAL TO HEAR HAMILTON

### English Professor Also To Judge State Oratorical Contest Friday

Next Friday evening Professor Roy W. Hamilton will attend the Michigan High School Oratorical Contest in Ann Arbor in the capacity of a judge. Each year district contests are held under the auspices of the Association and the final contest is held at the University of Michigan. The judges



Professor Roy W. Hamilton

are chosen from the Public Speaking departments of the Colleges of the State.

Each year Professor Hamilton's services are in demand to judge debates and oratorical contests, and to speak in the churches and schools throughout the State. This year the Commencement days will find the Head of the College English department busily engaged journeying from one town to another, giving Commencement addresses to a number of high school graduating classes.

On June 15th Professor Hamilton will address the students and faculty of Northern Normal College at Marquette at their annual Commencement banquet; and on the following Tuesday will deliver the Commencement address during the concluding exercises of the graduating class of the Normal. The Alma professor will speak on the subject "The Achievement of the Impossible" and also concerning "Foundations"—what foundations has the student, and which ought he to have?

In addition to the engagement at Northern Normal, Professor Hamilton will speak at the following schools: Elk Rapids, June 6; Flint Junior College, June 12; Portland, June 12; Boyne City, June 13; Standish, June 19; Corunna, June 20.

## 'THIRTEENTH CHAIR' TO BE PRESENTED

### Mary K. Burt Plays Leading Roll In Mystery Drama At Strand Friday

Who killed Edward Wales? Could it have been Helen O'Neil, young Will Crosby's fiancée? Was it the Medium tied in her chair? Was it Helen Trent?—Who of the thirteen close friends locked in that fatal room would have committed such a brutal murder? Certainly someone in that room killed Wales. Which one was it?

The people were searched, the room was searched. No weapons were found; no traces were left. There were no clues of any sort. Just such questions, and just such a situation confronted Inspector Donabee, the most clever man on the Sandusky Police Force. Using the most unusual and remarkable police methods, he failed! Was the murderer found? Who found him? What motive prompted the killing of one who had been a friend for years?

Were you thrilled with "Chicago"? Did you like "The Trail of Mary Dugan"? Then don't fail to see Bay-Continued on Page 4)

## PROF. TYLER TO GIVE ADDRESSES

### Head Of Education Department Will Speak To Five Graduating Classes

Although Professor L. L. Tyler, head of the College Education department, is busy these days placing the students of the College in teaching positions in the high schools of the State, a number of high schools have been fortunate in securing him as the Commencement speaker for their graduation exercises.

Professor Tyler, a Michigan school-master for approximately a quarter of a century, has a background in the field of education which unquestionably qualifies him to advise and direct students at this important turn in their careers, and the high school sen-



Professor L. L. Tyler

iors who will listen to his admonitions may consider themselves privileged.

The Alma education professor will use as his theme "The Why of Modern Education"—a re-evaluation of our present educational methods and efforts.

Following is a list of the schools in which Prof. Tyler will speak: Elsie, May 31; Morley, June 6; Alpena, June 12; Crosswell, June 13. On June 17 the speaker will address the annual banquet of the "High-Ys" of Bay City. Here Professor Tyler will speak on the "Seven C's" in Education.

## TRUSTEES GIVE TREES AS KING MEMORIAL

The young elms which are being planted in front of the Library and Museum were given to the College by the members of the Board of Trustees in memory of the late Francis King, who for many years served on the Board.

The trees will improve the appearance of the campus and serve as a fitting tribute to the man who loved nature and had a deep interest in the welfare of Alma College.

### KAPPA IOTA MEETING

The meeting of the Kappa Iota Literary Society was called to order by the President, Katherine Lehner, last Monday evening. Roll call was answered to by a fact about the life or works of David Belasco, an American dramatist. A very splendid and interesting paper was given by Rachel Faude on the Life and Works of David Belasco. Betty Gilbert gave a very excellent impromptu. After a short business session the meeting was adjourned.

## HIGH SCHOOLS WILL HEAR DR. CROOKS

### College President To Speak At Commencement Of Many Senior Classes

President Crooks will again this year deliver commencement addresses to a number of high schools throughout the State. Every graduation season finds a great many letters on the



President H. M. Crooks

President's desk requesting his services as Commencement speaker.

On the evening of June 23 Dr. Crooks will deliver the Baccalaureate address at Redford. The other engagements listed below are high schools where the President will give Commencement addresses: May 31, Elberta; June 5, Rogers City; June 6, Ithaca; June 12, Clawson; June 13, Clio; June 14, Birmingham; June 18, Saginaw County Normal School; June 19, Marlette; June 20, Monroe; June 21, South H. S., Grand Rapids.

### ALPHA THETA MEETING

The meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary Society was called to order by the president, Mary Johnson. Roll call was answered by a review or criticism of a recently read book.

The impromptu, a debate on the question, "Resolved that Alpha Theta should have a sorority house," was given by Elaine Skimin and Mary Schaefer representing the affirmative, and Betty Hurst and Helen Temple, the negative. The judges, Lewis Salmon, Ann Campbell, and Helen Carrow gave the decision in favor of the affirmative.

### TAU SIGMA GAMMA MEETING

European universities were the theme of Professor G. E. Randel's talk to the Tau Sigma Gammas, Monday evening, May 6, at the home of Miss Annette Ward. Refreshments were served.

## CAMPUS DAY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW

### Tug - of - War, Luncheon, Track Meet And Pot Burn- ing Features Of Day

The much-heralded and greatly anticipated annual Campus Day will bring the educational machinery of Alma College to a temporary standstill tomorrow while the three hundred inhabitants of the Maroon and Cream Campus put aside books and classroom worries and indulge in the traditional activities of the big day of the College calendar.

The all-College party which will be held this evening in Memorial Gymnasium under the auspices of the Student Council will serve as an enjoyable prelude to the festivities of the morrow.

When the crack of the timer's gun at ten o'clock tomorrow morning starts the Freshmen and Sophomores see-sawing on the ends of the big hemp which will be stretched across the Pine, the big event of the day will have begun and ten minutes later the Campus will know whether it is the "illustrations Class of 1932" or the "courageous Class of 1931". The Freshmen have everything to win and little or nothing to lose, for they already have humbled their older brothers when they grabbed the bunting off the pole last fall. The Sophomores, writing under the sting of this defeat, are determined to avenge themselves and so the spectators can be assured of a great Tug-of-War. At noon hour Logan and his vested cohorts will serve luncheon in the grove—providing, of course, that Old Sol is shining.

In the afternoon the Tigers (Albaugh's not Detroit's) and the Cubs (Yageman's and not Chicago's) will again attempt to determine which nine should be placed at the top of the percentage column. Last Monday these two undefeated ball clubs tried to settle the question in a seven inning encounter but their efforts proved futile as they ended when the shades of night were falling fast with a 3-3 tie. It ought to be a good game.

Beginning at four o'clock the Central-Alma dual track meet will be the main attraction of the afternoon. Mt. Pleasant boasts some capable thinclads and it will undoubtedly be a closely-contested meet.

In the evening the members of the verdant but valiant Class of 1932 will receive their final chastisement and then, dancing and prancing around the huge bonfire, will throw the symbolic headgear into the crackling flames. Their will be, of course, the usual entertainment by the talent of the yearling's aggregation before the pots are finally disposed of, and then the strains of Alma Mater will ring down the curtain on the 1929 Campus Day.

## MRS. CROOKS HOSTESS TO FIRST YEAR GIRLS

Thirty little Freshmen coeds tripped merrily over to the President's house, Sunday at 5:30, at the request of President and Mrs. Crooks, who had invited us to join them in partaking of their Sunday supper.

As we entered the lovely home, we could not help but recall our first visit. Will we ever forget the tea given the first day of school for the benefit of the new class? We can't help recall how we stood in that beautiful living room, awe-stricken, feeling very new, and very green. Will we ever forget how we would give each other a half-hearted smile, trying our best to appear sociable, when we didn't know what it was all about. There we stood with the little tags pinned on us, revealing our names and our homes. We wondered if we would ever learn to know everyone.

This visit Sunday, however, was of course different. We were greeted at (Continued on Page 3)



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CUTS

A drowsy student, reposing in the lower bunk on a rainy Monday morning, is sleepily soliloquizing:

"To get up or not to get up—that is the question. Whether it is better to lie in bed and snooze fitfully, or to take up books for a schedule of classes and by attending, end them."

But then he remembers that he is "cut up" in his Monday morning classes and so he makes a sleepy gesture to arise. But again he argues:

"I can get my cuts excused if I stay out three days and so I'll just sleep in tomorrow and Wednesday, too." And so he rolls over and is soon under the hypnotic influence of Morpheus. His conscience hardly bothers him for "didn't the faculty arrange it that way?"

Yes, the faculty arranged it that way, and although they tried to make the best of a bad situation, they have inaugurated a system which encourages a three-day absence, and, because the poorer students take advantage of the situation, puts a premium on poor scholarship.

Then too, this system places a penalty on the individual who, through no fault of his own, must be absent one day and who would like to return to school but cannot afford to lose the credit of an unexcused absence. (If such there be, go mark him well!)

At any rate, there seems to be a marked unanimity of opinion among both students and faculty that some revisions in the system are advisable, even necessary. Although this editorial comment does not reveal any constructive plan—the faculty, no doubt, can improve the situation—sometimes just plain criticism is a stimulus to a constructive program.

IRREVERENCE

Students are careless, even thoughtless—the word student is almost a misnomer. This is one reason why they are the target at which is leveled the fire of criticism of the outside world.

One manifestation of this careless, thoughtless attitude is the student's irreverence—his disregard for the finer things.

To bring it home—when grace is asked at the college diningroom the "amen" is drowned out by the shuffle of feet and chairs—yes, even by titterings and whisperings. In the chapel, seats begin to rattle when the piano begins the strains of the last measure of the hymn, and nearly everybody is comfortably seated when the back rows of the men's section irreverently shout the final "amen."

There is something lacking in the moral make-up (possibly the mental make-up) of an individual when he, yes, or she, studies a latin pony or passes the "dirt" during the Lord's Prayer.

College people need to awake to an appreciation for these finer things, and even though some of them may be "would-be agnostics", these few can at least be considerate—even conventional.

CHAPEL

Was ever known

The witless shepherd who persists to drive  
A flock that thirsts not to a pool disliked?  
A weight must surely hang on days begun  
And ended with such mockery. Be wise,  
Ye Presidents and Deans, and, till the spirit  
Of ancient times revive, and youth be trained  
At home in pious service, to your bells  
Give seasonable rest, for 'tis a sound  
Hollow as ever vexed the tranquil air;  
And your officious doings bring disgrace  
On the plain steeples of our English Church,  
Whose worship, 'mid remotest village trees,  
Suffers for this.

—Wordsworth.

The problem of forcible drinking at the pool of religion continues to annoy both shepherds and their flocks, just as it did in Wordsworth's day. Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin recently declared himself in favor of a return to compulsory chapel at Yale. Three years ago chapel was made optional.

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COLLEGE ALUMNI  
"DOING THINGS"

The debating team of Cheboygan High School recently won the State Championship, the final debate being held in Ann Arbor.

It is interesting for Alma people to note that the winning team was coached by Linton Melvin, who graduated from Alma in 1918. The superintendent of the school, Carl Titus, also graduated from Alma College with the class of 1917. Mr. Melvin is principal of the High School.

Lewis J. Sarvis, ex-'18, seems to be flourishing as an architect. Among the recent buildings which he has planned is the new library for Battle Creek College for which the plans have been accepted and bids solicited. Mr. Sarvis' name appeared from time to time in building circles.

Roger W. Zinn, '22, and Pauline Strick Zinn, '24, will be at home at Oxford, Michigan next year, where Mr. Zinn is to be superintendent of schools.

Doris Marjorie Watkins, for two years a student of Alma College, is employed in the New York Public Library in the main building at 42nd street. She is employed with others in the task of making a complete catalogue of all publications issued in America before 1800. It is a monumental task and work has already been going on for several years.

Paul J. Morgan, former student of Alma College, is now located in Tokio, Japan where he is the general manager of The Japan Advertiser, the largest daily newspaper in the East printed in English.

Mr. Harold "Hick" Hickerson, ex-'25, called the other day and proudly announced the arrival of a baby daughter. Mrs. Hickerson was formerly Marjorie Dunton, also of the class of '25.

"Hick" played a few rounds of golf with Coach Campbell and then hurried back to Flint.

STUDENT FORUM

WHY NOT STAY?

Now that commencement programs are printed we are beginning to realize that another year is nearing an end that is arriving too quickly. Just four more weeks and the City of Alma will be minus that "collegiate" racket for a few short months. With all the packing, exams, and what not, we are very anxious to take the first train out of this dreaded place. Why be in such a rush? Why not stay and see the sights, for Alma during the commencement week is not the same one we are familiar with during our sojourn from September till May.

By looking over the program in last week's Almanian you can see that there will be plenty in the air. Right after the exams, and the sudden blow of final grades, here come the old students and alumni. Gee, but it seems natural to see all the faces of the other years at Alma. Spirits are raised on both sides and you are beginning to be glad that you stayed. The all college party in Wright Hall has a carefree air about it that even a J-Hop cannot surpass. Then the last Chapel! There is a treat for you and a worth while one too. Seats are at a premium that day. Good speeches, plenty of honors to be given out, and more than that it is the only scheduled appearance of Coach Campbell in our auditorium during the year; more thrills. Then the all college party in the gym, informal and plenty peppy.

Saturday brings more fun ending with the promenade of the Seniors in academic garb. It is worth a week's stay to see the ceremony in front of the museum where college traditions and customs are handed down from one class to the other. The reception in the President's home and the open air band concert are enjoyed to the ninth degree.

Sunday ushers in the last church (Continued on Page 4)

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with disastrous effect on attendance; and Dr. Coffin does not believe that in administering chapel to a meager handful of the faithful the University is discharging the obligation imposed in the charter of propagating the Christian religion.

At Wooster College, a staid denominational school in Ohio, The Gadfly has been saying that chapel exists only as a social center, where students meet to make dates, to gossip, to exchange letters and to joke about the faculty. The Voice, official student publication, defends chapel as one of the foundation stones of the system of compulsion in education. Take that away, The Voice argues, and the whole edifice will totter.

To which Gadfly will probably reply: What of it?

At Lehigh the Brown and White asks for the abolition of compulsory chapel—a period of "conversation, thumb-twiddling, or occasional study." The Bradley Tech of Bradley College, Illinois, in a spirited article joins the refrain. It asks: "Why do students have to listen to a lecture which the majority of faculty members deem unworthy of their attendance?"

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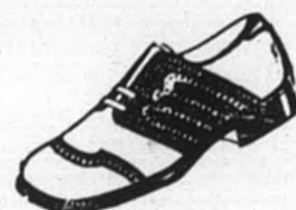
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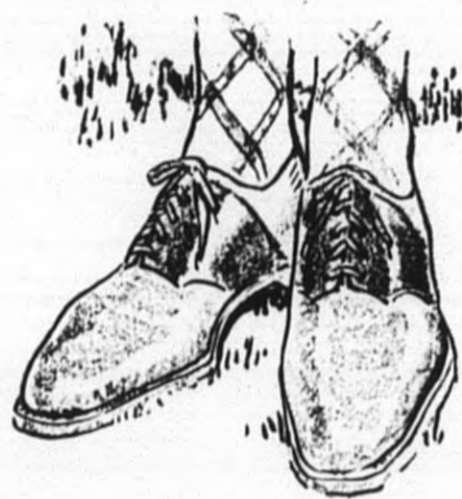
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Seventh Inning

As the League teams go into the last week of scheduled games Yagelman with his Cubs hold first claim on the pennant along with Albaugh and his Tiger cats. Both teams have not tasted defeat thus far in the season but the first named outfit has won three battles of the one annexed by the Tigers. An endeavor to change the rating of these two teams last week ended in a 3 to 3 tie when the game was called on account of darkness.

To start the week off the Down-

settled. The game got under way fairly early, the sun showed promise of remaining out for a while, in fact conditions pointed to a real battle the finish. But unlike many such affairs the boys battled to a tie. The first few innings Bill and Jim were mowing the opposition down, one, two however the bruins began to connect with a couple of Albaugh's handouts and things began to pick up. In fact two runs were put across the plate before the side was retired. A large share of the credit for these scores goes of course to the hitters, but also to several of the defending outfit who aided by misplays. But due to

more official and play an extra two. In these stanzas the Cubs managed to even the count and could have won the ball game had they come through with a bingle when they had the bases loaded. But all this they failed to do so the game goes down on the books as of no account as far as actual tabulations are concerned.

The last game of the week brought together Potter and his yearlings against the factory bunch from Lobdell-Erery. The boys played on until dark and only succeeded in tying the count up at 2 each when the shades of night fell too low. Crawford ap-

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To First Year Girls

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the door by President Crooks and his son, Mac.

Then we formed a single line to pass by President and Mrs. Crooks and Dean Steward introduced us one by one.

After a short prayer we entered the dining room. You just should have seen y-K0(Ki f°(i - had been aced (n lie tal)le for none other rea" Son taan us to eat sat

# THEATRES

## IDLEHOUR THEATRE

Wednesday May 15

HARRY LANGDON IN  
"Heart Trouble"

Thur. & Fri. May 16-17

MONTE BLUE IN  
"The Greyhound Limited"

## Strand Theatre

Tue. & Wed. May 14-15

MARY ASTOR IN  
"New Year's Eve"

Thursday May 16

MADGE BELLAMY IN  
"Fugitives"

Friday May 17

ALMA COLLEGE DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS  
"The Thirteenth Chair"

Saturday May 18

TIM MCCOY IN  
"The Overland Telegraph"

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday May 19-20-21

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"The Lady Of The Pavements"  
Lupe Valez has been called everything from "hot tomale" to "Mexican Whirlwind." Here she is in a wonderful picture of modern City life in the lower strata of society. William Boyd and Jetta Goudal help to make this big.

## CAMPUSOLOGY



Harris and Flora seem to be the "long and short of it"—but evidently they don't mind.

LOGAN SAYS THAT SIX FLAT TIRES AND A POURING RAIN COULDN'T DAMPEN HIS ARDOR. WE BELIEVE IT!

JUST WHO IS HE, TONY?

Elaine: (flipping a coin) "Heads he wins, and tails he loses."

The Houghton picnics report a good time—but it certainly can rain.

Ken Forbes: (speaking of the good-will tour) "Yes, but look at the FLAT TIRES we had!"

Bob ought to be good for the rest of the year now!

Louie Zimmerman isn't going to play golf anymore—yes, it costs fifty cents now.

Messrs. Hobart and Highlund went on a good-will tour over the week end. They certainly enjoyed the night clubs in Gagetown.

Buchanan is giving a prize on the Drama Club—it is rumored that he will win it. Nice going Bob.

Speaking of the "Thirteenth Chair", did you ever sit on the Musset steps?

Schimmers thought we meant him when we spoke of the flashlight picture last week.

Amos says everything is all right NOW. Dorothea must be boss.

Junior says these good will tours would be fine if it wouldn't rain.

As a promoter Simmons is a regular Rickard.

We hear Buchanan can get across the stage in a hurry, especially when it is dark, how about it Tony?

From the way some people eat straws, Pat says he doesn't know whether they have horses or cows at Wright Hall.

### Thirteenth Chair To Be Presented

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ard Veiller's masterpiece, "The Thirteenth Chair", one of the most thrilling and intensely dramatic plays produced in the last fifteen years. A man is killed right before your very eyes and you don't know who killed him.

The College Drama Club produces this King of Mystery plays next Friday evening at the Strand Theater. This is your opportunity to see the mystery play which had one of the most extended runs on Broadway. Don't pass it by.

The director states that the cast has been working exceedingly hard and has the play well in hand. The rough spots have been polished off and, with one more week of rehearsals, Mr. Ruddock promises to present one of the best productions that the Drama Club has ever attempted.

### Student Forum

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service; the beginning of the end. Then at night, the Baccalaureate address by our President. Here too, empty seats are rare and the ceremony and sermon are more impressive than any yet witnessed.

At last the day of days is here. Things happen rapidly and ten o'clock finds you rushing to make the gym in time. More honors are passed out as the Sophomore scholastic winners are announced together with the other receivers of academic awards. Then comes the address followed by the conferring of degrees upon the members of the graduating class.

Back to Wright Hall and the partaking of a wonderful luncheon, deliciously flavored with speeches and toasts by the faculty, alumni, and friends of Alma. Then comes the real leave taking, the only hard part about the whole week of activity.

Ask those who have stayed in the years gone by and they will confirm my statement when I say the best time of the year in Alma is commencement week. It is worth your while to stay and everyone will be much happier because of your presence here. Won't you stay for Alma? L. A. P.

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