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DEBATERS WIN FROM BATTLE CREEK; LOSE TO CALVIN

AFFIRMATIVE TEAM WINS INITIAL HOME TALK FEST
NEGATIVE LOSE CLOSE DECISION AT GRAND RAPIDS

Ollis Faces Man Who Will Oppose Him In District Oratorical Meet

"They saw the ball and went after it." This statement from the judge of Alma's debate with Battle Creek came in the chapel Thursday night, sums up the success of the Alma team in winning the opening home contest of the forensic schedule. The spirit of aggressiveness on the part of the Alma debaters was the outstanding factor of the contest, and won for the Maroon and Cream speakers a decisive decision from Professor K. Hance, of Abion College, the critic judge, of the meet.

Donald Blackstone, of Port Huron, and Barker Brown, of St. Louis, were the speakers for Alma, making up the two-man squad which is being used in the Michigan Oratorical League this year rather than the customary three-man team.

Using the State question, "Resolved, That the several states shall enact legislation providing for compulsory unemployment insurance to which the employer shall contribute," Grondzik, as first negative speaker for the Battle Creek team, showed that there are numerous weaknesses in the existing system which need to be remedied, and argued that the unemployment insurance was economically wrong in principle.

Brown, with the first affirmative constructive speech, pointed out that the burden of responsibility rests with the industries, and that they have refused to bear the responsibility.

Holden, as the second speaker on

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SOPHOMORE SHUFFLE COMING NEXT WEEK

Milton Smith Is Appointed General Chairman For Annual Party

The Sophomore Class has "come through" to make the third major social event on the Campus in three weeks with the announcement that the annual Sophomore Shuffle will be held in the Gym Saturday night, Feb. 21. The only dance promoted annually by the Sophs bids fair to be one of the most outstanding social events of the College year, and the second year students are sparing nothing in their effort to put on a party that will rival that which the Freshmen Class put on so successfully this fall.

Because of the usual crowded conditions that prevail when the parties are held in the Wright Hall reception room, the Sophomores are planning to hold the party in the Memorial Gymnasium to insure the best dancing conditions for the large crowd that is anticipated by the committees.

Milton Smith of Saginaw, who was President of the Class of '33 during their freshman year, has been named general chairman of the function by John Laman, of Marlette, Sophomore Class President.

Howard Catherman, chairman of the Music committee, has announced that the Tommy Towner's Lansing Band has been engaged for the affair. These musicians have been furnishing some of the best dance music available in the Capital City, and insure those who attend the Soph party a real treat in rhythm.

Catherine Campbell and Katherine McCuaig, of Alma, have charge of the decorations for the party. Charles Leadbetter, Detroit, will be chairman of the publicity committee. Alice Bondi, Chicago, is in charge of the invitation committee, and Mary Lou Peters, of Rochester, will have charge of the program.

The Sophomores are extending a general invitation through the Almanian to every member of the student body to attend the function which promises to be the outstanding informal party of the year.

ANNUAL J-HOP TO BE HELD FRIDAY, MAY 8

Faculty Gives Permission For Dancing at Prom From 9 Until 1

For the first time in history, the Alma J-Hop will be held on a Friday night instead of on Saturday. The date was definitely set at a meeting of the chairmen of the several committees Thursday night, for Friday, May 8. The decision to hold the Hop on Friday was made after considerable discussion in regard to the inability of some alumni to return on Friday night. It was the opinion of the committee heads that the date would be a minor factor in the consideration of the return of old students, since few of them who are employed in offices in Detroit and other cities work on Saturday, and thus will be able to be in Alma for the dance on Friday night. Another innovation of this year's Hop will be that dancing will be continued until 1 o'clock. In former years, because of the fact that the dance was held on Saturday night, it was necessary to end the party at 11:30. The news that the affair will continue until one this year will be welcomed by the student body, and especially by the committees who in the past have complained of the fact that all the work of preparation never seemed worthwhile when there could be but three hours of dancing.

All the committees, under the leadership of Edward Gould, the General Chairman, have started laying tentative plans, and within the next few weeks, definite details for the biggest campus function of the year will be arranged.

As yet, no orchestra has been engaged, but it is the hope of the music committee to have one of the best 9-piece bands that is available in this part of the state.

Skeleton plans of the decorations augur the finest decorative scheme that the Memorial Gym has ever seen, and in the face of the wonderful color array that was effected last year, that will be taking in a lot of territory. An effort is being made this year to keep the decorative scheme a secret to all but the members of the committee in the hope that the novelty of the decorations will be more effectively displayed.

Several favors for the party are being considered by the favor committee, and their selection of any one of them will mean that this year's gift will be far superior to any presented within the last several years. The best favor in the group is the same one that will be presented at the University of Michigan J-Hop this year.

"PARADOXICAL RUSSIA" IS SUBJECT OF DEAN'S TALK

Dean Florence Steward gave a very enlightening and entertaining talk on Russia to the College International Relations Club February 5, 1931, at Wright Hall. In her most clever and informal manner, Miss Steward held her listeners spell-bound. They saw the white wastes, the stone huts, the long weary bread lines, and the pallid, polar dawn breaking in the east.

Miss Steward sees a Russia of paradoxes. Stalin, the head of the communistic government, is a dictator. What could be more contradictory?

The government of Russia is not recognized by any nation in the world and yet American capitalists are putting millions into the communistic program—a double paradox.

The people are starving—literally starving, and Russia has been "dumping" wheat on foreign markets. Why? They have a vision.

Russia has lost its beauty and, losing it, has gained the most beautiful thing in the world—an ideal. This

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HEARTS ARE ALL AGOG At KAPPA IOTA'S PARTY

Saturday night in Wright Hall, sixty couples danced to the tunes of the Marie Bachorn's Valley Revelers. Although leap year is but a memory, it was up to the fair sex to inquire recently, "Will you be my Valentine?" and the boys had the pleasure of playing the waiting game for a change.

In honor of the occasion hearts were hung from the lights (which we must not hesitate to add—were thoughtfully snaded) and the curtains were quite prettily decorated with hearts. In fact, it was quite a hearty affair.

We must confess the floor was a bit crowded! However, due to the popularity of the Senior room, the floor was considerably cleared for those who wished to take the advantage of it.

All that matters is, "Did you have a good time?" Kappa Iota girls gave the party for that reason alone.

The chaperones were: Dean Steward, Coach and Mrs. R. R. Campbell and Professor and Mrs. Jesse Ewer.

'GREEKS' RATED HIGH BY THEIR NEIGHBORS

Survey Shows Attitude of Townspeople Toward Fraternity Men

Results of a survey made during the past few weeks by the Editor affirm the statement that the "Greeks" are not bad people to have for neighbors. Informal visits to the homes of people who live near the fraternity houses on our Campus have resulted in the discovery of some very interesting facts concerning the attitude of the townspeople toward their "Greek" neighbors. Since the visits were made with the searcher moving "incognito," the statement of the fraternity neighbors can be taken at face value with no discounting of the reactions because of the desire of the kindly neighbors not to "troi on neighborly toes." In brief, the folks who are so fortunate, or unfortunate, (as the case may be), are highly pleased with the conduct and general gentlemanliness of the next-door-neighbor fraternity men. As a rule, our Alma "Greeks" do not make bad neighbors and make little disturbance with rowdiness, and at the same time live and enjoy their collegiate life in a very creditable manner.

The best reaction of the neighbors of the College men was in their answer to the interrogation concerning the helpfulness of the students. Most every housewife in the several neighborhoods responded with a very complimentary remark as to the aid which the students are willing to give in little difficulties which may arise with everything from the family car to the kitchen sink. Moreover, few of the students make themselves obnoxious by running in next door to borrow a hammer or a water pail, which in the average neighborhood are borrowed and never returned.

Unlike the common American variety of neighbor, the "Greeks" make it their affair to pay attention to their own business. While this may be due to the self-centered attitude of the students, it is a fact that they are not always peering through the curtains to see who the new boy-friend is that is giving the girl next door a "big play" or to speculate upon the reason for the doctor calling at such an early hour, or wondering where they got the money to buy that new radio.

The remark of one of the neighbors who has on rare occasions used the vacant garage in the rear of one of the frat lots was particularly pleasing.

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We're Sorry!

In the list of honor students printed last week the names of Maxine Ingold and Robert Randels were inadvertently omitted. The ranks of these two Juniors are:

Maxine Ingold 2.18

Robert Randels 2.75

CAMPBELLMEN DOWN CONGREGATIONAL CAGERS 32-25 SUFFER WORST DEFEAT OF SEASON IN GAME WITH M.S.C.

JAMIESON RUSHING SALE OF YEARBOOK

Snapshots Needed Now To Finish Picture Theme of Yearbook

"Snap pages next," is the cry of the Maroon and Cream staff this week in the wind-up of the picture-getting activity for the Annual is ushered in. But the cry seems paradoxical, for although they will be pages of snaps, it is no snap to collect the pictures to fill them. Little response was received to the constant appeals for snap shots that depict campus life in the rough, and as a result the Snap Shot Editors are finding themselves confronted with the task of digging up pictures. Since the success of the snapshot pages depends upon the readiness of the students to contribute snaps which they have taken, this section of the Annual is at present giving dubious promises of success. There is still time for students to turn in any snaps which they think will be suitable for printing in the yearbook, and any having some are asked to turn them over to Charlotte Dakin or Earl Lyman, the Snap Editors, immediately.

The business managers of the book ran upon an unexpected reef this week in making the canvass of Pioneer Hall to take the orders from the Freshmen. Some "man about the campus," possessing more leisure time than brains tried to slip a monkey wrench into the sales machinery by circulating the rumor that no pictures of the Freshman athletic teams would be printed this year. Although the salesman had some difficulty in squelching the "Big Shot's" story, the Freshmen, with the assurance that the pictorial record of their achievements would appear in the yearbook, went over the top in ordering their books, and the sales records show a higher percentage of sales in Pioneer Hall than in any other party of the campus.

The sale of the yearbook on the campus is being conducted in the several societies. Since the number of books is limited, the orders will be filled in the order in which they are received. The first two hundred orders are all that can be filled, so that any number in excess of that amount will not be able to get a book unless there are fifty or more. In case of having more than 250 orders, an extra printing will be made. In view of the fact that so few copies are being printed, anyone desiring a copy should order immediately. The following students are taking orders:

Clark Jamieson, Jack Cook, Ed Gould, Mary Lib. Forshar, Helen Logan and Charlotte Dakin.

SPLENDID TALK FOR COLLEGE BIBLE CLASS

Rev. Willis Gelston, teacher of the College Men's Bible Class, has organized a series of lessons for the next thirteen weeks which promise to be of particular interest to every college man. The themes deal with the Christian and his relation to many of the different phases of life, and will offer many constructive ideas to the men of the College who avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing the splendid presentations of the College pastor.

Although the attendance at the College Men's Class this year has been below par, the first semester has brought to those who attended many vital bits of information. The Class operates on the forum plan, and offers a fine opportunity for discussion of the themes every Sunday under Rev. Gelston's direction. This method of presenting the material gives every member of the class an occasion to inject a bit of individuality into the

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Jinx Which Has Followed Hoopsters In M.I.A.A. Race Finally Shaken

The Maroon and Cream cagers won their third M. I. A. A. victory in five starts, from Olivet College here, on Wednesday night, 32-25. The game was close and hard fought all the way, and not until the last few minutes did the Campbellmen take a commanding lead.

Captain Gussin put Alma in the lead in the opening minutes by two beautiful dribble-in shots plus one foul shot, totaling five points. This lead was short-lived, however. Sullo, diminutive guard, and Cardwell soon put the Crimson into a two-point lead. From here until the end of the half the lead see-sawed back and forth with Olivet holding a 15-13 margin at the half time.

Both teams opened the last period under full steam, and neither was able to take a commanding lead until midway in the half. Due greatly to the brilliant offensive work of Crawford and Brown, the Presbyterians piled up a 6-point lead, which was increased to 7, on a foul shot by Tromater just before the final gun. A beautiful stalling game in the last three minutes allowed Olivet to control the ball only twice during that period of time.

Gussin was the outstanding player of the game, accounting for 9 of his team's points while holding Milankov, Olivet's high-scoring forward, to a single point. Cardwell, with 10 points, and Sullo were best for the Congregationalists.

Referee—Kobs (Michigan State)

The Presbyterian court men ab-

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N.S.F.A. YEARBOOK LISTS ALMA COLLEGE

National Publication Forms Directory of Colleges In United States

The Year Book for 1930 of the National Student Federation of the U. S. A. has been received at Alma College Library.

It has much of general interest, and Alma is mentioned. One feature, not to be found in many reference works, is a list of the titles of the student papers which are published by the colleges belonging to the Student Federation. The list includes the name of the college, the Student President of the group, title of paper, and the names of the editor, the N. S. F. A. representative and the Stanford delegate to the January, 1930, national meeting.

One of the many interesting articles deals with a Survey of Student Self Government.

This issue is dedicated to Dr. David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford, and includes a copy of a portrait of Dr. Jordan, a man of international fame, who has done much to help advance the progress of scientific investigation. The writer had the pleasure of a call in Dr. Jordan's home last summer, where, in addition to making the acquaintance of some members of Dr. Jordan's family, she also enjoyed meeting his two fine dogs and a mother and baby monkey.

The Michigan History Magazine, Winter Number, has much of interest to the students of history. Here will be found an account of "the establishment of a fellowship at the University of Michigan for the investigation and study of events occurring during the American Revolution in Michigan and the surrounding country."

Another worth-while "Historical note" relates to the rapid development and importance of Museums in the educational phase of American life, and contains an illustration of the recently completed Oklahoma Historical Society Building.

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EDITORIAL

THE SUN DIAL TALKS

A dozen times a day every student on the campus passes the sun dial standing at the apex of the sidewalks beside "Old Ad." If we even bother to notice it, we see a finely-wrought piece of marble, bright, cold, and silent. But even in its silence this old time-piece tells a story. It says, "I am, along with the lights on the front of the Ad building and my more scientific successor in the Business Office, a challenge to the Alma of today to show me some of the co-operative class spirit that lived on the campus in '98, '02, and '25." But today the Alma of 1931 ignores this challenge.

There is no class spirit in the Alma of today. Every class party runs to seed. A class meeting seldom attracts a quorum. A class publication dies on the hands of the bewildered staff. These are some of the indications that the spirit which vitalized the Alma of old is dead—sacrificed to the great god Indifference. But the fact that the spirit is lacking does not mean that things are better thus. No. There is a place for this spirit, there is a need for it! It is an intangible thing, yet its very elusiveness should send us seeking it. Instead, we are content to go along forgetful of its need, blind to its benefits.

Students of the classes of '31, '32, '33, '34, why not snap out of this lethargy, and be doing something as a class unit! Why not get the spirit started with some inter-class class sports? Why not organize some inter-class debates? Why not promote some class functions to unify your organization? There are scores of things—games, parties, contests, etc., that will give you a chance to get together and do things. You Seniors have your commencement functions coming. You Juniors have an Annual and a J-Hop to put over. You Sophs have your Campus Day, and you Frosh have four years of college to use as you will. Why not put these things over with some class activity that will mean some pleasant memories after graduation!

OUR PAINT JOB

Rushing through things! How often we feel that this is what we are forced to do in college life. We have no time to get to the root of a subject, so we skim over the surface and get a vague idea of the materials so that we may carry on a glib conversation in the classroom or sitting around our fraternity houses.

We never get time to think through our creed in religion or behavior, so we develop a nicely ambiguous surface philosophy and rush on to the next thought or glimmerings thereof. We don't have time to do things. Our philosophy is embodied in that almost classic remark of one of our colleagues, "Oh, well, I'll wear the socks anyway; the holes are all below shoe level, so what does it matter?"

Very, true, what does it matter? If we succeed in impressing our contemporaries with the fact that we "go over big" with "Prexy," the Dean, the Coach or the girls, what does it matter what gaps in real knowledge and experience are hidden under this brave front? Does it matter that in our impetuous plunge to make these impressions we accomplish nothing beyond making impressions? Or is it possible for us to stop rushing through things long enough to attain a certain depth of thought, a mental tidiness which is lacking to those whose surfaces are so smoothly "duco-ed" with superficial knowledge? Is it possible that this policy might in the end bring a bit more satisfaction?

STUDENT FORUM

ALMA'S BASS WAGON

For three years I have watched the Great Alma College Band Wagon roll by. I've seen the elephants, Arozian and his ilk, I've seen the monkeys and the organ grinder, and last but not least, I've seen the clowns, the Student Council.

For the past year I have persistently searched for a reason, excuse or what have you, why the Student Council should exist. Tradition tells us that riots, wars and rumors of wars were necessary for this body to come into being, now they lackadaisically meet when in the mood and gravely ponder the matter of a bill for \$1.49 for sweeping the Gym.

This excellent, venerable and representative group of the body politic have not sponsored one student function this year. The football banquet, as old a tradition as can be found on the Campus, has been allowed to lapse this year. Why?

I, as one of the humble taxpayers of the institution, would like to know where my money goes, how much is spent for the paper, debating, athletics and glee clubs? Why is a financial report never published? Why is the student body kept in ignorance of the state of finances? How much is taken in on games? Which sports are self-supporting and which are not? Of course, with the system in force now one would have to be Houdini and a "lightning calculator" rolled into one to find out even the essentials from the books.

Another thing, dear readers, intrigues me. Why does the excellent Student Marshal, Hon. C. C. Carter, campus some poor weak little Freshman for neglect of Almanian duty, and let these very much larger Freshmen escape without even wearing pots at all. Looks very much as though some one was buffaloed, doesn't it?

Well, the parade is over, the peanuts are gone, but we are left with the memories of the humorous antics of the Clowns.

F. G.

LAST MINUTE NEWS!

The Faculty proposal to replace the annual spring recess by dismissing school a week earlier in June was overwhelmingly defeated in the vote of the student body this morning. The vote stood 204-57.

Alma's cagers continued their forward stride in the M. I. A. A. race in Memorial Gym, when they downed Albion last night, 36-28. The "shock troops" played most of the game, and Gussin was the outstanding player of the contest.

A Faculty ruling last night declared Washington's Birthday and Memorial Day as College holidays.

Several orders for books by friends of the College living outside of Alma have been received by the Business Manager. Any other alumnus or friend wishing to have a copy reserved is asked to notify Clark Jamieson, Business Manager, at 528 College Ave.

The library is indebted to the Hon. Bird J. Vincent for a number of valuable United States documents, which were presented recently.

PREXY'S CHAPEL TALK

Papers, which usually rattle under cover of a fake cough so as not to disturb the silence of the daily chapel service, had a burst of real freedom in chapel Friday morning as President Crooks spoke to the student body on the elements that go to make up a happy life. Pencils and pens worked fast as "Prexy" outlined the five chief goods of life as presented in a recent work. The five points which are the determinative factors of a happy life are:

1. Liberal Education
2. Healthy body and mind
3. Freedom from pecuniary anxieties
4. Assured religious convictions
5. Happy marriage

"Most of these," the President said, "can be attained while in college, but some should be left until after graduation." In expanding the fourth element, the speaker made a plea for the attainment of this religious conviction. He pointed out that it is not a matter of whether the conviction is entire in accord with that of a neighbor, but that the chief element to be considered is that it is a true conviction, attained after careful thought, and then put into practice with all the care that its genuineness can stir.

"Paradoxical Russia" Is Subject of Dean's Talk

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Ideal with its demand of personal sacrifice is developing a nation of individuals under the most extreme democratic standards—communism.

Russia has no religion, yet Russia has one of the strictest moral codes of any nation. Does this mean nothing?

Miss Steward summed up her remarks with an inclusive paradox. "As one who has long lived in Russia tells us, 'Whenever you are positive about anything in Russia—you can be sure you are wrong'."

"Greeks" Rated High By Their Neighbors

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ing. She said that it was disgusting to hear people speak of the fraternity boys as being snobbish. "The trouble," she said, "lies in the fact that those individuals aren't willing to come down to earth and recognize real folks."

The factor which was most pleasing to the largest number of neighbors was that the fraternity boys don't have chickens that spend the spring days coming over to scratch the seeds out of the newly-planted gardens. The most significant thing about the College boys seems to be that they are so considerate of their neighbors and never indulge in petty back fence quarrels.

The mothers of small children are the strongest rooters for the worth of the "Greeks." They can leave their children outside and know that they will not be molested by the passing collegians; in fact, the College men always seem ready to give the youngsters a friendly pat on the head, to help mend a broken thing, and to heed their insistent demands to be given a ride up to the corner in their new wagon. And again, the children can always slide down the iced walk leading from the frat house to the sidewalk without an angry admonition to "Keep off."

Sometimes it seems
That ambition
Is a beanstalk
And that men
Are but small Jacks
Who struggle up
Tearing quick hands
In avid haste
To reach the top
Only to find
Awaiting us
A Giant—named
Disillusion.

—Yale News.

Charlotte Dakin, Helen Logan, and Mary Lib Forshar have order books for copies of the Annual. A small down payment will insure your getting a copy.

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 Pathe Review Pathe News

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 REGINALD DENNY and GRACE
 MOORE in
 "A LADY'S MORALS"
 Metro Comedy Fox News

Saturday, February 14
 "BAR L RANCH"
 With WALLY WALES
 Cartoon Paramount Comedy
 10th Episode "The Lone Defender"

Sunday and Monday, Feb. 15 and 16
 "KISMET"
 With OTIS SKINNER
 Fable Metro News

And now the Invincible Ionian has become a fond disciple of reciprocity.

Uncle Charlie: "Why are you late?"
 Klerkoper: "Class began before I got here, I guess."

Dorothy and Herb both had bad colds last week. Coincidence?

Crawford has the boys playing hide and seek now. Oh, well, they'll find the place in time.

At last we've an explanation of Einstein's theory. "If you sit with a nice girl for two hours, you think it's only a minute, but when you sit on a hot stove for a minute you think it's two hours." That's relativity.

And then there was the girl who had an impediment in her speech. She had to stop to get her breath.

We wonder if Jimmie got a chapel cut for missing the exercises Thursday morning. He should have, inasmuch as his absence made him miss the debate.

Is your society going to hit the 100% mark in the purchasing of the Annual? If so, you had better order your copy now.

Baldie spent a busy week collecting enough formal clothes to go to the J-trip at Lansing last week end.

We hear that Koechlein is in the chimney-cleaning business.

This Educational Psych course certainly brings out some vital statistics which we've been waiting to find out for a long time.

Keep it up, Earle! You'll get an A out of the Biology course yet before the next semester is over.

Jimmie: "And when Lord Chesterfield saw that death was near he gathered all his friends about him before he breathed his last he muttered those immortal words. Does anyone in the class know what his last words were?"
 Class (in unison): "They satisfy!"

The art work on the division pages of the Annual are well worth the price of the book. Order yours now.

They say that when Coach Campbell was planning on building a new house he called up the Masonic Home and asked for a couple of Free Masons to put in the foundation.

Al Mark says he comes from the nicest town in the world—Chicago, where they take life easy.

There are really new pictures of the Faculty in the Annual. You'll want them in a few years, so get your order in immediately.

When you eat a Saturday breakfast in Wright Hall you get a challenge to co-operate. Remember every time one of those bananas leaves the bunch it gets skinned.

John: "Where did you learn to smoke cigarettes?"
 Lugenbill: "Back in dear old Monroe."

John: "It's a good thing you didn't go to Norway. I hear they smoke herring there."

Kermit: "You should see the new altar in my dad's church."
 Jean: "Lead me to it."

The Soph and Frosh pages have a unique opportunity for autographs. Your order for the Maroon and Cream should be made this week.

AFTER THE SHOW, TAKE HER TO THE

Strand Sweet Shop

The PERFECT ENDING of a PERFECT EVENING

More than half of the Maroon and Cream have already been ordered. If you want one, see one of the business managers NOW.

When Sis Campbell was still of cradle age the Coach called up Dr. Graham one night and said, "Come right over, the baby has swallowed a dime."
 "How old is it?" asked Doc.
 "1905."

Prof. Kaufmann: "Miss Gillam, what do you know about nitrates?"
 Sue: "Nothing, except that they are cheaper than day rates."

Jamieson, Cook and Gould will take your order for the Annual.

Potter is wondering why some of the college benefactors don't donate some money to buy storm doors for the Museum.

Co-ed News

There were few co-eds here between semesters. Thus no co-d news. But last week found them very much in evidence.

Friday night was rather a quiet one due to the absence of the basketball team and others who evidently had other interests in Lansing than the game. An "on trial" radio certainly helped to while away the time. "Babe" dropped in on us Friday night for a few minutes, and it was certainly good to see her.

Saturday was the day, and it started out with a bang. In fact, everyone was up, there was no need to try to sleep for the decorators were buzzing about. But we weren't sorry for the reception hall was transformed once more—this time for the Annual K. I. Valentine Party. Emmy breezed in just in time to make the party and help keep things lively in the hall. There was another happy reunion when last year's "jiboomers" appeared for the party—Ken, Buff, John, Speed, Emily and Vern. Later Laura and her husband surprised us. Rach and Mick anxiously awaited the arrival of Fran and Chuck who braved the storms so as not to disappoint their Valentines. Dale dropped in quite unexpectedly and changed a certain girl's mind about not going to the party. Thus the party was quite a home-coming affair and certainly a very happy one.

After the dance there were the usual spreads. One of them, however, was quite unusual, inasmuch as it was a farewell, in honor of Nan. No need to say how sorry we all are to see her go. Won't be quite the same place without her. Surely hope she comes back often. Perhaps none of us feel it so keenly as Cora and Cook. Nevertheless we feel it! Nan said she enjoyed herself at the spread—said she'd never forget it. We are glad it was a success.

Came the partings on Sunday and it was a sad day all around.

It's Up To You

A student in a modern university either works or is suspended. He completes a certain number of courses with a tolerable grade, or he may no longer have the opportunity to study. In spite of the strident deridings of facetious periodicals, the college student of our times studies more, worries less, and accomplishes more than the college student of a decade or so ago. If he lusts after a life of indolence and ease within the confines of his college, he does so with the knowledge that he is summoning his own doom.—The Minnesota Daily.

ARE THEY DEAD?

I threw them in the fire.
 I watched the flames
 About the corners curl,
 And wither them.
 I wonder if I shall forget—
 Now they are dead?

I watched the hearth fire glow,
 And knew I'd burned them.
 Destroy each memory—
 Each thought of you.
 I wonder if my heart, perchance
 Will burn them, too?

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Freshmen Menagerie
 DeAngelo is impish.
 My! one black-eyed sight;
 And people know he's shrimpish.
 When it comes to height.

Now Sweinsberg's more than that, oh,
 Lip and spark and all—
 The people where he sat, oh,
 Laugh with Pioneer Hall.

The Major's got them marching
 'Till their shoes are gone;
 All night his shadow's arching
 Out across the lawn.

On Number Five there's banging—
 Sunday morning cool,
 Quite out the window hanging;
 Johnny's not in Sunday-school!

The pail of water pouring
 'Cross poor Erskin's bed;
 And that young man is roaring;
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Debaters Win From Battle Creek

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the visitors' constructive idea, elaborated upon the weaknesses of probable systems, and showed that the administrative costs are too high and consequently they would not stand a crisis. He showed that the only hope for a successful plan would rest upon the establishment of a fund built by contributions from the employers, the

worker and the state.

Blackstone, Alma's second speaker, outlined a plan which contained all the best features which the opposition named as being essential to effect a strong organization, and lacking the features which make the present plans inherently weak.

Because of the fact that the plan presented by the local debaters seemed to fulfill the requirements outlined by the opposition, the rebuttal speeches of the Battle Creek speakers were weak. In the rebuttal speeches, there was a very definite clash which worked to Alma's advantage. Inasmuch as the opposition had outlined the weaknesses of the existing plans, none of which were included in the constructive plan presented by the Alma men, there was very obviously an admission on the part of the visitors, that the plan given in refutation of their arguments contained all the essential elements for a strong, workable insurance system.

The debate was one of the finest that local debate lovers have heard from the chapel platform in some years, for the Alma debaters attacked the plans of the opposition where the issues were vital, and presented a clear, concise plan for strengthening their argument that there should be a system of compulsory unemployment insurance.

Friday night Alma lost its first negative conference debate with Calvin College of Grand Rapids, in the new \$100,000 Chapel before an audience of 150 students and faculty, at Grand Rapids.

The debate was opened by Ollis of Alma, who emphasized a conserva-

tive view of the number of unemployed. De Wilde concluded the argument for the negative by presenting practical arguments against compulsory unemployment insurance, stressing particularly the high cost of administration of any plan supervised by the State.

The affirmative debaters for Calvin emphasized the need for a compulsory plan, in order to prevent unfair competition. They further emphasized the fact that in 1929-30, when depression was greatest, dividends to stockholders were highest and they asked for compulsory insurance to distribute these great surpluses more equally.

The affirmative proposed a social solution to the problem in the form of an insurance reserve fund contributed to by the employer, employee, and the state.

The Alma men pointed to the graft likely to occur in state administration and insisted on the ability of the individual employer to handle the problem in his own way.

The judges of the contest were: William H. Messinger, a Grand Rapids attorney, Roland Shackson, Coach of Debate in Grand Rapids Junior College, and B. A. Buckema, debate Coach at Grand Rapids South High School.

An interesting feature of the debate was the meeting of two men who will meet again next month in another field of public speaking. They are Ken Ollis and Peter De Vries. Ollis will represent Alma in the district oratorical contest and De Vries will be Calvin's representative in the contest for district honors which will be held here next month. Last year, De Vries was winner of third place and Ollis was given fourth honors in the state oratorical contest.

Cagers Down Olivet and Lose to M. S. C.

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sorbed a beating at the hands of Michigan State College Friday night, 42-20, for the worst defeat of the season.

State presented a well-balanced team of veterans, that played a hard, fast and efficient game all the way.

Brown's field goal from side court in the first minute put Alma in the lead for the only time in the game. State scored three times in quick succession soon after and from then on it was only a question of how high the score would be. State led at the half 25-5.

VanAlstyne inserted his second-string team to start the second half and the Maroon and Cream hoopmen more than held them even. The first stringers went back in the middle of the period and outscored Alma by only 3 points in the last 10 minutes.

Grove, of State, was high scorer of the game with 15 points and along with his teammates played a caliber of basketball just a little too good for the Campbellmen. Brown and Gussin looked best for Alma.

Referee—A. W. Thompson (Lawrence)
Umpire—Walter Graff (W. S. T. A.)

Splendid Talks For College Bible Class

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discussion, and the collective ideas provide a means of drawing up a definite solution to the problems which present themselves.

Rev. Gelston and the active members of the class extend to every man of the College a cordial invitation to attend the class which meets promptly at 10 every Sunday morning for opening services in the church auditorium.

The series of themes to be discussed during the remainder of the college year are as follows:

- Feb. 8—The Social Emphasis in Christianity.
- Feb. 15—The Christian and Public Education.
- Feb. 22—The Christian and the Wage Problem.
- Mar. 1—The Christian and Working Conditions.
- Mar. 8—The Christian and Public Health.
- Mar. 15—The Christian and Public Amusement.
- Mar. 22—The Christian and Commercialized Evil.
- Mar. 29—The Christian and the Treatment of Criminals.
- Apr. 5—The Christian's Political Responsibility.
- Apr. 12—The Christian and World Progress.
- Apr. 19—The Christian and World Brotherhood.
- Apr. 26—The Christian and the Efficient Church.
- May 3—The Kingdom of God a Practical Idea.

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