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FAIR PLAY

Due to much popular demand and because the constitution of the Student Council has been little known and little read, the Almanian is publishing this week the complete constitution of the student governing body of Alma College. Every student in Alma should be familiar with this constitution if he is with no other. Yet few of us are. It behooves us then to read carefully this set of rules in order that we may more fully know and appreciate the ends and aims of the Student Council.

The Council has recently demonstrated that it does have the power to enforce its rulings. It remains to judge whether or not those rulings are always wise. One may say that in the main they are. It certainly is the duty of every student in the College to obey the rules of the institution and it is certainly no more than right that offenders should be punished. It is also no more than right that violators be given fair trials when accused of real faults, and have fair and reasonable penalties imposed on them. The essence of behavior to others should be well grounded in a sense of fair play, and fair play works two ways.

NOISE

Noise is a hideous thing, and unwarranted and unnecessary noise costs annually millions of dollars. Consider the tremendous amount of distraction and loss of valuable time that noise occasions every day. Philosophers from time immemorial have condemned noise and great quiet retreat for the creation of their intellectual masterpieces. Monasteries are always centers of study and learning.

If there is one place in the world where there ought to be no place for noise it is the place where study obtains or ought to obtain. Those places today are schools and colleges. Yet college students are notorious for their noise and bluster. Are you a noise-maker? If so, make a much needed change in your life. You are daily not only disturbing others, you are also wasting time that you could put to better use.

HELP

In reading over the issues of the Almanian from past years one is bound to be impressed with the amount of space devoted to matters and news concerning the Alumni. They kept in touch with the College and consequently the Almanian was enabled to get much interesting material concerning their goings and comings. Of late years there seems to be a difference. There seems to be little if any Alumni news.

It would be difficult to say just what has caused this. Probably it has been due to the fact that both Alumni and editors are very busy. In the main it has probably been due to the fact that both have not co-operated. The Almanian is willing to do its share. Will the Alumni please write us many and copious letters and will all those who know of the doings of any of the old students please get such knowledge into the hands of the staff? Thank you.

CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Alma College, Michigan

(Because of an unforeseen difficulty arising at press time, it has been necessary to print the remainder of the Constitution here. It is continued from page 4.)

Article 9. Discipline

Section 1. Rules of Order. The rules contained in Robert's "Rules of Order" shall govern the Student Council procedure in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with rules of order established by this constitution.

Section 2. Attitude of Members. If it be the consensus of opinion among three-fourths of the Student Council members that any member is placing society interests before those of the Student Body, he may be impeached. Any maladministration, or striving for private interests by officials, committeemen, or members of the Student Council shall be punishable by impeachment at the discretion of the Council.

Section 3. Impeachment. A motion to impeach, a motion to convict after impeachment trial, and a motion to fix impeachment, if any, shall require the concurrence of three-fourths of the Student Council. Judgment shall not extend further than removal from office, or membership, or both.

Section 4. Attendance. A member who has been absent from more than one regular meeting of the Council during one semester shall be deemed to have vacated his seat. The Secretary shall keep a record of absences and shall immediately report such a case.

Section 5. Any member who is absent from any regular meeting of the Student Council without proper excuse, such excuse to be judged by the President of the Council, shall be fined fifty cents for such absence. The Student Council shall have the power to compel the attendance of absent members in order that a quorum may be obtained. Violation of its orders shall be punished by such fine upon the absent members as the Council may see fit to impose.

Section 6. The Marshall. It shall be the duty of the Marshall to carry out the instructions of the Council, as regards the maintenance of discipline in the Council and on the campus.

Article 10. Meetings

A majority of the Student Council shall constitute a quorum. Meetings shall be held regularly at a specified time and shall be public, provided that by a two-thirds vote the Council may go into executive session. The President and the Secretary shall have the power to issue official statements regarding the executive business. Not more than one month shall intervene between any two regular meetings of the Student Council during the Academic year with the necessary exception at the time of the Christmas recess. The Secretary shall keep a correct journal of the proceedings of the Student Council, and at the request of any three members shall record the yeas and nays of the members on any question.

Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called at any time by the President of the Council, providing that twenty-four hours' notice is given of the time and place of such meetings. Absences are to be dealt with the same as absences from regular meetings.

Article 11. Finances

Section 1. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Council. He shall pay out money only upon the proper orders signed by the President of the Council. He shall report the financial condition of the Council whenever called upon and shall present the records to his successor in the best possible condition.

Section 2. Committee's Financial Reports. Any committee that handles money shall within one week after the conclusion of the matter of which it has charge make an itemized financial report to the Treasurer.

Section 3. Authority to Make Contracts. No officer, committee, or member of the Student Council shall make any expenditure except by authority of the Council.

Section 4. Compensation. No officer, committee, or member of the Council shall receive any reward for his services.

Section 5. The Student Council may raise funds for a specific object of interest to the entire student body by: first, passing upon the assessment in the Council, then presenting for ratification by the entire Student Body.

Section 6. Any funds resulting from fines, assessments, or admissions to functions left in the treasury at the end of the year will be disposed of as the Student Council may direct, providing that they be spent on some feature of interest to the entire Student Body.

Article 12. Amendments

An amendment to this Constitution may be made at any regular meeting or at one especially called for that purpose, provided that said amendment has been submitted in writing at a previous meeting, is approved by two-thirds of the Student Council members, and has received the approval of the proper college authorities.

The Senior Benefit Show will be a wow! So don't miss it.

Don't forget the Oraical Contest in the Chapel Thursday at 7:30.

There'll be fun aplenty at the Benefit Show.

EDITOR'S MOTHER HERE

Mrs. W. R. Ruddock, mother of the Almanian Editor, arrived tonight (Tuesday), from Detroit, having been called here by the serious illness of her son. During her stay in Alma, Mrs. Ruddock will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. George B. Randels.

"SHORT HORN" STUDENTS WILL BE ELIMINATED

Students who enter Alma College next semester will find a change in the curriculum that promises to benefit them considerably more than was possible under the old system. Beginning Freshmen will be enabled to take all the courses which they would ordinarily get if they had entered in September. The value of this plan is

evident. It means that the new students will be able to start right off with the preliminary Freshmen courses and follow up their studies with advance courses in subsequent semesters. Another innovation to be inaugurated this year will be that of arranging courses so that students who enter in the middle of the school year will be able to complete the entire course leading to a degree in 3 1/2 years rather than the customary four years. This new plan will eliminate the usual difficulty in having on the Campus a number of "short-horned" Juniors and Seniors.

The opportunity to complete the course in three and a half years will be offered only to students of exceptional calibre, since it will require an extraordinary amount of work.

President Crooks, in a Chapel talk today, asked all students, who have friends who may plan on entering at the start of the semester, to turn in the names only of those who stood in at least the upper half of their high school class. This selectivity is made necessary because of the fact that the new system will probably make the entrance courses somewhat more difficult than they would be in the September semester.

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The class in Public Shaking was
mv im pantomimes Horton got up
and boldly approached the platform,
and stood perfectly still

Well said Prof Hamilton, after a
moment s wait for something to hap- ^
pen. What do you represent?"
Im imitating a man going up in
an elevator "

At Si-rond Sight

I hear that Katherine la marrying
that X-ray specialist •
ch. yeh ' What can he see Inher?"

Keferee at basketball game: "Foul "
Wise Student Where's Its feath-
ers?"

Keferee: •'Gwan. you goose This
18 » picked team."

It is rumored that Clancy, the Lit-
tle Man from the Big Town' put a pin
m the litle girl last week Isn't that
nice'' She has red hair. too. That
makes Clancy and Peterson tied for
tirst place in the Red Headed League

Steve: "Why don't you like girls?"
Carl: "They're too biased."

Steve: "What do you mean bi-
:aaed?"

Carl: "Oh Buy us this and buy us
jthat!"

(Charlotte ion a boating excursion):
"If the boat foundered, whom would
you save first, the children or me''"
Karl "Me."

Bright Fresh: "Ask me a question
and I will give you a joke for an
answer."

Another sap: "What's your name?"

Bill: "Don't you think that you
could learn to love me?"

Sheila: "Well. I learned to eat
spinach."

First Co-ed: "And boy! is he dumb
Why. once I went out with him and

Second Ditto: "He went out with
you? Tin's enough evidence."

Says Leadbetter "If I had an Fa-
book Id study my lesson if I knew
what It was

Famous savings by famous people
Miller, I womb r what's the matter
with those girls?

The fellows t the Phi house have
something better than a radio now
They listen to M« Lellan telephone

We ll now hear the shingle chorus
from the Barber Shop by several of
the Wright Hall girls

After ll that sleep Nichol may now
be able to stay awake part of the time
at leas.

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thrills per minute per dollar at their
Benefit than you could get in a forest
fire and earthquake all in one

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the game on ice for Alma. Then came the break-up of the stalling game. Immediately after Hackadorian's last counter, Captain Gussin called time out to organize for the remaining seconds of play. Alma got possession of the ball outside after the tip-off and Gussin shot a quick pass to Brown, who shot just before the gun sounded, only to see the ball hit the back of the rim and bounce out.

Borton was the outstanding offensive star for Alma with 9 points to his credit, although his defensive weakness offset, in part, his point-gathering ability. Gussin played a good brand of ball, but possibly not up to the standard of which he is capable. Considering that the game was the first of the season and against last year's champions, many errors, and the usual stage-fright can be excused. Without doubt the contest was a moral victory for Alma, and students and followers of the team can be assured of seeing the team in the thick of the championship fight as the season progresses.

Murdock started for Kalamazoo.

Lineups and Summary

ALMA			
	G	F	TP
Williams, R.	7	0	0
Brown, F.	3	0	6
Peaton, C.	1	1	9
Cassford, C.	7	0	0
Almanian, C.	2	1	5
Woods, C.	1	1	1
Total	22	3	21

KAZOO			
	G	F	TP
Garrison, F.	0	0	0
R. Schau, F.	2	0	4
M. Schau, C.	2	1	5
Murdock, G.	3	1	7
Hackadorian, G.	2	0	4
Stroud, F.	0	2	2
Total	9	4	22

CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

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gation into any matter of concern to student life, and report in writing the facts ascertained, with or without recommendation, depending upon the requests and upon the desires of the Council.

If members of the Student Body desire investigation, discussion, and recommendation to the college authorities upon any question pertaining to student life, this matter may be brought to the attention of the Council with the presentation of a petition stating the proposition, the student opinion, and signed by thirty students, including members of at least four lit-

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erary societies.

The Student Council may decide any dispute referred to it by other student organizations. No member of the Student Council may sit in such trial who is personally interested in the result, said question of interest to be decided by the entire Council without debate.

Article 4. Veto

The authority of the Faculty Body to veto any action of the Student Council is recognized. The minutes of the proceedings of each meeting of the Council shall at all times be available to the college authorities.

Article 5. Membership

Section 1. Number of Members. The Student Council shall consist of fifteen members.

Section 2. Representation. The four class presidents shall be ex-officio members of the Student Council. In addition there shall be four members from the Senior class, three from the Junior class, two from the Sophomore class, and one from the Freshman class.

Both sexes shall be represented in the membership of the Council. There shall be one Faculty member on the Council with full powers of an active member. He shall be elected by the Faculty.

Section 3. Vacancies. Vacancies shall be filled by the class whose representation has been affected. Whenever a Councilman shall cease to be a member of the class which elected him, he shall forfeit his seat on the Council.

Article 6. Elections

Section 1. Election Day. Election of Student Council members and two major officers of the Athletic Association, Almanian and the Oratory and Debates Council shall take place on the last Thursday in May.

Section 2. Class Representatives. The election of Student Council members shall be in open meetings, in charge of the President of the Class. Elections shall be by secret ballot. Credentials shall be passed to the successful candidates by the Secretary of the Class. The Student Council shall have the final election, election of members, subject to the requirements imposed by the college authorities.

Section 3. The Officers. President and Manager of the Athletic Association, the Editor and Business Manager of the Almanian, and the Manager of the Oratory and Debate Council shall be elected in a meeting of the Student Body, under the supervision of the Student Council authorities on the date selected.

Section 4. Nominations. These officers mentioned in Sec. 3 shall be nominated by the Student Council and their names posted for student inspection one week before election day.

Section 5. Other Candidates. Any group of students may include a name with the list of candidates prepared by the Student Council by presenting a petition for such action, signed by at least thirty from the Student Body in good standing and representing at least four literary societies.

Section 6. Method. The Student Council shall provide for this election, which shall be under its direct supervision, printed or mimeographed ballots, only one for each individual. The ballots shall be placed in a ballot box after Chapel. The voting shall cease at noon of that same day.

Article 7. Officers

Section 1. Enumeration. The officers of the Student Council shall be: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Marshal.

Section 2. President. The President's term of office shall be one year. The President shall be a Senior, and shall be elected by the Student Council from among the Senior members, immediately following the spring Student Council elections.

Section 3. Qualifications of Officers.

The Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Student Council shall be elected by the new Council at its first regular meeting in September, from among the representatives of the three upper classes. The Marshal shall be elected from the Senior or Junior representatives.

Section 4. Term of Office. The term of office of all members of the Student Council shall be for one year, or until a successor shall have duly qualified for office.

Section 5. The new Student Council shall assume its duties with the opening of the school year in September.

Article 8. Control of Organizations

Section 1. Standing Committee. The Student Council shall select committees of one to represent each campus organization in the Council—for such organizations receiving student activities fee, such as Athletic Association, the Almanian, and Oratory and Debate Council. This committeeman shall become a member of the executive organization of that activity, and shall have a vote.

Section 2. Duties of Committeemen. Committeemen shall attend the business meetings of the organization which he represents. (Exception: Committees to Y. M. and Y. W., Band, Men's Glee Club, Women's Glee Club, may secure a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the organization which they represent instead of attending the meeting.)

Section 3. Budget. Campus organizations receiving a portion of the Student Activities fee shall present a budget to the Student Council not later than the first regular meeting of the Council in December.

Section 4. Report. The Student Council may demand a financial report from any organization after one week's notice, acting through their representative to that organization.

Section 5. Surplusses. Any organization having a surplus at the time of the termination of its activity for the year shall turn that money over to the Treasurer of the Student Council to be held in the custody of the Council for that organization.

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LIBRARY NOTES

A much appreciated gift has been received at the Library, consisting of 66 bound volumes and 145 photographic views. This is a memorial gift from the library of the late Mrs. Nellie Cady Weeks of Jackson, Michigan. The books are being made ready for use.

Following are titles of some of the many new publications recently added: Inns of Greece and Rome, by Firebaugh; Picturesque Palestine, by Grober; Criminal and His Allies, by Kavanagh; The Blazed Trail of the Old Frontier, by Laut; Our Criminal Courts, by Moley; Field Book of Ponds and Streams, by Morgan; Tenting Tonight, by Rinchard; Strips of Adventure, by Schultz; The Fine Arts, by Symonds; Churches in Rome, by Thyme; Doctor Sargold, by Ashton; Oxford Lectures on Poetry, by Bradley; Main Currents in 19th Century Literature, by Brandes; The Art of Bridges, by Ordway; The Art of Mark Twain, by Brooks; India looks to her future, by Book; The Mysterious Universe, by Jeans; Laughing Boy, by La Farge; The White House Gang, by Looker; Valley of Arno, by Hutton; Revolt in

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