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KEN OLLIS WINS SECOND IN STATE FINALS E. DAVIS FAILS TO RANK AMONG WINNERS JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE VERY UNPOPULAR

Detroit City College Wins Both First Places

Although handicapped by a strenuous days work in presiding at the sessions of the Michigan Oratorical League, Kenneth Ollis, Buffalo, Wyoming, senior, stepped into a second place in the final contest of the M. O. L. in the auditorium of Central State Teachers College at Mt. Pleasant on Friday night to hang up a new record for Alma's orators. Miss Edith Davis, Clawson freshman, committed herself very commendably despite a heavy cold, but failed to rank Alma in the medal winners in the Women's contest held in the afternoon.

City College of Detroit monopolized the first place field to carry off the gold medals in both contests by winning a decision from the judges which proved very unpopular with the large crowd of listeners who attended the Men's contest at which the winners for both meets were announced. A buzz of disapprovals followed the announcement of the decisions. Had the awards been made on the basis of audience decision, Miss Alice Boter of Hope College, who led the northern divisional field at Alma a week ago, would doubtless have ranked first, while the leading place in the men's contest would have been won by either Kenneth Ollis, or Peter De Vries, Calvin College speaker, who carried his audience more effectively than any of the other contestants.

Hugh Maloney, of City College, Detroit, was awarded the gold medal for his oration, "Prospects Good." Mr. Maloney began by outlining the present economic situation characterized by unemployment, labor-strife, and dole systems, as evidence to substantiate statements of "Prospects Good" which Stalin made in answer to a question concerning the future of Communism. He dealt more specifically with the conditions in the United States.

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CHANGE MAY BE MADE IN DATE OF ANNUAL J-HOP

Although May 8th has been set as the date for the J-Hop, it is quite possible that a change will be made, according to Ed Gould, General Chairman.

Inasmuch as the annual Junior party always attracts a number of old students, it has been the policy in the past to arrange a date which would be most convenient for alumni who planned to return. This year it was decided to have the party on a Friday night rather than on Saturday as has been the custom. This change was made after the Faculty had sanctioned dancing from 9 until 1, if the party were given on Friday night.

Since the date has been set however, a number of old grads have sent word that they will be unable to return if it is given on Friday, and will be back if it is held on a Saturday night.

At a meeting of the Junior Class last week, members of the class were urged to turn in the names and addresses of all people whom they thought might be back and the Hop committees have sent out letters to all those whose names were turned in to determine the number that will be unable to return if the party is held on Friday. All students who have names of people who may be back for the party are asked to turn them in to the General Chairman immediately, so that they will be advised of the possibility of the change.

All alumni who plans to return is asked to write immediately to Ed Gould, Phi Phi Alpha House, and specify which day will be most convenient for him to be back.

Unless sufficient demands are made to have the date changed, the party will be held in Memorial Gym May 8, as planned originally by the committees.

IRENE HAINES, '33, AND JIM ALBAUGH MARRIED

For the second time in as many weeks, Wright Hall has been startled by the announcement that one of the inmates has traded a chapel aisle for a church aisle, and Sunday night lunch duty for a cozy kitchenette. Announcement was made Saturday of the marriage of Miss Irene Haines, '33, of Saginaw, and James Albaugh, '30, of Marshall. The marriage took place in Toledo, Ohio, on Wednesday, Mar. 11.



Irene was a member of the Sophomore class and an active member of Alpha Theta Literary Society. Jimmie, who was graduated last June, was one of the most prominent students on the campus last year. Besides being a student of considerable repute, Jimmie was one of Alma's stellar athletes, having been a member of baseball, football and basketball teams while in college. Last year Albaugh was Sports Editor of the Almanian and President of Zeta Sigma Fraternity. He is now coaching and teaching in Berkley High School. The marriage came as the culmination of a campus romance, and the students join in wishing the newlyweds every success and happiness.

ZETA BOYS FETED BY TYLERS AND PHILLIPS

Former and Honorary Members Feed Frat Group

The Zeta Sigma boys are singing loud and long the praises of Prof. and Mrs. L. L. Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Phillips, as the result of a wonderful dinner given to the members of that fraternity at Prof. Tyler's home Thursday evening.

Deliciously thick, juicy Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, escalloped corn, fruit salad, rolls—and Oh, how those rolls did disappear!—and coffee. And then, dear reader, then—big, real pieces of pumpkin pie, with a layer of whipped cream on the top, wrote finish to one of the best feeds ever given anywhere. And the Zeta boys will swear to that!

Prof. Tyler and Mr. Phillips spoke briefly, after the bountiful repast, concerning their associations with Zeta Sigma, past and present, while Pres. Clyde Carter expressed the thanks of the fraternity for the wonderful meal and entertainment.

The remainder of the evening was spent in playing bridge. Al Ryer, the card shark, was high-point man for the evening and was rewarded with a beautiful little gold-filled knife for his efforts.

Mr. Phillips is an alumnus of Zeta Sigma, while Prof. Tyler is an honorary member, and both have taken a very active interest in the affairs of this fraternity.

'MONASTERY' GETS HOT AND DISRUPTS SUNDAY'S CALM

Bored by the quiet of Sunday afternoon, inmates of "The Monastery", rooming house at 528 College Street, provided a little unusual activity for the town and campus in the form of a fire on the roof. The fire is an annual affair.

The fire was discovered shortly after five o'clock by Buford Hosford, who was craning his neck to watch an airplane stunting above the campus, and who turned in the alarm that brought the Alma City fire department to the scene. The truck arrived a minute too late to be of much service, as Fire Chief Kressler (of the Rochester Kresslers of fire-fighting fame) organized a bucket brigade consisting of Colonel Clark Jamieson and Les Camp and succeeded in putting out the fire before much damage was done.

SECRET MARRIAGES TABOOED BY FACULTY SATURDAY MORNING CLASSES NEXT YEAR CHAPEL TO BE HELD FROM 11:30 TO NOON

RUDDOCK IS BACK

Amos L. Ruddock, Editor of the Almanian, is back on the Campus again, and will resume the editorial quill next week. Ruddock was taken seriously ill with an attack of pneumonia the last week of school last semester, and for the past nine weeks has been recuperating. The Campus is happy to see him back again, and wishes him every success in making up his work.

The slang term "racket" meant shady business more than a century ago, and was not invented by the Chicago underworld.

COLLEGE C.E. TO GIVE PLAY SUNDAY NIGHT

"What Men Live By" Is To Be Presented

The College Christian Endeavor Society will present a very interesting and attractive play in the auditorium of the First Presbyterian Church Sunday night. The title is, "What Men Live By," and the play is based on the work of Leon Tolstol by the same name.

The play gives promise of being the finest ever attempted by the College society. John Hurst, an Alma Sophomore, has been cast in the leading role which he will be ably fitted to play because of his high school experience and contact with the College Drama Club. The rest of the cast is made up entirely of college students, all of whom have had considerable experience on the stage.

Paul K. Heberlein is directing the play, and promises the college students and town folks a type of stage work that will be finished in every detail.

Christian Endeavor plays have become a vital part of the program of the local society. Each year, a play is presented in the church auditorium, and is given entirely under the auspices of the student group.

The play, which is being given by the society to make up a deficiency in the Christian Endeavor missionary quota, will take the place of the regular Sunday evening church service. All students are especially invited to attend. No admission is being charged, the only revenue being in the form of a silver offering.

The Cast of Characters is as follows:

Michael	John Hurst
Simon (a cobbler)	Ben Leyrer
His Wife, Matrina	Vera White
The Devil	Bob Randels
The Angel	Sheila Littleton
Sonia Ivanitch	Betty Hurst
Her daughters	Lillian Leyrer and Flora Lau
Troffinoff	Bill Johnson
Baron Aveditch	Fred Schimmer
Theckie (his footman)	Howard Potter
Anna Malaska	Helen Long

HARRY MEANS CROOKS IS ZETA SIGMA PRESIDENT

Election of officers at the regular meeting of Zeta Sigma Fraternity resulted as follows:

President—Harry Means Crooks, Jr., Alma.

Vice-President—Alvin Royer, Detroit.

Secretary—Stephen Crowell, of Highland Park.

Treasurer—Alan Dean (carried over) McBride.

Assistant Treasurer—Alvin Royer, Detroit.

Sergeant-at-arms—Milton Smith, Saginaw.

Marriage Problem Brought To Head By Administration

Three changes made by the Faculty are of importance to every student.

1. All students contracting marriages secretly will be permanently expelled from the College.

2. Classes will be conducted next year on Saturday mornings. No classes will be held in the afternoons except laboratories and gym.

3. Chapel will meet next year at 11:30 and run until noon. Lunch will be served at 12:10.

In chapel talk Monday morning, President Crooks made an announcement of a faculty ruling which came as the result of the recent marriages in which college students have been involved. Stating that "very few cases have ever occurred in which secret marriage has not been reprehensible," Dr. Crooks informed the student body that the faculty unanimously ruled that in the future those students contracting a marriage secretly will be permanently expelled from college. The President made it very clear that there will be no exception made to the ruling.

At a meeting last Thursday evening the Alma College Faculty voted unanimously to make two quite radical changes in the program for the next college year. Classes will be scheduled for six days of the week, and the daily Chapel service will be held at 11:30 A. M., instead of 9:40 A. M., as heretofore. There will, however, be no classes or laboratory sessions on Saturday afternoon, nor will there be Chapel on Saturday.

For a number of years it has been increasingly hard to arrange a suitable class schedule without too many conflicts, because the most of our classes meet three days per week, and two could not be put at the same hour of the day on alternate days.

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MAROON AND CREAM WORK NOW NEARING COMPLETION

With the last of the copy going to the engraver this week, the Maroon and Cream is beginning to take definite form, and promises to be out May 1. Although hampered somewhat by lack of funds because of the general business depression and the consequent scarcity of advertising, the skeleton plans for the book pre-arranged an Annual that will be in keeping with Alma's yearbook policy.

All the copy for the printer is due this week, and will be taken to Detroit Saturday where it will be set up according to the Editor's specifications. When the proof of the type has been returned and corrected, the book will be ready to go to press, and will be ready two or three weeks later.

An innovation is being introduced in the Freshman and Sophomore sections of the book this year in the placing of pictures. A departure from the usual plan of placing all the names in print below the pictures has been effected, and instead the pictures have been so arranged on the page to provide a space for each picture to be autographed. This feature has been planned for two reasons, first, it will avoid the awkward placing of type, and second, it will provide an opportunity for a mingling of students of the two classes who will have each student autograph his own picture. This will take a little of the stilted appearance from the page and will doubtless make for a little class cooperation in the two classes, as well as among the upperclassmen who will endeavor to have each photo autographed.

Clark Jamieson, Business Manager, although working under particularly hard conditions, reports a fair response on the part of advertisers, and plans to make the book self-supporting.

Remember The C. E. Play Sunday Night

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SLEEPING SICKNESS

Dr. Crooks struck at the core of one of Alma's diseases in chapel last week in pointing out the lack of courtesy to chapel speakers.

Undoubtedly the disease is prevalent, and there is little ground on which to justify it. However, it seems that the problem works both ways, and that in many cases the speaker is as much at fault in the matter as is the listener. It is true that a fair percent of the student body either spends the chapel hour for catching up on a little lost sleep or making up a few neglected lessons. This cannot be justified from any standpoint, as it certainly is a breach of common courtesy. But does this sleeping or studying always go on without the speaker being partially at fault?

It seems that there are some speakers who can command the attention of any group under any circumstances (we have at least one such man on our faculty) and others who make such a pitiful attempt at speaking that they should show enough intelligence to give it up as a bad job (we also have at least one of these.) And it is little wonder that some students are ready to doze off when listening to the last type.

The sleep question is obviously a problem, but it does admit of solution. The solution seems to be summed up pretty thoroughly in the word "Cooperation." With a little cooperative effort between student and speaker the remedy can in part, at least, be effected. The first concession lies with the student, who should make a special effort to pay attention to the speakers. The second lies with those who arrange the program of speakers and with the faculty. If a speaker cannot be secured with enough personality, speaking-ability and attractive subject matter to command the attention of a semi-intelligent student body, why have a speaker at all? With a bit of activity from both parties, chapel hours could be made worth while. Speakers with a message, who are familiar with more than the rudiments of public speaking will find a responsive, attentive and courteous audience!

SATURDAY SESSIONS

The faculty announcement of two changes in the program next year will be met with both commendation and condemnation. And such reactions will be natural in view of the fact that both the new and the old systems have some strong points and some weaknesses.

The plan of having no afternoon recitations appears on the face of the matter to be a wise change. It will undoubtedly provide longer periods of unbroken study for those who will study. The changing of the chapel hour is commendable for the same reason. These changes will be a boon to the student. But with some, the strength of this change will be a weakness. Those who are in the habit of doing the minimum of studying will have an opportunity to do less, for it will provide a fine opportunity to leave at noon, spend the afternoon and evening in Saginaw, Lansing or elsewhere and still get back in time for classes the next morning. Under the present system, these folks spend the hours between classes for doing a bit of studying because there does not happen to be anything else to do.

The Saturday morning classes will get a similar reaction. To the student who spends Saturday working to earn money, it will be a disadvantage, while to the loafer it may be a boon. However, whether it will keep any more students on the campus during the remainder of the week-end is debatable. Those who go home every week-end will still do so, it seems, if their schedule happens to give them but one or two early classes on Saturday.

At all events, the changes have been authorized by the faculty to meet a definite problem, and they are worth a trial. It is the duty of those students who object to them to be open enough to give them a fair trial without complaint until they have either proven themselves valuable or worthless.

STUDENT FORUM

ON SECRET MARRIAGES

Just why President Crooks and the Worthy Faculty should attempt to interfere with the extremely personal institution of secret marriages is a little more than I can understand. What I do know is the other side of the question, that of being secretly married. I fail to see why being legally married, though it is secretly, should be any good reason for dismissing the participants from the privileges of finishing their education. That's puritanical, hypocritical.

First: Dr. Crooks said that college credit would be stopped from the date of the secret marriage. My Dear Dr., if you knew it, it wouldn't be a secret very long. If it were no longer a secret, your "faculty" ruling on a "secret" marriage would be rather powerless legally. Of course, I realize we students get the brunt of a lot of things that are wrong in principle. We swallow them simply because to stand up for our rights would only serve as a good excuse to oust us. Dear me, how the old, intolerant, tyrannical, Puritan strain does live in this democratic age.

Second: Do you know that married people at Universities are at the top in marks and are generally much better all around than single people? Some of these have committed the "Scarlet Sin" of being in love in the face of adversity. President Crooks is worried about a lot of parents supporting their daughters after their marriage. If he likes to assume other people's worries, I can tell him a few that it is possible he has missed. In this day of long educational programs, if young people waited until they were financially able to marry, half of the best time of their lives would be missed. (Ever read Dorothy Dix, Dr. Crooks?)

Third: Dr. Crooks, if, as you say, it is true that people gossip about people in accordance with their own experience, most of them have rather questionable gray spots in their past. I believe that people gossip about bad points, and not alone what they hear, but what they would like to think. People are hypocrites. They gossip because they can't have the chance to do the same thing. They're human; it's a case of sour grapes. Then, of course, there are those who are too old and wizened to be expected to sympathize. They have lost their youth, forgotten that they were young. Which class are you in?

Fourth: If you issued the ultimatum as a matter of principle, you could have saved a lot of effort. The horse had been stolen before you locked the stable. And don't you know that just like murder, we don't think of your old penalty at the time we decide to get married. As long as men and women are together they'll get married. (You wouldn't like it if you found that they were enjoying the privileges without the marriage, would you?)

Fifth: There are many reasons why we marry secretly. One of them is because we would be kicked out if you knew it. We aren't ashamed of being secretly married, in fact, we're proud of it. Did you ever try to get married secretly? It's quite a feat in some places. But my point is this: you create conditions which make it necessary to be secretly married, and then impose the same thing as a punishment. Isn't that clever? Why not be frank and admit that you can't cope with the situation?

Sixth: And the Faculty. I would take too much time to say they were bound by convention, etc. They know it, you know it, and you know that we know it. If we must descend to personalities, I know a couple of Faculty members who have done something to be more ashamed of than secret marriage. Several ears will burn when their owners read this.

And last: Pres. Crooks, let us play that old game of hide and seek. I'm married (secretly, and I'm not ashamed of it, either.) I'm already hidden—you won't need to count. Just get all your bloodhounds, stool pigeons, and try to find me out. This is a challenge, and is, I swear, the truth.

S. M.
 (Secretly Married.)

HEY! READ THIS!

The Alpha Thetas want to remind everyone that the party Friday night is a Sport Party and that we're all going to have a chance to wear our Spring clothes a day early. Also that it will be staged in the dining room of Wright Hall, that it will begin promptly at 9:00 and last until 12:00, and that Brownie's Collegians will furnish the syncopation. Be on deck

in your Sport clothes and prepare for the best time of your life.

STUDENTS FASCINATED BY DR. DAVIS' CHAPEL TALKS

Rarely have Alma College students been so fortunate as to hear a speaker so fascinating as Dr. Ralph Marshall Davis, pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Erie, Pennsylvania, who is here this week.

Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Davis gave a very graphic and inspiring speech on "The Grasp of Life," which held his auditors spellbound. Using his hand, which he called "the most marvelous piece of intricate mechanism in the world," as an illustration, the speaker showed the vital significance of each digit of the manual apparatus as a component part in effecting a real grasp.

Calling the college students "the most abject and servile conformists in the world," Dr. Davis made an inspiring plea for expressions of individuality, and said, "If college days mean anything they should mean an honest and genuine endeavor to get a grasp on this thing called life."

Dr. Davis will give two talks in chapel tomorrow.

BETA TAU FORMAL OPENS SPRING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Plans for the Annual Spring Formal of Beta Tau Epsilon Fraternity are rapidly turning into actualities.

With nothing left to worry about but whose tux to beg, bo row, or st-rent,—and of course bribing Old Man Rainsnow Coldweather to stay away—the Beta Boys are expecting the usual huge success at the Park House next Saturday evening.

As an added attraction, with no extra cost attached, the boys are throwing a little tea in the afternoon at an informal open house. Besides a lot of music, some dancing, bridge, and sight-seeing tours through the house—there will be some tea served with cookies, cakes and the usual run of commodities used to take the taste of the tea away.

After this comes the stretching, and groaning, and gnashing of teeth as the fellows try to do a quick change act with someone else's suit, an elusive collar button, and a shirt front that shouldn't be bent, soiled, or cussed at—the way it is, before success succeeds successfully in securing the victim behind his armor.

The favors are reported splendid; the menu reported to be the best ever thrown together at the Park House; the orchestra rained, while new to the Campus, is unbatable for snappy stuff, dreamy waltzes, and everything in between; the—but that's enough for now, you'll hear all about it after Saturday night, March 21, the first day of Spring.

A pessimist is one who magnifies his difficulties, an opportunist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties. Remember and you will get along.—Vernon Mansell, R. N.

You can get a lot out of just looking at it.—Louise Mabie.

A single letter on a sweet note does not constitute an adequate part of life.—Ernest Hatch Wilkins

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Co-ed News

And what did we tell you about
the fad for long hair? But really we
don't think of Irene and Jimmie's
marriage as being a "fad," for they
knew nothing of Rach and F.an's
marriage. A few of us had a chance
to see the bride Saturday. She wasn't
blushing,— but seemed v ry happy.
The romance started when Irene
came as a Frosh in September. Must
have been "love at first sight." Looks
like the "Jiboomers" are sticking to-
gether. Congratulations, Irene and
Jimmie. Now when Jimmie drives up
and back, he'll not be alone. We hope
they come often.

We've not another marriage to tell
you about, but will an engagement
do? Marjorie Lundbom is wearing
Frank Anderson's pin. Hope "haste
doesn't make waste," (quoting Zazu
Pitts). No, we don't mean that; but
but it was sort of a whirlwind ro-
mance, was it not? Congratulations!

Friday night will reveal some very
new couples. Hope everyone has a
good time! The Dining Room id a
isn't a novel one, as other societies
have thought of it, too. Finally, due
to the absolute necessity of having
more space if we were to have danc-
es in Wright Hall, Miss Houser has
kindly consented to let us us: the
Dining Room for Wright Hall dances.

CAMPUSOLOGY

Crawford says: Anybody can be a
good bridge player, but it takes a
darn good cannibal to throw up a
hand.

And then there is Ben Bernie's Lis-
terine Song,— "Just a Gargalo."

There are surely a lot of silly lady
killers on this campus. You know—
the co-eds take one look and die
laughing.

Petersen: "I guess I'll give the girl
a break tonight."
Gould: "Oh, so you're going to stay
home after all."

The Colonel: "I tak: aspirin to
clear out my head."
Dinty: "Oh, I see, a sort of a vac-
uum cleaner."

As they should say it:
Freshman: "Twinkle, twinkle, lit-
tle star. How I wonder what you
are!"
Senior: "Scintillate, scintillate, lu-
minous constellation. Interrogatively
I seek your elemental consistency."
And now the "Boogie" twins are
broken up. What will the Campus
do?
"It's all over," said Estes, as he
pushed the pie toward his face.

Solve this one and send in a tough-
er one:

Indulging in the efficaceous consu-
etude which invariably characterizes
the propugnacious and querimonious
machination: of the collegiate spec-
ies of homo-sapiens, we admit—
"Veracity is the consummate sagac-
ity."

"I go right up and say, 'Booh.'" A
la Cookie.

Now Wehrly sings, "Absence
makes the heart grow fond r of—
somebody else."

And to think that Peg believes
"that there aren't many of them
left."

Smitty's Nemesis: "There are too
many Scotchmen in Alma and they
won't give three cheers."

Red: "I had my nose b ok n in
three places last summer."

Norman: "Why do you keep going
to those places?"

Why were there so many blushes
noticeable in Chapel Monday morn-
ing during the talk on marriage?

Dame Rumor has it that Frank
Anderson (the man with the Stude-
baker) has deposited his B. T. E. pin
in Wright Hall, and took a little sun-
shine out of one girl's life—maybe
more than one.

DID YOU KNOW?

That the Class of '32 is the largest
Junior class in the history of the col-
lege?

That Alma has taken more champ-
ionships than any other school in the
M. I. A. A.?

That six members of the faculty
now have sons or daughters in Alma?

That Professor Clack is an ordained
Congregational minister who spent
seven years in the mission field in
China?

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Ken Ollis Wins Second in State Finals

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without a conflict on at least one day. This has necessitated a large number of afternoon classes, and they are frequently thrown into conflict with the two or three hour laboratory periods, which logically are held in the afternoon.

The new schedule, in which Saturday morning is used freely, does away with these conflicts, and leaves the afternoon entirely free for laboratory work and gymnasium classes. It also gives an opportunity for addresses which he called "The only logical results of centuries of misery and degradation." Portrayal of a terrible coal mine explosion which he witnessed in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields, lent a touch of human interest to the winning oration. In closing, the speaker said, "I commend to you . . . men must be socially and economically as well as politically free . . . It rests with the educated to deal with the problem. . . Let it be ours to write our interpretation of 'Prospects Good'."

Miss Bernice Brennan, of City College, won the women's gold medal with the subject, "What's the Use?" In opening, Miss Brennan cited the case of a boy who "flunked out" of college, thoroughly disillusioned and remarked resentfully, "What's the use?" She said, "College begins by taking away all of our own ideas and then when we need help most it is not given," and charged the college with being geared only to the average and being obsessed by the belief that some positive relationship exists between classroom inefficiency and success in life. Her plea was that colleges use their power for a worthy cause, that they supply good counselors that we may have a new era of achievement.

Ollis took the second-place silver medal, with his subject, "The Key to Heaven," the essence of which was, "America today is facing what are superficially considered dire problems which, if they do exist, still should not worry us, for the solution of these problems lies in the mind. What is needed is a new attitude of mind—an attitude which solves by internal condition rather than by outward compulsion,—it is indeed the key to heaven."

The women's silver award was made to Miss Ardith Stoltz of Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, for her oration, "A Woman's Choice," a very effective plea against women smoking. She said whereas women may justly be proud of their attainments, to assume the vices of men is not a mark of progress, but rather a mark of retrogression. She showed how before the war the cigarette with women was a badge of the underworld, but that due to her desire to be a pal and because of the lowering of moral standards, cigarette smoking has become prevalent among women. This was enhanced by advertising and by an appeal to women's "rights." She closed with a plea for the preservation of the world's potential motherhood and general condemnation of the smoking habit among women.

"Bolshevism or Vaccinate," was the oration that won for Peter De Vries the third-place bronze medal. His plea was for "vaccination" of Amer-

ica's fevered tissues with some of the "homeopathic doses of Russian policy" as a cure for the factors that "make proletarian blood highly receptive to the lethal drops of bolshevism."

Miss Dorothy Hill, speaking on, "Our Finishing Schools," won for Albion College the women's bronze medal. She spoke of how we turn to education for information about ourselves and stated that we seek the fulfillment of our desire for the "power to do" in college. She said, "College is a place where pebbles are polished and diamonds are dimmed," and in conclusion urged the professors to use their tools and skill to cut the diamond, and for the students to be done with finishing schools and "strive for a clear-cut sense of values and less polish and more power."

The other contestants in the men's contest were:

Deland DeVinney of Albion College speaking on "Wizened Minds."

Gerald Juenink, Hope College, with "Cannons or Canons."

J. Harry Adams, Michigan State Normal, speaking on "Our Part."

The three other women competing were:

Miss Alice Boter, Hope College, with "Carbon Copies."

Miss Edith Davis, Alma, "Our Social I. Q."

Miss Margaret Koski, Michigan State College, "Feudalism or Health."

Kenneth Ollis, President of the Michigan Oratorical League, presided at the women's contest, while Armond J. Stoltz, Mt. Pleasant Treasurer of the League, was the chairman of the men's meet.

The winners of the first places will be Michigan's representatives in the inter-state contest.

Secret Marriages Tabooed By Faculty

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vanced classes, where the seminar type of work is desirable, to meet for two or three hours in succession in the afternoon whenever it may seem necessary or advisable.

Another advantage is that it affords more opportunity for unbroken periods of continued study for both faculty and students.

Of course, the extra day for classes does not mean that there will be any more classes during the week for either teachers or students, but only that they will be better distributed.

A considerable study was made of the practices in other schools, and it was found that we have been decidedly in the minority in our five-day week, as a majority of schools of our type seem to have adopted Saturday morning classes some time ago.

There is also the feeling that the six-day week will tend to do away to some extent with the week-ending at home which has increased so alarmingly of late years, and which seems to produce a slackness in the work and attitude of those students who indulge in it to any great extent.

The change in the time of chapel will also make for elasticity in the schedule. When it occurred in the middle of the morning it made morning laboratories or extended periods of unbroken study in the morning almost impossible. While the chapel period will remain theoretically 20 minutes long, meals at Wright Hall will not be served till 12:10, and the

student body may still make a dignified and leisurely exit from the chapel without fear of being late to dinner.

VERSATILE ATHLETE IS GIVEN CURTAIN

Two weeks ago Alma's basketball squad rang down the curtain on the 1930-31 season at Hope. For most of the boys it was "just another game," but for one man, a small, lithe, black-haired cager, it was the finale of four years of college athletics. An into that four years, was crammed more athletic honors than are held by any other man on our campus.

The man who "got the curtain," was Carl Gussin, of Detroit. To the campus he is so popularly known that one nickname does not suffice to mark him, and as a result he is called "Mooie," "Ghost," "Charlie Ghost," besides several other less common aliases.

Gussin, who will graduate in June, leaves in his wake an almost unparalleled record in athletics.

Gussin dropped in on Alma in Sep-



tember, 1927, and was a member of the first freshman squads of the college. Previous to this time, all men were eligible for four years of varsity competition. Although the records of the freshman teams were not too successful, Gussin committed himself commendably, and gave enough promise to make other M. I. A. A. coaches sit up and dread the time when "Ghost" would be busy on the field and court under the varsity sweaters.

Gussin's early promise was good, and in his first year of varsity competition he was the only man on the Alma squad to make the all-M. I. A. A. second team in football. In basketball, his best sport (if there is any difference), the "Ghost" wound up the season with a bang and was the lone Alma man to land an all-conference berth.

In the fall of 1929, Gussin covered more inches of ground with the pigskin under his arm than any man in the conference, and when the coaches began to pick their all-conference football team, Gussin was at the top of the list. Basketball in '29-'30 brought more laurels to Carl, and he was one of two Alma men picked on the all-M. I. A. A. cage team.

The sod on Davis field, as well as on the fields of Michigan State, Flint Tech, and Kazoo, Hope, and Olivet, may still bear the cleat marks of "Ghost's" shoes—testimony of the fact that last fall Carl burned up more good chalk marks than did any other man in Michigan collegiate football. That this is no idle dream was attested by the fact that the 1930 all-conference football list is headed by Gussin, the unanimous choice of the coaches, because he captained Alma's squad to a tie for the championship.

The story of the basketball season just ended is too well known to need repeating, and of that story, the chapter written by the "Ghost" is an important part. His play was spectacular and consistent. In the capacity of captain, he kept the morale of the team running at a high pitch, and was a great factor in ranking Alma third in the M. I. A. A. race.

Though tennis and baseball receive little attention in our sports program, the work that Gussin did in these fields marked him as Alma's most versatile athlete,—a man who plays the game hard, and who plays the game clean.

The curtain is down on Carl's athletic career, but the memories of his playing ability will go on for some time as a mark at which future athletes can shoot.

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