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ALMA WINS FINAL FROM KAZOO, 13 - 6

HOMECOMING WAS WELL ATTENDED

Large Crowd of Alumni and Old Students Save Day Marred by Rain

The annual Homecoming of Alma College occurred last Saturday. Although the day before had promised lovely weather, Saturday started off cloudy and rapidly became worse. By the middle of the morning it began to drizzle and by noon there was a steady downpour that continued all through the afternoon and, though it let up once or twice, was still coming down quite hard when the dance was over at midnight. Notwithstanding the weather there were a great many alumni and former students back. The list of these, along with parents and friends will be found on the inside of this paper.

The frat houses and Wright Hall were decorated for the occasion but due to "conditions beyond our control" the effect was rather spoiled by the weather. Coming from town the first decorations were at the Zeta Sigma House where in the yard was a gallows from which a player in orange and black was suspended, about its foot were eleven crosses in football formation. The front of the house had an arch of blue and white and an enormous replica of the frat. (Continued on Page 2)

'THREE LIVE GHOSTS' IS GREAT SUCCESS

The Drama Club contributed more than its share to the success of Homecoming with its play, "Three Live Ghosts," given at the Strand on Friday evening. An unusually large crowd, thanks to the salesmanship of the Boosters, was present to see another of those first-class productions which have given the Drama Club such a good reputation.

The play is a comedy of London life, dealing with the adventures of three returned soldiers, of whom two are reported dead and the third is a shell-shocked kleptomaniac. "Spoozy," as the demented one is called, gets the other two and their friends into all sorts of trouble with his steering, and there are a number of very humorous and very dramatic situations.

Don Blackstone did his first work in Alma as a director with this play, and it is a credit to him, as well as to the cast, that there was not a single hitch or miscue noticeable to the audience. It was a splendid performance throughout.

Helen Long and Eugene Tarrant divided first honors for character portrayal. Miss Long, with her cockney dialect and quaint costume and mannerisms, gave a perfect representation of "Old Sweetheart," the narrow-minded and quarrelsome mother of one of the "Ghosts." Mr. Tarrant changed his voice and appearance completely to take the part of "Spoozy," and did a fine job with a difficult part. The success of these two can be measured by the laughs they got, for they kept the audience in an uproar from start to finish.

Clarence Moore and Marian MacKenzie carried the leading parts very well. Leslie Struble and Dorothea Prouty, in the character leads, were as good a pair of cockneys as a town this far from Cheapside ever produced. Miss Prouty and Miss MacKenzie played leads for the first time, but there was nothing amateurish about their acting. Mr. Moore and Mr. Struble, of course, are old. (Continued on Page 4)

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ARMISTICE PARADE

The American Legion of Gratiot County put on a very extensive Armistice Day celebration last Wednesday. (Continued on Page 4)

THE TEAM THAT PLACED SECOND IN THE M. I. A. A.



ALMA'S HEAVY LINE TELLS ON MUD FIELD

Alma Scored on Plunges and Lateral Pass; Kazoo on Blocked Punt

Alma clinched second place in the M.I.A.A. football race by beating Kalamazoo Saturday, 13 to 6, under the most unfavorable weather conditions two teams have ever faced on Bahkke Field. A hard rain started about two hours before game time, and continued without letting up until after the contest. There were puddles all over the field, and fumbling and slipping were frequent. Considering the conditions, however, both teams played splendid football.

Coach Bernard started a number of substitutions, and as a result, most of the play in the first quarter was in Kalamazoo territory. Near the end of the period, Potter recovered a fumble on the Hornets' 16-yd. line. Brown made 8 in two plunges, and Borton hit left tackle for a first down. Borton was stopped on the next two plunges, but on the third down, he went through left tackle for a touchdown. Brown added the extra point with a perfect placekick.

About the middle of the 2nd quarter, Borton made a pretty run off of left tackle that netted 28 yards and put the ball on the Alma 47. On the (Continued on Page 4)

ZETA SIGMA HAS ANNUAL STAG FEED

Saturday evening there gathered at the Wright House for the annual stag banquet seventy members, past and present, and guests of Zeta Sigma. Groups formed in the lobby before the meal and much chatter went 'round concerning the game and games that are now history. At six-thirty the group went into the main dining room for the meal. Fried chicken with potatoes and peas followed a tomato juice cocktail to precede a salad, ice, cake and coffee.

Clarence Moore acted as capable toastmaster, the blessing was asked by President Crooks and between courses Kermit Fischer gave a speech of welcome to the old members and guests on behalf of President Wehrly who was unable to be present. John Hurst introduced all the alumni, former members and the guests and made each rise to be recognized. He was followed by Wil- (Continued on Page 4)

ALPHA THETAS HOLD BANQUET

A driving all-day rain was not wet enough to dampen the enthusiasm of sixty-seven Alpha Thetas, including present members, alumni and pledges, who gathered at Wright Hall for the first annual Homecoming banquet November 14.

Half the dining room was partitioned off by a rose and gray curtain of ruffled streamers. Pleasant lighting effects were achieved by means of half a dozen lamps and tapering rose candles. Logs burned and crackled merrily in the open fireplace.

Helen Logan, class of 1932, and president of Alpha Theta, acted as toastmistress. The guest speaker was Mrs. L. F. MacDonald of Clawson, Michigan, class of 1909, who spoke on "Old Days of Alpha Theta." She recalled pleasant memories of midnight banquets and other traditions of the society, and stressed particularly the values in friendship and cultural advantages that are present. (Continued on Page 2)

KAPPA IOTAS HAVE A SPECIAL TABLE

Kappa Iota celebrated Homecoming with a special table in the dining room at Wright Hall Saturday evening. The table was prettily decorated with baby "mums" in the society colors. Hanging on the wall directly behind the long table was the purple and gold Kappa Iota banner.

Among the guests were The Reverend and Mrs. J. J. DeKraeker, Big Rapids; Frances Cameron, Flint; Frances Widger, Ann Arbor; Genevive Brice, Crosswell; Katherine Lehner, Howard City; Lena Hall, Alma; and Katherine Russell, Detroit.

PEP MEETING

Homecoming started off with a bang at the pep meeting held Friday evening, just before the play. The band was there as usual, and played some new pieces. Steve Crowell was chairman, and introduced as speakers Lee Brown, Ford Graham, Claire Wilson, Professor Tyler, Alden Potter, and Dr. Crooks. All the speeches were short and very, very snappy. Smitty only ran off the platform once, but he bounced around as much as ever. The Bishop came out from behind his bass drum to play the football songs, and the band played Alma Mater at the close.

FROSH-HIGH SCHOOL CHARITY FOOTBALL

A charity football game will be played between the College Freshmen and Alma High School, champions of the Six Bee Conference, on Bahkke Field at 3:00 this afternoon. The sponsors of the game are the members of the Rotary Club. The entire proceeds are to go to the local welfare work of this city. The admission is fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for students. The whole college should turn out for the game and support the Frosh.

The local High School squad, winner of the Vliet trophy, is coached by Bill Lear. Coach Lear has a veteran crew, there being eight seniors on the first team. The Orange and (Continued on Page 2)

WOMEN'S PLEDGING LAST THURSDAY

The rushing season for the girls' societies was closed last Thursday evening when the new girls received their bids. Friday they appeared on the campus wearing the colors of the chosen society.

The results were as follows:
THE ALPHA THETAS PLEDGED—
Dorothy Davies Alma
Helen Walker Elsie
Elizabeth Smith Alma
Florence Schwartz Clawson
Marian Nummer Alma
Marjery Spendlove Merrill
Ruth Dickinson Alma
Elizabeth Goggin Alma
Maryon Osterhaus Grand Haven
Jean Fowler Manistique

THE PHILOMATHEANS PLEDGED—

Virginia Hill Auburn, N. Y.
Spray Dehnke Harrisville
Phyllis Hupy Gladstone
Ada Sweetland Constantine
Harriet Noyle Flint
Florence McCallum Bad Axe
Frances Wilson Snover
Esther Yankie Breckenridge
Margaret Nicholas Midland
Helen Dietz Alma
Helen Selsz Crosswell
Lois Beardsley Hersey
Helen Rupeter Saginaw
Charlotte Hardy Big Rapids
Jeannette Seaver Detroit

THE KAPPA IOTAS PLEDGED—
Mary Elizabeth Soper Alma
Jane Hayes St. Louis
Gertrude Elliot Alma

BETA TAUS HOLD ANNUAL STAG

The tenth annual Stag Banquet of Beta Tau Epsilon Fraternity was held at the Park Hotel, St. Louis, on Saturday evening. It was the largest gathering of its kind in the history of the fraternity, there being forty-six present. Kenneth Rehkopf presided as toastmaster for the occasion. President Carl Baney gave the welcoming address.

Professor Ditto was presented an Honorary Membership in the fraternity by Frank Anderson, Chairman of the Membership Committee, said honor having been previously announced at the smoker.

The Stager speech was made by Elmer Kratzschner, Frosh, by James Tamm, Alumni, by Alpha Musson '25. Dr. H. M. MacCurdy delivered the address in behalf of the honorary members.

Members present were: Frank Anderson, Elmer Kratzschner, Clifford (Continued on Page 4)

THANKSGIVING PETITION IN

Some active heads of the student body have been busy the past few weeks in circulating a petition to the faculty to extend Thanksgiving vacation for more than a single day, to give Friday and Saturday, too. The petition was put in the hands of the faculty last week and as yet there has been no action on it from that body.

We give herewith the text of the petition:

To the Faculty of Alma College:
We, the undersigned students of Alma College, petition the Faculty of Alma College for a Thanksgiving recess, starting Wednesday noon, November 25, and extending to Monday morning, November 30. This has been the usual Thanksgiving recess during the past years and in view of the fact that Saturday classes have been instituted we feel that this request is not unfair.

To this are appended the signatures of 207 members of the student body.

PHILO GIRLS DINE THEIR ALUMNAE

Philomathean Literary Society held its annual Homecoming banquet at Wright Hall, Saturday night.

The table was beautifully decorated with candles, roses and placecards.

About fifty people were present. Besides the Philo's and their pledges were old Philomatheans: Mildred Gerow, Louise Hainline, Hazel Shenkles, Esther Oldt, Alice Olson, Mrs. Titus, and Mary Toomey. Other out-of-town guests were Mrs. George Peterson, Mrs. J. G. Sweetland and Elda Armstrong.

The dinner was concluded in ample time to dress for the Homecoming Dance.

PHI PHI ALPHA HAS STAG BANQUET

Twenty-five years of Phi Phi Alpha fellowship were renewed Saturday evening at the Annual Stag banquet. A large group of alumni, pledges, guests and members of Phi Phi Alpha enjoyed a lively chatter, a hearty meal and a sparkling program. Blake McDonald, 1905-6, greeted us with an impromptu recollection of college days, emphasizing the values of fraternity associations. His description of "Billy Bounce" and other former Phi's hit the spot for entertainment. Barker Brown, vice-president, gave a word of welcome in the absence of President Edward Gould.

PROGRAM
C. D. McLellan, Toastmaster
Invocation Dr. Brokenshire
Welcome V. P. Barker H. Brown
"Twenty-Five Years Ago Today" Blake McDonald
Alumni Advice

John Ardis Erskine, '27
Senior Sobs Charles E. Miller
Junior Joys William Goggin
Music William Owen, '30
Soph-istication William Johnson
Tap Dance Buford Hosford
Frosh Fears Gordon Clack
Faculty Fancies, Prof. Geo. C. Wise
Everybody missed Professor Clack in every department of the affair. His absence was, however, partly compensated by the presence and word of greeting by his son.

The speeches were good, the music was fine, the tap dance was swell, the fellowship was true and the memory will linger on for years for those unable to come back to the next Stag Banquet.

The guests of the occasion were Dr. Brokenshire, Professor Wise, Mr. Geo. Peterson, Sr., and Geo. Peterson, Jr., of Detroit, Paul Jackson of Holt and Mr. Wilsor, of Detroit. The alumni were Louis Baldwin, George Boyd, Richard Crowell, Dale Dawson, John Erskine, Charles Goodenow, Don Horton, Buford Hosford, Blake McDonald, Keith Odle, William Owen, Amos Ruddock, Caris Sartor.

BOOSTERS' CLUB CARNIVAL HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Due to the fact that the events of Homecoming have so greatly depleted the purses of the students, the (Continued on Page 2)

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Following the banquet a short bus- educational activities of the S(.,jt iness meeting was held in which an up to date this year. Marjorie Mor alumni association to be known as rison. class of 1934. chose a< her top the Greater Beta Tati Epsilon Asso- ic. "Bundles of Sheaves.*' and qpk. ciation was formed. Officers elected of the future, and its possibilities were Alpha Musson. president; Every alumnus was Introduced anj John Apsey. vice-president; Elmer spoke briefly, and each pledge Aas Kretzscher. vice-president; secre- presented. At the close of the pro- tary and treasurer of the fraternity gram, the Alpha Theta song was serving also as secretary and treas- sung.

Each guest was presented with a corsage of pink and white button crysanthemums and alyssum, pro- grams were in rose and gray.

The menu consisted of chicken bouillon, ham, escalloped potatoes corn, celery, olives, cottage cheese fruit salad, pumpkin pie. and coffee

This was the first alumnae banquet of this type, and because of its gratifying success, it is planned to make it an annual Homecoming affair.

Boosters' Club Carnival Has Been Postponed

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Boosters' Club wishes to announce that the All-College Carnival originally intended for the week-end of Nov. 2, has been postponed to some date in the next season. The amount of the endowment fund is \$135.00. It occurs to me at this time that some of us might desire to send books or money to add to this memorial. Many of us remember Dean I Roberts with affection and gratitude. jj m Crooks.

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next play, Kalamazoo recovered a fumble and started a drive of their own. Neifert went off left tackle for 23 yards, and a couple of plays later, Deehr made a 20 yard run that put the ball on the Alma 2 yard line. Two line plunges were stopped, and on third down, Drury recovered a Kazoo fumble back of the goal line for a touchback. The Hornets started another march that took them to the Alma 20 just before the half ended.

The second half was almost entirely a punting duel between Brown and Thomas. Neither was able to get much distance with the wet ball, but early in the third quarter, Thomas got off a couple of good kicks that put Alma on her own 5 yard line. Kirschman got through to block Brown's kick, and Venema recovered for a touchdown. The kick for the extra point was blocked, leaving the score 7 to 6.

Alma marched straight down the field for a touchdown after the next kickoff. Line plunges and off-tackle smashes took the ball to the Kazoo 29 yard line. There a lateral pass, Drury to Borton to Brown, was good for a touchdown. Brownie was outside the end when he took the ball, and no one touched him on his jaunt to the goal line. His kick for the extra point was wide.

Following this score, the punting duel was resumed, with most of the play in Kalamazoo territory. Once Alma got as far as the 18 yard line, where they failed by inches to make a first down. Another march took Alma to the 8 yard line, but the final gun prevented another score.

All of the Alma boys were playing good ball, and the team play seemed to be above average. Brown, Grey, Graham, Potter, Byron, Crawford, and Koechlein, playing their last football game for Alma, all turned in good performances. Deehr and Venema, who had so much to do with wrecking our hopes for an undisputed championship last year, were the Kalamazoo stars.

Lineups: Alma vs Kalamazoo. Table with columns for player names and positions.

Substitutions: Alma—Hinshaw for Byron, Koechlein for Smith, Dawson for Crawford, Leadbetter for Koechlein, Jacobson for Drury.

Kalamazoo—Venema for Fletcher, DePue for Miles, Thomas for Dull, Nichols for Littlejohn, Warner for Pursel, Selmecey for Otten.

Referee—Donnelly (Michigan.) Umpire—Kobs (Hamline.) Headlinesman—Hicks (Central State.)

"Three Live Ghosts" Is Great Success

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hands at the game, and can always be counted on for a good piece of work.

The detectives, Robert Randels, William Johnson, and Howard Hirschberg, wore their derbies like real sleuths, and did their parts very well. Mary Painter looked and acted the part of Lady Leicester very well, and if she hadn't come in at the right moment to solve the mystery, the play might be going yet.

The reverse side of the scenery bought by the Club last year was used. This is painted to represent a kitchen scene, and was very appropriate for a play of this type. Harold Smith, a former member of the Club, and Leslie Struble were responsible for the very natural setting. William Johnson was property manager.

The "Alma College Trio," consisting of Robert King, Jack Menoch, and William Boyd, sang several numbers between acts. Their collection of old timers, humorous and popular songs is very entertaining, and their harmony is excellent. An instrumental trio composed of Miss Roberts, Prof. Wise and provided the music before the opening curtain.

Following is the cast in the order of their first appearance:

Cast list: Mrs. Gubbins, Helen Long, Peggy Woofers, Dorothea Prouty, Bolton, William Johnson, Jimmy Gubbins, Leslie Struble, William Foster, Clarence Moore, Spooify, Eugene Tarrant, Rose Gordon, Marion MacKenzie.

Briggs of Scotland Yard, Robert Randels, Benson of Scotland Yard, Howard Hirschberg, Lady Leicester, Mary Painter, Stage Director, D. B. Blackstone, General Stage Technician, Leslie Struble, Stage Manager, Harold L. Smith, Property Manager, William Johnson.

Zeta Sigma Has Annual Stag Feed

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fred Hinshaw, Chief of Pledges, who gave greetings and expressed the feelings of the pledges who have just become associated with the fraternity. In place of the usual report of the treasurer, (Alvin Royer was unable to be present), Dean Mitchell gave a speech concerning the proposed activities of the newly formed alumni advisory board and there ensued an informal but nevertheless warm debate with George Hebert as the opposition. No decision was given.

Music, in the form of vocal harmony by the Fireside Four, relieved the speaking with three numbers, "Moonbeams," by Victor Herbert; "Gypsy Sweetheart," also by Herbert; and "The Old Grey Robe," by Fritz Kreisler. The speaker of the evening was George B. Randels, Zeta Sigma, '04. It was announced that he would give "Reminiscences" but he didn't allow himself to be limited and so after giving a few choice bits from his own college society days he told of what the present members would be reminiscing when they came back to the Stag banquet thirty years hence. Of a game played in a sea of mud and water, of line plunges that slithered through for yards, and of a Stag banquet at which the speaker refused to give his own reminiscences but told rather of the discussions which would take place when those now in school returned in years to come.

The banquet ended with the singing of the Zeta Sigma Song. Alumni and guests present were: Honorary members: E. J. Lobdell, Jr., of Alma, Dr. W.

R. MacInnes, Alma, Dr. H. Lohner, Alma, Prof. J. W. Ewer, Prof. L. L. Tyler, Pres. H. M. Crooks.

Alumni members: Vernon Kittendorf, Vernon Kennett, Dean James E. Mitchell, Dr. George B. Randels, F. R. Phillips, R. F. Crawford, Encell C. Brinkman, K. B. Forbes, F. O. Kirker, J. G. Kirker, Royal R. Campbell, Clarence Seidell, Ralph Frazer, James Albaugh, Harold Logan, Dale Dickinson, H. S. Babcock, Arthur T. Carty, George Hebert, Alan Dean, Elwood Burget, Sheldon Schweinsberg, Don Phillips, H. B. Johnson.

Guests: Rev. H. W. Fischer, Jack Curran, Allan W. Kent of Detroit, Carl Hoffman and Parker Lofthouse of Redford, G. V. Wright of Alma, Carlyle Burget, L. W. Ward.

Pledges: Wilfred Hinshaw, Ed Wenzer, Fern Erickson, Lawrence Muscott, Russell Hubbard, John Colbeck, Ronald Hinshaw, Richard Johnson, Algird Wilkas.

Students Participate in Armistice Parade

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day. The main feature was a fine parade up to the Cavalry Parade Grounds where after a few speeches a sham battle took place. Classes were suspended from 10:30 till 2:00 and the Alma College Band took part in the parade, followed by a car of faculty, men of the faculty on foot and about a hundred and forty of the student body of the college. The day was very much of a success.

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