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J-HOP ALL SET FOR SATURDAY

Albion Frosh and Varsity Track Teams Here for Meet.

Saturday, Albion College will bring up a track team for engagement against the Maroon and Cream thinclads that on paper is a better team than the one that beat Alma last year, T-l'j to 57*2 at Albion.

The Alma team this year, although four good runners and jumpers have graduated, have more reserve strength than last year. Several new faces from the Junior and Senior classes have helped balance the team. The weights and jumps remain about the same as last year, with Borton and his four events leading all others. Al Wilkas in the shot and discus should supply the reserve. Stanley Bussard, who suffered an accident during vacation, may be in shape to help out.

Borton, Leahy and Seale in the high jump ought to come out with at least two places. Borton, Clack, Lehner, and Catherman present four good broadjumpers to place against Schuler, Linborg, and Yinger of Albion. Linborg, according to the dope, ought to take the pole vault, but Captain Dawson and Catherman may drop in a monkey wrench. Linborg and Partridge will oppose, Borton, Erickson, Leahy, Hubbard and Catherman in the javelin and the odds are about even.

Albion will probably have an edge on the dashes and the 140, although Bushnell may show some in the half mile with recruits in this event. Dart of Albion won the two mile last year, but Lavon Winterberg and his gang are in much better condition than last year, so the competition will be keener.

Captain Dawson and Lehner will perform the high hurdles for Alma while Strait of Albion and Nelson will be the biggest threat. Lehner, Clack, Erickson, and Catherman will trip over the 220 yard low hurdles against Nelson and Strait.

Albion has a squad of 26 working out against Alma 20. However, numbers don't mean anything. Although Albion is rated to take this meet, Alma has put much (Continued on page 11)

TWO COLLEGE GROUPS SPEAK AT SAGINAW

Last Sunday evening, George Bijjani spoke at the Saginaw Warren Avenue Presbyterian church to the Yung People's Society on Syria, and a little later to the combined Christian Endeavor Societies of that church. He was accompanied by Louise Hagaman who gave a selection on her saxophone before the young people, and Mae Nelson who presented a piano solo before the larger group. Others who went over were Ansel Christopherson, Forest Rambo and Gordon Clack.

This group represented the College C. K., under the auspices of the recently formed league of the young people of Saginaw Presbytery. Needless to say, George completely succeeded in captivating his audience, as well as did the well known talents of our musicians. Alma may well feel proud of representatives such as these, who by their services, show themselves to be true Boosters of Alma College, its institutions, and affiliates.

Last Sunday evening, Dr. Kaufmann, Coach Campbell, and Miss Katherine Campbell spoke to a group of young people, seriously contemplating going to college next year. Three addresses were given and the remainder of the evening was spent in answering questions about Alma College and college life in general. About thirty high school graduates or near graduates were present. Dr. Kaufmann and Coach Campbell represented the faculty, while Miss Campbell represented the Boosters Club.

BOOSTERS PLAN

BCD DAWSON ELECTED 1917 TRACK CAPTAIN

Last week the lettermen on the track team got together and elected Gordon "Bud" Dawson, of Crosswell, captain of the track team. Dawson pole vaults, runs the hurdles and 440, and is a member of the relay team. He is a junior.

Bud is the only man in school besides Bull Borton who has won letters in three sports. He has played end two years on the football team, and one year at center and one at forward on the basketball team. He made the All M. I. A. A. court team this year. Dawson is a leader not only in athletics. He has been a member of the Student Council for the last two years, and is president of the junior class.

Erickson Brothers, Main Others in Big-Time Production

Your attention, please! The Alma College Booster Club is presenting the biggest show ever put on m all of the College's hectic forty-four years of existence. The minstrel they are giving Thursday night has more than a dozen of the cleverest acts ever seen in Alma, with every available star on the program. And all for the unbelievably low price of fifteen cents!

The list is headed by that great pair, unequalled anywhere, Red and actus Erickson. They are back with a nigger and better repertoire of songs and harmonica tunes. They will act as end men, along with Mae Oakley and Dean Lugmbill, with Harold Slatteson as interlocutor.

Then there will be a revival of the famous skit produced heretofore with remarkable success, "Little Neil", starring Sis Campbell, Mitre Tlini, mul Sopic Soper. Mary "Beanpole" Painter is also to appear in the balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet", with Alma City Smitty.

Bull Borton and Co. is producing another great act, as is Claire Wilsson and Co. "Snake-Hips" Boynton is to give another exhibition of his terpsichorean skill. And Mike D'Angelo, the great Italian tenor, is attempting to win more laurels for Clizbe Universal. And to cap it all, No-Can-Do the Magician will read his crystal globe and foretell the future.

These are but a few of tin many great acts on a big two hour program. And running through all of it will be clever comments on the more important campus personages, earned on by the above mentioned end men and interlocutor. There never has been assembled a more stupendous array or talent on one stage at the same time, we believe, in the M. I. A. A., the Big Ten, the Little Nineteen, or the Secret Six. And nothing, certainly, was ever designed that

MIAA Leaders Awarded (gold Basketballs and

By WILLIAM JOHNSON

The Alma College basketball banquet was held in W right Hall Wednesday evening, April 5. A large group of students, faculty and guests attended the affair which formally closed the basketball season. The features of the program were the address by Coach Harry Kipke of the University of Michigan and the presentation of the sweaters and gold basketballs to the team.

Charles Leadbetter opened the program with the reading of several letters from members of the Alumni congratulating the team. The toastmaster, Dr. W. E. Kaufman then took charge. The other speakers included, Professor Arthur Weimer, Norman Borton, Abraham Kahn, Gordon Dawson, and Inez Passenheim. Coach Roy Campbell, Milton Smith and Perry Gray presented the championship sweaters, the gold basketballs and the freshman numerals.

Coach Kipke chose for his subject, "Team Work." Since his work at Michigan is largely in football, he drew his illustrations from that sport, at the same time comparing them to sport activity in general. In his talk, he stressed the importance of a competitive spirit and persistence of effort in striving for a goal. He pointed out that loyalty to the team is always a very large factor in the make-up of any championship team.

The members of the basketball team receiving sweaters were: Norman Borton, Abraham Kahn, Gordon Dawson, Howard Catherman, John Volk, Kellogg Beach, Glenn Hunter, and Richard Johnson. These men also received gold basketballs, symbolic of the championship.

Assistant Coach Perry Gray presented numeral sweaters for freshman football and basketball to -Riley Block, Wilson Block, Melvin Fuller, Joe Vitek, Max Dean, Tom Croton, Bob Fairchild, Kenneth Otis, Bruce York, John Darbee, Lyle Roberts, Al Glance, Hugh Rea, Bill Bennett, Bob Grube. Fern Erickson, having made up deficient credits of last year, was awarded his F.L.O numerals.

ZETAS ELFAT OLMSTEAD: TEN PLEDGES INITIATED

Leslie Olmstead has been elected president of Zeta Sigma for the spring term, succeeding Milton Smith. Other officers are as follows: Vice president, I'uis Meisel; secretary, Emery Kendall; first critic, Milton Smith; second critic, Richard Johnson; sergeant at arms, Fern Erickson.

List Thursday evening ten men were initiated into the fraternity. The following pledges became active members: Cyril Lewis, Parker l.ofthouse, Hugh Rea, Rav Hal-lin Kvron Conarton, John Darbee, Kenneth Otis, Lyle Roberts, Bruce York and Al Glance.

During spring vacation a new porch was built on the house and a good deal of painting was done.

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FISH LEING IN MEET WITH HIGH SCHOOL

Chiefly Has Two Firsts and
a Second; Score is
2-22.

The Frosh were leading the High School track team at the end of the first day's events, which were run off yesterday, of the annual dual meet. In six events, the Freshmen amassed 52 points to 22 for the High School. The meet is being extended over two days because both teams have had so little time to get in shape.

Ralph Scheifley, an Alma High School product, is the big individual star so far, with thirteen points. He won the high hurdles and the 100 yard dash, and placed second in the 220. Maynard Giesken, High School sophomore, beat him in the 220 and took second in the 100. Young Giesken should develop into a star before the end of the year, for he has a lot of natural speed, and a little hard work should bring him around.

The 140 and half mile were both good races. In the quarter, Chuck Smith of the High School took an early lead, but Hruce York held a good consistent pace throughout, and passed him on the last turn. Max Dean put on a remarkable finish to pass Smith, and lost out to York by an eyelash. In the half mile, Rob Fairchild kept right on the heels of Harold Dean, High

School junior, but Dean had enough to keep his lead to the finish.

In the high jump, Lou Henniger, another High School sophomore, pulled an upset to tie Al Glance for first place, when Georget House, veteran jumper, was eliminated.

Art Boynton, touted as a star sprinter, is not yet in condition, and finished a poor third in the 100, drawing an injured leg as well. However, we expect to see a lot from him before the season is over. The only other Fresh to take a place was Cliff Mapes, who took second in the high hurdles.

It was a bail day for a track meet, with a stiff wind blowing straight from the west. The time for the races were unusually good, considering the high wind and the amount of practice the boys had. The high hurdle race was cut to 100 yards because of the wind.

The summaries:
100 yard high hurdles Scheifley, Frosh, first; Giesken, High School, second; Boynton, Frosh, third. Time, 1:23.

Half mile run H. Dean, High School, first; Fairchild, Frosh, second; K. House, High School, third. Time, 2:07.5.

100 yard dash Scheifley, Frosh, first; Mapes, Fresh, second; Matthews, High School, third. Time, 1:12.

440 yard dash York, Frosh, first; M. Dean, Frosh, second; Smith, High School, third. Time, 56.0.

220 yard dash Giesken, High School, first; Scheifley, Frosh, second; Bassett, High School, third. Time, 25.5.

High jump Glance, Frosh, and Henniger, High School, tied for first; G. House, High School, third. Height, 5 ft. fin.

INTRAMURAL BALL GAMES START SOON

Four teams have been chosen for the newly formed hard ball intramural league under the direction of Assistant Coach Perry Gray. The four captains are: Abie Kahn, Sunshine Jacobson, Hal Helmer, and Sarge McYittie. These four will do most of the pitching, although Henderson of Juke's team, along with Bradford, and several others may have the honors at various times.

All league games will be played on Fridays, whenever possible. Besides the league games, outside games have been arranged. These games will take place on the open dates of the teams concerned. A team composed of the better players will face the out of town teams.

The line-ups of the four teams are not as yet fixed, as Bull Horton, Bob Grube, and Stan Russard are yet to be chosen. However, practice has begun immediately and within a week or two will find the boys whooping it up.

All those who are interested in a kittenball league are asked to report to Coach Gray, sometime Wednesday. Organization will take place Friday or Saturday and after a few preliminary games, the schedule will start. The arrangement will be the same as in basket ball, with class teams as well as independent teams. Varsity or hard ball does not prohibit any male of Alma College from participating in the Kittenball League, so do not fail to report with a team if interested.

INSURANCE OFFERED FOR SPORT INJURIES

On the basis of data collected through a national survey of student athletic activities, the Sportsman's Mutual Assurance company of Washington, D. C. just announced, through its advisory board, a special student accident policy covering all forms of college athletics.

The company, recently organized by a group of leading sportsmen especially for the sports fraternity, has drawn the policy with a view of offering at a minimum premium cost adequate protection against expenses incident to student accidents on the field of sports.

Officials of the company, headed by Charles Miner, president, have perfected a series of accident policies for those participating in major sports such as polo, steeplechasing and fox hunting, as well as the student group, including football, baseball, basketball, hockey and the like.

Discussing the relation of the special student policy to the activities of tire company, Mr. Miner said:

"Over a year ago a group of prominent sportsmen, realizing the many advantages of the mutual plan of insurance and the need of such an organization to serve the interests of that large fraternity of sportsmen, commenced the accumulation and study of all available accident data in the various fields of sports and sent out inquiries to ascertain what types of contracts were most desired. The information obtained permitted the formation of these plans, and with due consideration to actuarial and good underwriting practice, the design of a special type of accident reimbursement policy to meet the needs of sportsmen and sportswomen generally.

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"The company has its home office in Washington, D. C. It offers to all sportsmen and sportswomen an organization that is national in character and a co-ordinated medium for the assembly and study of all statistics relative to sports, and for the proper underwriting and satisfactory solution of their particular insurance problems."

Johnny Menoch is too proud to use the Museum Steps, so he's found a new rendez-vous behind the pump house on the golf course. He found himself spied on even that far away.

CAMPBELL'S JUNIORS WIN BASKETBALL RACE

A new record for personal fouls was hung up the week before vacation, when the Junior Varsity won the intra-mural championship by out-lugging the Tigers, 32 to 28. Forty-two personal fouls were called, 23 on the Tigers and 19 on the Varsity.

In the final stages of the game, Rushnell with three personals on him was the only Tiger left in the game, while the varsity had four left standing. Ralph Bates, captain of the Tigers, led the scoring with 11 points. Hunsman followed with 8. The Tigers had the best average in foul shots, singing 11 out of 24 attempts, while the Varsity made 12 out of 28.

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more enthusiasm in track this year than in several years.

The Albion Golf and Tennis teams will also come to Alma for matches. George Mitchell, Dick Johnson and Paul Ditto are the veteran golfers. Rill Royd and Irwin Nichol are the only tennis men back from last year, but there is a new team, the Varsity team. Glenn Hunter, Bill Rushnell, Rub Hublmd, Johnns Vok and Kelly Beach are working out under the direction of Art Seime, who is again managing and coaching the tennis squad, last year the tennis team tied one match and lost all the rest, and it is up to these boys to make a better showing this year. Golf, of course, is not a recognized M. I. A. A. sport, but there is enough interest around here to make a good team possible.

SMALL COLLEGES TO KEEP ON AS STATE SCHOOLS FACE CUT

The many small, privately endowed colleges of Michigan are watching with interest the battle being waged by state institutions of higher learning against proposed cuts favored by the state legislature.

On Tuesday of last week President Alexander G. Kuthven of the U. of M. appeared before the Ways and Means committee and demanded nearly five million dollars annually for the next two years for the University of Michigan, a demand which he reduced later to \$3,750,000 as the "minimum." Many "M" alumni lobbyists invaded Lansing during the hearings, but the House Wednesday approved without debate, the slash proposed by the Ways and Means committee. Under this plan, the University of Michigan will next year receive \$2,645,723, while Michigan State, with a normal two million dollar budget, has been cut to one million dollars.

Due to long and insistent pressure from overburdened taxpayers, a bill was introduced to cut state aid for normal training classes from \$1,500 to \$900 per teacher. Many state legislators are giving serious consideration to a plan that aims at controlling the output of teachers by normal schools in order to meet the needs of the state, and eliminate over-production. Others object to the overlapping of functions performed by both normal schools and the University of Michigan, in pre-medical, dental, and other professional schools formerly considered work of the university. Dr. Kuthven admitted that economy might be effected by eliminating some of the duplicating machinery of the University, Michigan State College, and the College of Mines, and

the state legislature is now considering a plan that would abolish the Board of Regents of the University, and the governing boards of the other two institutions, and create a single board to be administered directly by the state.

The small colleges, operating as they do on private endowments and with no cost to the state, in point of fact they save the state money by relieving it of the cost of educating students without transferring that cost to the student, and looking on quietly at the significant taxpayers' protest against a condition that other states have foreseen and met long years past.

While it might be considered distinctly backward to curtail the growing ideals of any institution, nevertheless the people and their legislators are being brought abruptly to the realization that the present economic system is not flexible enough to make doctors and lawyer and dentists and teachers of all who might apply, even if it were otherwise possible. Within the hearing of Eric F. help from the state supported school, the small colleges are bravely making plans for another year, grimly facing depreciated endowment with a courage that feels, as Dr. Crook puts it, that "institutions that are worth living will survive."

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What's In A Nickname?

A little research and scraping away of cobwebs revealed some interesting information as regards the origin of some of the nicknames on the campus. We hope none of the subjects will object to having their private affairs aired.

When Fern Erickson was introduced to Coach Campbell, Argyle said: "Why, you're no fern; you're a cactus." And "Cactus" he has been ever since.

Warren McVittie is "Sarge" because he was a sergeant at Camp Custer. Bruce York drew the same nickname from his illustrious cousin. Bruce is known around the gym as "Trader Horn," another of Coach's brainstorms.

To Coach we also owe Jerry "Witherspoon" Brodebeck, Lawrence "Looney" Smith, Herbert "Streamline" and "Triple Coordination" Estes, and John "Chassis" Volk.

Mr. Drury has been Pete ever since the year one. But what we can't figure out is where the Carl ever came from.

Benny Leyrer's priestly dignity suggested the name "Bishop" to the Crosswell twins, back when they all lived in Pioneer.

Prof. Clack's wise one, pulled on one Shiela Pat Littleton, made the expression, "Howdy's Honey" popular around school. So when Alice Girvin started going with Howard Catherman, she became the new Howdy's Honey. By way of reciprocity, the lesser half is

now universally known as Honey's Howdy.

It shouldn't be hard to figure out why Lawrence Muscott is called "Eater."

Up where the North begins, John Edward Jacobson was always called "Sunshine," so he brought the name with him. And it was perfectly natural for Prof. Clack to call Marjory Lundbom "Moonshine."

The boys heard the fans at Kazoo yelling for "Junior" Inglis, one of their stars, and decided the name would fit Kelly Beach. So now the Alma fans yell for Junior.

"Kentucky" works in so well with Darbee, and "Hose" with Lyle, that John Darbee and Lyle Roberts were re-christened as soon as they reached Alma.

When the original Argyle Campbell graduated, he willed his first name to the Coach.

Catherine McCuaig had a Scotch grandmother who called her "Boby," the Gaelic form of Baby, and so she has always been "Bob." Bob Grube called Nelson Abernethy his Prof. in organic lab., and now he is "Prof." to everybody.

Keith Seale came to Alma with "Kiss" written on the back of his slicker. Just a little feller, you know, about the size of a kiss.

And Sam Balfour is "Kinde," just to keep the home town in mind.

Just watch Onilee MacDonald make eyes, and you'll know why she is "Blinky."

When Emily Nordling was a freshman, she did her hair up in curl papers, and consequently was christened "Topsy." This story refutes the theory that it was because she "just grew."

Bud Campbell and Paul Ditto were calling Maryon Osterhaus "Bridget" last year, even before they knew she had that nickname in high school.

There's only one name that fits in euphoniously with D'Angelo, and so Vincent became "Mike" when he arrived at Alma.

Russell Ludwig was renamed "Emil" after the great biographer. Robert Leahy was "Hasty" way back in high school, because he moved around so slowly.

Somebody watched Jean Cameron walk and called her "Tangle-foot." But she's getting over it.

Norman Borton was "Bull" occasionally in high school, and when he started in college it became general. His size explains it. The

same facts hold true for "Bull" Smith.

Credit "Rosebud" Hannegan to Claire Wilson, "Drip" Laman to Virginia Hill, "Whatcha" McCallium to Irwin Nichol, and "Doll-Face" Dawson to his girl.

It would take all night to explain William Johnson's nicknames. Suffice it to name a few: "Sonny Boy," "Slick," "Bang-Bang," "Brute," "Sleuth-Foot," "The People's Choice," and now he's "Coxswain."

The Block brothers started calling each other Wadge and Riley before they could pronounce Wilson and LeRoy. Tharen Smith, at about the same age, decided he didn't like his first name, so he got everyone to call him "Tod."

Herb Estes noticed a marked facial resemblance between our editor and Shadow Smart, Harold Teen's pal, and so we have "Shadow" Hurst.

LITTLE CLAWSON IS WELL REPRESENTED

Mrs. Lois Fraker MacDonald, graduate of the class of '09, and principal of the Clawson High School, was on the campus Saturday with Kenneth Brown, Clawson senior, and a prospective student for Alma. Mrs. MacDonald, whose son Allen is a freshman, is one of the most faithful and loyal workers among the alumni, and it is because of her efforts that Clawson boasts a larger percentage representation of Alma College students (outside of the city of Alma) than any other town in the state. The village of Clawson has a school population of 800, and has eight graduates, or one per cent of the present school enrollment in Alma College. There are three freshmen, two sophomores, two juniors and one senior. "Tiger" MacEvers graduates this year and expects to enter a theological seminary. Claire Wilson and Edith Davis graduate next year, while Florence Schwartz and John Darbee are the Sophomore representation. John's sister Elizabeth was enrolled here in 1929 as a freshman, but was forced to leave because of illness. Margaret Hodges, Lyle Roberts, and Allen MacDonald make up the Freshman contingent from the "four corners" fourteen miles north of Detroit. Five of the group were valedictorians of the various classes. Mrs. MacDonald is well known in debating circles throughout the state, having coached the state championship team in 1930, of which Claire Wilson was a member.

STUDENTS ANNOUNCE DETERMINATION NOT TO TAKE UP ARMS

President Roosevelt's conference this week with Ramsey MacDonald and Eduard Herriot on the subject of war debts and the coming disarmament conference is holding the interest of students in colleges and universities both at home and abroad. Opposition to war is mounting among young men in institutions of higher learning everywhere. Pacifism of a new sort is appearing in the best-regulated schools and colleges.

At Oxford, a few weeks ago, 750 students declared that the Oxford Union would under no circumstances fight for king and country. Sarcastic chauvinists sent them a carton of white feathers, which the boys promptly wore. With this example before it, the Brown University "Daily Herald" at Rhode Island announced a nation-wide campaign against war, and have asked undergraduates in 145 colleges and universities to pledge themselves not to bear arms except in case of invasion of United States mainlands; more than this, the groups are asked to work actively to organize the whole world on a peace basis. Brown University students are this week presenting a petition against war to President Roosevelt and to Congress. "We believe," says the petition, "that the united refusal of the youth of America to bear arms, except in case of invasion, will do much to prevent war."

The movement has widely spread, according to a liberal weekly, and at Columbia University a voluntary poll brought 920 students to register their opinions. "Of this number, 293 stated that they would under no circumstances go to war, and 485 only in case of invasion; 38 were willing to fight to protect United States citizens or investments abroad, and 81 to fight for their country, right or wrong; 464 stated that they would willingly suffer imprisonment for their convictions."

On the Pacific Coast, representatives of seven universities and colleges met at Leland Stanford University and passed a resolution stating that "this group will refuse to be conscripted into any war service whatsoever."

"Old men make wars, young men fight them," is an old saw. If young men refuse to fight, they may go to jail, but there will be no war.

John Menoch again preached in the First Presbyterian Church Sunday night, and delivered another first class sermon.

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