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EVERY STUDENT GET A STUDENT

TOO MANY WEAKNESSES

Last week the various student groups on the campus were asked to give a "vote of confidence" to an organization which calls itself the Alma College Advancement Association. The vote was taken, but about 99 percent of the students didn't know for what they were voting.

A vote of approval meant that you, without any voice in the matter, sanctioned any action that a small group, whose identity is unknown today to the majority of students, wanted to carry out. You have nothing to say as to who will be in the organization and nothing to say about what shall be done, but are only allowed one person to sit in on the meetings and report what is done.

The "idea" resulted from a "BULL" session. At that time, for reasons yet unexplained, they concocted a questionnaire, signed it the Alma College Advancement Association (though there was no such organization), used the name of a student (without formal election) as president, and sent them to the trustees of the College. This is the organization that you voted on last week.

Several of the members are not quite sure just what they will do, and they are almost unanimous in not knowing how they will carry out any of their ideas. They talk of new buildings and higher salaries for professors to get your attention, and end up by saying, "but first we will demand some change in the chapels, a change in the number, the type, or some change. We're not sure just what yet." STUDY THAT LAST STATEMENT. It gives the keynote of their whole program.

From the beginning they have shown a poor attitude. They didn't want any student support at first, but sought it only after their scheme had failed. Even now they don't want your opinions or cooperation, but only your approval of what they do. In addition they make themselves appear as opposing the faculty by ignoring them.

LASTLY, THERE IS NO NEED FOR SUCH AN ORGANIZATION. Any thing worthwhile that they have to offer could be carried out through the College Boosters Club, where all would have a voice in what was to be done. The so called A. C. A. A. argue that the Booster's Club is dead, but it is certainly no deader than their organization was (or is).

In its present set-up and with the spirit that they have started out the Alma College Advancement Association will never receive the support of the student body as a whole. Let them come through the proper organization with a constructive, intelligent, and well thought-out plan and they will have the willing support of all, but any hazy scheme to be carried out by unknown persons, through an organization that doesn't exist, in a manner that even its sponsors don't know, and with a "demanding" spirit, is doomed before it begins.

Clippings

Track holds its thrills just like any other sport. We can remember two years ago when LaVon Winterberg won his letter in the mile event after four years of competition and futile attempts. In his last meet of his last year in the last race of the day he was rewarded for his determined efforts by winning the race and his letter.

This year, for the first time, a Who's Who in the Collegiate World is to be published. Outstanding students from college campuses all over the country are to have their biography printed in the first edition, and Alma has four students among this group. They are Miss Florence Schwartz, Miss Helen Walker, Mr. Stanley Bussard, and Mr. Arthur Boynton. How many of the above returned their biographies to the publisher is not known, however.

Alpha Theta dinner-dances and track meets out-of-town. What the college needs is an airplane, so that our track men won't have to miss the best party of the year. Now there is something for the A. C. A. A. to take up at their next meeting.

April brings showers for May flowers, and it should also bring out the blossoms among our fair co-eds as potential candidates for the Royal office of the Queen of Scots. It's less than a month away, girls, so you had better look your prettiest from now on.

"Lest we forget, Lest we forget." Legislatures all over the country are going to stop students and teachers from saying bad things about them by requiring the oath of allegiance. — Interestingly enough in Michigan an American Legion man supported the recent allegiance bill and another Legion man led the opposition to it.

Kalamazoo has a real job on their hands this year, for at the annual Field Day, May 24-25, they will have two titles to defend. Though at present a heavy favorite, they will have no little difficulty in defending their track title, while Henry Brown is back this year to win once again the individual title in golf. Likewise, Pettyman, Albion, will defend his championship on the tennis singles.

Last week-end looked like a miniature homecoming with all the old alums and former students with us once again. The J-Hop had the biggest alumni attendance for many a moon.

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BY ALFRED FORTINO

In Defense of Chapel.

We all recognize the fact that religion is a fundamental part of human existence. Much has been said and written about the inadvisability of compulsory chapel, of the inadequacy of the institution of chapel and of its leadership.

Religion in Alma College will be just exactly what the students and faculty of the College make it and no more. But true religion (interpretation of that which is right) is a necessity, which though we may not realize it is far from being gratified.

The question of the spirit of worship has been raised, the attitude with which chapel is received. This can be summed up in a short sentence: "One should always try to feel the emotion one ought to feel."

You say at once, How can one manufacture the right emotion if it is not naturally felt? I admit you cannot instantly change your feelings and attitudes, but if you were to cultivate a feeling of acceptance, were to devote the same amount of energy in trying to create a religious attitude, that you have formerly used in denunciation, you would find a real improvement in the institution of chapel. The good impulse we do not obey, the fine resolution that is not carried out, is worse than opportunity lost. It actually weakens us for the next opportunity.

In conclusion it should remain for the faculty to furnish a constructive interpretation of the true religion.

College Library Given National Park Posters

The office of the United States National Parks Service has been very kind and generous in supplying Alma College Library with over twenty of their pamphlets. The latest gift consists of five beautiful posters by Dorothy Waugh. These have been hung on the east wall of the Reference Reading Room.

The library has recently secured for the benefit of the Boy Scouts two intensely interesting volumes dealing with the National Parks: "Sequoia", the story by Vance Hoyt on which the motion picture is based; and "Three Scout Naturalists in the National Parks." These stories read in connection with the park pamphlets should surely provide thrills of pleasure and anticipation, not only to Boy Scouts but to their elders as well.

Saturn has seven rings—fortunately Barnum never knew it.

Lizards of a Philippine variety have a weakness for sugar and milk. The lounge variety has a much larger appetite.

A robin reported to have nested in a N. J. home, in the bathroom, is as yet to be reported improving his singing.

SCOTS TAKE SECOND
(Continued from page 1)
Green (K); third, Newell (K); fourth, Maskowski (K). Distance 155'6".
Individual points:
Kalamazoo 60

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Lambooy	10
Newell	10
Hunt	7
Maskowski	3
Green	3
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Quist	1
Hathaway	6
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Alma 41½	
Fuller	12½
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Bennett	3
Block	3
Line	3
Brennenman	3
Ludwig	2
Mapes	2
Hope 30½	
Esther	8
Depree	6
Duma	6
Byssse	5
Fobbert	4
Klamparens	1½

Found! A Prof Who Can "Take It and Give It"

Lexington, Ky.—Found! A professor who can give it as well as take it.

Students at the University of Kentucky, tiring of the monotony of going to classes, recently signed a resolution agreeing not to attend Prof. Victor Partmann's class on a certain day. Consequently when the prof arrived all he found in the class room was a copy of the resolution.

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Hillsdale Will Be Host To Interdenominational Conference Next October

Hillsdale will act as host to another inter-denominational college conference according to a decision of a small group of students representing Alma, Hillsdale, Michigan State, Albion, Kalamazoo, and Olivet in a meeting held earlier in the month at the headquarters of the Michigan Council of Religious Education in Lansing.

The Lansing meeting was for the purpose of bringing together problems which might be discussed at the coming conference, which will be held sometime in October. It was suggested that only two or three major problems be discussed in the fall and that these should be chosen from the following list by a vote of the participating colleges. The subjects listed are:

Peace; personal service; the chapel controversy; indifference on the campus to Christian organizations; science and religion; the church and what it stands for;

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why a religious student is considered a "Sissie" on the campus; is the church keeping up with the times; are the various courses of college curriculum supplementary to religion; and finding common religious values in contact with nature.

Our Doctor's Thesis---

By O. SWISH, B. S.
Z. RHOE S. B.

In St. Paul, Mrs. Martha Nasch swore that for seven years she had not eaten a mouthful, drunk a drop, slept a wink. — Time. Maybe it is coffee nerves.

The idiots, imbeciles, and morons, are better off and better cared for than many of our geniuses.

Hitching posts have practically disappeared from the main streets of Chicago and New York.

It takes 5,000 mice to weigh as much as the average man. They would eat 17 times as much.

The happiest people in the world live on an island far out in the Pacific; they have never met Lofthouse, taken (or been taken by) blue books, have never seen news reels of their "great" men, and do not attend Chapel.

"The, of, and, to, a, in, that, it, is, I," are the 10 words making up 25 per cent of our speech.

There are a great deal more horses necks (well, you know what I mean) than there are horses.

Over 90 per cent of the so-called self-made men are proud of the results. Over 90 per cent of the results are nothing to be proud of.

All is not old that litters.

Madam Helen Pessl, of Vienna, a noted beauty specialist, said recently that if we want to be beautiful we must make a habit of looking in the mirror. Doubtless this is good advice, but how many of us have the heart to do it?

Brigham Young advocated a matri-monetary standard of 16 to 1.

Female of the species is divided into two general divisions. First division is made up of women. The second is made up of "meyowers". And many of the women are found in the second group.

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but the investor on two deuces in a limit game shall be totally destroyed.—Ling Posie.

Youth is the time for courageous experiment and creative thought.

"Flat-fifties" is a British idea—at least we got it from them. As early as 1926, Kensitas advertised in "Punch" their "flat-fifty" cartons of cigarettes.

Good oysters are expected to be scarce this year, owing to the drought. It seems that oysters do best in a wet sea.

Choir Rehearses for Out-of-Town Concerts

With two out-of-town concerts already arranged and rumors of a radio broadcast the A Capello Choir, under the direction of Prof. J. W. Ewer, has been practicing overtime the past few weeks.

The first of these concerts will be held in the Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church in Saginaw, May 5. The other will be at Royal Oak on Sunday, May 19.

With the music well memorized the choir in their recent rehearsals has been concentrating on fine shading, balance, and the attack, so as to make the concerts finished productions in every way.

Most of the members have been very faithful in attending an extra practice each week, and next week they will be called upon to attend several extra rehearsals. The students are as eager for perfection as Professor Ewer and respond willingly to all this extra work.

Spring Practice Finds Team Out for '35 Title

The Alma College gridders have been out for spring football practice trying to get in shape to bring home the bacon next fall. The purpose of the practice is to teach the freshmen signals and get them familiar with the system. The team looks very promising and Coach Campbell is promising a very good chance for the M. I. A. A. title. 18 men have reported for practice, most of whom are freshmen, Butch Gilbert back, Carter back, Walker back, Smith back, Munro end, Seavitte guard, Hart tackle, Lee guard, Elder end, Cater tackle, Sullivan back, Lau back. There are also six lettermen, Block end, Fortino center, Keglovitch back, Mack tackle, Vitek tackle, Ewer back.

Heidger to Play for Alpha Theta Formal

Norman Heidger and his orchestra have been selected to play for the Alpha Theta Literary Society's annual spring formal dinner-dance, which is to be given next Saturday night at the Midland Country Club.

The Alpha Theta party will be the first of the spring formals, which are given every year by sororities. This year there will be only two such parties, for the Philomatheans and the Kappa Iotas will give their party together later in the month.

Last year the faculty relaxed their rule regarding out-of-town parties to permit the use of the Midland Country Club, which is the only suitable place for an elaborate party. A special late permission is also granted for parties off the campus.

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dom of teaching, without these a university cannot exist," Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, declared recently in a speech given over a national radio hook-up.

Answering the question, "What is a University?" Pres. Hutchins stated that "A University is a community of scholars. It is not a kindergarten; it is not a club; it is not a reform school; it is not a political party; it is not an agency of propaganda.

Without freedom, a university becomes a political party or an agency of propaganda and ceases to be a university, Pres. Hutchins said. Continuing, he declared that

"the university exists only to find and communicate the truth. If it cannot do that it is no longer a university."

In conclusion, the speaker said, "The American people must decide whether they will tolerate the search for truth. If they will, the universities will endure. If not, then we can blow out the light and fight it out in the dark, for when the voice of reason is silenced, the rattle of machine guns begins.

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CAMPUSOLOGY

What is Prexy going to do?—Write a book on war romances?

The Swedish plot thickens. Who will get M. A. bid to the formal.

Well this seems to be the time that the lambs are shorn. Or maybe it's in preparation for the dog-days ahead.

The woods won't be safe now. Digby and Parrish are going to be rangers this summer—well, sometime.

We hear that Fraser's girl always did like airedeles, anyway.

Another crisis: The J-Hop comes and goes and the Senate can not find anyone to campus.

My mother was a nurse, my father a soldier, so I'm working for the FERA. So what.

When you see one you see another—Vesta and Keg; Wayne Forrester and Irene Folkerth.

Water, water everywhere, but still a dry party.

Co-ed: All I know is what I read in Campusology, and there is never anything in that.

And there is the guy who said: "It takes guts to play tennis."

Even Lofthouse had a good time at the party last Saturday, so it must have been good.

Hey fellows! You want to be nice to Dawe or he will campus your girl, now that he is president of the Women's Senate.

He ran to the railing, and what did he find—paper. Imagine his embarrassment.

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Student—Didn't you say that water is equal to H to O.

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What's Alma's campus coming to when a couple could not even find two square feet to recline on Friday night.

Walking over to St. Louis by moonlight is some people's idea of a good time—especially those from Newberry, Traverse, and St. Johns.

Moonlight, the old river, and Seavitte—what a picture, what a picture.

For a while one could not tell whether Bob Campbell's new Olds was his or Kelly's.

Bob Anthonisen may think that Burgess is his girl, but what is his opinion against Don Kay's Orchestra.

Welch, Wright, Wilson, Olney, and whose sugar "papa" are you—Hanel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley Volk, sans Judith Sylvia, were among those present at the J-Hop.

Sorority formals, track meets, dances, house parties, Campus Day—boy! what a program.

Did someone mention school work. Don't they know that spring is here.

There is nothing like staying at the Fraker House and getting up early for a good game of tennis, rain or shine.

American Mercury Offers \$500 for Essay on Gov't.

Students notice. A chance to get even for that D you got last semester. The "American Mercury" offers \$500 for the best essay submitted by any undergraduate of any American college on the subject: "The professors got the country into this mess, but we can get it out."

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No essay may be more than 2,500 words in length and should be directed to Contest Editor, The American Mercury, 730 Fifth Avenue, New York. The contest will close at midnight on August 31, 1935.

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