Why is An Alumnus?

It might be more to the point to ask, where do these theorists get the idea that in the life of an individual there is such a factor as college spirit.

An Alumnus is a person (either masculine or feminine, according to the most recent interpretation) who has received a degree from an institution of higher learning. It may be one of the various academic appendages conferred by the faculty or it may be an individual appellation presented by his classmates before the College made up its mind that he was eligible for the regulation honor. In any case, An Alumnus is one who has extracted something from the atmosphere of a college which is not absorbed by the one who merely lives in a college town. One entitled to this distinction has qualifications other than those necessary to win the approval of the faculty and outstanding among these is college spirit.

This prolongs the argument, for college spirit is a much abused term. The true nature of the ailment has never been definitely decided, it is an infection which causes the heart to palpitate, an irresistible force which brings the victim to his feet when Alma Mater is played or sung, a chronic inflammation which had its inception when the alumnus was yet an undergrad and walked across the Campus on a bright spring day or waded through the snowdrifts after a January storm. More than this it exerts a mysterious influence which in later years draws the important events of college days into focus, sorting out individuals and occasions but blending the whole into a tapestry woven from fondest memories. It constitutes—and draws to itself strength—the bonds which draw the graduate to his alma mater.
A Walk in Beal Botanical Gardens

Familiar view of entrance to plot recently dedicated to memory of W. J. Beal who started the collection and through whose efforts the general place was formulated.
LITTLE URGES ATTITUDE OF HUMILITY

University President In Convocation Address Finds Present Generation Difficult to Teach Qualities of Character Necessary for Success; Nation Must Choose Between Broad and Narrow Issues and Retain Its Stability.

Before the largest convocation assembly of the year, President Clarence Cook Little of the University of Michigan, addressed the student body of the College on the mission in life of the college graduate of today. The address not only attracted the student body and faculty but the residents of Lansing and East Lansing as well. The event marked the first visit of Michigan's new president to the College.

President Little, who was 40 minutes late in arriving at the gymnasium due to his car overturning on the icy pavement enroute to the college, was very informal in his talk to the student body. His subject was based upon St. Paul's version of what constitutes the important things in life, namely, faith, hope and charity.

"These three attributes" said Dr. Little, "are somewhat different today than they were in the time of St. Paul. They are wrapped up in clothes of a new hue which to many hides their identity. However, they are still with us, basically, at least. Today they may be more aptly termed 'humility, courage and fellowship.'"

President Little went on to say that humility is the art of forgetting one's self in the greater efforts and tasks in life. Too often we pursue tasks for what they will eventually bring to ourselves without consideration of their effect upon humanity.

"Modern culture, in the family, in political life and in our schools" said Mr. Little, "is so constituted that the quality of faith, or humility, is hard to cultivate. Our children are reared to believe that it is the duty of the state to educate them, regardless of other factors entering into the situation. The majority of the American youth today do not ask for an education and benevolence on the part of the state institutions; they demand it. As long as the young men and women feel that the state owes them an education, that the professors are merely hirelings of the institution and that their own parents are but stepping stones for themselves and their ambitions, the universities and colleges will not be able to function to their most efficient degree. The young American today does not have the humility to admit that there is a great deal for him to learn."

The second attribute of St. Paul, that of hope, is today enclosed in the virtues of courage, President Little went on to say in bringing up his second point. Foregoing the pleasures and easy things of life are the greatest demands of courage. Our forefathers needed courage of the staunchest kind in battling the elements. Today courage has come to mean another characteristic, that of being courageous in one's inner being.

"Inner courage" said the speaker, "comprises three things, being frank with yourself, taking criticism squarely and taking the events of life as they come in a very humble manner without the outward gloss and veneer in which people are so apt to clothe themselves. The courage of making inside decisions must be of a higher calibre than that of fighting the elements. It is a simple matter to fight a physical enemy, but to combat inward impulses, weaknesses and temptations calls for the most noble and staunch courage that it is possible for a person to command.

"Suffering inspires courage. It is under the greatest odds and obstacles that the element of courage is most instilled into our veins. People who have suffered have the greatest courage. Their philosophy of life undergoes a great transformation through
this medium of trial. People who have learned to suffer have made a great accomplishment. Courage may not be as evident on the surface when accompanied by humility, but its results are more far-reaching and lasting. Humility, courage and suffering go hand in hand. They are more evident in older people because of the greater amount of experience they have gained as a result of their existence. We cannot expect that these attributes will be as apparent in the young generation, but it affords education with one of its greatest and least exploited fields.

"Don’t be different about the order of things just because you belong to a different generation. You must be tolerant with your parents and their contemporaries. Their practices must stand until you have definitely demonstrated that your ideas are superior. Their mannerisms have stood the test of time, which yours have not. The success of a nation depends upon its stability, whether it be social, political or economic. Be tolerant until your tests prove your way or ways to be better than those of your elders. Never say: ‘You’re wrong and I’m right’. A proof is much more effective than a mere statement. Give everything the 'performance' test.

"The United States is facing the problem of choosing between narrow and broad viewpoints on many issues, one of which is fundamentalism. No matter what the stake, Christianity must live. The combination of religion and science constitutes the life and mission of Christianity. Its success can be measured by St. Paul’s ‘faith, hope and charity’, today defined as ‘humility, courage and fellowship’.

"The last of these, ‘fellowship’, is as old as the world itself. Like humility and courage, we find its adaptation and usage undergoing continual change. Fellowship means co-operation and sacrifice. It cannot be of service unless the other two attributes of humanity are at their best. Fellowship is a culmination of humble courage combined with vision. It is a part of the large unexploited expanse toward which education must point."

Alumni Opinion

Editor of The Record:

In reviewing our football season I should like to make a few comparisons with other colleges, particularly those which should have teams of like calibre. First, our schedule was heavy with Michigan the peak at the beginning, although Colgate’s record in the east places it among the few unbeaten teams with the record of having beaten Princeton which later defeated Harvard, 30 to 0. Penn State defeated us 13 to 6, it was defeated by Syracuse only 7 to 0, and tied the mighty Rockne team from Notre Dame. Wisconsin came out of the Conference struggle with but one defeat and that at the hands of Michigan. The Badgers defeated Iowa State, 30 to 0, Iowa, 6 to 0, Purdue, 7 to 0, Chicago, 30 to 7. As for Michigan it walked away with everything except the Northwestern game and our 39 to 0 score looks tame compared with Indiana’s 63 to 0 defeat and 54 to 0 for the Navy.

Look over any of our scores this year. They all show that M. S. C. has not lost any fight and the account of the Wisconsin game placed it as being one of the liveliest of the season.

The following big teams have won three or less games during the season: Oregon, Idaho, Washington State, Montana. Of the Western Conference teams Chicago won three, tied one, lost four; Ohio State won four, tied one, lost three; Iowa won five, lost three; Northwestern won five, lost three; Purdue lost four, won three, tied one.

I think these instances show my point. If your opponents are your equal in calibre you must expect that they will win part of the time.

M. S. C. picked on some “hard-boiled” ones this fall. Stick to it old bird, that is what will make you tough, and here is one who will throw his hat into the air and say he feels you are as good a team as M. S. C. or M. A. C. ever turned out, because you
have come back better than ever after each pill that was handed you.

Do you remember when we went to Ann Arbor in 1912 and the final score read 55 to 7. We were just as proud of that team as if the score were reversed and—perhaps we knew no better—but we were yelling our lungs out for that team just as hard in the last quarter as when we got the lone touchdown.

One thing I am going to unload. Get after our daily newspapers. You, Mr. Alumnus. If you don't see our dope in the papers fire it back to the editors with "why?" on it. If you see us rated as second class, why not go after the editor? Ours is not a second rate team but from some of the sob stuff that came out we didn't strengthen people's opinion of the team. What if they do lose, the true opinion will always show a hard fought game of intense interest and when they go down fighting we ought to be as proud of seeing that in print as of seeing the story of a 30 to 0 victory.

DAN W. Mather, '13

ALUMNAE AGAIN PLAN PROGRAM FOR GROUP

Members of the Alumnae council residing in Lansing and East Lansing propose to reorganize and begin a new program of activities. They have set the early part of January for the beginning of their activities. The council came into being several years ago and accomplished several things for the College, one of the most important of which was the raising of funds to furnish the practice house. For this purpose about $1,500 was realized. Since that task was completed the council has been more or less inactive because of a lack of a definite program.

With the reorganization several of the members have proposed that the organization sponsor an effort to furnish certain things for the Union Memorial building in honor of the woman graduates, since there is now no especially distinctive memorial to the women of the College although there will be several in place within a year or so in honor of individuals.

In the history of its work the Alumnae council has paralleled that of several other organizations and has followed the course which will be followed by others; as soon as a definite need for its efforts was not ahead of the members, the organization ceased to function. The woman graduates are planning a decidedly active program for the year and will announce their program following the first meeting in January.

Necrology

Roger W. Gannet

Roger W. Gannet of the college geology department, on a leave of absence from the college, died as a result of appendicitis while on field survey work in California. Gannet was on leave until the beginning of the winter term, desiring to make field observations for California interests.

Gannet was a graduate of the mining school of the University of Minnesota, coming here in 1924. Previous to his association with the College geology staff, Gannet spent two years in the Orient, in Siam and in the Yunnan province of China, gaining valuable experience. He had also been associated with the United States bureau of mines for a time as well as on survey work in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

In addition to being an exceptional geologist and brilliant scholar, Gannet was also an accomplished pianist, having been the accompanist for the college varsity male quartet while here. He was a member of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity.

Confusion with the latest addition to the curriculum has caused a change in the name of the Liberal Arts course to the Artists' course to designate the series of lectures and recitals given each year for students and faculty.
With the contemplated plans for a renewal of the activities of the Alumnae council already underway some of the most necessary items in the successful operation of the Union Memorial building will be assured. It is significant of the attitude of the woman graduate that this should take precedence over such a step on the part of the men. It is also characteristic of the attitude of the women that one of them should supply the building with one of the items posted on the bulletin on Homecoming day, while thus far, no man has come forward with a companion proposal.

There are several reasons for this which might be supplied by the expert, but citing any of them would lead into an argument which any peace loving individual would dodge if possible. The attributes of men and women are different. Their impulses are regulated by different governors. Nowhere is this more noticeable than it is in connection with a project of this sort. Alumni and alumnae have joined staunchly in behalf of the fund and have done their individual parts but the women have gathered about their own standard to do something distinctive.

Among certain of the Chinese it is an age-old custom that each man have all of his debts paid before the new year starts. It must be a peculiarly satisfying task to watch the affairs of the Chinese alumni offices, if there be such. The point is that if all sums pledged and due to the Union Memorial building fund were paid by January 1 the committee in charge of the financing program would have a load of worry set aside and if all dues were paid up the Association would likewise be in a position of affluence, at least it would be affluent when compared to its present status. The matter of paying up such obligations is often overlooked, many times in favor of some which appear more pressing or more important. It makes but little difference whether a pledge is made to pay the grocer or to pay the building fund a certain amount, one should be as strictly adhered to as is the other. The Chinese have had thousands of years of civilization when compared to much of the rest of the world and in some respects their attributes are decidedly desirable, especially when they are seen from the collecting end of a bargain.

In his address at the College convocation President Little stressed the importance of humility as an attribute of the undergraduate seeking success. He presented a creed not new but worded differently than those customarily presented. The impressions he made on his audience were of his sincerity, his capacity for broad thinking and his friendliness all of which commended him to his hearers.

SPRINTER HONORED FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Fred P. Alderman, Lansing, was the junior selected by Tau Beta Pi to be the first member of his class to make the honorary engineering society. Swingout took place at convocation last Wednesday. Alderman is well know for his track prowess, being the best sprinter who has represented the College in years.

In addition to Alderman, 13 seniors were taken in. They are: Wilbur F. Beamman, Jackson; Marion L. Fast, Charlotte; Carleton W. Brown, Bay City; William D. Howell, Flint; Clyde A. Kitto, Charlotte; Max A. Lett, Charlotte; James B. Menmuir, Detroit; Carmen D. Miller, Owosso; Willard R. Perry, Hasting; Raymond J. Plourde, Vulcan; Owen D. Premo, Amasa; Ralph L. Tellman, Dundee; William O. Van Geisen, Ionia.
"Close Beside The Winding Cedar"

Director and Mrs. R. H. Young announce the birth of Janet Hope on November 18.

President Butterfield addressed the convention of the state association of farmers' clubs in the senate chamber at the capitol on December 2.

D. J. Weddell, '28, Sault Ste. Marie, was awarded the prize offered by Xi Sigma Pi, national honorary forestry fraternity, for the best scholastic standing in his class during the freshman year.

Margaret Shadduck, Lansing; Florence Bangborn, Bad Axe; Lois Harwood, Ionia, and Marion Crosby, Three Oaks, senior home economics students have been chosen to attend the Merrill-Palmer school in Detroit during the winter term.

The athletic department has announced the addition of several new elective gymnasium courses for co-eds, including indoor track and apparatus work, designed especially to furnish scientific instruction in running, breathing, starting, finishing and relay work.

W. M. Brown, '03, sought engineering graduates' addresses on a recent visit to the alumni office. He works for himself and a partner in Detroit, fabricating iron devices of various sorts for conveying traffic safely across rivers and other depression in roadways. In the course of his labors he also superintends the construction of pieces of steel for buildings of diverse sorts.

Of the senior horticultural students who attended the annual meeting of the state society at Grand Rapids and took part in the apple judging contest, three succeeded in winning cash prizes. N. H. Viau, of Cheboygan took first place and won $15.00. Clarence Ripper, Wellsville, Ohio, won $10 and E. J. Heuser, Hartford, Won $5. Returns on the speaking contest have not as yet been announced.

Professor J. T. Horner of the economics department has completed work on a book dealing with the various phases of marketing.

Arthur W. Jewett, Jr., '20, Mason, repeated his former triumphs at the international hay and grain exposition by taking the grand championship prize.

Mrs. Dora Stockman, member of the State Board of Agriculture and known throughout the state as a lecturer will broadcast a series of bedtime stories for the children in rural homes, especially, over WKAR.

C. W. Edwards, '09, and Mrs. Edwards visited the College late in November. Edwards still officiates at animal husbandman and director of the experiment station at Guam, an important stopping place in the Pacific ocean, and was bent upon returning to that place.

A pen of Barneveldter hens from the place in Holland where the breed originated have been entered in the international egg laying contest which began this fall at the College. The breed is not common in the United States although the Dutch fanciers claim it to be one of the best.

"Resolved: that the policy of centralizing power in the federal government of the United States is desirable" will be one of the questions discussed by the debating squad this year. Coach Eckerman has called for candidates from among the men and the work of preparation has been under way for some time.

H. H. Musselman, '08, who directs classes at the College in the proper methods of erecting barns and digging ditches, aided Fred Wilson, '17, in bringing to the Union building the Lansing Lions club for a dinner on December 15. The Lions have chosen many alumni as the main cogs in their local organization.
More than five hundred students, alumni and high school students are expected to attend the football banquet on the evening of December 12 which will be held in the Union Memorial building in honor of the men of 1925 squad. E. E. Hotchin, '12, in general charge of the affair reports an unusual demand for tickets with prospects that all available places will be filled. The celebration will be conducted by the Central Michigan M. S. C. Association, following its custom of former years which has proved uniformly successful.

Major John L. Griffith, commissioner of Big Ten athletics, will be the chief speaker

ARMSTRONG ADVANCED
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The announcement has just been made of the appointment of Paul S. Armstrong, '15, to the position of Assistant General Manager of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange, Los Angeles, California. This is a notable advance for Mr. Armstrong from the position of advertising manager that he has filled for several years. All of his friends, classmates and former teachers will be pleased to hear of his advancement and wider opportunities and responsibilities.

The directors of this large organization have taken several years to select a man for this position and it is, therefore, a greater compliment to Mr. Armstrong because his record with the California Fruit Growers' Exchange, covering nearly ten years of faithful service coupled with superior ability, is what convinced the board of directors that he was the best man in the country for the position.

The California Fruit Growers' Exchange is the largest and best-known co-operative organization of growers in the world. Last year they sold at wholesale over $105,000,000 worth of oranges and lemons—or over 70% of the entire crop of California citrus fruits. Besides a large organization of several thousand employees, they maintain sales offices in all the large cities of this country and in some foreign countries and their activities reach into many lines of business, all of which Mr. Armstrong will now become intimately connected with and will have to assume heavy and important responsibilities.

This rapid advancement in a period of ten years is probably a record for any graduate of the Michigan State College and one in which every person who is interested in the achievements of the graduates of the College may feel a personal pride and satisfaction.

H. J. E. '01

Armstrong was a member of the Auroraean literary society—now a chapter of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, Alpha Zeta and several other Campus organizations. He served on the student council and as colonel of the cadet regiment. After completing his course in horticulture he was in business at Eaton Rapids for a short time and then went into the dealers' service department of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange from which he was promoted to be advertising manager upon the resignation of Don Francisco, '14, from that position.
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W. W. Barron, Class of '15
Co-ed debaters are attempting to decide the question, "Resolved: that the Constitution should be amended to give Congress the power to regulate child labor," and are arranging a schedule which includes a triangular meet with Albion and Western Normal teams as opponents with the possibility that Marquette university and Carroll college of Wisconsin will also be included on the list. A trip is planned to several Ohio colleges in addition to these dates.

**MARRIAGES**

**Farley-Rose**  
Keith M. Farley, '23, and Carolyn Rose of Elkton, Md., were married on November 21. They are residing at the Manheim apartments, Twelfth and Spruce streets, Philadelphia.

**Schaffer-Lambert**  
Ewald E. Schaffer, '25, and Effie Lambert of Detroit were married on November 25. They will make their home in Detroit where Schaffer is employed by the General Motors.

**Gledhill-Beck**  
Cleo Hazel Gledhill, '18, and Ivan Beck were married at Galion, Ohio, on November 26. They are at home at Buell Cottage, North Perry street, Vermilion, Ohio.

**CLASS NOTES**

'96  
C. H. Briggs is now living at 7641 Lancaster street, Albany, N. Y.

'98  
Mrs. Mark Wheeler writes from Berkeley, California: "My two sons are students at U. of C. The older is a junior in electrical engineering, the other a sophomore in the school of commerce. There are a number of Michigan people in East Bay but no organization of them."

'06  
Mrs. C. A. Lamb lives at 7817 Bennet avenue, Chicago, Ill., according to postal authorities.

'07  
Mrs. A. S. J. Eylar (Calla Krentel), now lives at 612 E. Nevada street, El Paso, Texas. She was recently appointed supervisor of home economics in the El Paso schools.
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THE M. S. C. Record

A. B. Shuart has moved to 3256 Ormond road, Cleveland Heights, Cleveland, Ohio.

Harold Freman Miners, of Colorado Springs, has received recognition in the east as a short story writer, according to an article in the Colorado Springs Gazette on November 18. Several of his short stories and novels have already appeared in the popular fiction magazines.

The post office has notified the office of the change of address of Wade Weston to Redford, street address not given.

H. C. Howard has changed his address to 1146 Coronado Terrace in Los Angeles, Calif.

James Stelzer has moved to 708 Wildwood avenue, Jackson, according to the post office. Mrs. Stelzer was Anna McCool, also 22.

Ted Miller is now living at 212 W. Garrison avenue, Dearborn. Miller writes: "The Wayne county park board still allows me to keep busy helping develop outdoor breathing spaces for the people of Detroit and vicinity. Our parks lies outside the city of Detroit and are what might be termed 'country' or 'county parks'. I find the work very interesting and especially so because it is a much needed public service."

Elsie Gelinas writes: "This year I am located in Flint at the new Whittier junior high and my work is that of cafeteria manager. Our cafeteria feeds on an average of 500 children each day. The work is most interesting and I enjoy it very much. Would be most pleased to serve any M. S. C. friends that happen along. My address is Oak Grove club, East Wing, third floor, Flint."

Willard Pangborn now lives at 5433 Avery, Detroit.

Max Cheney can be reached at 370 Board of Commerce building, Saginaw, where he lives with Walter Ewald. Cheney is employed by the Michigan Inspection Bureau.

Matt Nuttila is living in Philadelphia at 3726 Walnut street.

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