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— ST. XAVIER COLLEGE —

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Last Days of S. A. T. C. Championship Lost to U. C.

Unit to Disband Before December 21

Luck Against Team in Final Game

ACADEMIC WORK AGAIN BROADENED IN COLLEGE

FORT THOMAS TIED ON THANKSGIVING

The S. A. T. C. is to be demobilized by the 21st of December, according to orders received from Washington. No man is to be sent home, however, until he has been completely equipped with Uncle Sam's uniform. St. Xavier's Unit has now received just about all that is to come. Result, as fine a looking body of troops as can be found in the country. Step up, boys! Sign your papers and buy your tickets for the old home towns; for the folks there are waiting to give their soldier lads the greatest Christmas they have ever known.

With the passing of the S. A. T. C., only a slight readjustment in the courses of studies will become necessary. This was decided at a meeting of the College Faculty. The schedule outlined by the Committee on Education and Special Training for the Students' Army Training Corps will be adhered to as far as possible. To accomplish this, only subjects of a strictly military character will be dropped. Whatever work has been done during the term ending December 21st, whether academic or military, will count towards a degree. The above arrangement will enable many of the members of the S. A. T. C. to continue their studies. It will give a greater latitude in the choice of subjects, and will moreover accommodate those whose high school work has been along lines other than classical.

LIEUT. HOWARTH

The grief caused by the loss of Lieut. Holmer was softened quite a bit by the arrival of his able successor, Lieut. Arthur O. Howarth, U. S. A.

Lieut. Howarth is a native of Ohio, and a Kenyon College man. He was commissioned September 16, 1918, at Camp Perry, Ohio, after transfer from military experience. His assignment to St. Xavier's Unit S. A. T. C. was made on November 22.

The men have extended a warm welcome to the Lieutenant and are with him to the limit. He has reciprocated in every way possible, and it is the wish of every man in the Unit that his connection with St. Xavier's continue to be productive of helpful and satisfactory results such as are already manifest.

Football Coaches 1918



Messrs. Fisher, Lambert and Schmidt

HAROLD RIECKELMAN WRITES TO HIS OLD SCHOOLMATES

College Station, Tex., Nov. 16, 1918.
Dear Friends:

Since I cannot find time to write to you all individually, I will pen a community letter. I admit it is not the way I like to treat old friends and pals, but I trust that you will pardon me on the ground that you are many and I am one.

Time is a scarce article in the life of an army officer. It is routine from Reveille to Taps, every day in the week. Really it seems as though I have been gone but a short time; but

when I look back I find that I have been in the army for four months and an officer for two months. It is hard to imagine that I am an officer in the great army of Uncle Sam.

Some people have the impression that the life of an officer is one sweet dream. It may be so, but I have never been able to dream that sweet dream. All I can find is work from six A. M. to bed time. The more work the better I like it. I have found that when one has too much leisure time he soon becomes restless and discontented. I am neither the one nor the other, so you know I have plenty to do. I

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By Frank Lane

Fighting gamely, the light St. Xavier eleven had to bow to the Varsity team yesterday at Carson Field to the tune of 12 to 0. In the closing minutes of play the Blue and White crew missed scoring on U. C. by inches, as the game ended with the ball in Xavier's possession one scant foot from the coveted goal line.

The sturdy defense displayed by the Sycamore street lads was a big surprise to the Varsity supporters, who had expected the team that played Miami to a standstill would walk all over the Xavier gridders.

Of course, it must be taken into consideration that U. C. had three of their best offensive men out of the contest via the "flu" route, namely, "Babe" Frey, "Tank" Fratz and "Red" Prather. Early in the contest Varsity also lost the services of the other red-top, Bob Stack, who was forced to retire because of a sprained ankle.

But don't think for a moment that I want to detract from the stubborn defense that the scrappy warriors from Xavier displayed, because the lads led by Captain Mike Hellenenthal were a pleasant surprise. And they also showed up well on the offensive in the last half, making four successive first downs in their march to Varsity's goal line. When the whistle blew for the termination of the contest, as related above, the oval was too close to the goal line for Varsity's comfort.

Players Injured

Many injuries to players on both sides slowed up the game somewhat from a spectator's viewpoint, but this was unavoidable.

The first period was fruitless for Varsity, as it failed to open on the offense and the Xavier line played excellent ball on the defense, stopping the mad rushes directed at it with little or no gain.

In the second period Hopkins, who was subbing for Frey at quarter, elected the aerial game, and a succession of passes carried the ball to St. Xavier's 10-yard line. Hellenenthal intercepted one of Justice's well-meant tosses and returned the oval to his own 25-yard line. Here was one of the prize "rocks" of the game, for on the (Continued on Page 3, Column 1)



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NOTICE TO S. A. T. C. STUDENTS

Those who do not intend to register for college work during the rest of the school-year, will wish to receive the "Athenaeum," in order to keep in touch with the old school. Subscribers will please give their addresses to the Business Manager. A few have not yet subscribed. These are asked to call on their loyalty and hand in their names before they leave us.

WAS IT WORTH WHILE?

The end of the S. A. T. C. is at hand. For two and a half months several hundred thousand young men have undergone an experience unique in their lives and in the history of the nation. Now that it is all over, there is an interesting variety of opinions regarding the value of it all. Some are sorry that they enlisted. Their ambition to make of themselves commissioned officers has come to naught. They consider that their time has been wasted.

Others, more optimistic, believe that their brief training in the army will prove the most profitable period of their young lives. They left home for the first time, and for the first time had to fight their own battles unaided against equals. Competition was eager. Every man knew that he had no chance to succeed unless he put forth his best. Perhaps the rookie had never before tried to do his best. In the S. A. T. C. he had an opportunity to discover himself. He learned that in the regular course of events the victory goes to the fellow who has the ability and stays on the job.

Whatever value the individual member may assess to his own experience, no man should regret having done his duty towards his country in a time of critical need. The S. A. T. C. was not organized for the sake of the citizens who entered it, but for the common cause. Though its members had not the satisfaction of taking part in the drive that ended the war, they should remember that not half of those who entered the service ever fired a shot at the Germans. A man who joined the S. A. T. C. performed his part. He would gladly have done

more. He is as worthy of honor as those who happened to enjoy larger opportunities.

This is, we believe, the correct point of view. The patriot entered the service that the nation and humanity might be saved. That end has been accomplished. Incidentally, the experience of the individual has been decidedly for his good.

THE LESSON WE HAVE LEARNED

As part of the experience which came to all of us during recent months it will not have escaped notice that in times of urgent need the country must turn to its trained men, or, lacking a sufficiency of such, must hurriedly undertake the task of supplying the training. The emergency brought out the need of falling back on the latter alternative. It is no tribute to the foresight of our leaders that we were so little ready for a trial of our national capacity for accomplishment and endurance. But it is to the credit of our educational work that from the graduates of our colleges such excellent material could be found for the effective, if somewhat hasty, organization of our military effort. College men were capable of taking the training required and of making up for a long neglect of national security in a short space of intensive instruction.

But the immediate military needs are not the only emergencies that make their demands for men trained for leadership or with enough training, at least, to be readily turned into leaders. Now the immediate call is for the work of reconstruction in bringing the world back to the ways of peace. And in the new world which, it is our hope, will arise out of the ashes of the old, there will be full scope for the very best capacities that education can cultivate.

Let us not miss the lesson of our recent experience, by looking only to the possibility of immediate material gains, begrudging the time and effort needed to equip ourselves for positions of greater service. Future regrets are always concerned with opportunities missed. If we now realize better the need of education and its value, let us not add to the list of our future regrets the slipping of this opportunity for more education.

FAREWELL, S. A. T. C.

When Uncle Sam announced to the nation that he intended virtually to commandeer the colleges of the country for the purpose of employing their equipment and teaching personnel in a work of paramount importance to the welfare of our national army, namely that of training its future officers, most of us welcomed the announcement as one presaging the greatest benefits to the institutions themselves, as well as to the men who would have the good fortune to be enrolled in the Students' Army Training Corps. Owing to the unexpectedly sudden ending of the great war, the plans of the government, as likewise those undertaken by the institutions in co-operation, have not been allowed to develop to their full realization. But who will deny that the experience has been a valuable one, both to colleges and students? It has brought them together. Many who thought

that their school days were forever behind them have obtained a glimpse of the way that leads to a better education than falls to the lot of the average man. We use this occasion, the appearance of the last number of the St. Xavier "Athenaeum" before the complete demobilization of St. Xavier Unit, to urge upon all those who can possibly do so, the desirability of taking advantage of the offer which is being made by the college authorities so to adapt their courses as to accommodate the needs of each individual who wishes to continue in college work. To those who, whatever their good will in the matter, find it imperative to betake themselves to other fields of endeavor, St. Xavier wishes "the best of luck," and gives them assurance of the same continued interest and solicitude for their welfare which she has ever cherished for her sons.

FIRST LIEUT. BOB KELLY SAW REAL ACTION

Robert Kelly, '16, was commissioned Second Lieutenant at Camp Taylor. After several months of service at the front he was made First Lieutenant. We quote from one of his letters written in October:

It is just two o'clock in the morning, and I thought it would be an appropriate time to write you a letter under present circumstances. We are staging another little party—a one-night performance for the benefit of the Germans—all contributions being in the form of shell, shrapnel, gas, etc. Perhaps I seem to speak lightly of such a party, but since our big drive, such acts seem to be side-shows only, in comparison with our three-ringed circus of three weeks ago.

We had been on the march for more than a week, camping in woods, towns, fields, or any place we hit. A few days before the drive we arrived at what might be called our semi-Ft. Sheridan, Ill., where he began his permanent camp, because from there all preparations were made, prior to going into position. It had been raining off and on for about a week, and the night the order came for the batteries to go into position it was teaming. The order came designating H hour. Prior to H hour we sat around the dugout surmising whether the Germans would resist, how much artillery they had opposing us, were our doughboys in shape; one kidding the other about telling his folks, or if there was any word he wanted to leave. When H hour arrived you would have thought the earth was erupting from its very bowels; out of the darkness big guns roared and belched forth tons of fire, the heavies boomed and spat forth pounds of molten and solid metal; more guns than I knew there were in the world spoke forth their mission from every available spot where a gun could be placed; and dotted the sky with their incessant flashes. For one hour, I estimate, I stood outside the dugout and watched, amazed and hypnotized. Then our

time came; the light guns piped and sang and poured forth a barrage that will go down in history. By the Germans themselves it is accredited the densest curtain of fire since the war began. Simultaneous with the barrage the "doughboys" went "over the top." Have I respect for the "doughboys"? They fought like wild cats. There is absolutely only one thing necessary—let the American, with the aid of artillery, "get close" to the German, and the fight is over. We kept on firing, they kept advancing as fast as they could go—everything was cleaned out before us, and early in the morning a steady stream of prisoners came pouring in, a stream which seemed to have no end, and a rough estimate runs them up into the thousands.

The next day we pulled out and went forward. The roads were black with advancing artillery, vehicles of all kinds, and last, but not least, the faithful "backbone of the army," the rolling kitchens and their crews. It was my first lesson in the hardening process. We advanced over country strewn with dead. My first impulse was to shudder, but I realized that I was in no position to waver or to be affected by sentimentality, that I was and am in the biggest war of history, so I took such things as a matter of course.

Places into which we advanced gave all indications of German occupation but a short time before, and of a very hurried evacuation. Materials of all kinds lay strewn about, both personal and military. German food on tables, ready to be served, and in one place we hit, the stump of a German cigar was still burning.

Many interesting tales are told of how Germans, especially machine-guns, fought till the last minute, killing all they could, and then, when they saw no other way, sheepishly yelling "Kamerad." One place over which we passed had been densely mined before their departure, but our engineers discovered the danger in time and exploded the mines before we passed over them.

I could go on indefinitely telling you of various incidents, but this is my humble version of the essence of the "drive" of the First American Army.

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XAVIER LOSES CHAMPIONSHIP

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next play Xavier attempted a forward, which was intercepted by Justice, who stepped off the necessary yards for the first score of the contest, Fick failing at the goal kick.

In this period Varsity again scored by virtue of a steady march goalward on a series of bucks intermingled with some clever off-tackle smashes, Sheirloh carrying the oval over for the last score of the contest, Fick again failing at the goal kick.

In the fourth quarter Varsity was outplayed by the Saints and were in danger of being scored on for the first time during the contest, when the timer declared the game and the football season of both colleges over for the season of 1918.

Hellenthal the Hero

To Captain Mike Hellenthal of Xavier goes the lion's share of the glory. This little flash was as elusive for the Varsity forwards to grasp as the proverbial eel. He played brilliantly on the defense and was practically the entire offensive of his team, though "Red" Grainger also tore off some nice gains through the line.

Earl Prugh of Ohio Wesleyan officiated in a faultless manner.

Successful Season

The football season is now a closed book for both Varsity and Xavier, but it certainly will be a pleasant volume to turn to and read during the long, hard winter that they say is coming. For both elevens had a highly successful season despite the many handicaps of the pesky "flu," war restrictions and cancellations of games. Varsity had the best team it has had in years, and, incidentally, the best coach, Boyd Chambers, whom U. C. had better sign up to a long-term contract, as several Southern colleges are looking longingly in Chambers' direction.

Coaches Schmidt and Lambert also are to be congratulated for taking practically a squad of novices and developing them into a real, hustling, scrappy football machine. Needless to say, Xavier alumni are also well pleased with the showing made during the season just closed. The line-up:

U. C.	Position	St. Xavier
Fick	L. E.	Moorman
Roberts	L. T.	Alston
Newman	L. G.	Bein
Pape	C.	Eberts
Kuhn	R. G.	Carey
Seltz	R. T.	Kattus
Meyer	R. E.	Grouse
Hopkins	Q. B.	Hellenthal
Stack	L. H. B.	McCarthy
Justice	R. H.	Cushing
Watkins	F. B.	Noppenberger
U. of C.	0	12
St. Xavier	0	0

Referee—Prugh, Ohio Wesleyan.
Umpire—Lane, Dayton Triangles.
Head Linesman—Johnston, Franklin.

Time of Quarter—Fifteen minutes each.

Touchdowns—Justice, Sheirloh.
Substitutions—University of Cincinnati: Taylor for Seltz, Heindorf for Meyer, Coons for Hopkins, Justice for Stack, Sheirloh for Justice. St. Xavier: Granger for McCarthy.
(From the Commercial Tribune of December 8.)

ST. Xavier 6, Fort Thomas 6

On a slow field, before very heavy opposition, the gridders from the Xavier S. A. T. C. were unable to obtain a footing, with the result that their Turkey Day celebration resulted in a 6 to 6 knot, with Fort Thomas on the other end of the string. It was a good demonstration of the manly pastime, even though several duck hunters were encountered among the marshes that abounded between the two goals. Xavier's speed and agility off-set the extra weight the Soldiers carried, and if the going had not been so disagreeable they would have neatly trimmed the big boys from across the Ohio.

Play after play found the Collegian's backfield among the missing. They would set sail with good intentions, but were unable to rudder themselves properly so as to be "there" when the ball was passed.

Fort Thomas scored on a run after intercepting a Xavier pass on the 35-yard line. This occurred in the third quarter.

In the last period McCarthy scored for St. Xavier, going around right end.

Harold Rieckelman Writes to His Old Schoolmates

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thought school was hard, but it would seem like an amusement resort to me now. I find Texas altogether different from good old Ohio. It is a hard climate to become accustomed to. One day the mercury will be around ninety degrees, and the next day wool will be comfortable. I cannot imagine that November is almost passed, for I am running around just as if it were summer. They say that until October it had not rained in these parts for three years. I do not know whether I am a hoodoo or not, but since I have been here it has rained about ten times. I say it has rained. When it rains it seems as though the whole of Texas melts into mud. Mud is king supreme. I will take good old Ohio for mine.

Fellows, I do not feel right. Thanksgiving is almost here and I have not been in a football game since last season. It is the first season that I have missed for a long time. Believe me, I would give my boots to be able to get into a couple of games with you boys. I hear that you swamped Hanover and K. M. I. Good Stuff! I am glad to hear it. Keep it up. I am sorry that I am not back to help you out, if my services would be of any value. I wish that I could captain you through, as I had hoped to. Be sure and keep me informed about your victories. I do not want to hear about the defeats, because I do not believe in being defeated.

How is the S. A. T. C. coming along? I suppose the first few weeks were rather tough, especially during the epidemic. I bet that "Stew" Doud, "Slim" Kain and "Mike" Homan were swearing at Bill Hohenzollern. I now see that my best days have passed. They were spent down at old St. X. I just wonder what the teachers do now that they have not got "Rick" to raise thunder with. I hope the rest of the bunch upholds the old reputation. I am referring to Doud in particular.

Before closing I will give you an idea of what we have here. There are about 1,200 men in Section A, and

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Hoping you all have the best luck in the world and all the success possible, I remain,
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2nd Lieut., Inf., U. S. A.
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BATTALION APPOINTMENTS
The following have been appointed Corporals on merit and efficiency: A. B. Gartner, A. M. Deiters, H. G. Meiners, J. A. Goodenough, E. A. Freking, H. A. Wuest, E. F. Westerfield, R. L. Lippert, J. C. Danahy, J. F. Homan, J. E. O'Connor, B. A. Stautberg, A. J. Dollries.
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ST. XAVIER HIGH.

The management of the library desires to do its utmost for the welfare of the students. At present, however, a special circumstance militates against the full success of this purpose. This circumstance is a depleted exchequer—or, more plainly, an empty treasury. The students are therefore reminded again that a little pecuniary assistance will be appreciated. The slight fee required for membership will go far towards defraying the year's operating expenses, provided everyone does his bit.

Owing to the fact that it has been possible to hold but very few meetings, the Sodality reception has been deferred, and will probably take place on the Feast of the Purification. There is a large attendance of old members and candidates.

Should a St. Xavier graduate glance into the Chapel some morning during Mass, he would observe scarcely any diminution in numbers caused by the absence of the College classes. The explanation is in the increased High School registration. We have about twenty per cent more students than last year.

The High School students are now looking forward to the basket-ball season. The indoor winter game has a fascination all its own. Last year's start was late, owing to the fact that the new gym was not completed until after Christmas. This year we will start early and continue late. Bechtold, Bien, Overman and Hart are some of the tried material still with us.

The schedule as arranged by Manager Robert Quinlan follows:

- Dec. 13—Ohio Mechanics' Institute at St. Xavier's.
- " 20—Mt. Healthy at St. Xavier's.
- Jan. 4—Newport High at Newport.
- " 10—Lockland High at St. Xavier's.
- " 17—Aurora High at St. Xavier's.
- " 24—Covington High at Covington.
- " 31—Woodward High at Woodward.
- Feb. 7—Newport High at St. Xavier's.
- " 14—Mt. Healthy High at Mt. Healthy.
- " 21—Hamilton High at St. Xavier's.
- " 28—Ohio Military Institute at College Hill.
- Mar. 7—Dayton Night High at Dayton.

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Third Year and Fourth Year held their annual gridiron contest on the Feast of St. Francis Xavier. Although Fourth Year was unable to put forth its best material, it put up a hard game, losing by a 14-0 score.

AVONDALE HIGH

Caesar and Xenophon are making but slow progress these days when General Influenza is in the field against all comers. But every now and then, when the foe is off his guard, there is an advance of a few parasangs, followed by another halt of several days. On the whole, Gen. "Flu" seems to have the better of the fight, and despite the tradition of two thousand years, has forced the two greatest strategists of ancient history to acknowledge his supremacy.

Oh my, but Fourth Year felt lonesome when Paul Geldreich was absent last week. At first it was reported that he was again cultivating his voice. That rumor was false. Paul is more up-to-date; he caught the latest fad.

MATT ROLL BACK FROM FRANCE

Matt Roll, ex-'16, former quarterback of St. Xavier's football team, arrived in New York on December 9th. Matt was gassed at Chateau Thierry and afterwards struck in the leg by shrapnel. He belonged to the "Fighting Sixth" Regiment of Marines. He

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HOW TO SEND THANKS

THIS IS A SPLENDID DELUXE EDITION, BY TWO NOTED AUTHORS (PRINTED ON HEAVY LEAVENWORTH PAPER) THIS IS A DEEP ONE!

KELLY, COULDN'T FIND A "SHIRAZ LINE!"

WE JUST HAD TO DRAW A PICTURE OF OUR 'GRID' CAPTAIN!

ST. MICHAEL (HELLENTHAL)

WHAT ANIMAL HAVE WE HERE?

NUTTED!

IT HOLMER IS GONE!

Doc Spaeth