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The Editor's Page**Regrets and Best Wishes**

News of "Jing" Johnson's resignation last November came as a distinct shock to his many friends among the alumni, not only those of his own student days, but the Ursinus men and women who have known him during his years at the College as Director of Athletics and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

"Jing" has made a significant contribution to the life of the College and to wider athletic circles of this area. He has promoted many movements and initiated many changes that are recognized as desirable and progressive. As Coach and confidante of many students, he proved himself a real leader of men, and having the best interests of the College always at heart, he did much to inspire in them a spirit of loyalty and affection for the College that will continue to bear results throughout the coming years.

His wholesome, sound philosophy of life, characterized by a devotion to Christian principles and the highest standards of conduct, his friendly disposition and lively sense of humor add up to a force of character and personality which will be sorely missed on the campus.

The *Journal* expresses its sincere appreciation for all he has done and its deep regret for his loss as an administrative officer. Lastly, it extends best wishes for his continued success and happiness.

Don't Forget to Vote

May I call your attention particularly to the biographies of the candidates for offices of the Association, members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the College? These deserve your earnest consideration, for the officers you elect are important as are your choices for the Executive Committee and the Board, the latter serving as your spokesmen in the government of the College.

The *Journal* sincerely hopes that every alumnus will take whatever steps are necessary to insure his eligibility to vote, and will see that his vote is returned before May 1 so that it may be counted. As you know, ballots must be returned by May 1 if they are to be included in the vote.

Thank You for Writing

The Committee hopes you will not miss the letter from "Reds" Diskan on page 3. Those of us at home who are occupied with war jobs, volunteer work and community services related to the war may at times forget that the completion of these tasks does not constitute our entire responsibility. The battle for democracy at home as well as in the international sphere must be won or this war will have been fought in vain. Most of us do not have the opportunity to work in national or international fields, but in our day-by-day associations and community organizations, we can build up a pattern of thinking and action which will attest our support of the principles for which our boys are fighting. We appreciate your letter, "Reds," in which you have expressed so well these challenging ideas.

The host of letters from other service men expressing thanks for receipt of the armed services section of the last issue of the *Journal* were most gratifying to the Committee. We expect to continue this practice and our job will be greatly facilitated if you will keep us up to date on your addresses. If you are too busy to write directly, ask your families or friends to give us the latest information. We hope the civilians, too, will continue to send their news items and changes in location.

The Journal Extends—

—Sincerest sympathy to the families of Congressman Ditter, Dr. Stibitz, Mr. Fisher, Pvt. Fetch and Lieut. Knight.

—Congratulations to Lieut. Spohn and Lieut. (j.g.) Mueller upon recognition of their splendid service, and to Lieut. Rowland.

—Apologies to the following, whose names should have been included in the last issue as contributors to the Loyalty Fund: F. I. Sheeder '22, George W. Koch '27, J. W. Clawson, Jr. '32, Frances Gray Freeborn '33, Louise Gruver Betts '34, Evelyn Hoover Pfeiffer '35, and Frances Thierolf Glassmoyer '40; and to Francis J. Gildner '00, whose name was incorrectly printed.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

September, 1945, will mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the opening of Ursinus College. At the November meeting of the Board of Directors, Dr. Harry E. Paisley, President of the Board, appointed a committee of the Board to plan for the celebration of the anniversary. The committee is proceeding with the general plans although the detailed plans cannot, in the midst of war, be completed far in advance of September, 1945. The committee concluded that for the present their most important work is the raising of the Anniversary Fund of \$150,000, to supply the following needs:

1. Reduction of the funded debt. The funded debt, accumulated before 1936, has since that date been steadily reduced, and in 1941 was refunded with a great saving in interest charges. It is still a heavy burden. The Board of Directors hopes that before September, 1945, gifts will be received to make possible a further reduction in the amount of \$68,000.
2. The building fund for the women's residence halls. In this fund there is now a total of \$27,000, contributed by alumni and friends over a period of several years. Recently the members of the Board of Directors contributed to this fund more than \$10,000, and agreed to contribute \$20,000 more. The Matthew Beardwood estate, not yet received, will add about \$25,000. The group of women's residence halls, as now planned, will provide for the housing of 220 women, and will cost at least \$300,000. The present plans include a central unit housing about forty students and costing about \$80,000, and five or six smaller units, each housing about thirty students, and each costing from \$30,000 to \$40,000. The Board of Directors hopes to be able to erect some of these residence halls as soon as the government will permit it. The Board will seek to add \$50,000 to this fund before September, 1945.
3. The George Leslie Omwake Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund, established by hundreds of alumni and friends in memory of the sixth president of Ursinus College, has reached a total of \$18,000. The Board of Directors hopes that before September, 1945, the alumni and friends of the College will bring this total to \$50,000.

In planning to raise this total of \$150,000 before September, 1945, the Board hopes that the alumni through their contributions to the Loyalty Fund will supply at least \$30,000 (twenty per cent of the total). I believe that gifts covering the other eighty per cent can be obtained from our neighbors and friends who are not alumni.

In a recent letter to alumni I suggested the gift of a United States Savings Bond (Series F or G), and in a still more recent letter a committee of alumni repeated the suggestion. If each of us not in the armed forces will send a bond or a check, we can make this part of the seventy-fifth anniversary plans a complete success.

N. E. McCLURE.

OUR WAR CORRESPONDENTS

"I've been in Italy and front line combat for many months. It's really not so bad as it sounds, although it does get rough at times. I'm working with a Brigade Staff and like my work very much. The biggest thrill I've had in many months was the *Alumni Journal*, received several days ago. Really gave me that much needed 'lift'. Kinda 'lifts' me out of all this mess for a time."—Lieut. L. Montgomery Weidmer '36. Somewhere in Italy, 1/26/44.

"I have been overseas exactly twenty-one months and it seems like a lifetime since I last set eyes on the U. S. A. Things have been going quite well in this theater of late and we are all quite proud of the good news that has emanated from this section. I have found a friend here who is most anxious to attend college when this war is finally won and we are able to return home. He is about the finest chap I have met in my Army career thus far and I would like to see him attend Ursinus."—T/Sgt. James E. Reese '36. A.P.O., San Francisco, Calif., 10/29/43.

"I continue thanking God for endowing man with a sense of humor. It made the worst moments of basic training more bearable, and I think it will help out during the boat trip which is not far off. One laughable incident occurred today. We were assigned to this company only last night and it happened to be the sole company in the entire Fort selected by the Commanding General for inspection. In the company the only man of whom the General asked his civilian occupation was a Jersey City bartender."—Pvt. E. Eugene Shelley '37. Fort Ord, Calif., 2/5/44

"Funny thing about the Arabs. They're all over, but you don't see them. You can drive for miles through the mountain wilderness and not see any, but just get a flat tire and stop to fix it, and within five minutes five Arabs will have popped out of the bush to watch you."—Lieut. Vernon D. Groff '38. North Africa, 12/16/43

"Well, believe it or not, but the *Journal* finally reached me out here, and a pleasant surprise it was. I honestly can say that I've never welcomed the *Journal* half so much before. The news of where and what my old classmates were doing filled almost one hundred percent

a curiosity I've had for some time. Reading the 'Letters from the Fronts' made me realize that this letter will be a bore—aboard ship our censorship regulations are such that even the most simple remarks and retelling of experiences are taboo. In point of fact I can merely tell you that I am in the New Guinea area. It might interest you to know, though, that I ran into Richard Deitzler somewhere up the line. It was one of those completely unexpected meetings. We had a conference aboard ship and among those attending was Dick. At first we didn't even see each other. He is doing fine and certainly has been traveling—but then, haven't we all!"—Lieut. (j.g.) Ernest P. Mueller '40. Somewhere in the Pacific.

"Thanks a million for your letter and the *Journal*, because they really help.

"I belong to Combat Engineers, which make amphibious landings, and are commonly known as 'sappers'. Made the invasion of Sicily and have been in Italy for a great length of time. Our specialty is removal of mines, booby traps and other explosives. Believe me, this is plenty hot work, and I'm ready for a leave any time, that is, back to U. S. A. I had a small class reunion with John Yeomans, '42; we spent two happy days together."—Lieut. George S. Spohn '42. A.P.O., N. Y. C. 12/20/43

"I received the *Journal* last week; it was swell to find out where a lot of old school friends are located. . . . I was formerly instructing in basic training with SNV airplanes. About a month ago I was moved over to an Advanced Training Squadron with SNJ's. I'll probably be instructing here about 6 or 8 months, and then go to Operational Squadron—probably Cherry Point, N. C. Marine Fighter Squadrons from there, as that is what I'll get into before I go out to the Pacific. In this Advanced Training Squadron I am instructing in fighter training in the SNJ. It is the last phase of training before Naval Aviation Cadets get their wings and commission."—Lieut. Joseph W. Glass '42. Corpus Christi, Tex., 12/27/43

"I enlisted in the Naval Reserve Dec. 23, 1941, in the V-7 program. Went thru apprentice seaman indoctrination for a month at South Bend (Notre Dame U.), and midshipman training aboard

U.S.S. Prairie State, N. Y., for 3 months. Was commissioned ensign July '42. Took special 8 months Radio and Electronics Engineering training at M. I. T. Did special research work in East Coast navy yards; served several months at sea on destroyers (Atlantic) as member of Admiral's Staff (Commander Destroyers Atlantic Fleet-'Condeslant'). At present I am attached to same Admiral's staff as an instructor."—Lieut Allen S. Dunn '38. Portland, Me., 12/28/43.

"I can't really say how much I appreciated receiving the winter number of the *Journal*, with its recent news of my old friends. . . . I am on a P.C., a rather small ship (170 feet long) with the rather monotonous job of conveying. We have a permanent run between two ports in a torrid climate, and while it is no substitute for Ursinus, I find the life not half bad."—Ian Smith, 12/31/43

"I read the winter 1943 issue of the *Journal* with great interest; it was a real treat to be brought so close again to those happy, carefree days at Ursinus. Memories play a very important part these days.

"Our ship was in the initial assault on Sicily, and was in the first attack made by U. S. troops at Salerno, Italy. Needless to say, they will never become ordinary to me, even if it is only because of the noise. If you can imagine a super-deluxe 4th of July display, you have it. Worse than a New Year's eve party in the upstairs apartment. I'm in England now, a welcome change after North Africa. Here, at least, people speak English. My high school French was a complete failure. Perhaps I'll have an opportunity to find out how much Doc Hartzell taught me."—Ens. Norman Callahan '42. A.P.O., N. Y. C. 12/31/43

"I wish that you could know how the *Journal* which I received today, brings back fond memories when one is so far from the places and things that he has held dear. I see there are many fellow alumni in this part of the world, and I know that they are overwhelmed, as I have been, by some of the places and strange sights we have seen. Somehow, out here time and space seem infinite."—Pvt. Theron J. Calkin '30. Somewhere in Southwest Pacific, 1/1/44

"After 18 months in the service, I have yet to run into a fellow alumnus, hence any news I get of our school is more than welcome. The loss of Jing Johnson will be a serious one to the school.

"I am leading a rather dull and monotonous existence here. We are not one of those outfits that make the headlines. Our duty is to sit and wait for trouble to come our way. It gets rather tiresome waiting sometimes. We are located in a most beautiful spot; our post is on a large island some distance from the mainland, with hundreds of other islands in the surrounding area. The larger islands are extremely mountainous, and covered with snow the greater part of the year. Sitka and our post are located on the ocean side of the island, and due to the influence of the Japanese current, we enjoy rather mild weather. In fact, it is much more rigorous at home than here. Our chief complaint is the miserable dampness, both underfoot and overhead. The terrain is a type called musky—a semi-swamplike sort of thing, covered with spongy moss and small evergreens. However, we have the best of food, shelter and clothes, and have few complaints."—Pfc. John Lentz '31. Sitka, Alaska, 1/2/44

"Thank you for the *Journal*, letter, prayers and blessing. Recently I saw action with my outfit, served communion to Christian natives who had not had the sacrament in two years, and listened to Ensign Freddie Glatfelter brag about his 3-lb. 9-oz. baby girl. It's a hectic life!"—Chaplain Frank E. Reynolds '37. A.P.O., San Francisco, 1/7/44

"The *Journal* was gladly received, and most welcome.

"I am out here in the Pacific. During my 15 months at sea on this ship, I have been three-quarters the way around the world, and experienced actual combat with both our enemies. My duties aboard ship are several and varied. As chaplain, my chief duties, of course, are religious. We hold divine services every Sunday at 9:30 in the crew's mess hall. For Christmas service we had a Christmas tree and decorations as background, special vocal and instrumental Christmas music, holy communion. I am also Educational Officer of the ship, and supervise the training program, using the training films. Now I am helping men in their study for credit in high school and college, in the Institute Courses for Army and Naval Personnel.

Then, too, as Recreation Officer, I supervise and organize athletic games, picnics, dances, smokers, and other happy hours when we're in port. As a daily duty I have charge of a 1000-volume library. The chaplain is very busy during actual battle in ministering to the wounded, and even conducting sea burials. . . . I have not once been seasick."—Chaplain Charles C. Wallick '38. U.S.S. *Monrovia*, F.P.O., San Francisco, 1/8/44

"It was wonderful to read about all the people I knew at school, in the *Journal* received a little time back, and to once more feel the roots of Ursinus stirring. It is doubly good when one has been away from the states for two years. In all that time, I've met only two people from school.

"There are many tales I could send along to you, but in this theatre it is not allowed. I can tell you most of the people out here are not very much worried about the war and its outcome, but rather about the 'old country'. Is Ursinus with its traditions of truth, goodness, and freedom from prejudice doing all it can to foster a truly better world for us to return to? You people at home have a great responsibility, and we all would feel a great deal safer if we knew you were doing all you could to make this a really fine world. All we can do out here is kill, so you must take on a double burden. The men overseas are not dreaming of returning to the world they left. That was a rather poor one, or we would not have to be out here. Try hard to make it a better one. I sound like a chapel speaker, but out here there is time to think and dream, and many times we dream of the quiet, beautiful days on the campus, when war and hate were far away. Don't let anything spoil this dream. Perhaps this soon will be over, and we can have a real session in Derr Hall."—Major A. Elmer ("Reds") Diskan ex '34. Australia, 1/11/44

"For the past 12 months I have been in the Mediterranean theatre. I have not been able to get in touch with other alumni here. One officer commanding a detachment doesn't give you much time to see the country and find out who your neighbors are. . . . My own experiences are scarcely worth mentioning. Aviation weather forecasting is hardly an exciting occupation. Except for a few minor air raids, life is a routine of long working hours and short sleeping hours. I've been across Africa from Casablanca to Tunis, mostly by air, but some by jeep. At present I'm in Sicily, the second of the Mediterranean islands on

which I've been stationed. Everything considered, it has been an interesting year for me, and I've enjoyed the experiences."—Capt. Willard Snyder '40. A.P.O., N. Y. C., 1/16/44

"The *Alumni Journal* arrived the other day, and I am more than glad to receive it. Sure seems to be a lot of Ursinus graduates in the service and spread out all over the world. . . . I hope that I will meet some of the Ursinus men while I am overseas. I almost met John Rauhauser, '41, not long ago, but didn't find out until too late that he was aboard a ship that was in. Now that I have a lot of addresses I will surely be on the lookout, as it is going to be fun to talk over old times with old friends."—Ensign Thomas R. Price '35. F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif., 1/17/44

"The *Alumni Journal* was very welcome, as I have lost track of several of the fellows from my class. I hope to be able to return to college when the war is over. Hope to be out of the Army before I am too old to collect old-age insurance. Have been in England only a short time. Have not seen anything that will compare with old Ursinus."—Pvt. Burton Lear ex '43. A.P.O., N. Y. C., 1/19/44

"I am enclosing a clipping from the local issue of today's 'Stars and Stripes.' I'm sure all of Ursinus will be glad to hear the news it contains. As far as I know, George (Spohn) is the first of us to rate such a high honor. In my year over in these parts, George is the only person from school I had met, and we had a chance to get together for a few chats. He dropped down to the ship today to say goodbye, as he is leaving these parts. He told me what a surprise it was to receive the D.S.C.: he had no inkling of it until the actual presentation yesterday. He also gained a promotion to First Lieutenant, which he surely deserves considering the work he is doing. Aside from the added honor and gold braid, George is just the same jolly fellow as in college.

"Just received a V-mail from Fred (Binder) today, saying it would be his last for some time, as he is on the move out into the active area of the Pacific. . . . Probably the thing that hit us all plenty hard was the news about Dent (Herber). I surely feel it deeply; it was a definite shock at first. In a way, it brought the war home more than the actual thing. I surely hope the *Journal* will never have to put any more of the old gang on the same page."—Ensign John E. Yeomans '42. U.S.S. *Biscayne*, F.P.O., N. Y. C., 2/2/44

RESIGNATION OF "JING" JOHNSON



The Coach looks 'em over

The resignation on November 15 of Russell C. ("Jing") Johnson, Director of Athletics and Manager of Properties at the College, came as a distinct surprise to his many friends among the alumni. "Jing", who had been actively identified with the College since 1930, was graduated from Ursinus in 1916 and began immediately upon a distinguished career in professional baseball. For a number of years he was a pitching ace with the Philadelphia Athletics, and served later with Baltimore and other well-known clubs.

After retiring from professional baseball, "Jing" entered the college coaching field. In 1922 he handled the Bucknell University baseball team, and from 1924 to 1927 was baseball coach at Lehigh University. He also saw service

as a chemist in the Bethlehem Steel Company plant at Bethlehem, Pa.

"Jing" came to Ursinus in 1930 as Director of Athletics and head coach of baseball. In the past thirteen years he has produced many winning combinations for his Alma Mater and distinguished himself with his colleagues in collegiate athletic circles. His record as baseball coach was unequalled in any other sport during the period in which he served. His diamond squads won 56 and lost 63 games during the period.

"Jing" was one of the leading spirits in the organization of the Eastern Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Basketball League and baseball league of the same name. He was also instrumental in the formation of the Middle Atlantic Football and Wrestling Associations. He served as Secretary-Treasurer of the football association from its inception, resigning a year ago to accept the presidency of the organization. All of these leagues and associations were formed to promote better intercollegiate relations, an objective which Mr. Johnson consistently sought to foster.

He is past president of the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Conference, a post in which he served for two years. When he resigned his position at Ursinus he was also secretary of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference. He was instrumental in the formation of the Varsity Club at Ursinus, and sponsored the movement of that group in es-

tablishing a loan fund for worthy athletes. He was also one of the founders and an active member of the honorary Cub and Key Society, designed to give recognition to students possessing outstanding qualities of leadership.

Since his graduation from the College, "Jing" has taken an active interest in alumni affairs. In 1927 he served as chairman of the committee of alumni appointed to raise a fund for the enlargement and improvement of the gymnasium. Nearly \$25,000 was raised through the efforts of this committee. He also served as a member of the executive committee of the Alumni Association for a number of years, and two years ago was elected president of the Alumni Athletic Club. Last year he was elected president of the general Alumni Association, and is still serving in this capacity.

The Board of Directors accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. Johnson. They appointed G. Sieber Pancoast, '37, Director of Athletics, and Horace E. Godshall, a former student at Ursinus, as Manager of Properties. "Jing" has no plans for the immediate future, but continues to live in Collegeville.

During his long period of service with the College, "Jing" won the esteem and admiration of his colleagues on the faculty and administrative staff, as well as of successive generations of students, many of whom have expressed their deep regret over his separation from the College.

CAMPUS EVENTS

Commencement

Mid-year Commencement exercises were held in Bomberger Hall at 2:00 p. m., Saturday, February 19. William Wayne Babcock, M.D., Professor Emeritus of Surgery, Temple University School of Medicine, was the Commencement speaker. Dr. Babcock addressed the graduates on "The Interdependence of the Arts and Sciences as Expressed in Medical Advance."

A feature of the Commencement exercises was the naming of the Levi Jay Hammond Laboratory of Comparative Anatomy by Harry E. Paisley, LL.D., President of the Board of Directors. Dr. Hammond, who was a well-known physician and surgeon in Philadelphia, was awarded the honorary degree of

Doctor of Science by Ursinus in June, 1928. He was a member of the advisory board which helped plan the Pfahler Hall of Science, but died before the science building was completed. Ralph H. Spangler, M.D., '97, spoke of the life and work of Dr. Hammond, and paid tribute to his long years of humanitarian service. A portrait of Dr. Hammond was unveiled by his widow and presented to the College. At the conclusion of the exercises, the portrait was hung in the foyer of the Pfahler Hall of Science.

Lieut. George D. Miner, commanding officer of the Ursinus V-12 unit, presented certificates for work completed to twenty-nine students. Dean W. A. Kline addressed the graduates, upon whom de-

grees were conferred as indicated: *Bachelor of Arts*—Inge Bertha Benda, Galen Robert Currens, Ethel Dorothy Detwiler, Lenore Elisabeth Freeman, Dorothy Olive Graninger, Jean Ethel Smyth, Harold Dean Steward, Margaret Glen Stewart, Robert Wesley Treddinick, Jeanne Munroe Wisler, Charlotte Louise Wolfe, James Faulkner Zeigler, Alice Louise Zimmerman, Fannie Jane Zulick. *Bachelor of Science*—Betty Evelyn Boger, James Lane Boswell, Jr., Agnes Schasse Dyer, Marian Alva Grow, Kathryn Mae Harbach, Kenneth Morgan Hayes, Margaret Ellen Heller, John Francis Kilcullen, Jr., Thomas George Schonfeld, Mary Ann Tershowska, Janet May Weierbach.

Mr. Schonfeld was graduated *summa cum laude*, and was awarded honors in chemistry. Mr. Boswell, Misses Benda and Freeman were graduated *cum laude*.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Science was conferred upon Dr. Babcock, and the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Captain John Philip Womble, Jr., U.S.N. Dr. Womble is the officer in charge of the division of training, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C.

Opening of New Term

The Spring Term began on February 28 with a total enrollment of 490 students, 45 less than were registered at the opening of the Winter Term. The civilian enrollment totals 310. There are 55 civilian men and 255 women. Included in the civilian enrollment are 19 new students, one of whom is Sylvia R. Kochel, of Lancaster, Pa., daughter of the late Isaac D. Kochel, class of 1918. Another of the newly admitted students is Gerald Batt, of Nazareth, Pa., who was formerly registered at Ursinus but who withdrew a year ago to join the armed forces. Mr. Batt recently received an honorable discharge from the Army. Shrinkage in the civilian population was occasioned by losses due to academic failures, by graduation, and by reason of the induction of several of the students into the armed services.

The Navy V-12 unit now totals 180 as compared with 190 at the opening of the Winter Term. Shrinkage of the Navy unit has been caused by the separation from the unit of students who failed to make satisfactory records, by completion of the allotted number of terms permitted by the Navy, and through graduation. A new contingent of 60 students joined the Navy unit at the beginning of the Spring Term. Twenty of these are pre-medical students, the remainder are deck officer candidates, and Naval aviation cadets.

The civilian men students have been moved from Curtis Hall and now occupy Derr and Stine Halls. The Navy unit is housed in Curtis and Brodbeck dormitories. Freeland Hall is vacant at present. Except for a few scattered vacancies, the women's residence halls are filled to capacity.

Messiah

The only one of the traditional Christmas activities to escape postponement or cancellation because of the influenza epidemic was the sixth annual presentation of Handel's oratorio "The Messiah."

Dr. William F. Philip, associate professor of music, directed the college choir of eighty-five voices, the orchestra, which was augmented by strings and percussion from the Philadelphia Opera Company Orchestra, and the soloists from New York, in a moving rendition of this popular work. The soloists this year were Miss Helen Marshall, soprano; Miss Paula Hemminghaus, alto; Mr. Steel Jamison, tenor, and Mr. Earle Styres, bass.

From the student body, Henry K. Haines V-12, was business manager, assisted by Betty Umstad '45, in charge of programs, Henrietta Walker '46, decorations, Jeanne Loomis '47, publicity, and Fred Deck V-12, handling special lighting effects.

Alumni who sang in the choir included Alice Estabrook '43, Edward Man '43, Averill Fox Gay '42, Roy Snyder '41, and Calvin Yost '30. Marion Stocker '43, assisted in the orchestra.

Forums

The Ursinus Forum held two very successful meetings during the winter term. On Wednesday, Nov. 10, Sigrid Schultz, famous foreign correspondent and radio commentator spoke to a capacity audience in Bomberger on the topic, "They'll Try It Again." Miss Schultz, who lived in Germany during the First World War and held the position of Director of the Chicago Daily *Tribune's* Central European Bureau from 1925 to 1941, maintained that the Versailles Treaty was not responsible for German aggression. She warned that the Pan-German, Junker, and Nationalist elements in the Reich must be liquidated to prevent a third German aggression.

Senator Joseph H. Ball of Minnesota, co-author of the Ball-Burton-Hatch-Hill Resolution calling for U. S. leadership in forming a United Nations' organization with power to protect the member nations, was the second Forum attraction on Jan. 12. Senator Ball, a leading young Republican who has opposed the Roosevelt Administration's domestic program while supporting it in Foreign Affairs, took as his topic, "The Post-war World and American Foreign policy". In his address, notable for its clarity and earnestness, he urged the need for action now to consolidate all peace-loving nations in a powerful union for international order and justice.

Dr. Haines Visits Campus

Dr. C. Grove Haines '27, professor of History at Syracuse University, visited

the campus on Monday, Jan. 9. He spoke to an open meeting of Tau Kappa Alpha and the International Relations Club on the work of the Area and Language Unit which he directs at Syracuse. Following his formal talk, Dr. Haines, who recently wrote a Foreign Policy Report, "What Future for Italy", led a discussion of the contemporary situation in that peninsula.

While a student at Ursinus, Prof. Haines took Honors in History with a paper on Italian History. Since graduating from college he has earned a high reputation as an authority on European affairs. He has written widely on Italy and is co-author of a text-book on western civilization. His most recent book, written in collaboration with R. J. S. Hoffman, *The Origins of the Second World War*, has been reviewed favorably in professional journals and the public press.

Men's Sports

A very successful winter sports season for men has just been completed. The basketball team enjoyed the best record ever made by a court squad in Ursinus history, and the wrestling team finished with one of the best percentage records.

As predicted in the last issue of the *Alumni Journal*, both squads were handicapped because of inadequate facilities and time for practice session. Lt. George Miner, commanding officer of the Navy V-12 Unit, was the coach of the basketball team. Under his excellent tutelage, the team won its first contest, lost the next three, and then won eight of its last nine games. Lack of practice and a heavy schedule at the start of the season account to some extent for the early losses. The late season defeat was avenged in a return game. Walter Hauser, a V-12 trainee formerly of Albright, was elected honorary captain at the end of the season. Leading scorers included George Moore, an Ursinus V-12, with a scoring average of 12.3 points per game; Hauser with a 10 point average; and Robert Geist, a civilian, with an 8.5 average.

The Ursinus wrestling team enjoyed a record of one victory and two defeats, plus a victory in an "unofficial" match. Coached by student A/S Stanley Green, the team lost its first meet 29 to 5 to Swarthmore but the matches were more closely contested than the score indicates. In their second meet, the wrestling squad defeated Franklin & Marshall 19 to 14. This was F. & M.'s first loss in

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LETTERS TO THE ALUMNI

Dear Fellow-Alumni:

The Association is enjoying a good year in increased membership, and finances. A complete report on this will, as usual, appear in the Summer 1944 issue of the *Journal*. It is appropriate now to remind you of the membership of 1102, and the balance of \$523.14 reported in the Summer 1943 issue of the *Journal*. Since that time, many inactive members of the Association have become active, and this increase in membership is an evidence of greater interest in the activities of your Association, and a source of much inspiration and gratification to your officers. I appeal to each of you to mail your dues promptly on receipt of your 1944-45 statement.

The time for alumni nominations is again at hand, and ballots are in the mail. This year, for the first time—according to the new constitution—every alumnus has an opportunity to vote for members of your Executive Committee. This is a truly representative and democratic feature, and I urge each of you to express your wishes by ballot, and send them in by May 1. Detailed instructions are included in my letter accompanying each ballot.

The Winter 1943 issue of the *Journal* had gone to press before the Fall meeting of the Executive Committee on October 30. In accordance with the constitution, I report a summary of this meeting herewith. Carol Swartley, '43, was elected a member of the Committee. Calvin S. Frankenfield, '26, and Charles D. Mattern, '30, were elected chairmen, respectively, of the Nominating and Election Committees. A motion was passed that the Alumni Journal Committee be made a revolving Committee, a new person replacing each year the oldest member of the Committee. Dorothy E. Berger, '28, was elected to succeed Donald L. Helfferich, '21, after publication of the Spring 1944 issue of the *Journal*. Other members of the committee were re-elected. Franklin I. Sheeder, '22, was re-elected to the Library Committee, and Paul R. Wagner, '32, was elected as a new member of same.

The balance in the treasury on October 30 was \$1128.14, which included a payment in full by Ursinus College of all alumni dues in arrears, of graduates, collected as a part of the graduation fee, this check being for \$705.00. Motions were passed appropriating money for

the ensuing year for the payment of three issues of the *Journal*, printing of a copy of the new constitution for each alumnus, \$100.00 to Ursinus College Library, and the usual honorarium to the Secretary-Treasurer. J. Harold Brownback, '21, and F. I. Sheeder, were appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the year 1942-43.

Russell C. Johnson, '16, President, discussed his idea of having the alumni operate the Loyalty Fund Drive among alumni, through appointment of a committee of members at-large, by the Executive Committee. Mr. Johnson had consulted with President McClure and Vice-President Helfferich on this matter, and was informed that a committee of the Board of Directors of the College were planning the drive for this year, and that these officers would have to consult this committee before giving Mr. Johnson a definite answer to his request.

The Executive Committee passed a motion endorsing the idea of the Alumni Association being made responsible for the Loyalty Fund Drive among alumni, if approved by the committee of the Board of Directors, and authorizing Mr. Johnson and the Secretary to so notify President McClure, and to offer the services of the alumni.

A lack of publicity of college events in the Norristown Times-Herald was reported to two members of the Executive Committee who had been contacted by representatives of this newspaper. It was pointed out that publicity was not the responsibility of the Executive Committee, but they went on record as taking cognizance of this situation, and the Secretary was authorized to pass on to the proper person the comment of the newspaper representatives.

Mr. Johnson has expressed a desire to report on the special meeting of the Executive Committee on December 11, and his report is submitted in this issue.

Faithfully yours,

CHARLES H. MILLER, '24

Secretary-Treasurer

Get busy for class reunions. This is the year for classes with numerals ending in 4 and 9. The 50th year class is working on a reunion—how about others? Write Alumni Secretary for lists of class members.

Dear Fellow-Alumni:

In the Winter 1943 issue of the *Alumni Journal*, I expressed in my letter to you my desire that the Alumni Association be given the job of conducting the Loyalty Fund Drive among its membership during the current year. In another column, the Secretary has summarized the action of the Executive Committee regarding this proposal which was taken at the regular Fall meeting. A special meeting of this Committee was held on December 11, and I have asked the Secretary if I might report on the same.

President McClure was invited to attend this meeting to explain to the members of the Executive Committee the plans of the Board of Directors, and himself, with regard to the Loyalty Fund Appeal. This was done and after considerable discussion on the subject, the following minute was passed: "Developments in the last few months have caused Mr. Johnson and all of the Executive Committee members to change their minds about the assumption of responsibility for the Loyalty Fund Drive among the alumni, and the members of the Executive Committee unanimously feel that it is not advisable to assume the responsibility at this time."

Sincerely yours,

RUSSELL C. JOHNSON, '16,

President

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54 dual meets, their first loss since 1936, and Ursinus' first victory in history over an F. & M. wrestling team. In a practice meet with Haverford, the Ursinus team won handily 28 to 8. The final meet of the season was lost to Muhlenberg 17 to 13 when the team did not perform as well as it had in previous matches.

The outstanding wrestler was honorary captain Richard Schellhase, an Ursinus V-12 trainee, who was undefeated this season as he was last year. Dick was the Middle Atlantic States 136-lb. title holder last year, but had no opportunity to defend his title this year because the conference meet was cancelled. William Miksch and Walter Hunt performed creditably throughout the season.

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Women's Sports

The women's hockey team completed its second undefeated season with the most successful record in hockey in the history of Ursinus. In eight games Miss Snell's smooth-working outfit ran up a total of thirty-two points as against their opponent's four, and in the last two games of the season, their adversaries did not succeed in scoring.

From the Ursinus squad were chosen as members of the Middle Atlantic States All-College Hockey Team Marion Bright '44, Jeanne Mathieu '44, Betty Bradway '45, and Ann Harting ex '46. Several others were accorded honorable mention.

The basketball season, which, at this writing, is still in progress, shows signs of ending with a poorer record than last year's team had, due largely to the loss through graduation of Doris Harrington '43, the spectacular scoring forward of 1943, and irregular practices necessitated by the heavy demands on available gymnasium facilities during these war years. Thus far the record for four games shows a loss to Swarthmore, two victories and one tie, the latter with Penn, with five games yet to be played.

Captain Marion Bright '44, who for the past two years has been named by the Evening Bulletin's Helen Mankin as all-college guard on the All-Philadelphia College Basketball Team, Jeanne Mathieu '44, and Betty Kirlin '44, comprise the seasoned members of the varsity, while Luvenia Brooks and Anna McDaniel, both '44, are playing varsity this season for the first time. Two freshmen complete the line-up.

Coach Snell considers this season a highly successful one, however the final accounting may look, because of the excellent response to the call for players and the participation of a greater number than before in this winter sport.

Supply Store

The old supply store has recently undergone a face-lifting operation. Extended and enlarged by the construction of an addition to the ancient boilerhouse, the renovated post-office and supply store provides a pleasant meeting place for students between classes and during leisure periods. The most outstanding feature is the installation of a modern soda fountain which is open throughout the day and in the early hours of the evening, to dispense coffee, soda, sundaes, and soft drinks.

Prominent Alumni Pass Away

Dr. Stibitz

The Reverend Professor George Stibitz, Ph.D., D.D. '81, died at his home in Dayton, Ohio, on Mar. 11, 1944. He had observed his eighty-eighth birthday on the day preceding his death.

Until his death, Dr. Stibitz had the distinction of being one of the three oldest living alumni of the College. Ephraim F. Slough, Esq., '77, a practicing attorney of Norristown, Pa., and Samuel L. Herzog '78, now residing near Tuscaloosa, Ala., are in their ninety-third and ninety-second years respectively.

Dr. Stibitz was born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Mar. 10, 1856. Following his graduation from Ursinus College and the Ursinus School of Theology, he was ordained to the ministry in the Reformed Church and served pastorates in Shenandoah and Lehigh-ton, Pa. He was awarded the Master of Arts degree by Ursinus College in 1877, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Yale University in the same year, and the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Ursinus College in 1905.

In 1889 Dr. Stibitz joined the faculty of Ursinus College and taught Latin and Old Testament studies there for the next ten years. Following his teaching career at Ursinus he became pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Glenolden, Pa., and served as pastor of the Zion Reformed Church, York, Pa., from 1898-1907. In 1907 he was elected professor of Old Testament languages, literature and theology in the Central Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, in which capacity he served until his retirement in 1934.

Dr. Stibitz was one of the originators and chief supporters of the exchange student idea and made several trips abroad on behalf of the project, each time bringing back students from Europe and the Near East for the purpose of studying our customs and educational methods. He was instrumental in the establishment of an exchange student endowment fund in Central Seminary. He also made various trips abroad on church missions, and served as guest preacher in Zurich, Switzerland, and in other Reformed churches in Hungary, Germany, and central Europe.

Dr. Stibitz is survived by his widow, who resides at 37 Seminary Ave., Dayton, Ohio, and four children. A daughter



Congressman Ditter Dies

The Honorable J. William Ditter, LL.D. '40, member of the House of Representatives from Montgomery County, was killed November 21, 1943 in a plane crash near Columbia, Pa. Congressman Ditter was on a government mission, and was en route to his home from New England when the crash occurred. The Navy plane in which he was traveling was piloted by Lieut.-Commander John J. Mansure, executive officer of the Naval Air Station at Willow Grove, Pa. Commander Mansure, who made his home in Prospect Park, Pa., was a student at Ursinus from 1926-28. Commander Mansure left Ursinus to enlist in the Naval Air Corps, and had a distinguished flying record.

Congressman Ditter was a devoted friend of Ursinus College. With Mrs. Ditter, he was a frequent visitor to the campus, a speaker at many college functions, and an enthusiastic supporter of the varied activities of the College. A few years ago he established a prize in memory of his father which has been awarded annually at Commencement to the student who gave promise of contributing most to the perpetuation of democratic self-government.

The two children of Congressman and Mrs. Ditter were educated at Ursinus. A daughter, Mabel, was graduated in 1939 and is now conducting her late father's legal practice in Ambler. She is also serving as assistant in the District Attorney's office in Norristown, Pa. A son, William, was graduated in 1943 and is now an Ensign in the U. S. Navy, stationed at Harvard University at the present time.

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Navy**



*** George S.
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1st Lt., U. S.
Army
Distinguished
Service
Cross**

* Citation—Copied from "The Stars and Stripes," 2/1/44:

"Lt. Spohn was cited for displaying 'extraordinary heroism during a landing operation. As platoon leader in charge of shore engineer work, he found that his men and other landing craft approaching the beach were under gun fire from an enemy position a short distance inland. He, with one enlisted man, moved forward in the face of heavy gun fire and forced the surrender of its crew by delivering sub-machine gun fire and throwing hand grenades."

Details concerning Lt. (i.g.) Muller's decoration not available to the Journal.

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NAVY NEEDS OFFICERS

"In these days of the greatest Naval activity in the history of our country, we are looking to the universities and colleges of America to assist in providing us with officers," stated Captain T. T. Patterson, U.S.N. (Ret.), Director of Naval Officer Procurement of the Fourth Naval District, recently. "To be sure, many college men, graduates and undergraduates, have already offered their services to us, but there are many billets yet to be filled. I speak particularly of our need for officers for General Sea Duty."

In this field the Navy recognizes the value of higher education. It is required that the applicant possess a degree from an accredited college, or in lieu thereof have had at least 2 years of college work with 5 years of business or professional experience. Such a background enables the officer to assimilate his Navy training program. Furthermore, he must be between the ages of 19 and 35 and meet Navy physical requirements, including minimum visual acuity of 15/20, correctible to 20/20 with glasses. Knowledge of ships and the sea is not a requisite.

There has been confusion in regard to the rules governing procurement of naval officers. Contrary to a general impression, men may be commissioned in the Naval Reserve directly from civilian life. Thereafter they are adequately trained and then assigned to one of a variety of duties, included in which are armed guard, inshore and offshore patrol, communications, decoding, or as a junior officer on a combatant ship or auxiliary vessel. They will be commissioned ensigns or lieutenants (junior grade), and if they have dependents will receive, respectively, \$252 and \$283 per month, plus sea duty pay.

Men who are interested in making inquiry or application for a commission as a General Sea Duty Officer are urged to call at the nearest Office of Naval Officer Procurement.

Library Receives Gifts

Alumni will be interested in the growth of the Library during the past year, when more gifts were received than any preceding year by approximately 950 volumes, acquisitions were larger by 1200 volumes, and more than 300 volumes of periodicals were bound for permanent use.

Three especially noteworthy collections which were given to the library are those of Mr. William A. Grubb (by bequest), Drs. Francis and George Tyson, and Mrs. J. William Ditter and children.

The Grubb Collection consists of about 915 books with an appraisal value of \$3800. Mr. Grubb, who at one time lived in a house on the site of the present library, travelled extensively, and was a fancier and connoisseur of fine bindings. More than two-thirds of his collection, which will be housed in specially built closed cases, are bound in calf, Morocco, and Levant. The collection consists of about 160 excellent reference works, 365 books of literature in five languages, 130 books of history and travel, and 260 others in the fields of biography, science, fine arts, philosophy, religion, etc.

Dr. George R. Tyson, head of our Education Department, was instrumental in securing for our library a collection of about 425 books from the library of his brother, Dr. Francis D. Tyson. About 120 of these consist of sets of English and American classics in attractive bindings, which will be extremely useful in our English Department, and also provide cultural reading to students in other fields. Many of the remaining books in the collection are in the fields of education and political science.

Mrs. J. William Ditter, her daughter Mabel '39, and son William '43, have recently presented a collection of about 125 books in the field of political science, from the working library of the late Hon. J. William Ditter, M.C., an

honorary alumnus of the college. Mr. Ditter had for many years been an interested and active Friend of the Library.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward S. Fretz were the donors of a miscellaneous collection of about 140 books, and Dr. R. C. Zartman, another collection of about 75 books from their respective libraries.

The Assistant Librarian, Miss Sarah Hutton Beck, and her brother, Mr. Henry Charlton Beck, author and journalist, have made a most generous gift to the library from their personal collection of recorded classical music, amounting to about 225 records. This gift was made contingent upon the college equipping a sound-proof music room in the Library, which the authorities are happy to do.

Early this year, the residents of Collegeville and vicinity were invited, by an open letter in the Collegeville Independent, to make use of the facilities of our Library. A number of local people have expressed their appreciation of this service, and are taking advantage of it.

The trophy case from the Science Building vestibule was moved into the vestibule of the Library early in the year, and is used now to exhibit, besides the trophies, books and other objects of interest. Exhibits are arranged at the request of faculty members, and in connection with class work or projects of the student body. Earlier in the year, interesting and valuable objects from the Far East and South America, taken from the Shaw-Bernard Collection (housed on the second floor of the Library) were exhibited in connection with work in history. At the present time, a splendid collection of Pennsylvania German art and handwork is on exhibit, pieces being loaned by Mrs. D. L. Helfrich, Dr. J. Harold Brownback, and Mr. Stanley Omwake. This exhibit is arranged in connection with the Fogel Essay Contest, for which a number of students are writing essays.

74th ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT—Tentative Program—June 23, 24, 25, 26, 1944

Friday, June 23

Ursinus Women's Club, Annual Meeting
Bomberger Hall, 4:00 p. m.
Dinner, Upper Dining-room, Freeland Hall, 6:00 p. m.

Saturday, June 24

Class Reunions, throughout the day.
Board of Directors, Annual Meeting, Alumni Memorial Library, 10:00 a. m.
Alumni Athletic Club, Luncheon Meeting, Alumni Memorial Library, 12 Noon
Alumni Association, Annual Meeting, Bomberger Hall, 2:00 p. m.

Reception by President and Mrs. McClure, Alumni Library, 4:00 p. m.
Alumni Dinner, Upper Dining-room, Freeland Hall, 6:00 p. m.

Sunday, June 25

Baccalaureate Service, Bomberger Hall, 2:00 p. m. Sermon by Dr. Rex Stowers Clements, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

Monday, June 26

Commencement Exercises, on the Campus in front of Freeland Hall (weather permitting) 11:00 a. m. Address by Dr. George William McClelland, Provost, University of Pennsylvania.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NOMINEES

The following persons have been nominated for the three offices of the Alumni Association, for membership on the Executive Committee of the Association, and on the Board of Directors of the College. Ballots have been mailed to all active members, and in order to be counted, must be received by the Secretary by May 1. Your attention is called to other directions accompanying the ballots.

PRESIDENT

JOHN H. BELTZ '15. Chemist, U. C. I., Phila., 1916-17; Tybout Laboratories, Phila., 1925-26; Beltz & Beltz, Inc., 1926-; Instructor in Chemistry, Temple Univ., 1929-; Member: Amer. Chem. Soc., Phila. Inst. of Consulting Chemists & Chem. Engrs., Engrs. Club (Phila.).

RUSSELL C. JOHNSON '16. Pitcher with Phila. Athletics, Baltimore, Allentown & Independent Clubs, 1916-29; Baseball Coach, Bucknell Univ., 1922, and Lehigh Univ., 1925-27; Research Chemist, Bethlehem Steel Co., 1923-25; Director of Athletics, Ursinus, 1930-43; Supt. Bldgs. & Grounds, Ursinus, 1942-43. Pres., U. C. Alumni Assn. Member: Middle Atlantic States and Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conferences, Cub and Key Society.

H. OBER HESS '33. LL.B., Harvard Univ. Law School, 1936. Law Sec. to Justice Drew, Superior Court of Pa., 1936-38; General Practice in Montg. and Phila. counties, 1938 to date; Sometime Counsel to Sec. of Commonwealth of Pa. and member of Pa. Board of Finance and Revenue. Member: Montg. Co., Pa., and Amer. Bar Assn., Harvard Club of Phila., Harvard Law School Assn.

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