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DEMobilIZATION OF THE STUDENT ARMY TRAINING CORPS

Corps to Be Demobilized and Members Discharged During Month of December

The Government, through the Committee on Education of the War Department has issued orders to commanding officers of all S. A. T. C. units throughout the country to demobilize these units. The process of discharging the men will begin on December 4 and is expected to be finished by December 21 when the first term will have been completed.

The Ursinus unit is composed of one hundred and four men. All of these are regularly matriculated students in the College and it is believed that only those who are forced by absolute necessity will withdraw from the institution to enter other pursuits. In nearly all cases the academic work of the military students has been of acceptable quality and in many instances it has been of such high order as to warrant every possible effort on the part of the student for continuing at college studies.

The residence halls which have been used as barracks will be restored as promptly as possible for civilian use. The Faculty at its regular meeting on Tuesday will decide on plans for the resumption of the regular curriculum.

Ursinus as a military institution will be represented by one short chapter in the history of the College, but it will be a chapter of which we may ever be justly proud. There has not been anything to mar the honor of the institution or of any student in it during this period. Moreover many lessons have been learned and many habits formed which may be carried into the civilian life of the future.

The "Weekly" takes great pleasure in announcing the engagement of Mr. Walter H. Diehl, '18, to Miss Sara Barringer, of Perkasio, Pa.

R. Clyde Krause, a student in the College, 1911-12, is in the army and has been in France since June.

A number of the S. A. T. C. men would remain in college after demobilization if they had sufficient funds to complete the year. Would it not be a fine thing for some of the Alumni who are interested in them to lend a helping hand?

The men in the Students' Army Training Corps are rather anxiously awaiting further information regarding their demobilization. It is thought, however, that by Wednesday matters will be definitely arranged.

Dr. Omwake has been absent for a few days attending the College Presidents' Association meeting held at Princeton.

MUHLBERG ROUTS URSINUS IN FINAL GAME

Allentown Collegians Win Their First Game From Collegeville Rivals

Ursinus S. A. T. C. team was defeated in its final game of the season on Thanksgiving day by its old rival, Muhlenberg, 19-0. The field was in a soggy condition due to the heavy rains and this took the snap out of the game. Notwithstanding the very unfavorable conditions however, considerable "pep" was shown by both teams and a fairly good game was witnessed by a mere handful of spectators.

Muhlenberg being somewhat heavier started off in the first quarter and scored a touchdown on heavy line bucks by Anderson. Hoffman, Lewis and Feldman who tore through tackle for the six points. Ursinus then took on new life and held their opponents safe for the remainder of the period.

The second period was full of pep, especially on the part of the Collegeville boys, who fought desperately to stop the attack of Muhlenberg. However after the ball had exchanged hands on a fumble and a punt near the close of the period the Ursinus territory was invaded by a long end run by Hoffman. Then with the ball on the 20-yard, Red Lewis, the former Norristown High star, scored the second touchdown on a fake end run.

The Collegeville boys started the third period with a new determination to score and Isenberg got away for a pretty end run but was downed before he approached the goal line. Then the tide turned and Nolde caught a perfect pass from Feldman and ran fifteen yards for the third score of the game. Feldman kicked the goal.

Muhlenberg received a good scare in the final period when McCarragher caught a well directed pass from Captain Isenberg and ran fifty-five yards before being tackled by Feldman. Then another pass went right over the goal line but Ursinus failed to capture the ball and the game ended with Ursinus on the short end of a 19-0 score.

The line-up follows:

Muhlenberg		Ursinus
Nolde	left end	Moser
Newhard	left tackle	Roth
Utz	left guard	Hoke
Orr	center	Walton
Weaver	right guard	Lentz
Weston	right tackle	Fenstermacher
Erb	quarterback	Newitt
Feldman	quarterback	McCarragher
Anderson	left halfback	Miller
Hoffman	right halfback	Fritz
Lewis	fullback	Isenberg

Touchdowns—Feldman, Lewis, Nolde.
Goal from touchdown—Feldman. Referee—

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VENETIAN MUSICIANS GIVE DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

First Entertainment of the Lecture Course Pleases a Full House

The first number of the Lecture Course was given on Tuesday evening, November 26, at eight o'clock in Bomberger Hall. A large audience gathered and were well entertained by "The Venetian Musicians."

Mr. Mordegia, better known as simply "Pietro," played the piano-accordion, the make of which bears his name. He was assisted by Miss Golding as violinist, Miss Buck as pianist and Miss Perry, who gave a number of readings.

The program was of a miscellaneous arrangement, adapted to exhibit the ability of each musician. Space will not permit a full description of the entertainment, but it was such that called forth the hearty applause of all in expression of their delight and appreciation. During the program, Mr. Mordegia not only performed a number of "stunts" on the piano which proved to be quite a "feat," but explained the manipulation of the piano-accordion.

At the close of the delightful entertainment, Mr. Mordegia invited the audience to sing their favorite popular songs. There was an unusual response to this request and a number were sung accompanied by the several instruments of the company. The program was concluded with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

Everyone had a good time and those who failed to be present missed a great deal. It is said that opportunity knocks but once, and those who failed to attend Tuesday evening, missed an opportunity that they may well regret.

BILL CREATING A NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

"On his own account and at the request of the National Education Association and the Association of College Presidents" Senator Smith, of Georgia, on October 10, introduced a bill "to create a Department of Education, to appropriate money for the conduct of said department, to appropriate money for federal co-operation with the states in the encouragement and support of education, and for other purposes." The bill was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

Some of the more important provisions of the bill are as follows:

That there is hereby created an executive department in the government, to be called the Department of Education, with a Secretary of Education, who is to be the head thereof, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall receive a salary of \$12,000 per annum, and whose tenure of office shall

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Editorial Comment

Never has the telegraph carried over its wires more unexpected news than that which arrived on Wednesday last stating that the S. A. T. C. was to discontinue and its constituents to be demobilized within the next few days. We cannot, of course, question but that the action on the part of the Government was correct inasmuch as the college units were costing tremendous amounts and furthermore, since the war is over such extensive military preparations are no longer a necessity. Be it as it may, however, the suddenness of the end was quite a shock to all concerned. Some of the men, it must be admitted, were glad to anticipate the return to civilian life but the far greater majority protested in all sincerity that they were sorry that the military regime was soon to be culminated.

And now that the training is practically terminated let us look back over the period of the last two months and see just what has been gained and accomplished. First of all there is not a man in the Unit who has not been materially benefitted physically. Then too we have acquired at least the fundamentals of the quality of obedience; our erstwhile slouchiness has disappeared; we have learned what promptness means and last but not least the advantage of keeping regular hours. Furthermore our store of general knowledge has increased by the acquisitions made from the various military courses given as prescribed by the Government. Speaking in all sincerity we have gained much and lost nothing.

It is undeniable that everything which has taken place during the past two months may not have been to our liking. To be restricted, ordered about and frequently reprimanded was most certainly very odious to many of us, but now as we look back over the period each is compelled to admit, reluctantly or otherwise, that he has passed through a school rich in helpful, albeit not always pleasant experiences. Of course unpleasant things have been said about the organization, but yet it is safe to say that

there is not a man in the outfit who would not declare, and truthfully too, that after all the Ursinus Unit was a most excellent one and that he considered it an honor and privilege to have been connected with it.

In the future when the Ursinus Unit of the S. A. T. C. has passed from reality into pleasant memory let us rest assured that we tried to do our best even though the opportunity of active service was never given us. Let us ever remember those men who worked so arduously that our unit might be the best of all.

THREE CHEERS FOR THE SHORT BUT GLORIOUS CAREER OF THE URSINUS S. A. T. C.

E. Y. R., '19.

LETTER FROM LIEUT. JOHN R.

BOWMAN, B. S., '18

Not long since a most interesting letter was received by Professor Clawson from Lieutenant John R. Bowman, a graduate of the 1918 class and member of the Mathematical Group. He wrote in part:

"Perhaps you are interested in knowing where I am? Of course I cannot tell you the name of the place on the map except that I am up on the front.

"Of all my exciting experiences in the past—none can compare with those of the present. * * * * *

Those bridge problems we used to do surely do come in fine now. With the use of calculus I can also see how the artillery works. In fact what little I learned in math I can see just every bit of it used in this war.

"I have been in France since July 19. * * * * * This country is now practically nothing. It is terrible to think about it.

"Imagine you saw a beautiful village before the war—now all you see is a heap of stone. What were once cultivated fields are now literally covered with shell holes overlapping each other. They are from two to thirty-five feet deep and cratered in proportion. In with these are deep trenches and the remains of much barbed wire entanglement. I don't see how this part of the country can ever be used again. Of what were once woods and forests there now remains nothing but a few stumps here and there. But that is not all. With this to look upon just after an attack you see portions of human bodies as well as horses and trucks, etc., all scattered around. Some picture! I hope such a thing will never be repeated.

"Can you imagine that I don't know what day of the week or what day of the month it is? You see we cannot think of such things up here. One day is just like another. They are all full of excitement.

"I was assigned to the company, but tonight the Captain told me that I was only attached and possibly I will be sent back to the U.S. * * * * * However, I would rather stay here now that I am broke into it.

"I would like to write many more things but it is contrary to orders."

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) 2nd LT. JOHN R. BOWMAN

308 Engineers, U. S. Army, A. E. F.

FALL MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS

The fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the College was held in Bomberger Hall on Tuesday, November 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The members responding to the roll call were: H. T. Spangler, J. W. Meminger, H. C. Gresh, S. L. Messinger, A. D. Fetterolf, G. L. Omwake, H. E. Paisley, E. F. Wiest, W. A. Kline, A. H. Hendricks, J. F. Hendricks and C. D. Yost. The president of the Board, Mr. Paisley, was not present at the opening of the meeting, and Mr. Fetterolf was called upon to preside. After a prayer by Dr. Meminger the minutes of the annual meeting were read. The minutes of the several meetings of the Executive Committee were read and the actions of the Committee were ratified by the Board.

The report of the Dean showed that the work of the College is going on regularly in all the departments. The number of students registered is one hundred ninety-four, of which number one hundred and four are members of the S. A. T. C. The Treasurer's report was presented by the President of the College. It showed satisfactory results of the business of the College during the past year. The President in his report called special attention to the fact that the College has been permitted to serve the country by being selected as one of the institutions where S. A. T. C. units were established. This particular feature of the work has been highly successful and Ursinus has been placed at the head of the list among the institutions of this and neighboring states. The Board telegraphed the War Department its appreciation of this opportunity of rendering direct service to the Government.

Two year ago a Program of Development was adopted by the Board. On account of conditions brought on by the war the carrying out of that program had to be deferred. Action was taken at Tuesday's meeting that we now proceed to make effective this program and a committee was appointed to present a plan of procedure at the winter meeting of the Board. Plans were also projected to observe the Fiftieth Anniversary of the College in 1920.

THE SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

The Department of the Interior makes public the following letter written by President Wilson on the subject of education:

The White House,

Washington, November 12, 1918.

Conditions arising from the war have drawn great numbers of teachers from the public schools, colleges and universities. Unless their places can be supplied by others whose education and experience fit them for teaching, but for one reason or another have recently withdrawn from school work, the children and youth of the entire country must suffer an irreparable loss.

This shortage of capable teachers, especially acute in some districts and in certain lines of education, is estimated by the Bureau of Education at 50,000 for the various schools and institutions of higher education in the United States. It is the patriotic duty of all those who can temporarily return to the ranks of teaching to offer their services and to notify the School Board

Service Division of the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.

Often wives of soldiers and others in government service could return to teaching in grades of school work in which they have had recent experience. Former teachers of chemistry, manual training, and the like now engaged in other work not so vital to public needs might again take up teaching for a time. Ministers and others who were once teachers might serve a neighboring high school on half time until war demands are relaxed.

School boards, city superintendents and other school authorities should seek out such persons and prevail upon those of especial fitness to come back into the profession at least temporarily.

WOODROW WILSON.

Reserve Team Loses to Hill School, 20-0

The 1918 football season at Ursinus was brought to a close on Saturday, November 30, when the reserve team travelled to Hill School and met defeat at the hands of a heavier opponent.

The game started with a rush when Ursinus kicked off to the Hill School team who ran the ball to midfield and by a series of line bucks succeeded in crossing the goal line for the first touchdown, adding another point by kicking the goal. Ursinus received and ran the ball back to the opponents' thirty-yard line when the first quarter ended.

In the second quarter the Hill School team got possession of the ball on downs. A marathon down the field started and by successful line bucks and end runs the "Hillers" tallied their second touchdown kicking the resultant goal.

Ursinus received the ball in the second half and advanced to midfield then lost the ball to the Hill School aggregation (on downs) who again succeeded in crossing the goal line for the third score of the game but failed to kick the goal.

The final period was marked by spectacular plays when Ursinus braced up in a final attempt to score and completely outplayed the Hill School eleven by direct line bucks and successful forward passes. The ball was advanced to the opponents seven-yard line but the enemy then recovered a fumble and kicked out of danger. No further tallies resulted and the game ended with the ball in possession of the Hill School team.

The Collegeville lads put up a game fight throughout, but the weight of the opposing team, aided by the decisions of the referee, were important factors in their defeat.

Word was recently received that Franklin I. Sheeder, '21, a former associate editor on the "Weekly" staff, who has been in France for some months as a member of the A. E. F. has been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Owing to the Thanksgiving holidays, the Christian Associations and Literary Societies were unable to hold their regular meetings this week.

A most enjoyable dinner was given on Sunday evening by Dr. and Mrs. Baden, Sergeants Moyer and Raetzer being the guests of the occasion.

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S. A. T. C. NOTES

Practically all of the men in the outfit, except the football players, spent Thanksgiving at their homes and from all indications every one had a jolly time; even those, who, because of the miserable transit facilities, were compelled to journey from Norristown in a wheezing Ford.

As was almost to be expected several men overstayed their time, one in particular who appeared some fourteen hours late pleading excuse on the grounds of illness which he rather reluctantly admitted was most probably caused by the consumption of too much pie.

On Friday there was the customary drill period after which the Unit hiked to Graterford where they were treated to apples by one of the storekeepers. Incidentally also, a large amount of ginger ale and root beer was drunk. These beverages seemed to instill considerable pep into all and the homeward journey was a jolly one despite the mucilaginous condition of the roads.

Forty-three steel army cots arrived in Collegeville on Saturday morning and the men rejoiced (???) when given the privilege (???) of carrying them up to the barracks from the railroad station.

Bill Creating a National Department of Education

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be like that of the heads of other executive departments.

That there shall be in said department at least three Assistant Secretaries of Education to be appointed by the President, each of whom shall receive a salary of \$10,000 per annum.

That there be transferred to the Department of Education the Bureau of Education and such educational war-emergency commissions or boards or educational activities already established by act of Congress as in the judgement of the President should be transferred to the Department of Education.

That it shall be the specific duty of the Department of Education to co-operate with the states in the development of public educational facilities, including public-health education, within the respective states.

That there is hereby appropriated to the Department of Education the sum of \$500,000 annually, to be available from and after the passage of this act, for the purpose of paying salaries and conducting investigations and of paying all incidental expenses, including traveling expenses and rent where necessary, and for the purpose of allowing the Department of Education to inaugurate a system of attaches to American embassies abroad to deal with educational matters.

That in order to co-operate with the states in the promotion of education, as hereinafter specified, there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the following sums: For the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty, and annually thereafter, \$100,000,000.

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Muhlenberg Routs Ursinus in Final Game

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Doctor Wright. Umpire—Vreeland, Penn. Linesman—Ensign Driscoll. Substitutions—Frig for Utz, Stroup for Feldman, Schleyicher for Anderson, Sewell for Lewis, Paine for Miller, Silverman for Fenstermacher, Romis for Newitt. Time—12-minute quarters.

INTER-PLATOON BASKET BALL GAME

The Bloody Second Platoon walloped the Fightin' First in a one-sided game of basketball last Friday night. The first platoon put up a game fight, but was no match for its more experienced opponents. The final score was 44 to 11, in favor of the Second Platoon. The condition of the floor handicapped the players and to a stranger it seemed like beginners night at a dancing hall. At no period in the game were there less than five men on their backs, while the rest were striving to keep on their feet. Even the referee acted queer.

The individual stars of the game were Deisher, Paul and Widenmyer. Diesher was the biggest scorer for the Bloody Second, having six field goals to his credit. Paul who formerly played for Northeast High played a great floor game and showed good form. Corporal Paladino showed up well for the losing platoon.

The line-up follows:

First Platoon		Second Platoon
Paladino	forward	Deisher
Snyder	forward	Hefren
"Slim" Miller	center	Weaver
"Dutch" Roth	guard	Paul
N. Detwiler	guard	Widenmyer
Referee—Gausch.	Timekeeper—Brownback.	

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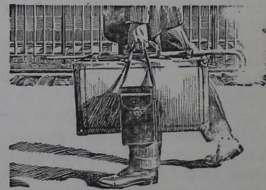
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