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AMERICAN COLLEGES AND THE WAR

Some Interesting Extracts From the
"American College Bulletin"

The most recent statistics available on the question of the colleges and the war is contained in the latest issue of the "American College Bulletin," the terse little sheet published by the Council of Church Boards of Education. Many of the facts are striking and well worth remembering.

The figures concerning enlistments first catch the attention. At the first Plattsburg Training Camp, 65 per cent. of the men were college graduates; of the 40,000 men in 16 training camps this year 85 per cent. were college men. As to alumni, Harvard reports a minimum figure of 5,000; Yale, 4,500; the University of Virginia, 1,500; Dartmouth, 500; and so on. While it is impossible to even approximate the true number of enlisted alumni, minimum reports for 50 institutions indicate a contribution already tabulated of 18,630. When the proportionate figures for all institutions are secured, the result will be astounding. Of last year's students, 146 institutions report 12,613 in military service and 1,651 in non-military service, as Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. The outpouring of undergraduates in the entire country at this ratio would total well over 40,000. As to faculty enlistments, there is scarcely a large university that did not send from 30 to 60 members, and the proportion obtains throughout all schools.

While the women's colleges present no change, most colleges lost very heavily in enrollment, despite efforts to secure new and younger students. 150 schools report a net loss of 17 per cent. of their collegiate attendance last year. Leaving out the women in coeducational schools, the loss of men in proportion to the total number of men would be much higher than 17 per cent. It is interesting to note that independent institutions lost 20 per cent. of their students, state schools, 16 per cent., and denominational colleges, 14.4 per cent., and there was a greater falling off in the freshman classes of denominational schools than in either of the other two groups.

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MR. CHARLES S. UNGER, '18
Formerly President of Schaff Society,
now at Camp Meade, Md.

Some extraordinary opportunities lie before the students and friends of Ursinus in the near future. On Tuesday night, Nov. 27, will be the long expected lecture by Mr. John Kendrick Bangs, the noted humorist. In December, the Schaff Anniversary Play is scheduled for the 14th and on the Monday following, the 17th, will be the big winter concert by the Music society.

A group of students enjoyed the walk to Ironbridge last Saturday night, where they attended an entertainment given by the Union Sunday School of that place in which some of the college men are interested.

The Modern Language group met last Tuesday evening in Olevian Hall. An enjoyable program was rendered as follows: Vocal solo, Miss Rhoads; recitation, Miss Richman; reading, Miss Shirey; instrumental solo, Miss Boeshore; recitation, Miss Macdonald; remarks, Prof. Baden. A pleasing social period followed.

The Student Council recently took a firm grip on student activities and put a deadly "quietus" on some over-enthusiastic class rivalry.

Miss Seiz, '16, and Mr. "Jing" Johnson, '16, visited Schaff last Friday. Mr. Nagle and Mr. Pickle, of Pottstown, were also guests at the meeting.

SURPRISE PARTY FOR COACH THOMPSON

Football Squad Celebrates Birthday Anniversary with Delightful "Stag" Party.

The entire football squad took a "night off" last Monday evening and showed their respect and esteem for Coach Thompson by giving him one of the worst and most enjoyable surprises of his mortal existence, in honor of the anniversary of his birthday. Of course, Mrs. Thompson was a party to the secret, and the affair was so carefully planned that its accomplishment reads like a novel.

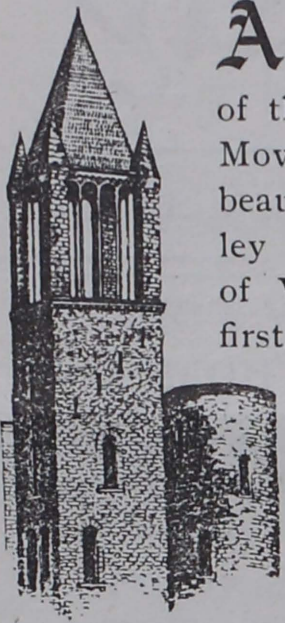
"'Twas the darkest part of early evening on the front campus. One by one the cloaked figures stole silently to the rendezvous near the old maple tree, there to mingle in excited though inaudible conclave. A chance observer would have scented some evil brewing, perhaps a belated hazing, or an ice cream raid, or even (oh, horrors) a serenading party. But if there was evil afoot, it did not stalk on the campus, for as soon as the party seemed complete, the order was given and the crowd moved ominously down Main street. Arriving at a certain house, they were cautiously admitted without even the customary rap. Soon the grim multitude was arranged about an inner room like some secret conclave of the 'Bolsheviki.' All attempts at noise were speedily hushed, and when the lights were suddenly extinguished, a deadly silence fell o'er all. Breathlessly they waited. A light flashed somewhere,—a step in the hall—the door flew open, and—"

When the Coach saw his football warriors, his firm jaw dropped, and he could only say,—but what he said was lost in the shout that greeted him. The party was on, and good fellowship was the order of the evening. Card games and various pleasing competitive contests were indulged in, and the time passed too quickly. "Brookie" enjoyed the unique distinction of being accredited the best artist.

Of course, when the time came for the refreshments, no one said a word about "training," and the way the "boys" pitched in was a compliment to delicacies that needed no other recommendation.

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The Tower Window



A RECENT speaking tour in the interest of the Christian Education Movement took me into the beautiful Shenandoah Valley on the western border of Virginia. It was my first visit to this region, but I was somewhat prepared in my anticipations by knowledge of the fact that this is in reality a continuation of the far-famed Cumberland Valley, in the heart of which was my boyhood home. Perhaps as good a description as can be given is that of Mary Johnston in her war-time novel of some six years ago, entitled "The Long Roll." "Leading southward through the Valley of Virginia, stretched the great pike, a hundred and twenty miles of road, traversing as fair, rich and happy a region as war ever found a paradise and left a desolation. The region was one of old mills, turning flashing wheels, of comfortable red brick houses and well stored barns, of fair market towns, of a noble breed of horses, and of great white-covered wagons, of clear waters and sweet gardens, of an honest, thrifty, brave and intelligent people."

This was the Shenandoah Valley in '61. The devastation of war has long since been overcome and what I saw when I journeyed over that same pike last week was practically what is described above. I think I could add, however, a few additional but well deserved adjectives to Miss Johnston's already generous characterization of the people.

The pride of this valley, I should say, is not its fine horses of which I saw many in the autumn browned pastures, or its vast orchards now being developed—I passed through one of a thousand acres, but its schools and colleges of which there is an imposing list, beginning with the young but vigorous Massanutten Academy at Woodstock, continuing through numerous military schools and girls' seminaries in the regions of Harrisonburg and Staunton and heading up in stately old Washington and Lee at Lexington. Two of these I visited—Massanutten, a school of one hundred boys, and the State Normal School at Harrisonburg, an institution of three hundred young women. The latter, founded nine years ago, is a splendid exponent of the new education in the south. It is scientific to the last

degree, the girls being fed on *calories* apportioned three times a day from the dietitian's office which flanks the kitchen. The girls of the school looked quite as healthy as in the old unscientific days of beef and potatoes.

At Massanutten, I was entertained during most of my stay in the valley as the guest of Howard J. Benchoff, the Headmaster. The happy youngsters of the school recalled the stories of Tom Brown at Rugby, and the Headmaster handles them with all the skill of a Thomas Arnold. Lucky is the boy who finds his way to this place for his school days. By the way, here is where Kerr Thompson began his career as a trainer of boys in athletics. G. L. O.

Prize Oration

THE WORLD AND THE MAN

PURD E. DEITZ, '18

[The first prize of twenty dollars in gold was awarded to Mr. Deitz in the Junior Oratorical Contest, June 4, 1917.—Ed.]

The world is going mad with democracy. While we eagerly enthrone the *demos*, we are neglecting the individual. While we defy the mob, we are debasing the man. Individuality means nothing to this generation, personality is submerged under the wave of equality, genius goes unrecognized and unaided, and aristocracy is discredited and despised. Not content with hurling monarchs from their thrones and asserting the political equality of mankind, we are ruthlessly dragging the individual from his throne of achievement and rashly proclaiming that man is on a par with man in all respects. We declare that the man is but a thread in the great fabric of society, and claim the people are supreme, all-wise, infallible. We are denying personal ability by saying that man in himself is nothing; we are putting a price on the head of genius by assuming that man is but the type of racial progress; we are condemning the man by crowning the mob.

The fundamental fallacy lies in the assumption that the individual is but the mirror of society. "The world makes the man," says the social speculator, and prides himself on his ultra-democratism. "There is no *aristos*," says the demagog, and calmly arranges his neat columns of statistics. But Dame Nature herself refutes them. The law of progress is the law of variation and mutation. The biologist well knows that no advancement comes to the species except through the extraordinary qualities of the individual. After all, the man makes the world. Progress comes only when the man transcends the group, when he

rises superior to his fellows, and gains a higher level, drawing society along with him.

The bright pages of history would be dark indeed without the illustrious names of great men who looked far beyond their age, who planned and worked, who trained and sacrificed, who persevered when all others had given up hope, who led where others could but follow, who succeeded where none but they had dared to think of victory. Movements pale into insignificance when compared with the importance of the man. Imagine the Carthaginians without the wise strategy of Hannibal, the Roman legions without the superb generalship of Julius Caesar, the barbarians without the fierce Attila, the Jesuits without Loyola, the Reformation without Luther, Calvin and Zwingli to kindle the fires of revolt, the Roundheads without the iron hand of Cromwell, the French armies without the wonderful genius of Napoleon, the struggle for liberty in Italy without Garibaldi to teach the meaning of patriotism! Could the tattered Continentals have humbled the haughty Redcoats without the sober-minded authority of George Washington, or the sturdy North upheld the cause of unity against the fiery South, had not the far-sighted Abraham Lincoln held the helm of the ship of state?

Democracy has lured the world into believing that individuality and character are relics of barbarism. But how can civilization overlook the great debt she owes to the men of surpassing genius in all walks of life? A Pericles or a Raphael appear, and sculpture and art become immortal. A Beethoven catches harmonies that seem almost divine, and music lives forever. A Shakespeare pens his mighty plays, and literature finds a permanent abode in the hearts of men. What has democracy done for men like these? Have the people appreciated their worth? Not until their souls have followed their great works into immortality. Even in science, the foster-child of the last century, democracy has only discredited Darwin, and the people seek to commercialize Edison. Far from being democratic, business houses are tyrannies, manufacturing plants are oligarchies, church organizations are hierarchies, educational systems are aristocracies.

But an even higher authority than human experience testifies that the individual is of supreme worth. God himself has set his seal of divine approval upon the man. He revealed his will to mankind through a man,—the prophet,

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Y. W. C. A.

A real Thanksgiving Y. W. C. A. meeting was held on Wednesday evening in the English room. Miss Philips, '19, who had charge of the devotional exercises, chose hymns of thanksgiving and praise, and the short sentence prayers revealed the gratitude in the girls' hearts. Miss Slinghoff, '18, then gave an excellent little talk on "Just Be Glad." This year more than ever we are able to realize the true meaning of Thanksgiving. Our pilgrim fathers did on that first Thanksgiving day, when, with their guns on their shoulders, they went to church. They overcame the difficulty, they found many things for which they might be thankful. To-day when we look across the seas and think of those people in the warring countries, what do they really have to be thankful for? But yet they are bravely bearing their troubles, their only hope is "God's in his heaven and all's right with the world." Should we be glad? "Count your many blessings, see what God has done." Our first blessing is the privilege of being at college. What a wonderful opportunity! Are we realizing the sacrifice this year and making the most of our time? Then we should be glad that we are members of the Y. W. C. A., for through this organization we can help others in foreign lands to be happier and more comfortable.

Then the material things of life—food, clothing and shelter. When we consider the condition of other girls less fortunate than ourselves, have we not reason to be thankful this year above all others? We can have the true spirit of Thanksgiving in our hearts each day. What a wonderful inspiration is contained in that little stanza by James Whitcomb Riley:

For we know not every morrow can be sad,
So, forgetting all the sorrow we have had
Let us fold away our fears,
And put by our foolish tears,
And through all the coming years
Just be glad.

The eager, ready-to-sacrifice attitude manifested by the colleges through the country with regards to the Y. M. C. A. Friendship Fund, now being carried on, has been enthusiastically demonstrated at Pitt, where the goal has been set at \$20,000.

According to a recent report from Petrograd, Russia has closed all of her universities for a period of one year.

"America's Debt to Russia," a rather new phase of the present situation, is the subject of a well written and logically arranged article in this month's *Keystone Normal Vidette*.

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Editorial Comment

It is very gratifying to know that there are at least one or two among the readers of the WEEKLY who pause occasionally "On the Campus," beyond "The Tower Window," and having taken some "Alumni Notes" "Among the Colleges," relinquish the "Contributed Article" with a sigh and give ear to the feeble, plaintive voice of the "Editorial Comment." Therefore we were agreeably startled to receive a communication lately from a prominent alumnus of the College, who with reference to the statements concerning college provincialism, adds pathetically, (albeit somewhat facetiously) that in his day Ursinus was "bounded by Limerick and Reading on the West, Pennypacker Mills on the North, St. James' Parish on the East, and Chester County on the South." He goes on to say, "However, in spite of these boundary lines, she still exists. Somebody did heroic work."

Although somewhat lightly put, the phrases are an indictment that cannot be lightly overlooked. It is true that today as a college, Ursinus stands high. Thanks to our executives, the school has no mean reputation among the lead-

ers in the department of educational activity. But the deeper significance which is implied, that we as students are "cast in a narrow mold" (to quote further from our friend) is still perhaps a justifiable criticism, and not upon ourselves only, but upon college students as a whole. The remedy for our own particular shortcomings lies with ourselves, and so let us administer it to ourselves in large doses. It is simply this: Get in the habit of projecting yourself out of yourself, and fixing a cold criticising eye upon yourself. If this doesn't help, climb over the fence, and take a good squint at what the world is doing. If that doesn't work, the case requires a trained nurse,—join the army.

The last phrase was an afterthought, and suggested by a most interesting comment made on college men in the army by a former fellow student (Custer, '19,) now at Camp Dix, N. J. We take the liberty to quote from a personal letter: "I have noticed just how men, who recently drafted or otherwise come from college, expect their new comrades to "kow-tow" to them, how politely selfish they are, how firm they are in the opinion that the world, and particularly the army owes them a great deal for the sufferings (?) they have undergone during their College course. It is interesting to note, too, just how soon they lose this idea in a place like this, and after they have been shorn of this, then do they really exhibit those qualities which their four, or three, or two years have cultivated and nurtured and improved. Even though the Arts are said to be liberal and broad and to expand, they really enhance the extremely narrowing effects of the small college community. * * * If only your school-mates and once mine, would throw aside their sham and make-believe and studied indifference and 'put over' their act in life as if they were honest-to-goodness persons and not actors. then I have an idea that a four years' course would be thrice valuable."

Custer's opinion should be worth a great deal. He has seen both sides, and we can only add our hope that these words may be taken to heart, and that we shall never again be open to any such accusation, which is now only too true.

P. E. D., '18.

Literary Societies

Schaff Society

The final meeting before the Thanksgiving recess was the occasion for a very pleasing program in Schaff. A wide diversity of features was a marked characteristic as was also a general excel-

lence of rendition. Humor and originality were present in good proportion as well as a rightful amount of serious effort. The three literary numbers were of equally high merit, while of the musical numbers the shade of distinction goes to the piano duet by Misses Grim and Sutcliffe. An impromptu "Faculty Meeting" was an entirely new idea and was a huge success.

The program follows: Mixed Chorus, Misses Rosen, Slinghoff, Bickel and Sheaffer, Messrs. G. and P. Deitz, Light and Rutschky, lead by Mr. Rutschky; Declamation, Miss Boeshore; Essay, "The Pennsylvania Dutch," Miss Harclerode; Recitation, Miss Slinghoff; Piano Duet, Misses Grim and Sutcliffe; Mock Faculty Meeting, leaders, Messrs. Raetzer and L. Miller; Schaff Gazette, Mr. Yeatts. Miss Bickel ably gave the critic's report.

The regular election was held and resulted thus: President, McKee; Vice President, Kochel; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Moyer; Recording Secretary, Miss Richman; Chaplain, Scheeder; First Editor, Trucksess; Second Editor, Brooke; Third Editor, Willauer; Pianist, Beck; Janitor, Kohn.

Zwinglian Society

Zwing's program of last Friday evening was one of rare excellence. From music to oratory each number as presented made a favorable impression on attentive listeners.

The program was opened with an instrumental solo by Miss Mentzer. Her playing was an excellent example of the new musical talent in Zwing. Miss Roeder rendered a dialect reading in a truly commendable manner. The vocal solo, "You and Love," sung by Mr. Moser was also a selection of highest merit. Miss Wagner gave us a rare treat in her review of "Christine," a novel of the new era. Impromptu speeches by two members of the society followed and those undergoing this pleasing surprise were Mr. S. Gulick and Mr. Grove. Mr. Isenberg is to be complimented for his success as leader of the stringed orchestra, which rendered several "catchy" pieces. A dialogue, a scene from Shakespeare's "Julius Ceasar" was ably carried out by Mr. S. Miller and Mr. Grove. Mr. Diehl's oration on "The New Optimism" shed much light on present day notions. The review of the week's events was covered by Miss Macdonald in a humorous manner. The remarks of criticism on the program by Miss Brant were appreciated.

The results of the election were as follows: Wilhelm, president; Hunter, vice-president; Miss Snyder, recording secretary; Miss Heindel, corresponding secretary; Schlater, chaplain; Miss Mentzer, musical director; Editor No. 1, M. Miller; Editor No. 2, Moore; Critic, Miss Willever; Janitor, Isenberg.

The World and the Man.

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and mankind lifted their hearts to God through a man,—the priest. More than that, God gave to his world salvation through One that called himself the Son of Man, and took upon himself the form of man, and as an individual completed the great plan of God. And yet when Pilate asked the mob what he should do with One in whom he found no guilt, they shouted, "Crucify Him."

As a democracy, the Jewish nation would still demand the release of Barabbas, for democracy undervalues the man who rises above the average. She is a shameless coquette who must be ardently wooed, and to those alone who know the subtler arts of political flirtation does she yield her favors. But not only does she choose mediocre men, but having put them in positions of leadership, she completely paralyzes their will, and tightly binds their hands. Our representatives in this very state may not think for themselves; they may not build for the future, they may not give play to their own genius,—they are merely puppets, controlled by the petty provincial voters who sent them to make laws.

Democracy has reared her huge superstructure on the "divine infallibility of the majority." But she is as "a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand"—for she has erected her mansion upon the sinking sands of public opinion. Far from being infallible, the majority is never to be depended upon. What movements for reform have ever originated in the majority? When has the "consensus of opinion" ever ratified any progressive step before it condemned the intrepid leaders who suffered and fought for the realization of their visions? It is the select few, the far-sighted minority who have given to the world all that is highest, noblest, and best.

What goal has democracy set for the world? What stimulus has she given to the individual? With what blessings has she blessed us? We must stop in our mad worship of this false fetish, and lay an offering at the feet of man. He has set for us coveted goals of achievement; he has bequeathed to us noble aspirations and high ideals; he has blazed a trail of glory that shall lead to the highest peaks of success. His worth inspires us to higher and nobler endeavor; his supreme importance challenges us to develop the highest capabilities of self,—the self that must grow and expand in order to serve,—the self that must be fully realized to attain its true place of usefulness to society.

We dare not any longer overlook the

dangers of democracy. Now, if never before, must respect for authority be fostered, must license be checked, must mob rule be suppressed. We must realize that there is a certain wise aristocracy. It is an aristocracy of ability, of genius, of true worth,—the aristocracy of the man. Statistics cannot measure his worth, figures cannot compute his importance, theories cannot shake his significance. The world must bow before the man.

So that those students formerly at Cincinnati, but now in government service, may keep in touch with the University, a fund is being raised to forward the *University News* to each of these individuals.

An exceedingly well-executed sham battle was given by Dartmouth science men preliminary to the Dartmouth-Penn State game. Hand-to-hand encounters and the demolition of trenches were realistically portrayed.

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Alumni Notes

Lewis D. Rose, '11, for some years principal of schools at Windber, Pa., has recently taken charge of the schools at West Leisenring, Pa., where in addition to teaching in the high school he holds the office of supervising principal. West Leisenring is in the coke manufacturing section and one of the best school districts in western Pennsylvania.

Rev. F. F. Bahner, D. D., '73, recently preached a sermon to the boys of Mercersburg Academy on "The unafraid spirit for the times in which we are living." Dr. Bahner, as a college man and a leading pastor in the Cumberland Valley, has always taken a deep interest in the Mercersburg Academy.

Clyde Mellinger, ex-'20, is teaching in the Fairview schools, near Harrisburg.

Rev. Thomas H. Matterness, '02, has resigned his pastorate at Enola, Pa., to take up similar duties at Beaver Springs, Pa.

At a small informal party given last week at their home in Trappe, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Detwiler announced the engagement of their daughter Gertrude M. to Mr. Percy W. Mathieu, '13, of Camp Meade, Md. Miss Detwiler is a sister of Miss Florence Detwiler, '14.

Miss Florence Brooks, '12, is doing special work at the University of Pennsylvania and expects to receive her A. M. degree next June.

J. M. Fisher, '12, Superintendent of the Ambler, Pa., schools, was a visitor at the college last Thursday morning, and gave very profitable and interesting talks to the education classes under Prof. Davis. Mr. Fisher is taking special work at the University of Pennsylvania.

Sheldon A. Enke, ex-'18, is a Q. M. Sergeant, Field Artillery, Camp Hancock, Georgia.

Leo I. Hain, '17, has enlisted in the Ambulance Corps of the Regular Army and is now stationed at Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Eva M. Sandt, '16, is a member of the faculty of the Stroudsburg, Pa., High School.

Miss Corinne Freed was the guest of Miss Kunkle, '21, last week.

Mrs. Xander of Philadelphia, was the guest of her daughter, Miss Josephine Xander, '21.

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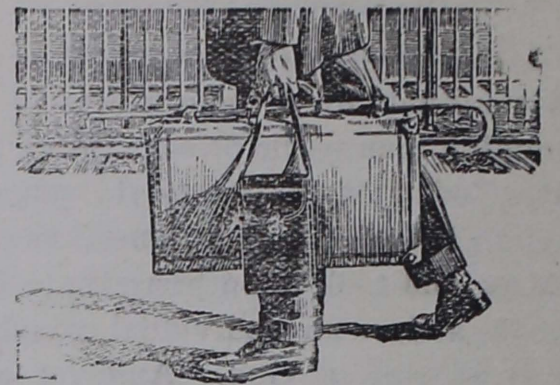
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Y. M. C. A.

As is customary, the Y. M. C. A. meeting Wednesday evening, the last meeting before the Thanksgiving recess, was a Thanksgiving meeting. The leader was Mr. S. W. Miller, '18, who in a few brief remarks very ably set forth the historical development of our present Thanksgiving celebration. Mr. Miller traced the spirit which prompts our observance of Thanksgiving Day even so far back as the time of the Jews. They in their regular sacrifice of the thank-offering aimed to express their gratitude for the provisions which had been made for their livelihood. Although the form was different this was the same spirit as that which pervades Thanksgiving observance today.

In its present form, Thanksgiving dates back to the time of the Pilgrims. In 1621, after the Pilgrim colony had garnered their first harvest and the fear of famine had finally been allayed, Governor Bradford in true Pilgrim spirit officially decreed that a special day be set aside on which to give thanks for this recognized blessing. Since then, on numerous occasions, both state and national Thanksgivings have been observed in gratitude for some special benefit. However, not until 1817 did Thanksgiving become an annual holiday and then the custom was confined to New York. Its celebration as a national holiday dates back to 1863 when Abraham Lincoln set apart the last Thursday in November for its regular observance.

Wahu College, Oklahoma, has just received a magnificent gift of \$25,000. Although the donor is unknown, it is thought that the sum was given by an aged stenographer, at one time employed in the dean's office, who has, but recently, inherited a large fortune.

With the idea of real economy and war-time conservation ever predominating, the women of the University of Kansas are deliberating upon the idea of choosing and wearing a uniform dress. The dean of the institution approves highly of the plan inasmuch as a military form of apparel would not only be strikingly unique but, in these times, be "a matter of real economy."

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Surprise Party for Coach Thompson*(Continued from page one)*

tion than themselves. Captain Bowman, in behalf of the squad, then presented a handsome traveling bag to Mr. Thompson with the congratulations and best wishes of all the men, and the Coach responded with a few remarks, and incidentally discovered that at least one surprise had been saved for last.

Mrs. Thompson was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. H. P. Tyson and Miss Alma Bechtel, of Collegeville. Those present were: Mr. H. P. Tyson; Messrs. Bowman, Havard, Witman, H. Gulick, Evans, Schellhase, Vedder, P. Deitz, S. Gulick, Miller, Diehl, Putney, Savage, Willauer, Richards, Wood, Yaukey, May, Long, Baden, Clamer, Light, Brooke, F. Lentz, Grove, Hefren, Moore, Peiffer, Helfrich, Isenberg, Hoke, Moser, A. Glass.

American Colleges and the War.*(Continued from page one)*

The financial effects are particularly distressing, for the colleges are facing a period of increasing costs and decreasing revenue. With approximately 40,000 students leaving for the war, the most conservative estimate of loss of tuition would total \$2,000,000. Several institutions, even including Haverford, with its immense resources, have increased their tuition, and increases for board are common. The increased costs range from 10 to 30 per cent. flat cost, and on special items, as coal, labor, and chemical supplies, the increase frequently runs over 100 per cent. Even with the most rigid economy most schools expect deficits. Dartmouth expects a deficit of \$60,000 this year, and Yale puts the figure at \$100,000.

On the Campus

Quite a unique meeting of the English-Historical group was held on Wednesday evening in Shreiner Hall. The program was devoted to the life and works of Alan Seeger while Dr. Smith's "War Talk" was most entertaining and instructive. The program was rendered as follows: Trio, Miss Slinghoff, leader; "Life of Alan Seeger," Miss Shiffert, read by Miss Knauer; piano solo, Mr. Beck; reading from Seeger. Miss Fries; recitation from Seeger, Miss Moyer; violin solo, Mr. Rutschky; letters of Seeger, Mr. Miller; "War Talk," Dr. Smith.

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again for besides an excellent program a new combination of the social hour and refreshments was tried out. After an important business meeting, Mr. Paladino, '17, opened with a violin solo; Mr. Havard, '18, president of the group, called attention to some important articles in current magazines; Mr. G. Deitz, '18, gave an impromptu talk on the subject, "Advantages Gained in the Chem-Bi in Four Years"; Mr. Grove, '20, read the current scientific events of note; Mr. Light, '20, made an impromptu talk on "Varsity Football"; and Prof. Crow, the Adviser, closed with some general remarks on the chemical and drug situation as influenced by the war. The meeting was held in the Biological Laboratory which was turned into a taffy pulling establishment. Great merriment and enjoyment as well as light "eats" were the accompaniment as the strings of "molasses taffy" were pulled to and fro. Sticky fingers, hot "Chunks" and taffy "Lock-jaw" were all on the program as impromptu games. The success of the amateur cooks was really phenomenal.



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