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PROF. J. LYNN BARNARD

## IMPRESSIONS OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON

In response to the invitation kindly extended by the Editor of the WEEKLY, to give my impressions of our extraordinarily successful football season, I shall briefly consider: first, the results to be looked for; and second, the elements of permanency in the athletic situation.

Foremost among the results, Ursinus has received a merited advertisement as being a place where football, at least, is honorably and successfully conducted. And it is a reasonable inference that such a college must be making a strong effort along academic lines, for it would be a suicidal policy to push athletics at the expense of the serious work of the institution.

In the second place, the alumni—especially those who went out years ago, before the college had developed along its present lines—are brought to a realizing sense that their alma mater can compete on equal terms with many of her older and wealthier rivals. And this knowledge will (or ought to) stimulate a sentiment of pride in the college and an accompanying devotion to her future welfare.

Then, lastly, such a season as this of 1902 does an indispensable work for any young college: it establishes a *tradition*, around which sentiment may gather and crystallize, paving the way for some new tradition of next year or the year after. True "college spirit" is a subtle something that defies analysis, and yet exerts an influence so profound and lasting as to be worth cultivation. A college without it is only an educational machine.

Now as to the elements of permanency in our athletics. Several times this year the question has been asked of members of our team: "How is it possible to get such a team together, when there are so few students to pick from?" The solution of that problem gives us the clue to what we are seeking; for several of the forces that have produced the team of 1902 will, in my opinion, persevere as a sort of treasury on which we may continue to draw. To begin with, our student body comes very largely from a sturdy race of people, who are "built" on the football plan.

In the next place, our students are *always in training*. Good habits, regular hours, freedom from the excitements of a city environment,—these constitute the best sort of all-the-year-round physical and mental preparation for the intense strain of a football season.

And, finally, the rural location of the college—already referred to—while it deprives

the students of many of the privileges of the city, and is to that extent a misfortune, has this compensation that it allows of an unusual concentration of energy and spirit upon those sports that we attempt to enter. We can't do so *many* things, but we have a right to expect that we shall do the few things *well*. These, then, are some of the abiding forces upon which Ursinus may depend in the years to come.

J. LYNN BARNARD,  
Chairman of the Athletic Committee.

## A FOOTBALL PLAYER'S VIEW

The football hero has acted his part and, now, amid the last lingering echoes of applause, passes from the stage. The era of sensational runs, hard tackling and fierce line bucking has gone for another year. While we think of the mash and crash of physical strength and see before us the very tugs of war by which our boys pushed on to victory, we are inclined to ask whether the football season of 1902 shall not soon be forgotten. Will the sight of the hard and quelling contest remain with us only as a pleasant memory or has the football victories of 1902 given an impetus to that vigorous college spirit which is bordering our horizon, pushing us forward and onward and awakening in us and our friends the possibilities of a bright future?

The football player may not deserve the name hero. He looks upon football as nothing more than a game. The reality of the struggle and the dangers involved scarcely ever enter his mind. In the midst of intricate plays and well planned tricks he dashes and dives regardless of the consequences, determined to do or die for the success of the team and the glory of the college. He may not represent the highest type of a college man but he has cultivated self-control, has been filled with the spirit of obedience and strict discipline and has acquired elements of training which will strengthen him in the struggle for success in life. Football training, when conducted in the proper manner must develop the very best in a man's nature.

Surely, the man who sacrifices his time, submits to the severest kind of discipline and virtually becomes the slave of one who can order the minutest details of his life, finds more in football than a means of self gratification. All the traditions of the college and the many possibilities of the future make the football player fight as though his very life depended upon the outcome. Many college supporters are looking on, the spirit of the whole student body increases his courage and determination and a whole host of friends of the institution demand not so much that the team win as that every player puts up a noble fight. Nowhere can the true spirit of the college be better displayed than in the close football contest. A struggle in which the best talent and strength of rival institutions meet, in which the individual loses his interest for the welfare of the college, develops manly courage and self-control in their true relations to the noble life.

C. G. HAINES, '03,  
Right Tackle.

## FOOTBALL SPIRIT

In the world of athletics there is nothing more honorable than a noble, honest, manly fight. And as we look back upon the past season of football at Ursinus, we become more and more aware of the fact that it was in this spirit that the members of this team fought and won their contests. We have learned that there is much more in the contests when they are fought to the bitterest end, always regarding those ethical rules which would not allow you to meet your opponent unfairly. We despise the man who plays dishonestly just as much as we do the thief.

For two reasons we look back upon our past season with the deepest pleasure. On the one side we won every contest, and on the other, every contest was won by undying, manly efforts. Our coach brought us many new tactics. Every man was ready to put forth his most stringent efforts to carry them out. And every plan to win each contest was laid with the utmost care.

Ursinus was always prepared with three systems of plays. This enabled her to do her most effective work for when her opponent came prepared to brake up one system, she was ready to meet them with another. And to this I credit very much the success of this year's team.

The scrubs although very light provided unusually good practice for the varsity. They willingly struggled against odds and in many cases endangered themselves against weight which was no less than twenty pounds to the man. Often when the teams lined up for their evening practice it was found that two or three alumnal players strengthened the scrubs. Encouragement has won many a game of football.

For any single game it would be hard to give any one special mention. Every man did all he could. This shows that the spirit of individualism has died out, which was encouraging, for when a signal was given it meant "every man."

J. L. ROTH, '03.

Captain.

## FOOTBALL REVIEW

Ursinus, 63	Muhlenburg,	0
" 17	Williamson School,	0
" 6	Dickinson,	5
" 38	Lebanon Valley,	0
" 16	New York U.,	0
" 16	Rutgers,	0
" 16	Swarthmore,	10
" 6	Haverford,	5
" 16	F. and M.,	0
194.		20.

The team of 1902 enjoys the enviable record of nine victories and no defeats. Six of these victories were over teams from schools of equal or superior football tradition and prestage.

Ursinus men can now look back on a tradition of their own. It will of course be impossible to expect champion teams right along, but the record of this year's team will and should bear remembrance.

From the Muhlenburg game until the game with Swarthmore the team gathered offensive and defensive strength. After the latter game Ursinus took a slump and the wonder is that we man-

## CALENDAR

FOR THE TEN DAYS ENDING SUNDAY,  
DEC. 21, 1902.

- Friday, 12. Schaff Anniversary, 8.00 p.m.  
Saturday, 13. Meeting of the WEEKLY Staff at 6.30 p. m. in the office.  
Sunday, 14. Monthly College Sermon in Chapel by the Rev. Geo. W. Babcock, Ph. D., of Norristown, at 3.30 p. m.  
Monday, 15. Freshman essays due.  
Sophomore Bible Class, 7.15 p. m.  
Monthly Meeting of the Monday Night Club in Y. M. C. A. Room, 7.30 p. m.  
Tuesday, 16. Freshman Bible Class 3.00 p. m.  
Choir Rehearsal, 4.00 p. m.  
Wednesday, 17. Academy Bible Class, 3.00 p. m.  
Y. M. C. A. at 6.40 p. m., by the Missionary Committee.  
Chorus, 7.15 p. m.  
Thursday 18. Senior Bible Class, Senior Parlor, 5.00 p. m.  
Saturday, 20. Christmas Recess begins, 8.00 a. m.

aged to beat Haverford. But after this wholesome lesson the business-like preparation for F. and M. started, and the season closed with a victory over the Blue and White.

## PERSONNEL.

NAME.	POS.	WEIGHT	HEIGHT
Capt. Roth	f. b.	162½	6.0
Rapp	r. e.	145½	5.4
Hoffsommer	sub.	143	5.10½
Haines	r. t.	168½	5.10½
Hobson	l. g.	194	6.1
Price	l. e.	149	5.7
Place	l. t.	168	5.9
Miller	sub h. b.	148	5.9½
Trexler	c.	181	5.9
Neumiller	h. b.	158	5.9
Gettel	q. b.	150	5.6½
Faringer	h. b.	151	5.7½
Ziegler	r. g.	192	5.11
Butz	sub.	175	5.8

The first five players on the above list graduate this year, leaving some important positions to be filled. Of the scrub men, Foltz, Snyder and McCollum showed up well and should be heard from next fall.

## BLENHEIM

It was a summer evening,  
The coach's work was done,  
And he before the old gym door  
Was sitting in the sun;  
And by him sported on the track  
The Varsity tackle and full-back.

The latter saw his playmate big  
Dig something from the ground;  
A something long, and polished white,  
And narrow, smooth and round.  
He brought it to the coacher wise  
To learn what might be his surmise.

The old one took it from the "star,"  
Who stood expectant by,  
And then he gravely shook his locks  
And with a heavy sigh:  
"Tis some poor fellow's shin," said he,  
"Who fell in that great victory."  
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**FRIDAY, DEC. 12, 1902.**

The 1902 football team is the best football team that Ursinus ever had. The team of '98 has gone down in history with a remarkable record, but it has not equalled the work of this year's eleven. Nine straight victories with no defeats is the proud record—the record which has given to Ursinus College a name throughout this state which she has never had before. The college has been put before the young of Pennsylvania in one of its best aspects, the side of athletics; it is continually showing its power on the other great side, the scholarly.

There are many factors which have contributed to this signal series of victories. The last games showed results of work which had not only been done in the early part of this season, but which had extended into years that have gone before. No such exhibitions of team play as the squad gave are the result of a short period of training. One night, thirty-five plays, each one almost perfect, and run off in different formations, were executed within five minutes. When one considers that there are eleven men in every play, that each man must be still and in position before a play can proceed, that there is but one number to tell where the play is directed and who is to take the ball, that each man has some particular place to fill in the rush, and some particular work to perform; when one considers all this, he then sees what training and discipline is necessary to bring a team of young blood to this perfection. And, by the way, this training and discipline is one of the most substantial benefits to the player. Outsiders, who see in a game nothing but a rush of twenty-two men, and a quick piling up of human forms in almost every conceivable shape, often judge the game to be a mere trial of brute strength. But the one who understands the internal nature of the plays, the formations and really scientific combinations by which the play of a first class team is characterized, sees much more; he sees a unity in action and a quickness and readiness of despatch which display admirable qualities in the players themselves.

Now these qualities of which we have been speaking are the large contributing factors in determining the remarkable success of the Ursinus eleven. The question at once arises, Where did these qualities come from? Possibly a satisfactory answer lies in this: The qualities lay in the individual members of the team in a sort of embryonic state and it required

the external influence of a most efficient coach to bring them forth.

Coach E. E. Kelley, Ursinus, 1901, was the particular outside inspiring influence. The success this year is the result of four years of actual playing on the varsity and of two years of coaching. His position at quarter back gave him that control of mind and executive ability which is absolutely essential for a successful coach.

These qualities were instilled into the team gradually until each man felt himself an integral part of an organism developed primarily for action. Abstractly considered, Kelley believes that grit and the never-give-up spirit lie back of every victory worthy of the name. Concretely, in matters of football, he says that the first ten minutes of the game wins it; hugging the ball is of prime importance, and every man helping the other means gain. Just what he meant by all this the sight of his team can answer fully.

The scrubs formed another aggregation most worthy of notice as we consider the elements of success for the first team. The scrubs are in general much lighter than the men they play against; they do not have the experience of their opponents. With these disadvantages the youngsters go out night after night and stand up against the attacks of the varsity. There is an old saying which is most applicable to the scrubs and their relation to the regulars—show me your scrub team, and I will tell you the calibre of the varsity.

The team, the scrubs, the coach and the indefinable spirit about Ursinus, these are the forces that turned out our winning team.

### DEFECTS OF FOOTBALL

Football should be held up to criticism, not with a view of abolishing the game, but with the purpose of eliminating its objectionable features. It is but fair in forming opinions of institutions and men, to reveal the bad as well as the good side. No person is entirely justified in reconciling the public virtue of a statement with his private profligacy, nor in exalting public virtue as a means of rendering private vice nugatory.

Football is a positive expression of the early American spirit. In recent years, temporary excitement over the game has misled people into believing that football is renovating a decaying courage. This is wrong. The American spirit courses deep in our race. That spirit emanates from the lofty inspiration of the deeds of our ancestors. The prestine bravery, the ingrained American spirit lies deeper than the "Rah, rah, rah," of rival schools.

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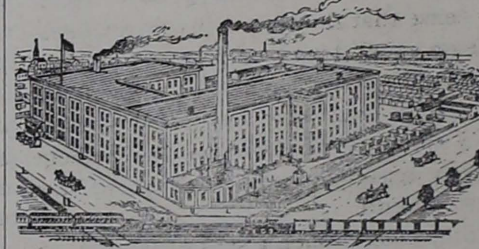
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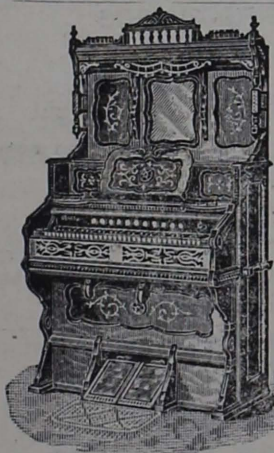
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But, it is true, football is a surface gleam of that deep spirit in the active. Yet the mere physical manifestations in local communities constitutes no ground for supposing that the natural steam of patriotism is altered in any way. The American spirit conceived and created football as a concrete revelation of itself.

We would like to believe the story of little Red Riding Hood, but human knowledge frowns upon romantic imagery. Likewise we would wish to reconcile the pet theory of increased studiousness in football season with practical experience if this experience did not give it the lie. Of course, some geniuses can study in the "good old football time," but these are as few as the twilight stars. Two months of negligent study is insufficient ground on which to abolish football because the ultimate good of the warm manliness acquired in football out-weighs the cold formulae and parrot inventions of the mind of the typical grind. Yet a love of truth compels us to upset the studious theory concerning football.

The great fault in modern football is the predominance of brute force. What the game needs is revision on a basis of developing intelligence, and a form of playing that will reveal intelligence to advantage. There is little brain action in a mass of big men driving like shot at one opponent. Four cart horses could be used and show equal intelligence. Moreover, an evil feature of modern football is the process of massing men and running plays at particular stars on the opposing team. This is dangerous to life and limb; and if a football star is a combination of moral strength and physical perfection, his potential value to our Republic is too precious to be lost in a football battle. Mass play should be discarded. The public wants kicking, running, dodging, open tackling, not incongruous masses of men under which are broken bones and displaced joints. Strange enough, people will stand by and believe that brains made those piles. If mass playing is retained, the basis of football popularity will be in brute force. Such a standard subordinates brains to muscle, higher individual ability to collective mediocrity, intelligence to ignorance. If such is to be the standard, let it be printed so and not disguised in ethical rapture and moral fiction.

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The following is a complete statement of the receipts and expenditures of the football seasons of 1901 and 1902:

EXPENSES		
	1901	1902
Cost of games abroad	\$196.70	\$317.10
Cost of games at home	233.60	328.20
Salaries	250.00	423.44
Material	168.42	244.75
Personal expenses	33.56	37.26
Training table	37.50	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>919.78</b>	<b>1450.75</b>
RECEIPTS		
Guarantees	\$210.00	\$284.75
Sale of season tickets	36.50	80.00
Gate receipts and donations	86.75	354.75
Students fees	345.00	359.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>678.25</b>	<b>1078.50</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>241.53</b>	<b>372.15</b>

While the deficit this year is considerably larger than it was last year, we may reasonably expect to make this difference up, nearly if not quite, in the baseball season, for the entire salary of the coach is this year charged to the football account, while last year \$100 of it went over to the baseball season. Besides this item, the following will serve to account for the greatly increased expenditures this year: An increase of \$50 in the coach's salary, the employment of an assistant coach, the purchase of a complete outfit of shoes and head-gear (which will not have to be repeated next year,) and the establishment of a much better training table. The most gratifying feature of the whole financial situation is the very large increase in the receipts from the games, including the sale of season tickets. Our games last year cost us about \$90 more than they brought in, while this year we have made about \$70 on them. If we can trust to a continuance of this increase, and I think we can, we may look forward to a small deficit next year, if not a to surplus.

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"I find them on the campus,  
For there's many hereabout;  
And often when we buck the line  
The bucker ploughs them out.  
For many a pigskin knight," said he,  
"Was wrecked in that great victory."

"Pray tell us all about it now!"  
The tackle tall, he cries—  
The big bunged full-back man looks up,  
With anxious pleading eyes—  
"Yes, tell us all about the game,  
And how each other they did maim."

"It was the Slughards," coacher said,  
"Who put the Mayhems out;  
And though there was no scoring,  
There was never any doubt  
The undergrads agreed," said he,  
"That was a famous victory."

"With football togs the campus round  
Was scattered far and wide;  
And many a childish freshman then,  
And raw spectator, cried.  
But things like that, you know, must be  
At every football victory."

"Great praise our captain rightly won  
For laying low three men."  
"Nay, 'tis a very wicked thing!"  
The tackle said. "Ahem!"  
Nay, nay, young man; tut, tut! quoth he,  
"It was a famous victory."

"And everybody praised the coach  
Who this great team had taught."  
Said tackle, "What good came of it  
If score was naught to naught?"  
"Why, that I cannot tell," said he;  
"But 'twas a famous victory."

—Selected.

### THE SOCIETIES

"Resolved, That class spirit is beneficial to the best interests of a college," was the interesting question for debate in the Schaff, Friday evening, December 5. The affirmative showed how class spirit welds a class together and draws the bonds of friendship closer. The opposing side gave the bad influences and the effects of a tendency to go to extremes.

Miscellaneous exercises were rendered in the Zwinglian. The declamers were Miss Clamer, '04, Messrs. Fry, A., and Conness, A. Essays on "The Novel" and "Spain's Method of Warfare," were read by Messrs. Miller, '05, and Place, '05. Extempore conversations by Messrs. McConnell, '05, and Townsend, '05, and Misses Stoner, '05, and Behney, '06, were very entertaining. A mandolin solo was given by Mr. Faringer, '06, with guitar accompaniment by Mr. Snyder, A. A selection was sung by a male quartet including Messrs. Peters, '03, Poorman, '03, Sando, '04, and Wise, '06.

Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Gottshall, '04, addressed the meeting on Wednesday evening, December 3.

He spoke on the subject, "Christian Stewardship." God gives every man certain opportunities and expects him to make use of them. If they are used aright, God will not be slow to say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

W. J. Miller, Student Secretary of Pennsylvania, had charge of a special meeting on Saturday evening, and of the regular chapel service Sunday evening.

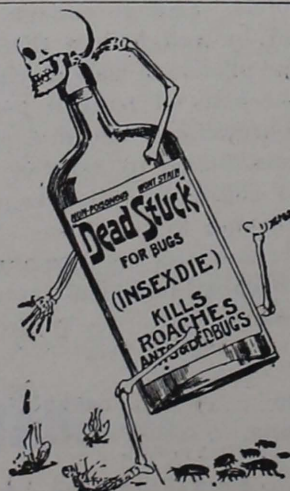
On Saturday evening, he spoke on the parable of the talents as related in Luke 19. God has given everyone certain talents, but not the same number to each one. Some men receive ten, some five, some one. Even though we have only one and use it properly, we shall receive the same reward as he who has ten and uses all. Opportunities for doing good are the talents which God has given us.

His talk on Sunday evening was based on the words, "Faithful is he who calleth you, who will also do it."—1 Thes. 5:24. He showed how God has a definite work for each one and that he calls him for this work. After one has seen what his work is, God will be a faithful helper and will encourage and strengthen him.

A college choir has been organized under the direction of Miss McCain. It added materially to the music on Sunday evening.

### CLUBS REORGANIZE

Monday, Dec. 1, members and professors of the different groups interested, met to consider consolidation of the Tuesday Night and Current Topics clubs. A joint meeting of the two clubs was forthwith called, at which favorable action was taken and a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution for the new organization, after which the Tuesday Night Club went out of existence, whilst the organization of the Current Topics was retained as a departmental organization for the Historical Political students. The following day the Constitution Committee reported and the officers of the Tuesday Night were re-elected as those of the new club, the "Monday Night Club."



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