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"Good-bye U. D.
—Hello U. S."

APRIL MAY 1943
Dear Alumnus:

The contribution of Dayton alumni to the successful action in North Africa may be adequately measured by the casualty lists from that area.

Capt. John Bohlender is the one known death. Capt. Don Kersting, Capt. Dan Adams, Capt. Thomas Hoban and Pvt. David McConnaughey were wounded. All are recovering. Lt. Wesley E. Snyder was returned from the battle zone suffering from shock.

McConnaughey, Fred Sommers and Lt. Leo Farber were taken prisoner and interned in Germany.

McConnaughey and Kersting were known to have been decorated. Capt. Kersting was awarded the silver star for gallantry in action. His citation, signed by Gen. Robinett, is as follows: “On the morning of Feb. 22, the second battalion, sixth armored infantry regiment, was subjected to a strong enemy attack by infantry with supporting artillery. During the initial action Capt. Kersting received a painful wound from a shell fragment in his back. Refusing to be evacuated, Capt. Kersting remained in the front line with his men, directing his command through the day’s action in such superior manner as to defeat all efforts by the enemy in his sector. By his skillful leadership, bravery and coolness while under continuous enemy artillery and small arms fire, Capt. Kersting was a constant inspiration to his men and greatly contributed to the defeat of the enemy in this sector.”

In the South Pacific theater of war the casualty list is even blacker. Lt. Charles J. Litkowski and S/Sgt. Edward Hakes were killed in action. Lt. Tim Wholey, Lt. Al Suttmann and Lt. Webster Smyers are Japanese prisoners of war.


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Front cover: For the most part, for the male members of the Class of ’43, it was a matter of a few days between civilian clothes, cap and gown and Uncle Sam’s G.I. special. Jack Murphy, Alumni Hall, is our “cover man”.

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Letters from the Alumni

Praises A.S.C.E.

Don E. Rist
President Student Chapter A.S.C.E.
Dayton University
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Your article entitled, "Story of the A.S.C.E.", appearing in the February issue of the "University of Dayton Alumnus" was much appreciated by the writer.

Fortunately during the period ending 1930 the engineering class of that time was privileged to have as professors Brother Bernard Schad and Brother C. J. Belz. It was through the instrumentality of these two gentlemen that the Student Chapter became alive and active and it has also been the writer's opinion that this extra curricular activity was one of the fondest dreams of these two professors. This explains in part the reason for the continuance of the Chapter through the many years, resulting in the reception of the President's letter of commendation signifying the highest award offered to Student Chapters.

Congratulations and success to you and your membership and best personal regards to your faculty moderator.

Sincerely yours,

Victor H. Warner '30
The Baker-Raulang Co.
Cleveland, O.

Parents Send Alumnus

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find check for membership in the Alumni Association for Eugene W. Placke '41. I feel sure he has enjoyed the "Alumnus" as we have sent it to him wherever he was.

We also have enjoyed the Alumnus as we have been able to hear about the boys Gene knew at school. Thanks for the past copies.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Placke
Dayton, Ohio

At Leavenworth School

Dear Jim:

Received a letter from my brother Bob, who is at Memphis, Tenn., saying that he noted in the Army-Navy Journal that Colonel E. H. Keltner, formerly on the U.D. military staff, is a prisoner of the Japs at Taiwau. This will of course be of interest on the campus as there was rumor about his presence in Bataan.

Things are going well here and I gather from the papers all is going well at U.D. Had a nice letter from Father Ryan, formerly of the faculty. He's at Wichita, not far from here, and is as busy and active in affairs as usual. Would like to go up to see him, but frankly am so busy here that I can't get away. Will be returning to Cape Cod soon. Hope the snowdrifts are gone from there by now.

Here's an alumni note. Thomas Gable Fleming, from the same outfit (See LETTERS, Page 7)

A MESSAGE TO UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON ALUMNI...

By the time you read this you will have received your announcement of our biggest project in twenty years. Every U. D. alumnus will certainly want to have an active part in this great development. Have we heard from you?

MORE DETAILS LATER!
159 DEGREES AWARDED
AT 93rd COMMENCEMENT

A total of 159 degrees were granted at the 93rd Commencement, held Sunday, April 18 in the N.C.R. auditorium. It was the earliest Commencement in Dayton's history.

Degrees went to 153 seniors; three graduate students and there were three honoraries.

Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio was principal speaker. His parting message to the Class of 1943 proposed two tasks to be accomplished. One task is the adaptation of the discoveries of science and education to human happiness and human comfort. The second is to help develop a new leadership of educated men in local communities—men and women of vision who are willing to render voluntary community service. "Enlightened government must meet social needs," he continued, "but it must also guard against any trend toward state collectivism. Such a trend leads inevitably to human disintegration. Even in a complex society, however, man must find some basis of collective action without resorting to arbitrary governmental controls.

"It can be accomplished by religious and educational organizations, fraternal groups and many others," he added.

A popular feature of the Commencement was the awarding of an honorary degree, Doctor of Education, upon Rev. George J. Renneker, dean of the University. Father Renneker's score of years at the helm of the University's academic progress and accrediting was thus publicly and appropriately recognized. He was presented for the degree by Dr. Daniel L. Leary, dean of Education.

The 1942 Commencement speaker, James G. Conzelman, was award-

Principals at the 93rd Commencement are shown above. Left to right: Father George J. Renneker, Mrs. Jeanne Schwengel, James G. Conzelman, Governor John W. Bricker and Father John A. Elbert.

216 E. R. C. MEN CALLED TO DUTY

Enlisted Reserve Corps students in the number of 216 were to report for active duty with the armed forces during the period, May 2 to May 24. Senior R.O.T.C. students who graduated in April were processed at Fort Haynes, Columbus and sent to Fort Benning, Ga., for training. Junior R.O.T.C. students likewise reported to Fort Haynes for a 13 weeks' basic training. All were assigned to the same company.

There were 149 ERC unassigned students called, R.O.T.C. advanced men numbered 55. Another group of 40 students, enlisted with the Naval Reserve, are expected to be called around July 1.

There were 348 students in the ERC when the call was made.

SUMMER TERM

In keeping with the University's acceleration program, a twelve week summer term began just a scant few weeks after the 1943 Commencement. The customary summer session of six weeks duration has been incorporated into the last six weeks of the summer term.

A total of 404 students are enrolled. They come from all sections of this country, Germany, England, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and South America.

There are 317 men of whom 78 are brothers and there are 87 women, of whom two are nuns. Campus students (men) number 108, Post-graduate students number 45. The summer term ends July 31.

Evening classes have an enrollment of 102 — 47 men and 55 women. Four of the group are pursuing graduate study.

In the accompanying picture, Governor Bricker congratulates Jimmy Conzelman on his newly acquired Master of Science in Physical Education honorary degree.

(See 159 DEGREES, Page 7)
Betty Mayl Appointed To Publicity Post

Betty J. Mayl, ’43, has been appointed Director of Publicity at the University, effective April 26. Miss Mayl is the daughter of J. Ellis Mayl ’08 and the niece of Father Robert Mayl, S.M., ’06, St. Mary’s University, San Antonio, Tex.; Joseph E. Mayl, ’00, Los Angeles, Calif.; Eugene A. Mayl, ’20, Dayton; and Gerald (Tuffy) Fulwiler, ex ’26, Dayton (deceased).

Miss Mayl was graduated with honors following an outstanding undergraduate career. She was a member of “Who’s Who”; Alpha Sigma Tau honor society; Alpha Rho Tau women’s club; Catholic Action, Thespians, and the Women’s Athletic Association.

She also held editorial positions on the U. D. News, Exponent and Daytonian.

Since former Publicity Director James A. Connelly’s call to the service, the work has been under the direction of the Alumni Secretary. Capt. Connelly is now with the Engineer, Amphibian Brigade at Camp Edwards, Mass.

Prisoner of War

Writes to Mother

March 20, 1943

Dear Mother:

Well, here I am in Germany, a prisoner. We are in a lovely girls’ school building. Plenty to eat, nice beds and a lot of good books to read.

There are two pianos and an organ, I play and read all day long. Germany really is a pretty country. I was captured in Tunisia. Our entire battalion was captured. Came by air to Italy, flew over Mt. Vesuvius and hence to Germany.

I think we are allowed to receive a parcel every two months. Send all the candy and cigarettes you can. I don’t think there is any limit on letters.

Here is the list of things I want: pocket-knife, socks, underwear, handkerchiefs, tooth powder and brush, razor, pictures of the family, flower seed, cards, pencils and paper, blankets, scissors, sewing kit, vitamin tablets, metal mirror, rubber soles and heels and a calendar.

Have met Leo Farber (’41) and Dave McConnaughey (’40) here.

Brother Lawrence P. Drufner Dies; Marianist 54 Years

Brother Lawrence P. Drufner died Wednesday, May 12 and was buried the following Saturday in the Brothers’ cemetery at the university.

With his death passed one of the most beloved figures on the campus. Bro. Larry, he of the infectious laugh and never failing good humor, was loved and respected by his coworkers, the faculty, and two generations of students.

A native Daytonian, Bro. Larry entered the novitiate in 1888. In 1939 he celebrated the golden jubilee of his profession of vows. He was 71 at the time of his death.

He specialized in the teaching of commercial subjects and was engaged in the profession for 45 years, serving schools in Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

Bro. Drufner was one of the active forces in the foundation of U. D. football. It was 1905. Football was organized only in the offete East. It was still regarded with suspicion in our section. At that time, Bro. Drufner was prefect at old S.M.I., and it was he who encouraged the boys to participate in football. From this unpretentious beginning, Bro. Drufner saw Dayton football grow into organized, intercollegiate competition.

And he loved it.

In his last years, his favorite habitue was the athletic office; his favorite thrill, listening to accounts of the Dayton games. (He dared not see the games in person for fear of further damaging the heart that was already giving him great but carefully concealed pain.)

The past few years saw Bro. Larry’s constitutional robustness fade. His visits to the athletic office became much less frequent. His hearty laugh was almost a memory. Brief walks up the hill to the Victory Garden were his last public appearances. He was taken to the hospital and in a few days, died. The last sacraments of Mother Church completed the seventy-one years of noble life dedicated to Mary and to the education, spiritual, mental and physical development of generations of scholars.

It was an American counterpart of “Good-bye, Mr. Chips.”

Class Notes

1915—Ed Schnorr was a visitor to Dr. Wohlleben. His son, Dave, entered the university in February.

Tell Mrs. McConnaughey Dave is here.

Love,

Dick

Frederick (Dick) Sommers ’41

Somewhere in Germany

1918—The faculty and alumni of the university extended their sympathy to J. T. Roth, whose father died recently. Private Eugene Baczenas is in the field artillery at Fort Bragg, N.C.

1921—Brother Marcellus is now librarian and teacher at St. Joseph’s Preparatory Seminary, Holy Trinity, Alabama.

1922—Joseph R. Wagner is now at the U. S. Grant hotel in San Diego, Calif.

(See CLASS NOTES, Page 8)
JIM CARTER RESIGNS TO TAKE DU PONT POSITION

Jim Carter has resigned.

Dayton's popular head basketball and assistant football coach for the past four years announced his intentions of resigning Saturday, April 24. He left shortly after for his new post as recreation director for a new DuPont war plant near Pasco, Washington. It was a desire to participate in war work that prompted the move, Jim said. He has a brother, Richard, with DuPont and another, Marion, is an officer in the Air Corps. Jim's new duties began May 15.

Mrs. Carter and their daughter accompanied him as far as Indianapolis, Jim's home, where they will remain pending the establishing of living arrangements on the coast.

Carter's career as mentor at Dayton was an outstanding one. His basketball teams revived the hardwood sport at Dayton. His very first team electrified the local cage gentry by outsetting the nation's highest scoring team, Rhode Island State at White Plains, N. Y. They followed with a thrilling but losing "close one" to the national champions, Long Island University. Carter was established, and with an almost all-sophomore team.

His second team, 1940-41, won nine games for the best Dayton season since 1934. The next year was the best ever. With McCloskey and Kavanaugh at their peak, the Flyers won 12 out of 18 and averaged 43.5 points per game as opposed to 36.5 for the opposition. The season just completed saw the Flyers win 9 and lose 8.

As a backfield coach in football, Jim was without peer. The backs he developed from mere prospects into talented and poised performers lend adequate proof to the assertion. His first season saw its climax written on the sun-drenched sod of San Francisco's Kezar stadium, when an outstanding but far from outfought Flyer band beat off the best St. Mary's had to offer and gained a 6 to 6 tie.

In 1940, Jim was largely responsible for the development of Bill Moran into a confident and polished halfback who provided the spark for Dayton's offense. The '41 and '42 teams will go down in Dayton history with the greatest. If just two games could be counted, both against Tennessee, these youngsters would be remembered and respected. They dropped both decisions to the perennial bowl contestants, the first 26 to 0, the second 34 to 6, but the performances they gave; their exhibition of courage put their names in the grid books in shining gold letters. The '41 and '42 teams won 14 out of 19 games against the toughest of opposition. But games won was not their greatest appeal; it was the type of football they played. It was spectator football and at the same time it was sound and fundamental.

We're going to miss Jim Carter. Not only because of his great contribution to Dayton athletics but also because of his friendly spirit of cooperation and his engaging personality. Good luck, Jim!

Dear Alumnus

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Timmer lost their lives while in the service within the continental United States, Ensign David Kersting was seriously injured in an airplane crash in this country. He is recovering.

Total dead now stands at eight; wounded, six; prisoners of war, six.

WELCOMES ALUMNI

James (Red) Devaney, genial manager of the Oliver hotel in South Bend, Ind., was recently host to Bro. William Bellmer and Professor Cyril Pecham of the mathematics department. The Devaneys became the parents of a daughter, Patricia, on March 16. It was just March 16 in Indiana but it was St. Patrick's day in Ireland, according to Red.

Still another hotel manager who always welcomes U. D. friends is J. D. Leonard, perennial Dayton booster, Hotel Gotham, St. Petersburg, Fla.


The group presented Jim with a purse and testimonial scroll signed by those present. He and Dave Margolis, chairman of the affair, examine the scroll in the picture at the right.
LETTERS
(Continued from Page 3)
as I, and also studying out here, is
now a major. Will you let me know
if I owe Alumni dues? I imagine it's
about time for me to “Enclose
check.”
No special news. Regards to all
our mutual friends. Enjoy reading the
Alumnus. Best wishes.
Capt. James Connelly, ’35
Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.
(Ed. Note: Capt. Connelly is now
returned to the Engineer, Amphib­
ian Brigade at Camp Edwards,
Mass.)

Thanks For Remembrance
Dear Jim:

Just a few lines to let you know
that I am getting along fine in the
army. At the present time I am sta­
tioned at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. I
am expecting to leave next month on
a Cadre which is going to Camp
Blanding, Fla. My job there will be
as battalion Sergeant Major.
I would like to take this opportu­
nity to thank you, the faculty, and the
student body for their kind con­
sideration and remembrance of all
the men in the service.
Till we meet again I remain,
S/Sgt. Jack Swelling, ’37
Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

News of the “Rifles”
Dear Sir:

I am getting tired of the P. O.
telling me to “inform my cor­
respondents of my correct address” so I here­
by report same.

I perused the last issue with a
great deal of interest and think your
service board is a nice gesture. How­
ever it is not quite up-to-date in some
respects. I don’t suppose you can be
blamed for that if the various alumni
in the service don’t keep you in­
formed.

159 DEGREES
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to the University was likewise rec­
ognized.
The third honorary degree, Doctor
of Science, was awarded to Mrs.
Jeanne Schwengel, Scarsdale, N. Y.,
for her scientific research into the
field of mollusks. Mrs. Schwengel is
a fellow in the Philadelphia Acad­
ey of Science. Her citation was
read by Dr. Francis J. Molz, dean
of Science.

M/Sgt. Wm. A. Bertsch of 115
Light St. and Patterson Field (via the
“Rifles”, Inc.) can keep you more
up-to-date than anyone I know of
over there.
However, I’ll contribute those
small items of information I possess
which won’t get me in dutch with
Elmer Davis and the O.W.I. Ret­
er and Froehle (Blaire) are L.C.s Su­
pensky is at least a major, Dan Adams
is a captain and in Africa.

I am still fighting this war with
the S, O, S, at Ft. Ben. I was made
a major Oct. 24 and have a four
months old daughter who has red
hair and green eyes and weighs 14½
pounds now and is on the records as
Hope O’Hara Hoefer. Lemming is
at Camp Butner, N. C. and is a first
lieutenant. Walter Bucher is a cap­
tain at Bowman field with the Q. M.
Are Dr. Lawrence Boll and Father
Preisinger still at the U? I have sort
of lost track of them, I bet Father
Preisinger is getting lots of new ma­
terial for those marvelous history
courses he used to conduct.

Regards to all,
Major W. J. Hoefer ’32
Ft. Benj. Harrison, Ind.

Slight Error!

Keeping tabs on over 1000
U. D. men in the service is the
No. 1 job for your alumni
office. Our records may not al­
ways be perfect but we wonder
if we have yet pulled one like
the following which comes to
our attention:
(From the Princeton Uni­
versity Alumni Weekly)
“After the recent directory of
Princeton alumni in the armed
forces, I find myself listed as
being stationed at Allan Field,
Coburg, Ontario. Unfortu­
nately, Allan Field is not an air
field, but merely my brother­
in-law.”

Promoted
Dear Jim:

I was recently promoted to the
rank of first lieutenant and I am still
a flying instructor.
Lt. Val Pernush was back for a
visit last week and brought with him
some tales of the B-24 which he is
now flying. Good luck to everyone
at U. D.
Lt. Earl R. Gieseman, Jr. ’42
George Field
Lawrenceville, Illinois

“The Last Full Measure of Devotion”

LOUIS A. TIMMER, JR.
Pvt. Louis A. Timmer, Jr., U. S. Army,
died at Lowry Field, Colo., of measles and
complications, March 28, 1943. Pvt. Tim­
er, inducted January 5 at Ft. Benjamin
Harrison, was assigned to the Air Corps.
His class was 1946.

HOWARD W. KELLY
Lt. Howard W. Kelly, U. S. Army Air
Corps, was killed in action in the Euro­
pean area early in 1943. Lt. Kelly was
a pilot with an outstanding service record.
He was a night school student in 1938
and 1939.
CLASS NOTES
(Continued from Page 5)

1923—Major John R. Wilson is now in Wayne, Mich.

1928—Capt. William Keller can be reached in care of the Oklahoma City air depot.

1929—In the U. S. Army in Memphis, Tenn., is Captain Louis E. Bender.

1930—Lt. William Bowman is overseas. Pvt. Norman Brinkmann is in Kearns, Utah. At the army air base in Lincoln, Nebraska, is Capt. Dudley S. Washington.

1931—With the air corps in North Africa is Lt. Col. Eugene Cropper. Morris G. Cropper is in the school of applied tactics in Orlando, Fla.

1932—Ft. Bragg, N. C., is the new address of Lt. Medley McCauley.

1933—Major C. F. Robbeloth is stationed at the Lockbourne Army Air Base, Columbus, Ohio. Carl M. Rodberg is in Fort Jackson, Ala. "Shine" Cleary is the proud father of a seven-pound baby boy.

1934—Joseph R. McFadden is in Evanston, Ill., with the F. B. I. An ensign in the U. S. Navy Reserve, Clarence H. Patrie is in Charleston, S. C.

1935—Also overseas is Lt. Charles Dugan. Santa Rosa, Calif., is the newest home of Lt. Louis B. Wolf. The Engineer and Amphibian Regiment claims Lt. Chas. E. Gross, who is now at Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla.

1937—Lt. Harry Breman is in the Advanced School of Medicine at Randolph Field, Texas. In Advanced Navigation school, Lt. John Foltz is at Selman Field, La. Tom Aspell has been promoted to Lieutenant (j.g.) Cpl. William Flynn is with the Photo Squadron at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1938—Aberdeen Proving Ground is the present station of Sgt. David P. McCrate, In Chemical Warfare Service at Edgewood Arsenal is Capt. Charles Gerwels, Cpl. Henry Kirsch is with a tank group overseas. Lt. Thomas Armstrong, who has become the father of a son since he has been in the armed forces, is in England. Lt. G. W. Duell is reported on his way overseas.

1939—(j.g.)—campus visitor to Dr. Melz was Dr. Tycus Winter. Lt. and Mrs. Walter C. Steffen announce the birth of a son last March 14. Pvt. Lawrence Daugherty, with an engineering company, is overseas, as also is Lt. (s.g.) Ted Brazelton. Sgt. Lester Giambonne is at Stuttgart, Ark., in Advanced Flying School. A.M.M. 3/c John J. Hacker is at the U. S. naval air station at Grosse Ile, Mich. Recent campus visitors to Dr. Wohlleben were Lt. James Pflaum and his wife, the former Betty Doherty.

1940—William Kinney is now a major. Larry Knorr, in his ensign’s uniform, visited the campus before going on for more training. Charles B. Hoppa recently enlisted in the Navy as an ensign and is at Fort Schuyler, Bronx, New York. With the Glider Infantry, Sgt. John P. Reeves in Fort Bragg, N. C. The engagement of Mary Borchers (’42) and Lt. (j.g.) Leo Fitzharris has been announced.

1941—Jeanne McLaughlin was married to Capt. William Schroeder (’39) on May 1. Other recent bridegrooms are Charles McFarland, and Leroy C. Mullen, now with Frigidaire Corp. Lt. H. J. Lundsdowne is now overseas. Sgt. Dan Funk, a campus visitor, April 17, is on his way to Seattle, Washington, with a barrage balloon group. E. J. Taylor is at the armored force school at Fort Knox, Ky. Somewhere in North Africa is Lt. Charles Jackson. Eugene Placke is at Pope Field, N. C. John T. Kirchner was a visitor to Dr. Schraut and the campus. Lt. Eugene Kersting is in Camp Livingston, La.

1942—Aviation Cadet Robert Sell, recently a proud father, is in Pre-Flight school at San Antonio, Texas. Lt. Bill Smolka is with the Marine Corps at Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Pvt. Dick Doyle is at Lowry Field, in Denver, Colo. Ensign John Aspell is overseas, as is Lt. Robert F. Kava­naugh of the Marines. Lt. "Hank" Reichert received complimentary mention in the AWU News Review as department head of the I. C. school at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. Lt. Gil McEwan writes from Alaska that all letters are appreciated.

1943—May 8 was the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Homan. She was the former Louise Schlosser. Cpl. Erle Mumphower is at Camp White, Oregon. A. S. James Curran is at the naval training station, Bainbridge, Md. Lou Priske is in the naval air corps at Lewiston State Normal college, Lewiston, Idaho. After being commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, Jack Dill is going on for more training in flying the Navy’s dive bombers.

1944—(ex) Pfc. Ted Howell is with a Service Unit in Cleveland, O. Bob Huels writes Brother Kohles that he is in Slippery Rock, Pa., and likes the life fine. John Wharton is with a medical detachment in North Africa.


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