THESPIANS LAUNCH DRAMATIC SEASON

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New Secretary

BRO. ELMER LACKNER, S.M.

Dear Alumnus:

In the October issue of the ALUMNUS, announcement was made of the resignation of "Jim" Brown as Alumni Secretary. Since that time I have been asked to handle the affairs of the Alumni office temporarily and although I am not so well acquainted with most of you as Jim was, I hope you will still feel that your interests are the interests of the Alumni office and the University. Every effort will be made to remain in contact with you and to be of service to you; keep us informed as to your whereabouts.

Jim left here with the good wishes of the University and of his many friends in Dayton. He accepted an offer in the advertising field in New York and a recent letter from him indicated that he is rapidly adjusting himself to his new surroundings. It will be hard to give better satisfaction to all the Alumni than has been given while he was in office; it is my hope that I can approximate the services he rendered you.

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Front Cover: "Knobby" Walz, Mary Cotterman, and Jack Gosiger, pictured on the cover, were among the 30 students who participated in the U.D. Thespians dramatic productions of three one-act plays Nov. 19 in the gymnasium. Maurice Reichard was in charge of the direction of the drama, "Undertow", and the comedies, "I'm a Fool", and "Ringing in the Groom."
Dear Alumnus

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The first few days here in the office have been brightened by the realization of the concern of so many of you with the affairs of the old Alma Mater. It is a healthy sign for the future of the University and an encouragement to every one here to work harder for the advancement of our common interests.

Good luck to all of you; and for those in the services there’s a special WELCOME HOME sign anxiously waiting to be put to use.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer C. Lackner, S.M., ’27

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NCR Establishes $10,000 Fund

WILLIAM L. WISE

To perpetuate the memory of the late William L. Wise, former employee, who died Sept. 6, the National Cash Register Company has established a scholarship fund of $10,000 at the University of Dayton, Father George J. Renneker, president of the University, announced recently. Mr. Wise, who graduated in 1896 from St. Mary’s Institute—as the U.D. formerly was known—served the NCR as the head of consignment sales for over 40 years.

His two sons, both lieutenants in the Navy, are also University of Dayton graduates. Lt. William Y. Wise, serving in the Pacific, was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Chemical Engineering in 1931. Lt. Roger P. Wise, who has been on duty in the Atlantic,

was graduated in 1935 with a bachelor’s degree in Commerce and Finance. Mrs. Robert Berner, Mr. Wise’s daughter, resides in Dayton. He was also the uncle of Capt. Wise Glossinger ’40, and Elaine Glossinger ’45.

In the letter addressed to Father Renneker about the fund, S. C. Allyn, president of the NCR, stated: “Mr. Wise was a great admirer of the University and it seems that the establishment of such a scholarship will be a fine tribute to his memory.”

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Unit Commended

The recent inspection of the ASTR unit by a party of officers from the Fifth Service Command brought the following letter of commendation from Col. W. G. Johnston, director of the ROTC-AST Division:

“Dear President Renneker:

The Commanding General directs that I inform you of the findings of the party of officers which inspected the AST unit at the University of Dayton.

The members of the Administrative Staff and faculty of the University of Dayton are to be commended for their excellent attitude toward the ASTR, and upon the enthusiasm and zeal with which the program is being conducted. In general, the party reports that the academic work at the University of Dayton is well conducted and at a level consistent with the abilities of the students. The excellent cooperation between the military and academic administrators, and the fine student cooperation and classroom behavior and attention is especially noted by the party. This headquarters is most appreciative of the wholehearted cooperation extended to the program, and the excellent way in which it has been operated by the officials and faculty of the institution.”
FURTHER CASUALTIES REPORTED;
HONOR ROLL NOW LISTS 1700

With the accompanying picture of Lt. Frank B. Cohan, ex '38, whose death on July 6 was reported in the Midsummer Alumni Bulletin, the 29 University of Dayton men killed in action have now been accounted for. No new deaths were reported since the last issue. However, the list of wounded, missing, and prisoners of war continued to mount.

The War department announced as wounded in action in the European theater, Tech. Sgt. James F. Martin '39, who has been in the service since November, 1940.

Sgt. Marvin E. Paulin, ex '46, was seriously wounded in action in Italy on October 20. He entered the service in May, 1943, and received his overseas assignment in June of this year.

Lt. Eugene W. Placke has been reported missing in action over Holland since September 18. He was a pilot in the glider division and has been across since May, 1943.

Most recent casualties announced by the War department as missing in action include Lt. Robert Huels, ex '43, and Pfc. Harry Theis, ex '46, both reported missing since November 16.

Lt. Charles J. Leyes, after being listed as missing in action over France, has since been announced as a prisoner of war in Germany.

Service Board statistics as of Nov. 15 now list 1,700 U.D. men and women in the armed services of the country. Nearly 50% of this total represents commissioned officers. There are 91 Majors, 23 Lt. Colonels, eight Colonels, one Lt. Commander, one Commander, one Major General and one Brigadier General.

Eighteen men have been honorably discharged.

Hayes Broadcasts

A German short-wave broadcast heard early in November by E. E. Alderman of Grand Avenue, Dayton, and relayed to Mrs. Herbert W. Hayes, Jr., of Union Avenue, Dayton, gave her the first word she has had from her husband, Lt. Herb Hayes '43, since he was reported missing in action on July 15.

In a brief message, Herb, who had served with the First United States Army in France, said that he was interned at Prisoner of War Camp Oflag, No. 64, in Germany and that he was well and everything was OK. Mrs. Hayes is anxious to learn if anyone in this country made a recording of the message, and to obtain one, if possible.

Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. He succeeded the Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Johnson after the latter's death on June 5 of this year.

S. M. I. Graduate
DIES AT 84

Will I. Ohmer, lifelong resident of Dayton, for many years a prominent manufacturer and civic leader and one-time owner of The Dayton Journal, died unexpectedly of pneumonia on October 20 at his apartment in the Moraine hotel.

Born in Dayton, April 26, 1860, he completed his formal education at St. Mary's College, now the University of Dayton, at the age of 16, and entered the furniture manufacturing business of his father, Michael Ohmer, a native of France. From then on, Mr. Ohmer passed a long and active life as inventor, newspaper manager and owner, and prominent civic leader of Dayton.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace Ohmer, and many other relatives.

Mr. Ohmer will be remembered for his participation in the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the University Chapel last June. He was the only living survivor of those who actually attended the consecration in 1869.

Point Grading System Revised

Good news—but too late for former students of the University—is the recent innovation in the grading system adopted by the Academic Council of the University and applicable to all future grades of students in attendance.

No longer does the "3-point" student represent the highest degree of excellence among the intelligentsia of the campus. Like everything else, the quality point system has also been raised and now a student must sport a 4-point average before he can begin to feel that there are no new fields to conquer. The difference has been made possible by the simple expedient of increasing by one the point value formerly attached to the grade A, B, C, and D.

Under this new system, the grade of D now gives a student something to show for his efforts. For those students satisfied with a passing mark, it is good to note that the passing point average has also been raised from 1.0 to 1.7.

Alumnus Elevated

Elevation of the Rev. Frederick Hochwalt, Cincinnati priest and U. D. graduate of 1931, to the rank of Papal Chamberlain was announced recently by the Most Rev. Archbishop John T. McNicholas.

Monsignor Hochwalt was assistant superintendent of Cincinnati archdiocesan schools at the time of his appointment to his present position as director of the Department of
Dear Brown:

I received your reminder about dues at another station and have changed jobs and addresses since that time two or three times but now I seem to be fairly settled and am getting off remittance for my annual dues. Sorry to hold you up so long.

You will have the new address from this envelope. As for the new job, I am now base surgeon at this AAF base in the northern Yukon Territory. My duties here are of such a nature that there never is a dull or long day. The country itself is extremely fascinating. We are right in the middle of the "gold-rush" territory that saw such a boom at the turn of the century. Jack London lived and wrote here as did Robert Service, the author of so many familiar "northern" ballads. There is still considerable export of gold and ivory from this section.

I haven’t bumped into any other "alums" up here—although I know others have been up along this route. However, I certainly do enjoy keeping up with the others all over the world in the publication. Regards to all at the U.

Larry Libecap ’34
Alaska

HOMESICK ALUMNUS

Dear Bro. Wohlleben:

I just read in the ALUMNUS that you had been in a hospital but were now back at the old school. This is the first I heard of it. I hope that you have recovered and are well by this time. I extend my sympathy and do wish that I could see you before long. However, the trains have been so crowded and accommodations so difficult to get all over the country that even my appetite for travel has had to be curbed.

I have not been at the old school for a long time and I am really homesick for the place and I would so like to see the school which has so many hallowed memories for me and where so many of my very good friends have always been.

So there is a new president at the college! Of course, I know him very well, but I’d like to call down there and meet him since he has been promoted. I feel that somehow or other I will manage before long.

My health has been good but I have not worked any too hard recently. I am just taking what business comes to me without too much effort, so as not to lose my grip altogether. I really think that I have been practicing law long enough and that the wisest thing would be to retire. However, I am a little afraid of that. I have been used to such an active life that loafing entirely might pall on me.

Well, my good friend, I guess this letter is long enough. You will be weary from reading it, so I better shut up the shop for the moment. I wish you a very speedy recovery and the best of good health; and I am very sincerely

Your friend,

Oscar C. Miller ’92
Chicago

DROPS ON FRANCE

Dear Jim:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still alive. Am proud of the fact that I was one of the first officers to land in France. Jumping behind the enemy’s lines is no picnic at night—it is just plain h—. We certainly gave the Jerrys a hot reception. They will never forget our outfit.

How is everything at the University? Certainly would like to be there, especially having a few cokes in the cafeteria. The cognac we drink over here makes your hair stand up straight. The French people are mighty swell though.

Will close for the present. Give my regards to all.

Sincerely,

Lt. Earl R. Hendricks ’41
Somewhere in France

STUDY WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY

SEVERAL WAVES ARE AMONG THE 500 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN NIGHT CLASSES. Pictured here studying first year Spanish are, seated, left to right, Ensign Harriet L. Hinton, Akron, and Yeoman Second Class Mary C. Bell, Louisville, Ky. Standing, Yeoman Third Class Margie Durbin, Lima; Special Q Second Class, Elizabeth “Betty” Bemis, former swimming champion from Nashauk, Minn.; Yeoman Second Class Emma Irwin, Nashville, Tenn., and Special Q Second Class Helen Jean Garland, Rye, N. Y. The WAVES are stationed at the National Cash Register Company and at Wright Field.
INTER-RACIAL CLUB SPONSORS LECTURE

FATHER JOHN LAFAERGE, S.J., EDITOR OF "AMERICA," SPOKE ON "INTER-RACIAL RELATIONS" at a lecture sponsored by the U.D. Inter-racial Study club in the library auditorium. In charge of the meeting were, left to right, Beverly Tompkins, chairman, Father LaFarge, Dr. Edward Huth, faculty adviser, and Marguerite Turner, secretary.

Letters (continued)

FINDS JERRY TOUGH

Dear Jim:

Just a line now as I don’t have too much time. Things are going okey now. The weather today has taken a turn for the better. The sun’s out. Usually all we see here is rain.

Jerry is a pretty tough nut to crack but we’ll do it alright, don’t you worry.

I see where the Series is now on and it looks like the Browns were hot. I just noticed in today’s Stars and Stripes that they took the first game.

How’s everything back at the U.D.? Do you have many students this term? No football, I suppose. I hope next year we’ll be able to say we have one. Let’s play Ohio State for Homecoming.

How are the Brothers and the new president, Fr. Renneker? Give my regards to Brother Lackner and Father Kenny.

Haven’t run into any of the U.D. fellows since we saw Lou Thacker and Kenny Israel, but I’m looking forward to meeting you soon.

Dear Bro. Tom:

I have thought of you very often ever since I wrote to you last November. I entered the Army at Ft. Thomas, Ky., on the 29th of November and went out to Seattle, Washington. Two months later I returned to New York and sailed for England—all within ten weeks.

You will be interested to hear that my first station over here was close to Stratford-on-Avon and my present one near Newstead Abbey, the home of Byron. As you can imagine, both of these places caused me to think of you and the English classes.

I have not received the “News” since my departure from the States so would you please pass along my APO to your mailing department.

My best regards to you and my other good friends.

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Joe J. Caveney ’31
Somewhere in England

“Cavvy” in England

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Bob Uebbing ’43
Somewhere in Germany

REGISTRATION FOR FALL TERM

FATHER RENNEKER, PRESIDENT, AND MISS MARY TUITE, ASST. REGISTRAR, welcome new students.
NEWLY APPOINTED DEANS CONFER

NEW MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION WHO ARE SHOWN HERE DISCUSSING THE PROGRAMS FOR RETURNING VETERANS ARE, left to right, Brother George Nagel, S.M., assistant dean and acting head of the division of business administration in the college of arts and sciences; Father Charles Collins, S.M., vice-president, dean, and registrar, and Brother Austin Holian, S.M., assistant dean of the college of engineering. Brother Nagel is head of the university's bureau of selective service information and assistant to Father Collins in the veterans' testing program. Father Collins is head of the guidance and testing program for returning veterans. Brother Holian is assistant institutional representative of the government-sponsored engineering, science, and management war training program.

UNIVERSITY EXPRESSES APPRECIATION TO FORMER PRESIDENT, FR. ELBERT

WHEREAS, the call of duty has taken from the Administration of the University of Dayton the Very Reverend John A. Elbert, S.M., Ph.D., who, throughout six difficult years, successfully guided the destiny of our educational institution, it is fitting that we record our deep appreciation for his efficient and untiring efforts in behalf of Catholic education at the University of Dayton; and,

WHEREAS, in his capacity as President, the University will ever be indebted to him for his far-reaching policies which stabilized the academic administration and secured State accreditation for many of the University's departments; for his penetrating knowledge of individualities which made him a master in personnel management, while his democratic spirit respected and encouraged personal initiative among his staff members; and for his prophetic vision and action which have maintained our University on a gratifying operative basis; and,

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the burdens of his office, he still found moments for scholarly pursuits as witnessed by his inaugural address, two religious publications, and his personal interest in the teaching profession by frequently conducting courses in philosophy, particularly philosophy of education, which later may soon be worked into a form, making it a permanent and accessible contribution in its field; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our expression of regard for the Very Reverend John A. Elbert, S.M. be spread upon the official minutes of this University faculty meeting, and that a copy of the same resolution be sent to our esteemed former chief executive.

Class Notes

1912—Chaplain Robert J. Sherry has been promoted to major.
1913—Faculty and alumni of the university extend their sympathy to the family of Nicholas Bernstein of Batavia, O., who died recently. George W. Dunn has moved from Miami, Fla., to Columbus, O.
1919—William Sherry of the General Chemical Co., N. Y., was a campus visitor.
1925—Lt. Thomas M. Ryan has been transferred to PMG school at San Antonio, Texas.
1927—Ens. Robert Dale Lane is commandant of the 12th naval district, San Francisco.
1928—Lt. Paul M. Spahr has been transferred to Fort Jackson, S. C. Francis E. Willhalm is with the Bardco Sales and Mfg. Co., Los Angeles.
1929—Arthur Bakos was recently elected county engineer of Montgomery county, Dayton. Lt. Dwight R. Friedline is with a B-29 squadron stationed at Herington Army Air Field, Kansas.
1930—Major Edward Breen was a campus visitor Nov. 15. Mathias Heck was recently elected Montgomery county prosecuting attorney. Joseph Servaites has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.
1931—Lt. Col. Blaire A. Froehle is stationed at Camp Stoneman, Cal. Lt. B. F. Burdzinski has been transferred to the graduate school of business administration at Harvard university, Boston. Sgt. J. J. Caveney is located in England. Dr. Arthur McDonald was elected Montgomery county coroner.
1932—Robert Lang has been promoted to Major at Wright Field.
1934—Capt. Charles Westbrock is in Fort Jackson, S. C.
1936—Maj. Robert Grimes is at the air service cadet technical training command at New Haven, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Ashman announce the birth of a daughter, Marie Sharon, Oct. 28. Carl Heck has been promoted to Captain at the McCook Army Air Base, Nebr.
1937—Alumni and faculty extend their sympathy to Foster Fryman on the death of his father Nov.
1942—Capt. Bob Butler has been appointed supply division chief of the warehouse section at the Sacramento Air Service Command, McClellan, Calif. Capt. Dick Hirt won a presidential citation for efficiency in supervising speedy repair of battle damaged bombers of the 8th Air Force. Lt. (j.g.) Robert Haley is a member of the Navy Dental corp, San Diego, Calif. Staff Sgt. George T. Dresser is a waist gunner on a B-17 with the 8th Air Force in England. Lt. Bob Kavanaugh, a campus visitor Nov. 2, was recently married. Lt. Charles W. Whalen has been transferred to Camp Reynolds, Pa. Capt. and Mrs. Joe Quinn (Gwen Hollenkamp '44) were campus visitors Nov. 13.

1943—Dorothy Hummert and Jack Quatman (ex '44) were married Nov. 25. Lt. Jack Homan has been assigned to Wright Field. Ed Veltin has been promoted to First Lieutenant. Lt. (j.g.) Jack Wohler is serving in the Mediterranean area. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kispersky announce the birth of a son Oct. 18. Lt. Robert Heet was married to the former Christine Copenhaver Oct. 5 at Patterson Field. Lt. Heet is stationed at Barksdale Field, La. Lt. James Fenton was a campus visitor Nov. 7. Jack Stang and Edward Henz have been promoted to first lieutenants and are serving in Germany and Belgium, respectively. Lt. Herb Spettel has been awarded the Air Medal. He is the pilot of a Flying Fortress based in Italy. Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. Joe Roland announce the birth of a son Nov. 3. Lt. Harry Zavakos was a campus visitor Nov. 16. He was with the 14th Air Force in China for over 13 months. Sgt. Charles Fahrig has been selected for Officer Candidates School at Quantico, Va. A/S Jack West is captain and coach of his regimental athletic team at Great Lakes. F.O. Bill Liming, with the 8th Air Force in England, has been awarded the Air Medal. Lt. Dan McKirnan is stationed in Florida. Kay Hayes is working at radio station WING. Mary Weigand is employed at the Standard Register Co. S1/C Nancy Britton of the Waves has graduated from Link Trainers Instructors school and will be stationed in Atlantic City, N. J. Lt. Dick Struwezek has been awarded the Purple Heart.

1944—Mary Turner was a campus visitor Nov. 1. Pvt. George Keller is in France. Ens. Ray Austin is an engineering officer aboard an LST in New Guinea. Lou Pohl was a campus visitor Nov. 13. Lt. Marvin Talmage is stationed with the Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N. J. Lt. Bill Bauerman is at Camp Shelby, Miss. Lt. Firmin Paulus of the Marine Corps was a recent campus visitor. Lt. Robert Seiter is on his way overseas. Frank Hollencamp was a campus visitor Nov. 11. Staff Sgt. Joe Goubeaux is with an infantry company in Newfoundland. Lucianna Neumann, of the Waves, is at the Naval Air Station Dispensary, Brunswick, Me. She was a campus visitor Oct. 31.

1945—Elaine Glossinger was a campus visitor Nov. 11. Elaine is teaching at Maria Stein school. Celia Himes was married Oct. 10 to Nevin E. Elliot. Marine Pfc. Lou Riepenhoff is in Hawaii. Ensign Anthony Rodrigues is heading for the Pacific war theater. Jack Forbes is in the South Pacific. Fred Liederbach is at Midshipman's school in New York. Bill Kennedy is in Italy. Tom "Red" Harvey is on the west coast awaiting shipment to the Pacific war theater. Pvt. Robert Funke is recovering from a broken foot in Patterson Field hospital. Fred Grimm is stationed at Langley Field, Va.