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COLLEGE FOOTBALL PRE-EMINENT SPORT

Prominent Ursinus Alumnus, Raymond G. Gettel, Favors Football

An address on "The Value of Football," delivered at the eleventh annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, by Prof. Raymond Garfield Gettel, a graduate of Ursinus in the year of 1904 and at present a member of the faculty of Amherst College, recently appeared in the Philadelphia Sunday Ledger. The address follows:

A phenomenon of frequent recurrence in widely separated times and places has been the intense general interest in games or contests manifested by those peoples who held the leading place in the civilization of their day. The Olympic games in Greece, the gladiatorial contests in Rome and the tournaments of the Middle Ages alike were characterized by the enthusiastic zeal of those actively engaged, by the presence of crowds of frenzied spectators and by the interest and attention centered upon them by the public at large. All these athletic carnivals were subjected to severe criticism in their age, yet they increased in popularity in spite of opposition, and declined only with the decadence of the peoples interested or with changes in culture that made them no longer possible. In the modern world, Teutonic peoples hold the reins of power, and among them great football, baseball and cricket contests inspire widespread interest and enthusiasm. One explanation of this phenomenon, using football as an example of the modern type, is here attempted.

As might be expected, football has been subjected to unusually severe criticism. The danger of life and limb, and the accompanying evils of gambling professionalism, and unsportsmanlike methods, the enormous expenditures, the comparatively small number who actually take part in proportion to the numerous spectators, the false standards created in the minds of growing school boys, the over-emphasis on athletics in general in colleges and universities—these are some of the direct accusations that the sport has been compelled to face.

In spite of these criticisms and these
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LLOYD O. YOST
President of Chemical-Biological Group

CLASSES WILL FORM BASKETBALL LEAGUE

**Inter-Class Basketball will be Substituted
for Inter-Group League**

The students of Ursinus met in Bomberger Hall recently and voted to abolish the inter-group basketball league and substitute in its stead an inter-class league in which the four classes of the College will be represented.

The inter-group league, which has existed during the past two years, was very successful, however, it was decided that an inter-class league would contain all the good features of the inter-group league and also several others that seem to make it more desirable. First, it is believed that since the classes are more nearly the same size than the groups the teams of the new league will be more evenly matched. Secondly the inter-class league will be more widely representative in the student body. In the inter-group league, while there were at the time seven groups in the College, only four had teams representing them. On the other hand, the inter-class league will claim the interest of every student in the College. In the third place, and probably because of the other two advantages, an inter-class league, it is believed, will create a keener interest throughout the student body.

URSINUS WALLOPS HARRISBURG TEAM

**Ursinus Quintet Successful in First Home
Game of the Season**

In the opening home game of the season, the Ursinus cage artists easily defeated the Hassett Gymnastic School of Harrisburg, Pa., last Saturday afternoon in Thompson Cage. The final score was 45-25.

The Capital city five opened the game with a rush and for a time bewildered the Ursinus quintet with short and snappy passing. After several minutes of play; however, the Varsity five struck its stride and began raining them in from all angles. Hassett Club drew first blood when Gerdes tossed a foul goal. The score soon stood 2-0 after Gerdes tallied another foul goal. Ursinus followed and registered her first point on a foul goal by Wiest. Wiest then drew a round of applause with a pretty shot from the center of the floor. Light baffled the Gymnasts several times by dribbling the ball up the floor and scoring the goals. The first half ended with Ursinus leading, the score, 22-11.

Ursinus opened the second half with the same scoring offense that marked the first twenty minutes and after three minutes of play Coach Thompson started to send in the substitutes. Havard took Grove's position at forward and Vedder was displaced by Evans. Roth was sent in for Wiest, Mellinger for Evans, Hain for Havard, Yost for Roth, Griffin for Light and Havard for Carling. In spite of the substitutions, the opponents were pushed to the limit. The game ended with Ursinus in the lead, score 45-25.

The team as a unit and also individually displayed a type of basketball pleasing to the student body and spectators. The reason for the poor showing made in the Temple and Penn games may be accredited to lack of practice and the Christmas holidays. "Bill" Wiest, one of last year's highest scorers was the backbone of the Ursinus team. This diminutive and aggressive forward netted six goals and tallied nine out of twelve tries from the foul line. "Eddie" Grove, a member of this year's Freshmen class and Wiest's running mate at forward, played

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The Tower Window



URSINUS COLLEGE greatly needs a hymn—a majestic ode, dignified in movement, rich in meaning, fine in feeling, simple but not too plain in style, a bit of literature, and not mere rhyme, in its contents devoted to magnificent ideals and contemplative of both past and future—something the sons and daughters

of Ursinus will not grow tired of singing in all future generations.

If these specifications do not conform with your ideas, change them to suit yourself, but set to work on the hymn. Immortality, at least here on the Ursinus campus, awaits the one who can render this service to our college. The thought has occurred to me that we might offer a prize, but who that is talented enough to write the hymn and devoted enough to make it a good one, will want an incentive of this kind! Far surpassing any prize will be the reward of the one who can give us lines that will be sung down through the ages in love and praise of good old Ursinus.

It is said that when Russia was without a national air, the Czar ordered that one be written, and forthwith a musician went aside and produced the stately Russian Hymn. The Czar did not select his author, but left the Muses do that. I am not a Czar and will not "order" that a hymn be written, but I submit our need to our many gifted graduates, undergraduates, too, and trust that the muses will inspire not only one but many to render their votive offerings of verse in masterly tribute to Alma Mater.

It will be more than likely that those who compose the verses will be able to do little more than make suggestions as to the music and that the latter will have to be written by others or be borrowed from outside sources. It would be fine to have a collection of native hymns, so will you all join the movement and apply your talents to hymn writing?

Out of this effort should come some choice contributions to the program of the Bomberger Centenary Exercises next commencement. G. L. O.

One alumnus of Lehigh University came all the way from the Orange Free State in South Africa to witness the Lafayette-Lehigh game.

Contributed Article

CULTURE

CALVIN D. VOST.

The number of young men and young women who are seeking admission to the colleges and universities in this country has increased rapidly during the last fifty years. Whether this increase will continue in the same ratio cannot be definitely determined, but it is certain that, under normal conditions, the number will not decrease. Since so many of the youths of the land are spending four years in institutions of higher learning, it is a fair question to ask what the four years spent in college should yield to those who have mind and means to pursue a collegiate education? Many persons, of course, have a definite object in view before they enter college. They may be preparing to enter a professional school, a graduate school, or they may make their undergraduate course to a large extent a vocational course. But aside from this there are some definite results which a college education should yield to those in pursuit of it. The most important of these results may be summed up in the following terms: Culture, refinement, taste and the power of adaptability.

The term *culture* has been talked of so much in recent years, and the views expressed have been so variant, that it is almost hazardous to undertake even to use it. But for our present purpose we shall use the word as ordinarily defined, namely, the enlightenment and discipline acquired by mental and moral training. To most persons genuine culture means even more than this, but its meaning while evident in concrete cases, is so subtle that it eludes our attempt at complete definition. As here defined, culture is personal, belonging to the person who has actually acquired it. But culture is also national; that is, it belongs to a nation or people. Thus we speak of a nation as being cultured. In this sense, however, whilst it belongs to a people, it is not inseparable from the people to which it belongs. The Greek nation, for example, has passed away; Greek culture remains. All the civilized nations of the past have added something to the sum total of culture. Every generation becomes richer because of what former generations have achieved.

It may be contended that what one generation receives from another is not culture, but only the result of the culture possessed by the preceding generations. So far as the individual is concerned this is largely true. The individual cannot

receive culture by legacy; he must acquire it by individual, personal effort and training. To be sure his environment and early training are a large factor in the acquisition of this coveted quality, but so far as he is concerned, it is a personal matter. It is, however, also true that he may acquire more readily and more quickly some of the elements of culture, because generations of men have lived before him and possessed what he is seeking. That which required ages to achieve may be more readily acquired by the earnest devotee of culture. Hebrew culture remains; Greek culture remains; Roman culture remains; French culture has attained a high degree. The individual, if he would profit by what these nations have accomplished, must make it his own. This he cannot do by attempting simply to take these over ready-made; they must become the elements which enter into his life and there evolve a new result which is neither Hebrew, Greek, Roman nor French culture, but, if we may be bold enough to use the term, American culture.

The European people before the breaking out of the present disastrous war, contended that American civilization is only skin-deep, only a veneer on the surface. Civilization and culture are not identical, but where there is no civilization there can be no culture. This contention has some truth in it. The American nation is yet a youthful nation and up to this time has been lacking in many of the qualities which the older civilizations possess. But both the nation and the individual have ideals and these ideals in both instances should be, and we believe are, toward genuine culture.

Culture in the individual is not acquired in one way only. There are those individuals who have not had the advantages of a college education and yet have attained to a high degree of culture. Indeed there are those who possess little formal education of any kind and yet are not devoid of, at least, some degree of culture. The discipline and training which produced it was received in a different manner. Some one has described culture thus: It is "not an acquired familiarity with things outside, but an inner and constantly operating taste, a fresh and responsive power of discrimination, and the insistent judging of everything that comes to our minds and senses." This "responsive power of discrimination" has been acquired by many men and women outside of college.

But the advantage is in favor of the

college student. Through his study and reading of literature and history, through his opportunity to gain a knowledge of music and art, by means of the discipline which a regular routine of work gives to him, and by the more rigid discipline to which he ought to subject himself, he has opportunities to acquire culture, which cannot be surpassed. And he can by this study, discipline and training gain for himself during his four years in college this much to be coveted acquisition.

On the Campus

Kerschner, '16, and Thena, ex-'16, both students at the Central Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, were seen on the campus part of last week.

We are very sorry to announce the death of the father of Miss Schaeffer, '17.

President Omwake has been confined to his home since Wednesday with an attack of gripe.

A committee composed of Misses Maurer, Reifsnieder, Grim, Boyd and Wagner, representing the Y. W. C. A. of the College, spent the Saturday afternoon preceding the Christmas recess distributing Christmas treats among the poor children of the town.

At a mass meeting of the student body Monday before the Christmas recess, it was decided to set aside the customary series of inter-group basket-ball games, and in their place play a corresponding series of inter-class games. Consequently the various classes of the College instead of the several groups will now contest for the basketball supremacy.


The Physics Department of the College, formerly directed by Prof. Dimon, has been taken over by Prof. Clawson, who will have charge of it the rest of the year.

Among those who remained at the College during the Christmas recess are Putney, '18, Grossman, '18, Brown, '17, and Carlson, '20.

The student body, in a mass meeting Monday before the Christmas recess, elected Evans, '18, track manager for the ensuing season.

Charles M. Schwab, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bethlehem Steel Company has informed his Baltimore friends that he will endow his Alma Mater, St. Francis College at Lorette, Pennsylvania, with \$2,000,000. The larger part of the gift is to be devoted to the erection of new buildings to replace the older ones and to construct additional buildings as required by the growth of the institution.

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Editorial Comment

To the careful observer it is obvious that the perfect freedom which is accorded to undergraduates here at Ursinus, and I believe, in many other similar institutions, to organize their own lives while in college as they please, is bringing about consequences that are detrimental. College life is so complex and so difficult to manage that it claims an undue amount of the students' energies so that as a result, they gradually drift away from the deeper interests of the College. And furthermore, it seems equally obvious that there is a sort of antagonism rising up between the student life of the College and the institution itself. In order to accomplish the best results in a college, a harmonious and sympathetic relation should exist between the student body and the all-important intellectual interests which all modern educational institutions are intended to foster. The college should make up a family of which teachers shall be as natural and as intimate members as the students. It is to be regretted however, that this condition does not exist at Ursinus, or if it does exist, it is very limited in its scope. A rivalry seems to exist between student life and student duties, and consequently, the life of the institution is made up of

lighter and more frivolous associations than should exist in any college whose ideal is to train young men and young women for positions of trust and honor in the world.

It is not the purpose of these few remarks to even suggest a remedy for these undesirable conditions but merely to bring the thought to the minds of the students themselves with the hope that those who see it in the same light will exert a positive influence to bring about a more highly elevated tone in the student life at Ursinus. J. S. G., '17.

Important Debate Coming

Schaff Literary Society has arranged for the second consecutive year to have her debating team meet the team representing the Zelosophic Literary Society of the University of Pennsylvania. Inasmuch as Ursinus College is not represented in any debating union with other colleges, this debate should prove to be of unusual interest to all who are interested in intercollegiate debating. The debate will be held in Bomberger Hall, Monday evening, January 15, 1917, at eight o'clock.

The public and students of the college are cordially invited to attend.

Ursinus Wallops Harrisburg Team

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a clever and consistent floor game. The second period had scarcely begun when he caged two "two-pointers" in rapid succession.

Vedder, the tall, lanky football end, jumped center and out-manuevered his opponent time after time. His speciality is rolling them in from under the basket. Light and Carling, both members of the Freshmen class, started at the guard positions. They had their forwards well in hand, holding them to four baskets. The line-up was as follows:

Ursinus	Hasset
Wiest forward	Gerdes
Grove forward	Hilton
Vedder center	Sourbier
Light guard	Gough
Carling guard	Devine

Substitutions—Havard for Grove, Evans for Vedder, Roth for Wiest, Mellinger for Evans, Hain for Havard, Havard for Carling, Yost for Roth, Griffin for Light. Field goals—Wiest 6, Grove 2, Vedder 3, Light 2, Carling 2, Havard 1, Hain 1, Gerdes 1, Hilton 3, Sourbier 2, Gough 2. Foul goals—Wiest 9 out of 12, Hain 2 out of 2, Gerdes 11 out of 18. Referee—Burkhardt, Norristown, Pa.

The football team of the University of Pennsylvania journeyed to the Pacific coast and played the fast University of Oregon team at Pasenda, California. The West trimmed the East to the tune of 14 to 0.

Literary Societies

Schaff Society

Considerable enthusiasm was shown in the excellent debate which was rendered in Schaff Society last Friday evening. The speeches of all the debaters were exceptionally well delivered and were interspersed with pleasing musical numbers.

The first number was a selection by a mixed quartette, led by Mr. P. E. Deitz, which rendered in a very pleasing manner an original comic operetta "Softening Father's Heart." The question for debate was then announced, *Resolved*, "That the honor system should be adopted at Ursinus College". The first affirmative speaker, Miss Borneman, presented an excellent logical debate. Misses Bickel and Chandler speaking on the same side also presented some striking arguments. The speakers on the negative side Messrs. McKee, Houck and Kochel showed considerable ability in delivering their forceful debates. The debate proved a very interesting number all through. Between the main speeches and rebuttal speeches, delivered by Miss Borneman and Mr. McKee, the society was favored by a beautiful violin solo by Mr. Peterman, who also ably rendered a very pleasing encore. The judges Messrs. Kehm, Koons and Spanuth gave their decision in favor of the affirmative side. On the merits of the question the house decided in favor of the affirmative. Mr. Sands read a well written and original Gazette. The Schaff orchestra was up to its usual standard in the excellent selections rendered. The program was concluded by a just and thorough critic's report by Miss Faulkner.

Zwinglian Society

The program in Zwinglian Literary Society, Friday evening was featured by an entertaining and spirited debate. The question, *Resolved*, "That warring nations are justified in waging submarine warfare against enemies commerce," is one of timely interest and was skillfully handled by both sides. The speakers, Messrs. Schaub, Edwards, and Ferber on the affirmative and Messrs. Hess, Miller and Knipe on the negative, all presented interesting and worthy arguments and maintained them in a commendable manner. In the rebuttal, Mr. Hess for the negative and Mr. Schaub for the affirmative, attacked their opponents arguments with true fervor and telling success. The judges Messrs. S. S. Gulick and Wintyn rendered their decision in favor of the negative.

The musical numbers for the evening consisted of a well interpreted vocal solo

Alumni Notes

John L. Alexander, '00, of Chicago, Superintendent of the Secondary Division of the International Sunday School Association, who has had a wide experience in directing religious work among boys, and who has many speaking engagements throughout the United States, will be at Sellersville, Pa., on January 20 and 21 to participate in an Older Boys and Girls Conference under the auspices of the Bucks County Sabbath School Association.

Many graduates of Ursinus who are prominent in educational work in various parts of Pennsylvania attended the sessions of the State Educational Association at Harrisburg during the week following Christmas. President Omwake, '98, presided over the meetings of the College and Normal School Department and Hiram H. Shenk, '99, Custodian of Public Records of the State Library, and Samuel H. Ziegler, '12, Instructor in Civics in the West Philadelphia High School for Boys, each read papers before the History and Civics Department.

Dr. Garry C. Myers, '09, of the Brooklyn Training School for Teachers, read two papers recently before the Education Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the annual meeting of the latter in New York City. Dr. Myers is regarded as an expert in the field of scientific measurements in education.

Mr. Edward I. Cook, '07, has just returned from the "border," Nogales, Arizona, where he was stationed with the California Brigade as First Lieutenant, Company I, 2nd California Infantry, to Oroville, California, where he is teaching in the Union High School. Mr. Cook has recently expressed his appreciation of THE WEEKLY which keeps him in close touch with his beloved Alma Mater.

Mr. an Mrs. Philip H. Dodge, of 39 North Arlington Avenue, East Orange, N. J., entertained forty guests on Saturday afternoon, December 16, at a reception and card party at which the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ida May Crawford to George Raymond Ensinger, '14, was announced. The rooms were decorated with pink and white flowers. A large rose formed the

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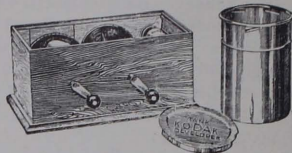
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table centerpiece, from which the guests drew out lady-fingers each bearing a ring. The announcement was made in this way. No date is set for the wedding.

Mr. E. E. A. Kelley, '01, is a very successful attorney in Los Angeles, California.

The Ursinus alumni in the vicinity of New York are thinking of having a reunion in the near future. Word is hereby sent to the following to express their desire of renewing acquaintances: Hoffsummer, '02, Dunseath, '10, Billman, '12, Eusminger '14, Elicker, '14, Long, '12, Minnich, '15, Miller, '15, Come, ex-'14. If any others wish to obtain information concerning the occasion address J. E. Mertz, '14, New Brunswick, N. J., in care of Rutgers Seminary.

Mr. Miles A. Keasey, M. A., '06, and John E. Hoyt, Ph. D., '04, hope soon to occupy residences, adjoining each other, which they are building at Brookline, Pa.

Singley, '15, was recently called to his home in Oneida, Pa., because of the death of a married sister. The WEEKLY extends its sympathy to Mr. Singley in his recent bereavement.

Dr. Philip Vollmer, hon. '99, was one of the speakers at the meeting of the Council of the Federation of Churches, held in St. Louis early in December. Thirty denominations were represented at the conference.

Dr. James I. Good, hon. '87, recently left for the East where he will spend the remainder of the winter. He will give a course in Church History during the second term at Ursinus.

Rev. Paul Yoh, '12, and Miss Helen Sykes were united in marriage at 4 p. Wednesday, January 3, in the Trinity Lutheran Church of Norristown, Pa., by Rev. Aden B. MacIntoch, pastor of the Church. Mrs. Yoh was popularly known in Norristown, being a graduate of the Norristown High School of the Class of 1912. Mr. Yoh is pastor of the Pleasantville Reformed Church, Eureka, Pa., where the newly wedded couple will reside after an extended wedding trip. The WEEKLY extends heartiest congratulations.

On the annual Color day next May, Wooster students will present an historical pageant of the Reformation in celebration of its 400th anniversary.

A friend of Mt. Union College has offered a prize of \$20 to the freshman playing football who has the highest grade in scholarship for the semester.

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This group furnishes thorough preparation for the study of the law, and enables students who expect to teach to become specialists in history, economics, political science and public finance.

V. THE ENGLISH-HISTORICAL GROUP

This group fits the student for a life of letters in general and offers exceptional advantages for persons expecting to enter the educational profession.

VI. THE MODERN LANGUAGE GROUP

This group affords special advantages to students who expect to enter the field of literature, or who desire to become specialists in teaching the modern languages.

College Football Pre-eminent Sport

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defects, however, football has become during the autumn season the pre-eminent sport, especially in American schools and colleges. The football "star" is a college hero; ambition to make the team is a chief desire in the mind of many a student, and pride over football victories is a powerful stimulant to loyal college spirit. Nor does public interest in the game show sign of decline. Each Saturday during the season thousands assemble to witness the contests, additional thousands, even in the remotest parts of the country, crowd around bulletin boards, which give detailed descriptions of the plays or announce the scores, and still other thousands turn first to the sporting columns of the Sunday morning newspapers. A game that inspires much widespread devotion must rest upon certain vital underlying principles of human nature.

Football is not a contest between individuals. It is a contest between groups or teams. The union of eleven men under their captain typifies the characteristic human factor of organization. In no other game is the individual as an individual of so little moment and the unit, or team, so closely integrated. The success of almost every maneuver depends upon a detailed division of labor, a distinct part being assigned to each member within the machine, and the success of a team in competition with others depends mainly upon the perfection of its organized team work. Football, then, demands co-operation, the subordination of the individual interest to the welfare of the larger unit. It reproduces on a small scale that process of organized social effort by which man first attained supremacy over the world of nature, and by which the more highly organized and more closely co-operating peoples have conquered and surpassed their less advanced rivals.

Football, while retaining the virtues of physical combat, remedies its worst evils by emphasizing organization, co-operation and obedience. These necessitate self-sacrifice, subordination, mutual aid and fair play. They discipline the individual, teach self-control and inculcate principles of honor and loyalty. Especially do they build up an ideal.

More than any other sport it retains the vital elements of physical combat and necessitates an exhibition of all its essential factors—strength, speed, skill and cunning. In addition to this primitive lust for battle, it satisfies the higher and distinctly civilized interest in organization, co-operation and the skilled in-

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College Calendar

Monday, Jan. 8—7.00 p. m., Meeting, Music Society, College Chapel.

Tuesday, Jan. 9—6.30 p. m., Y. W. C. A., English Room.

Wednesday, Jan. 10—7.00 p. m., Y. M. C. A., English Room.

8.00 p. m., English-Historical Group meeting.
8.00 p. m., Mathematical Group meeting.

Friday, Jan. 12—7.40 p. m., Literary Societies.

Saturday, Jan. 13—8.00 p. m., Basketball, Varsity vs. Franklin and Marshall College, Thompson Cage.

Sunday, Jan. 14—4.00 p. m., Vesper Service, College Chapel.

Monday, Jan. 15—8.00 p. m., Debate, Schaff Society vs. Zelosophic Society of University of Pennsylvania, Bomberger Hall.



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