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PRESIDENT DIEHL REPORTS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Value of Non-Military Liberal Arts College In Wartime

The theme emphasized by President Charles E. Diehl in his annual report to the board of college directors, meeting on the Southwestern campus recently, was the wartime value of the non-military liberal-arts college.

Overshadowing all other developments of the past year, he said, the war has profoundly affected the lives and work of the students and faculty of Southwestern, and greatly influenced student attitudes, the curriculum, and all phases of student life.

Practically all the men in college were enrolled, or endeavoring to be enrolled, in one of the deferred services. Of the 49 men students who did not stay to complete their work, 25 left for military duty, and a number of others found places in war industry. Eight members of the faculty and the college librarian withdrew to enter activities in connection with the war.

Army Air Corps

In addition there have been 36 men of the Army Air Corps not enrolled as college students who took the review course at Southwestern in training for commissions. Among alumni in the armed forces, a large proportion hold commissions.

The Civilian Pilot Training program has been successfully carried on since its inception three years ago.

Non-credit courses such as first aid, home nursing, and group leadership were popular, as well as other work in typing, shorthand, and the use of business machines.

The academic level of the freshman class was above that of its predecessors, and the general scholastic record of students showed an improvement. Social organizations did not neglect scholarship. With three-fourths of the Southwestern students holding membership in national fraternities or sororities, the all-fraternity average was higher than the all-men's average, and the all-sorority average was higher than the all-women's average.

Accessions to the library have reached 50,000 volumes, and during the year the average circulation was 65 volumes per student.

Intercollegiate Football

The executive committee directed the cancelling of the intercollegiate football schedule for this fall, and authorized the director of physical education to inaugurate for all men students a compulsory program of physical hardening in accordance with Army and Navy regulations.

Financial aid was granted during the year to 161 students, including NYA, scholarships, and grants-in-aid.

The fiscal year ended with a small surplus of income over expenses. There is no bonded

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COLLEGE STILL GIVES BASIC TRAINING IN KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM, AND JUDGMENT

NOT DEFERRED

Secretary of War Stimson announced this week that the War Department is planning to call to active military service all college students of the Army Enlisted Reserve as they reach draft age.

Students in more than 1000 colleges and universities have joined the reserves under an arrangement whereby they would continue their studies until they were subject to call if needed.

The new policy also will affect Army Air Force Reserves.

The present minimum draft age is 20, but the War Department is urging it to be reduced to 18.

STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE SUPERIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship records at Southwestern made a sharp increase last year, according to a tabulation of grades released by the registrar's office.

A five year normal was broken when professors awarded 16% A's last year, against an expectancy of 11% A's. Likewise the number of B's was increased from 26% to 31%. At the other extreme the number of D's, lowest passing grade, was reduced from 18% in 1937-38 to 11% in 1941-42.

Although the hardest professor last year gave only 4% A's, most of them were liberal. The most generous of all gave 56% A's, 33% B's, no C's, 11% D's, and no failures.

RADIO SERIES TO BEGIN FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER

Radio programs for the current year will be broadcast from the campus studio each week over Station WREC, beginning the first week in October.

First program, under the direction of Dr. Robert S. Pond, will feature the Civilian Pilot Training Course.

Second program, dealing with maps and their shortcomings, will be directed by Dr. John H. Davis of the history department.

Dr. W. R. Atkinson of the psychology department has a program to be scheduled on the unconscious harm that parents do to children in the home.

Professor Burnet C. Tuthill, director of music, is preparing a program on hymnology, with specimens of religious music, secular music, and quasi-religious music.

A professor in the Bible department is considering a program on air power and "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees."

Another professor has material on sex determination and the old folk belief that wartime increases the number of boy babies.

Formal Convocation Opens 95th Session At Southwestern

Formal exercises opening the 95th session of Southwestern were held in Hardie auditorium on the campus September 12th.

The faculty in academic costume, led by Dr. John H. Davis of the history department as grand marshal, marched in procession from the science building to Palmer Hall. The ermine of Oxford was prominent among the colored silk hoods of American universities.

Dr. Thomas E. Hill of the Bible department was in charge of devotionals and introduced President Charles E. Diehl who made the convocation address. His theme was the basic training of the mind in knowledge, wisdom, and judgment. That training, he said, is stressed by the War Department as a prerequisite to military induction, especially important in those to whom we look for leadership.

Martial music was led by Prof. Burnet C. Tuthill of the music faculty.

Getting Acquainted

Early in the orientation week the social organizations complimented the freshmen with several parties. Kappa Sigma went to Ellendale for tennis, swimming, table tennis, bridge, baseball, and a picnic lunch at 1:00. Sigma Alpha Epsilon entertained at the lodge with a spaghetti supper, bridge, and a movie party. Pi Kappa Alpha served a buffet supper at the home of one of the members. Kappa Alpha Order entertained with an informal dance at the fraternity lodge on the campus. Christian Union Cabinet members were hosts to dormitory students at campus hearth. The annual freshman mixer was held at the Field House on the campus, with dancing as the main feature. School colors were predominant in the decorations. The college entertained all new students with a party at Ellendale, with swimming, tennis, badminton, ping-pong, and baseball enjoyed. A picnic lunch followed. Last of the social events was a faculty reception on the terrace of Palmer Hall for freshmen, sophomores, and their parents.

Getting Registered

Classification tests and measurements were taken for all entering students, transfer as well as freshmen. These were followed by introduction of student Counselors and a luncheon in Neely Hall, with Dean A. T. Johnson presiding and Professor W. Raymond Cooper making the keynote address. Later the women students met with the dean of women and with the instructor in physical education for women. Men students met separately for a special war program. Photographs were taken for each student, and physical examinations completed the day.

Enrollment and assignment to classes were

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CURTAIN CALL

One man in his time plays many parts, and last month the order came for Gordon Siefkin to take his turn as soldier.

Since he has already gone to the army, it is possible only in a manner of speaking for us to throw a spot upon the curtain, and call him back to receive the applause his performance here so richly deserves.

There have always been a few men who did not care to specialize. So it was with the former editor of this publication. He did many things, and did them well. In the variety of his talent he reminds us of those other spacious characters who took all knowledge to be their province, and could not hold a partiality for any little segment of it.

As a teacher of history he saw that any order that emerges can just as easily lapse back into chaos. The world is full of power, growth, generation. Only when it is combed, subdued, and directed by man's law and God's law does it become civilization.

It was the business of Gordon Siefkin to work with the material at hand, and work constructively as an artist, bringing order out of chaos, making some Thing out of No Thing.

EXPENDIBLE

If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that, too.

—Somerset Maugham

We do well, in spite of accelerated programs, to read slowly these days, and think about the words of unfamiliar meaning that crowd the printed page.

Sometimes we reach for the dictionary. Then we lay the book aside, because the lexicographer—like other busy people—gets behind with his work. When his report is not in, we have no blueprint to teach us the traditional way of using a new term in today's thinking. At such times we are thrown back upon any other resources that may be available.

So it is with the word **expendible**, and the implications of the word may have caused us to flinch a little.

Of course we have always known that gasoline in the family automobile was expendible, and in some emergency the money in Junior's piggy bank—if we could get at it. Now we realize that a soldier's life is just as easily expendible at the word of his commanding officer. In the same way a new battleship, costing up to \$100,000,000 of public money, can be sent to the bottom of the ocean with the same coolness that a nickle is put in the slot of a public telephone. In either case a trading token has served its intended purpose.

Now the military leaders tell us that expendibility is the secret of any dynamic enterprise. In simpler language they doubtless mean that "When everything is spent that can be spent, there is nothing more to go on."

A famous spokesman for this school of thought is Fedor von Bock, a soldier with a fine muscular mind. He constantly tries to achieve total expendibility. He loves to see power burn itself to a clean exhaustion, as a candle goes out when the wax is spent. He wants to go with the blaze where the blazes go, to a place where he can do some more burning!

If power is everything, then beyond power lies the blank vacancy of absolute Nothing.

If power is NOT everything, then beyond power may lie Peace—not the peace of the grave, but the peace of a democratic life. (Of course Herr von Bock does not concur. A puzzled frown appears on his face for a moment. Then it clears, and we hear him mutter: "Complete nonsense! To say dat vun can spend all, and haff some left? It iss absurd!")

On every American campus the Honor System gives a basic training in the rugged logic that a man should pay his debts, meet all his obligations, and render to Caesar all that Caesar has coming to him. The word Equality is often used. It means a man's supply, if he is to avoid frustration, should be equal to his needs. He should have what it takes. His output ought to be equal to his opportunities. His ability should rise to equal any high emergency. If the Honor System teaches anything, it teaches the art of making bread and gravy come out even.

In the science classrooms we learn that Nature has material tied up in the composition of our bodies, and that material is like property that can be repossessed by the owner. The honest thing to do is to return, eventually, a few chemicals to the earth from which they came.

Another loan we have accepted is from organized society for the language we speak, for the culture of our various talents, and for the amenities and conveniences of life that we enjoy. This bill, like the other, is for goods supplied on credit. It is payable, usually on demand.

The payment of debt may signify bankruptcy in Germany, but as we do business in America the payment of debt is the beginning of freedom. To be sure the American college is an expendible asset in wartime. The college claims no exemption. The college gladly undertakes to contribute the full measure of its part in the war effort. Until that debt is paid, no access to freedom can begin.

In doing what we ought to do, we simply dismiss those whose genius it is to supervise—and make us do it. Such emancipation is not easy. Only by the development of inside power can a college "preserve itself free from government domination, as a center loyal but free."

The **second best** thing to do is listen to the "wait" and "hurry" signals of a clucking hen.

There is a difference between the suffixes *-ible* and *-able*, but only those who know the different Latin conjugations have any feeling for it.

COLLEGE

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followed in the afternoon by band try-outs and choir try-outs in the Band House.

On Saturday after the formal convocation each class met briefly with the instructor for checking attendance, necessary announcements, and discussion of text-book requirements.

Rat Rules

Opening day of the semester saw freshmen co-eds wearing their baby bonnets and their name cards conspicuously displayed. All freshmen were required to speak to everyone they met on the campus, forbidden to walk on the grass, and not allowed to use the side door of Palmer Hall. Girls breaking these rules were required to cut their fingernails, wear their hair in pigtails, and go without make-up, according to Gladys Moore, president of the Women's Undergraduate Society.

PRES. DIEHL

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indebtedness. The income of Southwestern is derived from the following principal sources: student fees 43%, contributions 38%, investments 11%. Distribution of expenditures was 82% for salaries, and 18% for all other purposes.

Support Needed

Most pressing need is for an adequate continuous support for Southwestern. It will require a capital fund of \$2,000,000 on the present basis of the projection of the work. In the meantime the difference must be made up by contributions from churches, church groups, individuals, corporations, and groups of various kinds.

An unlimited number of scholarships for \$250 should be available, each of which can be provided permanently by a capital gift of \$6,000.

The building program, interrupted by war conditions, remains a constant need. Chief needs are for a library \$400,000, a speech building \$100,000, two dormitories for men at \$80,000 each, and a dormitory for women \$80,000.

Special Gifts

Special gifts received during the fiscal year include \$222,226 specifically designated for buildings, \$11,000 from the estate of the late Sallie P. Williams, and \$2,500 in Series G War Bonds from Mrs. Grey S. Wurtsbaugh of Shreveport, La.

Since the close of the fiscal year Southwestern has been the recipient of other Series G War Bonds from friends "wishing to make the same dollar do double duty by helping win the war and by helping Southwestern at the same time."

Board Members

In accordance with the amended by-laws, the Board enlarged the executive committee by electing the following four Memphians: E. R. Barrow, J. Bayard Boyle, S. Toof Brown, and A. K. Burrow.

Only change in the Board of Directors was the addition of Dr. W. J. Millard of Memphis, who was elected by the Synod of Mississippi and whose term expires in 1943.

NAVY TAKES ANOTHER MAN FROM SOUTHWESTERN STAFF

Coach Andrew Edington, '34, Ordered to Report To Boston, Mass.

Assistant Coach Andrew Edington, who has held for some time a commission as Ensign in the Naval Reserve, has been ordered to report to Boston, Mass., October 2nd for active duty.

Coach Edington, native of Mobile, Ala., took opportunity to learn ships and the sea in his home town, and was a holder of seaman's papers long before his entrance into the Navy.

At Southwestern, after his graduation with the class of '34, he was listed as a member of the coaching staff in 1935 and again during the past year. He has also done promotional work for the college, and has been Director of Admissions.

SUMMER SCHOOL QUALIFIES STUDENTS FOR GRADUATION

Six students, five in arts and one in science, completed requirements for degrees during the summer session.

Those receiving the B.A. degree were Celia Jane Caldwell, J. Claude Hull, Jr., Mary Ann Simonton, James H. Sparks, and Willis Lee Ensign.

Only student receiving the B.S. degree was Robert McCrary.

Celebrating 25 years on the faculty of Southwestern is Charles Louis Townsend, professor of modern languages, and oldest man in point of service. Dr. Townsend has completed his quarter of a century as teacher without any sabbatical leave of absence.

SOUTHWESTERN MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

The Following Names Have Been Added to the Military Roster

Clay Alexander, x'43
James Andrew, '42
Ward Archer, x'39
Robert Pate Armistead, x'41
Dr. Robert K. Armstrong, '37
Dorsey J. Barefield, '36
B. W. Beaumont, '42
Hugh Goldsby Black, Jr., '42
James Breyspraak, '38
Charles M. Cable, '42
Robert Carpenter, Jr., x'31
Ewing Caruthers, Jr., '39
Graham Hill Cassibry, x'44
Clif Cochran, x'43
William Oliver Cromwell, x'31
J. R. Crosby, '35
J. R. Cross, x'23
Barton Currie, x'45
Henry Force Daniels, x'38
Bond Dashiell, x'35
Nick Demas, x'41
Jack T. Dubose, '30
Oney Buck Ellis, x'39
Frank England, '41
Erskine B. Falls, '38
George W. Fisher, Jr., x'32
Dr. Thomas F. Frist, x'31
Joseph A. Gardner, Summer '31
John Gibson, '42
Dr. James Frank Gladney, Jr., '39
Dr. Lester I. Goldsmith, x'33
Dickson Griffin, x'33
Horace Harwell, x'31
Malcolm P. Hooker, x'41
Harold Johnson, Jr., spl. '41
Newton B. Jones, x'40
Dr. Herman Kaminsky, '28
Eugene Keller III, x'41
Franklin Kimbrough, '33
Harry B. Kittle, Jr., x'44
William Abbay Leatherman, x'40
Charles Albert Ledsinger, '35
D. B. Lewis, '39
Edward D. Longinotti, x'40
Lawrence D. McMurray, spl. 1940-41
John D. Marshall, x'41
Robert Meacham, '42
R. M. Metcalf, Jr., x'36
Dr. Joseph Clinton Mobley, '32
Clifford F. Moriarty, Jr., x'44
Lloyd Parker, '40
Louis Parotte, x'34
Gus Pitt, x'38
Arthur Raymond Pople, x'40
Thomas Van Dyke Potts, x'40
Albert C. Poulton, Jr., x'44
Warren Prewitt, '39
Robert Quindley, Jr., '41
Lem H. Rainwater, x'37
Dr. Fred C. Rehfeldt, x'37
Hayden Hamilton Reynolds, x'28
Daniel B. Robertson, x'41
Carl Roth, x'39
Ryce Russum, x'43
Henry Faxon Saunders, x'44
Thomas Shea, x'44
Calvin Horton Smith, x'43
John Summerfield, Jr., '40
William V. Tarver, Jr., x'43
George Tomlinson, x'44
Bill Voegeli, x'44
Beryl Waller, x'42
Harry Edward Waring, '39
Allen Webb, '42
Louis Weeks, x'37
Robert E. White, Jr., x'39
John W. Young, Jr., '41
Dr. T. K. Young, Jr., x'40



Southwestern's program of intensive physical training, according to Army and Navy standards, is compulsory for all men students.

Upper (left to right): Steve Pridgen, Bill West, and Fred Kelly hurdle a cross pole.

Physical education for women students includes first aid treatment. The simulated injury of Jane Bigger is being treated by (left to right) Margaret Battaille, Virginia Ballou, Scotty Bostick, and Shirley Scott.

Rehearsals have begun for the 1942-43 season of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Burnet C. Tuthill, director of music at Southwestern. Fifth season of the orchestra will open November 17.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR BEGINS COURSE APPROVED BY NAVY

Program of physical education to meet Navy standards is already set up on the Southwestern campus. During the summer two members of the staff made special preparations. Athletic Director Kubale attended the directors' course at the Navy Pre-Flight Training School at Athens, Ga., and Assistant Coach High conducted a similar program for a group of 150 sailors.

About a dozen remaining members of the now disbanded Lynx football squad are still in school, all of them enrolled in the Marine or Navy reserve courses. In the meantime the college continues to honor obligations made before intercollegiate football was discontinued.

Under conference rules, these players might transfer to a school that still plays football and be permitted to continue playing, but the Navy has not approved such a plan. To leave this school might be to forfeit a claim to deferment.

Dr. Diehl's statement about the new athletic program follows: "Southwestern has incorporated into its program intensive physical training on the plan formulated by the Navy and recommended to those colleges whose students are accepted into the various reserves. Included in the activities of this plan are military track, swimming, boxing, wrestling, football, soccer, tumbling, mass exercises, and drills. The Southwestern program is compulsory with all men students. The scope of this varied and intensive activity will preclude participation in intercollegiate football for the duration of the war."

ALUMNI NOTES

MARRIED

Ernest Betz to Dorothy Jane Bratton, x'44, Aug. 31.

John Eugene Brewer, x'39, to Vivian Jane Corrington, Sept. 3.

William E. Davidson, '40, to Margaret Shearer, Aug. 1.

Dr. James Frank Gladney, Jr., '39, to Margaret Ford, Aug. 12.

Charles Kimball Glassco, Jr., to Nell Bond Busby, x'43, July 27.

The Rev. Joseph P. Hollifield, '32, to Dorian Ursula Clinton, Aug. 8.

Charles A. Lewis, Jr., to Lucy Jane Connell, x'39, Aug. 15.

Early Maxwell to Ethel Taylor, '36, Aug. 22.

Frank Morgan, x'39, to Mary Euniece Howell, Aug. 25.

Dempsie B. Morrison, Jr., x'42, to Delia Angier, Aug. 19.

James Stewart Riley to Margaret Rose Cansler, x'44, Aug. 20.

Daniel Robertson, x'41, to Eleanor Dee Kaps, May 17.

Richard Foster Rosebrough, '39, to Helen Hunt Gowen, Aug. 2.

Dr. Raymond Dodson Sanders, x'34, to Phyllis Maxine Maiden, of Williamsburg, Ky., July 18.

Stacie Louise Shelby, spl. '38, to Ralph Fuller Portmann, Aug. 5.

Alva Hansel Thompson to Joye Fourmy, x'42, Aug. 29.

Edward T. Tobey, x'36, to Dorothea Booth, Aug. 29.

Dr. Thomas Fisher Warder to Margaret Jeanne Stokes, spl. '37, Sept. 5.

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Irwin Carlson, '36, a daughter, Carol Ann, Aug. 27.

To Dr. and Mrs. Kenan Clinton, x'33, a son, James, July 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Gage, '39, a daughter, Caroline Douglas, July 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hammond, '39 (Dorothy Steuwer, '40), a daughter, Dorothy Helene, July 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hasselle, x'39 (Anne Williford, '39), a son, Robert M., Jr., July 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. William C. Humphreys (Martha Harris Gowans, x'32), a son, William C. Humphreys, Jr., Sept. 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Ledbetter (Betty Jane Bloompot, x'37), a son, Henry Nelson, Aug. 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. Paden Page, x'40, a daughter, Katherine, July 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Pickard, Jr., '32, a daughter, Sallie Humphreys, Aug. 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kendall S. Reinhardt, x'37, a daughter, Peggy Ann, Sept. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Rosebrough, x'34, a son, Richard W. III, Aug. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lane Smith, Jr. (Margaret Layne, x'31), a son, Charles D. III, July 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stidham (Cynthia Weathersby, x'38), a daughter, Faye Weathersby, Aug. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Watt, '38 (Marrietta Morris, x'38), a daughter, Judith Lain, Aug. 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weil (Evelyn Ruth Salomon, spl. '35), a son, Burton, June 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. David K. Young (Marilese Montedonico, x'33), a daughter, Marguerite Dean, July 30.

DIED

Kenneth G. Clemens, x'30, died Aug. 7, as a result of an Army bomber explosion near Keswick, Va. He was a civilian employe of the Ferry Command.

Scott C. Lyon, '04, former member of the faculty of Southwestern, died July 23, following a long illness. Beginning his career in 1905 as professor of chemistry at Southwestern, he served on the faculties of Tulane, Alabama Presbyterian College and Davidson.

J. W. Kennedy, '15, President of Chamberlain-Hunt Military Academy of Port Gibson, Miss., died Aug. 12 after an illness of almost a year. He is the father of William Kennedy, '42, and Frank Kennedy, a junior at Southwestern. He served as a lieutenant during the last World War, retaining his reserve rating in the Army and holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel at the time of his death.

Joe W. Vance, Jr., x'40, was one of the Navy men listed as a casualty aboard the Australian ship **Canberra** lost in the early stages of the Solomon Islands battle in August. Lt. Vance, a liaison officer, was commissioned Feb. 28, 1941. He was employed by the First National Bank in Memphis until his entry into the Navy.

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Southwestern wishes to keep in touch with former students now in the Armed Forces of the nation.

Please send in to the Alumni Office any of the following information which you may have.

Full Name.....

Branch of Service.....

Camp.....

Rank.....

Company, Regiment, Division.....

Service Record (Date entered, Promotions, Etc.)