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Dedication

We, the members of the Classes of nineteen hundred twenty-seven and nineteen hundred twenty-eight, in order that we may show the love and esteem that we hold for one of our most sincere friends and worthy teachers, do respectfully dedicate this volume of the Blue Hen to

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Foreword

To the end that the traditional sacredness of college days may be perpetuated, this Blue Hen now presented to the students of Delaware College is directed by the best efforts of the editors. May the inadequacy of its portrayal serve to enhance, by contrast, the magnitude of what it cannot portray, that the whole may live in the hearts of all to the greater glory of the Blue and Gold.
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Come ye forth, all ye sons to greet her
To your Alma Mater sing.
Let our song rise to tell her glories,
Let each voice with gladness ring,
Of her fame let us ne'er tire singing,
Let her victories be told—
We can well be proud of dear old Delaware
So cheer the Blue and Gold.

Chorus
Rah! Rah! Rah!
Hurrah for Delaware!
Rah! Rah! Rah!
With name and fame so fair.
Hurrah! Rah! Rah!
May her glories never grow old!
Boys, let's cheer that name so dear—
Hurrah for the Blue and Gold.

True her blue, as the skies of heaven;
Purity and worth her gold;
They stand forth a banner emblematic,
Truth and honor they unfold.
Raise this flag to the starry heavens
And when they her folds behold,
Off will come all hats and then just once again
We'll cheer the Blue and Gold.
THE SCHOOL
On Campus

How often have we paused upon
The steps above the long expanse
Of gravel way and brilliant lawn,
While students pass and hurry on
To Frazer Field or Residence,
Swift foot, beneath a falling sun.

The baseballs flashing twirl and spin
From hand to glove at pitch and catch.
Across the path, tree-shadows lean;
Far off, white pillars show between.
Glimmers and flickers like a match,
Each grass-blade, a tiny flame of green.

Like actors in a scene that's played,
The students walk from door to door,
Or, rank on rank, in measured speed,
Recross the trampled green and tread
The slopes where linden pillars soar
To meet the columned white facade.

Old College, veteran of the place,
Vines scale your ivory and red.
How often have we lifted face
In youthful reverence to trace
Grave cornices, broad roofs, that spread
A classic grandeur for our praise!

How often shall we see again
Olympic sports on Frazer Field,
The hardened muscles tug and strain,
The light foot speed to cross the line.
How often shall our dreams be thrilled
With memories of a field of men!

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WALTER HULLIHEN
President of the University of Delaware

Dr. Hullihen was born at Staunton, Virginia, May 26, 1875. He received his preparatory education at the Staunton Military Academy and was graduated from that institution in 1892. He continued his studies at the University of Virginia, where he received the Bachelor of Arts and the Master of Arts degrees in 1896. He did post-graduate work at that institution during the year 1896-1897, and studied at John Hopkins University from 1897 to 1900, from which institution he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. At Johns Hopkins he was a University Fellow, and a Fellow by Courtesy. From 1902 to 1904 he taught Latin and Greek at Marston's University School in Baltimore; and from 1904 to 1909, he was a professor at the University of Chattanooga. Granted a leave of absence, 1907-1908, he went abroad to study at the University of Leipzig, Munich, and Rome. From 1909 to 1920, Doctor Hullihen was professor of Greek at the University of the South, serving in addition from 1912 to 1920 as Dean of the College of Arts and Science of that Institution. He was elected to the presidency of Delaware College in 1920, continuing as such after the College became the University of Delaware. The honorary degree of D.C.L. was conferred upon Dr. Hullihen in 1922 by the University of the South. Temple University likewise honored him in 1925 with the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

During the last war, Dr. Hullihen served as a Major in the United States Army. At the cessation of hostilities, he was uniquely honored by being given a Major's commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps, assigned to the General Staff.

Dr. Hullihen is a member of the American Philological Association, the Delta Phi Fraternity, the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity, and the Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

Among the outstanding monuments of Dr. Hullihen's administration are the Memorial Library, the admission of the University of Delaware to the American Association of Accredited Universities, the inauguration of the Foreign Study Plan, and the additions to the college property in the form of a new dormitory and a new dining hall at the Women's College.
Dean Dutton was born in Seaford, Delaware, in 1881. After completing his preparatory education in the public schools of Seaford, he matriculated at Delaware College, from which he graduated in June, 1904, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Following this, he attended Johns Hopkins University, where he did post-graduate work in English, Philosophy, and Modern Languages. He was then appointed as an instructor in English at the University of Missouri and taught there during the scholastic year 1909-1910. Desiring to pursue further courses of study, he attended Harvard University during the next year, and received the degree of Master of Arts at that institution in June, 1911. The following September, Dean Dutton entered upon his long service to his Alma Mater when he returned to Delaware as an instructor in English. He was appointed Assistant Professor in 1913 and in 1917 Associate Professor of English. Another year elapsed and he was promoted to a full professorship in this department, which position he held when in July, 1923, he became Dean of Delaware College.

In collaboration with Dr. Sypherd, Dean Dutton has written a textbook on English composition; and is the author himself of a handbook of debating for high school students.

Dean Dutton had brought to his work a progressive interest in the welfare of Delaware College students especially as regards scholastic progress. His outstanding purpose has been to raise the scholastic standing of the student body as a whole, although he has not been slow to realize the advantage of a personal interest in the individual. His natural dislike for carelessness and undue levity has made him a strict disciplinarian of the wayward student and one to encourage those who evidence an intent to take their work seriously.

Dean Dutton is a member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, the Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity, the Modern Language Association, and the American Association of College Registrars.
Dean Smith was born in 1871 at Montclair, New Jersey, and received his early education in the public schools of his birthplace. Following an early inclination towards the engineering profession, he entered Stephens High School, and there prepared to take up his technical work at Stephens Institute of Technology. He was graduated from this institution in 1896 with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. Upon his graduation, Dean Smith elected to follow his profession in a journalistic capacity; he became a technical writer on the editorial staff of the "Railroad Gazette" during 1896 and 1897. He next turned to teaching, and has since made this his life work. He was instructor in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania for the scholastic year 1897-98. Following this, his career was interrupted by a period of prolonged illness; his next appearance was during the first quarter of 1902 when he substituted at Delaware. From here, he was called to the Clarkson School of Technology where he held the position of Professor of Mechanical Engineering for two years. Dean Smith returned to Delaware again in 1904 as Professor of Mechanical Engineering and has since served faithfully and well our college. It was in 1922 that he was appointed Dean of the College of Engineering.

Great credit is due Dean Smith for the exceptional progress the College of Engineering has made with the comparatively limited equipment at its disposal. The school now enjoys a very high rating by the Westinghouse Company.

Dean Smith is a member of the Tau Beta Phi Fraternity, Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Engineers Club of Philadelphia.

Dean McCue was born in 1879 near Cars City, Michigan. He attended his own state college of agriculture, Michigan Agriculture College, and was graduated from there in 1901 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He returned to his Alma Mater in 1903 to undertake graduate work which he pursued during the scholastic year 1903-1904. From 1904 until 1907, he served his college as Instructor in Horticulture. Dean McCue first came to Delaware in 1907 as Professor of Horticulture in the college, and Horticulturist of the Experiment Station. The years 1913 and 1915 found him again doing graduate study, this time in Biology at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1919 he was elected Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station. Following the death of Dean Edward L. Smith in 1922, he served as temporary Dean of Delaware College during the scholastic year 1922-1923.

Dean McCue's deep personal interest in the scientific problems of agriculture well fits him to direct the research work of the Experiment Station and administer the affairs of the College of Agriculture in an efficient manner. Under his guidance, the College is graduating trained agriculturists, while each year the practical research of the Experiment Station renders a greater service to the farmers of the state.

Dean McCue is a member of the American Society of Horticultural Science, of which he was president in 1918. He is also a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Genetic Association, the American Pomological Society, and the Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity.
Dr. George Abram Harter

Doctor Harter was born near Leistersburg, in Washington County, Maryland. He attended St. Johns College and was graduated from there with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in June, 1878. So impressive was his undergraduate record that, upon graduation, he was made Assistant Professor of Latin and Mathematics at the College. While teaching, he continued his studies, doing graduate work in English and Mathematics until he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from his Alma Mater. From 1880 until 1885, he served as principal of the Hagerstown High School. Dr. Harter began his illustrious service to Delaware College in 1885 when he was elected Professor of Mathematics and Modern Languages there. From 1888 to 1896, he was Professor of Mathematics and Physics. In 1896, Dr. Raub, then president of the College, resigned and Dr. Harter was chosen to undertake this important responsibility. He held this position until 1915 when he resigned to take up again his chosen work—Mathematics. At present he is head of the Mathematics Department.

Not one who holds Delaware College dear to his heart by reason of having once trod her halls as a student, could possibly have given more faithfully or unstintingly of his time and energies to further the interests of his Alma Mater than has Dr. Harter. Throughout the forty-two years of his connection with the University, his record has been a splendid one of true, unselfish and efficient service. At Commencement in June, 1925, the University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws in recognition of his work.

Dr. Harter is a member of the Sigma Nu and the Phi Kappa Phi Fraternities.
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CHARLES GEORGE GREEN
Upon the shoulders of Mr. Wilkinson as Business Administrator of the University devolves the responsibility of efficiently distributing the always meager finances at his disposal in order that a high standard of equipment and teaching personnel may be obtained at Delaware, and that the University activities that are ever expanding in every field may not have to be curtailed. It has been no easy task. Those who have an intimate knowledge of the conditions under which Mr. Wilkinson has labored and who have contact with things made possible by his efforts, are apt to marvel at the efficient hand that controls the University finances. “Progress” is the definite edict that spurs him on—always does he have an unselfish interest in the improvement of Delaware.

Mr. Wilkinson's ability as an advertising expert of the highest type has had much to do with the continued publicity centering upon the growing needs of the University. His personal connections are many and influential and to all of them has he seriously presented the problems attendant upon building a greater University. The increased appropriations seemed in past years to have been due in no small measure to his efforts, in close cooperation with those of President Hullihen and others interested in the College.

It is peculiarly remarkable that “Buzz,” as the students good-humoredly have dubbed him, has not lost the ability to exercise a distinctly intimate interest in those individual students who come to him seeking financial aid, in spite of his immersion in the broader duties of his office. The reputation which he has acquired is indeed one inspiring envy—that of being ever willing to aid those who are deserving and of being an ardent supporter of a square deal for all.
Old College

Oh! stately pile with accents true,
Our voice with love we raise to you;
Midst us you stand a shrine of gold,
Whose virtue we shall e'er uphold.
Our College dear, with mem'ries sweet,
'Tis there old friends we always meet,
Who grasp us by the hand and sigh
For times of joy in days gone by.

Dear Old College, heart of Delaware,
Your spirit shows us what is right
And makes of us thy men of might.
Dear Old College, heart of Delaware,
With your ideals may you e'er mould
Brave students true to Blue and Gold,
Dear Old College, heart of Delaware.

From your high place we glimpse a scene,
A lovely linden shaded green,
And paths bedecked with golden rays,
Now changing with soft shadowed grays;
Above the fleecy clouds ride high,
Amid the azure tinted sky,
A sight that makes us hold our breath
And pledge our loyalty 'till death.

Charles Green, '25
Kenneth Givan, 26
Colleges
The Foreign Study Plan

The University of Delaware was the first institution of higher learning to develop the idea of foreign study and to offer to the educational world a definite program of this idea.

The Foreign Study Plan was inaugurated in 1923. The Junior year was chosen as the most practical, at least for the initiation of the project, and now the opportunity is provided for students to spend their entire Junior year in France, with full credit for all work successfully completed abroad. The training received is readily adaptable to the American A. B. Course. One might call this a "general" cultural training as opposed to the "professional" or technical training of special schools. The student, by contact with the best of French literature, learns to understand French customs and ideas. Also, no little significance must be attached to the benefits derived from the trips made throughout France, from the operas heard and the plays seen, and, above all, from the intimate social life carried on among representative French families. If the student is intelligent, his Junior year of foreign study will be of inestimable value to him both in the academic and the business worlds.

Four years have seen the number of students taking advantage of the Foreign Study Plan of the University of Delaware increase from eight to approximately seventy-five. Although still an experiment, the Foreign Study Plan has proved itself worthwhile and must be extended to include not only French-speaking France, but also Spanish-speaking Spain and other countries until all the principal nations and languages of the world are open to American students.

For its development and organization, the Foreign Study Plan is indebted greatly to Professor R. W. Kirkbride, Dr. Walter Hullihen, Mr. Pierre S. duPont, and the Service Citizens of Delaware.
Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity

The Honor Society of the Phi Kappa Phi was organized in 1897 for the purpose of promoting scholarship among American college students. It seeks to foster learning, in competition with the numerous attractive and conflicting interests affecting the modern every-day life of the undergraduate, by offering him membership on an equal basis with the members of the faculty. Through meetings of the two factors, it aims to promote good feeling, learning, and high ideals among students in their personal college relationships. These meetings, it is hoped, will help to overcome the decentralizing tendencies of separate school emphasis in the larger institutions.
Military
Major Underwood was born May 20, 1885, at Bowling Green, Kentucky. He received his preparatory education at Ogden College in that city, and was appointed to the United States Military Academy in 1905. Upon his graduation from West Point in 1909, he was attached to the Twentieth Infantry, then stationed in the Phillipine Islands, as a Second Lieutenant. After two years of service he was transferred to Utah. In 1913 he was sent to El Paso, where he was attached to one of the units then guarding the border. In 1914 he was placed in the D. O. L. and assigned to the Kentucky State University. After a year and a half, the outbreak of hostilities in Mexico under the leadership of Villa forced his recall to active service. In 1916 he was made a First Lieutenant in the Thirty-fourth Infantry. In 1917 he was appointed a Captain and attached to the Sixty-fourth Infantry. In 1918 he was promoted to a Mayorship in the replacement camp at Camp Pike, Arkansas. The same year he was transferred to the War College at Washington to take the short course for general staff work. He was then attached to the Fortieth Infantry, and was under orders to go overseas when the Armistice was signed. However, he was sent to Europe in 1919 as disbursing officer in the Ordnance Department of the A. E. F. Returning to the States in September, 1920, he was attached to the Fifty-third Infantry with headquarters at Camp Grant, Illinois, and then at Fort D. A. Russel, Wyoming. In the summer of 1922 he commanded a demonstration battalion at Fort Logan, Colorado. In the fall of that year he was sent to the infantry school at Fort Benning, Georgia, and in 1923 to the school of command and general staff at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In June, 1924, he was appointed Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Delaware.
Officers' Club

DAVID S. Cathcart ........... Captain
R. Russell Pippin .......... First Lieutenant
W. Louis Ellis ............. Second Lieutenant

BATTALION OFFICERS
P. McF. Craig .......... Major
Wm. G. Lohmann .... Adjutant

Captains
I. T. Ellis
D. C. Cathcart
R. R. Pippin

First Lieutenants
E. H. Beatty
W. L. Ellis
R. W. McKelvey
P. W. Gillis

T. S. Beck
H. Clark, Jr.
M. N. Donohue
H. N. Edwards

Second Lieutenants
J. M. Maddox
G. F. Hardesty
E. A. Yeager

P. M. Hodgson
D. M. Yost
M. M. Manns
Military Activities

The Military Department of the University of Delaware has developed in the past few years from an organization of mediocre and minor importance to one justly claiming honor and distinction. The Classes of 1926 and 1927 will go down in the military annals of Delaware among those who played a vital part in the process of expansion.

The particularly fine successes achieved during the collegiate year 1925-26 were no doubt due in large measure to the well-chosen commanding personnel of the Battalion. The officers were: Cadet Major, Earl Weggenman; Cadet Adjutant, Francis Barkley; Cadet Captain, Company "A", J. Clyde Davis; Cadet Captain, Company "B", A. Murray Hanson; Cadet Captain Company "C", Richard W. Torbert.

The competitive drill for this year was one of the most keenly contested in the history of military affairs at Delaware College. Company "B", under the leadership of Captain Hanson, carried away the honors for the third consecutive year, in consequence of which the first sergeant of Company "B" now wears the Robert's Medal. Thus, Major Underwood completed his second year at Delaware and much credit is due him as well as his assistants, Captains Morse and Whittemore, for the fine showing made. Perhaps a word should be said in passing of a man, who though not present during the two years with which this book deals, is, through his enduring influence, entitled to a share of the honors. The college lost a valuable man when Captain Roy Sparks was detailed for duty at Fort Benning, Georgia. After his four years' sojourn at Delaware, Captain Sparks was reluctant to leave because of the many friendships he had formed here by his never-tiring interest in Delaware men. The Rifle Club owes its existence and its present success to the zeal and enthusiasm of this man.

The class of 1927 invaded Plattsburgh in June, 1926, with a contingent of forty-six men under the leadership of Captains Morse and Whittemore. Major Underwood was on leave of absence and hence did not accompany the Delaware boys to the shores of Lake Champlain.
The Delaware men were assigned to Company ‘B,’ together with students from Clason Military Academy and Dayton University. The company was commanded by Captain Hackett, assisted by Captain Knight and Lieutenant Godson. From the first taunting echoes of the pre-revile salutation, "Rise and shine, Bully Boys, rise and shine!", given by a certain well despised regular sergeant, to the stealthy creep past the guard at 1 A.M., the days were packed full of hard work and thrills. Frequent excursions to the "Meridian House" and other points of interest on the border and in Canada supplied a wealth of experiences sufficient to cram any memory book! The encampment was fittingly concluded by the usual Delaware Dance put over with all the traditional finesse. It was truly a splendid affair. Colonel Castle, Captains Whittemore, Morse, Hackett, and Knight, and Lieutenant Godson were guests of honor.

The Battalion of the University for the present year is commanded by Palmer MacFadden Craig with the rank of Cadet Major. Craig was the highest scorer from Delaware on the rifle range at Pittsburg, and he shows his wares on the University rifle team. William Lohmann is Cadet Adjutant with rank of Captain. The company commanders ranking as Cadet Captains are: Ira T. Ellis, Company ‘A’; David C. Cathcart, Company ‘B’; and R. Russell Pippin, Company ‘C’.

A distinctly favorable innovation introduced during this year was the adoption of the new regulation uniforms for cadets in the R. O. T. C. course. The elimination of the traditional "choker" is generally conceded to have greatly enhanced the popularity of the uniform.

The officers of the Battalion met early in October, 1926, and formed a new organization to be known as the "Officers Club." It is a step taken in an attempt to further the development of military affairs on the campus. The officers elected were: Captain, David C. Cathcart; First Lieutenant, Russell Pippin; Second Lieutenant, William L. Ellis. Captains Whittemore and Morse, honorary members of the "Scabbard and Blade Society," are very desirous of having the local body petition their national organization that a chapter might be installed at Delaware.
Rifle Team

During the five years of the existence of the Rifle Team, interest in rifle marksmanship has steadily been increasing. The ability of each individual, and consequently the ability of the team, has shown a marked degree of advancement. This has largely been due to the work of Captain William P. Morse, who is in charge of Rifle Marksmanship of this unit. Now, a keen interest and a strong spirit of competition are being manifested toward the rifle team and the rifle “D.” The rifle “D” is awarded to any member in good scholastic standing who breaks a University record or ties the same, or whose score in fifty percent of the matches is counted as qualified.

With one exception, all the matches during 1925-1926 were shot in the customary way—by telegraph. The matches were supervised by official judges at each competing college and at the end of the week scores were exchanged by wire. This year was the first year in the history of the Rifle Club that the team was allowed to make a trip. The team was invited to attend the Service match held at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. Under the able coaching of Captain Whittemore, the following team was organized: Captain Manns, Weggenmann, Haitch, Craig, Dutcher, Corley, Hynson, Walz and Baker. Although the team brought home no honors, they experienced difficulties in real shooting that proved valuable to them. Delaware won two matches and lost five in the Middle Atlantic States Intercollegiate League of 1925-1926.

Out of the forty-six matches, the Blue and Gold team won twenty-two and lost twenty-four. We were honored by being selected as one of the colleges to take part in the William Randolph Hearst Trophy Match, one of the biggest collegiate rifle matches ever staged. A successful season and high score are the requirements for privileges in this meet. The team made another good showing in the Corps Area Match, one of the biggest and most difficult of the year. The total score of the ten highest was 7545 out of a possible 8000. George Dutcher led in this match with a score of 773 out of 800.

During this year the schedule is very light. Although the season is not yet over, we have so far competed in only eleven matches. This constitutes the lightest program in the history of the club with the exception of the first year, when there were only three meets. The tendency this year has been to have quality instead of quantity. Without a doubt the shooting for this year has far surpassed that of previous seasons. Although fewer records have been broken, the team as a whole has made a much better showing and the finale is all that counts.

The records of 1925-26 were: Manns(sitting) 99; Davis(sitting) 100; Dutcher (standing) 96; Corley(standing) 96; Manns(standing) 97.

For 1926-27: Baker(kneeling) 96; Hynson(kneeling) 97.