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President Emeritus McClure Dies Following Recent Illness

Dr. Norman Egbert McClure, President Emeritus of Ursinus College, died at the age of 69 years Thursday morning, January 31, in Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia, after an illness of several months.

Dr. McClure was a man who dedicated his life to Ursinus College. To faculty, alumni and students alike he was beloved. His death is a sad occasion and a great loss for the college and his family. In his immediate family he is survived by his widow, Doris (Myers) McClure, and two daughters.

As Dr. Helfferich has said, "The present strength of Ursinus College is in no small measure the result of his steady and vigorous leadership." Dr. McClure was Ursinus' seventh president, serving from 1936 until 1958.

He was graduated from Ursinus in 1915, and went on to receive his Master of Arts degree in 1916 at Pennsylvania State University. In 1925 he earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Pennsylvania. He has been awarded honorary degrees from PMC, Drexel, Temple, and F. & M.

He was an instructor in Eng-
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Dr. N. E. McClure served the college for 34 years as teacher and for 22 of those 34 years as both teacher and President.

Dr. Donald Baker Discusses US at Koffee Klatch

Dr. Donald G. Baker was the featured guest at the "Y" Koffee Klatch in the Student Union Friday afternoon. Dr. Baker's announced topic concerned the excessive amounts spent by the government on space and defense.

Attended by a group of from 10-15 interested students, discussion topics at the Klatch ranged from outer space to social security and unemployment compensation. More than once, debate on these topics became heated.

We Overdo Things

Dr. Baker's main point was that we can overdo anything, and when it comes to outer space, we are grossly overdoing things. Dr. Baker expressed fear at the tendency toward American national self aggrandisement appearing today. He also fears that instead of sifting and sorting ideas, men of our government today are doing those things which are politically advantageous for themselves. He concluded that this was a result of the unwise casting, and the non-casting, of ballots by a large portion of people in the country today. He declared, "In a democracy, indifference is stupidity; in a dictatorship, indifference is wise."

Coed Foursome Discusses Summer With Indians

Last Wednesday evening in Room 7 of Bomberger Kay O'Donnell, Barbara Rupp, Jeanne Roosen, and Sharon Rothenberger held an informal discussion to describe their summer experiences at an Indian boarding school in Wahpeton, North Dakota.

They showed films and photographs of the Indian children, the school, and the trips they took throughout the summer. They visited the Black Hills of South Dakota, an Indian reservation in Sisseton, S.D., a camp on Lake Ottertail in Minnesota, and a Fourth of July Pow-wow also at Sisseton.

Displayed Souvenirs

They displayed many of the souvenirs they had brought back with them, personal gifts they had received from the school staff, and letters they had received from the children.

After giving a brief resume of their work at the school and relating some of their experiences with the children, they conducted a question and answer period for all those interested in participating in a recreational program of this type in coming summers.

Since the program was so poorly attended, the girls wish to encourage any interested students to contact them personally for information relating to this summer's program.

Annual Lorelei Dance Scheduled For Friday Evening at Sunnybrook

Whitians, King of Lorelei to be Announced

by Barbara Shearer

The Lorelei, one of Ursinus' biggest dances, will be held this Friday evening, just one day after Valentine's Day. A turnabout dance, this is usually one of the most well attended activities on campus. It will be held in Sunnybrook Ballroom from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dancing will be to the strains of Al Raymond's Band. This year's theme is a Valentine's Day in modern style.

One of the big events of the evening is the crowning of the King of the Lorelei by Mrs. Helfferich, wife of the college president. The Inter-Sorority Council is in charge of the selection of the King. The deadline for submitting petitions was last Friday, and the election was held today after lunch.

Whitians Announced

Another highlight of the evening is the announcement of the new Whitians, Ursinus' honorary society for women. Junior class women with at least an 85 average, and who have never received a grade of D or F, are eligible for selection to membership on the basis of their participation in campus activities. The judging is done by the senior members of the Society: Marion Behler (president), Marge Peffle, Barb Rupp, and Betsy Yost.

Before the Lorelei, many women students, to show the generous side of their nature, take their escorts out to dinner. Several of the sororities hold annual sorority dinners.

Corsages Presented

After arriving at Sunnybrook, a topic of conversation is the appropriate corsages which the women design and present to their escorts. Of all sizes, shapes, types, and colors, they add another happy memory to

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Tennis Coach Displays Art Exhibit in Library

An art exhibit by Ursinus' head tennis coach, Sidney Quinn, is currently on display in the lobby of the Library. Quinn told the Weekly that his exhibit is patterned after the "Salon de Refuses" of France which brought fame to Cezanne, Gauguin, and other artists. Included are drawings, sketches, roughs and finishes returned to artist Quinn for various reasons by such magazines as Jack and Jill, New Venture, and Trailblazer, greeting companies, and Bell Telephone publications.

Quinn went on to say that "Most of them were not paid for and provide good reason for anyone who is contemplating free-lance illustrating to switch to plumbing."

President Helfferich Quizzed in "Controversy At Midnight" Chat

Topics Discussed Include Fraternities, Government Aid, College Isolation, Library

More than 150 students crowded into the Paisley Reception Room last Thursday evening, many armed with questions. The first "Controversy at Midnight," sponsored by the Ursinus YM-YWCA Public Affairs Commission, featured Dr. Donald L. Helfferich, President of the college. Dr. Helfferich attempted to answer any and all questions posed to him by the students.

Dr. Helfferich began with a few introductory remarks announcing to the assembled students that they were all "basically anarchists." Much good natured laughter followed this comment.

Policy on Fraternities

The first question of the evening came from IFC President Bob Lehr, who wanted information concerning the college policy on fraternity party advertising and on the Customs program. Specifically, he wanted to know why the rules for open party advertising are not the same as those governing orphan party advertising, as far as being able to post signs is concerned. Dr. Helfferich said, in reply, that unfortunately, the history of the fraternity informal off campus parties was the reason for the restriction.

Lehr also wanted to know why

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Dr. Helfferich answers one of the questions posed to him at the "Controversy at Midnight" session last Thursday. Over 150 persons attended this late evening discussion, first in a series of three to be scheduled over the coming months.

Powers & Fuges Leave UC To Enlist in Peace Corps

by Jean Hunter

At the end of last semester two Ursinus men, Fred Powers and Chris Fuges, took leave of absence from the college in order to join the Peace Corps. On January 30 Fuges left by plane for the University of Hawaii to undergo training. On May 4 he will fly to Thailand for the balance of his two years in the Peace Corps. Powers will leave at the end of this month for Boston where he will be trained.

He will be assigned to Peru.

Kachel, Berlinger Elected 1964 Ruby Business Managers

Last Tuesday afternoon the members of the Junior class elected Linda Kachel and Carl Berlinger as the business managers for the 1964 Ruby.

Miss Kachel and Berlinger told the Weekly they hope their edition of the yearbook will surpass those of previous years. Linda stated that she is anxious to "sink her teeth into it." But, both she and Berlinger stressed the need for active participation from their fellow class members.

Their immediate goal is to select a company for the printing of the Ruby. Immediate plans include meeting with vari-

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Legal Counselor Slated to Address PSEA

Tomorrow night the PSEA will hear a guest speaker discuss the "Legal Responsibilities of a Teacher." Mr. Lewis F. Adler, a legal counselor of the state-wide PSEA, will begin his talk at 6:45 in room 7 of Bomberger. PSEA president Charlie Hentz told the Weekly that the talk should be of interest to pre-law students, as well as regular PSEA members. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

"Living Under Communism" Topic of Wednesday's Forum Speaker

Wednesday evening, beginning at 8 p.m. in Bomberger Chapel, Milton Mayer will lecture on the topic "Living Under Communism: The Economic Man—The Political Man." He has been booked to appear at Ursinus under the same agency—American Friends Service Committee—which brought Linus Pauling to the campus last year.

Mayer's discussion at the Forum will be one of a series of lectures he is giving on a tour which began February 5 and will continue to March 9, taking him from New York to California. Following his lecture, Mayer will be available to discuss his topic further and also to answer any questions which may have arisen concerning it.

World Traveler

Mayer is an educator, lecturer, and author who has contributed his time and effort to the "continuance of peace." He has done extensive work in Europe, including a six-month stay in 1961 as a guest professor in the Comenius Theological faculty at Prague, Czechoslovakia. His work also took him to countries behind the iron curtain where he served as a preacher in many churches between the years 1958 and 1962. Mr. Mayer has taught here in the United States at the University of Chicago, and he was also a member of the faculty at the University of Frankfurt in Germany.

Bible Study Film Examines Nature

by Dick Sanders

Last Tuesday night "Dust or Destiny," a motion picture produced by the Moody Institute of Science, was shown in S-12 by the Ursinus College Bible Study Fellowship.

Some of the more unusual and spectacular natural phenomena were shown. For example, the film explained briefly the complexity of the human eye, ear, and heart.

Also, it demonstrated the precision with which natural instincts guide birds in their mi-

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Spring Rushing Periods Begin for Fraternities and Sororities

Women Plan Parties

At 8 a.m. this morning second semester rushing by Ursinus' five local sororities began. Invitations to the various sorority rushing parties were placed in the mailboxes of those women being rushed.

Those receiving invitations were chosen from an eligibility list of senior, junior, sophomore and transfer women of sophomore or higher class level who have been at Ursinus during one rushing season. For this semester 96 women meet these qualifications.

Parties Scheduled

The highlights of the rushing period are the parties given by each group. Kappa Delta Kappa will have its party tomorrow night, Tau Sigma Gamma on Thursday, Phi Alpha Psi on February 18, Omega Chi on February 19, and Alpha Sigma Nu on February 20.

Certain rules governing these parties are strictly enforced by the Inter-Sorority Council. The actual location of the parties may be either on or off campus. They may also have a theme and may either be carefully planned or informal. However, there is a definite limit on the amount each sorority may spend for decorations and refreshments. The cost allowed is approximately one-half the amount

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IFC President Lehr Discusses Procedures

On February 4, the first day of the present semester, fraternity rushing officially began, and, once again, the campus will witness a sudden emergence of fraternal spirit and loyalty.

According to Robert Lehr, president of the Inter-Fraternity Council, a special meeting for all eligible freshmen interested in being rushed will be held on Wednesday, February 13, immediately after lunch in Bomberger Hall.

"The purpose of this meeting," Lehr told the Weekly, "is to fully acquaint the freshmen with the rules of rushing and the normal pattern followed throughout the three week period."

The rushing period itself, which will continue until Sunday, February 24, serves two purposes: (1) to allow the fraternities to acquaint themselves with the freshmen, and (2) in the same manner, to permit freshmen to become familiar with the members and activities of each group. This process of joint familiarization is facilitated through parties known as rushing stags, held by each individual fraternity.

Although rushing actually began last Monday, the stags will not take place until the week of

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Chi Alpha Hears Talk on Research

by Nancy Harris

Last Tuesday evening at a meeting of the Chi Alpha Pre-Theological Society, Mrs. Richard T. Schellhase, a former cataloger at the Ursinus library, spoke on the fundamentals of library research work for papers and study in the field of religion.

She began by explaining the various systems of organization that are found in libraries across the nation. She indicated in what category books in religion would be found. She also pointed out the major types of reference material available in this field.

Concluded with Advice

Mrs. Schellhase concluded by outlining a practical and helpful approach for the writing of a research or term paper in the field of religion and listed the most common reference aids that can be found in colleges and especially in seminary libraries.

On February 19 at 6:45 p.m. members of Chi Alpha are invited to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Schellhase at their home on Sixth Avenue to discuss "The Image of the Minister."

McClure . . .

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lish at Penn State from 1915-1917, and Professor of English at PMC from 1917-1928. In 1928 he joined the Ursinus faculty. As President and even after his retirement from the office in 1958 he continued to teach the courses of Anglo-Saxon, Shakespeare, and English Poetry from 1500-1600. Six full generations studied these courses under his guidance.

He was the author of five works: Letters and Epigrams of Sir John Harrington; Essays Toward Living (with A.C. Baugh); The Letters of John Chamberlain; Selected Plays of Shakespeare (with Karl J. Holzknecht); and Sixteenth Century English Poetry.

It has been said that Dr. McClure was well recognized in that select fraternity of learned men as a distinguished scholar. He was also an excellent administrator.

Among Achievements

Among his many achievements as President was his establishment of a firm financial footing for the college. He became President during the latter years of the Depression when the endowment was low. Under his guidance the endowment increased 20 times over. Faculty salaries were improved.

During the Second World War he secured the establishment of a Navy V12 program on campus, which succeeded not only in keeping faculty and staff together, but also in attracting many fine students.

A modest gentleman with a warm personality, Dr. McClure had many friends. He was an excellent conversationalist. Dr. Helfferich recollected that he was an avid sportsman, that he excelled at tennis. He attended every home football game Ursinus played until he became ill.

Self-Sacrificing

A statement that Dr. McClure once made about his colleagues may be applied to himself: "The best teachers live in the lives and the achievement of their students. Their works live after them. Few men are so self-sacrificing as the best college teachers . . ."

It has been said that Dr. McClure sacrificed a great deal to remain at Ursinus. He served the college with conspicuous distinction for 34 years as teacher and for 22 of those years as both teacher and President. His loss is a great one for the college.

Dr. Yost . . .

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berlain, Shakespeare, and the Elizabethan poetry are the visible testimony to this love and to his discriminating judgment and taste. He loved the best that has been thought and said, and was never seduced into admiring or praising the cheap or the ephemeral.

As a teacher he sought to implant this love for the best in literature and this thorough, intelligent and sympathetic way of studying in his students. Generations of students for whom he opened and illuminated the treasures of literature can testify to the success of his labors, and thank him for a great and lasting contribution to their education.

Dr. McClure was called to the presidency of Ursinus in hard times. This college, like many others, was feeling the prolonged effects of the Depression. With unfaltering faith in the destiny of the College he worked unstintingly, often in tasks uncongenial to him, to put Ursinus in sound financial condition and to build the academic program on a pattern that was at once conservative and progressive. Ursinus was ever in his thoughts; his devotion was complete.

His dignity and reserve perhaps prevented some of his associates from perceiving and appreciating the warmth of his nature, the kindly humor, the quiet charm. But no one could know him even slightly without recognizing in Dr. McClure, the scholar and the gentleman. Ursinus has suffered in his death a great loss.

Controversy . . .

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the Customs program is becoming "null and void." A definite response from the audience seconded this question. Dr. Helfferich explained that he is not against the Customs program, but that he is against anything that affronts human dignity and, that as the program had developed, improvements within it were necessary to do away with some of the infringements upon human dignity.

It was learned from Dr. Helfferich that the question of Saturday hours for the library is under study; however, he remarked that the library will not be open Saturday afternoons during the spring semester.

Government Aid

The Ursinus position on accepting government aid was clearly defined. The college is opposed to the form in which government aid is presently offered. The college is now borrowing money at preferable terms and does not want to put its endowment securities under government control for a mere 1/4 of 1% reduction in a 30-40 year building loan.

Questions concerning such things as dormitory room painting, book prices in the supply store, Forum speakers, the dining hall, outside graduation, night watchmen, medical care, and storm drainage were asked.

College Isolation

One question, bringing emphatic reaction from the assembled group, concerned the "isolation of Collegeville from the rest of the world after 6 p.m. for those students not having cars." Dr. Helfferich said that he thought if students wanted to get somewhere outside of Collegeville they would, Ursinus students having more initiative than most college students. He felt, however, that this was a very reasonable complaint.

Some of those people present considered Dr. Helfferich's answers suitable and satisfactory, whereas others did not. Although many questions were asked, and many complaints were aired, a spirit of benevolence, rather than malevolence, pervaded. Denny Krauss of the YMCA, when questioned, stated that he thought the program was very successful. He was surprised at the extreme interest shown by the students; the "Y" had expected about 70 people, but more than twice that number attended. Krauss also stated that this was the first of three such "Controversy at Midnight" programs. The next "Controversy" will take place in March.

Bible Film . . .

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grations across thousands of miles of ocean. One example was a bird from Siberia whose parents leave the young in Siberia and fly to Hawaii. After the young hatch and get their feathers, they, too, fly to Hawaii, relying solely on their instincts.

Other natural phenomena which were presented were the grunion (a small fish which lays its eggs in the sand of Southern California exactly at high tide and whose eggs hatch exactly at the next high tide), the homing pigeon, and the natural "radar" that guides bats in their nocturnal flights.

The central theme of the film was the question of how these amazing phenomena originated. Were the order of the universe and the precision with which its component parts function just an accident, or was there a plan behind them? The conclusion drawn by the film was that there was (and is) a God who initiated and has sustained the universe.

Hopkins B'ball . . .

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stereotype of the opening period. The game settled down, the teams exchanging field goals on even terms, before Hopkins knotted the score at 44 halfway through the period. However, a driving hook shot by forward Walt Korenkiewicz put the Bears out in front for good, and they actually enjoyed a five point bulge until the closing minutes. In the final 60 seconds, Hopkins managed to whittle the lead to two points, but guard Jack Parker was fouled and the subsequent conversion sealed the victory.

The visitors registered a final two pointer and UCers Dennis Quinn added a foul to the UC cause to provide the final two point margin.

Haverford B'ball . . .

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ing the ailing Chuck Schaal, combined aggressive drives with a long one-hander to net 23 points. With Hofmann leading the attack the Bears showed marked improvement, serving notice that this new semester may bring some surprises.

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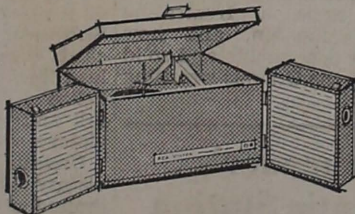
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