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Special Feature:

## Focus On Fraternities

by John Swinton

This past week four of the six Ursinus fraternities welcomed into the ranks sixteen jubilant upperclassmen. Next spring a few more upperclassmen and possibly half of the freshmen will accept bids. Many of the frosh boys already are tingling with secret shivers of anticipation while the frat-rats and gung-hoes have long since begun to cozy up to the hot frosh.

Ursinus fraternity life (or fraternity situation, as some call it) is relatively uncomplicated, loosely organized, and generally effective in achieving its unpretentious aims.

Attitudes toward fraternities here range from open hostility to enthusiastic support and participation. Some members of the administration and faculty once, as students here or elsewhere, embraced the fraternal position. A few, hoping to bury their frivolous pasts, have condemned, with wisdom born of years, the social groups for encouraging conformity, intellectual mediocrity, drink, and, by extension of the last, evil doing.

Other faculty members, however, still chaperon and, in other ways, join in fraternity and sorority projects. The students, including the independents, normally tolerate and often support the fraternal groups.

Former Amherst College president and noted historian Chas. Woolsey Cole (a conspirator with Baldwin and Hayes in the writing of the familiar freshman history text) has observed that fraternities exert on the whole "a mildly negative influence."

Dr. Milton Eisenhower of Johns Hopkins, on the other hand, once stated that "fraternities and sororities are workshops in understanding and cooperation. They are", he asserts, "anvils upon which the character of individuals may be fashioned for service beyond self."

Fraternities can, of course, exert a good or bad influence depending upon their importance at the college and the fraternity members themselves. At Harvard, for example, there is only one fraternity and joining it carries almost no prestige, while at the University of Illinois there are more than fifty frats and joining means everything to an undergraduate, although only one in three ever get bids.

President Cole's Amherst has "100 per cent rushing" which means that anyone can join a fraternity—but not, perhaps, his first choice. At Ursinus some wide-eyed frosh, stirred by scanty knowledge and lurid visions of fraternity life, equate membership with social arrival. Fraternity men, themselves, are more likely to look upon membership as a rather loose and friendly group arrangement which occasionally aggravates the pocket book.

An example of a poor fraternity system can be found in Hanover, New Hampshire, where a

### WAA, Woodruff Discuss Possible Ski Weekend

A discussion concerning a ski weekend was the main order of business at the Women's Athletic Association meeting. Dick Woodruff offered to help make necessary arrangements and presented the details of the trip to the group. At present, two places, Seven Springs and Laurel Mountain, are being considered for the trip which would include two days of skiing. A discussion of expenses and the setting of a date for the trip were postponed until a later meeting.

Nancy Faust has completed plans for a Volleyball intramural program; the tournament will be set up this week. Thanks to Barbara Peterson, Whittaker Bowling Lanes have been reserved for the group on the fourteenth of November. Lists will be posted for all those interested in bowling.

Candy sales, the major project of the WAA continuing throughout the year, have been dropping due to an increase in money loss. If losses continue to be so steep, the selling of candy in the dormitories will be halted.

Dartmouth man wiles away the winter weekends on the ski slopes and returns in the evening to his frat house, his beer stein or cocktail glass, and his complaisant date from Colby Junior or, better yet, Bennington. Frat parties, with the emphasis on wine, women, and song, blossom forth every Saturday night.

It's all for fun at Dartmouth. Rushing is haphazard, Mickey Mouse fraternity lore is alleviated and Saturday night is keg-tapping time. Since all is fun, three years of fraternity living can cost a Dartmouth boy over \$600.00 (which doesn't include frat pins, beer mugs, breakage assessments, and extraneous trappings).

Contrast the Hanover situation with the one at Gettysburg. A dry campus, G-burg is inexpensive, co-ed, and caters less to the well-heeled. Rushing is fiercely competitive but, unlike the Hanoverians, Gettysburg frat men don't ply their rushees with beer until they groggily sign a pledge. They soberly interrogate the frosh and accept them on the basis of appearance, handshake, high school career, manners, voice, sincerity, and interest in the fraternity. A whopping eighty per cent of the freshmen join.

Gettysburg fraternities also conduct serious and constructive initiations. Pledges band together to clean the campus, paint homes, and perform chores for the college and community. The Gettysburg "Greek Week," moreover, consists of interfraternity sings, debates, skits, community projects, and, believe it or not, a communal Sunday chapel service.

What about Ursinus? Well, we obviously fit in somewhere between the idealistic Gettysburgs and the inebriated Dartmouths.

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### Sixteen Men Accept Bids On Nov. 7 to Join Four of U.C.'s Local Frats

The following men received bids from fraternities on Monday, November 7:

**Alpha Phi Epsilon**—Dick Allebach, Dave Hodgson, Denny Wilson, Barry Williamson, and Tom Wise.

**Beta Sigma Lambda**—Sil Piergrass

**Delta Pi Sigma**—John Boyer, Nils Jensen, Walter Johnson, Charles Leidenberger, Paul Poehman, Barry Rhoads and Richard Schlick.

**Sigma Rho Lambda**—Chris Fuges, Bob Mulford and John Ruth.

### Constitution is Changed By Curtain Club Members

The Curtain Club has revised its constitution regarding entrance into the governing body, Stars and Players. Instead of the system of distribution of qualitative points, the new system gives credit to the individual by advancing him up the ladder as soon as a requirement is completed. The club feels that this method emphasizes the "all-around" Curtain Club member: he must work on various committees and phases of the production, and he is sure that full credit is given to his efforts. He is automatically granted a seat in Stars and Players as soon as he has fulfilled four of the five stipulations.

Another new amendment provides for the spring election of a maximum of twelve persons to Stars and Players who are still in the process of fulfilling their requirements. The general Curtain Club must feel that these persons have displayed enthusiasm, cooperation, and industry.

The Curtain Club system will induce more students to offer their services and create a new enthusiasm and prestige which the organization needs to become as prominent a part of the Ursinus campus as similar groups occupy on most college campuses. Student body comments and suggestions will be welcomed.

### U. C. Groups Hear Dr. Adams of Yale

Last Monday evening, the Beardwood Chemical and Brownback-Anders Pre-medical Societies held a combined meeting to hear Dr. Conrad Adams of Yale University Medical School discuss and show slides on "The Aspects of Virus Infections as Revealed by the Electron Microscope." Dr. Adams is presently engaged in medical research, where he is using viruses to examine the inner workings of mammalian cells. Tumor cells of the mouse are injected with New Castle disease virus and are then periodically examined to discover the intercellular morphological effect produced by the virus. This scientific endeavor is important not only for its discoveries but also for the questions it raises about cellular structure and physiology.

Vernon Morgan announced the speakers which the two pre-professional societies have on their respective agendas. On December 5, the chemical society will hear Dr. Anton Szutka of Hahnemann Medical College discuss "Chemical Evolution and Origin of Life" while Dr. Vern Vernier will speak on December 8, to the pre-medical society about "Some Therapeutic Effects of Drugs on the Central Nervous System and Behavior."

### Historical Article by Dr. Armstrong Printed in "Church History"

Dr. Maurice W. Armstrong, head of the History Department, recently had an article that he has written published in the September issue of *Church History*, a periodical published by the American Society of Church History. The title of Dr. Armstrong's article is "The Dissenting Deputies and the American Colonies." This issue of *Church History* is available in the library.

### Whitians Hold Tea in Paisley for 50 Women

The Whitians held a tea in Paisley reception room for fifty sophomore and junior girls who are eligible for membership.

The Whitians is an honorary organization intended to recognize the women of Ursinus for scholarship, leadership, character and service to the college. Previously known as the Rosicrucians, it was given its name, Whitians, in honor of Elizabeth B. White. Permanent membership of this organization is composed this year of six senior women: president, Coral Lee Koffke; vice president, Phyllis Longmire; secretary-treasurer, Barbara Gattiker; and members Dottie Lamm, Lynn Yonker and Barbara Pine.

In February of this year, at the annual Lorelei dance, new members will be inducted into the organization. Any Junior girl is eligible who has attained an academic standing of 85% for at least four semesters. These semesters need not be consecutive; she may have no grade lower than 70. Permanent membership is also based on participation in extra-curricular activities, at least two activities a semester being required.

Other activities of the Whitians include granting a scholarship to the woman who has received the highest average at the end of her freshman year and sponsoring teas and desserts to honor women who have achieved an 85 average.

### Dr. Zucker to Discuss Disarming At International Relations Club

Disarmament will be the topic of an informal discussion tonight at a meeting of the International Relations Club. The meeting will be held at the home of Dr. Zucker, professor of political science.

A group from the club went to Philadelphia November 10 to attend a conference entitled "Careers in the International Field." Foreign service, business, and summer and graduate study abroad were the subjects covered.

President Jill Carter has more interesting programs planned for the near future.

### Frosh MSGA Reps To Prepare Report On 1960 Customs

Jim Sandercock called the third meeting of the Men's Student Government Association to order on November 3 in the classics room of the library.

The newly elected Freshman representatives, Tom Sandhoff and Larry Coon took the oath of office and then agreed to prepare a report on the Customs program, making recommendations for next year's freshman orientation program and expressing the class attitude toward this year's program.

Vern Morgan gave the report from the recent meeting of the activities committee. Murray Feldstein was then appointed permanent representative to the activities committee.

Larry Koch and Terry Kearney were granted a concession for the rental of tuxedos. John Swinton was appointed to investigate the shabbiness of the recreation center. Murray Feldstein and George Brackin decided to write a letter to Dean Pettit expressing the council's feeling that the trouble in Pfahler Hall during freshman elections was not the responsibility nor the result of the customs program.

A trial was held in which a freshman in South Hall was given the minimum penalty for tampering with a fire extinguisher—a \$25.00 fine.

President Sandercock presented an idea of having the council sponsor a Parents' Day at Ursinus. The idea will be discussed in detail during subsequent meetings.

### Y Introduces The Aetheneum Society

The YM-YWCA would like to introduce the Ursinus Aetheneum Society to the students and faculty of the college. The first meeting will be held Thursday night, November 17, at 8:45 p.m. in the Student Union. The general topic will be "The Political Economy." There will be talks on religious freedom in American schools and on the influence of the Rand Corp. and the Business Advisory Council on the federal government.

The purpose of the society will be to enable those who attend to meet new ideas and new subjects of thought and to meet interesting people. Several students and faculty members will give ten to fifteen minute talks on subjects which are not considered in the classrooms. Contributing faculty members will be urged to consider extra disciplinary subjects. Short question-and-answer periods will follow each talk for analysis and increment of understanding.

Development of original ideas—the synthesis of many thoughts—will be encouraged. The society will try to plan the programs so that the talks given at a particular meeting will cover aspects of one broad topic. For Thursday's meeting the topic for consideration will be "the political economy." Each week an announcement of the upcoming talks will be published in the Weekly. If you are unable to attend, but are interested, please see either Richard Levine or Gail Ford.

### Juniors Present "The Bowery" November 19 in T-G Gym

Attention, girls, time is running out! Saturday, November 19, will be your last chance to take advantage of leap year and ask some lucky fellow to "The Bowery," the Junior Class turnabout dance.

Don't hesitate. Don't delay. That man can still be snared. Win his heart in the enchanted setting of New York's romantic Bowery. Romance will flourish in this exotic setting. Come to "The Bowery," November 19, from 8 to 12 in the T-G gym.

### ICG Plans Meeting for Nov. 4 In Bomberger Chapel at 7 p.m.

The next meeting of the Intercollegiate Conference on Government Chapter will be held tonight, November 14, at 7 p.m. in room 8 of Bomberger.

### Senior Ball Set For December 2

The annual Senior Ball will be held on Friday, December 2, from 9 to 1 o'clock at Sunnybrook. Recently the senior class held an election to select the permanent class officers and the lord and lady of the ball. The results of the election will not be made known until the night of the ball.

A list of the offices and the candidates follows:

**President**—Frank Cook, Jim Michael, Irv Moore

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**Loyalty Fund** — Skip Burns, Dave Emery

**Lord of the Senior Ball**—Fred Bauman, John Detweiler, Jim Faust, Larry Habgood, Jim Sandercock

**Lady** — Cindy Benner, Judy Dreguba, Dot Hagerty, Coral Lee Koffke, Sue Korte, Joan Meszaros, Sandy Motta, Catherine Nicolai.

### Pre-Medders Go To AED Conference

On Saturday, November 12, fifty-three members of the Brownback-Anders Pre-medical Society attended the 11th Annual Eastern Pennsylvania Pre-medical Conference of Alpha Epsilon Delta (the National Pre-medical Honor Society) at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. Over four hundred pre-medical and pre-dental students from Pennsylvania and surrounding states registered for the day's gathering.

In the morning an interesting tour of the Jefferson Medical College and Hospital was held. Students were divided into small groups, each led by a medical student from Jefferson, and were shown the various x-ray labs, lecture halls, research labs, and operating rooms. One of the highlights of the tour was a trip through the Baugh Institute of Anatomy. Here, students viewed the actual methods of preservation and dissection of human cadavers. The group was also shown the vault used to cremate the dissected cadavers. This is the only one in the United States using the principle of secondary catalytic combustion which means that not only the bodies are cremated, but the fumes are burned.

After lunch, a movie concerning the "Heart-Lung Machine" was shown. This machine was developed by Dr. John H. Gibbon Jr., Head of the Department of Surgery at Jefferson. Following this, an informal symposium on pre-medical and medical education took place. The delegates were addressed by representatives of the five professional schools in the Philadelphia area who spoke on the following topics: "Basis for Academic Requirements for Medical School Admission," "The Interview as

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### Young Democrats Got Out Vote, Now Drive for New Membership

The members of the Ursinus Young Democrats Club worked at the polls of Pottstown, Trappe and Collegeville on Election Day. Students handed out literature, canvassed voters, provided transportation to the polls, and helped with clerical work.

Although the Democratic Club was formed for the express purpose of working in the election, it hopes to establish a permanent organization to work in cooperation with the county and perhaps city Democratic committees. Interested persons are urged to join the club.

### Newman Club Schedules Trip To Greek Catholic Church

All students are invited to attend the Newman Club meeting on November 28. At this time the priest from St. John's Greek Catholic Church of Pottstown will show slides on the Byzantine service. The meeting will be held at 6:30 in the Girls' Day Study.

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### Bosniak, Dassler Are Selected 1962 "Ruby" Editors

On November 7 Mary Dassler and Jay Bosniak were elected Co-editors of the 1962 Ruby. The voting was done by preferential ballot, conducted by the junior class.

Mary, an English major, is from Green Lane, Pennsylvania. She is News Editor of the Weekly and Junior representative to the Women's Student Government Association. Mary is the head of the Junior Advisors and is Hall Chairman of Beardwood. She is also a member of the student Pennsylvania State Education Association.

Jay, a biology major, is from Philadelphia. He is a member of the pre-medical society and plays Junior Varsity basketball. He also takes part in all intramural sports. Jay was head Soph ruler of his class.

### Harry Sprogall Addresses Forum

Wednesday night, November 9, Harry Sprogall was the guest speaker at the second forum of the year. Mr. Sprogall is a graduate of Swarthmore College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He is active in civil rights cases as defense attorney. The topic discussed was the Bill of Rights from 1790 to 1960.

Mr. Sprogall began the lecture by breaking down the Bill of Rights into four sections as follows: the right to live in an open society as free men; the right to protect ourselves; the right to a fair administration of justice; and the federal nature of our government. He went on to discuss the background of the Bill of Rights as the ideas for them originated in England under the Monarchy. The colonists drew up the Constitution limiting the government by having the Courts check on the President and the Congress and stated our natural rights. He gave examples in English and American history where these rights were abused, such as the refusal to print Milton's works, Peter Zenger's trial for libel, and curtailment of worship.

Now even in 1960 the Bill of Rights has to fight against the idea that it isn't safe to be free. Mr. Sprogall illustrated this by saying that our loyalty oaths mean very little, that the term un-American is used too indiscriminately, and that there is private enforcement of Americanism. That is to say, those "fifth amendment users". From 1940 to 1960 there have been more Bill of Rights cases than ever before. These cases involve curtailment of our rights in such things as movie censorship, photography in the courtrooms, peaceable assembly, petitioning the government for redress of

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### Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion" Subject of English Club Meeting

There will be a meeting of the English Club tonight at 7 p.m. at the home of Dr. Yost.

The scheduled activity is the reading aloud of George Bernard Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion".

On December 5 the group will be reading and discussing some of Saki's short stories. The meeting on January 9 will be devoted to a discussion of the novel, "Atlas Shrugged."

Anyone interested in literature is encouraged to take part in these interesting and fascinating discussions.

### French Club to be Shown Slides; Field Trip Discussion Planned

Slides tracing the history of French art will be featured at the meeting of the French Club on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Girls' Day Study. The slides are part of a collection recently purchased by the French department.

Plans will be discussed for a proposed trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art on November 20 to see a film on the French Renaissance and to visit the new Renaissance wing.

All interested French students are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

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### WEEKLY THOUGHT:

"The stern hand of fate has scourged us to an elevation where we can see the great everlasting things that matter for a nation; the great peaks of honour we had forgotten—DUTY and PATRIOTISM clad in glittering white; the great pinnacle of sacrifice pointing like a rugged finger to Heaven."

—David Lloyd George

### EDITORIAL

#### Forbearance

"In a republic we must learn to combine intensity of conviction with a broad tolerance of difference of conviction. Wide differences of opinion in matters of religious, political, and social belief must exist if conscience and intellect alike are not to be stunted."

We had, during the past week, a national election; the result of which has pleased many and disappointed just as many. After viewing the reaction on this campus, the aforementioned statement made by Theodore Roosevelt is quite apropos. Consequently, it is not unfair to state that never before in our history has there been a greater need for tolerance as there is now. As Mr. Roosevelt says, we must combine intensity of conviction with tolerance of differences of conviction. It is easy to be tolerant when you do not care, but the greatest test of consideration comes when you are concerned—deeply. Then your true feelings come to the fore.

We are not about to discourage disagreement; only through the privilege of being allowed to disagree and argue with ideas can we practice our democratic ideals. Honest questioning and disagreement are imperative to a continuance of a democratic way of life. Through questioning comes progress.

We are, however, about to condemn petty stubbornness, intolerance, and bigotry. To condemn another man because of his political or religious beliefs is to be as unpatriotic as is humanly possible. A nation founded upon freedom's ideals will not survive intolerance. "Tolerance is good for all or it is good for none."

As future leaders, we must learn to value others' beliefs and show honest understanding. Can teachers, lawyers, or doctors do a worthy job wholly blind to others' ideas? Tolerance is not just a word applying to other people; it applies to us right here and now—not only in political matters, but also in our every day campus affairs.

It is in times of disappointment that we must show brotherhood. Republican or Democrat, Catholic or Protestant or Jew, we are Americans. And Americans we will remain if we show forbearance. We do not have to accept others' beliefs, but we must at least show sympathetic understanding of them. A very wise man once said, "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us the right. . . ." let us ". . . do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."

### :: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ::

Dear Editor,  
A President has been elected. Personally, as a Republican, he was not my choice, for I think no man should appeal to the uninformed lower classes with promises of education and new wealth which he cannot give. He was hasty in foreign policy, and was not supported by the farmers, who must have had a good reason.

This election was history-making and heartbreaking to over 30 million people. Now, we can be as some parties in the past have been; we can criticize the administration from the day it

begins; we can be uncooperative in Congress. If we do this, do you know who will benefit? It will be the Communistic countries.

Our men lost, but our country did not, and we must see that it does not. If you were worried about the Democratic foreign policy as I was, then you must work with the Democrats in helping them effect the policies which you feel would benefit the country. A divided America would be a weak America. Whether our President be Republican or Democrat, we have

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## A Review of the Student Concert

by Gail Ford

The first program in the student concert series held at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia was varied, if not impressive.

**Concerto in G. minor, for Organ, Strings, and Timpani**, by Francis Polenc, served to introduce the new pipe organ which was recently acquired by the Academy. The performance of this work, however, did not merit the praise so lavishly bestowed upon it by Mr. Ormandy. While it is true that Polenc's concerto is intriguing, and while it is true that Alexander McCurdy is a skilled and accomplished organist, it is my opinion that the organ, even with all stops out, cannot achieve the depth and completeness of a full orchestra.

**Ned Rorem's Eagles**, a composition just two years old, is a good example of American symphonic music. Instrumentation includes wood blocks, ratchet, and whip, in addition to the usual strings, woodwinds, horns, and percussion, and is truly unusual. Mr. Rorem attempted to represent "a poet's stroll in the countryside which is interrupted by an intense sensual disturbance, and he has, indeed, been successful in this attempt."

**Concerto No. 2, in A major, for Piano and Orchestra**, by Franz Liszt, must be commended, not only for its own merits, but because of the brilliant performance by Ivan Davis, 28-year-old American pianist. In the concerto, not especially unique in itself, one could vaguely discern familiar Liszt themes being introduced briefly by the solo piano and then being swept away into the more general theme of the full orchestra. Mr. Davis was called back several times and his beautiful execution of the Liszt composition certainly merited the enthusiastic approval he received.

The last selection, Beethoven's **Symphony No. 5, in C. minor**, was undoubtedly the most popular of the evening. Its success may be attributed to the classic greatness of the work, to be sure, but was certainly received with special favor by the student audience because of its familiarity. In spite of the occasional paper crackling and whispers of the students, the audience was generally attentive, evidenced possibly by hesitant applause between movements. The height of the evening was reached with the majestic, full-orchestra ending of the Beethoven composition, a fitting and most satisfactory finale.

### Novembers Ago

by Kay O'Donnell

Needless to say, in every year of our lives there has been a month November. Do you recall anything happening in that month which has been of national or international importance?

Did you know that it was during this week in 1620 that the Pilgrims landed at Cape Cod? The Articles of Confederation were adopted on November 15 in 1717. In 1788 a spectacular voyage took place; the first voyage in a hydrogen-filled balloon.

Texas made her first bid for independence in November 1835. November 9, 1863, President Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address. The **Mary Celeste** sailed from New York to Genoa in 1872; four weeks later she was found in the Atlantic, abandoned!

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## BOOK REVIEW

by Cindy Morris  
**WE THE LIVING**

Against the background of the Russian Revolution Ayn Rand has written another superb novel with the theme of the right of the individual to the pursuit of his own happiness. **We The Living** is not a story of politics or a story about Soviet Russia. It is a story about a dictatorship, which could exist in any country at any time. It is the story of the individual's bitter struggle for existence against the State. Miss Rand is deeply concerned with the value of human life. She is opposed to Communism in both theory and practice and believes that the Communist principle that man must exist for the sake of the State is evil and will never be anything but evil.

The author was born in Russia and educated under the Soviets. She has seen the conditions of existence which she describes. The views expressed by the heroine of the story are also those of Miss Rand. Through the character of the heroine she expresses her own ideas, convictions and values.

The plot of the book deals mainly with the lives of three individuals who stand out from the collective: Kira, who wants to be a builder, and the two men who love her—Leo, an aristocrat and Andrei, a Communist. Kira, the heroine, refuses to become a purposeless human machine serving the State. She attaches meaning to her existence by establishing a goal for herself and by loving a man so intensely that she can exist solely for him. She never loses her faith in life because she realizes that somewhere outside the bounds of the Red dictatorship, a good life exists which she may someday be able to attain.

Leo is the diehard aristocrat struggling to adjust himself to the new way of life under the Communists. Andrei is the typical young hard-working Communist Party executive. When he personally experiences some of the injustice, underhandedness, and ruthlessness of the party he begins to analyze himself. His many ideas and emotions come into such violent conflict with each other that life becomes unbearable for him. Kira, Leo and Andrei are all much too thoughtful to be satisfied with merely existing. They all need something to live for, and that is what causes their unhappiness, dissatisfaction, and restlessness which make them stand out as individuals.

In **We The Living** Ayn Rand shows what the theories of Communism mean in practice. Her descriptions of the poverty, misery, and hopelessness of the average citizen under the Revolutionary Red Regime in Russia in the 1920's are moving and vivid. Amid sickness, unsanitary living conditions, and scarcity of food, the mass of the population toil and sweat under Red rule for the singular purpose of keeping alive. They are indifferent to the propaganda, the slogans, and the noisy, time-consuming demonstrations; to them, all of these things are merely to be endured and taken as a bitter pill. The author presents a picture of life under the Communists at its worst, with all its filth, deceit, immorality and barrenness. A clear concise style and excellent description make **We The Living** a fast moving novel which is well worth reading.

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## : PARTING POLITICAL SHOTS :

It's all over but the Democratic cheering and the Republican crying, but here is the way two WEEKLY feature writers saw The Great Debate (sponsored last week by the Ursinus YMCA):

### A Meeting of Minds

by Sandra Hoffmann

On Wednesday, November 2, the YM-YWCA sponsored a formal debate in Bomberger Chapel. The controversial topic was politics. The participants were Chuck Holloway, president of the Young Republicans' Club, and Holly Fitts, an independent who is supporting the Democratic ticket. Doctors Pancoast and Zucker, advisors to the Young Republicans and Democrats respectively, were seconds. Dr. Baker, known for his ready wit, presided.

Dr. Baker opened with a laugh-getting "Let the protagonists come forward!" and then introduced the four. Holloway and Fitts entered assuredly followed by a stoney-faced Dr. Pancoast and a grinning Dr. Zucker. Dr. Baker, ever ready to get a laugh, succeeded with "What Holly fits, Mr. Chuck will haul away."

Dr. Pancoast was presented for, "As in horseshoes and quoits the one who has a lead begins and since there is now a Republican in the White House, they obviously have the lead." Bedecked with two big campaign buttons, Dr. Pancoast began his presentation, given in a rather belligerent tone; it consisted mainly of the fact that the United States is first-rate and is continuously making great progress even though Senator Kennedy disagrees. He cited facts and figures to support his statement and denied, emphatically, that America is standing still. In order to support his statement that Democrats are wrong, he cited the incident concerning a Democratic politician who, when stopped by a reporter, said, "I have no time to think, I must make a speech." As he rehashed well-known issues, Fitts' face was a picture of concentration. Dr. Zucker made a few notes slowly and assuredly, and Holloway leafed through a pile of note cards. Dr. Pancoast continued speaking of peace, prosperity, and prestige; Holloway checked the audience reaction rather smugly; Dr. Zucker looked like "the cat who . . ."; and Fitts whispered something, obvi-

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### Not Quite Lincoln and Douglas

by John Piston

If one were looking for dramatic gestures, assumed facial expressions, or speeches filled with poppycock, irrelevant figures, and overworked criticisms, the quote, formal debate, unquote, held on the evening of November 2 would have been quite rewarding. On the other hand, if one were looking for strict adherence to formal rules of debate—including due respect to the official timekeeper, straightforward answers to questions (without changing the subject), or intelligent comparisons of past and present administrations—he would have been rather disappointed.

The representatives of the party in majority on this campus presented a united and confident front, complete with campaign buttons! They envisioned Eisenhower as the great god of peace, and the American people as the heroes of a rose-colored world. They offered Nixon and Lodge as standard-bearers for a program of prestige, prosperity, peace, and personality; in other words, performance, not promises.

Dr. Sieber Pancoast, was followed by Dr. Zucker, obviously relieved to have the grand and glorious opportunity to defend the majority party in this country. Senator Kennedy was described as a vigorous and active man. Johnson and Kennedy, (who couldn't stand each other during the campaign for their party nomination), were presented as loving brothers who "think for themselves", with an "occasional" difference of opinion for the health of the country.

The formal questioning period allowed Mr. Fitts to practice the arts of evasion and sneering, while Mr. Holloway gloried in sarcasm and Dr. Pancoast's notes. When accused of missing innumerable Senate sessions and votes, Candidate Kennedy was defended as an extremely busy man not to be bothered with trivial matters. (Perhaps he could make up these cuts on Tuesdays and Thursdays.) When Candidate Nixon's party was

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### the PRESSBOX

by Jerry Morita

Ursinus football season is closed, yet in retrospect, the team displayed more than anyone could have estimated. After the Wagner game the Middle Atlantic Conference news release reported Ron Emmert in the lead in the individual passing and total offense departments for the conference and Dick Allebach heading up the leaders in scoring with 32 points. "Ursinus, which presented a display of offensive strength in a losing effort to Wagner last weekend, broke into the limelight in individual statistics of the Middle Atlantic Conference's southern division." This statement was attached to the release and when the statistics are completed, Ursinus, at least individually, should fare quite well. Coach Whatley, too, had only praise for his players and said that he was "well pleased with the performance of the boys," and that he was "looking forward to the future."

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Ray Gurzynski has been talking up the intramural championship football game pitting Brodbeck III and Curtis II. The game will be played on the varsity football field this Wednesday at 4 p.m. and according to Ray Gurzynski the game should provide excitement galore.

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M. Borak and D. Guyon

Freshman Mike Borak, a business major from Gary, Indiana, came from behind to down Dan Guyon in the final match of the Men's Intramural Tennis Tournament. Borak dropped the first set 4-6, then settled down to finish strongly and take the last two sets 6-3, 6-4. Borak eliminated Ed Myers 10-8, 6-1, in the semi-final match to gain his final match position.

This week will wind up the intramural football season. Thanks to the support of the Intramural Council and the teams, it has been a very successful program. The season has been filled with many spirited contests.

This Wednesday, Brodbeck III plays Curtis II for the championship. Both teams have played outstanding ball, so it should be an exciting game. Let's have the support of the student body behind these teams. Come down to the football field at 4 p.m. on Wednesday and cheer them on.

Attention to all dormitories interested in entering an intramural volleyball team: rosters must be turned in to either Hank Freeland (Leber Hall) or Roger Eickland (Brodbeck 308) by this Wednesday, Nov. 16. No entries can be made after this date.

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### Soccer Team Drops Three Close Games

The Ursinus College Soccer Team continued its losing ways by dropping three straight close decisions this past week. Although playing exceedingly better as the season progresses, the team continually seems to play just well enough to lose.

Last Saturday, November 5, the Bears played Delaware and dropped the game 3-2 in overtime. The Delaware game was tight after the first half when the Blue Hens scored twice. Facing a 2-0 deficit at the half, the UC team fought back doggedly to tie the score 2-2 at the end of regulation play. Co-captain Mike Blewett scored in the third period and with two minutes left in the game, right wing Jim Riddell tied the score with a beautiful head shot. Unfortunately the Delaware team pushed in a goal in the second five minute overtime period which wasted a fine comeback and team effort by the bears.

The Lehigh game, played on the opponents field, was the best game of the season for the Bears. Highly favored Lehigh was outstuffed and outplayed throughout the game and just managed to pull the game out on a perfect shot 1-0. Both the offense and defense played well and although the Bears couldn't push one across, it was a tremendous team effort.

Perhaps the most frustrating game of the season occurred this past Saturday when the team dropped its second 3-2 overtime game of the week to LaSalle. Again the Bears played good soccer and the score was tied 1-1 at the half. Inside left, Bob Fernandez had scored from in close on an assist from Bill Davis. The LaSalle Explorers took the lead in the third period on a head shot but the Bears quickly tied it up again as center forward Davis kicked one in from about twelve yards out. The Bears had numerous opportunities to pull the game out but in the first overtime period LaSalle again was able to score on another head shot and to hold off the desperate Bears team for the remaining five minutes.

Although their losing streak is now extended to eight, the team has shown 100 per cent improvement since the beginning of the season. Since the team is composed of mostly underclassmen this year, the season must be written off as a rebuilding season in which much valuable experience and teamwork was gained.

The two remaining games on the schedule are with league-leading Drexel (9-1) at home on Tuesday and against F & M on their field next Saturday. Prediction—look for a surprise at Lancaster on Saturday.

## Mariners Best Bears; U. C. Clobbers Fords

The highly touted Mariners from Kings Point thwarted Coach Whatley's bid for a winning season Saturday as they eked out a 14-0 football game from the visiting Ursinus Bears.

The defensive unit for Ursinus stood out against the superior ball carriers of the Merchant Marine Academy, and only the unfortunate Ursinus gambling permitted Kings Point scoring.

The opposition first tallied with a minute and thirteen seconds gone in the second period. Capitalizing on a possession exchange after two pass attempts and a run failed to net a first down, deep in Ursinus territory, the Mariners uncorked a twenty yard pass play and then rammed the Bear line for six yards and the touchdown. The placement was good for the extra point.

The second score was an insult to the Ursinus defensive unit which, all afternoon, had kept Ursinus in the game. With nine seconds left, a quarterback sneak from the one foot line following a recovered fumble and a lengthy run marked the crusher.

Offensively Ursinus showed little. Emmert's passes were well smothered and he got off only one of his patented passes to

Dick Allebach for long yardage. The Bears never penetrated beyond the Kings Point twenty.

The fine punting of Bob Keim helped keep the Mariners away and the defensive forward wall, spearheaded by Dave DiEugenio at guard and Damon Connor at end showed great ability which a year of seasoning can't help but improve. The defense forced three fumbles, two of which were recovered by Connor, and accounted for two pass interceptions.

Picked variously as a three or four touchdown underdog, the Ursinus crew turned in a fine game, but, for them, the contest was like a bad dream when the goal of the pursuit is always just out of reach.

### Haverford Game

With Emmert, Ritz and Sermarini pacing a concerted team effort, the Bears plowed through the hapless Fords, 22-0, with an impressive array of offensive power and defensive skill.

Bolting through the Haverford eleven all day, on a rain swept field, Ursinus asserted its power finally over the Fords late in the first quarter. Quarterback Ron Emmert, for the first time all season, ran with the ball, and the lanky frosh surprised everyone with his all-around offensive play. On their way to their first TD, Emmert carried the ball at one stretch for three straight times, completely befuddling the Fords and eating up valuable yardage besides. Ritz alternated with the UC quarterback and on the yard dirt play Ritz blasted over for the short yardage and the first score. On the attempt for the extra point, Emmert pulled out all the stops and again ran the ball, this time around right end giving Ursinus an 8-0 lead.

However, the fun had just begun, Ritz wasn't through with his scoring and in the second quarter with excellent team blocking, raced away forty-one yards through the strewn Haverford eleven for the Bears' second touchdown. Emmert wasn't to be denied. Again he carried the ball and on a brilliant deception faked to his backs and went over for two more points.

Haverford playing before a partisan crowd really toughened up and played control football for most of the third quarter. Diminutive Tony Sermarini, however, found the weak spot again early in the fourth quarter to score the final tally of the day. This scoring play was unique in that Emmert, seeing the defense set for the play called in the huddle, changed plays while at the helm and caught the defense totally unprepared. Handing the ball off to the left halfback, Sermarini scampered 47 yards right through the middle of the Fords line with hardly a hand laid on him. The try for the extra point failed, but the 22-0 score was plenty enough to win.

Coach Whatley cleared the bench for the final quarter and although they had their difficulties, when the going got tough they proved their worth. Haverford ground out yardage to the Ursinus six yard line, but here the line really solidified. Not only did the Bears forward wall hold, but did more than that as they threw the Fords for a total loss of 11 yards on the next three plays, thus ending the game.

In his first year as Ursinus head coach, Richard Whatley just missed a winning season and has turned a group of lackluster football holdovers and raft of green high school players together to form the most exciting, if unpredictable, football team Ursinus College has had in years. Barring scholastic ineligibility, the 1961 Bears should be better than ever.

### Lassies Shut Out Drexel, Beaver

The lassies of Ursinus College chalked up two victories this past week with wins over Beaver College and Drexel. Both the Varsity and JV teams shut out their opponents and appeared to be in top form.

The Beaverites traveled to our field on November 2 to be put down by scores of 5-0 for the Varsity game, and 3-0 for the JV team. Freshman Gail Brinton broke the ice in the first half with the first tally. Carol Bentley pushed one in late in the first half and added another in the second half. Lynne Crosley drove in two goals in the second half to tie up the game for the UC lassies.

The JV's followed the example of their big sisters and stopped the Beaver gals cold. Judy Tignor and half-back Carol Wolfram made hard shots at the opponents' goal to set the half-time score at 2-0 for UC. Joey Ferrell kept up the scoring streak by adding another mark late in the second half.

On Friday our gals came back from Drexel with two more victories, again by scores of 5-0 and 3-0. Carol Bentley pushed in three goals for UC. Lynne Crosley got one in the first half and Sally Andrews made the victory secure with a hard drive. The JV's roared back into action, with all the scoring being done in the first half. June Ritting made two, while Carol Wolfram pushed in another one for our gals.

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THE GREATEST

by Richard F. Levine

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French Film to be Shown At Franklin Institute

"Four Bags Full", a French comedy starring Jean Gabin and the clown Bourvil, will share interests with the Italian film classic "Shoe Shine".

The French picture was directed by Claude Autant-Lara, well remembered for his "Devil in the Flesh" and "Game of Love".

Vittorio DeSica directed "Shoe Shine" which was the first of his famed series of realist films.

Memberships and guest admissions to programs of the Film Society may be procured at Gimbel Ticket Office or directly from Exceptional Films.

Novembers . . .

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which ended the First World War. November 3, 1956, the Russians sent two dogs into space in Sputnik II.

Last year the Cubans elected a president in November; few probably remember his name.

To bring November news to an end we have this year's election of John Kennedy as President of the United States.

Letters . . .

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a duty to support and respect him; and let us hope that 30 million Americans were not wrong in their choice.

Kay O'Donnell

Dear Editor:

I have been reading and thinking and feeling; this written result may, to paraphrase something I wrote last year, cause many poor substitutes for decent human beings to react to save what little bits of borrowed integrity they can claim—bits borrowed from groups.

An essay on human rights I do not offer: I have just finished reading one account of the House un-American Activities Committee, and agree with the Des Moines Register that it "engages in un-American activities itself"; someone sent me literature from the Congress of Racial Equality and I will "not forget that these students (of the sit-in movement) are going to jail not only for their freedom but for yours and mine"; and I am shocked by what I have heard in Collegeville concerning the recent election.

Shall I attack the narrow-mindedness of the "wasps"? I have come from a more heterogeneous background than many Ursinus students, and I have known all kinds of fine people. I started this letter with nothing but anger and indignation at the way some students of the college, not only the town trades people, talk openly and proudly of what amounts to repudiation of the same American ideals that they will associate with their own ways of life.

Justice is the keystone of American democracy, is it not? I accept it as the best basis for human beings' living together; it is "doing one's own business, and not being a busybody", to quote a great rightist, Plato.

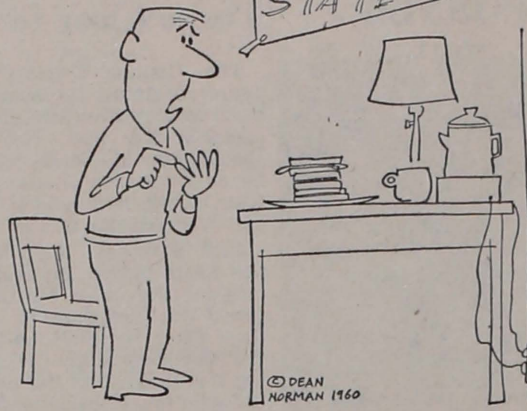
You cowardly bigots, who will judge and prosecute a man according to meaningless generalizations and abstractions of minor relevance, burn a cross on my lawn! But be sure to cover your faces, so that I may know that the source of your speeches is rotten, or else admit that it is not only your tongues that are crooked.

Richard F. Levine

Varsity Soccer Schedule

Nov. 15—Drexel, away  
Nov. 19—F. & M., away

CAMPUS COMEDY



"NOW I'M ALL SET TO CRAM FOR THE TEST. COFFEE, SANDWICHES, CANDY BARS, NO-DOZE, LECTURE NOTES...LECTURE NOTES?....."

A Meeting . . .

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ously sarcastic, which Dr. Zucker enjoyed immensely. The speech was exceedingly well-received.

Dr. Zucker, ever smiling and speaking persuasively rather than forcefully, spoke of representing the majority party where it is in the minority. As he listed facts which supported his statement that the Democrats are in the majority, Fitts listened carefully; Dr. Pancoast frowned; and Holloway shuffled cards.

The two speeches were followed by questions and answers between Holloway and Fitts. Unfortunately, Mr. Holloway saw fit to read his notes. Mr. Fitts, who used no notes at all throughout the program, answered with little hesitation, citing dates and incidents.

Mr. Holloway followed with his summation. He mentioned Kennedy's stands on Quemoy, Matsu, and Cuba. He also spoke of Kennedy's proposal to apologize to Khrushchev ("I am not prepared to apologize to Mr. K. Are you?")

Mr. Fitts went with a reference to Kennedy's statement that it would be hard to run against a man who has voted on all sides. He then spoke of our foreign relations with Hungary and Russia and of the mistakes which the Republicans have made in these issues.

Not Quite . . .

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criticized for lack of support to the Hungarian Revolution, the Republicans quickly denied that any statement or inference had been made on the matter of support.

This little foray was followed by the summation speeches. Mr. Holloway left the impression that possibly Eleanor Roosevelt might have been a better choice for Democratic nominee than "Santa Claus" Kennedy.

Perhaps the question period from the floor proved the most informative and interesting of the evening. At least we know that Mr. Seelye still maintains his Guatemala-Cuba interests.

Sprogall . . .

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grievances. Mr. Sprogall thinks too much of this is done in the name of national security.

He concluded by saying that there is no proof that to be free is worthwhile, it is an act of faith by men. America is unique in that it is the first nation to base its laws on the fact that man is free to rule himself.

A question and answer period followed.

enhower's statement that it was a form of "creeping socialism" was next brought up. Fitts, born in Tennessee, stated that he did not fear such socialism, as the plan had brought the surrounding area out of repression.

The debate was followed by a fifteen minute question and answer period. Dr. Baker ended the evening with a quote from Dr. Zucker's chapel talk, "Vote for the party of Jefferson, vote for the party of Lincoln."

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Focus . . .

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Criticism is often levelled at fraternities for providing liquor (sometimes to minors) at their off-campus parties. It is, however, the club managements, not the fraternities that serve the liquor, and anyhow the ultimate blame must lie with the partaker, not the supplier (although he is legally responsible).

The open parties seem to fill a social need since they more than equal the number of off-campus parties given by other campus organizations and are invariably well-attended.

Fraternal loyalty at U.C. is happily not strong enough to deter participation in college sports and organizations as it does at Dartmouth or, incidentally, Dickinson, where intramural games often get more spectators than varsity contests and top athletes would sooner star for their frat than their college.

All Ursinus social fraternities are local and therefore non-discriminatory, disconnected, and inexpensive. An Ursinus man need not spend more than \$200 in dues, assessments and incidentals during his three and one quarter years in a fraternity.

Most fraternity initiations are harmless and often humorous (with the exception of the outdated, childish, and vaguely masochistic practice of padding). They are not, regrettably, constructive.

Ursinus fraternities might improve their status by emulating more of the Gettysburg ideals. Sponsorship of forum speakers, help in community projects, support of exchange students are not beyond the realm of possibility.

The friendly, social, open parties, as well as the homecoming traditions (to which the returning grads and future college donors look forward), and the Christmas and Easter orphans' parties show sensible contributions fraternities make.

A strengthened and less petty Inter-Fraternity Council could congeal and improve a fraternity system which, through the years, has benefited Ursinus College.

(A far more complete discussion of fraternities entitled "Are Fraternities Necessary?" by Stephen Birmingham, a Williams graduate, appeared in Holiday Magazine, October, 1958. My examples are from my own experience and from this article.—JS)

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Pre-Med . . .

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an Evaluation Technique," "Qualifications and Preparation for the Study of Dentistry," "The Medical College Admission Test," "Letters of Recommendation," "If not Medicine, Then What?" An interesting and informative question and answer period was held, after which the symposium was adjourned.

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