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College Library Vandalized; Files, Matting are Damaged

At 8:00 on the morning of Thursday, May 3, Hope Coburn, one of the student assistants at the circulation desk in the college library, opened the library building to find that the rubber mat carpets under the dome in the reading room had been ripped from the floor and that a number of drawers from the cabinet containing the card catalogue had been removed. Many of the remaining drawers had been changed about. Cards were found strewn about on the floor, and labels from the drawers were missing completely.

Money had been taken also from the cash drawer in the circulation desk. Mrs. Roger P. Staiger, circulation assistant in the library, was notified; the police were called in almost immediately. The perpetrators have not been identified definitely as of this writing.

This is the second incident of this sort to occur this year. The first likewise involved library property. In that case, books from the shelves had been stacked on the floor of the reading room. (Schwemmer; Bushay)

Special Feature

NSA Conference Report

by Marge Struth

(Editor's Note: Three Ursinus students attended the Pennsylvania-West Virginia Regional National Student Assembly held at Penn State University on April 27, 28, and 29. The following special feature is a report, in the form of a personal reaction by one of the SGA members who was present.)

An educated man knows what he doesn't know, and re-examines and re-evaluates his experiences in order to learn again. The purpose of student leadership is to develop an educated man. "Leadership challenges each one of us to build relationships with people who have different points of view." A student leader who is conscientious about doing a good job must develop an understanding relationship with administration, faculty, and fellow students. These were the ideas expressed by Dr. Stephen H. Fuller, assistant professor of business administration at Harvard University, at the Pennsylvania-West Virginia Regional National Student Assembly held at Penn State University on April 27-29.

Dick Hennessy, Hal Redden and I attended this assembly, along with 122 other students from many schools in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The purpose of the assembly was to explain the "Why, Where, and How of Student Leadership." We soon realized, however, that the conference had a bigger purpose. It served as a place where students could get together with others in the same position, away from the daily tasks of a particular job, exchange ideas and, from this experience, re-define their values.

Through workshop discussion periods where the more practical questions of student leadership and student government were discussed, we learned that Ursinus is behind other colleges in two important phases. It is true that Ursinus is not so burdened with fraternities running the campus that the men's and women's student government have absolutely no contact with one another, as on the University of Pennsylvania campus. It is also true that students and faculty work together on such committees as discipline, cultural programs (e.g., Ursinus Forum), and the college calendar.

However, the rapport between administration, faculty, and students that is necessary to develop the educated man is lacking at Ursinus. To cite a few examples of what other schools are doing; Penn and Temple Universities allow students to sit in on committees for admissions and formulate policies for the selection of students. At Penn and Meriwood College there are student members on a curriculum planning committee to add or subtract courses from the school curriculum. At Franklin and Marshall three students and four faculty members participate on a board for discipline. This board has the final say in all cases! Other examples were given of colleges

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Y Cabinet Meets; New Chairmen and Leaders named

On Sunday evening, April 29, a Y-M-WCA cabinet meeting was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Roger P. Staiger. This was a special joint meeting of the new and old members of the "Y" cabinet, called for the purpose of planning the "Y" retreat and of discussing the "Y's" program for the ensuing year.

The newly appointed members of the cabinet are as follows:

COMMISSION CHAIRMEN

Campus Affairs Commission: Bonnie Weiler is a member of the junior class, a cheerleader, and president of Omega Chi sorority. **George Budd** is a member of Sigma Rho Lambda fraternity, of the business staff for the 1957 Ursinus Ruby, and of the Spirit Committee.

Social Responsibilities Commission: **Becky Francis**, who is a day student from Collegeville, is a member of the Curtain Club, the Meistersingers, and Tau Sigma Sorority. **Tom Bennis** is one of the former SRC leaders; he is news editor of the Weekly, a member of APO, the Curtain Club, and the Meistersingers.

Student Worship Commission: **Barbara Althouse** is a former leader of SWC; she is chaplain of KDK sorority, secretary of Chi Alpha, secretary of Pi Nu Epsilon, the honorary music society, and a member of the Central Nominating Committee. **Joe Atkins** is also a former co-chairman of the commission; he is a member of the vesters choir and of the Campus Chest Committee.

World Relatedness Commission: **Ann Leger** is a member of the Curtain Club, of Tau Kappa, and of Alpha Sigma Nu sorority; she is also on the staffs of both the Weekly and the Lantern. **John Tomlinson** is a member of the Brownback-Anders Pre-Medical Society and of the

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MSGA Officers to Be Elected in Wednesday Voting

On Wednesday, May 9, at 12:30 p.m., the election of MSGA officers for the coming school year will take place in front of Freeland Hall. The names appearing on the ballot will be as follows:

- President**
- Karl Herwig
 - Bill Rheiner
- Vice-President**
- Dick Blood
 - Ken Grundy
- Secretary-Treasurer**
- Ted Holcombe
 - Harry Zall
- (H. Schumacher)

WAA Banquet to Be Held on May 8

On Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m., the Women's Athletic Association will hold its annual banquet in the upper dining room of Freeland Hall. All the members of the W.A.A. have been invited to attend. Special guests will include Miss Snell, Miss Price, Miss Bosler, and Miss Schultz, who have served, during the year, as coaches as well as the May Day director, Mrs. Poley.

All awards and letters earned by women during the past sports year will be presented at the banquet. W.A.A. officers will also be installed. They are as follows: president, Jane Dunn; vice-president, Sue Justice; secretary, Sue Harmon; and treasurer, Pat Woodbury. W.A.A. Class representatives will also receive their charges. (Martin)

Men's Government May 2nd Election Results Announced

On Wednesday, May 2, the men of the Ursinus student body elected the new members of the Men's Student Government Council. The four representatives elected by next year's Senior Class are Dave Dickson, Ray Hamilton, Karl Herwig, and Bill Rheiner. Elected to represent the Class of 1958 are Dick Blood, Ken Grundy, and Herbert Perlman. Next year's sophomore class's representatives are Fred Glauser, Ted Holcombe, and Harry Zall.

Class of 1957

Dave Dickson is president of Alpha Phi Omega, a member of Sigma Rho Lambda, and is on the track team. He is a chemistry major.

Ray Hamilton, whose major is pre-law, is a member of the band, Beta Sigma Lambda, and was chairman of the Campus Chest Committee.

Karl Herwig, past vice-president of the MSGA, is a member of Cub and Key, Delta Mu Sigma, the track team, and the pre-medical society.

Bill Rheiner is a business major who served on the MSGA last year. He is on the "Y" cabinet, and is a member of Zeta Chi fraternity.

Class of 1958

Dick Blood, a math major, is assistant head waiter, past secretary-treasurer of the MSGA, and a member of Zeta Chi fraternity.

Ken Grundy is a member of Delta Mu Sigma, the soccer team, and is a news writer for the Weekly. He is a business major.

Herbert Perlman, a pre-med-

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Curtain Club to Hold Elections on Tue., May 8

Elections for officers of the Ursinus College Curtain Club will be held in front of Freeland Hall on Tuesday, May 8, at 12:30 p.m. A list of those persons eligible to vote in this election has been posted; all persons who have participated in any way in any Curtain Club activity should check this list.

The nominees for the various offices are as follows: president, Bill Montgomery, Angie McKee, Wayne Millward; vice-president, Marilyn Kuebler, Bobbe Hunt; secretary, Wes Schwemmer, Bev Glodfelter, Val Cross, Gayle Auchenbach; treasurer, Dick Hummel, Al Frank; historian, Ann Leger, Diana Vye, Carol Robacker, Becky Francis. No candidate for any office can be elected unless he receives a majority vote of two-thirds of the total membership of the Curtain Club. (Hunt)

Candidates for MSGA Presidency State Positions on Gov't Problems

KARL HERWIG

A student government can be the most important student organization on a college campus. For the last few years, the MSGA has been a good organization, but it has not used its power to the best advantage. Student participation has been very poor.

It is my plan to make the council the voice of the men students. This means that there will be more open meetings where students opinion and feelings can be heard. It means also that the M.S.G.A. power will be felt from the administration down to the incoming freshman class.

I feel that the M.S.G.A. can be more efficient if it can combine with the M.S.G.A. With a combined voice the two governments can speak for the entire student body.

Some problems which are important to men students should be acted upon too. These problems have been present for years, but laxity has let them slip by unnoticed.

I think that even if we get started with these few but important problems this year, we will be able to handle more and more problems next year.

YM-YWCA Retreat Held May 4, 5 & 6; Plans Discussed

On Friday evening, May 4, more than seventy Ursinus students and faculty members took to the woods for the annual spring "Y" Retreat which was held at Camp Mensch Mill over this week-end.

As the theme for the retreat the "Y" cabinet had chosen part of Matthew 25:21 which reads, "thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things." The object of the discussions of this theme was to decide what the members own talents are and how they can be best used for God and man.

Other discussions centered on the problems confronting the "Y" in general and on the plans of the individual commissions. On Saturday, May 5, meetings of each commission, led by the newly appointed chairmen, were held to make plans for the rest of the present semester and for the coming school year. Some of the projects discussed were the annual seminar, the sound-proofing of the recreation center, and the establishment of a college prayer room.

In between the meetings, there was recreation. Friday evening's program included a doggie roast and a candlelight devotional service. The service was followed by an echo sing around the lake. An outdoor square dance was held on Saturday night. Another feature of the retreat was the official "dunking" of the new "Y" presidents, Connie Cross and Dick Winchester. They were thrown into the icy lake on Sunday morning. The retreat concluded shortly after noon on Sunday, May 6. (Martyn)

Demas Chooses Officers

Election of new officers for Demas fraternity were held on Thursday night. The results of the election were as follows: president, Dave Burger; vice-president, "Otts" Stanley; treasurer, Don Sowers; recording secretary, Ken Grundy; corresponding secretary, "Bops" Jackson; and I.F.C. representative, Hal Redden. The members thanked the out-going officers and also congratulated Anderson, Christ, Cooper, Lim, Paine, Schmoeyer, McKeegan, Schumacher, Lord, and Reid, new members who were formally initiated Tuesday night at Lake-side Inn. (Grundy)

Sigma Rho Plans Dinner-Dance

Final arrangements for the Sigma Rho Lambda fraternity Dinner-Dance, which is to be held at the Doylestown Country Club on May 18, were made at last week's meeting. Fraternity officers for the next year will be nominated and elected at the meeting Wednesday evening, May 9.

BILL RHEINER

I do feel that the student council should be the unifying and guiding organization on campus; however, I feel also that it has frequently failed to live up to its responsibilities. I should, if I were elected, do my best to carry out the following program: (1) Impressing the responsibility of student council membership upon the representatives; (2) Striving for a closer relationship between the student body and the representatives; (3) Striving for a closer relationship of some sort between the two student councils; (4) Attempting to attain membership status in the National Student Association; (5) Assisting the fraternities in making the IFC a stronger organization, so that the fraternities themselves can handle their own inter-fraternity disciplinary problems; (6) Providing for better supervision of Freshman "Customs" by the MSGA. (7) Working for the further improvement of the campus parking facilities; (8) Attempting to improve the condition of the men's dormitories; (9) Attempting to improve relations between the student body and the faculty.

Annual May Day Program to Include Dances, Concert, Play

On Saturday, May 12, the women of Ursinus College will present their annual May Day Pageant on Patterson Field. This year's pageant will be directed by Mrs. Connie Poley and managed by Joanne Myers.

May Queen

Robin Blood, the May Queen, is the author of the pageant script, **Cherry Blossom Jubilee**. Miss Blood, who is president of the Women's Student Government Association, has based the pageant upon the Cherry Blossom Festival held each year in Washington, D. C. In addition to her activities on the WSGA, she is a cheerleader, a member of the FTA, and a sister in Tau Sigma Gamma Sorority. She was in the May Queen's court in 1953, was a fraternity queen for Old Timers' Day in 1954 and 1955, and was Homecoming Queen in fall 1955.



ROBIN BLOOD
MAY QUEEN

"Cherry Blossom Jubilee"

The pageant itself will begin with a group of girls portraying the cherry trees which blossom each spring. They will dance to a selection from Rimsky-Korsakoff's **Scherzade**. The "Cherry Blossoms" will be the first to welcome the May Queen upon her arrival with her court.

The first visitors to Washington will be "The Thirteen Original States", who will dance to the tune of "Bluebell." Following the original thirteen, the mid-western states arrive and perform calisthenics to the tune of "El Capitan." The central wester states add to the gaiety of the occasion with an old-fashioned square dance. Changing the mood, four girls, Reggie Cairo, Sue Justice, Hazel Okino, and Betty Tayes, are seen having a picnic on the banks of the Ohio River. A "Black Bottom" from the deep south follows, to the tune of "Dippermouth Blues."

The state of Missouri is the next state represented; she dances to the "Missouri Waltz." Two jolly new-comers are the next to visit the Queen. Dotty McKnight and Angie McKee, in the garb of lumberjacks, portray the states of Washington and Oregon. They dance to the music of the "Merry Whistler". The

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UC Curtain Club To Present Play On May 11 and 12

On May 11 and 12, the Ursinus College Curtain Club will present this year's annual spring play, **Brandon Thomas's Charley's Aunt**. The cast, which was chosen by student director W. W. Montgomery, faculty advisor, H. Lloyd Jones, Jr., the officers of the Curtain Club, and the members of Alpha Psi Omega, the honorary dramatic society, is as follows: Lord Fancourt Babberly, Tom Bennis; Stephen Spettigue, Dick Hummel; Colonel Sir Francis Chesney, Dick Hector; Jack Chesney, Peter Bookey; Charley Wykeham, Frank Brown; Brassett, Bob Benson; Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez, Bobbe Hunt; Amy Spettigue, Merle Syvertsen; Ella Delahay, Val Cross; and Kitty Verdun, Marian Yerkes.

The play itself is a farce which has brought smiles and laughter to the faces of many an audience during its long run as a play and as a motion picture.

Performances

There will be two performances of the spring play. On Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, the play will be presented in the Thompson-Gay Gymnasium; curtain time on both evenings will be 8:30 p.m. On Friday, all students will be admitted free of charge; however, the reserved seat tickets will cost students \$.50 and non-students \$1.00. On the next night, all tickets will cost \$1.00.

Play Committees

Student producer Jeanne Moore has announced that the following committees are working on various phases of the production:-

Publicity: Bob Ross (chairman), Carol Robacker, Ken Gray, Ruth Petraitis, Joan Schaefer, Don Todd, Merle Syvertsen, Val Cross, Ann Leger, Barbara De George, Shirley Davis, Marge Struth, Dick Goldberg, Laura Loney, Marian Yerkes and Jeanne Moore.

Business: Neil Kyde (chair-

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SCHEDULE FOR MAY DAY

- May 12, 1956
- 12:30-1:30—Luncheon, library (tickets: \$1.25 per person)
 - 2:30—Pageant: "Cherry Blossom Jubilee", Patterson Field
 - 4:15—Father-Daughter softball game
 - 5:30—Buffet supper, in front of Freeland Hall (tickets: \$1.00 per person)
 - 6:30—Spring band concert, Bomberger Hall, Chapel
 - 8:30—Play: Charley's Aunt, Thompson-Gay Gymnasium.

Ursinus Band, Meistersingers to Present Concert

On May Day, Saturday, May 12, the Ursinus Band will present a concert at 6:30 in the evening in Bomberger Chapel.

Among the great variety of numbers on the program will be marches, such as "Grandioso" by Holand F. Seltz; semi-classical music, for example, the "Overture" to Sigmund Romberg's **The Student Prince**; and Latin American numbers as James L. Traver's "El Charro." Among the classical selections will be the "Grand March" from Giuseppe Verdi's grand opera **Aida** and Edvard Grieg's "Piano Concerto in A minor."

Also included on the program will be G. H. Huffine's piece for brass choir, "Them Basses" and "The Bugler" by Edwin Franko Goldman. An innovation in this year's concert will be a combined recital by the Meistersingers and the band. The former group will sing Roy Ringwald's arrangement of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Ave Verum." Special band soloists for the program will be Joe Donia, pianist, and Ron Reinhardt, trumpeter. John Hottenstein, student director and retiring president of the band, will conduct during the concert.

Band Elections

On Monday night, May 7, the band will hold its elections for officers for the coming year. The nominating committee this year consists of the following: Franck Johanneson, Pat Jones, Annabel Evans, and Janet Miller. Band rehearsals during the week of May 6 will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday nights. (Janet Miller)

Deltas Appoint New Officials

On Monday, April 23, 1956, the executive committee of Delta Pi Sigma choose the following officers: chaplain, Lane Litka; warden, Charles Miller; sentinel, Pete Perosa; social director, Alan Tompkins.

The brothers of Delta Pi Sigma have congratulated Alan Tompkins on his pinning to Bennetta Thacher. (Zern)

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EDITORIAL

Neo-Barbarism at Ursinus

On Wednesday night or Thursday morning of last week, the Ursinus College library was vandalized by a group of individuals as yet unidentified. It is to be sincerely hoped that it will be found that the perpetrators are persons in no way connected with the college; however, considering all the facts, it seems more likely that some small group of Ursinus students are responsible.

Now, it goes almost without saying that the greater number of Ursinus students are good, though often apathetic, citizens. Most of the campus was shocked by the incident; most of the campus was appreciative of the trouble and expense it caused and has yet to cause. The consensus of opinion seems to be that those who have so little respect for the belongings and for the rights of their fellows should be removed from school and should have criminal charges brought against them.

What sort of action was this? This was no spring-time practical joke; this was no ill-considered or imprudent stunt. Both of these are reprehensible but forgivable! This was nothing more than the malicious destruction of college property. This is simply another very small incident in a century of neo-barbarism—a century which has spawned the savage Nazi party and Mussolini brownshirts.

The people behind this sort of thing have no place among educated ladies and gentlemen—or even in society as a whole.

Time for A Change

During the past month, there have appeared in The Ursinus Weekly two feature articles calling for and proposing revisions in the present system of Freshman customs at Ursinus. In this issue, there are several typical answers to a random poll taken by the Weekly staff in co-operation with the college's Department of Psychology.

The majority of the participants in the poll seem to think that it is "time for a change" in customs. Customs should be a program of orientation—not one of indoctrination. No fair-minded person can deny that there is a real need to re-evaluate the introduction which frosh get to UC. There is a great deal wrong with customs as they have been administered during the past few years. It may even be that a great deal of the apathy on campus could be eliminated by a sounder use of the opportunity provided by customs.

The revision drawn up by a group within the Freshman Class would not mean the abandonment of such customs institutions as step-shows and dinks. But it would mean that customs would, in spite of all the horse-play they necessarily involve, have a real purpose; they would fulfill a real need, instead of being just an annoyance—or worse—for the already harried frosh.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Naval Armament is Necessary to National Defense Effort

To the Editor: Dr. Baker's article on naval armament in last week's issue of the Weekly presents one side, a very narrow side, of the armaments race that this country is engaged in at the present time. Without quoting prices, numbers, and sources, he states that the Navy is too large, too expensive, and too ineffective.

With the most recent cutbacks in appropriations, the Navy is manning approximately 35% of the total number of ships available. The remainder are in the famous "Moth-ball Fleet," pending further world-scale unpleasantnesses. Those ships being manned carry approximately 60% of their wartime complement. With this hard-core of veterans and the men already trained and released to the inactive reserve, a wartime strength navy can be re-established in 60 to 90 days. It is well to remember that for those critical 60 to 90 days when our reserves are being called, and the moth-ball fleet is being groomed for action, those "few who want to go on playing their expensive games of Bon Homme Richard vs. Serapis" will be the men who must bear the brunt of any attack upon our homeland.

A reference to any history book will show that as rapidly as a new wonder weapon is invented, active and passive meas-

ures of defense remove most of its sting. Our Navy "brains" have not been as idle as many would like to think, and completely revised tactics for the Atomic Age have been in effect since the days of the Korean War.

As for the training of personnel for technical fields, the combined Armed Services are yearly returning more trained and qualified personnel to civilian life than all the training schools in the United States. Many persons enter the service specifically to take advantage of the numerous fields of training available, as they do not have the money to receive this training in civilian life. This cannot be considered a waste of taxpayers' money.

On one hand Doctor Baker berates the Navy for wasting time and money recruiting, and in the same breath he calls conscription the "traditional tool of dictators." The day is long past when eager young men with patriotic aims joined the navy to see the world. Our great country, once the bulwark of democracy, is no longer a nation of fighters. It now seems to be in vogue to be an advocate of economy in government and peace at any price.

An extremely high price in men, money, and materiel, was paid in gaining the type of government we enjoy in the United States today. The price to maintain it in times of stress has also been high, but anything worth having is worth paying for, no matter what the price.

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Recall to Reality

by T. M. McCake

It is a pleasure to note that, even in this day of mass education, that there are still teachers and laymen in the educational field who take a personal concern in the educational accomplishments of their charges. Many of us have become accustomed to the impersonal nature of teaching that results from the increase in enrollment of all educational institutions. We have grown to believe that the day when the professor knew each student by name, and could lend additional personal assistance to those requiring it, went out with the Model T Ford and high button shoes.

Last week this belief was given a rude shaking, and the fact that most educators are as dedicated to their profession today as were their forerunners some thirty or forty years ago was clearly brought to light by an off-the-cuff lecture in a biology class.

Poor marks and low academic standing was the general theme; many of the bad practices related to this and other phases of college life were given specific coverage.

This writer would like to add a point not covered in, but pertaining to the subjects under discussion. At the next lecture you attend, note the noise and turmoil that ensues from students reaching for their books, coats, etc., when the clock states that the lecture period is almost over. And if the professor should run overtime, this dull murmur is added to the scraping of chairs, the slamming of books, and the restless shifting of bodies as the students express their displeasure. Respect dictates that the professor is in charge and he will release the class at his pleasure. I wonder how many would pull this same stunt on their parents? Few, we are sure.

But to get back to the problem at hand, perhaps if these parents were invited to visit the campus and see how their investments were being squandered, in some cases, many of the problems being mentioned here-in would be immediately alleviated. But it would seem that most students feel that the place for mother is in the kitchen, and that is where she is to remain.

At least until after the coveted sheepskin is won!

Poor marks were attributed to lack of interest rather than to lack of ability on the part of the students. The fact that many do not know how to study, and do not possess any type of organization to assist them in their home work, all coupled with poor attitudes, manners, and conduct, makes for a grand total of complete failure. Mere attendance at college will not give an education, and, if the Gods of Fate smile benevolently and a diploma is bestowed, it will only strike another blow to the prestige once held by more qualified recipients.

For some, college is a new experience, and it is the first time they are away from home. Faced with new responsibilities, it is understandable that adjustments must be made in daily life until a workable compromise is reached. This struggle should not cease once a workable compromise is attained. It should be revised and re-evaluated continuously. Variety is said to be the spice of life, and by maintaining a varied interest in many activities available on the student calendar, a valuable store of experience can be built up and thus better equip one for later life.

It was also noted that, generally, those participating in most of the school extra-curricular activities are those with sufficient time to earn good grades in their subjects. The old saying "It is always the busy man who can find time to get things done" seems to render invalid the excuse too often offered: "I don't have the time to go out for the school play, or help with the dance." Everyone finds time to do what he likes to do, but it is the mark of a good student to be able to do a little more than just his share. College is not to be thought of as merely a place of education, but also as an institution for the building of good character traits. Far too many students wish to take what college has to offer but to give little in return. In adding to the school by participation in school activities they not only further the reputation and prestige of their school, but they mold and enhance their own developing personalities.

Reply to Dr. Baker's Navy Article

by David Hudnut

Briefly, Dr. Donald G. Baker, in his article in last week's Weekly, urges the elimination of "two-thirds" of the United States Navy: (a) because it is over-susceptible to attack by atomic bomb, and (b) because the day of the classic ship-to-ship battle is over, and (c) because carriers are no longer necessary — airplanes having sufficient range in themselves to reach distant objectives.

If we were sure that our next war would be a pushbutton affair, if accurate nuclear guided missiles were ready for immediate tactical use, if atomic-energy powered airplanes were fully developed and operational, then Dr. Baker would have some support for his suggestion. I would not be so blind as to suppose that the Navy could not profitably cut out some dead wood in its organization, but I would like to suggest that it has not yet lost all tactical value.

We are in no way assured that our next war—if we have another—will be a full-scale nuclear missile operation. These missile schemes are frightening, as a recent Time article has shown, but none are at present fully developed. (There is a significant gap between the developmental and the tactical stages in the life of any machine that flies.) And it has never been demonstrated in actual practice that a lone bomb-carrying airplane is really capable of penetrating present defenses to drop a telling nuclear bomb. Suppose International Communism were to precipitate another, non-nuclear Korea-style war sometime in the next five years, deliberately avoiding the use of atomic weapons in order to negate our possible superiority along those lines. Would we be the first to begin the use of atomic weapons since we now know that Russia possesses them also? The old style man-and-shell war is still highly useful to the militant dictatorships, and in such a war the Navy would find its old place with

these indispensable tactical and logistical functions: (a) transporting large quantities of men and material great distances, (b) softening up invasion beaches with shellfire—bombing being only one method of beach-preparation, and one strictly hampered by weather conditions at that, (c) providing fast-moving bases of operation for carrier aircraft, since, contrary to Dr. Baker's opinion, the airplane is not yet in all cases capable of great range: the indispensable close-support fighter aircraft cannot be flown any great distance, nor are the perpetual-motion atomic airplanes anywhere near the tactical stage, and (d) fielding a strong submarine fleet for shipping destruction and small missile launching.

Suppose we were to cut our navy; would Russia then cut hers to match? Wouldn't this instead open up a beautiful chance for her to precipitate a non-atomic war using familiar weapons.

On the other hand, suppose an all-out nuclear war were immediately possible, that atomic-powered airplanes were in operation, and that missiles were capable of great range and accuracy: then there is still the possibility that traditional sea weapons would be necessary for side issues or for the final, decisive campaign. We can theorize about these unhopied-for wars-to-be, but in the absence of concrete experience to the contrary, we must maintain the weapons whose tactical uses have been established. Admittedly, when and if all powerful nations convert their war machines to the science-fiction approach, we might well scrap a major portion of our Navy—with the exception of the submarine fleet—but for now the policy of concentration on the fleet air arm and the submarine service while maintaining, at least, our battleships and other gunboats seems the wisest procedure.

"Customs" and Campus Opinions

Staff

In several past issues of The Ursinus Weekly, there have been articles dealing with the tradition of Freshman customs. The basic weaknesses of the present system have been noted, and a revision plan has been presented.

The Weekly staff has attempted to take an impartial poll of student opinion in this matter. The participants in this poll were selected at random and were asked whether they favor the present customs system, or if they believe in the proposed revision, or in the modification or in the abolition of customs. The following statements are representative of the opinions expressed by the students who participated.

Nancy Shronk: I believe customs should be revised. The main objection I have to the present system is that it tends to fall heavily on certain people, rather than equally on all the members of the class. I should like to see a more constructive system initiated. Perhaps it would eliminate the process of finding scapegoats.

Anonymous student: Ever since medieval times, when universities and colleges were first established, most sophomores and more experienced students have felt they must haze freshmen. Ursinus, too, seems to have adopted this principle without stopping to ask: "Is it really worth all the trouble?" "Is anything of value gained?" Tradition is not always right. We have moved to more modern methods of education. Why not move to more thoughtful treatment of new students who find adjustment to college life difficult enough without having the burden of a lot of foolish nonsense? Dinks look nice when worn properly. Name tags are useful. But silly customs meetings have no place among people who are supposed to be of the highest intelligence bracket.

Bev Glodfelter: The proposed revision of Freshman customs appears to be excellent. I'm sure the incoming freshmen would join me in wishing the future sophomore class "Godspeed" for the work involved in making the paper-work a reality.

Ray Hamilton: Every community has its own variation of American culture. To make the transition from "rah-rah" high school to the college campus more easy, Ursinus has adopted a program of student-operated customs. This is a part of our mores and should be continued.

But, as in most cases, the means must justify the ends. If an intelligently run program cannot be adopted, customs should go. Next year should put an end to power-mad sophs and begin a "New Party Line". Now is the time to act.

Annette Wynia: Customs should be done away with entirely. The Christian principles which the college supposedly supports are violated by customs. The so-called spirit of fun is rather one of derision and belittlement. Customs . . . appeal to the baser instincts of a person.

It is assumed that every college student, to be fundamentally a part of the college, must learn the campus song and cheers. The accepted way to be sure they are learned is to make it compulsory. Force is something we, in a Christian, American college, like to attribute to gangsters and totalitarian states. To learn the campus song because you were forced to is indicative of only the most superficial loyalty if any at all.

Most freshmen are sufficiently apprehensive about college life, and there are only a few with "swelled heads" left over from high school. And these few are, by the very nature of customs, encouraged to be "big shots." If the only way to get campus leaders is to pick from among those who are most brazen and loud-mouthed during customs, there is something wrong . . . Customs are obsolete and ridiculous.

Tom Kerr: There are always a few people who abuse the customs idea. It is those people who usually get out of taking customs themselves. The present Freshman Class should be able to find many classmates, both men and women, who will do a . . . sincere job with customs next year.

As an ex-Soph ruler, there is just one thing I wish to say to both Rules committees. Any new regulations which you make the class of 1960 follow will . . . stay on the list for a very long time. Remembers your purpose, and the goal of class unity will be attained.

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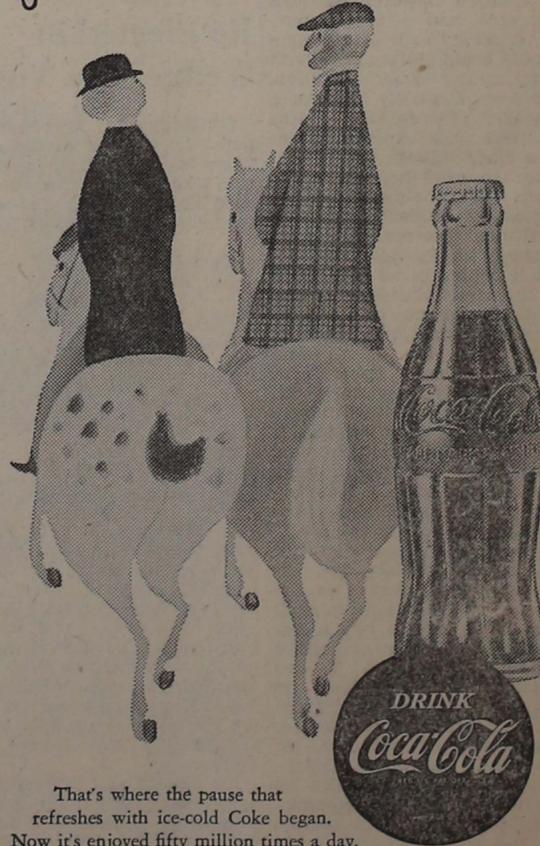
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Trackmen Drop Fourth to Garnets; Crushed in Triangular Meet Sat.

The Bruin trackmen dropped a dual track meet at Swarthmore's Clothier Field last Wednesday, a rainy and dismal day, by a score of 72-54. The track, however, was in good shape and many excellent times were reeled off.

Ruth Cops Three Wins

The cindermen lacked points in three events, as the host school swept the half mile, two mile, and broad jump. The Garnet's depth in running events proved another winning factor. The Bruins looked bright in the weight events as junior Skip Ruth copped a triple win in the shot put, discus, and javelin.

Several other Ursinus runners turned in fine performances for the rainy afternoon. Lee Lawhead, ace distance man, ran his fastest mile of the year—4:44, taking his opponents by only a few yards. Harry Donnelly distinguished himself in the hurdles taking a first in the lows and a second in the highs. Harry also took a third in the high jump.

Sophomore Ken Buggeln, after losing to Swarthmore's Bob Sheeth in a fast 440, came back to win the 220 in 22.6. The advancing Ursinus pole vaulter Dave Burger, acquired a second in this event and also a second in the high jump.

In the weights, the trackmen swept the javelin behind the winning throw of 159' 2" by Skip Ruth. Dick Dickerson and Bob Grenitz took the second and third spots. Grenitz also took a third in the discus, while teammate Warren North copped a third in the shot.

Last in Triangular Meet

Last Saturday the Bear cindermen tangled with the Bisons of Bucknell and the Lions of Albright in a triangular track meet at Albright. Albright ran away with the meet with 66 points, Bucknell took second with 58 points and the Ursinus cindermen took third and last with 29 points.

The Bears were heavily outclassed in all events and went down to some superior runners. The stars of the day were Albright's Bill Shirk, a double winner with a 4:34 mile run and a 10:2 two mile jaunt; Bucknell's

F. & M. Hands Netmen 4th Loss

On Tuesday, May 1, 1956, Ursinus's net team was host to the cracker-jack team from Franklin and Marshall College. The F. & M. squad defeated the Bears 7-2 giving the netmen a 1-4 record over the season thus far. In the first set of singles Art Martella, Ursinus standout, went down under the racket of Bob Foster from F. & M., 6-1 and 6-0. Pete Jespersen, veteran ace, defeated Joe Grosh of F. & M. in the second singles, 6-3, 6-3. This was the only singles victory of the afternoon for Ursinus. In the number 3 singles match Leon Rosky, after dropping the first set 7-5 came back the next two, 6-0 and 6-0 defeating Tom Ely. Bob Gilgore dropped the number 4 singles to Len Cerino 6-0 and 6-0. F. & M.'s Mike Hettleman defeated Ursinus freshman Shel Wagman in the number 5 singles match 6-0 and 6-3. Rudy Cellis put up a hard struggle against Ken Martin in the final singles match, but was finally defeated 6-3 and a close 7-5.



MILER LEE LAWHEAD

Ed Berg, the runner of the day, who turned in an excellent 9.8 clocking in the 100 yard dash. He also returned with a win in the 220.

Ruth Wins Javelin

The points for the Bruins were at a minimum, but weightman Skip Ruth gained one of the Bear's three firsts in the javelin, a second in the shot, and a fourth in the discus. Ken Buggeln won the 440 in a great 51.8 clocking, also gaining a second in the 220.

In the hurdles, Harry Donnelly tied for first in the lows and took a second in the highs. Bob Grenitz and Al Frank also picked up points in the shot and the broad jump respectively.

This week the Bears will be looking for their first win as they face the Flying Dutchmen of Lebanon Valley on the home track on Tuesday. (A.F.)

Belles Drop First To W. Chester 3-2

On Monday, April 30th, the Ursinus girls' softball team visited West Chester's diamond where the varsity dropped a hard-fought game 3-2. Polly Taylor was on the mound for the Belles. However, the J.V. girls downed West Chester 5-2, with Mary Schulz pitching.

On Tuesday the J.V. journeyed to Chestnut Hill to completely rout this college in a five-inning contest, 17-0. Mary started for Ursinus with Elaine Emehaiser taking over the pitching in the third inning.

The Varsity met East Stroudsburg on the latter's field on Wednesday to play a wet and muddy three innings. The Belles emerged from this contest with a decisive 14-4 decision.

In the first doubles match, Jespersen also came through with his partner Martella and defeated the teammates, Foster and Grosh of F. & M. in the most exciting match of the afternoon. The set scores were, 6-3, 5-7, and 6-4. Gilgore and Ely were defeated in the number 2 doubles match by Cerino and Rosky 6-0 and 6-2. Martin and Hettleman defeated Cellis and Kyde 6-0 and 6-1 in the final doubles match of the day.

Negals Pickup 3rd, 4th Straight Wins

The Belles extended their record to four straight wins last week by posting 3-2 victories over Rosemont, E. Stroudsburg.

On Tuesday the girls defeated Rosemont with points registered by Carol LeCato and Connie Cross in the singles positions and second doubles Sue Hottenstein and Audrey Cale. Carol played practically flawless tennis in defeating Rosemont's Pat Reeves 6-0, 6-0. At second singles Connie dropped the second set to Betty Ashton but won 6-4, 1-6, 6-1. Sue and Audrey easily defeated their opponents 6-0, 6-3. Bunny Alexander, third singles, lost a 2-6, 2-6 decision to Doris Dwyer, and first doubles Vonnie Gros and Ruth Heller were narrowly beaten 6-2, 3-6, 4-6.

For the fourth seasons victory the Belles journeyed to East Stroudsburg last Thursday and won 3-2.

NOTICE
Due to the inclement weather today the scheduled baseball game with Moravian has been postponed until tomorrow. The game will be played at Moravian and will start at 4:00 p.m.

Star of the Week

by Bruce MacGregor

Although U.C.'s track team has been topped in every meet thus far this season, there are the few who have been consistent placers in their events, and who have helped keep the score away from the bottom.

Such is the case of Skip Ruth, this week's Star of the Week.

Skip, a junior from Lansdale, possesses the fine habit of placing in most events he enters. Against Swarthmore last Wednesday, he personally acquired 15 points in the losing cause, taking firsts in the shot, discus, and javelin. Against Albright and Bucknell on Saturday Skip took a first in the javelin with a fine throw of 169' 5", a second in the shot put, and a fourth in the discus.

Skip, hampered last year by a bad leg, has started to display the natural ability which earned him an All American crown in high school. Although he earned this title through his performances in hurling the javelin, Skip also displays just as great, if not greater, ability in the shot put and discus. His best performances so far this season have been a 170 ft. fling of the javelin and a 44 ft. put of the shot.

IM Softball Teams Move into Action

After one week of play Brodbeck III and Curtis II have jumped out to leads in their respective leagues.

By virtue of a 6-5 last inning win over Brodbeck II, Curtis kept their record perfect at two wins and no losses. Curtis II has been led by the hitting of Paul Graf and pitching of Jerry Nunn. Brodbeck I has a 1-0 record to hold second place in the league.

Actually Brodbeck III and Derr are tied in their league with 1-0 records, but Derr's win was by forfeit over Stine. (D.B.)

Standings after one week of play are:

League I	Won	Lost
Brodbeck III	1	0
Derr	1	0
Freeland	0	0
Stine	0	2

Third Unearned Tally in 9th Gives Bluehens 3-2 Victory

Last Wednesday rain again hit Bearville, spoiling the scheduled home contest with Swarthmore. On Saturday, Coach Sieb Pancoast led the well rested Bruin nine down to Newark, Delaware, to face a well balanced Delaware baseball team. It was a heartbreaking loss for the Bears, as the final score read 3-2 in favor of the Bluehens.

Take Early Lead

In the top of the second inning, Al Stipa doubled after Paul Neborak had grounded out. Inky Wagner flied out, and then Walt Christ and pitcher Bob Slotter walked in succession, loading the bases. On hits by Bob Crigler and Barry Ciliberti, the Bruins tallied twice.

Delaware tallied on a triple by shortstop Don Hoffman and a wild pitch. At the end of the second inning the score stood 2 for Ursinus and 1 for the Bluehens.

However, Delaware began pecking away slowly, but surely. In the fifth inning, two hits and a stolen base scored a single tally, tying the score at two all. The score remained deadlocked at 2-2 until the ninth inning when Bluehen center-fielder, Dick Hoffman reached first on an error, left fielder Carmen Cella walked and Harry Thorp singled to score Hoffman.

Bruins Load Bases in Ninth

The Bruins threatened in the ninth loading the bases with one down, but Bluehen hurler Bob Hooper came in and with nine pitches retired the sides, winning his seventh game of the season.

Ursinus	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Crigler, 2b	3	0	1	4	1	1
Ciliberti, cf	4	0	2	1	0	0
Famous, ss	5	0	0	2	2	0
Sholl, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Neborak, 1b	3	0	1	1	0	1
Stipa, rf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Wagner, 3b	4	0	0	1	4	0
Christ, c	3	1	0	6	2	0
Slotter, p	3	0	2	1	1	1

Delaware	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Zaiser, cf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Watson, rf	4	0	0	13	0	0
Walsh, lf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Smith, 2b	4	0	0	2	3	0
Romagnoli, 3b	4	0	0	2	2	0
Hoffman, ss	3	3	1	0	2	1
Cella, lf	2	0	1	0	0	1
Thorp, c	2	0	2	6	1	0
Delucas, p	2	0	0	0	3	0
McKelvey, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hooper, p	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals	33	2	7	26	11	3
Ursinus	0	2	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	1	0	0	1	0

The Bruins Bob Slotter took the loss, while only giving up four hits over the nine inning span. The diamondmen also committed three errors in the field. Delaware's three hurlers gave up seven hits to the Bears, while the team dropped two errors in their winning eort.

The afternoon contest left the diamondmen with a 5-3-1 record for the season and Delaware with a fine 9-2 account. (H.Z.)

BASEBALL DATA TO DATE

	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	Ave.
Crigler	13	4	6	10	7	2	.461
Ciliberti	37	12	13	12	1	1	.351
Christ	24	8	8	6	8	1	.333
Slotter	15	2	4	3	3	2	.267
Famous	42	10	11	16	21	9	.262
Stipa	27	2	7	3	3	2	.260
Sholl	22	4	5	27	2	2	.227
Williams	23	6	5	22	13	4	.217
Neborak	38	8	8	56	5	3	.210
Wagner	39	7	8	13	32	8	.205
Hause	22	4	3	12	1	1	.136
Lapp	9	3	1	8	3	0	.111
Ayre	3	0	0	0	1	0	.000
Chern	2	0	0	0	1	0	.000
Cianci	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Litka	1	0	0	1	0	0	.000
Carver	0	1	0	2	0	0	.000
Westley	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000

Homeruns: Famous, 3; Christ, 1; Wagner, 1. Triples: Neborak, 2; Crigler, 1; Famous, 1. Doubles: Famous, 2; Williams, Christ, Wagner, Lapp, Stipa, 1.

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May Day . . .

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Following Oklahoma a homesick little girl from California, portrayed by Linda Brenner, comes upon the scene. She brightens up, however, when the May Queen pays special attention to her. The last two visitors to the festivities are Alaska and Hawaii. They are Carolyn Carpenter and Loretta Marsella, who beg to join the states in their merriment. As a finale, the traditional May Pole Dance and the presentation of the Queen and her court takes place.

Narrators for the event are Carol Eichert and Sonnie Kruse. (Brenner)

Play . . .

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man), George Budd, Diana Vye, Dave Heyser, Carolyn Carpenter, and Becky Francis.

Tickets: Gayle Auchenbach (chairman), Jeanne Moore, and Marilyn Kuebler.

Costumes: Ora-Wesley Schwemmer (chairman), Hope Coburn, Mary Gotshalk, Audrey Cale, Marge Stuba, Ruth Petraitis, Loretta Marsella, and Joey Von Koppenfels.

Make-up: Ruth Petraitis (chairman), Loretta Marsella, Millie Hartzell, Carol Robacker, Carol Schreiner, Ruth Irvin, Ruth Mercer, Angie McKey, Gayle Auchenbach, and Jane Hulton Smith.

Properties: Pat Condon (chairman), Joan Bradley, Joan Clement, Maggie Skinner, Marlette Allen, Shirley Davis, and Carol Schreiner.

Staging: Angie McKey (chairman), Maggie Skinner, Pat Condon, Barrie Ciliberti, Jim Terry, Peggy Follett, Jeanne Moore, Marlette Allen, Bob Ross, and Shirley Davis.

Programs: Gwenn Bream (chairman), Jane Hulton Smith, Audrey Hahnel, Janet Pratt, Bob Ross, and Helen Ames. (V. Cross)

Beta Sig Picks Officers

On Wednesday the brothers of Beta Sigma Lambda fraternity elected their officers for the coming year. The newly elected officers are: president, Barrie Ciliberti; vice-president, Pete Fay; treasurer, Dean Bankert; recording secretary, Jim Kerschner; and corresponding secretary, Bert Wendel. (Grundy)

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MSGA Elections . . .

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der, is a member of Zeta Chi and the pre-medical society.

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Fred Glauser is a pre-medical student, a writer for the Weekly, and a member of the pre-medical society.

Ted Holcombe, whose major is pre-law, is a member of Delta Mu Sigma, and is a waiter in the dining room.

Harry Zall is a member of Zeta Chi and the pre-medical society.

MSGA Nominations

On Thursday evening, May 3, the newly elected members of the MSGA met to nominate new officers of the organization. Seniors nominated for president were Karl Herwig and Bill Rheiner. Running for vice-president are Dick Blood and Ken Grundy. The nominees for secretary-treasurer are Ted Holcombe and Harry Zall. (Perlman; Bannigus)

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band; he is also the program director of APO.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Publicity Committee: Lois Martyn is a member of SRC, the Brownback-Anders Pre-Medical Society, and Alpha Sigma Nu; she also does news reporting for The Ursinus Weekly. **Jack Phillips** has done publicity work for the Freshman Class; he is a member of Beta Sig.

Reception Committee: Carol Eichert is a member of the pre-medical society and is active in the Social Aesponsibilities Commission. **Jim Kriebel** is also in the pre-med society; he is a member of the Meistersingers and of the chapel choir.

Membership Committee: Helen Stevenson served last year as co-chairman of the Campus Activities Commission. She is vice-president of the W.S.G.A., a member of Tau Sigma Gamma sorority, and co-editor of the 1957 Ruby. **Ken Trauger** is active in activities of the Freshman Class and is a new member of Sigma Rho Lambda.

OTHER OFFICERS

Historian: Ruth McKelvie, a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, is active in the programs of the SWC; she is also a member of the Meistersingers.

Recreation Center Manager: Bill Rheiner is a class representative of the M.S.G.A. and is presently a candidate for the presidency of that organization. He is manager of the recreation center and Student Union. He is also a member of Cub and Key and of Zeta Chi fraternity. (Martyn)

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NSA Report . . .

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not attending the assembly. At Antioch College and the University of Vermont, students are involved in the appointment, dismissal, and promotion of faculty members. At Bard College students participate on a committee that draws up the college's annual budget.

At first these ideas were incomprehensible to us, but we began to realize that it would be just as easy to establish some of these programs at Ursinus if only a better understanding could be attained between the students, faculty and administration.

Since one of the functions of the student leader is to act as an arbitrator among these three groups perhaps a program could be established to better prepare the student leaders for their jobs.

This is the second phase in which we thought Ursinus needed some improvement. Many schools such as Penn State and the University of Pennsylvania have leadership training programs that take place before the fall semester begins. At Penn the student leaders go to a retreat where the previous leaders explain their jobs. I had an opportunity to attend a leadership conference at Brigham Young University in Utah. Here the student leaders met together, discussed their questions and listened to others explain the programs of student organization and administrative policy. The value of such a program is unlimited in establishing rapport among administration, faculty, and students.

One phase of the Ursinus program which impressed the other schools was our Freshman Orientation for the girls. The Junior Advisory Committee and the Big-Little Sister program were highly praised. We learned, however, that we could combine men's and women's customs into one large orientation program of some practical value like that at Penn and Chatam College. There they have an eight week program of compulsory meetings for one hour a week. At each meeting a definite topic is discussed such as the student government, campus publications, religious activities, and so forth. Perhaps this would eliminate the end-of-the-year negative attitude that is prevalent among freshman in many schools.

The three of us were enlightened in many ways by this conference. We realized that leadership and student activity is not extra-curricular; it is the test of our education—"the laboratory of life" as Dr. Fuller expressed it. In one of the discussions of the aims of student leadership some specific educational concepts were set forth. Leadership cannot be learned in the classroom; it must be learned through experience. It was suggested that administration and faculty must risk irresponsibility on the part of students in order to establish the atmosphere in which mature men and women grow. Since it is one of the aims of education to prepare students for adult life, students who are expected to graduate from college as adults must be treated as such while in college.

:: CALENDAR ::

Week beginning May 7, 1956:

MONDAY—
Beardwood Chem.Soc. banquet
6:30—Newman Club meeting, Bomb., rm. 8
6:30—Band reh., W. Mus. Stud.
6:45—WAA meeting, Bomb., Student Union
7:00—MSGA meeting, lib.
10:30—APE meeting

TUESDAY—
12:30—Weekly feature writers' meeting, Bomb., rm. 5
6:30—Band reh., Bomb., W. Mus. Studio
7:30—FTA meeting, Bomb., rm. 7
8:30—Delta Pi meeting
10:30—ZX meeting

WEDNESDAY—
6:30—YM-YWCA comm. meetings
7:00—WAA banquet, college dining room, Freeland
10:30—Beta Sig. meeting
10:30—Sig. Rho meeting

THURSDAY—
6:30—Alumni Banquet for Srs.
6:45—Meetings of all sororities
7:00—Band reh., W. Mus. Stud.
8:30—Curtain Club Spr. Play (students admitted free)

FRIDAY—
8:30—Curtain Club Spr. Play
SATURDAY—
12:00—May Day
12:30—Ursinus Women's Club, buffet luncheon, lib.
6:30—Band Spring Concert, Bomb., Chapel
8:30—Curtain Club Spr. Play

SUNDAY—
6:05—Vespers, Bomb., Chapel
9:00—"Y" Cabinet Meeting

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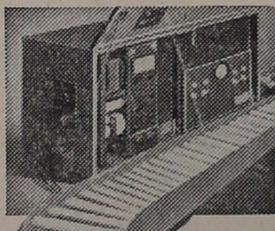
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