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# Speech Notes for Eleanor Snell's Testimonial Dinner, May 22, 1970

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URSINUS, OHIO.

Thank you, Doris! Miss Snell, Ladies and Gentlemen! It's an interesting coincidence that I am a part of this program. At the moment I happen to be President of The Philadelphia Field Hockey Association and we were most anxious to join in paying tribute to you to-night, Miss Snell. As it turned out, The Committee was most anxious to have someone on the program from the first generation of Snell's Belles, and I qualified. Yes, I was on

campus when the first blue Packard arrived on the scene. We didn't call ourselves Snell's Belles then - there were only 6 of us (Smo, Babe Quay, Reds Pfahler, Marion Garrett, Helen Eisenberg and me, Monty ~~XXXXXX~~ in that first Phys. Ed. Class and we called ourselves The Pioneers. We like to think that we started it all. But you carried the ball, Miss Snell and you have never dropped it! You and your proteges have been greatly responsible for the outstanding success of The PFHA. Right now <sup>two</sup> ~~three~~ of the four officers are Ursinus Graduates and two of the

four presidents of The Local Associations are Ursinus Graduates. Five of the 11 players on The 1969 U.S. Field Hockey Team are Ursinus girls.

For all you have done over the years, Miss Snell, The PFHA would like to present to you this small token of our deep gratitude.

I don't think there is much I can add to what has already been said tonight. I'm sure that you know by now, Eleanor, how much we all think of you and how grateful we are that your life has touched ours.

The committee has given me the honor of showing you our appreciation in a tangible way. First of all, we have compiled a book of letters written to you both by some who are present tonight and by some who could not make it but are here in thought. (I might say at this point, if there are any of you who would like to add to this book, you <sup>may</sup> send your letters to me and I will see that they are placed in it.) There are a few that I would like to share with ~~you~~ all of you.

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Your athletic teams have compiled a wonderful record and you can be proud of that. However, I feel that your greatest contribution has been the wonderful influence you have exerted on countless numbers of girls-----those you have taught and the hundreds of others to whom your students have carried your ideals and principles. These are the lasting testimonials to you.

And now, with these gifts go the appreciation and love which lies deep in the hearts of all of us for whom you have done so much and who owe so much to you.