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Ursinus News In Brief

Weekly Tries New Printer

This issue of *The Ursinus Weekly* looks different. In the interest of economy the *Weekly* has experimented with choosing **School Publications, Incorporated** as the printer. We hope that the experiment is successful and are interested in your comments about format and quality.

Chem Student Receives Award

Robert J. Clemens, a senior chemistry major and vice president of the Beardwood Chemical Society, received the American Institute of Chemists Award, presented annually to one of the top chemistry students at the College, according to Dr. Staiger, head of the department.

Top Seniors Honored

Graduation will be held this year on Sunday, May 29th at 2 p.m. Graduation honors of Valedictorian will be awarded to Caryn K. Antoniaci, an Economics major from Norristown. Daniel W. Neid, a Chemistry major is this year's Salutatorian.

Music Officers Picked

Barb Yoder was elected National President of the music fraternity Pi Nu Epsilon, and Karl Kraus Pi Nu Chapter President and band V.P.

The Ursinus College Band elected Laurie Burk President, and Alison Heffner will become Choral Organization President and Pi Nu Historian. Ted Lis was elected Band Manager, Sandy Morris was elected Secretary of Pi Nu Epsilon and Band Historian. Choral Organization conductors will be Barbara Vincent, Patty Williams and Laurie Burk.

Sue Adamson will accede to the positions of Pi Nu V.P. and Choral Treasurer. Pi Nu Treasurer will be Jeff Lausten.

Joyce D. Niedringhaus will become Band Secretary. Additional Choral organization officers are: V.P. Keith Strunk, Business Manager Lori D'Angelo, Publicity Charman, Terry Stetner, and Librarian Tom Glorioso.

Simon Wins Award

Robert M. Simon, senior chemistry major at Ursinus College, received the American Chemical Society Award, presented annually to the top chemistry student at the College, according to Dr. Roger Staiger, head of the department.

Brandt Wins Award

Charles J. Brant Jr., a senior economics major at Ursinus College, received the senior award for excellence in accounting, according to Dr. John Petrakis, assistant professor of economics.

Young Republicans Choose Officers

Young Republicans chose their officers for next year. John Robert will be the new president; Kim McFadden, vice president; Jim Grosh, treasurer; Ray Hoffman, corresponding secretary and Stephanie Dent, recording secretary.

Richter Hails USGA Proposal As "Primary Document"

Special to The Ursinus Weekly by L. Dalaker, G.M. Rankin and R. Simon

In the May 5th USGA meeting, President Richter acknowledged that the USGA proposal on student rights and responsibilities would be "a primary document" in any future discussion concerning the reform of the present Rules and Customs.

What follows, in diary format, is an hourly account of the USGA's attempts to have the Statement on the Rights and Responsibilities of Students at Ursinus College placed before the

faculty at their May 4th meeting for formal consideration. The USGA specifically asked the faculty to accept their proposal as "the working basis" for rules reform, to form an ad hoc committee to study it, and to set a definite date for a report by this committee back to the faculty.

Thursday, April 28
6:30 P.M., Union Conference Room, USGA meeting.

An administrative proposal to eliminate the demerit system from the present Rules and Customs was presented. It was the consensus of the meeting that the proposal was vague and

would leave students even more vulnerable to arbitrary administrative sanctions. The proposal was voted down.

The USGA appointed and empowered a committee to recommend to the faculty that they adopt the 1975 Rights and Responsibilities as a working basis for any future discussions.

Friday, April 29
12 Noon, Wismer Hall

Petitions were distributed supporting the USGA's efforts to secure rules reform.

4:00 P.M., USGA Office in the Union

The USGA committee meets and reports on the number of signatures gathered since 9:00 A.M. A total of 576 signatures were counted. Final grammatical changes in the Rights and Responsibilities and the cover letter were approved and sent off-campus to be printed.

All day, Brodbeck Hall, first floor

At least three phone calls from Dr. Craft requesting a meeting with Mssrs. Delaker, Rankin, and Simon were received.

Monday, May 2

9:30 P.M., Brodbeck Hall, first floor

Simon, as SFARC chairman, calls Dr. Martha Takats and inquires about presenting the USGA proposal to the faculty at the May 4th meeting as part of the committee report from SFARC. Dr. Takats suggests a meeting with the president prior to the faculty meeting.

Tuesday, May 3

10:00 A.M. Set up appointment for Wed. 1:00 with President Richter.

3:00 P.M. Pick up material at printer.

3:00 P.M. File copy of petition with 576 signatures with the secretary of the faculty.

4:00 P.M. Dr. Takats meets President Richter.

5:00 P.M. President Richter



Spring Festival dancers entertain audience.

Field Hockey Trip Cancelled

The Ursinus College women's field hockey team will not travel to South Africa as originally planned, according to a statement by Richard P. Richter, president of the College, after discussion with the coach, Adele Boyd.

Richter's statement which was presented at the U.S.G.A. meeting on Thursday, May 12, continued:

The trip was planned by the coach and the players as a voluntary, self-financed educational vacation, to give encouragement to sports friends in South Africa, who do not approve of apartheid policies, and to experience the culture of the country while competing in hockey.

The College has been told by church representatives from South Africa that a threat to the personal safety of travelers may be much greater this summer than was expected before. Some parents of the students would support the cancellation of the trip mainly on the basis of personal safety and expressed concern that personal danger was generated by organized political activity.

It has become clear recently that the educational intentions of the proposed trip would be overshadowed by the political and moral connotations of sports travel in South Africa.

The hockey players and Miss

Boyd, along with the whole Ursinus community, abhor the racist policies in South Africa and share the world's concern for the advancement of human freedom. Miss Boyd and her students believe that the trip would have helped support people with anti-racist convictions in South Africa. They were following a time-honored practice in higher education of person-to-person international contact. Along with the parents, the players are distressed that their motives

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Chapter Scholars Honored

Ursinus faculty members belonging to Phi Beta Kappa, the national honorary fraternity, comprise a group known as The Chapter. Each spring the Chapter selects those seniors whom they feel would be qualified to join Phi Beta Kappa. The students upon whom this honor is conferred are awarded the title of "Chapter Scholars." They are chosen on the basis of having demonstrated depth and breadth of scholarship, intellectual attainment and academic interest. The following seniors have been

chosen as this year's Chapter Scholars:

Alan Stetler is an English major from Shamokin, Pa. He was the editor of the *Weekly* this past year, took part in the pro Theatre spring musical and will enter Villanova Law School in the fall.

Tyler Miller, who majored in the Classics, plans to attend Drexel upon graduation to study Library Science. She lives in Syracuse, N.Y., and is president of the Women's Campus Council,

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Is This Any Way to Run a School

Comment ... Ann Weibezahl

An editorial by Stephen Lange in the last issue of the *Weekly* made the point that students have very little input into curricular decisions. According to information which has come into my possession, it appears that the faculty of the college does not have all that much input, either.

A proposal now exists on paper, one of whose self-proclaimed purposes is the evaluating and restructuring of significant portions of the college curriculum. Curiously enough, almost no mention of this proposal has been officially made to the faculty, even though the proposal itself has existed on paper for almost a month.

This proposal would first of all require all seniors to take the course *Civitas and Civilitas* in order to graduate. In addition, a new freshman course, combining English, Philosophy, History and Language, would be required of all incoming students. Such a program would account for four-fifths of the credit earned by a freshman at Ursinus. The proposal anticipates that course selections in the sophomore and junior years would become more integrated and would be chosen in a less random sequence. One hoped — for goal of this program is to subsume the traditional humanities disciplines, including languages, into a new broad humanities major.

This program does not only involve educating students; the faculty are the targets of instruction as well. An affiliated summer workshop program hopes to involve two-thirds of the faculty over a period of three years.

The merits of this program, whatever they may be, will have to be decided by a broad consultation between faculty and students. What I object to is the way the faculty and students seem to be kept completely in the dark about a proposal that would revamp the entire curriculum of the college.

Has any thought been given to the practical ramifications that this program would have for freshmen coming to Ursinus? For instance, most incoming freshmen are science majors. How does the college plan to convince someone who

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Letters to the Editor

Letter: Mark W. Ford

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter to object to the protests over the "irreverant" portrayal of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ at this year's songfest. According to the constitution of the United States, people have freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and the right to assemble peacefully. Freedom of religion means that you can believe in whatever you want and not be coerced to believe something else. The reasoning behind this is that the truth is hard to determine and people inevitably have different opinions. Freedom of religion doesn't mean you have to give due respect to Christianity and the crucifixion. There is nothing wrong with believing Christ was just a man suffering from delusions of grandeur, after all there was more than one person running around claiming to be Christ, we don't even know if they crucified the right one, if indeed there was a right one.

Freedom of speech means that any person has the right to say what they want to say without

being punished for doing so. Anything may be discussed, economics, politics, even religion without fear of loss of life, liberty, or property.

The right to peacefully assemble means any group of people may gather to practice their beliefs or exercise their right to free speech. The letters protesting the skit on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ in essence argue against these freedoms. They seem to take the attitude that freedom is okay with them as long as nobody practices a belief they disagree with. Freedom means a person is free to choose the ideas and beliefs that he or she believes is best and has free access to the knowledge of different ideas and beliefs. Anything else presumes that even the discussion of what is good and bad, right or wrong, is bad to some extent. It is also a denial that our knowledge is ever increasing and that the conclusions that can be drawn from it change.

Mark W. Ford

Letter: Andrea Vaughn

To the Editor of the Ursinus College Weekly:

Last October, Don Whittaker attended the Alumni Association Executive Committee meeting and suggested that the Alumni Association provide *Nutshell* magazine to the student body. *Nutshell* magazine is published each fall and contains articles of interest to undergraduates in the Philadelphia area.

Following up on Don's suggestion, the Alumni Association will be providing each student with a copy of *Nutshell* next fall. In addition, the

graduating seniors will be receiving copies of *The Graduate* magazine, courtesy of the Alumni Association. This magazine is a handbook on new careers and lifestyles after college.

I hope that the seniors like *The Graduate* and that the rest of the student body will enjoy reading *Nutshell* next fall. The Alumni Association Executive Committee would like to thank Don Whittaker for recommending these publications for the Ursinus students.

Sincerely,
Andrea Vaughn
Alumni Executive Secretary

Letter: Delta Pi

To David Rowe and all other offended critics:

We, the brothers of Delta Pi Sigma (that most sacrilegious and tasteless fraternity), have recently come under considerable attack for our "odd" behavior in this year's Songfest. So, may we say to those of you who felt we were either blatantly mocking, ridiculing, or being generally insensitive to your religious beliefs: we apologize. However, we are not apologizing for the nature of our act; nor are we going to clean it up in the near future.

We did not enter Songfest nor perform the Crucifixion scene with the intention of offending anyone. Granted, the scene as it was performed is open to considerable interpretation, but we assure you that nothing offensive was meant by it. Since we did not possess the greatest singing voices, we decided to make use of the minimal resources we had, namely a member who bore (in our minds) a striking resemblance to Jesus Christ. Also, consider for a minute the style of humor that is vogue presently; watch Monty Python or Saturday Nite Live sometime, and we'll see what crude humor is. Judge us in

contemporary terms, rather than those of 2,000 yrs. ago.

We performed our number strictly for humor's sake. Also, if you feel that we were attempting to establish a serious connection between Jesus Christ and Frank Zappa (you're kidding, right?), let alone plug MAB paint, we indeed feel sorry for you for taking it all so seriously. Then again, we imagine that you feel sorry for us for taking something as serious as religion so lightly. So, neither of us really comes out ahead, but that's how it goes. Now, if you are as upset about our little joke as you appear to be, perhaps you could ask one of our members how the skit was going to be done originally! So please, don't take us so seriously — we certainly don't! as for now, well, we'll be seeing you at next year's Songfest, and we wholeheartedly assure you that we'll be trying harder than ever! In closing, may we quote:

"Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."

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Sincerely,
The Brothers of Delta Pi

Letter: U.S.C.

April 21, 1977

The Editor
"The Ursinus Weekly"
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Dear Editor:

Please find enclosed a reprint of a special edition of the "USC Daily Trojan" which recently covered a unique story that we think will be of interest to you and your readers.

Paramount Pictures will release nationally this summer a feature entitled "FRATERNITY ROW." Besides the superior technical and thematic construction which has already generated rave industry reviews for this film, the amazing story is that the feature was conceived and executed entirely by a group of students. Working with no budget and very little support, the students most important triumph is they have demonstrated to the professional world, not just the film industry, what many college students have known for years — there are oceans of untapped talent on the American college campuses.

Sincerely,
Mich Avant
Entertainment Editor
USC Daily Trojan

Letter:

Robert Morrison

To the Editor:

There has been occasion during my first year at Ursinus College when I have suppressed a strong desire to pen a fiery scroll for the editorial page of the *Ursinus Weekly*. I now feel that it is time that I voice my opinions concerning what I consider to be the major shortcomings of the operation and administration of the college. At this time, there is nothing that could be more important to this college than a meaningful revision of our present discipline system (as outlined in *The Rules and Customs*). For such a revision to be meaningful, it must be formulated by a body which equally represents the students, the faculty, and the administration.

Many of the rules in *The Rules and Customs* cannot be effectively enforced for obvious reasons. An excellent example of an unenforceable rule can be found on page eight of *The Rules and Customs*, and it reads as follows: 10-30 demerits, Alcohol, possession and/or use of on campus. There is no way that you can convince me that the administration isn't knowledgeable of the fact that there is at least one keg party going on somewhere on campus just about every weekend. Dean Whatley and Dean Harris must realize that there is no earthly means to deter 1000 college students from drinking. Last year, an attempt to affix the blame on several individuals for a large beer party in NMD 200 met staunch student opposition and failed to prevent anyone from drinking thereafter.

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Letters to the Editor

Letter: Patrick D. Long

To all members of

The Ursinus College Community.

In 1975, a subcommittee of the U.S.G.A. drafted a student version of the existing Rules and Customs entitled, Rights and Responsibilities of the Students at Ursinus College. These new "rules" encompassed many fundamental rights of personal freedom guaranteed to all U.S. Citizens by the Constitution, but conveniently missing from the "rules" as they existed in 1975.

It is now 1977, and the Ursinus College "Joke Book," loosely referred to as the Ursinus College Rules and Customs, has not been constructively revised.

For years, faculty and students have recommended calendar reform for what is now a socially and academically restrictive schedule. For years, the administration has given critical review to the current issue of calendar reform. Yet, for 1977-1978, the calendar remains unchanged.

The weekend parietals have not been extended to include the weekdays. In fact, no visitation policy has been incorporated into the current Rules and Customs. Ursinus' unique weekend — only visitation privilege is just that. This policy is merely a gift of the President of the College, and can be rescinded at any time the President deems the students unworthy of such a pleasure.

Recent student opinion, singular and collective, has indicated a crucial need for social change at Ursinus College. At times, most notably during the suite 200 incident last year, students gathered to demonstrate against College authority. However, the College has countered in the past with threats

of punitive action by the administration and police involvement. It is quite possible that students who are continually frustrated with archaic, Parochial rules and the sporadic enforcement of those rules, may resort to riotous means to vent their frustrations.

Student unrest is not new to college campuses. The movement by students to openly voice their dissidence with college regulations is not new at all. It is a fundamental principle of democracy. During the late 1960's and early 1970's, colleges submitted to student pressure and made necessary social and academic reconciliations.

Fragmented incidents of administrative non-involvement with student concerns continued to occur. Ursinus stands close to winning the dubious honor of being No. 1 in this league.

It may come as a surprise, but in 1977, Ursinus is experiencing campus unrest. Recently, this unrest had remained underground, contained only in the ideals and ideas of upstart radicals. Today, the unrest is public record. The Ursinus Weekly provides print for students concerned with many social and academic inconsistencies. The U.S.G.A. provides an atmosphere, now being utilized, to discuss, debate, and rectify existing discrepancies in our social setting.

Loud dissidence voiced through any medium has been delayed, and is being contained now due to Ursinus' stranglehold on personal freedom and growth within a society.

Ex-Gov. Scranton of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the

President's Commission on Campus Unrest, stated in his Letter of Transmittal to the then President Nixon, "... Campus unrest is a fact of life. It is not peculiar to America ... It will go on ... Much campus unrest is neither violent nor disruptive. It is found on any lively college campus. It is an expression of intellectual restlessness, and intellectual restlessness prompts the search for truth ... We should encourage all young people to seek the truth and participate responsibly in the democratic process. Our colleges ... cannot thrive unless they are receptive to new ideas. They must be prepared to institute needed reforms in their administrative procedures and instructional programs ..."

Ursinus continues to calmly ride out the wave of student activism. However, the wave is growing in magnitude and intensity. We are not in the 1960's and I'm through asking what can I do for Ursinus?

Ursinus College can no longer turn its back on necessary rule changes which allow for students to effectively learn and grow in today's society. Ursinus College can no longer turn its back on such issues as Calendar Reform, Visitation Rights, Birth Control, Venereal Disease, Drug Abuse, and domestic and foreign racial prejudice. Most importantly, Ursinus College should not overlook the dissidence voiced over many of the previously mentioned issues. Ursinus must manage this campus unrest constructively and with wise regard for future growth if it is to progress as an institution of higher learning.

Patrick D. Long

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What becomes of a rule that can no longer be enforced with regard to all students? The remaining alternatives are to either repeal the rule, or to enforce it arbitrarily by harrasing individuals in an effort to scare other students into conformity. Arbitrary enforcement of a rule which cannot be enforced with respect to the entire student body produces several results which are detrimental to all. These results include punitive measures delt out to a scapegoat student, and the resulting friction and mutual distrust that will then grow between the student body and those who must enforce the rules. Perhaps the significance lies in the fact that if these rules remain a part of the school policy, they will eventually have a negative effect on the school's academic standing. Those students who have better qualifications may decide to pass Ursinus by in favor of a comparable, but more reasonable school. In order to prevent enrollment from falling, there would have to be a lowering of our entrance standards in order to remain competitive with the more liberal colleges.

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Letter: James P. Craft

Report of Committee on Graduate Study

The Committee on Graduate Study met on March 7, 1977, and submits the following report.

The Committee believes that a major asset in getting into graduate school is the successful completion of research. We therefore recommend that students be encouraged to undertake research during their junior years, and that a report of the research be included with the application for graduate school. Where summer or other work involves duties which relate to research, a letter from one's employer might well accompany the application.

The Committee recommends that the seeking of grants for student research be actively pursued. For instance, the National Science Foundation is relatively free in granting funds for Undergraduate Research Participation programs. The Development Office is prepared to advise and assist in the preparation of grant applications. The Committee believes student research improves instruction and is an aid to getting into graduate school.

The Committee recommends that the College prepare a short description of the College providing information on distinguished alumni, faculty degrees and other matters which

would apprise the university to which a student applies of the quality of an Ursinus education. The Committee further recommends that each department add to this basic information, material on the particular department. The Committee recommends that this information accompany applications to graduate schools which are not familiar with Ursinus.

The Committee encourages contact with local industry to support student visits to professional meetings. Dr. Cogger schedules interviews with a number of alumni in industry and he should be consulted prior to the contact with industry.

The Committee recommends that initial orientation and subsequent advising include the merits of the broad base for one's life provided by a liberal arts education. It further recommends that plans for graduate school should be made early. Just as planning for one's college is easier when started early, so planning for post-college should be started immediately on entry.

The Committee recommends that departmental advising include information on the opportunities which will be enhanced by one's major.

The Committee recommends that professors consider more student participation in teaching.

Signed

James P. Craft, Jr. Chairman
Committee on Graduate Study

Letter: Derq Howlett

Here is my parting letter to everyone:

Goodbye, dear people of Ursinus. It was not my wish to leave, but an administrative decision, apparently inaugurated by the previous president, to discontinue certain faculty members. This "economy move" was in violation of five recommended procedures of The American Association of University Professors (Redbook, pp. 8-12).

Many intrinsic rewards, valuable experiences, and precious memories are left to me. My deepest thanks go to so many kind and gracious people who have brightened my five-year stay. Thank you for accepting my jogs across campus and those puns in class, meals and rehearsals. We've had great times touring the east from New England to Virginia representing

the college in concerts. Band organizations have grown to balance the fine choral organizations. Curriculum revision growing out of student polls has shown itself effective.

There is one great concern to express: Why do so few of you support other folks' activities on this campus? I hear it from all the other group leaders too — usually only a few are participating directly, and when they have put in many hours of great effort to come up with something worth while like a sports event, theater production, concert, or other great opportunity, only a couple of our faculty or staff and a few of our students ever bother to take time and come. Don't you realize how inefficient and unhealthy it is to try to work every waking moment? A few well-chosen "breaks" rest the mind and work wonders for the

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Letter: Robert Simon

To the Editor:

There has been a considerable amount of interest on campus concerning the amount of students leaving Ursinus College. Various elements of the college community seem to feel that the number of Ursinus students leaving is not very large, or not in excess of the national average. My research indicates the contrary.

To obtain my information, I used 2 documents printed by the College: the student directories published for the years 1973-4 and 1976-7. I counted the number of students listed as members of the class of 1977 in the 1973-4 directory and compared this to the number of students listed as members of the class of 1977 in the 1976-7 directory. In addition, I counted the number of students who are now seniors who were listed as students in the 1973-4 directory — the number of people in my class who "made it" through four years.

The results: 327 students were members of the Class of 1977 as freshmen. Of those 327, only 191 are left. Adding in the incoming transfers, the number of people in my class, as listed in the directory is 226. There might be slight discrepancies due to withdrawals since the directory was published on other facts, but

the numbers are fundamentally correct. The percentage who left works out to 41.6 per cent of my freshman class.

I would like to make the following statements concerning my findings. First of all, I was not able to locate a national attrition rate for colleges comparable to Ursinus. Most national averages include state-supported institutions, which have notoriously large attrition rates. So any "national average" would have to be taken with a grain of salt. To maintain, though, that a student attrition rate over four years of 41.6 per cent is typical of colleges like Ursinus who are selective in their admissions seems absurd.

Secondly, I wonder if statistical games aren't being played with the attrition figures. For example, one might report only per cent changes in class size from one year to the next. Thus, if any entire class transferred or left after my freshman year and was replaced by an equal number of students, this would be reported as a 0 per cent change in the number of students in my class.

At any rate, I encourage members of other classes to check out the attrition figures for their classes.

Sincerely,
R. Simm

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Dames at Sea

by Thomas J. Glorioso

Students immersed in schoolwork often find it beneficial if they take time off from their hectic schedule to see something entertaining. *Dames At Sea*, written by John Haimshon and Robert Miller with music by Jim Wise was, in general, an entertaining experience because it was a very funny musical; but it could have been even more entertaining if better attention had been given to casting. The musical, which was produced by Linda Marie Bell and directed by Joyce Henry, does not have much of a plot. It is basically a story about a sugar-coated, flaky, but innocent young songstress named Ruby and a

Hennesey and the Captain, and Dr. Henry should have realized before casting him that in a musical one should at least be able to carry a tune. Wickersham could not carry a tune in a Chevy van. His acting was also poor because he said his lines too obviously with no imagination or expression. Dan Caccia, who played Dick, and Bob Shuman, who played Lucky, had singing voices not much better than Wickersham, but their acting was brilliant. Still it is unforgivable that not more attention was given to the music. Although the text in most of the songs was absurd, the real humor came when they were done straight-faced and seriously.



Dan Caccia and Alison Rogers.

Photo by C. Crandell

semi-talented but ambitious young song-writer named Dick trying to climb that ladder to fame and fortune. Conflict arises from Mona Kent, a prima donna who is envious of Ruby and tries to take Dick away.

Allison Rogers with her sweet voice, face, and mannerisms portrayed a good Ruby just as Joyce Henry acting with all the opposite qualities played a good Mona Kent. Joan, who was every bit as tough as Mona Kent but was a protectress of Ruby, was acted well by Claire Maher. So one could say that the female cast was very good; however, the male cast left much to be desired.

A most unfavorable performance was given by John Wickersham who portrayed

The Chorus Girls and Boys needed to polish their dancing up a little more. Obviously some of them never danced in their lives, but still a better job could of been done with some of the routines.

Lois Schleiffer, the accompanist, should receive special recognition because anyone who can get that much sound out of that dinky piano from Wismer has got to have talent.

In sum, the musical was performed fairly well. It needed more polishing in some areas and better people to play some of the roles. If musicals are to be continued at Ursinus, better attention should be given to the musical part of the musical. Otherwise, Joyce, please stick to Shakespeare. Okay?

Musical Notes: Meistersingers Tour

by B.A. Vincent

When the Schuykill Valley Lines bus pulled up in front of the bookstore on Friday in April, 33 Meistersingers stood packed and ready to go for their five day, four state tour. Armed with baggage and books, cookies, cameras, and, for some, crutches, the choir clamored aboard the bus and headed for Somerville, New Jersey, and the first concert at student conductor Laurie Burk's home church.

Later that night, after eating dinner at the homes of the host families, the choir compared notes on their hosts, the cocktails, dinner, and exotic deserts. Such comparing of stories and sharing of experiences became an important part of each day on tour.

Saturday morning dawned cold and damp, but Meisters have not been known to let a little rain spoil their fun. They said goodbye to their Somerville hosts, leaving them with memories of a good concert, and headed north to Coventry, Connecticut, and Carrie Bechtold's home church. During the five hour bus ride, chocolate chip cookies (baked by knowing mothers) came out along with playing cards, Physics books, and a few pillows.

When they arrived in the sleepy little town of Coventry, some Meisters stayed at the church hall to study or rest while others invaded a nearby shopping mall and bowling alley. After an exciting evening concert in the simple beauty of that typical New England Congregational sanctuary, Meisters divided up for another night of warm hospitality and good times with their Coventry host families. After a Sunday morning service where bleary-eyed Meisters shared hymns with the Coventry Congregation, the choir headed north to Massachusetts.

In the chilly dampness of an April rainstorm the Meisters arrived at the First Congregational Church of Natick, Mass. The majestic sanctuary, complete with stained glass windows and a huge pipe organ,

was presided over that evening by Reverend Bob Ihloff, himself a Meistersingers alumnus, and pastor of a nearly Episcopalian parish. That evening, after the concert, Meisters were entertained by some real Bostonians who "p-a-a-ked" their "c-a-a-s" in the "y-a-a-d" and who were, for the most part, devout Bruins fans.

Monday morning, bright and early, 33 Meisters piled off the bus bound from Natick and found themselves in the heart of the city of Boston, with five hours of free time. Some spent the day exploring Pubs and Taverns. Others went to the Aquarium, or the old market, the Common, or out to lunch at Boston's famous Pier 4 Restaurant. The choir was sold on Boston as a very exciting city, and was reluctant to leave.

But leave they did! An hour and a half behind schedule, they barreled down the throughway from Boston to deep River, Connecticut. When the choir finally arrived, they were greeted by an anxious choir director, Mr. Derq Howlett, and the congregation. Somehow, the Meisters managed to wolf down a great dinner, unload the bus, change into their outfits, practice, and start another enjoyable concert exactly on time!

Tuesday morning the choir left the charming river front community and headed south, on their way to Jeff Stafford's and Patty Williams' church in Fairless Hills, Pa. They stopped in New York City just long enough to eat lunch at the World Trade Center, and sing their theme song "Cantate Domino" to a surprised but appreciative lunchtime crowd.

Fairless Hills was the last concert on tour. The band of friendship and togetherness built up over the previous five days expressed itself in the teary eyes of many Meisters. For Mr. Howlett, Carrie Bechtold, and the seniors, Fairless Hills was their last tour concert ever with Meistersingers. For the choir members who were staying on at Ursinus the realization of how much these Meisters would be missed caused a sentimental softness not often seen expressed.

Meisters is an experience not to be missed. For those people who are in the choir, it holds a special meaning that is a blend of music and friendship. Tour is a time when all the fun and hard work that goes into being a Meistersinger comes together into one very special collage of good times, good music, and a unique kind of love.

Parson's Book Reviewed

by George Geist

Who is the Ursinus faculty staff member whose book headed a recent publication's "Rave Review List of Outstanding

Publications"? Answer: Dr. William T. Parsons, History Department. Everybody's favorite Pennsylvania Dutch authority, Dr. Parsons has been honored by recent reviews.

Comment ...

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fundamentally wants to be a scientist that he/she should postpone any major study of the sciences until his/her sophomore year? What about the problems of the freshman science major at Ursinus who transfers to another school with only six credits of science? These, and other weighty questions, must be considered carefully because, like it or not, science students account for a substantial portion of the revenues of the college.

I should hope that no attempt to approve such a drastic change in the college curriculum will be made before the end of this academic year. At present, there is only one opportunity for any discussion remotely resembling a general consultation between faculty and students, and that is President Richter's "broadly representative meeting" on May 21st.

The President's avowed intention to "review the general mission of the college" has an ominous ring with regard to this proposal, especially when one considers that the deadline for proposals to be funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities for the academic year 1978-1979 is this coming August 1st. An idea for such a sweeping change in the academic life of the college should be subjected to the same stringent "Long-Term Planning" schedule that the President evidently envisions for the review of student life and rules reform.

PI No

Pi Nu Epsilon, the National Honorary Music Fraternity, held its convention and Golden Jubilee on Saturday, April 30th. A business meeting was held in the morning, during which Barb Yoder was elected the National President for next year.

After lunch, at 2:00, a reception for members and alumni was held in Bomberger Shiproom. At 3:00, entertainment was featured in Bomberger Auditorium.

This included the Drexel Colonial Ensemble, the Shippenburg Flute Duet and the Ursinus Jazz Band.

In the evening, members and alumni enjoyed a cocktail hour and dinner dance, held at Bell Tower Restaurant.

The day was an enjoyable one. Best of luck to Barb Yoder in her capacity as president next year.

Movie Attack Jonathan Zap Fellini's "Casanova"

Fellini's "Casanova" is not so much a question of quality as quantity. The movie is artistically effective and there are occasional moments of real inspiration. Donald Sutherland was marvelous as he usually is, the make-up, scenery and costumes were all perfect, but the movie as a whole was quite dull.

The problem is that the sense of emptiness and loneliness in Casanova's life that Fellini was trying to convey, was accomplished in the first fifteen minutes. From that point on, the movie has no where to go, and

two and a half hours to go there with.

The remaining time is used to satisfy (until his next film) Fellini's obsession with grotesque decadence, crude peasant scenes and human oddities. Now, I like grotesque decadence, crude peasant scenes and human oddities as much as the next guy, but not for two hours and forty-five minutes.

The result is, I regret to say, an explosively boring movie. For me, Casanova ended in a vain struggle to maintain consciousness.

On Curriculum

by George Geist

philosophy?" and "Why major in philosophy?"

Prior to pre-registration, the Department of Philosophy and Religion provided to students a "Student's Guide to the Offerings of the Department of Philosophy and Religion." This guide informed students about pre-theological education at Ursinus, the Socratic Club, and departmental course offerings. In addition, the guide included students' comments and answers to the questions — "What is philosophy?" "Why study

This guide was helpful to the students in course selection by providing them with an outline of a course's aim, program of instruction, name of texts and general course work assignment. The Weekly staff compliments the Philosophy and Religion Department on its student guide. This effort to improve students' understanding of Ursinus College curriculum should be continued by all other departments, regardless of size.

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consent. In our country, most of our laws are laws because they are supported by a majority of the governed. If our country's legal system is based upon such a premise, then why can't Ursinus College do the same with its disciplinary code? How can the administration possibly imagine that they will be effectively enforcing a rule if it is opposed by a majority of the students? The fact of the matter is that the present disciplinary system cannot be effectively enforced, and thus a portion of the rules are enforced in an arbitrary manner, benefiting neither the student nor the administration.

It is my firm belief that there are faculty members and administrators who agree with many of the points that I have made. I know of at least four separate incidents involving two administrators, during the past calendar year, where action could have been taken against several students for smoking pot. There were no punitive measures taken in any of the four cases. This year, my good friend Guy Fesmire was forced to withdraw from Ursinus because Dean Whatley caught him smoking pot in his room. Had Guy been caught by someone else, he might still be in school. It is a sorry situation when punitive measures are dependent upon who catches you rather than what you were caught doing. It is my personal opinion that the dismissal of a quality student such as Guy, for smoking pot, is an ignorant and reactionary measure.

It has come to my attention that the current attempt at revising our disciplinary code is little more than a re-wording of our present system. I feel that such a revision is not going to do anything to alleviate the present problem. What we need is a revision of the rules themselves, not a restatement of the present system or a change in the mode of enforcement. The fact that not all of our administrators are willing to enforce all of the present rules suggests to me that our problem lies with the rules themselves, and not with their wording or enforcement. I think that the time has come for a meaningful revision of the rules, a revision formulated by all parties effected by the rules. I'm sure that such a revision would benefit all of the Ursinus community, not just the students. But major progress must come soon if we are to avoid further injustices.

Yours truly,
Robert Morrison

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morale — ask our super students, who are usually activities leaders. Some important meetings are being played to deal with the whole area of student life — no, make it CAMPUS LIFE, because calendar reform, curriculum revision, rules and customs, and activities are all part of the same syndrome. Please be sure these meetings include this critical problem of poor participation in campus activities. Here is a typical example of Ursinus Atmosphere Poisoning: Freshman: "I can't wait! How soon is this organization starting up? Just tell me anything I can do to help out and I'll do it!" Sophomore: "I'll stay with it if I'm an officer or something ... give me some incentive." Junior: Well — ok, maybe I'll come out again if you keep asking me nicely." Senior: " " (NEVER SEEN OR HEARD FROM AGAIN). This is serious!

Fear not; for surely the Lord will provide jobs for us who must leave and good faculty for Ursinus, including a jack-of-all-trades Music Director. I just pray there may be a balance between the arts and humanities and the science areas, so that students will not be deprived of a full liberal-arts environmental experience.

Again my sincere thanks to you all, and God bless you.

Sincerely,
Derq Howlett

Doctorates

Three persons, distinguished for national and worldwide service in their respective fields, will receive honorary doctoral degrees from Ursinus College during commencement exercises May 29.

Ron Nessen, press secretary for President Gerald Ford and distinguished television journalist, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters and will be the commencement speaker during the 2 p.m. ceremonies in Helfferich Hall.

Dr. John W. Mauchly, often called the "father of the computer," former head of the Physics Department at Ursinus, will receive the honorary Doctor of Science degree.

The Rev. Dr. Robert J. Lamont, president of the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund and baccalaureate speaker at a 10:30 a.m. ceremony, will receive the honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Presidential Memo

Here are the answers to more questions that have come to my desk in recent days:

1. Is it true that in the last year a record number of freshmen transferred from Ursinus in the first weeks of the fall semester?

It's not true. Our records indicate that no students who came to the campus for orientation failed to matriculate. The record of withdrawals for the month of September includes a number of bookkeeping entries such as transfer to Evening School, special students to Summer School, withdrawals for special work only, and leaves of absence. September totals include students who have previously decided to withdraw but did not advise the College until September. In September, including the delayed notifications, 10 transferred to other institutions, two withdrew for personal reasons, two left to take a job, two gave no special reasons, and one left for financial reasons.

2. What is the status of the project to change the calendar?

When the administration said it favored a change, we asked the Student Government to ascertain the student wishes through a poll. The poll was conducted in two phases, the first a short questionnaire to all interested students, the second an interview of a random sample of students. The report from these surveys is expected shortly. A specific proposal to the Faculty is not likely to be made this spring because of the time needed by the USGA to complete its work. There will be time this fall to effect a change for the 1978-79 academic year, if a consensus can be obtained.

3. When and how will the College consider the USGA's proposals on the rules and customs?

There has been much useful discussion on campus recently about quality of student life. Angela Italiano, President of the USGA, and her fellow USGA representatives deserve credit for taking an energetic interest in the welfare of Ursinus. I am grateful also to the faculty for its sensitive consideration of student ideas.

A few observations may answer the question and contribute generally to the clarity of campus discussion on student life.

The improvement of student life — the whole range of activities outside the classroom, not merely the rules — is a major goal of the administration. One of my first undertakings was to explain to the Government and Instruction Committee of the Board of Directors and others why we see this as a priority item; for all segments of our complex College community must move together on the principles involved, even if we differ over the specific means

of accomplishing improvement. It is mainly my responsibility to promote consensus among the several groups. The vehicle for review and change in all matters will be a long-term planning process developed from models used at other colleges. This will begin with a broadly representative meeting on May 21 led by Dr. James P. Craft, Jr., in which persons from the faculty, staff, student body and Board will review the general mission of the College. The ideas from that meeting will be turned over to a new Campus Planning Group composed of the members of the Advisory Committee on College Priorities plus two students appointed by the USGA.

As we picture the process, this Campus Planning Group will be asked to define the major objectives of the College and to recommend to the Board Committee on Long-Term Planning — we hope by November — the three or four objectives that should be given attention first. Improving the quality of student life deserves to be one of those priority objectives.

A Task Force or Special Committee for each of the objectives, made up of appropriate members, will then be asked to study the matter in detail and make recommendations to the Campus Planning Group and in turn to the Board Committee on Long-Term Planning. The USGA's suggestions will be considered a primary basis for discussion. Faculty and students as well as administrators will be on the Task Force to deal with student life.

As a result of this process, we hope to see substantive actions by May of next year on priority objectives such as improving the quality of student life.

The process outlined here may appear to some persons to be unnecessarily involved and time-consuming. But I think each step will be needed to build on all sides the understanding essential to successful change. Faculty, staff, Board members and alumni should see that students want improvements while they are still students. Conversely, students should see that persons with more experience know that well-executed and solid changes for the better take time to develop.

While the formal process goes on, I believe we should continue to work on specific projects that can improve the substance and the tone of campus life in the short run — changing the calendar, revising the demerit system if possible, and giving freshmen a more informed and more enjoyable introduction to the College in September. Moreover, we can continue to build a cooperative campus spirit, in which differences of opinion on ways and means do

Letter: Sam Laucks

To the Editor:

The time has almost arrived when I shall receive my first alumni letter. When I look back over my years at Ursinus, I will remember that many of my most enjoyable and fulfilling moments resulted from my participation in the music program. Over the past few years, I have had the pleasure of being a part of a group of people that has worked hard to build up and improve the various phases of our music department. When the seniors leave the campus, it will be up to the underclassmen to further this development and to prevent the work that has been done over the past 4 years from going by the wayside. These underclassmen are highly competent; I have the greatest confidence in them. I only write this letter to give them one more piece of encouragement to fall back on when the going gets rough.

It will be the job of the new upperclassmen to take over the paper work, the planning, the bookkeeping and the spirit building. It will be their job to communicate with the Administration when problems are encountered. It will be up to them to do all they can to assist and advise the new department chairman — they must keep him informed about our "traditions" (pardon the expression!) and yet must be receptive to his new ideas.

I would like to include at this point a few personal notes:

To President Richter and the Administration: Now that we have an administration that I believe really cares about the Music Department, I can ask that you be as open in the future as you have been to me this year. I sincerely hope that you will never curtail the development of the music program.

To Jim Soete: My thanks to you for an enjoyable 4 years in the band. As the remaining faculty member in the department, it will be up to you to help the new department chairman get his feet firmly planted here.

To Dr. Fucher: I have greatly enjoyed working with you. Best of luck to you, your ensembles, and to Pi Nu Epsilon.

To Mr. Howlett: It has been a tremendous pleasure knowing you and working with you. I join with my colleagues in thanking you and wishing you happiness and the best of success in the future.

To the Presidents-elect, Alison, Laurie, and Karl: The toughest job is probably yours; I have faith in you and know that you will do a good job. You know that I am behind you 100 per cent, and that I will do anything I can to help you with next year's program.

Musically yours,
Sam Laucks

not obscure the commitment all of us have to making an ever better Ursinus College.

I hope everyone has a happy and productive summer and returns in the fall prepared for an important year in the history of the College.

Richard P. Richter
President

From the Cluttered Desk of the USGA President

There are several articles in this issue of the *Weekly* dealing with initiatives that the USGA has sponsored to bring about change for the better at Ursinus. I would like in this article to give a broader perspective in the difficult USGA progress for rules reform, calendar reform and constitutional reform and their relation to one another.

The USGA has had a great many problems in the past in channeling student opinion and concern over campus issues. On more than one occasion in the past two years, student originated protest, independent of the USGA has sprung up and then flourished. While this is not bad, it does indicate that there are needs among the student body that the USGA has not been able to fill.

Although it may be tempting to put the blame for past inaction on the personality of the USGA, the structures within the USGA have forced its members to act in a limited capacity.

In particular, the constitution of the USGA represents a real roadblock to transforming our student government into an active body. In preparing our proposals for rules reform and calendar reform, we have found ourselves hampered again and again by a document that is not flexible enough to allow us to meet the present needs of the students.

For example, the whole process by which we elect representatives to the USGA drives away many people who might make valuable contributions by a set of election procedures that are vague and confusing.

Constitutional reform is going to be studied in depth during the summer by interested USGA members, and implemented as one of the first orders of business in September. We can then get to work on other issues facing the student such as:

1. **Calendar Reform** — We've done our homework and given the administration a proposal. We're now waiting for action to be taken.
2. **Rules Reform** — Consideration by the faculty of the rules reform proposal has been postponed at the President's request until after the meeting on May 21st. Our wish is to have the faculty take the USGA proposal out of storage at the June meeting and elect an *ad hoc* committee to review and discuss it, then report to the faculty at large.
3. **Alumni Relations** — The support of the alumni given by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association to a review of the quality of student life on campus is a good sign for more fruitful cooperation

between alumni and students on matters concerning student life.

4. **Judicial Board** — I hope to see the Judicial Board come alive in the next year. Students should have their discipline cases handled by a committee on which their peers have votes. The USGA believes strongly in the restructuring of the Judicial Board, and with Ms. Jane Barth as new chairperson of the Board, the future of the Ursinus' Judicial system looks promising.
5. **Organizational cooperation** is a major goal that the USGA is seeking. Through the organizations on campus, the USGA feels sure that combined efforts can lead to great things — including many successful events that may not have succeeded in the past.

So, as you can see, the USGA is by no means dead. It's a vital organization dedicated to continual evaluation of student life, and its task is to make Ursinus better for all students who come here. We, as the USGA, will continue our work through the summer months, and we ask each individual student to return with enthusiasm for the year ahead. Enjoy the summer!

Ang Italiano

"Richter Hails..."

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will not submit proposed change in demerit system to the faculty on May 4th.
8:00 — 10:30 P.M., 103 Brodbeck, committee meeting
Discussion: do we need an alternate member of the faculty to introduce the proposal.
10:00 P.M. Call and set up appointment with Dr. Lodge for later that evening to discuss possible sponsorship.
10:20 P.M. Dr. Lodge's office
Meeting with Dr. Lodge. He agrees to submit proposal if needed, but requires prior communication with President Richter. Sees no reason why proposal should not be submitted, but wants to check with President Richter to be sure.
11:00 P.M. Addendum prepared.
11:30 P.M. Copies of USGA proposal and cover letter distributed in Myrin.
Wednesday, May 4
9:00 A.M. Professor Takats withdraws as sponsor based on insufficient SFARC involvement and lack of emergency situation.
9:05 A.M. Addendum on USGA report on Rights and Responsibilities run off.
9:30-11:30 A.M. Report cover letter and addendum distributed to faculty and administration.
10:00 A.M. Lodge contacted; he agrees to submit proposal.
1:00 P.M. Corson Hall
Bob Simon and Ang Italiano

meet with President Richter to discuss proposal.
2:30 P.M. Lodge meets with Richter in private. Richter agrees to initiate discussion at faculty meeting.
4:00 P.M. Faculty meeting, Pfahler Hall
Proposal brought up by Richter.
ZUCKER: "concern for this issue is very widespread."
Staiger: "...old document ... seen before by the administration."
Hess: "What is your timetable for action on Rules Reform?"
7:00 P.M.
Meeting with various faculty members to obtain information on USGA proposal.
Thursday, May 5
10:30-11:30 A.M., Corson Hall.
Meeting between Dean Craft and L. Dalaker. Craft speaks about Rights and Responsibilities. Dalaker is questioned about USGA reaction to administration proposal to eliminate demerits. Dalaker offers his opinion that students might be receptive to an administration removal of the demerit system provided that the students are guaranteed due process and public assurances that the 1975 Rights and Responsibilities will be "the primary basis" for all future discussions on rules reform.
Lunch, Wismer
In consultation and approval with USGA members and president, L. Dalaker formalizes agreement for President's Public acceptance of 1975 Rights and Responsibilities as "the primary basis."

3:30 P.M., Corson Hall, Craft and Dalaker.

Craft submits proposal to President Richter. Richter agrees to make document "a primary basis" in any future discussion on rules reform. Richter also agrees to try to appear that night at USGA meeting to publicly announce acceptance of the document as "a primary basis" for all future discussion of rules reform.

6:30 P.M. Union Conference Room, USGA meeting

President Richter appears and consummates agreement. He conceded publicly that he "has not yet read the 1975 Rights and Responsibilities."

Summary and Analysis

The key question at this point in time is: Are the students going to be appeased with this arrangement? The answer is both yes and no. Of course students will be pleased at the administration's decision to remove the present demerit system. President Richter has expressed a willingness to subject the philosophical foundations of the college to a rigorous analysis and substantial reappraisal.

However, a commitment to implement a reappraisal represents a rather tenuous achievement for the USGA, considering the time and effort they invested in their proposal. Fundamentally the USGA asked the faculty to do the one thing that Ursinus College as an institution seems to do best: form a committee. President Richter's plea to the faculty to allow him time to formulate his plans at the

Calendar Priorities

by Stephanie Dent

The vast majority of students surveyed by the USGA indicated "Ending first semester before Christmas; ending second semester earlier in the Spring" as their uppermost priorities, last on the list of preferences came "beginning Fall semester before Labor Day."

The USGA submitted the results from their systematic survey to Dr. James P. Craft, Executive Assistant to the President. Since the Administration has indicated its support of a change in the school calendar for the year 1978-79, it is hoped that the USGA's survey will be used as a primary tool in the drafting of possible calendars.

Survey findings indicated that most students are opposed to having a shorter exam period. Respondents indicated no strong preferences about having separate Easter and Spring vacations. A three week break between semesters was preferred over a four week break when it was noted that a longer break would result in a later commencement date.

Several problems were encountered as the USGA committee tried to draw up possible calendars. Since Labor Day can fall as late as September 7th and there are fourteen weeks in first semester, exams could potentially fall on either Christmas or Christmas Eve and of course this is very impractical. Also, fifteen weeks without a substantial break would be a long grind. Proposals to move a few days from first to second semester in order to facilitate change have met with staunch disapproval in certain sectors of the faculty.

Recommendations to alleviate these problems included ex-

tending Thanksgiving recess by an extra day to provide a longer break. Another suggestion was to move Reading day from a Wednesday to a Monday in order to provide a longer more intense period of studying time before finals. Furthermore, moving Reading day back two days would shorten the semester and ensure that finals could not occur either on Christmas or Christmas Eve. It was hoped that the faculty might be persuaded to agree to such a plan.

The committee developed a possible calendar for first semester that would be a week shorter than it is at present by incorporating these ideas. Student respondents to the survey were asked to choose between this calendar and two other calendars drawn from the Reed Report.

The two alternative calendars have the normal Thanksgiving recess and schedule Reading day on the traditional Wednesday, but would only lose one or two days during fall semester rather than an entire week. The only essential difference between these two calendars was the length of semester break. One proposed a three week break and the other a four week break so that one calendar had exams ending a week earlier than the other.

Students favored the USGA's proposed calendar even though it might be difficult to implement. Of the two alternative calendars, they preferred the one with the shorter break and resultant earlier commencement date.

Most of the Ursinus community therefore is backing a reform of the calendar. It is now up to the Administration to draft some concrete proposals and to the Board of Directors to act upon them. Change is in the offing.

May 21st meeting has succeeded in arresting this development only momentarily.

The USGA remains resolved to continue to seek an *ad hoc* committee of the faculty, to review their proposal at the earliest possible date.

Curley Wins Scholarship

An Ursinus College student won the prestigious St. Andrews Scholarship for the ninth consecutive year, in competition with candidates from eight other Pennsylvania colleges.

He is Paul E. Curley, a sophomore chemistry major from Newton Square, Delaware County. He wins an all-expense-paid year of study in Scotland during the next academic year.

His selection brings the total of Ursinus winners to 13 since the St. Andrews Society of Philadelphia began the competition in 1957, more than any other participating school, including the Universities of Pennsylvania, Bucknell, Temple and Pennsylvania State, Swarthmore, Franklin & Marshall, Haverford and Dickinson College.

Curley is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis I. Curley, 273

Aronimink Drive, Newton Square.

He is a member of the varsity tennis team and played intramural basketball, and is vice president of the Ursinus Bible Fellowship.

He is a 1975 graduate of Delaware County Christian School, where he was valedictorian of his class, earned letters in varsity soccer and tennis, and was captain of the school's tennis team.

Kevin S. Leibensperger, political science major from Reading, is currently in Scotland as scholarship winner.

Previous winners were George S. Bause, physics major, native of Upland, Delaware County, who attended the University of Edinburgh last year; David Liscom, history major from Lansdowne, who graduated from Ursinus last year, and Randall S. Cole, Morrisville, Pa., the 1973-74 winner, who graduated in 1975 from Ursinus.

Under terms of the scholarship, each participating college nominates one candidate each year, from whom three winners are selected, who choose among the Universities of Edinburgh, St. Andrews, and Aberdeen.

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a Phi Alpha Psi sister a member of the orchestra and a member of Pi Nu Epsilon.

Samuel Laucks is a Biology major from York, Pa., and plans to attend Jefferson Medical College next fall. He was president of Pi Nu Epsilon, vice-president of the college band and a member of both Sigma Xi and Cub and Key Society.

Debra Weiler hails from Wyncote, Pa., and is a Psychology major who plans to enter graduate school. She is a member of the women's swimming team as well as Sigma Xi, Pi Gamma Mu and Psi Chi, the national psychology honor society.

Dan Reid, a Chemistry major from Norristown, PA., PARTICIPATED IN THE Messiah performance and was involved in various intramurals, as well as Beardwood Chemical Society and Brownback-Anders Pre-Medical Society. He will attend Medical College of Philadelphia in the fall.

George Bause from Anchorage, Alaska, majored in Biophysics and was a St. Andrews Scholar to Scotland in his junior year. He conducted research in computer languages and prosthetics design and will enter Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine upon graduation.

Mary Aristarco is a Classics major living in Royersford, Pa. She plans to travel in Europe this summer and then work to support her husband in law school.

Don Whittaker, an English and Economics major from North Wales, Pa., plans to enter law school upon graduation. He is a staff member of the Weekly, as well as a member of Pi Gamma Mu and Omicron Delta Epsilon, the national economics honor society. Don is also manager of the greenhouse.

Cynthia Shelmire, an English major from Richboro, Pa., is active in Ursinus Bible Fellowship and the college choir. She is a member of Pi Nu Epsilon and a Weekly staff member and hopes to enter the publishing field.

Bob Simon, a Chemistry major from Ambler, Pa., will enter the Graduate School of Chemistry at MIT after graduation. He was president of the Newman Society and of the Beardwood Chemical Society and Chairman of SFARC.

Cheryl Miller, an American Studies major, comes from Springfield, Pa. She will be getting married and plans to work following graduation. She is active in proTheatre, WRUC, Alpha Sigma Nu and in the library technology services dept.

Linda Springer is a Mathematics major who is planning an actuarial career. She is from Haddonfield, N.J., vice-president of the Math club and member of Pi Nu Epsilon and the Messiah orchestra.

The Chapter Scholars were honored at an annual dinner on Tuesday, May 10th, which was followed by a lecture on metrication by Prof. Harold W. Byerly of Penn State University.

14 Admitted to Med Schools

Fourteen students at Ursinus College have received acceptances so far from numerous medical and dental schools for next fall, according to Dr. A.C. Allen, chairman of the Biology Department and premedical advisor.

He said the figure of fourteen signifies the high calibre of students at Ursinus, again pushing the College's record of placement well above the national average.

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Students and their acceptances are: George S. Bause, Elmendorf, Alaska; Donald A.

Campbell, Plymouth Meeting, Pa.; Robert W. Carty, Bordentown, N.J.; Lee M. DeLacy, III, Broomall, Pa.; Robert J. Fieldman, Old Bridge, N.J.; Victor R. Frankel, Cinnaminson, N.J.; Glenn C. Freas, Havertown, Pa.; Christian Gilbert, Yorktown Hts., N.Y.; Samuel S. Laucks, York, Pa.; John Z. McDonald, Lansdale, Pa.; Daniel W. Reid, Norristown, Pa.; Christine C. Desjardins, Havertown, Pa.; William E. Gray, Jr., Cinnaminson, N.J.; Scott Pickering, Unadilla, N.Y.; and Patricia Belmont, Philadelphia, Pa.

Placement Office Offers Services

by George Geist

Citing "increased sophistication of Ursinus students," Dr. Robert V. Cogger, director of the Placement Office commented on the "fine sign of awareness and better selection of opportunity" by the 112 seniors registered in the Placement Office this year. According to Cogger, approximately two-thirds of these seniors are interested in business, industrial or governmental posts and the remaining one-third are seeking teaching positions.

The Ursinus College Placement Bureau offers its services to all students and alumni at no cost. Information about all types of employment is available to help students in

career planning and in their search for summer employment. During this spring semester, the office scheduled 19 recruiters which included I.B.M., Procter and Gamble, American Bank, Firestone Tire Co., Action-Peace Corps, and the Quakertown School District.

Cogger cited keen competition in the job market as a reason for increased career counseling contacts with students in all four graduating classes. "We've had full schedules with all our recruiters and, in addition, we've had waiting lists for several. Students with this increased awareness are also taking interviews in more than one area," Cogger added.

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Check It Out: Lacrosse At 10-1

by Nancy Wardell

The women's varsity lacrosse team boasts a 10-2 record for the season. Over the past two weeks, the team defeated the University of Delaware, Rutgers, and East Stroudsburg. The Delaware game saw many team members receive injuries, but as usual, they fought hard and won the game despite cuts, bruises, bumps, black eyes, broken noses, etc.

The team's one loss was to West Chester on May 2, under the lights in West Chester's stadium. The fact that Ursinus had soundly beaten the West Chester team in their first encounter earlier this season seemed to give West Chester the drive and initiative to improve their game and pull off a win the second time around. The Ursinus team, while not over confident, could have been over psyched to play and win; unfortunately, this worked against them in the game they wanted to win the most. Right before the varsity game, the Ursinus alumni team, the Red Shirts, was beaten by the Peppermints, West Chester's alumni team, and the J.V., who played earlier that same afternoon, also suffered defeat. Both teams also lost their last game to Penn State.

The Ursinus offense, composed of Candi Russell, Sandy

Gabrill, Nancy Zurn, Judy Turner, Margie Rose, and Laura Haig have been playing very well together and achieving high scores in most games, while the defense, led by goalie Nancy Gross and including Ann Helfferich, Maury McBryan, Sue Hawes, Sally Starr, Betsy Meng and Beth Burr, have been doing an excellent job preventing goals by the opposing teams.

The JV team has improved in individual skill and in team play. Their record now stands at 8-6. The team's most recent victories were over the University of Delaware, Rutgers, Gwynedd Mercy and East Stroudsburg. Team members include offense players Carrie Campbell, Sue Kelley, Dot Crosson, Linda Yeager, Maryann Mattson, Ginger Rosznagel, Trish Naab, Michael Speck, Shari Slavin, and Barb Buckner, and defense players Kathy Shillaber, Carol Samuels, Janet Miller, Pam Kelley, Ruth Anne Taylor, Edie Laughman, Pam Postell, Nancy Wardell, Sara Davis, and Lisa Marx.

Congratulations to both teams on their winning season, and good luck in the game with Penn State on Thursday. The team would like to thank the graduating seniors for their leadership and participation and wishes them good luck in the future.

Trinkle Holds All Records in High Jump Competition

Jeff Trinkle may appear like any other student on the Ursinus campus, but with a few very significant exceptions. This young man high jumps for the college track and field team and has never lost one dual or tri-meet competition in his conference — and that was his first meet freshman year.

You say that's pretty good!

Let us reveal the other attributes he possesses!

A high school student from Pennridge, Trinkle competed in track and field under the coaching of Wayne Heilman. Though he competed in the long jump and triple jump, the high jump was to be his forte. The 1974 Bux-Mont Championships saw him win the high jump event at 6'3".

Jeff went to Ursinus College, Colledgeville, Pa., and took up studies in Physics while enrolled in the 3-2 program. (3-2 means he studies his first three years at Ursinus and then goes to another college to fulfill the degree requirements for two years). He compiled 20 consecutive dual meet victories outdoors; went undefeated and won the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships indoors 1975-76, 1976-77; has gone to Nationals twice and will go again this year; holds every meet record in the M.A.C.'s and the school's records in the outdoor and indoor categories.

The record holder of a 6'7" jumps indoors is almost equalled by his 6'6 1/4" record outdoors.

As a freshman and sophomore, Jeff journeyed to

Nationals and placed seventh both times with a 6'6" jump. All-American status and honors go to the top six places.

In this, his last year of competition at Ursinus, Jeff knows he can clear 6'6", but wants to attain a clear of 6'8". He is confident in himself and his consistent performances support this belief. Form is what appears to worry him most, as it is costing him those precious inches to achieve his goal. Jeff Trinkle has commented, "If I just do better than 6'7" I'll be happy. If I get All-American, it will be icing on the cake!"

Regular season competition has concluded, but Nationals remain for him.

Hopefully the aggressive, pensive young man will achieve his goal this year. If so, he has already set his sites on what may be his next — 7'0".

Women's Tennis at Match Point

by Carolyn Graney

The women's tennis team has completed their season with the record standing at a well-earned 7-2.

The match that best displayed the team's talent was the away game against Lehigh. Miss Boyd, the team's coach, called this varsity match a very "competitive one. Everyone

Baseball Winds Down Season

by Andrew Schwartz

The Ursinus baseball team is winding down a season that can be best described as frustrating. The Bears have a record of 8 wins and 9 losses although they would probably be in first place in the M.A.C. South if they had realized their full potential. Two examples of the tremendous talent that the squad possesses were displayed against the last two opponents the Bears have faced.

On May 3, Ursinus played one of their best games this year as they trounced Albright by a score of 7-2 for Coach Carson Thompson's 500th baseball victory. The Bear's bats came alive in the seventh inning as they scored what proved to be the winning run.

The Albright and Moravian games both featured come-from-behind victories. Another common characteristic of both games is that the Bears came up with the clutch hit or good defensive play when it was necessary. In some games this season that could have been Ursinus victories the shoe was on the other foot. When a crucial point in the game arrived the Bears would make a mental or physical error and the opponent (such as in the first Widener game) capitalized. To prove the point that this season could have yielded more fruitful results, Ursinus has come up on the short end in one run games four times and lost another game in extra innings.

One must wonder why the Bears have not played the way they did against Albright the whole season. An immediate reason that comes to mind is that the baseball team has had trouble

hitting pitchers who do not rely on the fastball. The Bears have been more successful against pitchers who have excellent stuff than against the hurlers who seem to have no velocity. The two Swartmore games illustrate this point. In the first game against Swarthmore the Bears faced one of the premier pitchers in the league and beat him 3-0. The second time the Bears dueled with Swarthmore they faced a hurler who appeared to have hardly any velocity on his pitches. His tosses baffled the Ursinus hitters, though, because he pitched a five hit shutout and Ursinus bowed to Swarthmore 3-0.

In the first game of a doubleheader against Haverford a similar situation occurred. Ursinus wasted a three hit pitching performance by Ray Dougherty as they could only coax one run out of another "junkball" pitcher.

Although these problems have been a hindrance to the team's performance the baseball team will almost surely finish with a winning record. Bright spots in this bittersweet season include a strong performance by the pitching staff, particularly the development of sophomore Tim Todd and Freshman Ray Dougherty. Hitting wise, Mike Piotrowicz and Phil Midgett will finish among the top 20 in batting percentage in the M.A.C.

A sour note to the Bears this season occurred when senior captain and standout centerfielder Dave LeVan tore ligaments in his ankle in the Drexel game, and was incapacitated for the rest of the season. But Vince Marino filled in and did a commendable job as his

replacement.

Looking forward to next year, the Bears have the solid core of a potential M.A.C. champion returning. Naturally, the squad will miss Midgett's strong, consistent bat, the hitting and glove work defense of Ed Furman and LeVan; and Ray Fisher's strong pitching. But the Bears may be able to compensate for these losses with six returning starters and two outstanding pitchers and perhaps new freshman talent will appear on the diamond next spring. The Bears will also miss the consistent bat of Paul Jones.

Women's Softball

by Leslie French

The Ursinus women's softball team doesn't have three ace pitchers and two catchers who are on full scholarships. As a result, when they play Temple or Delaware, they have a little trouble seeing the ball, let alone hitting it.

Ursinus has two softball teams, a J.V. and a varsity. The captains are seniors Kathy Latacz, Patty Galupo, and Kathy Nell. Other senior members of the team are: Debbie (Jake) Jacobs, Rhonda Eveland, Beth Salamanca, Sue Ashenfelter, Margaret (Merestead) Horioka, Ellen Staurowsky, Debbie Gifford, Junior members include: Allie Cooper, Wendy Kober, Debbie Gay, Nina Geier, Janet Masca and Ann Cumpstone. Kathy Brown, Tina Perry, Maryanne Linquist, Rollene Neuhouse and Leslie French make up the sophomore members. Freshmen members are Kim Thorne, Angie Morrison, Lisa Colona, Joanne (Elbow) McPhillips and Patti Davis. They are coached by Gale House.

Our varsity team played a good game against West Chester losing by one run in the last inning. J.V. did well against Temple's J.V. winning 9-5.

and Sue Santanasto (6-2). The two other varsity singles players Donna Arenth (who made a fantastic comeback), and Nancy Harter (whose powerful top spin rushed her to victory) also had a good season.

The two varsity doubles teams participated in a disappointing weekend at the M.A.C. tournament at Franklin and Marshall. Defending champions Carol Estes and Linda Dunn lost to unseeded Juniata.

On the whole, the team had a very successful season. Since only four senior players will be leaving, the outlook for next year appears good. The team members will especially miss the "awesome" first doubles team of little Linda Dunn (Tiger) and her partner Carol M. Estes (dynamite server) as they make their grand exodus after three years of devout contribution to the varsity team.

5th in MAC's Track Team:

by Kevin Griffin

The MAC Track & Field Championships were held at Dickinson College, May 6 & 7. Ursinus with 27 1/2 points, finished 5th behind Gettysburg (138), Widener (104), F&M (58), and Lebanon Valley (28); a great performance in spite of the numerous injuries sustained by many key performers.

Point scoring performances were turned in by T. Ruth in the Intermediate Hurdles (57.6, 6th) D. Darouge in the Pole Vault (12'6"; tie for 6th), D. Ferrari in the High Hurdles (15.0; 4th) S. Fleagle in the High Hurd. (14.9 sec; 3rd), Joe Figurelli in the 3

mile (15:03, 3rd) and Jeff Trinkle who won the High Jump with a jump of 6'6".

This jump qualified Trinkle for the Nationals at Grand Rapids, Michigan, later this month. At Dickinson he cleared 6'8", which would have established a new school record. The jump however came on his fourth attempt and in MAC competition, jumpers are allowed only three attempts. Trinkle, who will attend Georgia Tech next year, since he's on the 3-2 Engineering plan, leaves Ursinus with the school high jump record of 6 feet 6 inches and a chance to improve on this record at the Nationals.

played nicely and succeeded in beating Lehigh 3-2." To augment this, success, the J.V. team played a challenging match at home on the same day; although they lost, they played strongly against the experienced varsity team of Bryn Mawr.

Players that contributed to the J.V. team include: freshmen Claudia Stewart and Andrea Wickerham; sophomores Jill Burdan, Jan Galen and Mary Beth O'Neill; juniors: Marguerite Castelnau, Cathy

Cunningham and Gretchen Devlin; Seniors: Darla Wilson and Lonnie Wolff. Unfortunately, the J.V. team did not get too many opportunities to exhibit their fullest potential; however they did a good job filling in for the varsity team.

The varsity team was helped immensely by the consistent contributions of first singles player Nancy Haas (with a record of 6-2), first doubles Linda Dunn and Carol M. Estes (7-1) and second doubles Betsy Cox