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Cindy Cole Named Valedictorian

By RUTH VON KUMMER

The valedictorian of this year's senior class is Cynthia Cole, who will graduate magna cum laude with a degree in mathematics. The second highest position of salutatorian has been given to Susan Zinn Satur; she receives a magna cum laude degree in Spanish. The only other recipient of the magna cum laude commendation is Patricia Richards whose degree is in English. The qualification for this honor is met by an average of 92.50 - 94.49. The only higher academic recognition is that of summa cum laude which requires an average of 94.50 or higher. None of the graduates were placed in this category. The averages are determined at the end of the student's fall semester during his senior year.

However, the cum laude distinction ranging from 89.50 to 92.49 was a bit larger. These were earned by Robert M. Lintz - Biology, Ellen O. deWaal - History, Elsie Van Wagoner - English, Holly L. Leber - English, James R. Snyder - Biology, Gary R. Griffith - History, Carol E. Spooner - Health and Physical Education, Warren Robinson, Jr. - Chemistry, Barbara Marshall - Health and Physical Education, Robert J. Micklus - English, William E. Slack - History, Andrew Rifkin - English, Carol E. Zeidler - Health and Physical Education, Pamela J. Kauffman - History, Lou Ann Dolan - French, William D. Ardill - Biology, Vincent Frances-

cangeli, Jr. - Biology, Mary H. Calabrese - Psychology, Eva M. Webb - English and Nancy K. Lecrone - Economics.

In addition to these categories, twenty-six Ursinus seniors were chosen to receive departmental honors for outstanding achievement or proficiency in a chosen topic. The honor is earned by research or a project which is thoroughly examined by the student, formulated into a lengthy paper and subjected to judgment by the department to which it relates, along with the faculty as a whole. The exceptional honors will be awarded to Douglas Stewart for Bi-

ology, David Martella and Warren Robinson for Chemistry, Nancy Lecrone, Charles Metzger, Barbara Orsburn, and Jan Smith for Economics, Cynthia Hickman, Robert Micklus, Andrew Rifkin and Elsie Van Wagoner for English, Cynthia Kramer for Health and Physical Education, Ellen O. deWaal, Nancy Hollowell and Pam Kauffman for History, Cynthia Cole for Mathematics, James Milke for Physics, George Alspach, Douglas McDuff and Paul Weller for Political Science, and finally Barry Hart, James Popelka, Sandra Rothman, James Scaringi, Randy Schellhamer and Edward Winner for Psychology.

Summer Use Planned For College Facilities

By WENDY BARNES

There has been a lot of controversy lately over the fact that school buildings are vacated for three months of the year and this is a waste of money. But here at Ursinus that certainly isn't the case. This summer there will be quite a few groups using this campus.

There will be 12 Japanese students visiting Ursinus from Tohoku Gakuin University in Sendai, Japan. They will be taking a non-western literature course. There was a group here last year from Tohoku Gakuin and it is now considered our sister school.

There is a summer swim program for the neighboring community all summer. There will be hockey camps for high school students; this not only teaches them hockey but also gets them acquainted with Ursinus.

A new venture this year is a tennis camp sponsored by Brian Markus of the North Penn Tennis Club. The Middle States Junior Davis Cup Team will be practicing here. Final training for the U.S.F.-N.A., Inc. going to South Africa will be held here. Miss Boyd is the umpire when the group plays South Africa.

Roman Gabriel and other professionals will be holding a football camp for high school boys. An alcohol studies program is held here for professional people who work in the field of alcoholism.

Merstead Hockey and Lacrosse Camps will be held. This camp is nationally known. The 67th annual session of the Collegeville Interdenominational Conference of ministers and laymen will be held. Dr. Williamson will be one of the leaders this year.

There are many other things going on at UC this summer. Since the buildings have to be kept up all summer anyway it's good to see that our campus is being put to good use.

New Assistant Dean of Women Is Appointed

Miss Beth Ann Sharp, resident of Paoli completing graduate studies at the University of Arizona, Tucson, has been named Assistant Dean of Women. She will work with Dean Harris, and will be the first person appointed to the new post.

Miss Sharp earned a bachelor of arts degree from Pennsylvania State last year, majoring in psychology. In her graduate work she specialized in student personnel work in higher education. This month she will receive a master's degree in counselor education. Miss Sharp will begin her duties at Ursinus in August.

Dr. Visser Writes History Text Manual

By KATHY JAMESON

Dr. Derk Visser, associate professor of the history department, has written a teacher's manual for a college history text which will be published this month. The two-volume text for city and junior colleges is entitled, "A History of the Western World," by Solomon Modell. It is being published by Prentice-Hall Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Dr. Visser had previously written a teacher's manual for "Civilization in the West," by Brinton, Christopher and Wolff, published last year.

Two Professors Receive Quarter Century Awards

Two Ursinus faculty members received the award of the Grizzly Bear for 25 years of service to the College at the annual Faculty Club dinner on May 22. Those honored were Geoffrey Dolman, Associate Professor of English and Dean of Admissions, and Walter W. Marsteller, Associate Professor of Physics. The awards were presented on behalf of the Faculty Club by H. Lloyd Jones, Jr., Associate Professor of English and Associate Dean of Admissions, and Dr. Evan S. Snyder, Professor of Physics.

Four to Receive Honorary Degrees at Commencement

By CATHY McCARTHY

On June 2, 1974, two hundred students will receive diplomas at the commencement ceremony which will begin at 2:00 P.M. in Helfferich Hall. In this year's graduating class are 132 students who will be conferred the Bachelor of Arts degree. 120 students will receive the Bachelor of Science degree and 40 students will graduate from the evening school. Of this 40, 21 will receive Bachelor of Business Administration degrees, 17 will receive associate degrees in Business Administration, one Bachelor of Arts degree will be conferred along with one Associate of Arts degree. The number of Bachelor of Arts degrees earned this year are increased by four over last year, however Bachelor of Science degrees are decreased by 27 from last year. The evening school will graduate 7 more students than last year.

Candidates for degrees will be presented by Dean Bozorth after which President William S. Pettit will confer the degrees.

The speaker at this year's commencement will be Dr. Detlov W. Bronk, who is president emeritus of Rockefeller University, a graduate institution specializing in research. Dr. Bronk is a graduate of Swarthmore College and the University of Pennsylvania and earned his doctorate in philosophy

from the University of Michigan. Before assuming his position at Rockefeller, Dr. Bronk was president of Johns Hopkins University. He has been honored for his academic achievements by having been awarded 55 honorary degrees from various colleges and universities. Not only will Dr. Bronk be the speaker at commencement, he will himself be the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree.

Receiving an honorary doctor of science degree will be Dr. Gerard M. Edelman. Dr. Edelman is a 1950 graduate of Ursinus who last year won the Nobel Prize in Medicine for his great achievement in the field of cancer research. He received his doctor of philosophy degree from Rockefeller University where he has been the associate dean of graduate studies and since 1966 a professor. In 1966 Dr. Edelman received the alumni award from Ursinus after having become internationally known for his research on antibodies.

Two other honorary degrees will be conferred at commencement, a doctor of laws degree will go to Rep. John H. Ware 3rd, a U. S. Congressman from the 5th Congressional District. The other degree, a doctor of science degree will go to Dr. Paul Havens, Sr., who is a professor at Jefferson Medical College and a specialist in the area of viral hepatitis.

New Member Added To Phys. Ed. Faculty

Mr. Robert E. Skelton, teacher and coach at Springfield College, in Massachusetts was appointed as instructor in the Ursinus College Department of Health and Physical Education. He will also be assistant to the Dean of Men, wrestling coach and assistant football coach.

Mr. Skelton received a bachelor's degree from Lea College, Albert Lea, Minn., and is receiving a master's degree from Springfield College this spring. He also worked four years as lifeguard and instructor for the Garden City (N.Y.) recreation commission.

New Instructor Of Philosophy Named

By KATHY JAMESON

Paul A. Banyacski, Associate Professor of Philosophy at West Chester State College, has been appointed as a part-time instructor of philosophy. A member of the West Chester State faculty since 1965, Mr. Banyacski has also taught at Widener, Eastern LaSalle and Valley Forge Military Academy. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy at Eastern College, and with only his dissertation to be completed, is pursuing doctoral studies at Bryn Mawr.



A Bill-Bored Photo

DR. ESTHER COPE

Dr. Cope Elected To Phi Beta Kappa Office

By KATHY JAMESON

Dr. Esther Cope, assistant professor of history, was elected secretary of Phi Beta Kappa's Gamma Association of Pennsylvania. The Gamma Association consists of women in the Philadelphia area who are members of the prestigious national fraternity but have no local chapter to attend. The Ursinus faculty Phi Beta Kappa

members, known as the Chapter, hold meetings and select chapter scholars.

Dr. Cope also received two grants for summer study, one from the American Philosophical Society and the other from the American Council of Learned Societies. She will travel to England for forty-five days to work on the preparation of a book concerning the 1640 parliamentary diaries.

Editorial

RICHARD WHALEY

Money Talks?

In four days, what many Seniors thought would not come, will be realized; they will graduate. Some of them have complained about this place for four years. Yet, many of the star complainers may change in the years to come. In a year, if not sooner, they may begin to miss this place. In two years they will think that college was not that bad, and in ten years Ursinus will be one of their good memories. In 25 years they may even send their children here. Time and distance will soften their memories.

If they have valid complaints they should not give up on Ursinus—as some do—or forget their complaints. They can do something. They soon will be alumni and have the power of the mighty buck—not necessarily a lot of this power. Still, five dollars is a respectable donation.

Before they graduate their future spending power will be in question as to where it will be going. In fact the first hint for alumni contributions may come in the opening prayer of the graduation ceremony. But the truth is that a small private college desperately needs alumni contributions.

The school is also interested in the alumni's views. Usually those who loved it here give, and those who disliked it here never give. If you do not give, your complaint will not be heard. Mostly those who give are heard. Thus the school's feedback may be one-sided. They do get some complaints. Therefore, if those who did have valid complaints gave donations they may be listened to by the school. If this would happen, perhaps in the eyes of those who complain, the school would be a place to send their kids.

So let your voice be heard. The problem with some of Ursinus' student population is not that their voices are stifled, but that they say very little. But now that they are alumni, securely holding their expensive degrees, they can say what they feel.

Ursinus does have the potential for improvements, and alumni suggestions and pressure may accelerate change. If you care, speak your mind and give wisely.

To The Editor

THE CRACKED SHELL

From diapers to jeans, from jeans to coats and ties—thus is the road traveled by hundreds of Ursinus students once they are alumni. Playland now has ended, and all that comes to mind is a stanza from a poem by Dylan Thomas—"Fern Hill."

All the sun long it was running,
it was lovely, the hay

Fields high as the house, the tunes
from the chimneys, it was air

And playing, lovely and watery
And fire green as grass.
And nightly under the simple
stars

As I rode to sleep the owls were
bearing the farm away,

All the moon long I heard, blessed
among the stables, the night-
jars

Flying with the ricks, and the
horses

Flashing into the dark.

One morning the sun arose over this playland of dreams and fantasies, and behold there was a cap and gown waiting, and a sheep-skin tied with a pretty red ribbon. This is what remained of four years—memories and nostalgia. I thought a few moments more, and I wondered whether anyone in this dear senior class had been fertilized with a grain of knowledge capable of creating something great or grand. For some reason it seemed the golden shell of security had cracked, and already the white and yolk were out and smelling of another rotten egg.

reflections of a senior

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ALUMNI CORNER THE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TEACHER

Betz Stevenson is what her friends call her, and they are many. When she retired after 42 years of instruction in social studies (principally American History), some 350 people attended the testimonial dinner to wish her well.

Elizabeth Evans Stevenson accepted her A.B. at Ursinus in 1925 and entered on a no-nonsense classroom career. During her entire teaching time she never sent a pupil to the principal for discipline, a matter she always managed herself. Former students still return to tell her how appreciative they are—now—of her strong discipline, then. Her propensity for propriety gained her charge of discipline in the lunch room, a challenge to any constitution!

The classroom was only one forum for Betz's teaching. She coached class plays for 35 years at Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Her drill teams followed her coaching and sponsorship for 24 years, during which time she won ten national championships.

The Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge presented Betz Stevenson a teaching award in 1960 for her classroom testimony to the principles of democracy.

Some people look to retirement as a time for freedom to do what they most want. So did Betz, and what she most wants apparently is to serve people. She is an active member of the Pottstown Area School Board, the Pottstown Hospital Auxiliary, the Family Service Advisory Board, the YMCA Board, with special committee projects for the Alumni Association at Ursinus.

Betz has an indefatigable disposition, and a fine husband who assists her projects with support and understanding. David Stevenson graduated from Ursinus in 1926, and three years ago retired after 31 years with the Internal Revenue Service.

Betz still gets a hand in the classroom with an occasional teaching assignment at the Schoolmen's Week sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania.

It's service without ceremony in the Stevenson household.

GOAL IS NEAR

With 13 months to go, the Ursinus College Century II program of academic advancement is nearing its goal of \$5.45 million, according to William Heefner, chairman, and member of the board of directors.

He announced that by late May \$4.8 million was raised from friends, foundations, corporations, parents, and alumni, leaving \$650,000 to reach the five-year goal.

Mr. Heefner said that the money will be used for faculty development, library acquisitions, educational equipment and programs, student aid, and continued capital financing.

The Century II program will continue through June 30, 1975, as the second phase of an emphasis marking the completion of the college's first century.

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Editorial

JUDIE JAMES

Farewell

Sitting down to write this editorial I tried to focus on one of the many important political or social problems that face our world today which would be appropriate for the final issue of the 1973-74 edition of the Weekly. A number of these many topics seemed to merit an editorial, but I thought that it might be more suitable to bid a fond farewell to our graduating seniors as they prepare to take that first step off of the green swarded campus.

Many of you no doubt leave with tears and regrets while others are ready to take the sheepskin and run, anxious to meet the challenges and triumphs of life beyond the safety of cozy Collegeville. Still others are probably departing with a vow that the expletive-deleted school will never see any of your cash in the Loyalty Fund.

To the fortunate ones who have already been accepted in the medical, law or other graduate school of your choice (or should I say 2nd, 3rd or 15th choice) I offer my congratulations and my hope that you don't shed too many tears when you look back on those carefree days when all you had to worry about was CMP or methodology or some other equally elementary course. To those of you who are on a waiting list to be put on the waiting list or have not yet heard from the last of the 27 schools to which you have applied, I extend my best wishes and hopes that the long awaited letter doesn't get lost in the mail.

Best wishes also go out to the many job hunting teachers and other employment seekers. I know it's tough, but try to keep smiling (at least during the interview). For those who have already secured a position at the bottom of the ladder and are ready to begin that long climb to the top I would hope that you find at least something in your four years at Ursinus that has helped you prepare for the realities of the great, big world.

Congratulations and felicitations to all who will be entering into the joys of nuptial bliss this summer, especially those of you who have followed in that time-honored tradition of marrying a fellow Ursinian. May you use wise judgment when it comes time to send your own children off to college. I hope also that those brides and perhaps the liberated husbands who will be making their first venture into the kitchen may not find themselves longing for a bite of Wismer food.

Yes, Seniors, it has been four long and yet very short years since you first set foot on the campus. In the years to come there will surely be those moments when you will look back with longing to those happy days of papers and exams when life was a simple matter of following the syllabus and meeting the deadlines.

To sum it all up I would like to say on behalf of the Weekly staff and no doubt for the rest of the campus too, good-bye and best wishes to the members of the Class of 1974. Seniors, so long, farewell and have a happy life!

Change In Lancaster

Pamela Kauffman, senior history major, recently completed an in depth study of industrialization in Lancaster, her home town, as her departmental honors paper. She said the study was a "labor of love," and at the same time the effort made her feel like a historian, developing her own theories which were then proven or disproven by her findings.

"My hypothesis was that the process of industrialization brought about changes in society which altered or destroyed certain institutions, relationships, and structures of society," she said.

Entitled "Lancaster — a Case Study of Industrialization," the

paper is the first quantitative study done in the history department, according to Dr. Marvin Reed, assistant professor of history, who aroused her interest in the research and was her adviser.

Her paper is one of 26 honors papers written by seniors in the various departments of the college. Topics range from pollution in the Perkiomen to children's literature, and from submarine perception to the writing of a three-act play.

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FOCUS:

By Bruno The Killer Gorilla

"The Head On That Guy!"

Due To Situations Beyond Our Control The Following is a Focus On: Freddy Reiss.

The Weekly wanted me, Bruno—the only gorilla in the world that can type and also helped James Joyce with his revisions of Ulysses, to do an article that would epitomize maturity and the appreciation of a solid academic education, and the ability to sneeze and listen to it splatter on the floor. Since we couldn't find anybody with all three of these categories in his personality, we decided to interview Mr. Freddy Reiss who specializes in the last category to seduce sensuous

WHAT KIND OF MAN READS PLAYBOY?



"BEFORE I came to Ursinus I was just an ordinary individual living on a diet of wild berries and native girls."

girls with asthma and to drive his sisters out of the house so he can sit down and watch reruns of Gilligan's Island on television.

Why did you come to Ursinus?

Probably because of the food. One thing is still bugging me after eating that delectable chicken we had some time last week. Where have all the pigeons gone from the roof of Pfahler Hall? Before I came to The Land Of Ursinus my life was filled with the usual commonplace things: sex, fame, romance, adventure, intellectual stimulation; but you get tired of all those things after awhile, so I came to Ursinus where you can't find any of them. I thought Ursinus would be a good place because I heard numerous alumni were planning to come back, settle down, and get married. This was before I found out that most people at this place are so straight they make a parallel line look like an acute angle. This college is the epitome of humility: We all lost our pride when we came to Ursinus. I also believed that coming here would be an interesting experience in studying fantasy. Did you know that Tolkien based his trilogy Lord Of The Rings on the social and administrative functions at Ursinus College? You can't honestly tell me that you haven't seen anything that hasn't resembled a Hobbit on campus . . .

Ursinus has done a lot for me, it's taught me how to make change, count by fives, tell time, and mix french fries with catsup. If I graduated from Ursinus the Placement office might have been able to get me a job putting pennies into nickle dime rolls and passing them off to Ursinus depositors as quarters. My agents from the SDS (Sinners Deprived of Salami) have unconfirmed evidence that in the future admissions to the college will not be based on complicated paper work, but by placing a Neon Sign in front of the college marked

vacancy, sandwiches and refreshments will be served to the newcomers, and the semester will begin by the students choosing up sides and having the president of the college bounce a Spalding basketball and yell, "SPUD!" There have even been rumors that Ursinus will be renovated and changed into an enclosed shopping mall.

Why are you transferring?

Well, I just wanted to prove the theory of leaving Ursinus wrong,

THE PROTECTOR OF COLLEGEVILLE: URSINUS MAN



AFTER URSINUS: "I developed my full potential through Super Heroes 001 002 taught by the late George Reeves."

which is: That Ursinus is like a chain gang. There are only two ways to leave: when your time's up or the pine oak box. It was only a couple days ago when I finally figured out what Ursinus really is: it's the Jungle Habitat of Academics. You've seen members of the administration driving through campus in their cars, smiling, waving at us, pointing and saying, "That over there is called an English Major, he's harmless, he doesn't think, but don't unroll your window to pet him because he might bite." I've had my agents investigate this situation and they have uncovered some interesting unconfirmed evidence. They told me that this college tags its graduating class before it places them in the stream of life, then after a certain period of years the alumni come back to Ursinus, lay their eggs and die—and you thought those were mushrooms by the trees."

What about the administration?

"Many people have said that Ursinus would be nowhere if it wasn't for the perceptiveness and intelligence of our administration, which when you think about it gives you a pretty good idea of where this college actually is. Now I haven't positive evidence yet, but my agents have informed me that administration has been taken over by the aliens of the planet Beef Jerky. Some members of the administration do not cast a reflection in a mirror and have a layer of their native soil placed inside their shoes and are run by Eveready Dry Cell Batteries. The real members of the administration are being held captive in a secret passage below Bomberger Hall.

I don't want to sound hard on the administration because they do have their comings and goings working in a building with such a

beautiful erection. I do agree with some of their policies. Girls should not be granted open dorms because it's ridiculous. They should not be given open dorms for the same reason girls shouldn't drink champagne. We all know champagne makes girls pregnant, don't we?

What can you say about a college whose campus scenery was almost used as the layout for the Candyland game? And whose most famous alumni is rumored to be the radar operator that gave the Japanese landing clearance at Pearl Harbor in 1941—which I might add was a move that bombed out and brought the navy zero results?

Why did you agree to do a Focus for the Weekly?

I figure that if I was out of focus people wouldn't picture me too clearly which would only develop negative results. Let's face it, the reason most guys do a Focus is to show the girls of the world what they're supposedly missing, and that through this article the girl of their dreams will fall madly in love with their sensitive personality. How many times have you seen a picture of a guy in a Focus holding a flower and talking about his awareness of the beauty in life and nature when you know that guy gets blitzed every weekend on Iron City Beer?

Girls. I've been striking out with them because I can't get to first base on balls. I'll admit that the image of my body does not drive girls at night to caress their pillows in being so deprived. The only girl I ever took out told me that I was so ugly that a plastic surgeon would have to work on me with an acetylene torch. Then I couldn't control my emotions, grabbed her into my tentacles, and kissed her with the grace of Bela Lugosi. Not only did I discover that she had a forked tongue, but after my kiss she coughed, gagged, fell on the floor and died. This, needless to say was a great blow to the confidence I had in my male sexuality.

What do you think about politics?

I'm fine, how are you?

What's your own personal philosophy?

I'm a sensualist in a sense because I have this terrible addiction to breathing air. I was told in catechism that our senses deviate us from following "the true path of life," so I tried abstaining from them and walked around with my eyes closed, and the only thing I got out of it were ten stubbed toes and a blind date with Helen Keller's sister.

I gave religion a whirl and looked up Jesus Christ in the World Book, but it said: "See God, Son

BEWARE DIABOLICAL LECHERS!



"Women and children may sleep safely tonight; Ursinus Man will answer to the call of their plight!"

"I BELIEVE IN LOOKING AT LIFE REALISTICALLY"



"I look at it this way: Without President Pettit's influence I would not be what I am today!"

Of," and since I didn't feel like picking up another encyclopedia I went out and bought some Gatorade. Let's look at it realistically, if Buddha ate a Slim Jim he'd still be going around in circles. I won't go into religion anymore because there's a red headed guy with black hair and horns that wears this enormous cross and walks around campus with a girl whose bra committed suicide because it led an unfulfilled life, and he said that if I made any more jokes about Christian Fellowship Meetings he would rub his cross three times and make me disappear.

Sensuality still remains my philosophy. Besides, the greatest minds of our time: Dylan Thomas, Eugene O'Neil, James Joyce, Mickey Rooney—all these guys after they made money writing poetic thoughts with beautiful aesthetic qualities, went down to the neighborhood bar with the money they earned and got soused to the gills.

Life is like being a goaltender, you never know what's coming at you, all you know is that people are shooting at your net and you have to make the saves to stay in the game, but no matter what you do you can't stop a screen shot unless you get hit by it.

And—wait a second, who's that

guy out there rubbing a cross and saying, "Make him disappear. Praise the Lord. Make him disappear, he—"

"I assure you it's nothing but some red faced clown—"

"No, it's him! Just give my autograph picture of Groucho Marx, my plastic Duck Hermie, and my Laurel and Hardy poster, my Venus Fly Trap, and my complete collection of Mickey Spillane books to—"

"Fred, who is that man?"

"I'm being crossed up—"

"Fred, where did you go? He's disappeared! Well this concludes our . . . wait, you don't look at me when you're rubbing that cross! I just brought a new tennis racquet, I finally conned a girl into coming to my room, give me . . ."

Editor's Note: This is all that remains on the tape recorded interview with Freddy Reiss and Bruno the Killer Gorilla. Neither of the two have been heard of since this interview was given. The only person in the area of their disappearance at the suspected moment of their vanishing was a red faced guy wearing an Ursinus Freshman Beany on his head. He said he saw the whole thing, stroked his goatee and said, "Well, it's a mystery."



"This is an action shot of my adventures as Ursinus man ridding the campus of vampires that frequently fly around the administration building."

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FACULTY FOCUS

Ursinus Past and Present

By MARILYN HARSCH

As a "Bear Cub," I was brought up with tales of Ursinus past. Thus as the time of nostalgia and looking back comes for one more class of Ursinus students, I thought it might be interesting to allow the small percentage of alumni who have remained a part of the campus to reflect on the changes that have occurred.

There are 25 graduates currently on the staff, of these 14 responded. The respondees varied from Dr. Pancoast and Dr. Dennis who have served the college for over 25 years to Mr. Schaefer who began at Admissions with this year's seniors.

There were six questions put to each and I received a wide variety of answers.

I present you now, their memories of Ursinus hoping as Mr. Gurzynski put it that . . . "time has not intruded to the extent where memory is put too much to the test and where 'the good old days' may seem 'gooder' than they were."

The greatest change in Ursinus for most of them were the new buildings. Considering that the library, New Science building, Helfferich Hall, and the Ad building are all new since Mr. Schaefer graduated in 1970, this is not surprising. Mrs. Poley commenting on these changes said, "I miss seeing Freeland from main gate . . ." Indeed this building was most often mentioned. It stood in its gray splendor and glory where the library now stands. There were actually 3 buildings—Derr and Stine on each side and Freeland in the middle. Derr and Stine were men's dorms, and Freeland served as class rooms and dining facilities.

I got several other responses to the question of the greatest change. Mrs. Kneas from the library said "Student involvement in administrative and academic policies." Perhaps this is a sign of times.

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The focus of education in our country has been more than ever adapted to the practical realities with which you will have to cope. I know that the knowledge you have assimilated and the insights you have gained into many of the major problems we face bode well for the America of the future. But more than this, I am confident of your spirit of involvement and your selfless desire to serve your fellowman. These are the qualities that will best guide you as you put to use for yourselves and for our nation the educational opportunities you have shared in throughout your college years.

As you go forth each in your chosen endeavor, I can think of no words that better capture the thought that I want to leave with you than those of Woodrow Wilson:

"The day of our country's life is still but in its fresh morning. Let us lift our eyes to the great tracts of life yet to be conquered in the interests of righteous peace. Come, let us renew our allegiance to America, conserve her strength in its purity, make her chief among those who serve mankind. . ."

Richard Nixon

Deferred Degrees Received

Ursinus will give special recognition to four former students and award them deferred bachelor's degrees at commencement exercises on June 2. Recipients are Dr. Franklin Eugene Ackerman, a Pottstown dentist; Dr. Donald A. Ferretti, physician in Cherry Hill, N.J.; Dr. Robinson G. Fry, osteopathic physician in Allentown; and Dr. Raymond A. Rivell, Jr., podiatrist in Burlington, N.J.

Dr. Ackerman, of Pottstown, received the doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry in 1951. At Ursinus he majored in biology, and with his new deferred bachelor of science degree will become a full-fledged member of the class of 1952.

Dr. Ferretti, South Jersey Medical Center, Cherry Hill, received the doctor of medicine degree from Hahnemann Medical College in 1964. He majored in chemistry at Ursinus and will receive the de-

ferred bachelor of science degree, becoming a member of the class of 1962.

Dr. Fry, of Allentown, received the doctor of osteopathy degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1956. At Ursinus he majored in biology, and will receive the deferred bachelor of science degree, becoming a member of the class of 1952.

Dr. Rivell, who lives in Burlington, N.J., received the doctor of podiatric medicine from Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine in May 1974. His deferred bachelor of science degree will make him a member of the class of 1966. He majored in health and physical education at Ursinus.

Under the deferred degree policy a student who earned a minimum of 90 credit hours at Ursinus and withdrew to enter a graduate or professional school and earned a doctorate, may receive his bachelor's degree from Ursinus in the special ceremonies.

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Mr. Schaefer also offered expanded course selection and differing social activities, particularly in respect to the role of frats and sororities.

What has changed the least was also almost completely the same answer for the whole group. Yet each commented on the specialness of the Ursinus spirit in a different way, attributing it to different things.

Mrs. Poley said it was . . . "the type of students we have on campus. You are the nicest kind of people—always have been." To Dr. Parsons, it was "the continuing good rapport between students and faculty . . ." To Dean Harris, it was "the friendliness of students toward visitors and staff." To Dr. Pancoast, it was the "dedication of the faculty to offering good courses to a good student body."

A variation on this theme occurred when I asked if there was anything present when you were here, you would like to see brought back? Dr. Dennis appraised it this way . . . "there seems to be a great lacking in loyalty to Ursinus, and a grateful appreciation for the privilege of obtaining an education among the recent student bodies." Mr. Gurzynski seems to think that today's students . . . "seem to lack purpose, respect for established authority, rules, and property." Dr. Pancoast terms this lack one of friendly respect "that was always shown one from the other." Now before we all go off screaming madly, we should remember that these people came through Ursinus in times of Depression, and post and pre World War II. Dr. Creager worked his way through Ursinus at 35c an hour or less. Indeed the Ursinus that he and Dr. Dennis attended had to pay cash for its bread and coal and sometimes couldn't meet the expense of professors' salaries. Small wonder that to them and those of the early 40's who saw half the male student body depart in February as reserves, the seeming lack of appreciation of current classes seen by the increased class cutting, and other rebellious factors of our generation.

Besides these deep thoughtful things, there were other concrete things mentioned. Both Mr. Schaefer and Dr. Staiger mentioned the TGIF hops they had every Friday night in the dining hall. Along with this Dean Harris wanted "more originality and initiative on the part of groups planning social activities on the campus." These I think are things sorely missed at Ursinus. We need more on campus mixers especially on weekends. Where have they gone?

Dr. Parsons wants to go back to a time when everyone knew everyone else, but then since there were only 550 people then and 1140 now, this may not be possible. But as the quotation on Pfahler says "But still try . . ."

Specific requests: Dean Harris—"The Women's Christmas Banquet as it was when I was a student." Miss Schultz—"A greater respect for the greensward. The bare earth created unnecessarily distresses me." Mr. Richter—"A sense of community." Miss Fryer—"The Y retreats . . . a chance for students and faculty to get together informally twice a year in a camp setting for discussions, worship and recreation." Mr. Gurzynski—"Dressing up for the evening meal."

Several though made the comment that to try and return something would as Mrs. Poley put it . . . "have no meaning and spoil the very fond memory."

The memorable experience that each of the professors had at Ursinus also varied. For Dr. Dennis it was extra-curricular activities. He went on to comment on the students now on campus who have talents particularly in athletics they are not using. To him "this

apathetic attitude is one of the reasons that Ursinus does not have winning teams in many of the intercollegiate competitions."

Both Miss Schultz and Mrs. Poley considered varsity sports their most memorable. Dean Harris's most memorable experience was semester exams. For Dr. Pancoast, Mr. Schaefer, Dr. Parsons and Dr. Staiger their most memorable experience included meeting their future wives. Dr. Staiger put it this way . . . "having a blind date for a 'hop' that resulted in three years of memories as a campus couple . . ."

The most amusing experience was that of Mr. Schaefer, shortly after he arrived on campus. He tells it this way. "I had been assigned to Curtis 208 with two other students. The first night that we were here it was hard to fall asleep, but at 3:30 in the morning all was lost when I heard the fire siren on the top of Pfahler Hall for the first time. I was sure that the borough of Collegeville was under nuclear attack!"

I next asked for the one person who influenced them the most while they were at Ursinus. The answers ranged from the very general to the obvious answer of one person. Dr. Creager, rather than a person was influenced by "the difficult and challenging times, a few good teachers, a few good friends and some great books." Dr. Dennis claims the "Ursinus Family, including faculty, students and townsfolk" as his main influencing factor. Both Miss Fryer and Mr. Gurzynski mentioned the faculty of their respective departments as their major influence.

The remainder of the respondents mentioned at least one specific person: Dr. Parsons—"Dr. Elizabeth B. White, History Professor and Advisor, with her convincing arguments for excellence in History"; Mr. Richter—"President Norman E. McClure, Professors Calvin D. Yost, Eugene H. Miller, and the late Maurice Armstrong of the History Department"; Mr. Meyer—"Dr. Elizabeth Foster, history professor"; Dr. Pancoast—"Dr. J. Lynn Barnard, professor and chairman of the Political Science"; Dean Harris, Mrs. Poley and Miss Schultz all mentioned Miss Snell, and finally for Dr. Staiger and Mr. Schaefer, the most influential among others were their future wives.

The final question was "why did you return to Ursinus to work?" I got specific answers to this question ranging from Miss Schultz's succinct "because I was asked!" to Dr. Staiger's comparison of it to Shangri-La after his service in the Navy, to several who spoke of repaying the school for its service to them.

None of them quite put it this way, but I was struck by the love for the college that flowed throughout the letters. There was a deep sense of pride in the school and in what they were doing.

They as Miss Fryer put it . . . "think of Ursinus as home."

I want to thank each of the faculty who responded especially, and also the others who took the time to read the letter. I want to apologize both to Mrs. Franklin and Mrs. Pearson for inadvertently missing you when we sent out the letters.

Thank you again not only for your responses which made this article, but for the inspiration you have given me about school in a time when it was really getting me down.

I would like to close with Miss Fryer's opening statement which really sums the unique position of this group of Ursinus alumni — "Watching change take place, it is hard to remember what is old and what is new. A person returning to campus after a long absence will immediately be able to make comparisons, but I have seen Ursinus grow and change step by step."