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Ursinus Suffers Blackout Transformer Explodes



Ursinus was in darkness for nine hours. The above is a picture of the green swards in darkness.

When a blackout hits a college campus, even the most dedicated scholars think it's time for fun and games.

Ursinus College students quickly adapted to darkness, some professors canceling tests that had been scheduled for the next day on grounds that studies suffered.

The blackout hit at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, when a defective transformer malfunctioned, according to Fred Klee, Assistant Director of Physical Facilities. He said the breakdown was not caused by overload.

The transformer, which steps down current from 33,000 volts to 4,160 volts for the campus network, was installed last fall.

Within half an hour of the equipment failure representatives of Silas Bolef, Norristown contractor, and Philadelphia Electric, were swarming about the campus. The transformer, still under warranty, was replaced and power restored by 10:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, students, faculty, and staff members accepted the emergency in good humor. In major buildings, auxiliary motors kicked in automatically within seconds of the failure, supplying power to emergency lights.

A poetry reading underway in windowless Wismer Auditorium was enhanced when the eerie emergency lights switched on.

Students in a science lab hooked up storage batteries to provide power, while biology majors dissected their rats without the aid of electric lights.

Successful navigation of pitch-dark restrooms became a problem for some.

Since the breakdown occurred when temperatures were in the 80s, spring fever had already hit some of the students.

According to one spokesman, the students were generally cooperative. They took advantage of the blackout to have fun.

In Curtis Hall, a men's dorm, enterprising students hooked up a record player to the emergency lighting and had a party on the lawn, with candles providing illumination.

The office staff experienced a major halt of operations, when adding machines and typewriters, postage meters and duplicating equipment, stopped in their tracks.

When it became evident that power was not going to be restored within a reasonable time, the staff was sent home.

According to security men on campus, a relatively few of the 700 Evening School students showed up.

When the lights finally went on, after the nine-hour power failure, fun-loving students raised a loud "boo," reluctant to return to their studies.

Dr. Allan Lake Rice Speaks At Conference

Dr. Allan Lake Rice, professor of German and Swedish at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., is reading a paper on "What's Wrong in Swedish Instruction?" before the silver anniversary session of the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, held at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky., April 27-29, 1972. He is speaking at the invitation of Prof. Wayne Wonderley, chairman of the German Department at Kentucky U., who suggested he "throw the book at them."

The Swedish course at Ursinus, introduced by Dr. Rice in 1950, has attracted attention as the first in which a non-Swede has taught Swedish to non-Swedes at an institution not located in a Swedish-American ethnic area. The one at Kentucky, taught by Dr. Wonderley is one of its spin-offs, of which there are now several.

During 22 years of successful

teaching of Swedish at Ursinus under these new circumstances, a number of innovations have had to be developed in methods of presentation, some of them already incorporated in Dr. Rice's text-book, Swedish: A Practical Grammar (1957), which grew out of the course here. The paper to be read at Kentucky will cover still further innovations and a presentation of shortcomings still found in tools for learning Swedish, especially the dictionaries.

The Ursinus course won a nod of approval from H.M. King Gustav VI Adolf of Sweden in 1970, when he made Dr. Rice a Knight of the North Star (Nordstjerneorden), a distinction more generally reserved for natives of Sweden.

Dr. Rice spent three years in Sweden during World War II as U.S. Assistant Naval Attache, and while there married the former Rigmor Hallqvist, now well-known in Montgomery County circles.

LANTERN Elects Officers For '72-'73 Spring Issue Expected In Late May

By MOLLY KEIM

Election of officers of the 1972-73 Lantern was held Wednesday, April 20 by members of this year's staff. Jane Shepherd was named editor-in-chief. Patricia Massolini was appointed Assistant Editor and Safeiah Zabariah is Business Manager.

The Spring '72 issue is expected to be released during the third week of May. The work of 24 poets, 6 authors, and 7 artists will

be represented.

Roger Baldwin, a senior English major, displays his talent in the cover photograph. His pictures can be found also in the Winter '72 issue and many were exhibited in Wismer earlier in the year.

Winner of the Best Poetry Award was Linda Mills for her entry "Summer II." "dialogue, one," a sonnet printed in calligraphic form, will also appear.

This issue, which will be 48 pages

Dr. Helen T. Garrett Dies

On Sunday evening, April 23, Dr. Helen T. Garrett, professor of French, died. She had been ill for some time.

Dr. Garrett, who studied extensively in Europe and especially in France and travelled widely, had published several articles on language education in the United States.

An area resident, Dr. Garrett was memorialized at the Merritt

Freeman Funeral Home in Trappe at 10:00 A.M. this morning. In addition, she will be remembered by the Schuylkill Friends Meeting at Route 23 and Whitehorse Road in Phoenixville at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday. Her students will be welcomed to this service.

The Ursinus Weekly joins with the entire Ursinus community in expressing sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Garrett.



DR. HELEN T. GARRETT

We feel sure that her students will long remember and appreciate her knowledge and teaching of the French language and culture.



DR. HELEN T. GARRETT

Dr. Robert M. Veatch To Speak At Ursinus College Forum

Dr. Robert M. Veatch, specialist in medical ethics, Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y., will be the replacement for Y. speaker 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, in Wismer Hall on the Ursinus College campus.

He replaces Dr. Joseph Fletcher, ethicist from the University of Virginia, who had to cancel his speaking engagement because of illness.

Dr. Veatch will speak on the same topic announced for Dr. Fletcher, "Ethics and the Life Sciences."

Personal friends from Harvard University, the two men are en-

gaged in similar scholarly and occupational pursuits.

Dr. Veatch has a master's degree in pharmacology and a doctoral degree in ethics from Harvard.

Since September 1970, he is assistant for medical ethics at the Institute of Social Ethics and Life Sciences, Hastings-on-Hudson. Before that he was a teaching fellow in ethics at Harvard.

Dr. Veatch is also director of the program of medical ethics at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The public is invited to his lecture, free of charge.

Students Inducted Into Omicron Delta Epsilon

The following students were inducted into the Rho Chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the Honorary Society in Economics, on April 25, 1972: David G. Bloore, Willow Grove, Pa.; Francis X. Buschman, Jr., Norristown, Pa.; Karen E. Davidock, Perkasio, Pa.; Marian R. Derr, Gilbertsville, Pa.; Richard A. Dixon, Lancaster, Pa.; Robert P. Francis, Jr., Collegeville, Pa.; Robert V. Gassel, Wynnewood, Pa.; Gerald J. Green, Pottstown, Pa.; Alan L. Hallman, Collegeville, Pa.; Bruce R. Kerr, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Pamela E. Lynch, Trenton, N. J.; Patricia J. Lyttle, Craley, Pa.

C. Lee Metzger, Jr., West Chester, Pa.; Richard D. Moody, Souderton, Pa.; Marianne D. Piko, W. Hempstead, N. Y.; Eugene D. Roth,

Gilbertsville, Pa.; Anthony J. Spagnola, Trappe, Pa.; William R. Steward, Easton, Pa.; Nadine R. Woodruff, Bridgeton, N. J.; Kathleen Young, Malvern, Pa.

Ursinus Seeks \$200,000 Gift

A recently-selected committee of senior corporate executives, a majority of them Ursinus College alumni, will meet May 1 on campus for a dinner meeting to discuss ways of soliciting \$200,000 in gifts from corporations in Montgomery County and the surrounding area for the modernization of Pfahler Hall of Science.

Chairman of the program is Russell C. Ball, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Philadelphia Gear Corporation, King of Prussia, and past president of the Manufacturers' Association of Delaware Valley. He has been a member of the Board of Ursinus since 1968.

Funds received by the committee are to help finance modernization of 40-year-old Pfahler Hall of Science, according to Dr. William S. Pettit, President of the College.

The modernization is part of a comprehensive "Century II" Program for Academic Advancement. The College began its second century two years ago.

"Ursinus graduates," Dr. Pettit said, "are a strong asset in the corporate community of our area."

Schools participating are Central Junior High School, Pottstown, Alfred T. Schantz, principal; Perkiomen Valley Senior High School, Lester Eckman, principal; and Perkiomen Valley Junior High School, Edward Mikolaitis, principal.

Students are assigned as follows: Central Junior High School, Pottstown: Roger Blind, West Orange, N. J., history, junior—assigned to social studies; Mark Grim, Oley, Pa., political science, junior—social studies; Jenneen Corum, 707 Grant Street, Pottstown, psychology, sophomore—English.

Perkiomen Valley Junior High School, Schwenksville: David Hain, Laureldale, Pa., history, junior—social studies; Amy Welton, Old Saybrook, Conn., history, junior—social studies; Joan Lukens, Furlong, Pa., history, junior—mathematics; Kathryn Waltz, 57 Nutt Road, Phoenixville, mathematics, sophomore—mathematics.

Perkiomen Valley Senior High School, Collegeville: Cheryl Moran, Medford Lakes, N. J., Spanish, junior—Spanish; Marilyn Jenz, Abington, Pa., German, junior—German; David Saylor, Lebanon, Pa., engineering, junior—science; David Whitten, Meadowbrook, Pa., French, junior—French; Vicki Thomas, Morton, Pa., mathematics, sophomore—mathematics; Meredith Johnson, Dalton, Mass., history, junior—social studies; Ray Fleck, Wyndmoor, Pa., history, freshman—German and Latin.

"The College is grateful for past corporate support and hopes for a generous response to this important new program."

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Editorial

CAROL J. SEIFRIT

Stop The War

It would be a bit much to expect a government composed of simpletons, fools and charlatans to realize the utter moral depravity exhibited by Mr. Nixon in his decision to continue the bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong Harbor. The mere fact that Russian ships infest that Harbor may or may not have been taken into consideration by Mr. Nixon, but I assume it has, for we as a nation have been assured that the President is staking his re-election on this imbecilic action. It seems rather odd that a president elected primarily on his promise to end the war four years ago has taken this rash, irresponsible, indefensible and irreparable course of action. Apparently he does not understand the dichotomous nature of war and peace.

Can it be that we are so morally dead that we can no longer foresee the very horrible consequences of our acts? Mr. Nixon has quite literally taken it upon himself to make moral decisions for a country of over 200,000,000 people. We know this to be the case because (a) Mr. Nixon's advisory boards have, to a man, maintained that the bombing should not be continued; and (b) Mr. Nixon is not staking his decision on our lives or on the lives of our "glorious" dead or on the lives of those high school and college-age individuals now training to march off to the defense of the South Vietnamese, but rather, on his re-election! **HE MUST BE STOPPED! IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO IMPEACH A PRESIDENT! MR. NIXON MUST BE FORCED TO STOP THE WAR NOW, AND HE MUST NOT BE RE-ELECTED!**

So many well-meaning souls have reasoned that poor Mr. Nixon's job is too big for one man, and that, most assuredly, he is doing the best he can with what he has to work with. I maintain that poor Mr. Nixon knew what he was getting into; the job is indeed too big for his paltry, self-seeking intellect. But a man who is incompetent, knows it and stays is a despotic charlatan working not for world peace or even internal peace, but rather for his own interests. And a man who is incompetent and does not know it should be told, for he is a fool.

There can be no reason for our involvement in Southeast Asia, just as there can be no justification for any war of any kind for any reason. No man who understands his God-given right to life can consent to taking it away from another. All killing, I repeat, **ALL KILLING, IS WRONG.** The war must be stopped!

On Friday, April 21, a small group of Ursinus professors and students participated in a quiet strike, along with sixty-five other American colleges and universities, to call attention once again to the pointless, despicable acts of aggression committed by this country in Southeast Asia. How many murders have been committed there? How many widowed, orphaned, crippled and starving have been left in a country now largely defoliated by the bombing from either side?

Can it be that in the twentieth century we still think of mankind as a group of nations? It is, to be sure, the diversity of man's cultures which gives richness to life, and I am thoroughly convinced that it is not humanity which is waging either this or any other war. We can live in peace; our governments cannot. That which is wrong should be obliterated. The government of the United States and all for which it now stands is completely and utterly wrong. Peace, brotherhood, freedom and tolerance are not unreasonable desires, and they are desires universal to all mankind. If it is only a government which keeps us from realizing them, then let that government be destroyed.

HERE'S HIGGINS: Strike

A lively topic of discussion around here now is that of striking. Since one of our national institutions went on strike, it would be advantageous to explore the reasons behind baseball striking and the effects of the strike. Even before hockey and basketball had completed their regular season schedule, baseball's spring training started. The Yankees were struggling to put together a team that only looked a bit more sophisticated than a Little League outfit, and the Phillies were doing something but it was hard to see exactly what it was. Soon the sports pages were filled with baseball news; this news included talk of a disagreement between the Players Association and the baseball owners concerning the players'

pension. Without going into detail, suffice it to say that the players wanted an increased pension fund and the owners refused. Negotiations began in February, and no settlement was reached by the beginning of the baseball season. The players voted to strike unless their demand was met; the demand was not met and they struck. For over a week and a half of the regular season no games were played. The situation deteriorated to the point where one wondered if 1972 would see a baseball season. Finally, the players and owners came to terms, and the teams were scheduled to play either 156 or 157 games. The opening day of baseball came two weeks late. The Phillies came home to open

FOCUS:

By RICHARD BUDENSTEIN

"All things being relative," to borrow the underlying theme of the Siegel metaphysical philosophy, Jane Siegel is still a lady. This was quite apparent during our luncheon interview amidst the noontime noises of Dell's in Phoenixville. I was hungrily munching away, in a rather bestial fashion, at a tuna salad sandwich with tomatoes that had a remarkable propensity for being repelled by the bread or attracted by the table, as the case may have been considered by Miss Siegel who sat opposite me.

Jane was gracefully sipping away at a cup of coffee and discussing how cars appeal to her mechan-



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ical sensibilities, while emitting a most feminine shriek as hot coffee spilled from the cup to her hand in the same manner that my tomatoes were making their most apparent, yet on my part, non-overtly desired journey. It was as if Jane were unconsciously trying to simulate my own obvious lack of eating proficiency.

Jane is graduating this year as an economics major and entering Villanova Law School in the fall, but she confessed, "A long time ago, in my deep dark past, I wanted to be a P.E. major. Of course I was told this is a waste of mental capacity, which since that day has horribly irritated me. Anytime I hear anyone talk about these jock P.E.'ers, it really upsets me."

Jane played basketball and other sports in high school, and her coach, whose abilities Jane respected, was from Ursinus. Jane came to see the West Chester-Ursinus girls basketball game and was impressed by the Ursinus women's intercollegiate athletic program. "I came up here, and it was a spring day. I was really impressed by the campus, the green swarded campus. I liked their athletics program, and I'd heard that their academics were highly recommended, so I just thought: It's a college; worst comes to worse, I can transfer out of it. And I've been transferring out of here ever since the first semester of my freshman year.

"My father wanted me to be a veterinarian. He's always wanted that, primarily because I get along a lot better with animals than I do with people. I tend to irritate them a lot less, and I've always worked with animals. All my summers have been spent with veterinarians or at kennels or whatever. But I definitely knew Ursinus was not the place for veterinary medi-

at Vet Stadium against the St. Louis Cards two Mondays ago. Their first crowd was estimated at 30,000 strong; Tuesday night's crowd numbered a whopping 11,000. The Yankees opened at Yankee Stadium (capacity 65,000 plus) with 11,000 fans. Only the Pittsburgh Pirates could boast of a sizable crowd: 48,000. In general, attendance figures for opening day crowds were far below that of previous years. Unquestionably, the strike affected baseball's attendance figures.

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Jane Siegel

cine. Their pre-medical program has an awful lot of wasted time, unfortunately."

Yet, "If you think that as a student you're frustrated by the way things get lost and bogged down in administrative committees, to be a faculty member here has to be personal or mental suicide. There's nothing quite so stubborn and irritating as these little groupies that exist in the faculty. It's like playing a piano! You can put out an idea and you just poke one guy, and you know what he's going to say. You know he's going to come up with the same idea every time; he's going to object to the same thing on every idea.

"It's been this way with my lim-

mind that's graduated from here keeps saying: 'I've had it with that school; no money of mine!'

"Who gives the money? It's the conservatives. The people that liked it here. They liked it the way it was. They liked it with coats and ties, the cut system, and everything else. They give the money. They're the alumni directors. They even come back and teach here. They get buildings named after them. And they get put on the Board of Directors. And although you may never find out who has the power in this school, whether it's the president or the board, the fact remains that the conservative people, the tradition minded people are the ones



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ited experience as far as the Academic Council and the Bill of Rights went a couple of years ago, and as far as with the Board of Directors. Now that's a real key board job. You can just walk on any one of their black leather shoes and you know what each one's going to say. They're like little programmed minds. That's real frustration that the faculty members have to go through. And it doesn't help the students, because a lot of their ideas have to go through the faculty too!"

Therefore, "I've got this great theory on how to really change this school. You see, all the great liberal minds that are graduating from here now, all figure that they're never going to give a cent to this college. They've had it! Right? Great, that's really the wrong idea, because the reason this college is the way it is and hasn't changed is that every liberal



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that support this college and influence the policies.

"The thing to do then is to get the liberal minded people to give the money and let them start pulling the strings. That's really what I want to do. When I start making a lot of money, should that ever happen, how unfortunate, I would like to get together with the more moderate and liberal alumni and start pouring lots of money into this place. Because here money talks, like it does anywhere else. A lot of this school is a matter of dollars and cents, really a lot of it. Let me make some of the policy!"

Thus, "All things being relative," Ursinus has been quite an experience for Jane, but as she noted, "I don't think I could go home and tell my little sister to go out and have one!" Nevertheless, Jane Siegel has been quite an experience for Ursinus College also.

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FACULTY PORTRAIT:

Dr. Gayle Byerly

By JIM COCHRAN

Dr. Gayle Byerly has been on the Ursinus faculty six years. She is unfortunately known to some of us as: "Dr. Rhinestone," "Merciless Mary," "The Wicked Witch from Glenside," and "Dr. Impossible." However, those of us who have experienced her in class know that these slogans are not well-founded. In fact, they're very misleading. This point was driven home to me rather forcefully, last semester. I had just left registration, and I made the mistake of telling a few students that I had registered for her Chaucer course. It wasn't long before six or seven malcontents descended upon me saying: "Oh God, you don't know what you're getting yourself into." "Change your roster before it's too late." Well, I was a little disturbed about this until I realized that none of these "concerned students" had ever had her for anything.

Nevertheless, when I went to my first Chaucer class I expected her to ride up to Wismer 10 on a broom, whose bristles were composed of her last semester's students' hair. It only took me two weeks to discover that she is a dedicated teacher, which brings me to the point at hand. She's an asset to this College because she not only teaches, but because she adds to this a readiness to work hard and a concern that she does her tasks well—there aren't many of those teachers around you know.

Comprehensive

I suppose that many of you have been anxiously waiting to hear about the English Department Comprehensive Examination, but first I think we had better clear the air. Usually when a conversation arises about the Comprehensive, Dr. Byerly is included. I really don't know why. "Think Comprehensive, hate Dr. Byerly" seems to be a reflexive response for those English majors who don't approve of the Exam. It was not her idea; it was Dr. Yost's. She is probably associated with the Comprehensive because she teaches the cram course (Lit 040), but I can't think of a more unfair association. Many of us should be thankful that there is a cram course; and, subsequently, appreciate Dr. Byerly.

She is, however, an ardent supporter of the Exam. And with good reason; she experienced one when she was an undergraduate at Goucher College: "Where I went to college we had them in all departments. The system was working very well, and it served to round out my knowledge. I was extremely well prepared for the GRE's. I didn't take them when I was a senior in college, but when I did, the comprehensive was helpful. So, since I found that the comprehensive helped me then and in the long run, I support it."

Rules and Customs

Some students feel restricted here. And I have to admit that there are a lot of rules, and Ursinus is Provincial. I thought it would be interesting to hear what a faculty member had to say about it: "I feel that the nature of this school means that I don't do some things here—like go to class in blue jeans, which I would do if I taught some place where it was done. Both the administration and the students get bogged down in details that aren't important. I have never felt that my freedom of speech has been threatened. So, I can live with rules and regulations if the important things aren't altered." Her response is interesting, intelligent, and sensible—isn't it? And in light of what was just said, I suppose that many of you are waiting to see if I asked her about open dorms. Well, I did, and her response should shame some of us: "I think there's a great deal



DR. GAYLE BYERLY

to be said about open dorms. I don't think that everyone wants them because they are a nuisance. A student who feels stifled because of the dorm rules and fails to take advantage of the intellectual freedom he should be developing has mixed up values.

Students

When asked about the Ursinus student, Dr. Byerly said: "We have a handful of students who are very good, and there is a quiet minority who are not getting spectacular grades but who want to get something out of their courses. Then we have those who spend four years here for reasons that have little to do with education—but someone has to pay to keep the school running."

College Scholars' Program

Dr. Byerly is on the College Scholars' Committee, and the fact that few students know about the program bothers her. The program's details are too extensive to list here; they can be found on pages 44 and 45 of the Ursinus Bulletin. Better yet, since it's still pre-registration time and if you're interested, go and talk with her about it. Her office is Myrin 037. I'm sure that a conference with her would be more enlightening than anything I could write here.

It's easily seen that she is a person who takes her job seriously; and, she's a person who has a deep, human concern for her students. So, the next time that you find yourself at registration, disregard those foolish rumors you've heard and willingly register for one of her courses—or study under her in the College Scholar's Program. You might be surprised with the results!

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GUEST COLUMN:

Dr. Allan Rice On War and Peace

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Madam,

My wife is a member of both your organizations and asks me to write you to report steps I have taken in the past two days, as professor at a small rural college in Pennsylvania.

April 21: I read the following to my classes and walked out:

"I would be ashamed of students who could go about their business as usual today, when students and college presidents alike at 65 campuses all across the country are protesting the outrages being perpetrated by the perfidious Administration in Washington. I am ashamed of a student body that has to be reminded by its faculty members that a moral picket line is drawn in front of every classroom in America today. I could not live with myself today if I went about my business as usual. I do respect that picket line and I

am walking out.

"But before I go I want to make a few things perfectly clear. The gesture of protest must NOT be the clenched fist nor the brandished club. Two wrongs don't make a right. I am just as ashamed of the violence that has broken out on some other campuses as I am of over-complacency here. Student violence only plays into the hands of our clownish Vice President, who is eagerly awaiting a chance to turn it into a red herring to divert attention from the real, colossal violence being perpetrated in Southeast Asia by our self-seeking irresponsible President. I am not politically motivated here. Our deceitful Republican President, Nixon, got elected on a false promise to pull out of Viet Nam. Our deceitful Democratic President, Johnson, got elected on a sly false promise to keep us out of war in Viet Nam.

"One final point: Anyone who dares raise his voice against authority is quickly branded a Communist. As a devout Anti-Communist, let me say that this war has played into the hands of the Communist powers from the outset. They love it. They wanted nothing better than to see the world's one great Anti-Communist power paint itself into a corner and bankrupt

itself—both in treasure and reputation—in a hopeless war against a puny little Communist puppet. They have achieved their goal long since. The stupid fools in the White House have let themselves be duped by a simple childish strategy of picking a fight. The Communist world is gleefully and patiently waiting while we, the last hope of the so-called free world ruin ourselves in little Viet Nam. So I call on you to protest, not with fists or violence, but with resolutely folded arms—and resolutely folded ballots. You 18-year-olds ARE registered to vote, aren't you? If you aren't, I AM ashamed of you!

"You can stay quietly here or go out quietly with me. But violence must stop!"

The students in my classes reacted with heartwarming earnestness and serious discussion. A large proportion followed me out and engaged me in fruitful discussion for an hour and a half and showed what I feel were unusually mature attitudes for college freshmen. There was no hint of violence. A few other faculty members also observed the occasion each in his own way, but there was no organized campus-wide movement. At least the matter was noticed, even on this tiny campus.

Letters to the Editor

The Need of a Psychologist

Dear Editor,

My purpose in writing this open letter is to make the student body of Ursinus College aware of a deplorable condition which exists, and a means by which this condition can be corrected. I am referring to the lack of a student guidance service on campus. This has been a much debated issue in the past, and I would like to present an argument establishing the need for such a service, along with a proposed solution.

Every student has moments when he or she is emotionally upset over grades, personal conflicts with other students or professors, pressure from home, general tension from the excessive grind, or whatever. Many times a student cannot find a release by talking his problem over with a fellow student or faculty member for assorted reasons. And so these tensions are allowed to build up, and the result is that the student can have serious psychological hang-ups which can plague him for the rest of his life. There have been cases where Ursinus students have been so distressed by emotional problems that the end result was suicide. These tragic incidents might have been avoided, had these peoples' problems been diagnosed in their early stages by an expert. The appropriate treatment may then have been offered. It is all academic; we shall never know. I am not inferring that every Ursinus student is at the verge of suicide; these are only extreme cases in a spectrum ranging from the violent extreme to simple emotional problems. And Ursinus students, as do all human beings, fill in the rest of the spectrum between the extremes.

There is yet another fact to this problem. Many students find themselves in a major for which they are not suited, and this can cause great emotional anxiety. Even worse, students who are unable to meet the requirements for the field of their first choice are often left with bitter disappointment and often wander about lost as to what course to pursue. This frustration is particularly evident among pre-med students. And Ursinus has no vocational guidance service to direct the student toward another field of interest.

At this point, I should mention the services presently available to Ursinus people. There are mental health clinics in Pottstown and Norristown which have been treating Ursinus students from time to time, and very favorable results have been reported. There are problems, however. First of all, these clinics must work independently of the College, eliminating the possibility of support from the faculty. Often, the student's problem can be solved by objective discussion between the student and his professor under the guidelines laid by a qualified expert. These clinics know neither the faculty nor the College atmosphere, and therefore tend to be ineffective. Secondly, there is the problem of transportation. Freshmen are not permitted to have cars on campus, and many students don't own cars. Pottstown and Norristown are a long walk from Wismer. And finally, many problems are not serious enough to warrant help from a clinic; they can be solved simply by talking it out.

What do we need, then? We need a qualified psycho-therapist on campus, a person acquainted with Ursinus College, the faculty, and the students, a person trained in vocational counselling. This expert is not meant to destroy the student-faculty relationship; he is meant to augment this relationship. The proposed program, subject to modification, could be set up as follows: the therapist would be on campus for a specified number of hours per week at specified times. He would meet with each student no more than 3 or 4 times, during which time the student's problem should be diagnosed and if possible, treated. Severe difficulties could be referred to a clinic. This program is not meant to be a separate clinic giving treatment for extended periods, just as the College infirmary is not intended to be a substitute for a hospital. Just as the infirmary is for physical first-aid, this program is for emotional first-aid.

Many other small private colleges have implemented programs of this sort. The statistics show that 8% to 16% of the total student body of each of these schools utilize their guidance services.

A qualified person to fill this position can be obtained through the

Pottstown Mental Health Clinic. The cost of implementing the program is very modest, and funds can be collected by adding an amount of no more than \$5 to tuition fees. This, however, is only one suggestion. I have tried to objectively present the facts, and I urge the student body, the faculty, and particularly the administration to seriously discuss and begin taking concrete steps in initiating this urgently needed service at our college.

To quote Dr. R. W. Brown from his address to the Newcomen Society presented on May 24, 1951 concerning the history of Ursinus College, "From the beginning, Ursinus College has been concerned with the mind and character of the individual student; it has served the State only by serving the individual. This freedom of constraint and this emphasis on the individual man rather than on the State have for more than two centuries been characteristic of the best colleges."

Respectfully submitted,
DAVE FRIEDENBERG, '75

Open Letter to Security

Gentlemen:

Recent circumstances concerning a series of robberies on this campus have led me to question the actual security that an Ursinus student enjoys. The robberies that I am referring to occurred on April 20; the first two and an attempted third happened between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. The fourth was accomplished in broad daylight, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p.m. The robberies that I am talking about are the stereo tape-players stolen out of the cars parked in the student lot behind the new gym. The circumstance which has led me to question the competence of our most qualified security people is the very fact that two crimes were able to be accomplished in one night and to top it all off (as if want to know is why? A friend robbery was achieved during the lunch hour of the very same day. One would think that the two robberies during the night might sober our dauntless security team and alert them to the possibility of further occurrences. Yet these crim-

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Kilt Klad's Komment: W. C. Rains On Our Parade

By RUTHANN CONNELL

The Lacrosse team suffered its first loss of the season last Thursday as West Chester defeated our girls 9-5 on our own Effie Bryant Memorial Hockey Field. Weather conditions were horrid but this cannot be used as an excuse for the loss that was just as cold and wet as the day. Play was terrible; passes were nowhere near the receiver, shots were few and far between, and good checking was practically non-existent. Friday proved to be a success as the Watson women journeyed to the University of Maryland (that's right Lucey, the one with the National Guard) and scored a decisive 17-6 victory.

Teamwork

The starting offensive line-up is composed of Janet Grubbs, a hot-dogging first home; Janet Luce, a hard-working, heavy-breathing second home; Beth Anders, a strong, fast third home; Bray Watson and Linda Leute, two aggressive attack wings; and Sally Anderson, a high cradling center. On defense we find co-captains Robin Cash and Trudy Schwenkler, two veteran de-

fense wings; Ann Paul, a deceptive third man; Feffie Barnhill, a highly competitive coverpoint; Claudia Bloom, an aspiring sophomore point; and Harriet Reynolds, a fool-hardy goalie. Yesterday this fine group went up against the U. of Penn and tomorrow we find them fighting Swarthmore. College trials will be held this weekend at Glassboro. Good luck to all our competing ladies.

Softball Team Does Well

The Women's Softball team had trouble with the weather but not with the opponents. Last Monday a game with Montgomery County Community College was rained out as was the game against Trenton State last Saturday. But the one game played by the Softball Snell-belles and the girls from Eastern College had U.C. 16-11 victors. Liz Hancock was the winning pitcher who got stronger as the game progressed.

Tennis Turns for Worse

Tennis took a turn for the worse, losing to Bryn Mawr 5-0, last Monday. Hopefully, the future will be brighter and the score will be in our favor.

Travelin' 5's History Told

By CYNTHIA FITZGERALD
and NANCY FRYE

Not many people know or remember the history behind "Travelin' 5". It all started with F. Scott Pierce, a student who came to Ursinus as a junior and was known for his musical talents. Before he came here, Scott was the leader of a folk-singing group called The Metropolitans and he along with Dennis Stoner, another member of the group, composed their music. The Metropolitans had played numerous campus circuit shows, auditioned for the Ed Sullivan Show, appeared on Arthur Godfrey's program and taped several television specials.

When Scott came to Ursinus he formed another group which was comparatively successful and because of it he was well known on campus. One weekend in the fall of 1967, he and some friends went on a picnic and while playing catch, Scott lost his footing and fell off a cliff to his death. It wasn't until the following spring that the students found a way to commemorate Scott's death.

The announcement of the establishment of a fund was made in the fall of 1967 by the initiating Senior class and USGA to raise three thousand dollars for a perpetual

scholarship in Scott's memory. In early 1968 a special record album of The Metropolitans was released and the Senior class and USGA were looking for a way to initiate the fund solicitations. So, a concert was planned to coincide with the record release and "Travelin' 1" was launched, named after Scott's record "Travelin'".

All profits from the sale of the record went into the scholarship. A "Travelin'" contest was established for musical competition. These shows ranged from reviews of Broadway musical trends to renditions of "Moonlight Sonata" by Vanilla Fudge and "Ring a Round the Rosie-Rag" to Janis Joplin. The profits from the contests also were added to the fund; \$7540 is in the fund now, 5% of which is paid in scholarships each year. Scott's parents and Ursinus students also contribute to the fund.

It is hoped that the 1972 "Travelin' 5" will be as successful as those in the past.

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Sing Sets Record

Freshman Robert Sing, of Lindenwold, N. J., set a new Ursinus College track record in the team's first meet against Swarthmore College. Sing threw the javelin 202 feet in the Bears' 93-52 victory. Coach Ray Gurzynski expects many more thrills from Robert Sing in the next four years.

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Bartholomew Wins Two

Freshman Alan Bartholomew, of Lancaster, Pa., was the only double winner in the Ursinus College track victory over Swarthmore College. Bartholomew won the 100 yard dash in 10.6 and the 220 yard dash in 22.6.

Ursinus Starts Baseball Season

The Bears came back to beat Swarthmore College 10 to 6. Jerry Moser, of Collegeville, Pa., started the game but left after five innings. Moser became wild and walked himself into trouble. Gary Widdoss, Moorestown, Pa., came in to pitch and did an outstanding job. Widdoss allowed 2 runs on 4 hits but struck out 5, and was credited with the win. Steve Long, Downingtown, Pa., had two hits to pace Ursinus.

The Bears played Western Maryland last Friday and won a 3 to 1 thriller. Bob Micklus did a tremendous job pitching and went all the way for his first win of the

season. Coach Harris is very excited about this year's team. Harris said that his team never stops hustling and will be in every ball game. He was satisfied with his team's 2-1 mark and thinks the pitching will improve as soon as the weather gets warmer. "The days have been so bad that our pitchers just have not been able to get enough work," stated Harris.

Snow cancelled the season's opener with Dickinson College, April 8, 1972, and rain cancelled Saturday's game with Johns Hopkins on April 15, 1972. No new dates have been scheduled as of yet.

MODERN DANCE CLUB:

Fun For All

By PRISCILLA AMEND

The Modern Dance group is a campus organization which receives very little public notice, and yet it has attracted several people, both male and female, who have heard of it by word-of-mouth. In fact, on Monday and Tuesday nights at 7:00, if one happens to glance into the gymnasium one will generally find that there are more men than women taking part. Under the leadership of Ruth Kinter, the group has worked on steps, combinations, and exercises which are of interest to both sexes, steps which often take a great deal more effort than they first appear to require. One can hear an abundance of groans and moans as the mem-

bers stretch out muscles which have never been stretched before, but after a few weeks of practice the groaning becomes less and the smiles more frequent as they find that they can do the steps after all.

A few weeks ago Ruth led the group in an experimental dance night, trying out some ideas which she had picked up in a dance workshop. They were strange, but fun. The purpose of these combinations was to lessen the inhibitions. The group did some preparatory warm-ups in modern dance form, with the addition of verbal mimicry. First they did a whistling bird, next a neighing horse, then a roaring tiger, and finally a hissing snake. If one could do these without blushing several shades of red and feeling like an out-and-out idiot,

one was considered truly uninhibited and ready for anything. It was also a good way to let out any anger which one member might be feeling towards another, simply by growling threateningly at them.

On other nights the Modern Dance group has done general warm-up exercises, yoga, and regular modern dance routines. It is a relaxed and friendly atmosphere in which no one is expected to perform great feats. They are there to have a good time and to forget their problems for two hours each week. Anyone is welcome to join the group to see what they can do, or just to get away from studies for a while. So why not give it a try?

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inals were able to perpetrate one more successful crime. What I want to know is why? A friend has suggested that perhaps they are too busy protecting the maintenance building and policing the Administration parking lot to notice suspicious characters with crowbar and coat-hanger in hand forcibly entering parked cars in broad daylight.

In summary, gentlemen, I think that this incident is ridiculous and unfortunate and a blot on your record, but this is in the past now. The question of real importance is what guaranty can students of this college have that their possessions are safe? If it's so easy for a daylight open space crime to be committed how safe are our dorms? Are we students expected to tolerate such crimes when we have a paid security force? Gentlemen, I think that now is the time for some no-nonsense action on your part.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH B. VAN WYK