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Lindback Award Presented to Profs

Two Ursinus College professors received the esteemed Lindback Foundation Award for distinguished teaching at the college's commencement ceremonies last May. They are Dr. James P. Craft, Jr., professor of political science, and Dr. Louis A. DeCatur, associate professor of English.

The Lindback Award is the highest honor the college bestows for excellence in teaching, and has been presented annually since 1961. It is funded by a grant from the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation.

Dr. Craft, who also serves as vice president for planning and administration, joined the Ursinus faculty in 1966, following a 30-year career as a commissioned line officer of the U.S. Navy. Dr. Decatur came to Ursinus in 1970 as assistant professor of English.

Student Dies Suddenly

John Hansen, a sophomore biology major, died on Friday, September 23. A resident of Wilkinson Hall, Hansen died after reported abdominal pains. The exact details were not known at press time.

Miller Heads Advance Ursinus

Frank L. Miller, M.D., Norristown physician and alumnus of Ursinus College, has been named area committee chairman for the Special and Major Gifts phase of the current "ADVANCE UR SINUS 76-80" fund-raising campaign.

The announcement was made by Richard P. Richter, the college's president, who said Dr. Miller's committee will be responsible for alumni gifts in the Norristown, Plymouth-Whitemarsh area.

There was a meeting of the Board of Directors held on Friday, May 19, 1978, at which they approved changes in student life. They accepted the report of a Task Force on Student Life, which was previously approved by the Ursinus Student Government Association and by the faculty.

The Board authorized the appointment of a Dean of Students and the reorganization of the staff. This was so that all aspects of student life were coordinated. With these improvements, students were advised in their orientation here at Ursinus.

Mrs. Ruth H. Harris, who has been Dean of Women and Director of Student Activities, was named the new Dean of Students.

One of the main alterations in student life is a new visitation schedule. Visitations in the dormitories during weekdays (Sunday through Thursday) is 12 a.m.-12 p.m., and the weekend times (Friday and Saturday) remain 12 a.m.-2 a.m.

Also, use of alcoholic beverages by students of legal age is now permitted in dormitories, and approval was given to have parties (with or without alcoholic beverages) as long as the following procedures are completed:

1. Register the party with the Office of the Dean of Students.
2. There must be people to keep order at the party and clean up.

President Richter stated in a campus memo that many students and parents commented that they welcome the change because it will help with "adult decision-making." Learning to live with this new freedom is an important responsibility.

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COMMENT...

By Larry Moe

Ursinus Middle Class

The American middle class is one of the largest groups in the world. Ursinus would consider themselves to be middle class Americans, but it is strange to see the academic middle class that has grown at our college. This middle class is independent of finances and social position. Ursinus middle class bonds its members together by hard work, political recognition of this labor. This class takes in the people with the mid-seventy to the mid-eighty grade average who are caught up in a strange situation. These people have grades that are not good enough for the dean's list or for graduate school admission, yet they know that they are highly intelligent, but uneducated students. They represent the enigma of the private college student.

Often this middle class student comes out of high school having graduated in the top fifth or tenth of his class. They find that in college, they have worked long and hard only to receive average grades. This is where the biggest frustration occurs. These people know that they are above average students in any situation, yet with such a competitive atmosphere, with so many quality students here they find that they are not more than just average students.

Disillusionment about one's future often sets in because this particular student has only an average record to present to the outside world. Middle class from such students often return home and reunite with high school classmates, who finished far better than they did in high school, who now are breezing through easier, less competitive state and private colleges. This only adds to the frustration.

Is it worth the hard work and frustration to just be considered average? We must remain hopeful. Ursinus' name is well reflected in the academic world. Its degree is worth more than one from an easier school. We will greatly expand our horizons in four years here, and our education will lead us to a life of fulfillment.

Letters to the Editor

Looking Back

Damage Policy Questioned

I am penning this letter with regard to the controversy created by the anonymous author of "We've Been 'Fletchederized" (The Grizzly, April 1978). I am responding to this problem at this late time because something has come to the conclusion that those who were so quick to support Dr. Fletcher and condemn us have come to the decision that maybe he was right and we are wrong. The fact that the letter was not in the first place? And why was it signed anonymously?

While I read most of the counterattacks printed in The Weekly (and later, The Grizzly) by some of Ursinus' leading academics and students, I did not see an attempt to respond to the author (assuming no sex) really have been penalized for his criticism? This is because any people know that they are above average students. As Dean of the College, Dr. Snyder is acting as the focal point of student academics. There are many questions. There are even those who were so quick to support Dr. Fletcher and condemn us have come to the decision that maybe he was right and we are wrong. The fact that the letter was not in the first place? And why was it signed anonymously?

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Life On These Academic Campuses

Life is tougher than you may think. The students must face many challenges in order to succeed academically. One of the biggest challenges is the academic work itself. Students must balance their studies with their social lives, extracurricular activities, part-time jobs, and other responsibilities. This can be overwhelming, but it is important to find a balance and prioritize tasks.

Another challenge is the cost of living on campus. Housing, meals, and transportation can add up quickly. It is important to budget wisely and plan for expenses. Some students may also struggle with mental health issues, such as anxiety or depression. It is important to seek support and resources when needed.

Finally, students must also navigate the social dynamics of their college community. Making friends and finding a sense of belonging can take time, but it is important to engage with others and participate in campus activities. Overall, life on academic campuses can be challenging, but it is also a time of growth and personal development.
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Richter Welcomes Frosh

Just a few weeks ago, I visited with an alumnus of Ursinus who for nearly 30 years has been a pastor. When I arrived at his residence, he was wearing his freshman 'dink,' from the year 1941, then a mandatory part of a freshman's attire. As he assumed his nostalgic mood, he quoted, what the then president of the College said in the day he saw where you now sit. According to my alumnus friend, President McClellan was describing two of the marks of an educated man or woman — and his words were permanently inscribed in my friend's mind. First, 'the educated man does not store up knowledge,' my friend quoted, 'he has learned where to find it when he needs it.' And second, 'the mark of an educated man is magnanimity.' That word, magnanimity, rang in the pastor's ears over these 37 years, fresh and clear, and somehow there it was, the fading red, old gold and black dink that he had saved and worn throughout that day that I visited. If you go to the Oxford English Dictionary in Myrin Library — as I will go this fall, a freshman English course — you will discover that magnanimity has a long history and various shades of meaning. But basically, to be magnanimous is to be capable of courage, moral courage, to be superior to petty resentment or jealousy, as someone said in the year 1526, 'magnanimity is the virtue, whereby man or woman hath a discrete doughtynesse, to speak or to do that thynge that they ought to do or right and reason.'

To be magnanimous, you are to regard the chances of fortune with equanimity, with balanced good sense.

'How satisfying it would be for me to know that among you, there was one person who would remember this thought that I relay to you from the year 1941 and retell it 37 years from now, to learn to be magnanimous and you will fulfill Ursinus College's hopes for you.'

'It is worth noting that my pastor friend of the class of 1945 exemplifies the kind of life-long loyalty that Ursinus enjoys from most of its 7,900 living graduates. I urge all of you from the very first to support Ursinus College in word and deed while you are a student and after you leave us.'

'Ursinus is not a tax supported public college but private and independent. The alumni and friends of Ursinus give about 15 cents of every dollar it costs for your education — their voluntary gifts subsidize the dollar it costs for your education. If you recall this thought and nourish knowledge of this relationship, nourish it and ultimately give your share to continue our independent tradition when you yourselves become alumni.'

The Fellowship is the Guild's top ranking certification and the one that holds the most promise for the future. Fellows who are to acquire it are chosen by the Danforth Foundation, from among those who exhibit the greatest promise for significant contributions to mankind. Fellows are selected from the top 5% of undergraduate seniors. The nomination is made by the student's college counselor or other faculty member. The award consists of a $2,500 stipend and $2,500 for travel expenses. Applications for the Fellowship must be submitted by the student before April 1 of the year of the senior's graduation. The committee reviews the applications and makes its recommendation to the Danforth Foundation.

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By now most students in all majors have heard of the popular grape drink "Staigerade," but how many students know the man responsible for this Ursinus wonder? Dr. Roger Powell Staiger is the man responsible and contributes much more to society than just this tasty grape flavor.

Dr. Staiger graduated from Ursinus College in 1943 with a B.S. in Chemistry and continued his studies at the University of Pennsylvania from which he received his Masters Degree in Chemistry in 1948 and his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry in 1953.

In his college days he dated Margaret Klauder Brown, also of the class of 1943, and in 1944 they decided to become another favorite victim. His reputation during the summers in the West Indies, where they vacationed, is coming alive again. VISTA is coming alive with us. VISTA.

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Dave Kennedy has been a standout in soccer for over eight years. While attending Philadelphia's William Penn Charter school he was All-City in his freshman, junior and senior years. During his senior year he was also All-Pennsylvania. Kennedy is now a senior at Ursinus College where he is co-captain of the team. At Ursinus, he has been a Regional All-Best. He also thinks highly of his soccer. He practices H.S. He has no real hobbies but he sometimes doing extra workouts fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha co-captain of the team. At Ur- naturally, he thinks of him as the region refers to three states, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Del.

Kennedy is very serious about his soccer. He practices intensely during the season, sometimes doing extra workouts in addition to what the team does. During the winter and spring he can still be seen kicking the ball and practicing with some of his teammates. He works out seven nights a week in the summer, a schedule which involves playing in several leagues. He plays no other intercollege sports ("except frisbee," he jokes). Last year, Kennedy played in an Olympic tryout this summer, in which he made the first cut. He eventually wound up to teach, coach and play pro soccer. He wants to get drafted this year."by any team." Coaching, he stressed, is very important in the development of a soccer player. Without a coach, a player's natural talent will never reach its full potential. A coach is needed to channel it in the right direction. Interestingly enough, Kennedy's father was his coach at Penn Central. Naturally, he thinks highly of Ursinus coach Walter Manning. Kennedy's major is Health and Physical Education. He student teaches at North Penn H.S. He has no real hobbies but he puts a great deal of time into his fraternity, Alpha Phi Epsilon. He usually likes being with his suite 200 buddies, especially his roommate, the infamous Dave "Darranged." Although his musical interests center mostly around country rock. He likes the EAGLES, John Denver and the Double Brothers.

One of Kennedy's most striking qualities is his persistent drive. The team's up-tempo driving attack relies on cockiness to fuel their drive. Kennedy seems to take this quality into stride.

Other returning lettermen on the offense are senior center Tom Oshey, senior tightend Jeff Carlow, who led the team in scoring last year, senior guard and co-captain John Paolicelli, junior tackle John Shoudt, junior tailback Tom Bettie, sophomore receiver Dan Perro, who replaced last year's leading runner, Jerry Brunsmark; sophomore quarterback Ken DeAngelis, sophomore guard Rich Barker, sophomore tackle Bill White, and sophomore wide receiver John Buehbaug. As a note of interest, Bluhbaugh was then Southern Illinois' leading high school in Waynesboro, Pa. This should be the heart of the team's offensive lineup going into the first game against Western Maryland.

Other offensive contenders are freshman tackle Tom Dunn, freshman tight end Steve Kline, sophomore split end and back up quarterback Dave Remney, freshman wide receivers Chuck Groce and Tom Delaney, freshman tackle John Halsey, and junior end Nick DuVally. Senior tightend Jeff Oshey, who was promoted to co-captain, is one of the team's quicker backs. The team looks good in this area. They should have a dynamite depth it had last year. The two fastest returners are Mark Kessler, a sophomore, and Joe Figurelli. Other upperclassmen include Tom Starnes, sophmore tightend Jeff Isban, LeRoy Kent and Steve Shoudt.

The team looks strong in defense. They are Dave Garner, Ron Shaiko and Harry Dockelh. Sophomore Mark Kessler, a sophomore last year, is back in the team.

The team has many fast returning runners. The runner reported that many of these freshmen were very strong and the team looked good in this respect. He added, however, that the team seemed to lack the depth it showed last year. The quickest freshmen to appear are Pat Walker and Joe Perrotta. Others in the team are John Siergiej, Jim Donaghy, Roger Delgrosso, Ed Herd and Steve Wallace.

The team has already run two practice races. The first was the Irish Festival run, a six mile road race. Shaiko led the team with an eighth place finish: He was followed by Walker, Perrotta and Figurelli. These four runners set a new meet record for age 20- and under. Coach Shoudt commented that every runner set a new personal record for his race split for a first meet as a team and added that he had "seven men running together."

The next meet was the Lebanon County Championships in which the team placed third last year. This year they also placed third, but it should be added that several runners were hurt, including Garner, Harry Dockelh and Rich Barker. Pat Walker lead the team, placing seventh with a five mile time of 26:22. Other good performances came from Perrotta, Shaiko, Figurelli, Kemper, DuVally and Hutchinson. Shaiko ran the entire race of his best race ever in a race that showed tight light team. Coach Shoudt said he wanted a "real close pack" and stressed "extra effort at afternoon practices, for the Saturday, Sunday nights and Sunday runs." Other than that, the coach was quite pleased with the team that especially Walker. They should have a dynamic season.

Last year's Bruin squad, plagued by injuries, had luck and had some exciting moments. The first part of the season with wins against Lebanon Valley and Johns Hopkins. At one point, another repeat of last year? Head Coach Karras doesn't think so. And from the looks of this year's 6-man squad he has reason to be optimistic.

Thirteen of last year's starting lineup return for offense and five on defense. Competition for positions is heavy among a new group of sophomores and 26 freshmen doing most of the bidding. Juniors and seniors account for the underclassmen will be needed.

Naturally, the team looks like a solid offensive unit this year is sophomore let- terman Craig Walck. Walck had a very solid freshman year. His season with wins against Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Penn, and the team looked good in this area. They should have a dynamite depth it had last year. The two fastest returners are Mark Kessler, a sophomore, and Joe Figurelli. Other upperclassmen include Tom Starnes, sophmore tightend Jeff Isban, LeRoy Kent and Steve Shoudt.