Students and Board Meet

The Student-Board of Directors Liaison Committee was scheduled to hold its first meeting yesterday, February 11, with President Pettit. The liaison's objective was stated as an initial discussion between the selected members of the group and the president, as well as a base of discussion for working with the Board of Directors.

English Dept. Upholds Quality

By STEPHEN M. LANCE

Both newsworthy and nationally syndicated columns have reported a national decline in retardation in language abilities among college and university students. Cited are falling verbal Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, and grades in freshman grammar, chemistry, and physics courses. Discussion is a crucial component of the educational process.

In a recently released study, Dr. George G. Storrey, chairman of the English Department at Ursinus College, reported that Ursinus College freshmen, in spite of a drop in verbal SAT scores, were capable of national average in language skills. Dr. Storrey also noted that Ursinus freshmen English program dealt with the language problems.

By JUDY JAMES

Ask some Ursinus students about their view of Urinson and they will get a variety of answers. But how does Ursinus look from the other side of commencement? Two recent Ursinus graduates, Denny Bolton of the class of '76 and Roger Schreffer, who graduated in 1975, look at the college from the perspective of the college. Both men majored in political science at Ursinus and are now graduate students at the University of Pennsylvania.

Denny is working on a masters degree in International Relations and Roger is in the doctoral program for Political Science.

Denny states that a political student at Ursinus experiences both men feel that the students at Ursinus are on par with those at Penn and university schools. They noted that Ursinus had a larger course load than Penn and that the advanced course level at Ursinus was equal to the advanced course level in the college. Denny and Roger both commented on the strength of the political science program at Ursinus. According to Roger most of the faculty was very accessible and, in general, the course load was much heavier than those at Penn. If it were feasible he would like to share the faculty, particularly the political science faculty.

Denny feels very strongly about the importance of a good back-ground in the methods of quantitative political analysis. He is of the opinion that the methodology course which Dr. James P. Cripps teaches gave him a head-start on political science graduate stud-ents at Penn. He noted that the debate between the traditional and the behavioralists is dying and a synthesis between the two is now the driving force for graduate study. Denny commented that this synthesis is a crucial part. An understanding of what lies above the level of reasoning allows the limiting of approaches to problems in international relations and a focusing on those which are most applicable.

Roger and Denny both expressed the opinion that it is important to be familiar with the literature of a given field before entering graduate school. They stated that this is the key to the beginning of graduate school. Students should become familiar with scholarship in their field through classroom texts. Greater use of supplementary reading lists would be beneficial. In political science, Roger also noted that political science majors should be more independent in study of current political theory.

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The academic calendar of Ursinus College alone does not explain the records of our winter sports teams. However, the usual layoff from the second week in January for over three weeks doesn’t allow the individual athlete or team in terms of physical conditioning or competitive edge. In discussing the present records of the wrestling team and basketball team with their respective coaches, both Coach Irwin and Coach Fry cited the difficulties of what is often called the “three season season.”

One should, therefore, recognize the situation Ursinus athletes face in terms of the schedule, and therefore understand the difficulties they encounter with the “3 season season” conference and nationwide, do not have this type of winter program. Where else does a basketball team have a three-week break in January?

Not only do most schools have a consistent schedule of opponents, but they also have a consistent schedule. Their programs are divided and thus don’t have to face an N.B.A. type of schedule: 7 games in 13 days, 4 games in 6 days and 9 games in 20 days. Let’s consider the facts, and let’s help the Ursinus winter athletic program. Let’s change the schedule.

Civil Service Testing Set

Harrisburg — College students who wish to apply for state civil service positions in the college career series may apply for the examination until March 26, the State Civil Service Commission in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has announced. Students seeking the positions should refer to the examination announcement for full details on eligibility and requirements.

Applications, examination announcements and further information may be obtained from the Civil Service Commission in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, or from college placement offices.

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MOVIE REVIEW

“One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest”

By DON WHITAKER

It certainly is odd to think about it, but I watched the movie “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest,” and our society has so rudely and unthinkingly neglected its viewings of mental health and human behavior. The director, Milos Forman, while contemplating the serious but equal treatment of mental illness, “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” was released and I, two men who appear outwardly sick but are really healthy. The film brought a breath of fresh air to our society.

The story line of “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” written by Ken Kesey, 1966 novel of the same name. It opens with the experiences of one P. McMurphy, deftly played by Jack Nicholson, a convict committed to a mental hospital to determine whether he is really “sick” or just acting crazy to escape prison work detail. While intrigued by the order in the institute, McMurphy attempts to undermine the power of the institutional him. He tries to change their work patterns, obtain more TV hours, and keep the place in chaos, fishing and finally resort to smuggling in tobacco and bonds.

However, this is not the essence of the film. Director Milos Forman seeks to establish the interrelationships of the patients —to one another and to the nurses. The head nurse, Nurse Ratched, played by Louise Fletcher, is one of the most important elements of our society which had served a strict point message.

Happenings...

By ALAN K. STELTER

There are lots of concerts coming up in the next few weeks, enough for every kind of musical taste. The first of these is listed on the calendar below. It’s a chance to experience a real entertainment morsel for the Bicenarian.

Meanwhile, back to what’s coming up. At the Bijou-Café, hosted by the Brothers, we have Brothers and Friends, February 12. And the last of the weekend performances will be at the Hammerstein on February 14. The concert will be hosted by the Hal Leonard and will feature the comedian and actor who has been a hit on Broadway for many years.

On Reflection

BY NANCY WEAVERWX

Have you ever thought of spending a semester in Europe? Nancy Kupar did.

Nancy, a junior majoring in French, spent the fall semester at Aix-en-Provence, France. She was thrilled with the French culture, much and wishes she could go back again.

Nancy participated in a study tour of France and the Low Countries in the spring and visited several cities in the United States, including New York City, but was also able to attend a special concert in Paris of the French composer, Debussy.

Nancy’s months in France made a deep impression on her. She had difficulty understanding the language in some cases but made up for it with the support of her friends and family. She also did well in her summer program, but this was her first real experience of living abroad. Nancy understands a lot more now about the French people and their ideas and customs. After all, she still wants to live in French speaking countries, and she was left part of herself in France.

Shakespeare Trip Offered In June

By ALAN K. STELTER

As someone once said, “the play’s the thing” and from June 3 - 6, 1975, the Shakespeare company will have the chance to enjoy three great plays by none other than the William Shakespeare. The trip will be an opportunity to see some great performances at some of the lesser known theaters, without the stress of a full-scale production.

Dr. Joyce Henry, a member of the Shakespeare company, will be the tour guide and will describe each of the plays, the actors, and the stage settings in detail. She will also give insight to the actors’ technique and how they convey the emotions of the characters.

The trip will take place in June, with a hot spot and a visit to one of the local delicatessens for tea and cake. The trip concludes in June, with a delicious lunch at a local restaurant.

For information or for further details, Dr. Henry can be reached in her office in Myrin Library, Room 105, or by phone at her home, Collegetown. A twenty-five dollar deposit must be submitted by May 15 for reservations. The balance of the trip is due at the door.

FORUM REVIEW

Duo Pianists

By JINA JONES and DEBBIE FINESTONE

The first college forum of the semester was held at Horseshoe Basin on the evening of February 13. The event was billed as a Duo-pianists showcase. Le Due and Engeli, both skilled in the art, performed a selection of works by Beethoven and Chopin.

Inked in their repertoire are Debussy, Ravel, Scott Joplin, Bachman, and others. Engeli offered some of her own compositions. The last piece of the program was a sombre piece for two pianos by Prokofiev. While quite well done, the performance, with its many dissonant sounds, appealed only to a small group of the audience.

Among the bonus for the duo was the opportunity to participate in this event. Le Due and Engeli were asked to perform at the forum.

Bears Basketball

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The Bears opened the season with a victory against the Flashes of N.Y. City. With the win, the Bears are now 2-0 on the season. They look to continue their winning ways against the Bulldogs from New York University on February 25.

The Lady Bears also have been successful, with a win over the Lady Flashes of N.Y. City. They are now 2-0 on the season as well.

Kirkwood and Leffler were named the Coaches of the Week for their contributions to the team.

RICH WURTZ

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I think we were hurt by the loss of our head coach, Archie Shaw. This year, the team is only 1-6. The team is really rebuilding and will compete for the conference title in the next few years.

Horse Racing

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The horse racing season has been off to a slow start. With no real standout performances, the horses have been competitive.

Ed Andrews and John Leffler have posted the most success this season. They are both close to breaking the 100-win mark. Andrews is one victory away from the 100-win mark, while Leffler is just one victory behind.

Andrescu and Slav can expect to see more racing in the near future. With the new calendar, the horses will have a chance to perform on the track.

In the off-season, the Bears will be working on refining their game. With the addition of new players, the Bears hope to improve their performance next season.

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Good - Badminton!

By MARY BETH EKRER

The 1976 badminton team is looking forward to a very successful season. The girls are coming in from the varsity team, the same team that won the last state championship. With players like senior Elaine Harden playing the number two singles position, the girls have won over 20 matches and are only 2-1 for the season. The team is coached by Adele Johnstone, who is in her second year as coach. The team is expected to do very well in the upcoming Atlantic Atlantic Conference Championships.

N.B.A. Stars

By ANDY SCHWARTZ

Last Tuesday night, twenty-four of the nation's top players participated in the N.B.A. All-Star Game in Philadelphia. The game was a great success, and the players were elated. The East coast took the win with a talent pool that included stars like Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Wilt Chamberlain, and Julius Erving. The game was filled with great moments, including Chamberlain's 100-point performance. The West coast may have lost, but they were not discouraged. The All-Star Game is always a highlight of the basketball season.

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Ours Bears Do Wrestle!

By GEORGE GEIST

Have you ever wrestled a Bear? Most people probably haven't and wouldn't want to, but some people have (with an Ursinus Bear) and some still wouldn't want to.

Meet our mat growing wrestling Bear! Warren Fry, one of the seniors, is a head wrestler who has been wrestling for over a year. He is a member of the Ursinus wrestling team and is the only wrestling team on the Ursinus campus. The team is coached by Adele Johnstone, who is in her second year as coach. The team is expected to do very well in the upcoming Atlantic Atlantic Conference Championships. Senior Rich Swarts and junior David Perz and Pat Hart have been key players in the Ursinus wrestling team. They are well known for their wrestling skills and their dedication to the sport. The team is led by senior Elaine Harden playing the number two singles position, and they have won over 20 matches and are only 2-1 for the season.

Bernie!

By JOE SARACO

If you're a fan of the Eagles, you know what this is all about. The Eagles are the team of the year. They won the Super Bowl last year and they're back this year. The team must be living by these days. After the game, coach Charlie Weiss will throw out a gold medal for a player who he feels is the MVP of the game. The team has been on fire and they're looking to repeat their success from last year. The defense has been solid, and the offense has been explosive. The Eagles are looking for a repeat performance this year.