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Also okay’s fencing Club...

SAC Approves Spring Term 1981 Allocations

by Kay E. Buckwalter ’81

The Student Activities Committee met for the first time this semester on Wednesday, February 11, to discuss the spring semester allocations, the Fencing Club constitution and projectionists’ fees. Ruth R. Harris, Dean of Stacey Smith and Linda Shoup of the committee, opened the meeting by announcing that last semester the SAC unanimously approved the constitution of the Society of Physics Students.

Next on the agenda was the spring semester allocations. The SAC allotted $10,400 to 15 different campus organizations. The allotment is down from last year’s $10,800. In the spring of 1981, few problems were faced by the ad hoc committee of allocations. Each organization, with the exception of an over-zealous freshmen class, received the amount requested. The class of 1984, in an unprecedented move, was allotted 2.0 percent or $208.

New business continued with the discussion of the Fencing Club constitution. The club was represented by two members, Geoffrey Huber and Bruce Shoup, and also by its advisor, Thomas Arnold of the Economics and Business Administration Department. They entertained questions concerning the safety of fencing, the club’s status (would they like to become a sport in the near future) and its membership. The SAC voted to accept the constitution and now it must go to the faculty for approval.

The last piece of business on the agenda pertained to the payment of the projectionists who run the SAC films on weekends. Bruce Kuo, Chairman of the Union Program Board’s Motion Picture Committee, proposed that the SAC pay $3 per reel rather than $3.35 per reel, since the reel is 40-45 minutes long, not an hour. Also, the Union projectionists are paid $3 per reel. Instead of having two different rates for the same job, the Union would like the SAC to lower its wages. Cathy Wilt, Myrin’s Audio-Visual Librarian, stated that next year the procedure for the payment of projectionists will be a payroll from her department, and at the end of each semester the Union and the SAC will be settled. In light of this, the SAC approved the proposal.

USGA Announces New Officers

by Georgeanne Fusco ’84

The Ursinus Student Government Association has once again renewed its Executive Committee after intense campaigning, with the voting having ended on Monday, February 16.

The winners are Derek Pickell for the office of USGA President, Stacey Smith for the office of Women’s Vice-President, Dave Borgstrom for the Men’s Vice-President, Frank Correll for USGA Treasurer, Lesley Williams for Corresponding Secretary, Donna Gilbert and Donna Swenson for the Class Representatives of 1982, Greg Braccia and Barbara Foley for the Class Representatives of 1983, Sandi Ajar and Steve Scoffone for the Class Representatives of 1984 and Peggy Owens for the office of Day Student Representative.

Pickell, has expressed many ideas of his own and is very committed to the USGA. He would like to see student representation in everything that occurs at Ursinus College, so that the students will have a voice in everything. An ad hoc committee positively regards this proposal, which will be presented in its completed form at the upcoming Student Publications meeting on Friday, February 20, at 4 p.m. If acceptable to the Committee, the proposal will go before the Academic Council for approval, hopefully with the potential to materialize in the fall of 1981.

Grizzly Planning Satire Issue

We’re planning ahead of time for this year’s annual satire issue. Remember last year’s The Grossly? We hope to top that one, but your contributions are needed in order to do so.

The satire is slated for March 27. All students, faculty and administrators are encouraged to test their creative skills. Stories will be needed for everything from news to sports to entertainment.

Contributions for this special issue should be completed by March 18, and given to Tom Reilly or Jim Wilson. Please use a typewriter for all stories, and use at least 350 words.

Become a journalist for The Grizzly, even if only for this one issue. You’ll enjoy writing satire, and those who read this special issue will enjoy it too!
Off The Editor's Desk

You've got to hand it to Ronald Reagan. He's only been in the office for a month, and already he’s learned to behave just like an experienced President — what a fast learner! He's been very resourceful in combining his movie-star talents with his political techniques, consequently acquiring the ability to do an awful lot of talking without saying a single thing.

As I mentioned in last week's editorial, the President's State of the Union Address, originally scheduled for February 19 but given Wednesday night, was supposed to provide the American public with a good idea of the state of economy and how Reagan plans to revive it. More specifically, many students and parents were glued to their TV sets on Wednesday night as they apprehensively awaited Reagan's proposals regarding education.

I hope none of these people were holding their breath. There's been talk of drastic cuts in government spending for education, including Basic Grants, Guaranteed Insured Loans and National Direct Loans. So when it came time for Ronnie to put the cards on the table Wednesday night for the hundreds of thousands of people who would be affected by this proposal, he decided he'd look a lot better by not committing himself.

In a very good political speech, Reagan was very general, and came out smelling like a rose for the very poor and the very rich. But for those of us in the middle of these two extremes, our only reaction to this speech was... "is that all?"

We still find ourselves in a very confused frame of mind worrying about how we'll make ends meet in the future. (Thank God, I'm a senior!)

Reagan still looks like a hero in the eyes of the rich and the poor, but for the rest of us, he blew it. The present is no time to be vague. If the cost of higher education is going to skyrocket, we may as well have the time to compensate for government cutbacks. Interestingly, the New York Times ran a detailed feature yesterday entitled... "The $10,000-A-Year Education Has Arrived." Check it out...

Speaking of rising costs, I got a few figures from the Treasurer's Office yesterday. Since we came back from semester break, over 1200 new water glasses have been stolen from Wimmer. Think about it, and then wonder why the price tag is jumping by $700 next year.

Professional Credentials Committee Explored

by Duncan C. Atkins '84

Its official name is the Professional School Credentials Committee. It is better known as the Pre-Med Committee. To those pre-medical, pre-dentistry, and pre-veterinary students that need a favorable evaluation to gain entrance into a professional school, the Pre-Med Committee is the Supreme Court.

Like that body of men in Washington, the Committee has nine members who meet regularly and deliberately, in order to provide a fair evaluation for students who are seeking admission to a health-related school. Students used to be able to request three recommendations from professors as proof of their ability to perform adequately in med school. As competition for the limited openings increased, med-school admissions committees became flooded with what were cynically viewed as meaningless recommendations.

The med schools requested that undergraduate institutions set up a Committee to provide a single evaluation of a student's qualifications number. According to Dr. Clouser, some med schools still allow students to apply without going through a Committee. However, most institutions prefer a Committee evaluation.

The Committee follows this basic procedure: In his junior year, the pre-health student is asked to schedule an interview with the Committee's interview team. Before the interview, the student is asked to write an autobiography. The student will then have the interview.

According to Clouser, the interview has two purposes. One is to draw out the students any qualities that were not mentioned in the autobiography. The second is to prepare the student for the interview. Interviews are conducted in panels. According to students who have gone through the interview, the questions range from the reasonable to the ridiculous. What many students find ridiculous is a question such as, "How have you demonstrated social responsibility?" "What are some of your weak points?"

Prior to the interview, the student's case is then ready to go to the Committee. Before a student is considered by the Committee, however, the fact that the student is interested in entering medical school is known to the faculty, and individual teachers are invited to submit their personal evaluations of the candidates. Dean Akin, an important decision, members rarely submit recommendations unless such a recommendation is personally requested from a teacher by a candidate.

The Committee is organized under two general categories: Character and Personality, and Academic Capabilities. The Committee has a list of characteristics it is looking for, which, according to Clouser, are those med schools are looking for. There are 12 personality characteristics on which the student is evaluated. Included are such things as, dependability, manner, personal appearance, and realistic self-appraisal.

One question frequently asked is, "If the purpose of the Committee is to present a fair evaluation because it supposedly "knows the student better," how can it justify the fact that a student, when asked, is asked to pass judgment on such abstract characteristics as maturity, initiative and breadth of interests?" This is usually done in an hour to an hour and a half. The only tools the Committee has before it are the interview reports, autobiographies, academic credentials, input of how they have reacted in a teacher's class and any other recommendations. It is this really enough information to base such an important decision on?

Clouser explained that every member of the Committee has the right to abstain from any vote they don't feel qualified to make. Dean Harris said that she tries to schedule a personal interview with candidates with whom she has not had prior contact.

The Committee uses a grading scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest in their evaluation of the candidates. The Committee goes through their list of 12 personal characteristics, one by one, voting on what number a student should be given. Like the Supreme Court, a simple majority of 5 votes will suffice in the event of abstentions go in favor of the student. After completing the entire form, a mathematical average of the numbers is taken. Any ties in the event of abstinence are broken by a random selection from the list.

The same procedure is followed in regard to Academic Capabilities. The areas being judged here are qualities such as Retention of Information, Ability to Grasp Abstract Ideas and Effectiveness of Writing. The candidate is also evaluated on Laboratory Ability in the areas of efficiency, neatness and manual dexterity. Once, again, the numbered results are averaged for an Academic Capabilities number.

The overall evaluation uses the same 1 to 5 numbering system. A one (1) means the student is recommended with enthusiasm; a two (2), recommended with confidence; a three (3), recommended; a four (4) recommended with reservation, and a five (5), not recommended.

Along with the completed evaluation, the Committee writes a prose summary of the candidate, which mentions only the positive points of the candidate, unless the person received a 4 (recommended with reservations) in which case the prose summary will include the Committee's reservation.

This evaluation is then forwarded to the med school admissions board and considered in the application process along with the student's academic record and Medical College Admissions Tests (MCATs).

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Departmental Focus

Biology Department

by Kevin Burke '83

In the professional world, Ursinus has an undisputed record of academic excellence. A large part of this achievement is due to the prodigious efforts of its well-staffed Biology Department.

Dr. Peter Small, temporarily Chair of the Biology Department, while Dr. Allen is on sabbatical, explained that he is particularly proud of the 100% placement rate of Biology majors upon graduation. This is due to the combined efforts of the Placement Office and of course, the students. Biology majors either attend graduate school, become teachers or take a research job position with a noted pharmaceutical company.

Last year's class had a 78% acceptance rate of pre-professional designated students into the medical school of their choice. This figure included Biology majors and Chemistry majors. Small explained that most of the students prefer area schools such as Temple (medical and dental), Jefferson, Hahnemann, PCOM, Villanova, Hershey (Penn State Medical School), Rutgers and Georgetown.

Many students within the department often shift their emphasis of study, deciding a strict pre-med program is not what they want. This is why the number of courses that are not pre-med has increased over the last three years. “We have broadened the base of biological background,” stated Small, “to include such fields as botany.”

Next year, another new course, cytology (study of cells) will be introduced as a companion course to genetics. The department is toying with the idea of introducing an ecology minor, but Small emphasizes that such a move is only in the thinking stages, even though he is 100% behind the idea.

Currently there are 38 senior biology majors, 39 juniors, 66 sophomores and 81 freshmen. Ask these seniors not to admit the registration rate of a matriculating class over its four year span here, Small cited that the declining numbers reflect a personal decision on the part of students rather than the toughness of the major which results in a “weeding out” effect. Small further stated that the “G.P.A. for biology courses is right at the average of the college’s entire G.P.A. make-up.”

The non-major science level biology, is compatible with other liberal arts courses, and its popularity can be witnessed by the large number of students who choose “baby bio” as their science elective. The ever-affable Small makes the course enjoyable not only through such incidentals as nicknaming hard-to-remember organisms, but also through means of his positive attitude towards the promotion of general knowledge. Small claims that he, along with Dr. Kruse, “thoroughly enjoys teaching baby bio, but the class is unwieldy. The ideal laboratory situation would be about twenty students; we have 40 to 50 lab instructors and staff and smaller labs.”

He claims that the reason for this general interest in biology is twofold. First, people just are interested in life and the mechanisms thereof, and secondly, most students may not have had History, Physics or Astronomy in high school but probably did love Biology, and therefore feel more comfortable with Biology and view it as the ‘lesser of the four evils.”

To help alleviate the problems connected with laboratory procedures and the large number of students, the Biology Department employs the incredible number of forty lab assistants. “We could not operate without them,” Small emphatically praised. “They are invaluable, and they benefit too. They really learn the material when they are forced to teach it, and also it looks good on their resume for grad school.”

Two such students who have benefited immensely from Ursinus’ biology courses are Drs. Gerald Edelmann, and George Bause, Bause, who graduated in 1977, invented an artificial knee joint and is currently attending Johns Hopkins Medical School. Small describes him as an “Absolute genius.” Edelmann is an aquatic biologist who won the Nobel Prize in 1972 for his studies on the structure of antibodies. He is a 1956 graduate of Ursinus, and perhaps the most famous.

When asked about the Administration’s funding support of the Biology Department, Small offered that he was extremely satisfied in this regard. “However, a few well selected pieces of equipment would enhance our program immensely.” One such instrument is an electron microscope valued at $50,000, and is also rather costly to maintain. Currently, however, the department’s major objective is to replace all existing microscopes with new ones. The reason is because they are used constantly (sometimes more than four times a day) and are quickly becoming antiquated. Such a move will benefit Bio as well as majors alike.

Beta Beta Beta is a national honor society that was just instituted at Ursinus last year and is open exclusively for Biology majors who have completed their sophomore year with certain G.P.A. standards. The Biology Club, however, is open to everyone, and has nominal dues fee of about $2. The club’s activities include guest speakers, hiking, the Appalachian trails, canoeing in the Pine Barrens and occasional field trips via Small’s infamous 1966 Ford Station Wagon which his students affectionately term “The Dirt Mobile.”

Dr. Small is a graduate of the University of Miami of Ohio and received his Ph.D. in the area of Forest Ecology. Other staff members include Drs. Mary Fields, Jane Shinhouse, Conrad Kruse, David Phillips, and Margaret Whitteraker, who is filling in for Dr. Albert Allen, Jr.

USGA Notes

To quote former USGA President Ross Schwallm, “It takes responsible leaders and students willing to spend their time to make the campus community a better place for all of those concerned.”

The previous USGA officers and representatives have demonstrated these qualities throughout their office terms. Each one of them should be commended on their efforts and accomplishments. They have given the Ursinus Student Government Association its renewed status as a prominent organization in the scientific development and operation of Ursinus College.

If we, the newly elected officers and representatives, have as much desire and drive as last year’s officers had, we will be able to keep USGA strong and perform to a maximal degree. I am confident that each of us will be able to work well as a unified group. This unified strive to make Ursinus a more represented, well coordinated university will undoubtedly make Ursinus “a better place for all of those concerned.”

USGA has and will continue to concern itself with more unrepresented committees. We will also attempt to compile a full, in-depth study of advantages and disadvantages of alternative housing and what types could benefit the Ursinus community (i.e. off-campus living). Also on the agenda is a dance for the children participating in the Special Olympics in March.

Finally, the Faculty Meal Plan is a program which has been in effect for a year but not well advertised. Students can ask a professor to lunch or dinner and it will be paid for by USGA. If you are interested in taking a professor to lunch or dinner, please contact Brian Barlow.

These programs are just a cross-section of the many plans that have been studied and ultimately accomplished. Before ending these USGA Notes, I want to leave you with an issue that affects each of us here at Ursinus. This concerns the new economic policy proposed by President Reagan concerning educational loans and grants. (At the time this article was written, President Reagan had not yet informed the public of his proposals). If he makes cuts in educational loans and the cost of education continues to rise, how can the average, middle-class student afford a much-needed and deserved education? Think about this problem and look for further details on a possible demonstration in opposition to this new educational bill. 

Dr. Peter F. Small

Astronomy Club

Planning Open House

by Matthew K. Kurlan '83

Due to the overwhelming response to the Astronomy Open House last semester, Dr. Douglas Nagy has announced further plans for interested astronomers. Despite the fact that the open house was the middle of testing times and at all hours of the night, over 60 people attended. Therefore, a second such meeting at the Marsdall Observatory has been planned for March 26 from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sign-up sheets are posted in the outer office of the Physics Department in Pahlevi.

According to Nagy, the clock-drive on the large telescope has been fixed, so it will be possible to follow the planets across the sky much more effectively. In view that night will be the planets Saturn and Jupiter, the double cluster of Perseus and a special guest appearance by the Orion Nebula.

Nagy plans to have one open house each month throughout this year and hopes to organize an Astronomy Night at the next monthly meetings. Those students and faculty interested are encouraged to contact Dr. Nagy afterwards at his office in the Physics Department.
Music News Defends JDB
by Jay K. Repko ’81

I am pleased to see that Joe Lazer is pleased to see my return to the pages of The Grizzly. Thanks for the many kudos, Joe, but no thanks for the shots at my buddies in Johnny’s Dance Band. Overzealous with my superlative band of the year award that with a vote of “no comparison” between Hall & Oates and JDB is, quite frankly, irresponsible.

No comparison? C’mon Joe, where’s the basis for such a statement? Are we judging popularity, record sales, or what? If we are, you’re right — no comparison. But since when are either of the above mentioned criteria for evaluating the relative merits or talents of a band. Kiss is popular. Enough said here.

Let’s face it — Hall & Oates’ music has never been highly regarded by the critics and indeed their contributions thus far have been minimal to say the least. And really, what are Daryl Hall and John Oates but a couple of spoiled rich white kids with an unconscious desire to be black? Not exactly a reflection of what Philadelphia’s all about, huh Joe?

Which brings us to Johnny’s Dance Band. Musical geniuses? No, not really, but has this group of Brotherly Love spawned anyone in that mold as yet? (where rock ‘n roll is concerned). I think not, which brings us to a few other things. Dedication, courage, the underdog, belief in yourself, paying place to keep a secret. It’s hard to believe. Although the presentations are unrehearsed, the Ramones or no champs, I stand by talent as a deciding factor.

I found The Dead Boys’ music interesting — when I could understand what they were saying — but they really couldn’t play to save their necks. Ditto The Ramones, who have since progressed into fairly competent musicians and songwriters. The majority of the clientele at CBGB’s were low-class, ruthless and very, very wasted. Most of them had no idea what they were listening to. Except one: “slightly overweight hair biker who talked with his hands and who offered us a peak at what ‘OCS’ will look like in about ten years.”

In all, a very entertaining film.

Familiar Riffs Dept. Well, I suppose by now everyone’s ears have been conditioned to at least one — “The Best of Times” from the utterly abysmal new Styx LP, Paradise Theatre. If this tune doesn’t sound exactly like at least five or six other songs, then it’s a knock-off. In any case, the song has been a rip-off for those who are deprived.

“Rocky” ending for JDB. But chumps or no chumps, I stand by my contention. Stick it Hall & Oates, Johnny’s Dance Band is still Philadelphia’s all-time greatest rock ‘n’ rollers.

I hope a few of you caught Channel 12’s final segment of Reel Philadelphia last Thursday. If so, you saw a very interesting and at the same time shocking portrayal of the punk rock culture. The 20-minute spot featured live interviews and commentaries from CBGB’s in New York, the number one punk hangout. The language was, shall we say, harsh, and the music was loud — very loud, and not very good. The commentaries used to something in that they were rebelling against big time commercial rock which had become stale and boring (Queen, Styx, et al.), but a great deal of them went about it all wrong. Interviews with the Ramones and The Dead Boys, among others, produced comments like: “listen to us, we can’t bleeping play anything” and “I don’t know what a lot of our songs are about; they’re just words.” To borrow a line, this was a 1978 film and punk has made great strides since then (as have The Ramones), but in the beginning most of the punks really didn’t have a clue what they were doing. They merely copied a select few who did know in an attempt to cash in on a trend that would perhaps make them rich and, you know, eventually stale and boring.

I tell myself that I don’t mind sitting alone in my room at this night, but it is all a lie. I do mind, I swallow a shot of gin and take a final, drawn out look at the cheap cigar, hoping that by inflicting damage on my body, I can somehow pacify all the girls who didn’t ask me out.

Suddenly this silent, masochistic atmosphere is disturbed by a faint tapping on my door. Straightening my hair as I dash madly for the door, I wonder exactly what this fact on this night. I am an officially designated social outcast; it is a hard thing to put out of my mind, especially when I hear the voices of nearly every other male on the Ursinus campus as they stream by my window, loudly bragging about their expected conquests.

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Student who I am trying not to have gotten asked to Lorelei. He replies that he had been asked by three different girls. I incredulously inquire why he had not attending the affair. He replies: "You can’t be chasing girls and maintain a high Grade Point Average.” I suggest that perhaps there are times when a man should consider some other thing, other than the purely quantitative. Dwayne looks at me in disbelief. “It is imperative that I have a high GPA so that I can get into graduate school and become a sanitation engineer.” Then, with almost a touch of romance in his voice, he tells of the first time he had seen the sanitation engineers at work in his hometown of Blindsville, South Jersey. “They came up my street, whistling and calling to each other, picking up all of Blindsville’s garbage. As they passed by my house, they left a small pipe-vase, their esthetic-decor, their paychecks, I knew what I wanted to be.” After he finished this strange all began to radiate with excitement; he said, I then drink three shots of Old Crow.

I was now absolutely ripped. I begin to tell Dwayne of my goal: to make Virginia S. Snoopy fall in love with me. I tell him about how Virginia had to be chased by two of her friends when I asked her out because she was laughing so hard. I tell him how much she loves me, and how broken I am that she’s going to the dance with some rich, handsome athlete. Dwayne D. Dweeb looks at me, his expression so devoid of all normal state of obvious contemplation. "Virginia S. Snoopy,” he says. "Is she about 5’4” with blondish hair and nice, warm brown eyes?” I tell him yes, it’s true. I then proceed to see that I had finally broken through his emotionless exterior. “I don’t know about her,” he continues. "She was in my Bio class. When I asked her to the dance madly, I leap through my window, loudly bragging about their expected conquests.

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Seniority Survey For Class of ’81
ATTENTION CLASS OF ’81
To make our last semester on campus a memorable one, we request your participation in the following survey. Which would you prefer?

1. Big bash
2. Semi-big bash and several small bashes
3. Lots of little bash

For further details, talk to Kay Buckwell or Carol Stephens (President and Secretary of Class of ’81). Please return this survey by Friday, February 27, in Carol Stephens’ mailbox in Paisley. The decision will be based on the results of the survey so please be serious. Thank you.
A Street by Any Other Name

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An afternoon behind bars...

Graterford Visit Provides New Insights

by Diane Niemy

Edmund Wolfe, Administrator of the Graterford Prison Facilities, which house over 2,000 inmates on approximately 1,700 acres of land in Graterford, Pennsylvania, directed the Pre-Law Society's tour through the institution on Wednesday, January 25. Upon entering the main building, the following security measures were conducted by the guards. Ursinus students were registered in the visitor book, pockets were emptied and coats were removed so that the visitors could pass through a metal detector frame. Following this, all arms were stamped and Wolfe then met the group at the main inside gate. After giving a brief introduction about the facilities, Wolfe led the group up a flight of steps, introducing them to three inmates, and left the room, leaving the visitors alone with the inmates for questions.

All three prisoners were serving multiple sentences — only one was in for the first time. Two of the men had killed with guns. One had committed a series of armed burglaries. One admitted to being anti-social mechanics on a fast life. Life is too short for me, he answered; "I like the fast life. Life is too short for me, man. I'd do it again." Wolfe reports that this man is the most compassionate nurse in their hospital. The other prisoner sat mutely behind his sunglasses. He was diagnosed a diabetic one day after his crime was committed. He went through his trial vacillating between diabetic coma and insulin shock. The third prisoner dug his nails into the palm of his hand. He was the one who admitted that he had committed a crime. He struggles for his freedom by writing about the law. He also works with a program called "Task Force" in the hope that when someone, anyone gets their probation — they'll have an opportunity to "make it." They'll have a job and dignity.

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Textile Downs Hoosters

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Textile Downs were sophomores Margaret Tomlinson and Marion Crowell with 10 each. On Thursday, February 12, Ursinus downs Delaware Valley by almost 40 points, 84-46. The Bears had four players in double figures. Leading the way was sophomore Margaret Tomlinson with 13 points, scoring 13 points. She also led the team with 10 rebounds. Juniors Lynda Nelson, Sally McGrath and Gwen McKeon finished with 12, 11 and 10 points, respectively. Tomlinson also pulled down 14 rebounds.

On Wednesday, February 11, the Bears met with the Rams of West Chester with the result being the first defeat of the Ursinus women in 10 games. The final score was 68-51. Ursinus did not play well as shown by the unusual fact that the Bears had 12 rebounds. Tomlinson was the one who asked if she would ever commit another crime, he answered: "I like the fast life. Life is too short for me, man. I'd do it again." Wolfe reports that this man is the most compassionate nurse in their hospital. The other prisoner sat mutely behind his sunglasses. He was diagnosed a diabetic one day after his crime was committed. He went through his trial vacillating between diabetic coma and insulin shock. The third prisoner dug his nails into the palm of his hand. He was the one who admitted that he had committed a crime. He struggles for his freedom by writing about the law. He also works with a program called "Task Force" in the hope that when someone, anyone gets their probation — they'll have an opportunity to "make it." They'll have a job and dignity.

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proposed to keep the higher rates for this semester. Next year, when the changes in the payment procedure take place, the committee would discuss this matter again.

The meeting was closed with a reminder from Richard Kre Miller, Professor of Mathematics, that all organizations please leave classrooms as they find them, and not to play pranks. This is annoying to students as well as faculty.
**Athletic Department Announces Play-off Plans**

Both the Men’s and Women’s Basketball Teams will be rewarded for their outstanding seasons by hosting the MAC playoffs. First round action will take place in a Helfferich Hall doubleheader Thursday, February 26, with the women playing at 7:00 and the men at 9:00. As champions of the MAC Southwest, these teams will take on the second place team from the MAC Southwest, but these teams have not yet been determined. These doubleheaders mark the end of the regular season under the auspices of the MAC, and not the Ursinus Athletic Department, changes will be made in the admittance procedure for these games.

Tickets will be sold at $2.00 for students with ID, and $3.00 for adults. There will be no complimentary passes. Tickets will be sold in advance in the Athletic Office. As a security precaution, Helfferich will close at 5:30 p.m. Thursday evening, and will reopen at 6:15 p.m.

The charges for this game are to help the MAC meet operating and travel expenses. As the games are for “free” admission, the MAC would move the games to another site.

There is a possibility that the MAC will undertake some of the costs for hosting the playoffs, thus lowering the charge for students. A final decision on this was not available at press time.

Should either or both Ursinus teams win Thursday night, similar procedures will be in effect for the championship round to be held at Ursinus on Saturday, February 28.

**Sports Profile:**

**Greg Gifford**

Injuries are only a part of fierce competition. However, dislocation or a broken bone at a crucial time can put an athlete on the sidelines for the rest of the season or even eliminate the chances of a full career altogether. It takes dedication, a driving determination, and the power to concentrate to overcome the handicaps that separate the winners from the also rans. Nobody knows this better than UC grappler Greg Gifford.

Gifford, a senior Political Science major, has been injured during all four seasons while wrestling for the Bears, and can still boast of an overall record of 84-5 and an undefeated dual meet record of 60 wins. This outstanding performance has earned Gifford the title “the best wrestler in Ursinus College’s history.”

He took the title away from Dick Dean, 48-1 overall at 147 pounds, who has held the record since 1963. “The record more or less hasn’t sunk in yet with me,” commented Gifford.

“I’m going to wait until the end of the season before I start to celebrate, I’ve got some tough matches ahead.***”

Gifford started his college wrestling career during his freshman year when he damaged the cartilage in his knee. He was limited to only seven matches, but still managed an 8-0 record in dual meet competition. More knee trouble plagued Gifford in his sophomore year and, in addition, he broke a bone in his foot, broke his nose and had his clavicle jammed against his sternum. Despite the injuries, he won the Eddie Winner Award for dedication in the sport of wrestling and showed an 18-0 dual meet record.

As a junior, Gifford was awarded Outstanding Wrestler of Ursinus, Outstanding Wrestler of the Mid-Atlantic Conference and gave a 16-0 performance in dual meets. He won the Most Pins in the Least Amount of Time Award at the MACs, took first place in the MACs and was captain of the team, all with arm and elbow trouble and a dislocated shoulder.

His senior year has been no exception so far. The second day of practice, he dislocated two of his fingers. “They’ve bothered me all year and about two weeks ago tore some cartilage in my knee. I’ve been lucky so far with that because it’s stayed in place,” Gifford remarked.

Despite his injuries and training, Gifford has found time for other activities as well. In addition to being two-year captain of the wrestling team he has overcame shin splint problems and made the varsity soccer team all four years. He played with the Rhodies intramural softball team and the Dirtmen floor hockey team as well. He has been active in Pi Gamma Mu, International Youth in Achievement and the Cub and Key Society. He has been an RA for the past three years and is President of Alpha Phi Omega. Listed in Who’s Who in Colleges, Gifford will graduate sixth in the class. Planning on a career in law, Gifford has already been accepted at Dickinson School of Law and is awaiting the decision from a number of other institutions.

In addition to these athletic achievements, Gifford was a two-time winner of the Baptist Bible Tournament, placed third in the MAC’s in 1979, placed third in the Louisiana Valley tournament in 1980 and first in 1979. “Giff” as he is called by his friends, has competed in the Division III National Competition twice and is expected to compete again this year. These will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on February 26-27. After the MAC championship on February 20-21, the top two men in each weight class from the MAC’s plus five wild card wrestlers will then go on to the Nationalinals. When asked about his chances, Giff said “I’m going to be a marked man. When you’re the champion they are all gunning for you. It gets tougher and tougher each year because almost every team comes up with a superstar out of nowhere. I’m nobody at the Nationals. I’ve been there before and I know it’s a real dogfight all the way. But that’s the way I like it.”

Giff, a wrestling star at Pennridge High School before coming to Ursinus, contemplated going to a Division One School, but came here instead and has not regretted his decision. “My first priority was to get a good education with an eye on law school. The academics here have been outstanding. They also let me play soccer, something the Division One Schools wouldn’t have let me do. And, when I was in high school I wasn’t sure if I could wrestle at a Division One level.”

After accomplishing an overall record of 84-5 and a dual meet record of 60-0 Giff has shown that, even with all of the injuries, he could have given an impressive showing at the Division One level. With his level of modesty about equal to his athletic ability, Giff was quick to point out that “I’ve had the best coach and the best in the MACs and having the greatest group of teammates really helped me get through the season.”

Head Coach Bill Racich and Asst. Coach Rottie Ripp should be proud.

**USGA Officers**

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Borgstrom, would like to keep the campus rolling. Some of their ideas include the administrative hours continuing through the year, setting the standard of pledging agreed upon by both the Administration and Greek societies, improving the campus appearance, and improving student and faculty relations.

Frank Correll, USGA Treasurer, stated that having student representatives on committees is a major importance to him.

Lesley Williams, USGA Corresponding Secretary, would like to see more enthusiasm for the school from the students and more student awareness of the USGA.

With the combined efforts of Greg Braccia and Barb Foley, a productive future is inevitable. Their views reinforce the views of the USGA President.

Steve Scifone and Sandi Ajhar would like to see more things going on during the weekends for people who don’t go to parties and for people who don’t belong to a Greek society.
Basketball Team Clinches MAC Southern Division

The Ursinus College Basketball Team clinched their second consecutive Middle Atlantic Conference Southeastern Division Championship this week with a pair of victories over conference foes. On Saturday the Bears took on the Shoremen from Washington and came away with a 100-69 victory. This win clinched a tie for the title, leaving Swarthmore as the only obstacle to an airtight defense for easy lay-ups. When they found a minute mark a

Last Thursday, the Bears ventured down to Western Maryland for a non-conference game with the Green Wave. After falling behind by 12 early, the Bears came back for a 42-40 halftime lead. The Wave then regained the lead taking a 7-67 lead at the Bears. Down still five in the final two minutes the Bears began fouling to send the Wave to the line. The strategy worked as the Bears cut the lead to 79-78. A shaky intentional foul call then sent a W. Maryland player to the line with a chance to ice it. He missed both shots however, and the Bears were still in business. T.B. was fouled with 9 seconds left. He went to the line with a chance to tie it. He missed, with the rebound coming back to the Bears. Two follow ups didn't go either. Finally with two seconds

Looking Ahead:

Men's B-Ball: Thur-H
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Wrestling: Fri.; Sat.-A
Gymnastics: Sat-A

New coach shapes up team
Grapplers: 10-5-1

by David Garner '81

With three wins in their last four matches, the Ursinus Wrestling Team completed a successful dual meet schedule with a 10-5-1 record. The Bears took two out of three on Saturday, February 14 at Swarthmore, beating Widener and Johns Hopkins, but losing to the hosts. In the season finale, Ursinus defeated a tough Albright squad on Monday, February 16 at Heffterich Hall.

The grapplers escaped with two close victories in Saturday's match, defeating Widener 24-22 and Johns Hopkins 27-24. Greg Gifford got things rolling with a 20-0 triumph at 118 lbs. against his opponent from Widener. At 125 lbs. Mark Fluharty wore down his man before pinning him thirty-one seconds into the final period. Dave Viola lost a big lead and settled for an 8-8 tie at 134 lbs. Wrestling down a weight class in place of an injured T. B., was fouled with 9 seconds left. He went to the line with a chance to tie it. He missed, with the rebound coming back to the Bears. Two follow ups didn't go either. Finally with two seconds

Joyce Friess performs on the uneven bars during a Wednesday night exhibition. Friess has been one of the mainstays of this year's gymnastics team, which fell to the Naval Academy at its last meet. The gymnasts are in action tonight on the road against Pitt-Johnstown and Canisius.

Textile Downs Lady Hoopers by Jean Morrison '83

The Ursinus Women's Basketball team went up against a tough team from Textile this past Saturday, February 14. The Bears had trouble with Textile's overall press and were defeated by the Rams by a score of 75-66.

The Bears open the playoffs next Thursday at home with Dickinson the likely opponent. A win would put them in the conference finals at home vs. the winner of F&M-Widener.

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