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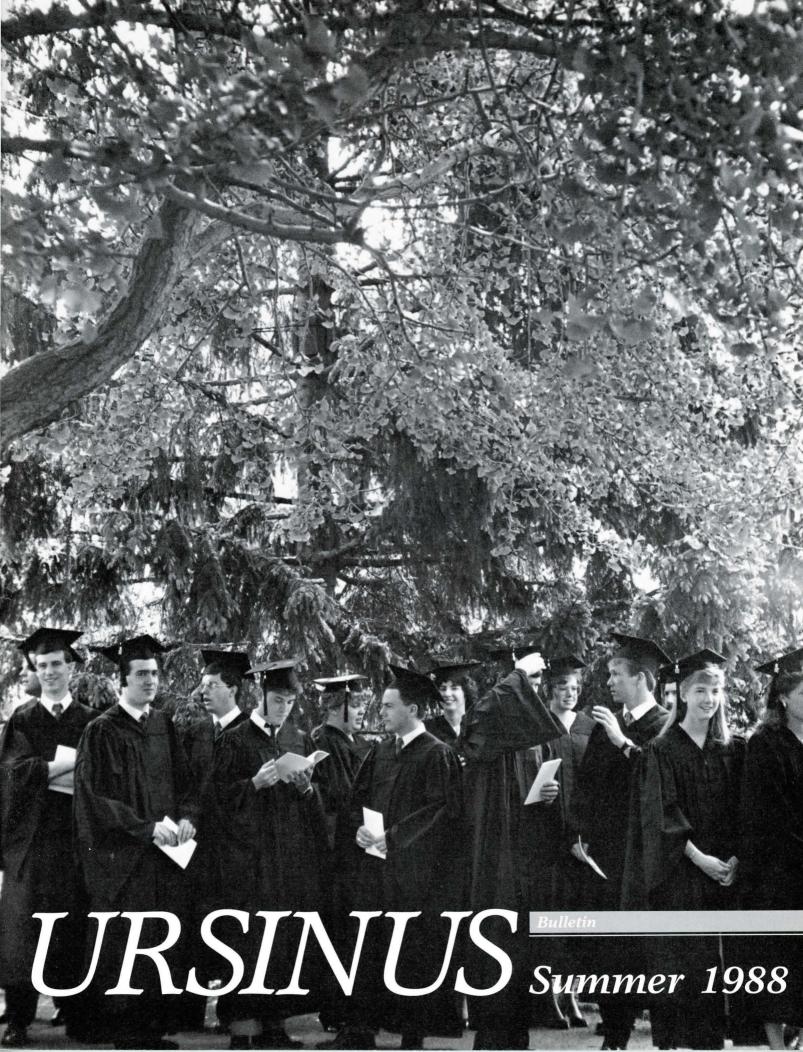
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On the Cover: Commencement day dawned light and airy and proceeded without a hitch as the innovative Class of '88 joined the ranks of alumni. Page 12. Cover photo by Art Wilkinson.

# Thinking of the Natural Sciences

rsinus over the past several years has been preoccupied with improvements in the arts and humanities.

Witness the new Russell E. Heefner organ in Bomberger Hall and the new William F. Heefner Chair of Music. Witness the hiring of an additional instructor in music to concentrate on instrumental performance. Witness the addition of a new art studio to Fetterolf House and the planned conversion of the old library/college union building into the Philip I. Berman Art

Center. Witness sculpture on campus. Witness plans for a new academic building at the heart of campus to house humanities departments. Witness an intensified emphasis in English on creative writing. Witness the deliberate recruiting of students with an interest in the arts, journalism, and the like.

This preoccupation prompted a retired Ursinus professor, after he read the last annual report, to ask me: "Why have you forgotten to emphasize your strongest suit—the natural sciences?"

The truth is, we think about our strongest suit, the natural sciences, all the time. The strength of the natural sciences at Ursinus has been the driving force behind our preoccupation with the arts and humanities. We have been trying to balance

the strength of the natural sciences with commensurate new strength, real and perceived, in the arts and humanities. (A similar push is on for the social sciences too; that is another story.)

Thanks to the vision of College leaders in the 20's and 30's, the science departments gained ascendancy at Ursinus as the vehicle for preparing students for medical school. What an impact Pfahler Hall must have made on the psyche of Ursinus when it opened during the Depression! It remains after more than 50 years a magnificent symbol of the importance of the natural sciences. The pre-med reputation that it came to represent has made Ursinus different and distinctive.

The other divisions of the liberal arts curriculum in principle did not have a lower priority in the past. But the reality of the preeminence of the sciences surely had its impact on the perceptions and priorities of the College.

During the last few years, then, we have been seeking to make up for this inherited imbalance. We have resolved to make our program in the arts and humanities as strong as that in the natural sciences. To say that is not to forget the natural sciences, but to take them as our historic measure of excellence at the College. Meanwhile, study in undergraduate natural sciences is alive with change. Ursinus has been stepping nimbly to keep abreast.

Additional scientific equipment was a major target in the Campaign for Ursinus. We raised funds from alumni in the health science fields for The Brownback-Wagner Chair of Health Sciences. We have hired talented new faculty members in biology and chemistry.

Extensive curricular revisions of recent vintage in both biology and chemistry have brought a fresh approach and new vitality. Faculty members are talking about a more active partnership between majors and professors in research projects. Science majors are encouraged to look at the broad spectrum of career

paths in science, not merely at the traditional route to the health sciences.

Members of a task force on academic program are designing a new and, we hope, better way to teach the non-science major the meaning, significance, and elegance of science. They are seeking to address the problem of "science anxiety" that leaves too many college graduates semi-literate at best in the language and meaning of science.

Nationally, the number of students majoring in natural sciences is dropping. Between 1975 and 1985, the number of baccalaureate degrees in science and mathematics awarded in the nation declined 23 percent. The trend has not significantly hit Ursinus to date, but we are not immune. The lively agenda in Pfahler Hall and the Life Science Building, supported by a vigorous fund-raising program, is intended to conserve our traditional strength

and keep it current and relevant to the time.

Today's students will live most of their lives in a new millenium. The quality of 21st century life will depend heavily on science and technology. It will depend just as much on the attitudes toward both the informed and sensitive members of the society manifest.

What you see, then, in our initiatives in the arts and humanities, combined with those in the natural sciences, is an Ursinus looking to the needs of the citizens of the new millenium. We believe that the insights of liberal education, across the breadth of the curriculum, will provide the best tools for the 21st century. That is why we are not only seeking to play our ''strongest suit,'' but also trying to balance the sciences with vigorous programs in the arts, humanities and social sciences.

Richard P. Richter, '53

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# "None of it Seemed Real"

by Glenn McCurdy Director of Communications

here was no pain, only a feeling of separation; a dream-like sensation of being crushed to the ocean floor beneath tons of water and then drifting back to the surface again through a time tunnel suddenly filled with long-lost visions of childhood. Through all this confusion a small clear voice linked to survival suggested that unless he held his breath he would drown, a statement that brought with it no trace of panic...only the logical description of a desperate situation. Near the top there was a burst of sunlight and the taste of salt and then there was nothing...

"I never met the person who rescued me," said Jyh-Hann (John) Chang. "Later they told me his nickname was 'Captain Kidd' and he surfed a lot. Apparently he swam out to clear a log from the waves and the log turned

out to be me floating face-down."

John Chang is a 21 year old sophomore at Ursinus College majoring in biology who is planning a career in medicine. He entered the College in 1985 as a highly recruited scholar-athlete from Northern Lehigh High School. Captain of the Northern Lehigh wrestling team as a senior, he led them to a state championship with a fourth place finish in the 109 pound division. As a 123-pound power lifter, he won the state title with 845 pounds in three lifts. He also pole vaulted for the track team, clearing 12 feet, and finished second in his graduating class with a 3.9 average.

"I remember myself as a very aggressive person; a person who always got what he wanted," said John. "I wanted to be popular and I discovered I could get that kind of recognition through athletics. When some of my classmates heard I was second in my class they couldn't believe it since they only knew me through sports. Today my life is much different. I am much more patient and observant. There is a quality to my life that was missing."

When John Chang talks of the past there is the impression that this young man knows much more about time and about life than he should. In many ways the freak surfing accident during the summer of 1986 in the waves off Ocean City, Maryland, ended one life and began another.

"I thought it was a dream," said John. "I have always had a great respect for science, so even as I lay there on the beach I just wanted to be in a hospital where they would fix me up in a couple of months. None of it seemed real."

That dream was all too real. The impact of hitting the ocean floor had broken his neck. The damage was permanent; he was paralyzed from the neck down. First there was surgery at the University of Maryland Trauma Center followed by a stay at Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia that was com-



Scott Smiley, '88, left, talks with John Chang about the practicalities of his daily life, part of his term paper research for Adaptive Physical Education class. John subsequently visited the Medieval Fest organized by Scott's class and spoke to youngsters attending the day's events. (See Page 17.)

plicated by pneumonia. Then came months of physical therapy at the McGee Rehabilitation Center at 16th and Race Streets.

"Time became so long," said John. "Days and nights passed and I could only tell by what nurse was on duty. At Jefferson I remember counting the numbers of holes in the ceiling tiles. The physical part of recovering from an accident like this one isn't the hard part: the hard part is emotional. At one point I began to break down mentally and they realized I needed a more upbeat atmosphere. That's when they transferred me to McGee."

At McGee he found the kind of positive personal contact he needed. Here was the understanding and warmth that would prepare him for a return to the world outside. Here there was no need to explain the unexplainable; paralysis was a common bond.

"I'm lucky because my parents are really incredible people," said John. "They never allowed me just to be an athlete; they pushed me to excell academically. When I lost my physical abilities, the ability to be so active, I had to mature way beyond my age. In a way they prepared me to handle the hardest part...the mental part."

John Change grew up in Walnutport, Pa., where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Li-Shing Chang, own and operate a Chinese restaurant. For as far back as he can remember he has been an active part of a family that worked like a team.

"Because I can't help paint the house or mow the lawn, sometimes I feel like I'm letting them down," said John. "When I see that my Mom or my sister (Shwu-Yn) have to take this burden, that's when it hurts me the most.'

Leaving McGee Rehabilitation Center was difficult. Here he established deep friendships that were rooted in trust and acceptance. As the day came for his exit from this unique atmosphere, he remembers questioning his ability to cope with a world outside that was suddenly full of hazards.

"They had re-entry programs at McGee where they brought in 'graduates' of the center who were succeeding in the outside world," said John. "And we all wondered if we could make it once we left that little bubble. I think they knew I would cope because of the way I am."

Because of the way he is, John Chang has done much more than just cope; in his

usual manner he has excelled. Three months after leaving McGee he returned to Ursinus and continued to pursue a career in medicine.

"I had to develop my organizational skills and study at the same time," said John. "Planning ahead for each little thing was tough. Now I feel I'm a good example for my classmates because of knowing me they can react in a relaxed manner to other handicapped people they meet."

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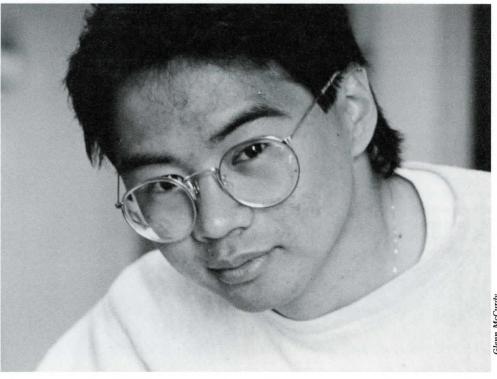
With a support network of 13 fellow students, John earned a 93 average during the most recent semester. Involved with the Student Activities Committee, which produces campus-wide dance parties and off-campus trips, he was recently elected vice president of the Ursinus Student Government Association. He is also a member of the Zeta Chi fraternity, the Brownback-Anders Pre-Medical Society and the Beardwood Chemical Society.

"The warm personality of this College doesn't really hit home until you need the kind of support I need," said John. "Perhaps nobody realizes how great it is for me to be here in an environment where I feel comfortable and understood. Scott Landis (the campus minister) at Studio Cottage guides and supports me in so many ways. I am grateful for that help. He's the top rung on my ladder. Keith Strunk, my public speaking instructor, works with me and teaches me to really express myself. I can have a bad day and its all right. There are so many people here who make the transition an easy one. I'm lucky to have so many good friends."

The future? For John Chang, the future is still medicine, with some modifications.

'My original dream was pediatrics and I still want to work with children, but now I feel I will benefit them more as a psychiatrist. Because of my physical limitations I know I could not work as a pediatrician but now I realize I can contribute mentally: here is where I think I can do the most good," said John.

Somewhere along the Maryland shore a surfer in a wetsuit, a surfer nicknamed 'Captain Kidd,' is staring out into the Atlantic in search of the ultimate wave: unaware that some months ago he made a major contribution to the world of Ursinus College and to the future of child psychiatry by being in the right place at the right time.



# Farewell to the Old Card Catalog

The dodo, the rug beater, the Edsel, the pet rock—and now this: the old wooden library catalog is no more. Welcome to the electronic Myrin Library at Ursinus College.

This summer, the College library is going "on-line" with its new computerized catalog, and the old wooden card files will go the way of the passenger pigeon.

The library staff is shedding no tears over their extinction. And you, the user, need not feel threatened by their replacement. "You don't have to know anything about computers to use this system," says Margaret B. Staiger, '43, Myrin reference librarian.

Far from scaring away library patrons, the new system is expected to attract them in greater numbers.

"They will be able to find things that they might never have found, fumbling around in the cards," said Library Director Charles Jamison. "Cards get misfiled; cards get taken; whole drawers get moved." Jamison, who was in on the ground floor of planning for the new system eight years ago, feels only a little twinge when he thinks of the old card catalog going out the door.

"A lot of people spent a tremendous amount of energy to keep those card catalogs maintained," he said.

But will they be missed?

"No," said Deborah L. Malone, '69, technical services librarian, who for the last three years has been in charge of the team converting the old 3 x 5 cards to what modern librarians call machine-readable form.

"Heavens no!" said Mrs. Staiger. "The old catalog was such a cumbersome thing to use. Now we'll have no more filing to do. I'll be able to call up a subject, and the computer will list every book we have on that subject. We'll be able to print out bibliographies, instead of sitting there and writing them out by hand."

The system allows library users to search for materials by title, subject, author, or just by browsing.

Here's an example of how it works:

A student researching a paper on child development goes to one of 25 on-line catalog workstations, and, following a few simple directions on the screens, types "child development" on the keyboard. A list of all books the library has on the subject appears. The students selects a title, and the library's complete record on the book materializes, including call number, and whether it is available at the moment.

If it is out, the due date is listed, and the student may reserve it by typing another command. If it is in, the student may find it and take it out.

You don't have to know anything about computers to use this system. You don't need to type fast either—hunt and peck is fine.

Things are high-tech at the circulation desk too. The librarian checks out the book by running a laser pen across its bar-code label, and then across the bar code label on the student's ID card. The laser pen beeps twice, and the transaction is recorded in the system. But the librarian still has to hand-

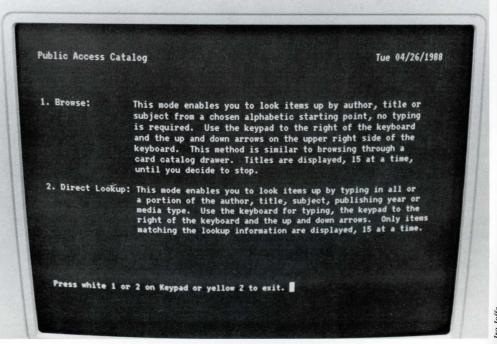
stamp the due date in the back of the book.

Ten seconds later, another students calls up the same title on the on-line catalog, sees instantly that it is out, and does not waste time searching for it.

If a library patron has more than the allowable number of books overdue, the computer system performs another handy trick: it "defaults" so that no more books may be checked out on that card until the others are returned.

Non-typists need not worry. "You do not have to be a fast typist to make it work," Mrs. Staiger said. "Hunt and peck is fine. In fact, we have found it works better if you type slowly."

The new integrated library system is run by a group of computer programs collectively known as ATLAS (A Total Library Automated System) written by Data Research Associates, Inc., (D.R.A.) of St. Louis, Mo. The programs handle records for other library functions besides the catalog, including circulation, reserve room, audio-visual materials, booking and scheduling. The ATLAS system is operating on the College's existing VAX 11/750 computer with a storage capacity of over 1 billion characters—enough to hold 1.2 million bibliographic records. "We will only have hundreds of thousands of records," Jamison said.



Conversion to the computer system has been made easier, since Ursinus was one of the earliest participants in the Online Computer Library Center (O.C.L.C.) in Ohio, which provides worldwide access to 6,100 research collections with over 14 million volumes. Since joining O.C.L.C. in the 1970's, the library has kept records of all new acquisitions in machine-readable form. The most time-consuming chore of the transition has been the so-called "retrospective conversion" of records on materials purchased prior to the library's joining O.C.L.C.

The computerization of library functions is part of the overall renovation and upgrading which the library has undergone in the past two years. The physical improvements were financed by a \$750,000 grant from The Mabel Pew Myrin Trust. The computerization of the library's record keeping functions has been paid for by Campaign for Ursinus funds. About \$71,000 was spent for the ATLAS software, and another \$15,000 for miscellaneous hardware accessories.

Among its peer institutions, Ursinus is neither early nor late in joining the ranks of the automated. "The first libraries to convert were the large research libraries," said Mrs. Malone. "Now there are more and more small liberal arts colleges that are doing it, because the systems are more powerful, and they're in a price range we can afford."

But some high schools have had automated libraries for years.

"We've had high school kids come in on admissions tours, asking why we still have a card catalog," Jamison said. "A lot of high school libraries have beaten the college and university libraries to automation, because their data bases aren't as large, and it doesn't cost as much to convert."

Future enhancements to the system will make it possible for patrons to do Boolean (cross-reference) searches, and key word searches, both of which will cut hours from traditional research methods.

The College's electronic future also holds at least one library computer terminal in every building on campus. These terminals will be either "hard wired" to ATLAS, or connected by telephone and modem. Individual students will have access to the catalog from their rooms or even from their



homes off campus (if they have personal computers with modems) said Jamison.

This fall, the entire incoming freshman class will be trained on the new system. Arrangements will be made for others on campus to attend workshops. The training will be brief; one or two sessions at the most.

Tests of ATLAS among student assistants

at Ursinus has proved successful. "They love it," Jamison said. "It's fun to use."

And the Myrin Library will be a more active place because of it. "We've seen documented proof that it will increase collection use, because people will be able to find things more easily," the library director said.

-S.W.

# The Evolution of Biology

In 1970, the first gene cloners appeared on the horizon, and the field of biology was never the same again. Scientists' ability to see and manipulate DNA, to splice and replicate genes, had a profound impact on research and technology.

It also forced colleges to learn a new fact of life: that micro-courses give birth to macro-budgets. Small colleges like Ursinus were able to avoid facing this dilemma for awhile, however, because their biology programs emphasized premedical studies.

For many years, the Ursinus biology program has been of high quality and modest budget, involving reading, lectures and laboratory exercises—not a lot of fancy equipment.

But today's premedical students also need to learn about the new technology.

"The days of training people to go to medical school by having them memorize facts are long gone," said Dr. Peter F. Small, chairman of the Ursinus biology department. "Today, new doctors walk right into situations where they use electronic machinery from the word go, and they have to know how to operate it."

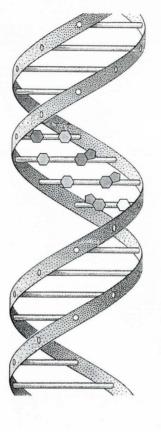
And because Ursinus biology graduates enter fields other than medicine, the department now seeks to ready its students for a whole new spectrum of opportunities in microbiology, endocrinology, immunology, neurobiology, virology, and cell biology.

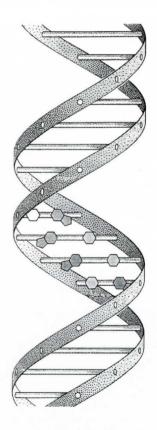
Today nearly every biological frontier is being explored on a microscopic level. DNA research is done on nanograms of matter, or billionths of a gram.

"The premedical program has been outstanding, but you can't hang your hat on premedicine alone," said Dr. Jeffrey A. Hughes, a molecular biologist who joined the faculty this year. "You have to augment your program with preparation for research, graduate school and a variety of careers to support a successful program."

Dr. Hughes' appointment was part of the department's five-year modernization plan, which also includes curriculum revision (eight new courses will be added this fall), the appointment of a cell biologist next year, and the acquisition of new equipment.

The explosion of knowledge about DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) has forced colleges to change the way they teach biology. DNA carries all of the genetic information about an organism in long, twisted strands that take the shape of a double helix.





All of these changes reflect the department's decision to move away from "static, descriptive, observational biology" toward "quantative, experimental, manipulative biology," according to associate professor James Sidie, a neurobiologist. The changes have been made necessary by the fact that today nearly every biological frontier is being explored on a microscopic level.

"The fundamental work in cancer research is being done in molecular biology laboratories," said Dr. Hughes, whose specialty is microbial physiology. "Viral research is also all being done on this level." The same is true in immunology and cell biology. Molecular biologists "usually work with volumes of 20 microliters, which is the equivalent of 20 billionths of a quart," he said. DNA research is done on nanograms of matter, or billionths of a gram.

The cutting, moving and splicing of tiny amounts of living material calls for sophisticated equipment which Ursinus is only just beginning to acquire.

The bare bones necessities for Dr. Hughes' future molecular biology laboratory are an

ultracentrifuge and a liquid scintillation counter. The yet-to-be-hired cell biolgist will eventually need a scanning electron microscope and a column chromatograph, among other items.

Dr. Sidie's field calls for highly-specialized electronic measuring devices. "The basic

kind of data one collects from nervous systems are very small electrical signals," he explained. "We need to be able to capture and measure them." In order to do so, he needs oscillascopes, micromanipulators and microcomputers.

Over the next few years, the biology



 $\label{eq:continuous} \mbox{Dr. Peter F. Small, center, chairman of the biology department, teaches botany students in the College greenhouse.}$ 

department will need \$1.5 million in new equipment and laboratory space, according to Dr. Small. The department is aggressively pursuing grants to help buy some equipment, and making contacts with local biotechnology firms and research institutes with a view toward attracting gifts of used equipment.

In addition, the Campaign for Ursinus College has successfully solicited \$509,000 since 1985 in gifts and grants for new equipment for all science departments.

Ursinus is far from being alone as it faces the biology budget squeeze.

"This is the way it is everywhere," said Dr. Sidie. "Even at the big research universities, this is a never-ending struggle. You just have to keep up."

The biology department continues to maintain a quality program while the College seeks the much-needed equipment. "We've been making progress," said Dr. Sidie. This is my fifth year at Ursinus. We're a lot further along than we were five years ago, but we can't stop."

The student research program begun in 1983 by Dr. Sidie had more participants this year than ever before. "We had 12 students this year who did research on a number of different topics," he said. "One student worked on behavior in baby ducks; one on an important problem in toxicology. Another measured carbon dioxide in flying honeybees." Nearly all of the students will present their findings before the Pennsylvania Academy of Science next year.

"It's a lot of fun being at a college that's changing," said Dr. Hughes, who did his undergraduate work at Whitman College, a liberal arts college in Oregon similar to Ursinus. "I wanted to teach at a small college, because I'm more interested in teaching than in producing novel bits of research." He is willing, therefore, to work to bring about the changes that will eventually come.

"We're looking better," said Dr. Small. "The key word is 'balance." The department has been so weighted toward premedical preparation: Now we're trying to find a balance, and in so doing, to continue to strengthen premedical preparation.

"We're making great strides with the faculty," he added. "And we've always been blessed with large numbers of excellent students, so we've solved two-thirds of the problem."

-S.W.

# Reality Training for Future Teachers

eaching isn't just teaching anymore. Sometimes it's crisis counseling. Sometimes it's crowd control. But it's still one of the most stimulating, fulfilling professions around. And the pay is better than it used to be. So when Ken Woodward, '64; Joan Constable, '58, and Bonnie Keene Horner, '85, were asked to speak at Ursinus Education Day last March, they accepted gladly. The day-long program gave them a chance to share some of their front-line experiences in education with students who plan to become teachers. The three were among eight alumni educators who took part in the day's discussion and networking event.

For the 25 students who participated, it was a chance to ask questions they might not have asked otherwise: "Is it hard to get up there in front of a class?" "Why did you go into teaching?" "Is your student teaching experience indicative of whether you're going to be a good teacher?"

Woodward, principal of Oxford Area High School, told the Ursinus students that student behavior is the toughest problem new teachers face today. "Class control is their greatest challenge," he said. For this reason, he sees to it that his beginning teachers receive all the advice and support they can from his more experienced staff.

Mrs. Constable, an English teacher at Radnor Middle School, agreed. She attributes much of the problem to societal changes.

"In recent years, we've been dealing with drugs and suicide problems—and I'm talking about middle school students. We're dealing with problems that have to do with society and one-parent families. You really almost have to have a counseling degree to be a teacher today," she said.

Mrs. Horner, at 24, the youngest teacher to speak on Education Day, advised Ursinus students, that they would "get troubled kids that don't see their parents half as much as they see you. They turn to you. A lot of things come up that you never expected, and you are going to have to respond to them."

But she was always able to control her classes at Lenape High School in Medford, N.J., where she teaches biology, even as a neophyte three years ago. "You have to come down hard on them in the beginning of the year," she said. "You have to get them for every little thing. I have an eighth period class that was so rowdy at first that for three days in a row, I said, 'I refuse to teach you until you are quiet and start behaving yourselves.' Finally at the end of the



Ursinus education students Missy O'Donnell, left, and Chris Hansen, second from right, work with Sarah Love, center, and Lindsay Clinton, pupils at Perkiomen Valley South Elementary in Trappe. Although Ursinus education students work toward certification in secondary education only, many in the program do observation and volunteer work in elementary schools as well.

week, they caught on. I said, 'You're going to have a test tomorrow, and you have not cooperated at all.' Ever since then they've been good."

But in spite of the fact that teaching is "probably tougher than any other job you could get," Mrs. Horner told Ursinus students that she "loves it." And, she said, "The pay is there. In Medford next year, starting salary for new teachers will be \$22,000. Some industries don't start you at that level."

Dr. Dominick O'Brien, chairman of the Ursinus Education Department, believes aspiring teachers need such doses of reality, both positive and negative. Carla Rinde,

Ursinus director of career planning and placement, believes students entering any profession need it.

For this reason, Education Day was organized, and Mrs. Rinde hopes the College will sponsor similar sessions for other vocational interest groups in the future. As coordinator of the Grizzly Network, the 220 alumni who have volunteered to discuss their careers with interested Ursinus students, she has discovered students are shy about using the network.

"We have people in the Grizzly Network who are frustrated because no students have contacted them," she said. "The optimum person to use the network is a

sophomore, and a sophomore might not be as confident as you'd like. It's tough to make that telephone call, for instance, to a vice president, and ask about a career. That's why if we can have more opportunities where alumni come to campus, it would be better."

We're dealing with societal problems, drugs and suicide. You really almost have to have a counseling degree to be a teacher today.

Educators are among the least-called members of the Grizzly Network. Although they account for a significant proportion of the volunteers (and 10 percent of the alumni body), students almost never call them, because they meet educators while doing their student teaching, Mrs. Rinde explained. The first Education Day, organized last year, gave them a chance they could not ignore to absorb alumni expertise. The program was repeated this year because of last year's success.

Mike Todd, an Ursinus sophomore who plans to become an English teacher, came away from Education Day with helpful contacts and a positive feeling. "I was impressed by the fact that everyone who spoke was very happy with teaching," he said. "Some teachers would put down the profession, and say it's not worth entering. But the people that talked all said that it's tough, but that it's incredibly satisfying."

A graduate of Methacton High School in Lower Providence, Pa., Mike came to Ursinus with the goal of becoming a teacher, because he had had a good relationship with his own high school teachers. "I'd like to make kids aware that it's nice to be educated, and not have this idea that school is something horrible," he said.

Mrs. Constable had two pieces of advice for those at Education Day. "Every teacher must have, without fail, a sense of humor," she said. "If you don't have it, forget it." She urged them to spend as much time as possible observing teachers in the classroom. "You can take education courses until you're blue in the face," she said, "but until you see classes in progress, and observe various teaching styles, I really don't think you get yourself together as a teacher."

Her motivation for teaching? "I love kids," she said. "And I love them at the middle school age. I loved my own four at that age. I guess because I was very unhappy at that stage in my life, I am determined to prevent others that age from being unhappy." After so many years in the profession, she still considers her affection for her students to be one of the major benefits of her job.

Dr. O'Brien was pleased with Education Day, and wants to make it an annual event. But he wishes his students had more time to visit classrooms. "It was very, very useful to have those grads come in to speak to our students," Dr. O'Brien said. "But we should be doing more. We'd like to get to the point where students have had enough field experience as sophomores and juniors, that by the time they're doing their student teaching, they can hit the ground running," he said.

The Education Day guests also were enthusiastic about their return to campus. "I thought it was valuable for the students, and I got a lot out of it myself," said Ken Woodward. "One of the things that really came through was the commitment of the young people who are interested in education."

"I absolutely loved the entire day," said Mrs. Constable. "I thought it was very exciting to see that there are still kids who are so very interested in teaching. Please, please, if you do this again, invite me back! It was a marvelous experience."

### Volunteers Appreciated

Most of the 220 volunteers in Ursinus College's Grizzly Network never hear from Ursinus students, even though they are eager to discuss their careers with them. But Carla Rinde, Ursinus director of career planning and placement urges them to stay on the list anyway.

"I think that even if they're only called once in five years, it's worth it for that one student," she said. Mrs. Rinde is doing all she can to help students overcome their hesitancy about telephoning strangers in the "real world." She is also seeking volunteers in specific career areas.

To volunteer, contact Mrs. Rinde at the Office of Career Planning and Placement, Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa. 19426. Mrs. Rinde especially needs Grizzly network volunteers from fields with modest numbers of alumni practitioners, such as actuarial service, public relations, journalism, advertising, marketing and pharmaceutical sales. You may only be called twice a decade, but you'll have a warm feeling knowing you're there if someone needs you.

## A Picture-Perfect Commencement

If the Class of 1988 could have voted on what kind of weather to have for graduation, "sunny and pleasant with a light breeze" would have won in a landslide.

And maybe there was a secret weather tally, because the class voted on every other aspect of the day. And on May 15 it all came off smoothly, as scheduled, right down to the temperature and humidity.

"I want to brag about the Class of 1988," said Lynne Y. Edwards, class president, to her 338 classmates during the commencement convocation. "Our class has accomplished more in one year than the last 30 or 40 classes. We have raised more than any other class for a senior class gift: \$3,000 to renovate the Ritter Utility Gym into a club for our campus."

The class was the first ever to select its own speakers—Dr. Nicholas O. Berry, head of the Ursinus political science department, and William J. Connolly III, '88, who received his B.A. in English that day. The class plan included a march across campus before the ceremony, and an outdoor reception afterwards.

Debra Louise Ritter, an economics and business administration major, was class valedictorian. Psychology major Jeanne Marie Radwanski was salutatorian.

During his commencement address, Dr. Berry apologized to the class for remarks he made last year in a widely publicized Philadelphia Inquirer editorial, "The Coddling of College Students." "I confess I was wrong about you," he said. "You are, in fact, intellectuals."

Saying it is the task of intellectuals to criticize, analyze, and seek the truth, Dr. Berry admonished members of the class to challenge popular myths that harm or limit. "Intellectuals can be the pushers," he said. "The good pushers. You can be a good pusher, for you know your mind can be a powerful force."

During commencement exercises, College President Richard P. Richter awarded an honorary D. Litt. to author-historian David Eisenhower and an honorary D.D. to Canadian theologian Dr. Alan Philip Frederick Sell.

Dr. Sell gave the baccalaureate sermon, telling the class, "There is no guarantee that the recipient of a liberal education will have a liberal, generous, serving spirit. Many find it all to easy to join the rat race; not to mind whom they tread on as they climb the ladder of supposed success. But if, by God's grace, your mind has been remade, then you will go out and serve the least and the lowest for His sake..."

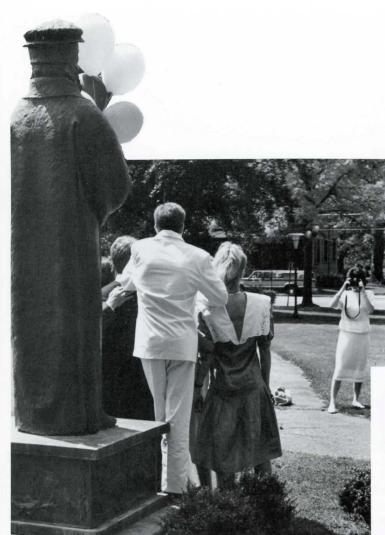


Eisenhower, the grandson of the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the son-in-law of former President Richard M. Nixon, has been at work since 1976 on a three-volume history of the Eisenhower years. The first edition of this trilogy, "Eisenhower: At War 1943-1945", was published in 1987.

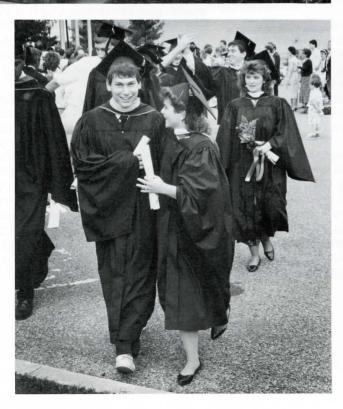
Dr. Sell, professor and holder of the Chair of Christian Thought at the University of

Calgary in Canada, was born and educated in England. A noted author, lecturer and scholar on the philosophy and thought of the Reformed tradition, he is past theological secretary of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches of Geneva and a fellow of the Royal Historical Society and the Royal Society of Arts.

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# The Day of the Bear

By Nancy Landis Wood, '43

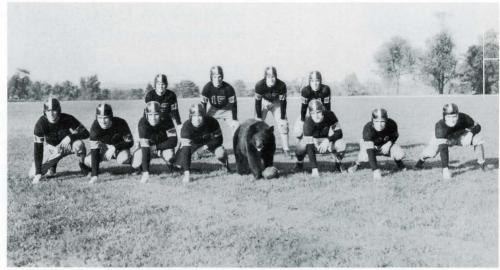
y brother, Robert "Bump" Landis, '40, was always one to bring home unusual pets. In fall 1939, the start of his senior year at Ursinus, he learned that the Norristown Zoo was seeking homes for some black bear cubs. Through Bump's efforts, Ursinus soon had its first and only live mascot.

Times were different then, and no one questioned the fact that a real bruin had come to live on campus. Bump named the bear "Zachie," kept him in the barn near the hockey field, and took him on daily outings. Zachie attended most of the football games, watching them from the branches of the sycamore in the end zone.

Bump, who was never called Robert by anyone but our mother, brought Zachie home to Wyncote more than once. One day she looked up from her work in the kitchen to see Bump walking in with Zachie in tow. They had just stopped off for lunch on their way to the Drexel-Ursinus game. Zachie eyed a two-quart rice pudding on the counter and inhaled it in seconds.



Robert "Bump" Landis working with "Zachie," Ursinus' first and only living mascot, in the late 30's.



Zachie didn't really play center; he watched most home games from the sycamore in the end zone. The College administration eventually decided to prohibit bruin harboring.

Mother did not scream. She was used to Bump's bringing home all sorts of pets. In fact, whenever Zachie visited after that, she bought 15 pounds of loose grapes from the local grocer for him.

At Christmas vacation, Bump could not leave Zachie behind on campus, and it looked as if housing for the bear would be a problem. Fortunately, neighbors with a carriage barn behind our property were willing to let the mascot spend his holiday in their barn loft. Zachie had many visitors that Christmas.

Bump had a major project on his hands when the time came to return Zachie to campus. It was hibernation season, and when Bump went up to the loft to wake him, Zachie just rolled over and groaned. My brother and his friends finally got the cub into a barrel, which they placed in the rumble seat of a Ford for the return to Ursinus.

Although he was never vicious, Zachie gnawed on everything, so Bump and some other students raised funds to build a bear cage. But by this time, the College authorities were beginning to have real qualms about the living, growing mascot. Bump was told to find another home for Zachie.

That is how the Ursinus cub came to be mascot of the Hershey Bears hockey team.

It was a sad time for my brother. Zachie was presented to the team before a game, and hugged his master goodbye on the ice.

We later learned that Zachie ended up in the Hershey Zoo. Bump was called into the military service. A year later, while home on leave, he traveled to Hershey to see his good friend. The zoo keeper asked doubtfully whether Bump really wanted to get into the cage with Zachie. Bump most certainly did. The keeper thought he was crazy, but let him in anyway. Zachie remembered his master, gave him another long hug, and the two had a happy, but brief, reunion.

That was the last we ever heard about our favorite bear. The Hershey Zoo was disbanded during the war, and we lost track of Zachie.

Bump kept many other odd pets throughout his life. A succession of racoons, ducks, geese, cats and dogs lived with us and with his own family. Once he had a crow, and another time, a goat. My brother loved all animals, and never felt any fear of them. Bump became a chemist after the war, but he probably should have been a veterinarian.

Robert Landis has been gone for nearly four years now, but I like to think that perhaps, animal lover that he was, he has been reunited with Zachie and all his other pets.



Marilyn Steinbright, left, receives the Philanthropist of the Year Award from Honor Fox, vice president of Philadelphia's Academy of Natural Sciences.

### Board Member Top Philanthropist

Marilyn Steinbright, secretary of the Ursinus College Board of Directors, and her mother, Edith Steinbright, were named Philanthropists of the Year by the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Society of Fundraising Executives (N.S.F.R.E.) last spring. They received the honor at the organization's annual Franklin Forum in April at the Raddison Hotel, King of Prussia.

The Steinbrights are co-founders of the Arcadia Foundation in Norristown, Pa., a family foundation, established in 1964, which funds local charitable projects in a variety of areas. Miss Steinbright is the foundation's president.

The Steinbrights' citation said, in part, "In the 24 years since you established the Arcadia Foundation, you have become two of Philadelphia's most outstanding philanthropists. The positive effects of your support, both through the foundation and through your private contributions, have been felt by many organizations in the

greater Philadelphia area...Your selfless and unassuming dedication...eminently qualifies both of you to receive the 1987 Philanthropists of the Year Award."

The Steinbrights are contributors to many organizations in the Philadelphia area and across the country, and have established scholarship programs at Ursinus College, Central Montgomery County Area Vocational Technical School, Cedar Crest College, and Eastern Mennonite College in Virginia. They are developers of and donors to the Steinbright Pennsylvania Collections of the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library.

Marilyn Steinbright also serves on the boards of The Franklin Institute and the International Wildlife Preservation Trust.

### Ursinus Receives \$50,000 Pa. Grant

Ursinus College has received a \$50,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which will be used in planning for the Philip I. Berman Art Center.

State Representative Ray Bunt, Jr., (R. 147) officially presented the check to Ursinus College President Richard P. Richter during informal ceremonies in April.

The Berman Art Center project involves the conversion of a former student union into a major cultural facility to house a collection of over 1,000 works of art contributed by Muriel and Philip I. Berman. The \$50,000 Commonwealth Grant, recently approved by the General Assembly, will be used during the initial stages for planning the building renovations needed to create an appropriate facility. When completed early in 1989, the new center will not only enrich the teaching resources of the College, but will enhance the cultural life of the entire region.

### Senior Gift

Members of the Class of 1988 have pledged \$3,000 over the next three years to support Reflections, the student night club on campus. Reflections opens periodically on weekend evenings in the Wismer Hall Alcove, providing a variety of alcoholfree beverages and entertainment for campus residents.

Sixty seniors pledged \$50 each toward the gift total, which will be used to improve the club's surroundings and programs. Chairpersons for the class were James Cope, Lynne Edwards, Brian Kennedy, John Schmid, Joann Schoenherr, Diane Smith and Cheryl Weinberg.



Warren V. "Pete" Musser, left, with Michael Sanchez of Sanchez Computer Corp., Malvern.

## Computer Expert Tells of Banking Crunch

In order to survive the regulatory and inflationary pressures of the past decade, banks are being forced to throw away obsolete computer systems as they turn to the latest technology, in some cases at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars.

This was the message of Michael Sanchez, chairman of Sanchez Computer Associates in Malvern, who was the featured speaker at the most recent meeting of the Ursinus Business Economics Council.

These same pressures, according to Sanchez, are also causing bankers to behave more like entrepreneurs than they have in the past. In his presentation to students and faculty members from the College's department of economics and business administration, he described his company's development of Profile, an integrated bank management software system, which he expects to produce gross sales of \$200 million over the next five years.

The system was praised for its "great creativity" by Warren V. Musser, chairman of Safeguard Scientifics Inc. of King of Prus-

sia, who was a special guest at Sanchez' presentation. Safeguard recently invested in S.C.A.

The Profile software, written in a fourthgeneration computer language called MUMPS (first developed for use in a hospital), is able to combine all banking functions in one system.

"Banks were one of the first industries to automate," Sanchez told the students, "but the first computer software for banks was inflexible, and had to be programmed by scientists." Such programs were generally based on the old ledger systems already in place, so that if one customer had multiple accounts, each had to be accessed separately.

In the late 70's and early 80's, double-digit inflation and government deregulation forced banks to compete aggressively for survival. "Banks' computers were at that time much more modern, much more powerful, but their applications programs were locked into the old technology," said Sanchez. Yet because they were losing money

### Science Fair Held

The 31st annual Montgomery County Science Research Competition was held at Ursinus from March 17 to 22 in Helfferich Hall

A unique opportunity to develop creative scientific projects, the competition show-cased projects of more than 400 county students in grades 6 to 12. The competition is sponsored by Montgomery County business and industry, the Montgomery County Science Teachers Association, the county Intermediate Unit, and Ursinus College. Since its inception, it has been held on the Ursinus campus.

### Card Exchange

Six young alumni in law and business gathered at Ursinus College last spring to exchange business cards with about 25 students interested in careers in business and the professions.

The event was organized by alumnus Greg Gifford, '81, an attorney, and Carla Rinde, director of career planning and placement at Ursinus. "It worked very well," said Mrs. Rinde, "because it gave students a chance to network. We will do it again next year."

on high interest rates, they could not afford new computer systems that would keep them afloat in this difficult climate. Numerous small banks failed as a result, and the ensuing mergers led to stronger banks run by entrepreneurial types, said Sanchez.

S.C.A. was started in 1981 by Michael Sanchez and his brother, Frank Sanchez, "on a bootstrap basis." At first they were "just five people with a great idea." Their decisions to write software compatible with Digital Equipment Corp.'s mini-computer line, and to use MUMPS, a high-powered, database language, rather than the traditional COBOL, served them well.

Today, with the backing of Safeguard Scientifics and Digital's endorsement as "its only choice in financial services," S.C.A. is growing, Sanchez said. The company's eight major clients include Financial Accounting Services of Pittsburgh and the Bank of Bermuda.

## College Hosts Special Medieval Fest

Ursinus College's Helfferich Hall reverberated to the sound of the medieval joust and the dragon's roar on May 3, when 40 physically handicapped students of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit participated in a Medieval Fest.

The fest featured medieval variations of traditional track and field events, developed by Ursinus students in the Adaptive Physical Education class taught by Dr. Laura Borsdorf, visiting assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation.

Darlene Anderson, adaptive physical education instructor for the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, worked with Dr. Borsdorf and her students. "We wanted to devise new ways to challenge the athletic skills of these students and to create a unique educational and motivational experience for them," Ms. Anderson said.

Ranging in age from six to 20, the festgoers represented schools in Upper Merion, Willow Grove, Plymouth Meeting, and Norristown. Some of the students participated from wheelchairs or walkers.

The athletes were assisted by members of the Ursinus adaptive physical education class and other Ursinus student volunteers.

## Publishing Contest Announced

Alumni of Ursinus College are among those invited to enter the fifth Pilgrim Press Manuscript Competition, which is open to all alumni, faculty and staff of the 47 educational institutions related to the United Church of Christ.

The winner of the competition will have his or her manuscript published by Pilgrim Press, the publishing imprint for trade books of the denomination's Board for Homeland Ministries. Manuscripts are sought which are of interest to the general reader on subjects that include ethical perspectives on current personal and social issues, biography and studies in the arts. There is particular interest in manuscripts dealing with issues of education in the church and society and those dealing with the relationship between faith and learning. Technical manuscripts for specialized audiences and drama or fiction manuscripts will not be considered.

The fourth Pilgrim Press competition was won by the Rev. Martha B. Kriebel, '56, who is pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Collegeville.



Members of Dr. Laura Borsdorf's Adaptive Physical Education class with one of the children participating in the May 3 Medieval Fest at Ursinus.

### Stauffer, Bright Elected to Board

Donald G. Stauffer, '51, vice president of the Philadelphia office of Drake Beam Morin, Inc., a career management consulting firm; and the Rev. Dr. James W. Bright, Jr., '54, pastor of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Manheim, Pa., were elected to the Ursinus College Board of Directors this spring.

Mr. Stauffer is a former president of the Ursinus Alumni Association and chairman of the College's Business Economics Council. He also is past president of the Bruins' Club at Ursinus.

Mr. Stauffer joined Bell of Pennsylvania in 1951, and held a number of positions throughout the state for the firm, before becoming division manager for benefit administration and general personnel practices at AT&T's corporate New York City headquarters in 1974. He stayed in that position until his retirement at the end of 1985, joining Drake Beam Morin in 1986.

He and his wife, Priscilla Richter Stauffer, '49, reside in Devon, Pa. They are the parents of three grown children: Barbara Stauffer Olsen, Ursinus Class of 1973, and sons, Donald and Lawrence.

Dr. Bright received his B.A. in history from Ursinus and went on to earn a B.D. from Lancaster Theological Seminary in 1957, an S.T.M. from Wesley Seminary in 1970, and a D.Min. from Lancaster in 1984. He has been pastor of St. Paul's since April 1975. He previously had served in the pulpits of Bethel United Church of Christ, Arlington, Va., from 1959 to 1975; and St. Paul United Church of Christ, Lancaster, Pa., from 1957 to 1959.

Dr. Bright has been a director of the United Church Board for World Ministries for nine years, serves on the board of managers of the Bethany Children's Home, Inc., in Womelsdorf, Pa., and is a former member of the board of the Manheim Chamber of Commerce. From 1982 to 1986 he was moderator of the Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ.

He and his wife, Sarah Rogers Bright, are parents of two grown children. Their son, Daniel, is an actor in Hollywood. Their daughter, Audrey, is married and lives in Royersford, Pa.

### Mideast Compromise Possible: Scholar

Eventual compromise is possible between Jews and Arabs in Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, in spite of recent violent developments, according to Gad G. Gilbar, Berman Visiting Professor at the Lehigh Valley Center for Jewish Studies, Lehigh University.

Gilbar, a native of Israel and member of the Middle Eastern history faculty at the University of Haifa, spoke to the Politics and International Relations Club in April on "Israel and the Palestinians: What Lies Ahead."

If and when an agreement is reached by the two factions, Gilbar said, "Everybody is going to win, because now it's not territory that counts; it's technology. Take the case of Japan. You can take a small piece of land and make of it a paradise."

Since the peace between Egypt and Israel in the late 70's, Gilbar said, some Palestinians have come to accept that "what they call total justice" (a Palestinian state encompassing all of Western Palestine) is "an impossible dream. The process of change is very slow," he said, "but there is a change."

Today Arab states have other major problems. At a recent Arab summit conference, the Arab-Israeli conflict was ''hardly discussed,'' to the great disappointment of Palestinian Arabs, who see it as a primary concern, but who are now watching their issue take back seat to the Iran-Iraq war, Islamic fundamentalism and problems in the Persian Gulf, Gilbar said.

"As in the case of Egypt, the change should start with the Palestinians. There must be compromise. There is no other way. Once the Palestinians have made their case, then it will be up to the Israelis, and most Israelis will accept some kind of compromise solution," said Gilbar.

### Much Ado, 20's Style

Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing was presented in a Roaring Twenties setting by proTheatre, Ursinus College's dramatic organization, April 20 to 23 in Ritter Center. The comedy was directed by Dr. Joyce E. Henry, Professor of English and head of the communication arts department. Members of the Ursinus Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Anthony Branker, instructor of music, provided musical accompaniment for a spirited "Charleston" scene.



Gad G. Gilbar speaks with student following his presentation.

### Scholarship Awarded

Vincent Leskusky, a sophomore English major, is the 17th Ursinus College student to be awarded a St. Andrews Scholarship by the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia. He will spend his junior year at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland on an \$8,000 grant from the society.

Each year the organization awards three scholarships to students in the Philadelphia area. A total of 77 scholarships has been awarded to students from 18 institutions since 1957.

In his scholarship application essay, Vincent said he wanted to see Scotland "to meet what a good writer must deal with—people." A native of Pottstown, and a part-time reporter for the Pottstown Mercury, he is a cross country runner, who literally runs home each Sunday. He is also an avid fly fisherman, who would like to become a newspaper columnist and author following his graduation.

### Wyeths Displayed

An exhibit of art, artifacts, and antique furniture at Fetterolf House in May featured 13 collotypes by Andrew Wyeth, from the College's permanent collection. Extremely fine reproductions, collotypes are printed

individually, one color at a time, on a glass plate. They were given to the College by Philip I. and Muriel M. Berman of Allentown.

Pennsylvania German art and artifacts from the permanent collection also were shown. William T. Parsons, professor of history at the college, is curator of the Pennsylvania German items.

A variety of paintings, furniture, and artifacts from the collection of H. Lloyd Jones, professor of English, completed the display.



Detail from Andrew Wyeth collotype on display in Fetterolf House in May.

Glenn McCurdy

## Former Penn Aide Named Head Football Coach

ormer Penn assistant Steve Gilbert, offensive coordinator at Washington University of St. Louis last year, has been named head football coach at Ursinus College.

Gilbert, 30, signed a two-year contract in late April making him the 25th head coach in Ursinus' 94-year football history. He succeeds Sterling Brown, who resigned in January after going 3-6 last fall and 22-31-2 over six seasons.

Gilbert, a former wide receiver at Free-hold Township, N.J., High and West Chester University, began his coaching career in 1980 at Upsala, where he tutored the quarterbacks and receivers.

He moved to Penn the following year, serving as assistant offensive line coach on Jerry Berndt's first two staffs. The Quakers climbed from a 1-9 record in '81 to a 7-3 mark and a share of the Ivy League title in '82.

After one year as defensive line coach at the University of San Diego, Gilbert took charge of the quarterbacks and receivers at Washington University in 1984. He moved up to offensive coordinator last fall.

"The things that stand out about Steve are class, honesty and sincerity," said Berndt, now head coach and athletic director at Rice. "The bottom line is, he's one of the top people I know.

"Steve's a very knowledgeable coach who will give Ursinus a very sophisticated, multiple offensive and defensive look. But more than that, he'll help the players get the most out of themselves. He's a good motivator and a very sincere, hard-working person."

Current Penn coach Ed Zubrow, who served with Gilbert on Berndt's staff, described him as "a thorough guy, a good teacher, a guy who takes the interest of the individual athlete to heart.

"Steve's good with people, good with kids," Zubrow said. "I'm excited he's coming back to the Philadelphia area. He'll be a real asset to Ursinus College and the whole community."

Dr. Robert R. Davidson, athletic director at Ursinus, declared: "We have been through a long and difficult search and I believe we have found in Steve Gilbert an outstanding educator-coach. He is energetic and knowledgeable, and he has an outstanding football background. He has a good nucleus to build upon, and I look forward to many exciting seasons."

Gilbert, a native of St. Paul, Minn., moved to Freehold, N.J. as a fifth-grader and graduated from Freehold Township High in 1975 after making all-Jersey Shore League and all-Monmouth County in football and basketball.

"The things that stand out about Steve are class, honesty and sincerity. He's one of the top people I know."

At West Chester, the 6-2 Gilbert languished as a backup wide receiver behind all-American Joe Senser, who went on to become an all-pro tight end with the Minnesota Vikings.

"The highlight of my college career was just being on the field at the same time as some of those guys," said Gilbert, who went on to earn a master's degree in physical education at Indiana University in 1980.

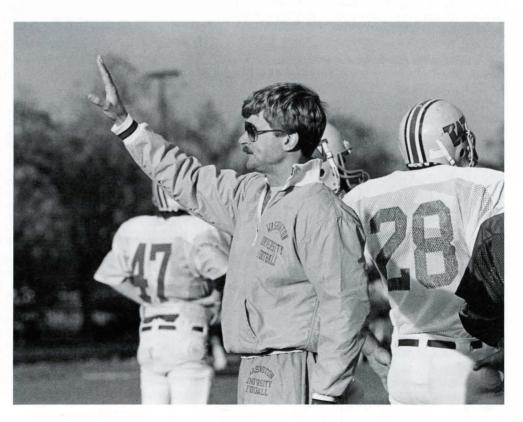
At Washington University, Gilbert ran a split back option attack much like the one used by Ursinus under Brown.

Last year Washington ran into a vicious schedule, lost starting quarterback Bud Stephani in the second week and finished 1-8. Gilbert's offense averaged 13.4 points and 310 yards a game (182 yards rushing, 128 passing).

Washington went up against three teams that would up 9-1 (Hofstra, Rochester and Rose-Hulman) and two more that finished 8-2 (Wabash and DePaul). Other losses came at the hands of Carnegie-Mellon (7-2-1) and Millsaps (7-3).

"At Ursinus we'll have a multiple offense with a lot of formations, a lot of options," Gilbert declared. "The ball will be up in the air a little bit. I used to be a wide receiver, and it's still in my blood.

"On defense we'll be aggressive. I don't believe in a very conservative style. All in all, we'll work hard, give 100 percent and have a lot of fun doing it."





Jill C. Johnson '88

# All-Around Award Is Re-established

Jill C. Johnson, '88, was the first recipient of the newly-established Olive Sargeant Hamm Award at Ursinus commencement exercises this year. The award was endowed this year by Mrs. Hamm, a member of the Class of 1929, who was recipient of the first Ursinus Women's Club "All-Around Award" 60 years ago.

A health, physical education and recreation major with minors in athletic training and coaching, Jill was captain of the varsity lacrosse and hockey teams in her senior year. She also was a member of the U.S. National Lacrosse Squad and the Health Physical Education and Recreation Club. A dean's list student, she received both the Linda McIntyre Award and the Bruins Club Scholarship in her junior year. She was chosen to receive the Hamm Award after being found to exemplify "the best in college life—athletically, socially and scholastically."

Mrs. Hamm said she established the prize because she wished to see the concept of the All-Around Award continued. For several decades after 1928, the award was made to the senior girl judged to be the most outstanding in scholarship, leadership and athletics. In more recent years it was awarded solely on the basis of athletic merit. The Ursinus Women's Club was disbanded two years ago, and the athletic

award was made last year by an anonymous donor.

Mrs. Hamm recently reminisced about receiving the first award six decades ago. "It was an all-around student award," said Mrs. Hamm. "It was given to me in 1928, at the end of my junior year. I received a blazer—that was it—and of course, you were expected to wear it the next year, which I did, very proudly." Mrs. Hamm kept the blazer until 1978, the year of her 50th class reunion. Then she decided that the College might like to have it for display purposes, since it was the first All-Around Award.

Jill Johnson is a graduate of Belvidere High School, Belvidere, N.J. She is the daughter of Mrs. Ellen Johnson of Belvidere, and Gary Johnson of Buttzville, N.J.



Sue Day Stahl

### Stahl Selected World Cup Coach

Sue Day Stahl, '66, has been named head coach of the U.S. national lacrosse team for the 1989 World Cup tournament in Perth, Australia.

Stahl, 43, a former field hockey, basketball and lacrosse standout at Ursinus, was inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame two years ago.

# 21 MVPs Honored at first Varsity Dinner

The first intercollegiate athletic contest in Ursinus history, a baseball game against an amateur team from Phoenixville, took place on June 2, 1888. Ninety-nine years and 11 months later, Ursinus gave official recognition to team MVPs for the first time at the inaugural Varsity Dinner May 3 at Wismer Hall.

The dinner, emceed by Dean William E. Akin and attended by about 250 athletes and coaches, honored the MVPs on 20 varsity teams.

"This is a great thing Ursinus is doing for its athletes," golf coach Dave Trumbower, '79, told the crowd. "I'm happy to see them finally get the recognition they deserve."

The first official MVPs in Ursinus history

Wally Tittelmayer (Baseball), Tom Shivers (Men's Basketball), Irina Derstine (Women's Basketball), John Martin (Men's Cross-Country), Gwen O'Donohue (Women's Cross-Country), Kris Carr (Field Hockey), Ron Matthew (Football), Scott Klee (Golf), Debbie Benner (Gymnastics), Jill Johnson (Women's Lacrosse), Brigg Backer (Soccer), Laura DeSimone (Softball), Pete Smith (Men's Swimming), Heidi Camp (Women's Swimming), Marc Dervishian (Men's Tennis), Sue Mockus (Women's Tennis), Rick Lowe (Men's Track & Field), Dorothy O'Malley (Women's Track & Field), Kim Kraszewski (Volleyball), Chuck Odgers (Wrestling).

Stahl served as head basketball coach at Ursinus from 1974 to '81, capping her career with Ursinus first (and until this year, only) division title. She also served as assistant lacrosse coach under Marge Watson, '52, from 1970 to '82.

Since 1983 Stahl has been assistant lacrosse coach at Temple, helping the Owls win the NCAA Division I title in 1984 and finish second last year. The Owls won another NCAA crown in the tournament final May 21.

Stahl impressed the selection committee of the U.S. Women's Lacrosse Association with her coaching success at the USWLA's national tournament in 1985. That year she guided the Philadelphia Association squad to an upset over the U.S. World Cup team.

### Classnotes

#### The Teens

**1917 Miles M. Spannuth** celebrated his 95th birthday on Feb. 25. He resides at The Honaman House, 55 East Main St., Apt. 119A. Thompsontown, Pa. 17094.

### The 20's

**1926 Chester L. Brachman** had the privilege of officiating at the wedding of his granddaughter. Halli Varner, in Sligo, Pa. His address is P.O. Box 261, Sligo, Pa. 16255.

1927 Robert M. Henkels, his wife, Jane, and their entire family, including their granddaughter from Paris, joined them for Mr. Henkels' birthday and their anniversary. The Henkels reside at North Hill, 865 Central Ave., Apt. C-302, Needham, Mass. 02192.

1928 Miriam V. Ludwig inadvertently became part of a news event Jan. 27, while attending a performance of Verdi's MαcBeth at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. At intermission, while she was away from her seat, an elderly gentleman leaped from the balcony to his death, landing right where she had been sitting. The opera performance was cancelled after the incident. Miss Ludwig feels fortunate not to have been injured, and says she plans to continue attending the opera. She lives at 1015 Spruce St., Pottstown, Pa., 19464.

1929 Howard Schink, M.D. visited Harold Sullivan, '30. Helene Gohs Sullivan, '33, and Abbe Carter Lister, '29, in Marco Island, Fla. Everyone enjoyed the Florida vacation and reminiscing. Mr. Schink resides at 8320 112th St. N., Apt. 201, Seminole, Fla. 34642.

### The 30's

1931 Albert S. Thompson, Ph.D. received the Centennial Award for dedicated service from Teachers College at Columbia University on March 4, 1988. On July 11, 1988 he moves from Oradell, N.J. to Meadowood in Worcester, Pa.

1932 Don Ottinger says that every visit to Ursinus, every new building that goes up, every alumnus he meets, every issue of the Bulletin, makes him more proud to have graduated from the "Bear campus." He resides at 2050 Rosewood Dr., Cornwall Manor, Box 12, Cornwall, Pa. 17016.

1934 Larry Shear and his wife, Anne, spend as much time as possible at their Harkers Island, N.C. beach cottage, "Shear Heaven," even though Mr. Shear is not yet retired from Union Rubber, Inc., manufacturer of Best Test paper cement. Their son, Skip, who is the head basketball coach at Missouri Western State in St. Joseph, Mo., took his team to Hilo, Hawaii to play in the Vulcan

Christmas tournament. Mr. and Mrs. Shear went along as boosters. They reside at 413 Burd St., Pennington, N.J. 08534.

1936 Donald H. Ohl was awarded the Clara Barton Medallion by the American Red Cross for over 30 years of volunteer service to ARC. He was also cited by the Pennsylvania Senate for the same service. Dr. Ohl donated his 100th pint of blood in December. He is serving as president of Senior Bucknellians, an organization of retired Bucknell University faculty and administrators, and is emeritus professor of mathematics there. His address is 605 Buffalo Rd., Lewisburg, Pa. 17837.

1937 Joseph Rudolph, M.D. is now in private practice as a psychoanalyst and is also on the faculty of the Philadelphia Psychoanalytic Institute. He had practiced pediatrics for 16 years before taking a residency in psychiatry and becoming a board-certified psychoanalyst. He resides at 270 Wiltshire, Phila., Pa. 19151.

**1938 Warren "Bud" Walters Jr.** retired from the Western Electric Co. in 1974. His address is 409 S. Elam Ave., Greensboro, N.C. 27403.

#### The 40's

1940 Roberta Ostroske Corson is learning to live alone since her husband's death in June 1986. She is keeping busy with church work, choir, some traveling and meeting with old friends, which helps her tremendously. Mrs. Corson met with Elizabeth Funk Hadfield Detweiler, '40, and Jane Hartman, '41, to talk about old times at Ursinus. She would love to hear from other members of the class of 1940 who may be in the vicinity. Her address is 1501 Niessen Road, Oreland, Pa. 19075.

1940 Morris L. Yoder, M.D., and his wife, Catherine, recently spent an afternoon catching up on each other's activities and reminiscing with **Charles Steinmetz**, '40, his Stine Hall roommate, and his wife, Emily. The Steinmetzs are active in local church work and the historical society and the Yoders have attended a number of elderhostels and find them very enjoyable. The Yoders live at 149 Decatur Road, Havertown, Pa. 19083.

1943 The Rev. Mary Alice Weaver Butkofsky works at hospital chaplaincy and shares Soviet experiences and peace ministry as well as work with church people and community groups. She is a corporate board member, class of '89, of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, a national body of the United Church of Christ. Mrs. Butkofsky became a grandmother on Dec. 18, 1987, when her daughter, Rev. Martha Boyer and son-in-law, David.

had a son, Andrew Edward Boyer. Martha is an associate minister at Trinity UCC in Wooster, Ohio. Mrs. Butkofsky resides at 221 Greenlane Drive, Camp Hill, Pa. 17011.

**1943 Edgar E. Heller, M.D.** retired from Student Health Service in western Florida one year ago. He is now doing part-time temporary replacement work for Kron Medical Corp. His address is P.O. Box 650283, Vero Beach, Fla. 32965.

1945 Arthur Gehring and his wife, Doris, recently returned from a month in the USSR where they visited Moscow, Irkutsk, Tashkent, Samarkand, Bokhara, Tbilisi and Leningrad. Mr. Gehring continues to read for the blind, mostly technical books and journals on computers. They live at 554 Dreshertown Rd., Ft. Washington, Pa. 19034.

1947 George O. Frey says that a few renovations still need to be done in the retirement home in South Stafford County, Va., one-half mile from Ferry Farm (his subdivision) where George Washington chopped down the cherry tree and threw a silver dollar across the Rappahannock River in Fredericksburg. His address is 12 Braxton Lane, Fredericksburg, Va. 22405.

**1948 Joyce Lanan** has nine grandchildren so far. She works for Patterson Schwartz Realtors at the Hockessin office. Her address is 30 Bernard Blvd., Hockessin, Del. 19707.

1948 Jack J. Brill, D.O. has been serving as President of the West Shore Osteopathic Hospital Board for the past six years and also serves as a board member of the St. John West Shore Hospital Board in Westlake, Ohio. He passed the certification examination of the American Medical Society on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies, AMSAODD, and is recognized by that society as knowledgeable and expert in chemical dependence. He resides at 32118 Lake Road, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012.

1949 Dick Brandlon retired from teaching in 1985 and has already taken trips to India, Thailand and points east. He and his wife, Sheila, celebrated their 32nd anniversary. Their son, Chris, is in California working in travel. Their address is Box 188, The Sea Ranch, Calif. 95497.

**1949 Roy and Emmy Todd** have a fourth grandchild, Allison Lynn Todd, who is the daughter of Linda and **Phil Todd**, '72, born on Sept. 21, 1987. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Todd live at 314 N. Oxford Ave., Ventnor, N.J. 08406. (See Births.)

### The 50's

1950 Max R. Jentsch Jr.'s son, Max R. Jentsch III, married in September 1986, and lives in Gaithersburg. His other son, Chris, is a graduate of Gettysburg and

is attending school at the Northeastern Conservatory of Music in Boston where he is studying guitar. Mr. Jentsch is the past chairman of the New Jersey Auto Dealers Association. He resides at 447 Covered Bridge Rd., Barclay Farm, Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034.

**1951 "Whistler" Donahue** recently lost everything in a fire at his Atlantic City home. His new address is c/o Scolar, 189 Kennedy Drive, Williamstown, N.J. 08094.

**1952 Nelson Fellman Jr.** is president and chief operating officer of Rosanio, Bailets & Talamo, Inc., an \$8 million advertising, marketing and public relations agency in Cherry Hill. He resides at 709 Society Hill, Cherry Hill, N.J. 08003.

**1952 The Rev. Charles R. Summers** is the new rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Marshalltown, Iowa. He resides at 201 E. Church St., Marshalltown, Iowa 50158.

1954 Blair Holley retired this year after 34 years as an English teacher at Morristown High School; 29 years as golf and bowling writer for the Morristown Daily Record, and 25 years as a photographer for the New York Giants. Mr. Holley, and his wife, Nancy, celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary this month. Their oldest daughter, Lynne, her husband, and two grandsons live in Richmond, Va. Their son, David, is the director of opera at the University of Southern Mississippi; and their youngest, Laura, is performing in Renaissance Festivals. Mr. and Mrs. Holley recently moved to Ocean Pines, Md., across the bay from the "other" Ocean City.

1954 Sander E. Kabel, D.O.'s son, Stephen, graduated from the University of Osteopathic Medicine & Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa, and has entered a residency in family practice at Ft. Belvoir, Alexandria, Va. Stephen has been commissioned a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and will start his residency in July. Dr. Kabel resides at 26 Haines Mill Rd., Delran, N.J. 08075.

1954 Marilyn Engelman Lauchmen, a volunteer at the American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia, was part of the 350th anniversary celebration of the arrival of Swedes in America, which included a visit from King Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden. She credits her presence at the festivities in large part to Marna Feldt, '53, her friend of 38 years, who began her career at the museum in 1957 and who now works for the Swedish Information Service in New York City. Ms. Lauchmen resides at 216 McClellan St., Phila., Pa. 19148.

**1954 William F. Tull, J.D.**'s daughter is graduating from Humbolt College and his son is graduating next year with three majors from the University of Red-

lands. The youngest is applying to Yale. They all hope to attend Trinity College, Oxford University this summer as part of an Amherst seminar. His address is SRA, Box 6008, Palmer, Alaska 99645.

1955 H. Ralph Schumacher Ir., M.D. is a professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and spent January. 1988, as a World Health Organization consultant in Thailand, organizing regional arthritis clinics in the north and south. Dr. Schumacher has just published a book on rheumatoid arthritis and edits the "Primer on the Rheumatic Diseases," used worldwide in medical schools. His oldest daughter, Heidi, just graduated from Penn and is a marketing coordinator for the U.S.-China Industrial Exchange in Beijing. His address is 947 Longview Rd., Gulph Mills, King of Prussia, Pa. 19406.

1957 Vonnie Gros was inducted into the Hall of Fame by alumni and friends at West Chester University Women's Athletics, at a banquet program on April 9 at the Lionville Holiday Inn. The former U.S. Olympic and Westchester State field hockey coach. Miss Gros also was a three-time national champion basketball coach for Immaculata College. Her address is 857 Westtown Rd., West Chester, Pa. 19380.

**ES 1959 Art Stover** is senior vice president of operations for Genuardi Supermarkets Inc. He resides at 7 Mildred Lane, Ambler, Pa. 19002.

### The 60's

1960 E. Theodore Kershner was recently appointed men's athletic director at Glassboro State College. At Glassboro for 20 years, his previous titles include assistant professor, assistant baseball coach, assistant football coach and head football coach. In his new position, he will have no coaching duties. He resides at 306 Swarthmore Rd., Glassboro, N.I. 08028.

**1961 Don Fessman** ran his sixth Boston marathon in April. Last year he set a personnal best time of 2:54.20, finishing 978th out of 6,200 from around the world. Mr. Fessman also set a 10 km time of 37.17. He lives at 9 Brooklet Dr., Wilmington, Del. 19810.

**1961 Vernon Morgan, M.D.** is the director of surgery at Moses Taylor Hospital. His address is P.O. Box 123, Waverly, Pa. 18417.

**1961 Wayne Owen** is manager of Fax Marketing, Xerox Corp., has two children who graduated from Texas Christian University and Baylor, and one child who will enter college this fall. Mr. Owen is single, and loves fast music and cars. He resides at 10832 Gable Dr., Dallas, Tex. 75229.

**1961 Bryce Alan Randall** holds an M.A., an M.Ed. and a Ph.D. in English from Temple University. He has been teaching high school and college for the past 23 years and is screenwriter of five plays. Two years ago he relocated to

Florida where he is vice president for Florida Associates, Inc., an executive placement firm. He has been a widower for many years. Mr. Randall has been called "Alan" since he left Ursinus. He lives at 3702 Thornwood Dr., Tampa, Fla. 33618-2037.

1961 Elsa Bingemann Zelley's son, Fred is a junior political science major at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. He was on the dean's list last fall. Fred plans to enter law school after graduation. Mrs. Zelley resides at 14 Ricker Rd., Kinnelon, N.J. 07405.

**1963 David L. Hodgson** has transferred to the Merrill Lynch office in Valley Forge, Pa. as resident office manager. He lives at 235 Coldstream Dr., Berwyn, Pa. 19312.

**1963 Elsa Janie-Swain, Ph.D.** was promoted to project manager at Ash Medical Systems last September. She resides at 314 E. 650 N., West Lafayette, Ind. 47906

1964 Harold C. Sundby Jr. has been promoted to vice president at Germantown Savings Bank. He resides at 1066 Winding Creek Lane, Huntingdon Valley, Pa. 19006.

1965 Natalie Spahr Bush's son, Rick, is finishing his junior year at Tower Hill School in Wilmington. He is on the all-state first team in soccer and has just broken the 1000 point barrier in basketball. Mrs. Bush resides at 4823 Plum Run Court, Wilmington, Del. 19808.

**1965 Susan Bell Harrison** is the associate director of technical and computer services for the branch libraries of the New York Public Library. She lives at 3308 Warden Dr., Phila., Pa. 19129.

**1965 Robert Jarmon, M.D.** does a lot of short-term psychotherapy for "walking wounded neurotics" by synthesizing special interests in emergency medicine, psychiartry and hypnosis. He specializes in bridging the gap and treating people with addictions, phobias and

weight control problems. Dr. Jarmon is also a stress management consultant for several groups, including police and firemen; writes a column for the New Jersey Firemen Benevolent Association's publication and has a weekly radio spot on a local station. He resides at 8 Brighton Ave.. Spring Lake, N.J. 07762.

**1965 Nell H. Snyder** was promoted to senior vice president and senior credit officer for Hamilton Bank in the Harrisburg area. His address is 108 Olde Field Dr., Lititz, Pa. 17543.

1965 Sally Ann Rex, D.O. received her master's degree in public health at Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Hygiene & Public Health. In 1984 she was board certified in occupational/preventative medicine, board certified in general practice in 1985, opened an industrial occupational medicine clinic in 1986 and is the medical director at Lehigh County Prison in Allentown. She lives at 1154 Sunrise Lane, Slatington, Pa. 18080.

## Class President Ready

On the first day of her senior year at Girls' High in Philadelphia, Lynne Edwards, '88, was told by her adviser, 'Sit down and write a speech; you're going to the School Board.'

At issue was whether girls should be admitted to Central High School, a selective-admission public school, the boys' counterpart to Girls'. Although Lynne herself did not want to see girls entering Central, several of her friends and their parents were suing the city over the matter. As president of her class, she was the logical one to represent the school, and she did as she was told. Later she organized a protest before the board, on orders from the same adviser.

Energized by this responsibility, she contacted radio and television stations, organized her classmates, and generally handled the situation like a seasoned public relations professional. "It was great," Lynne said. Later, a judged ruled that girls be admitted to Central. Lynne finished her senior year at Girls'.

The story is an apt illustration of the complex personality that is Lynne Edwards. She is a leader who can follow, an individualist, a realist with dreams, and above all, an organizer.

When Lynne Edwards arrived at Ursinus in 1984, she announced that someday she was going to be President of the United States. Today that goal has been modified. After serving as president of her class for three of the last four years, she has discovered there is isolation at the top, something that conflicts with her gregarious nature. "I like working closely with people," she said.

Still, she envisions herself as a leader. In 10 years, she expects to be working in a supervisory position, and on the brink of starting her own consulting business. Above all, she adds, "I would just like to be content, because so many people are just never satisfied."

She is not sure exactly what sort of consulting work she will do, but she knows for certain that it will in-



Lynne Y. Edwards, '88

volve her verbal skills. "I'm really good at talking." she said. "I'd like to give seminars for minority women on what they have to take and what they really don't have to take, in this world."

What they do have to take are unequal situations that cannot be remedied effectively by individuals, she believes. Other situations call for compromise. "Sometimes you have to compromise on a social life, as I did, for an education," she said. In her first year, Lynne was one of four blacks and the only black female on

1966 The Rev. Matthew William Searfoorce and his wife, Barbara, have resided in Michigan since his latest assignment as pastor of St. Andrew Orthodox Catholic Church in East Lansing. David, 13, and Kira, 12, are enjoying their new sister. Rev. Searfoorce took the name Matthew upon his ordination into the holy priesthood in November 1975 and is supervising dean of Michigan clergy for the Moscow Patriarchate, (Russian Orthodox Church). He is working toward a doctorate from the Ecumenical Theological Center in Detroit and Barbara is pursuing an advanced degree in nursing from Mercy College in Detroit. They reside at 1222 Greencrest Ave., East Lansing, Mich. 48823. (See Births.)

1969 David J. Smith, VMD owns and operates Bay Ross Animal Hospital, Longboat Key Animal Clinic and Petland of Sarasota. He resides at 1727 N. Lakeshore Dr., Sarasota, Fla. 33581.

### The 70's

**1970 Michael Mahalchick III** is vice president of Commercial Insurance Sales for Higgins Associates in Pottsville. He is heading the 1989 campaign for the Schuylkill United Way. He resides at Woodland Acres, Box 1151, RD. Pottsville. Pa. 17901.

**1971 Robert E. Fetterolf Jr.** was named assistant controller Utica Mutual Insurance Co. in February. He is the director of budget and cost in the home office finance department. His address is 32 Paris Rd., New Hartford, N.Y. 13413-2316.

1971 Gladys Lynch Zadoyko has "two families". Thomas Eugene, 15, Sonja Ann, 14, Robert Frank, 2½ and Heidi Louise, 4 months. They reside at 864 Pleasant View Rd., Sanatoga, Pa. 19464. (See Births.)

**1972 Christian Eilers** is working as a social studies teacher at The Rikers Island Educational facility, a high school for detained youth. He and his wife, Lea, have a 22-month-old son, Christian Albert

**1973 R. Scott Horner** has been appointed vice president and comptroller of United Valley Bank of Wayne. He lives at 149 Iroquois Trail, Medford Lakes. N.I. 08055.

**1973 Robin Border John** was promoted to regional administrator of the National Bank of Boyertown. Her address is Hillside Farm, R.D. 2, Box 506, Douglassville, Pa. 19518. (See Births.)

**1974 Hunter R. Clouse, D.D.S.** will begin a two-year residency in general dentistry at Fort Knox, Ky., in July. His current address is 1479 W. Key Parkway, Frederick, Md. 21701.

**1974 Denise Rittmann Warner** and her husband, Fred, had their daughter,

Christine Marie, baptized on March 29, 1987, at Hungarian Reformed Church in Trenton. **Gretchen Koenig**, '75, who is the godmother; **Ellenora Dewaal**, '74, and **Sandy Morris Draham**, '78, attended. The christening outfit was made by **Gilder Lewis McCarroll**, '79. The Warners reside at 68 Hinkle Dr., Bordentown, N.J. 08505.

**1975 T. Dean Alves** is president of Tires Unlimited, Inc., in Carlisle. Mr. Alves worked for several tire and tire service-related companies for 22 years prior to starting his own company. He, his wife and three children reside at 128 W. Hunter, Carlisle, Pa. 17013.

1975 Andrew and Karla Poley Andre, '76, have two daughters, Ashley and Aubrey, and a son, Andrew. They reside at 24 W. 479 Ohio St., Naperville, Ill. 60540. (See Births.)

**1975 Bruce M. Carney, Ed.D.** of the American Red Cross of greater New York was a guest on the March 13 broadcast of "Christopher Closeup," a nationally syndicated half-hour public affairs television series, produced by The Christophers, an ecumenical organization.

1975 Mark K. Frazier has completed a year long management training program in Suites Division Management with the Beacon Hotel Corp. A three-year employee of the Boston-based hotel management company, Mr. Frazier now works as the assistant executive house-keeper at the Guest Quarters. He lives at 1048 Powell St., Norristown, Pa. 19401-3818.

**1975 The Rev. Deborah C. McConomy-Wallace, D.D.** was installed as associate pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Souderton on Feb. 21. She resides at 3 Acoma Ln., Collegeville, Pa. 19426.

**ES 1975 Jean Seppa McCrudden** was promoted to vice president of finance and administration at SciTec Inc. Her address is 11 Edgewood Dr., Belle Mead. N.I. 08502.

**1976 Stuart M. Clark** has opened a branch office in family optometry in Trappe, Pa. He lives at 2262 Welsh Dr., Pottstown, Pa. 19464.

**1976 James W. Spivey Jr.** became a district sales manager for utilities marketing at Oracle Corp., a data base management software company in Belmont, Calif., on April 4. His territory is based in Iselin, N.J., and he resides at 1749 Rolling Ridge Lane, Toms River, N.J. 08753.

**1977 Warren Fritz** has worked for three years as a lead analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. He recently purchased a home at 14 Waverly Rd., Cherry Hill, N.J. 08003.

## to Take on the World

campus. "I'm not exactly the most popular date on the Ursinus campus, but on the other hand, I've developed a lot more interpersonal skills here, because there's no pressure."

She would advise minority women that they do not have to accept indignities, however. The latter is a message straight from her mother.

"If you have to take a job with less stature and more integrity, then do it," Lynne said. "My mother held a number of little summer jobs when she was younger, in the 50's when there were still some racial problems. She said the minute anyone dared to treat her in a less than human manner, she'd walk out, and she said it's the best feeling in the world."

A double major in economics and communications with an accounting minor, Lynne not only has been class president, but also president of the Whitians, an R.A. (resident advisor) in two residence halls, and a member of the Forensic Society and the Variety Troupe, among others.

A conversation with her is a series of anecdotes, proof of her prowess as a talker.

She speaks with bemusement of her adventures as an R.A. in Reimert Hall. R.A.'s represent the "law" in the dorms and can report offenses to the campus judiciary board. In her junior year, a male classmate in Reimert decided to run interference for her. He called all his friends together and invited Lynne. "I thought, oh, this is neat; he wants them to meet the girl R.A.," Lynne said. Instead, he told them, "This is Lynne Edwards. If anyone is ever going to write you up or bust you, it's going to be her.' I haven't written up anyone this year, but people see me coming, and they say, 'what have we done?' I say, 'nothing, I just came by to visit.' I have no friends in Reimert whatsoever."

She tells this tale of her first summer job after high school:

"I was having a fight with my mother, and some-

where in the argument, she said I didn't have a summer job yet. I said, I'll show you—I'll get a summer job. At first, I thought I'd just go back where I had worked the summer before. Then I thought, no, let's one-up my mother. So I signed up for the Federal Junior Fellowship Program, and I started at \$5.00 an hour. Not only did I have a summer job, but I've had a job there every semester break and every summer for four years. If I want it, I have a job for life."

The job was at the Naval Air Development Center in the Affirmative Action Department of the Office of Economic Opportunity. "The first day on the job, I walked in, and the boss was not there. There was a note on my desk that said, 'Lynn, welcome to N.D.C. The only task I have for you is to set up the Federal Junior Fellowship Program.' I thought, my gosh, she hired me under false pretenses. The program doesn't even exist. I had to find the regulations, read them, put together a managers' guide, a supervisors' guide, a sheet on how to recruit junior fellows, how to evaluate them—I had to set up the entire program."

Last May she spoke of her immediate future: "I think I'm a lot more relaxed than a lot of other seniors. I know my boss wants me to come back and I have a job waiting for me. All I have to do is graduate." That she did on May 15 with 338 others in the Class of 1988.

Before going to work for N.D.C., she is assisting this summer with the new Ursinus Bridge Program, a special preparatory curriculum for entering minority freshmen. The program is being underwritten by a grant from the United Church of Christ.

Aside from working in affirmative action, and eventually owning her own consulting firm, Lynne Edwards plans to earn a Master's Degree. "I don't know what area yet. Maybe personnel management. Or maybe I'll discover a new field that I'll be excellent in."

-S.W.

**1977 Michael Matthews, Ph.D.** is a psychology instructor at Penn State's Ogontz Campus. He received his doctorate from Temple University. His new address is 217 Grape St., Phila., Pa. 19128

**ES 1977 Wayne R. Weidner** became president and chief operating officer of the National Bank of Boyertown in February. He resides at Lupine Lane, Box 131, Oley, Pa. 19547.

ES 1978 Margaret M. Farenish started a new business, Progressive Personnel, employment specialists, in Pottstown a year ago. She was formerly personnel manager of Instructo/McGraw Hillin Malvern. Her address is 1123 Laurelwood Rd., Pottstown, Pa. 19464.

1978 Bruce J. Wilderman, D.D.S. opened a dental practice in October 1986 in Doylestown. He lives at 310 Saw Mill Lane, Horsham, Pa. 19044. (See Births.)

#### The 80's

**1980 Aleta Cooper Bossert** is a district manager for Keebler Co. and her husband, Jeff, works as an architect. They reside at 813 W. Butler Pike, Ambler, Pa. 19002. (See Births.)

**1980 Lori Ambrust Howell, J.D.** is an attorney at Mulvey and Noucas in Portsmouth, N.H. Her husband, Tom, has an agricultural business raising oysters and clams. The Howells are enjoying their newly purchased, 250-year-old home at 13 Kings Highway South, Eliot, Me. 03903.

1981 Mary G. Epperson is very involved with church work, socializing and helping others in any way possible. In March, she entered Edison State Colege. She is interested in anthropology, English composition and religion. Her address is Cedarwood Commons, 210 F Doorley Rd., Sidney, Ohio 45365.

1981 Hope Alison Freyberg Fuery, Ed.D. is a teacher and coach at Germantown Academy in Fort Washington. She resides at 2401 Ash Grove, Ambler, Pa. 19002. (See Marriages.)

**1981 Jeffrey Jewitt** toured West Germany on an international soccer trip last December and January. He was varsity soccer captain in '79 and '80. His address is 918 Truepenny Road, Media, Pa. 19063.

**1981 Ed Skokowski** is the field operations manager for Dial Information Inc. He is responsible for all of Dial's outside offices, including its new locations in New York City and Australia. As a programmer for Dial, he developed the system for the Associated Press' sports information ticker, which is transmitted by telephone. He resides at 1231 Fulton St., San Francisco, Calif. 94117.

**1982 James F. Bereznak** received his Ph.D. in organic synthetic chemistry from Drexel University this month. His address is Box 108A, R.D. 1, White Haven, Pa. 18661.

## Lancaster Benefits from

Some people consider real estate development a high-pressure field. Charles R. "Bud" Walker, '57, went into it, partly because it was less hectic than running the School District of Lancaster.

Roger A. Place, '63, had been superintendent of the Tunkhannock Area School District in Wyoming County, Pa. for nine years, when a recruiter called him from Lancaster, asking him to apply for Bud Walker's position. Dr. Place got the job, keeping the Ursinus line at the Lancaster city schools unbroken.

"I told the board they made a good decision, getting another Ursinus person to replace me," said Dr. Walker, who spent 13 years at the helm of the district. "I had known Roger through professional circles, but I didn't know he was also an Ursinus alum until he was about to take the job."

For his part, Dr. Place was glad to be moving into a larger, more complex district than the one he had been in. "I'm excited to return to a multi-ethnic, multi-racial city school district," he said. "I enjoy the challenge.

He brings with him 17 years' experience as a school administrator, experience that has allowed him to observe the economic and demographic factors that alter parental expectations and student behavior.

"The use of drugs and alcohol among students increased tremendously in the 60's and 70's," he said, "and I can't see any indication that it has subsided. One thing that has changed is that the youngsters on drugs do seem to be ridiculed more. There's more ostracism. It's not the 'in' thing to do anymore. And alcoholism, for the most part, is as strong as it ever was."

Middle and upper middle class families who once simply expected a college education for their children, now want them to have a high-quality college education, he added. In addition, minority groups, whose rallying cry was once to reduce the dropout rate among their children, now are urging them to go on to college.

But in some cases, employers work against that trend, Dr. Place contended. As the pool of entry-level workers declines, there is a surplus of jobs waiting for anyone willing to apply. "Youngsters can drop out of school and have a job the next day. Sometimes when they take a part-time job, employers will actually encourage them to drop out of school to work full time.

One of our challenges is to approach employers and ask them, please, not to do that."

In the early 1970's, as director of secondary education in the Norfolk, Va., City Schools, Dr. Place was responsible, under Federal court order, for the racial integration of five high schools and 10 junior high schools. The Norfolk schools were later cited in Time magazine for having been successfully desegregated while maintaining their achievement levels.

Tunkhannock is a 4,000-pupil district. Lancaster has 10,000 students. In a city thought of primarily as Pennsylvania German, 16 percent of the students are black; 25 percent, Hispanic, and 5 percent, Asian. The Lancaster schools were desegregated before his arrival "and there is no discernable drive to integrate more," Dr. Place said. "We have an open enrollment policy, and parents exercise that option on behalf of their children."

After he graduated from Ursinus, Roger Place became a social studies teacher at East Norriton Junior High School, and remained there eight years, moving up first to guidance counselor, and then principal.

He received his master's degree in guidance and counseling, and his Ed.D. in educational administration from Temple University while at East Norriton, then took the position in Norfolk, a district with 50,000 students. In 1974, he became superintendent in Lower Moreland, Pa., a tiny district with fewer than 2,000 students, and took over the Tunkhannock district in 1978.

Dr. Place is happy in his new position. "I really like it. It has a lot of similarities to Norristown and, in certain respects, to Norfolk," he said. The district is experiencing steady growth—"not the explosive growth that some districts have; we are able to manage it"—and is expanding four school buildings. It is also converting an antebellum cotton mill into a modern showcase school.

Dr. Place is married to Nancy Peck Place, '64, a systems engineer for IBM who is working primarily with Lancaster General and Reading hospitals. Along with sons, Roger Jr., 16, and Robby, 14, they have adjusted well to their new situation. "I think this is where I'm going to finish my career," said Dr. Place.

As for Dr. Walker, he now navigates the bureaucratic waters for Hamilton Properties, Inc., a Lancaster real estate development firm. The company buys "raw"

1982 William Giannetti Jr. is the mortgage operations administrator at Wilmington Savings Fund Society. He and his wife, Sonia, reside at 800 Hollowell Lane, West Chester, Pa. 19382.

**1982 Karen Jannetti Hester** left Hyatt Hotels and Resorts in December for a job as a planning analyst in planning operations at Toyota national head-quarters, Torrance, Calif. She resides at 3748 Keystone Ave. #407. Los Angeles, Calif. 90034.

1982 Carol D. Hess Miller is enjoying her job as vice president, director of human resources at Lancaster Laboratories, Inc. She received her MBA from St. Joseph's University in May 1987. Her address is 4 Forest Hill Rd., Leola, Pa. 17540. (See Births.)

**1982 John R. Mulvey, M.D.** is now a family practice resident at Eglin Regional Hospital. Mr. Mulvey, his wife and their children, Cindy and Philip, reside at 732 Cherokee Rd., Eglin AFB, Fla., 32542

**1982 Melanie Newman** has completed her M.S. at Penn State University. Her thesis emphasis is on mastitis and its effects on calf weight gain in the beef cow. She will be attending veterniary school in the fall, most likely the University of Pennsylvania. Her address is Box 53, Cornwall, Pa. 17016.

**1982 Lon Seitz** has been promoted to income partner at the accounting firm of Baum, Smith and Clemens. He resides at 1017 Saw Mill way, Lansdale, Pa. 19446-4675.

**1982 James H. Wilson** is an account executive with Schaefer Advertising, handling the Beacon Hotel Corp. and Greentree Mortgage Co. accounts. His address is Creamery Hil, P.O. Box 577, Rushland, Pa. 18956.

1983 Gregg J. Bahney and his wife, Mary K. Kurtz, '85 chose Thomas A. Reilly, '81, to be best man and Deborah Morgan Fricke, '86, to be matron of honor in their wedding last October. The ushers included Douglas N. Bahney, '79, and Robert Heinbokel, '83. Tracy Clark, '86, was the bridesmaid. The wedding was at St. Paul's Church, Allentown and the couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico. Their address is 105 W. Main St., Apt. 2 West, Myerstown, Pa. 17067.

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Roger A. Place, '63

land and takes it through any applications and approvals (rezoning and subdivision, for example) required before a contractor may legally build. Dr. Walker's work often involves dealing with government officials and agencies.

"I think my administrative background fits right in," said Dr. Walker, who had worked in the Central Bucks School District and spent 12 years at the Centennial School District before moving to Lancaster in 1974. A silent partner in several real estate ventures while still superintendent of Lancaster schools, he took advantage of the state's early retirement program. "Many people talk about a second career, but don't get a chance to

try one," he said. "I had the opportunity because of the early retirement program, and decided to try it.

"I miss the people at the school district, but I don't miss the pressures, or the huge number of night meetings," he said. "It's kind of nice to be home again with my wife and family."

And if one Ursinus alumnus is any indication, the people of Lancaster are pleased with the way the baton has been passed. "Charles Walker was probably the best 'super' Lancaster ever had," James Richards, '43, wrote to the Alumni Office last winter. "Now Dr. Place follows him, and Lancaster benefits."

-S.W

1983 Paul B. Schodowski, D.P.M. graduated from Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine this month. His address is 713 Stokes Ave., Collingswood, N.J. 08108. (See Marriages and Births.)

1985 Christopher C. Biddle is a senior analyst in money market/securities trading at Bankers Trust Co.'s New York Wall Street office. He resides at The Harbour Club, 1601 Pebble Place, Parlin, N.J. 08859.

**1985 Michelle M. Monte** graduated this month from St. John's University School of Law with a J.D. degree. She resides at 399 Buchanan Ave., S.I., N.Y. 10314.

**1986 Ann B. Titus** is a claims adjuster for Harleysville Insurance Co. She resides at 119 Morlyn Ave., Bryn Mawr, Pa. 19010.

**1987 Dawn Plasha** is attending Temple Dental School. Her address is 3265 Park Ave., Apt. 2, Phila., Pa. 19140.

**1987 Lisa M. Sabia** is working as an underwriter for Keystone Insurance Co. in Philadelphia. She resides at 3317 Dale Rd., Bensalem, Pa. 19020.

## Vitae Marriages

**1979 Deborah L. Claycomb** and Matthew G. Wismer were married on Aug. 15, 1987. They reside at 104 E. Third Ave., Collegeville, Pa. 19426.

**1981 Hope Alison Freyberg** and Joseph Fuery were married on Dec. 19. 1987. They live at 2401 Ash Grove, Ambler, Pa. 19002.

**1982 Leslie Marilyn Elton** and Kenneth Charles Latch were married on Aug. 29. 1987. Their address is 2353 Greensward S., Warrington, Pa. 18976.

**1983** Audrey Beth Layton and **Richard F. Fellows** were married on Dec. 5, 1987. They live at 658 West St., Andrews Dr., Media, Pa. 19063.

**1983** Sharon Ann Ziegler and **Paul B. Schodowski** were married in Oct. 1986. They reside at 713 Stokes Ave., Collingswood, N.J. 08108.

**1985 Mary F. Kurtz** and **Gregg J. Bahney**, '83, were married on Oct. 24, 1987. Their address is 105 W. Main St., Apt. 2 West, Myerstown, Pa. 17067.

**1986 Karen Christine Heck** and David Scott Innes were married on Dec. 5, 1987. They live at 40 Foxcroft Dr., Doylestown, Pa. 18901.

### Births

1966 Mr. and Mrs. Matthew William Searfoorce, a daughter, Elizabeth, born on Oct. 2, 1986. They reside at 1222 Greencrest Ave., East Lansing, Mich. 48823.

1971 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Zadoyko (Gladys Lynch), a daughter. Heidi Louise, born on Feb. 15, 1988. Their address is 864 Pleasant View Rd., Sanatoga, Pa. 19464.

1972 Mr. and Mrs. Phil Todd, a daughter. Allison Lynn, born on Sept. 21, 1987. They reside at 332 Discovery Lane, R.D. 1, Linwood, N.J. 08221.

1973 Mr. and Mrs. Frederick John (Robin K. Border), a daughter, Erica, born on Jan. 6, 1986. They live at Hillside Farm, R.D. 2, Box 506, Douglass-ville, Pa. 19518.

1974 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Siegl, a son, Benjamin Peter, born on Jan. 5, 1988. They reside at 884 Valley Rd., Blue Bell, Pa. 19422.

1975 Mr. and Mrs. Bassam Alwarith (Safeiah Zabarah), a son, Mohammad Bassam, born on Jan. 11, 1986. Their address is 2350 Wheystone Ct., Vienna, Va. 22180.

1975 Mr. and Mrs. James FitzRoy (Margaret Casebeer), a son, Jared James, born on March 12, 1987. They reside at 24 Seminole Ave., Claymont, Del. 19703.

**1975 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew André** (Karla Poley), '76, a son, Andrew August, born on Dec. 18, 1987. They live at 24 W. 479 Ohio St., Naperville, Ill. 60540.

1981 Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Campanale Jr. (Lisa Colona), '80, a son, Matthew, born on Feb. 14, 1988. They reside at 725 Tranquility Lane, Lansdale, 19446

1981 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dochelli, a daughter, Kaitlyn Marie, born on Nov. 11, 1987. They live at 516 Melissa Drive, Ambler, Pa. 19002.

**ES 1982** Mr. and **Mrs. Bill Davidson** (**Elizabeth L. Weaver**), a son, Geoff Paul, born on Oct. 29, 1987. Their address is Box 316, R.D. 1, Boyertown, Pa. 19512.

1982 Carol D. Miller, a daughter, Ashley Megan, born on March 19, 1986. They reside at 4 Forest Hill Rd., Leola, Pa. 17540.

**1983 Mr.** and Mrs. **Paul B. Schodowski**, a son. Benjamin Charles, born on Oct. 29, 1987. They live at 713 Stokes Ave., Collingswood, N.J. 08108.

1984 Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Robinson (Suzanne Strickland), '85, a daughter, Margaret Ellen, born on Aug. 10, 1987. Their address is 1186 Queen Lane, Apt. 2, West Chester, Pa. 19382.

### Deaths

**1923 Helen Boyer Wismer** died on April 2, 1988.

**1925 Alice Berger Nagle** died on Nov. 26, 1986.

**1927 Owen R. Jones** died on Feb. 23, 1988. He resided at 1561 Fifth Ave., Vero Beach, Fla. 32960.

**1929 William G. Saalman** died on Sept. 14, 1987. He resided at R.D. 3, Box 78, Egg Harbor, N.J. 08215.

**1929 Walter A. Spangler** died on Feb. 2, 1988. He resided at 1550 Hollywood Dr., Lanscaster, Pa. 17601.

**1939 William M. Power** died on May 3, 1988. He resided in Doylestown, Pa. 18901

**1945 Donald R. Boger** died on Dec. 10, 1987. He resided at 26727 Ridge Rd., Demascus, Md. 20872.

**1946 Paul T. Pitcher** died; date of death unknown. He resided at Route 1, Box 1088, Pasadena, Md. 21122.

**1950 Raymond R. Blydenburg III** died on May 2, 1988. He resided at 437 W. Glenside Ave., Glenside, Pa. 19038.

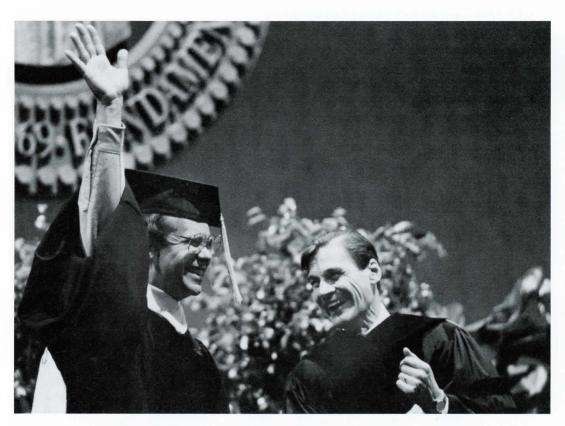
1951 Wainwright E. H. Diehl, J.D. died on Dec. 22, 1987. He resided at 13518 Tranquility Ct., Herndon, Va. 22071.

**1956 Morgan B. Beemer** died on Jan. 22, 1987. He resided at 425 Quigley Ave., Willow Grove, Pa. 19090.

1986 Leroy G. Adams died on May 4, 1988. He resided at R.D. 1, Box 297, Schuylkill Haven, Pa. 17972.

### Other Deaths

**Emil H. Messikomer**, physical education faculty member and coach, died on April 22, 1988.





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Aug. 30	Ursinus Day Opening Convocation,
	11:15 a.m.
Sept. 24	Parents' Day
Oct. 7	Homecoming weekend: Count Basie
	Orchestra Concert, 8 p.m., Helfferich Hall
Oct. 8	Homecoming weekend: reunions for '53,
	'58, '63, '68, '73, '78, '83.