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Dr. Craft Comments: '76 Enrollment Drops

By SHARON TUBERTY

Dr. James P. Craft, Assistant Dean of the College, stated that the numbers for 1976-77 graduation rates from Ursinus last year was comparable to the previous year and that there was no cause for alarm. Of the 184 who left the college during the last year, 65 were freshmen, 56 were sophomores, 36 were juniors and 7 were seniors. The largest number, 53, transferred to another institution and the next largest, 37, left for personal reasons. Other reasons given were financial, medical, job-related and marital.

The 76 freshmen who left represented 23% of their class. However, Craft commented that although this number was slightly higher than the previous year, it was lower than the year before that. Those students who decided to leave the college were asked to fill out a questionnaire and appear for an exit interview. The results of this data indicate that only one out of 15 transfer students are dissatisfied with Ursinus and that most students regard the college favorably. Craft also commented that only about one out of 20 offered any constructive criticism. He stated that the call questionnaires are read carefully and that they sometimes lead to alterations in college policy. In short, Craft sees no cause for alarm and feels that the number of "nearly things coming up in the near future that will add to the attractiveness of Ursinus."

As for admissions to the college, the number has fallen from 232 in 1976-77 to 225 freshmen in 1977. Geoffrey Dolman, Dean of Admissions, stated that part of the drop was prompted due to the lack of dormitory space to house new men. The 275 figure was about 40 less than the Admissions Office desired if they had had the dormitory space and

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Dorm Letter Drafted

By MARC T. DIMARCEANGELO

Wednesday night, September 22, 1976, the Ursinus Student Government Association (USGA) held its first meeting of the school year in Wissner Auditorium. In attendance were the newly-elected members of the USGA and approximately two dozen students who wanted registration information. A large number of students were there to hear the present open policy discussion.

Ron Columbo, president of the USGA, presided. He initiated the meeting by making introductions which led up to the closing of the dormitories on the weekend of September 26th. The college had received a new open-policy regulation, according to Columbo, in 1974. Since then, 4 years ago when President Pettit agreed to adopt such a program on an experimental basis, the President felt that if the students "behaved," it may one day be legalized by the Board of Directors.

Columbo then presented a letter that was addressed to a past USGA president and stressed the responsibilities that this new policy brought. The letter was read to the representatives of the student organizations which were to uphold in order to maintain this open dorm policy. Immediately following this was the reading of the most recent letter submitted to the Administration, asking for a renewal of this policy for the 1976-77 academic year. This letter did not express the willingness of the USGA to accept the responsibility of keeping the students in line during these "weekend violations." Therefore, the President of the College in his letter closed and closed the college dormitories.

In his recent letter to the USGA, Pettit agreed to reinstate the open dorm policy if certain demands were met. The demands covered around the USGA working together with the provost and the resident assistant to set down the rules and regulations of the dormitory. The letter which resembled past letters, was sent to the students in the dormitory the weekend morning for his approval.

(1) The dormitories will be open from 6:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. on Friday and 1:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. on Saturday.

By CINDY SHELMIRE

SFARC (Student Faculty Administration Relations Committee) held its first meeting of the 1976-77 year on Thursday, September 23, at 4:00 p.m. In attendance were: Mr. Richard P. Richter, Mr. Arthur W. Switzer, Dr. Peter F. Smillie, Dr. Charles T. Sullivan, Dr. Martha C. Takata, Mr. Harry E. Broadbent III, Larry Dahler, Stephen Lange, Liz Pizulo, George Rakich, and Michael Hoffman.

The function of SFARC, according to Mr. Dahler, is to take questions from students, discuss them, make suggestions, and direct them through the proper channels.

Mr. Dahler was then presented with a schedule which included calendar reform, student attendance at faculty meetings and departmental meetings, and a discussion of the constitutionality of the Ursinus rules and procedures. The first issue, carried over from last year, was calendar reform. A survey of students taken last year by SFARC showed an overwhelming 90% in favor of the change. Faculty members were concerned that the whole be reluctant to make any strong opinions on the change at this time. However, Mr. Broadbent in 1972 had voted in favor of some sort of reform; the specific reform was not agreed upon. Mr. Dahler felt that the pre-Christmas exams were more efficient and better for the students mentally; the semester length would be reduced if that recession occurred. Dr. Sullivan pointed out that if nothing was done about this matter by the end of November, the reform would be delayed at least until the 1977-78 year. However, Mr. Dahler suggested that any more

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A discussion of a popular campus topic, open dorms, led quickly into an evaluation of the Ursinus judicial system. Dr. Takata pointed out that a judiciary board exists to review student cases but is not in operation. The motions were passed unanimously.

The committee then discussed several proposals made by Steve Lange that: (1) the USGA constitution be on file in the library, and (2) the president of the USGA, Ron Columbo, publicize all meetings.

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Comment... Alan K. Stetler

Action, Not Promises

Another academic year has begun on the Ursinus campus, and to most observers little has been altered from previous years. Of course buildings, facilities, faculty and students have changed from year to year, but it is that indefinable quality which is Ursinus that has become a part of all of us.

Upperclassmen are settling back into the groups and routines they have established for themselves over the years, and freshmen are searching for that group or way of life which seems best suited to them. However, the point here is not to say that diversity and “trying to find your own thing” is wrong—but it isn’t. But there comes a time when a fairly homogeneous group, such as the Ursinus community, must act in concert in order to achieve its goals.

The simplest and most expedient way to solve a problem is not always the best way. Short-range solutions and solutions based on the premise of “you do this for me and I’ll do that for you” never really accomplish anything. The basis for such agreements is tenuous at best, and it is too easy for one party to reneg on its part of the bargain, knowing that the other party can do little or nothing about it.

Students and administration of Ursinus should keep these ideas in mind when they are dealing with such sensitive campus issues as dormitory visitation policy and calendar reform. Both sides have valid points of view which should be heard. Both sides when and if infractions of the agreement occur; it would result from a myterious disease which has been unfairly, and without conclusive evidence, linked to the Bellevue. Dr. Smith suggesting that a result of that person’s stay at the hotel that another victim would be added to the list.

Public apologies should be demanded from both these men and Smith should offer a private apology to the twenty-nine families whose loss of a loved one he made light of. This is a time of ethnic, social, sexual and civic awareness in this country, and we should not sit idly by while any group is unfairly disparaged.

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(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) of plea bargaining. If a student goes to the board, and it finds him/her guilty, the student must receive the minimum number of demerits. This could in result in loss of financial aid or expulsion from school. However, the student can change status from a paper denying him/her-self the right to a hearing, fewer demerits may be assessed. It was suggested that the judicial board, as it now stands, has little purpose. Members must have some idea of what present rules were too Inflexible and that perhaps the minimum de- merit law might be changed.

Discussion passed to the topic of the constitutionality of the present rule system. Five page book of rules was suggested by George Rankin, who cited as an example of unconstitutional the present “search and seizure” rule. Mr. Rankin, a state certified paralegal, suggested that Ursinus might be “on the road” rather than “on the rack” as far as constitutionality is concerned and that the college might at some time be involved in a suit. He cited several cases in which schools lost in places where the rule was violated. Mr. Rich- ter pointed out that there is an ‘all and fraught with difficulties such that and that a liberal trend seen in the courts a few years ago is now be- coming a conservative one. The matter finally came down to these two questions: “Are there discrep­ ancies between written rules and practice, and procedures and court stand­ards? Is there any discrepancy between written rules and procedures and the way they are carried out?” Several members suggested rule reviews in answer to these questions.

Students and faculty are encour­ aged to attend the next monthly meeting which are held once a month in the Union Conference Room. The next is set for October 10th.

The WEEKLY STAFF WANTS YOU!
COMING TO OURAssignment Meeting
Monday, Oct. 4 at 6:30
in Bomberger Basement
COME WITH YOUR IDEAS AND NEWSPAPER EXPERI­ENCE, BUT IF YOU HAVE NEVER, COME ANYWAY:

CARE Carnival

The U.S.G. is sponsoring a CARE Carnival. Left overs from the Parent’s Day, October 6th (Parents’ Day), They are a result of a mystery disease which has been unfairly, and without conclusive evidence, linked to the Bellevue. Dr. Smith suggesting that a result of that person’s stay at the hotel that another victim would be added to the list.

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Thursday evening, Sept. 25, marked the commencement of the annual series of Ursinus College forums. It was held in Winner Hall and the guest speaker was Dr. J. Seelye Bixler, President Emeritus of Culky College. Among Dr. Bixler's many achievements are writing several books and lecturing all over the world. His topic was entitled "Teacher Knows Best."
Dr. Bixler opened his lecture by making a few generalizations about teachers; that they are at the bottom of the totem pole, the butt of jokes and criticism, and supposedly, in the eyes of the general public, know the least.
Dr. Bixler spoke in terms of the college situation where the teacher is the master of his subject and has been acquainted with the methods of the mind. He believes that "education is student-centered" is a very ambiguous statement. The doctor did make it clear, however, that this course of education is carried, not the faculty.
An interesting point that Dr. Bixler presented was that the student should not be called upon to make certain decisions. "A student is asked to make decisions too freely. He should learn what goodness is." He went on to say that the process of making too many decisions tends to wear a student down due to the fact that he does not know how to handle it. An excellent analysis of a very common tendency in most students was made by Dr. Bixler. He believes that a student must have interest in a subject for its own sake and not just to let the question, "What has this got to do with me?" run through his mind.
He went on to say that subject matter must be relevant to the demands of the world, to the needs of society, and to what the student wants to know. The student must learn how to look and make the thing that has to be done his own.
Dr. Bixler tied everything together with his belief that a teacher is an expert in adapting the universal methods of the mind to the problems we face—while utilizing his subject matter.

Record Review

Better Days and Happy Endings—Melissa Manchester

This page is an authorized album by Melissa Manchester, released in the wake of the great success of her first release, Midnight Blue, Better Days and Happy Endings is just another testament to Melissa Manchester's prowess as both a pure singer and songwriter.

"We've Got Better"

A secret recipe for a meal you can't make at home

Arthur Treacher's Fish & Chips

PARK RIDGE SHOPPING CENTER
TROOP, PA.
Campaign-Advance Ursinus

BY BRIAN FEELY

On July 1st Ursinus launched a four-year fund drive, "Advance Ursinus 76-79," with a minimum target of $4.4 million to be collected between July 1, 1976 and June 30, 1980. The new program is intended to improve, modernize, and expand existing academic and physical facilities as well as create new ones. It will build upon the work of prior campaigns including those of presidents.. It will also launch a capital campaign, bearded "Advance Ursinus: Those Are Our Years," with a goal of $20 million to be collected with a minimum of five commodities. The campaign will be handled by the corporate committee, as described including five commodities, as Linda Konstadt has already done. "Just You and I," the first single release of the LP, is a beautiful sound in the mold of Melissa's first hit single, "Midnight Blue." The tunes on the album are all easy listening and with light qualities, including both of the title tracks, "Better Days" and "Happy Endings," and a nice jumpy ballad entitled "Stand Up Woman." Released by Artist Records, the album was produced by Vinh Pro- ci, who co-wrote "You Make It All Come True," and contributes background vocals. The filling teashit on this fine rec- ording are the songwriting contribu- tions of Carole Bayer Sager, who assisted on five songs, Trevor Law- rence arrangements of horns, and production assistance from Clive Davis.

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F.&M. Beats Ursinus to Western head coach this host first home contest for ley Flying soore. Placekicker b ack 9 carries. Fullback Tom for the son contributed 28 yards to the The Bears won't win it this year rebuilding one for every team but places, some are the overwhelming favorites. there's sprinter Ivery Gibson at stow some QB in Bob Kirkhoff. and problems day, losing 16-6. Coach Lou with a green oft'ensive line. Red Devils ley (1-1), Saturday, veteran Bean' defense 'Last Ursinus against FI:Mi 'Play (from Maryland, 207-'7-1 record, is very responsible by good offensive team; they really want to work and win for him. Tom Isan, a varsity squad member who has improved tremendously. The Bears' training program, the squad went taming brick to the Bear's defense. Joe Shebler is the offensive leader. Bears' defense played fairly well against PAM; they could have a better nowadays.

What Lies Ahead

By JOE SARACO

Ursinus has not won the Middle Atlantic Conference South championship since it tied for it in 1907. The Bears won't win it this year either, but the season should be exci ting nonetheless. This year is a rebuilding year for every team but two, so except for first and second places, the divisional race should be very close, and fans should see some excellent football. Here's a look at Ursinus' remaining foes: Widner: Bill MacKinnon's Pioneers are the overwhelming favorites. Most of last year's championship and NCAA playoff team are back. Greg Melton is the QB, Craig Kop down, and Dave Stover are tough runnings, and for the quick TD there's springer Ivery Gibson at Ruhers, and the Bears' defense. Smothmore may win some this year.

Widner Coach Brao Calvo's team will be exciting if you're not a Moravian fan. With their potent offense, led by QB John Van Vlitenburg, and miserable defense, the guy working the scoreboard won't get bored. Bill Long (pause for in terception) is a good defensive player though. Johns Hopkins: The Blue Jays are small, but they have fair speed and coach Dennis Cox likes to play a wide-open game. Receiver Dave Emmala is probably the best player. They're not as deep, but they won't win very often.

Ursinus, with a "young and inex perienced, but hungry team," opened with an offense starting Tom ideal at quarterback, Scott Calla man, Jerry Brown and freshman in the Red Devils. Tom Beddoes at running backs, with captain Pete Nicholas and Kevin Griffin at the receiving positions. The line consisted of tackles Randy Whiteford, Ron Colum bo, guards Dan Pastorelli, Dave Coraggio and center John Onopchan ko. Paul Klinger, who started at quarterback in the opener, relieved Tom ideal in the second half and comple ted 6 of 13 throws. Pete Nichol as, last year's leading receiver, made standout individual performances in receiving, with a two-year total of 12 catches for 157 yards.

The defense, which limited F&M to a total 229 yards, was anchored by placekicker Fred Calvo, the second team defender. It was a complete performance by the Bears in their 29-7 win.

By KEITH WRIGHT

As fall sports get underway once more here at Ursinus College, our attention should be focused on a group of guys who already are under holding their winning tradition—the Ursinus Bears cross country team. After an extensive pre-season training this team, the squad went out on Saturday the 18th of Sep tember and came within two points of beating powerful Delaware Valley College, a team which swept the first six places on the Bears last season and all of these returning to Del. Val.'s lead. The attack for Ursinus is a freshman harbinger by the name of Joe Fig uelli. Joe has already won both of his races by convincing margins, and has helped the team to a 3-1 record so far.

Also pivotal in the strong show ing Ur· sen's Val, were John Rich ard (4th), Keith Kemper (7th), Chris Duvalley (5th) and Ed Gilroy (11th) who tied today, September 22nd, the JV team, led by Leroy Kent, George Young, Tom Isan, and Kevin Griffin, who both outdid William liamson Trade 19-50. The JV rec ord stands at 1-1 after a close loss to Haverford College despite a su per performance in that race by Kevin Isan.

Things came together once more this past weekend as Ursinus received a total 8-0 win over Eastern College 16-14, and Drew University 22-19. Joe Figuerei toured the 5.1 mile Ursinus course in a record time, with Keith Kem per (3rd), Captain Ed Gilroy (4th), Leroy Kent (5th), Chris Duvalley (7th), and Tom Isan (8th) lead ing the Grizzly attack.

Another important reason for the success of the team is the first year mentor, Bob Shoudt. Coach Shoudt, who is a former cross-country coach at Delaware Community, and track coach at Norristown High, where he led them to an amazing 297-7-1 record, is very respected by his players. The Bears want to work and win for him. Tom Isan, a varsity squad member who has improved tremendously. The Bears' training program, the squad went taming brick to the Bear's defense. Joe Shebler is the offensive leader. Bears' defense played fairly well against PAM; they could have a better nowadays.

Hockey Still Winning

By EATE PRENDERGAST

Early Saturday morning, Sept. 24, Ursinus women's hockey team started for Towson, Maryland to confront William & Mary College and Towson College in games of skill and fortune. At ten o'clock the Varsity team began to play. The forward line bombarded the cage while the de fense kept the ball away from the opposition. The final score was Ursinus seven and William & Mary one.

Reter Meng had 2 goals, Sally Starr 1 goal, Nancy Zwan 2 goals, and July Turner 1 goal. Meanwhile the Ursinus junior varsity played William & Mary's J.V. It was a shutout with Ursi nus winning 6-4.

Candy Updell had 3 goals, Sue How 2 goals, and Margie Noss had 1 goal.

Then at 2 o'clock, these hard-working hockey players defeated Towson 4-0. Through the leadership of Skip McKeon and Su dy Turner, varsity co-captains, it was a successful day.

It was a fantastic day for the two team goalies. Mary Ann Lindquist, varsity goalie, had her first shutout of the season against Tow son College while the J.V. goalie, Edith Damen, had two consecutive shutouts.

It looks bright for the 1976 Ur sinus hockey team. Under the guidance of coach Adele Boyd, the team should be able to keep their good showing from the previous season.

 Events

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A movie in which suburban house wives are turned into perfect, sexy robots by their loving husbands. This satirical and suspenseful movie stars Katherine Ross, Peter Masterson and Paula Prentice.