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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 enrollment drop at Ursinus last year was comparable to the other years in the past ten years. Of the 106 members of the class of 1976, 56 were seniors, 46 were sophomores, 36 were juniors and 7 were seniors. The largest number, 52, transferred to another institution and the next largest, 27, left for personal reasons. Other reasons given were financial, medical, job-related and marital.

Craft also commented that only about one out of 10 offers any constructive criticism. He stated that the call center representatives 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 college is in a strong position to handle any "turbulence coming up in the future that will add to the attractiveness of Ursinus." As for admissions to the college, the numbers have fallen from 239 in the first year of the 1976 freshmen in 1976. Geoffrey Dolman, Dean of Admissions, stated that part of the drop was caused due to the lack of dormitory space to house non-men students. The 275 figure was about 40 less than the Admissions Office desired if they had had the dormitory space and (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4).

**Absentees Balloted Explained**

To receive an Absentee Ballot for the coming election, send a note to the County Board of Elections in the county where you are registered asking for an application. The application must be filled out and returned by October 4th and your ballot will be mailed back for your use.

**Richter Named Ursinus President**

The vice president of Ursinus College, Richard P. Richter, was named president of the 107-year-old institution during class of 76 commencement exercises last May.

Six years as president of the College.

"Our objective will be not to merely cope successfully with stresses and strains," said the president-elect, "but to advance Ursinus still higher among the outstanding independent colleges of the nation."

Richter is a 1963 graduate of the College and was vice president for administrative affairs since 1969. He also is assistant professor of English.

Richter joined the Ursinus staff in 1965 as alumni secretary and assistant to the president. Under Donald L. Hoffertich, former president and now chancellor of Ursinus.

In 1973 Richter received the Christian R. and Mary F. Simon Award for Excellence in Teaching and recently his report on an experimental writing program for Ursinus freshmen appeared in "College English," a professional publication.

During his tenure at Ursinus, Richter was responsible for conducting two major planning campaigns, and also was chairman of the Long-Term Planning Committee which planned the recently-completed major modernization of all campus facilities.

Richter is a member of the United Church of Christ, the denomination with which Ursinus College is historically related.

Richter's election came after a special committee of the Directors interviewed a slate of candidates, assisted by alumni, faculty and student representatives.

A search was made for eligible nominees immediately after Dr. Pettit announced last March his intention to retire.
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 concert in order to achieve its goals.

"because it isn't. But there comes a time when a fairly homogenous 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 tempus at best, and it is too easy for one party to renge 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 and discussed, but as a result of these discussions some sort of concrete and binding agreement should be drawn up. A contract such as this would secure a mature attitude on both sides when and if infractions of the agreement occur; it would also provide a basis from which the resolution to the problem could be achieved.

**Cheap Shot Commentators**

Several comments made by Harry Reasoner and Howard K. Smith on the ABC television network about Philadelphia last Thursday night during the Ford-Carter debate were not only in poor taste, but were morally offensive to the citizens of Philadelphia and to the families of those who died as a result of the so-called Legionnaire's Disease.

Reasoner opened the attack by saying that "some people think Philadelphia has been isolated from the rest of the country for a long time." His remark was made in reference to the audio difficulties which prevented the sound from coming out of the Walnut Street Theater. Statements like Reasoner's belong in the acts of stand-up comics, and certainly are not what one expects from a renowned journalist.

Howard K. Smith's comment that "whoever fixes this problem deserves a week's stay at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel with meals and room service" has to be the height of irresponsible journalism. Twenty-nine people have died as a result of a mysterious disease which has been unfairly, and without conclusive evidence, linked to the Bellevue. Was Smith suggesting that as a result of that person's stay at the hotel 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.
The Last Hurrah
An Introduction to Ursinus Romance

I
I emerged from the shower and stared deeply into my Paul Newman's eyes (as if my eye, no less). The new female stereotypes, Helen Reddy wimp-shiping, and the new male stereotypes: "I am woman" as they walk to class with a woman, and "I am man" as they walk alone, would classify the above reference to my eyes as a sexist remark. I can assure them they wouldn't call me a sexist if they came to my room on Friday night and discussed it over a warm cup of Cosmic Dust and Fritos chips and a cool bottle of Steve Winwood's "Back in the High Life," in the presence of popular female logic in the women's movement.

Piaa Erina Long Friedman (who likes to fly but has a Fear of Landing): "You're a sexist! You're looking at me in a way that is disgusting!"
Friedman Guy: "Well, if I didn't look at you that way, you'd say I was a stock-ump stuck.

II
Yet, like all confident sexist males, my memory jars back to a heartrending romance I washed away from that girl, who I shall give the fictitious name "Chuckles the Three-week Romance." In this unrealistic. She called me into Pius- ley Lounge to have a "serious discussion" about the girl. We were unaccompanied with the relations-Ship game is when you have a discussion with a girl (depending on height) in which she comes across a man you don't like her and that you aren't responsible.

I am the score well. I call this "The Serious Discussion." Me (tears in eyes): Chuckles, it's hard for me to explain. You know. Chuckles: You can tell me. (She squezes my hands).
Me (briehly): Good. I want- ed to discuss the Magnet Line strategy the French once used.
Chuckles: What do you mean? Me: It was a flagrant mistake which many term euphemistically a "compelling mediocrity" one.
Chuckles: How can this be a serious discussion if it doesn't relate to students?
Me: Anyway, as I was saying... Chuckles: What do you mean? Needless to say the relationship broke off because it wasn't serious enough.

III
I returned to my Wilkinson chamber, showered again, looked in a mirror (stripped of my pipe dreams) and stared at my nakedness. Tears trickled down my cheeks and formed rivulets under my chin. I was rapidly approaching reality when I was suddenly swallowed at man's foolishness and realized the emptiness inside me. I said, "Mirror in the wall, who's the fairest of them all?" It didn't answer. I then ran outside and into a universe of Elmin patch, I beheld the sky, "Do you Jesus love the little children?" "It's just good friends?" The clouds gathered, lightning struck, and I think the world was destroyed.
I stood up and walked into the meek face of my Canaan ska friends. I thought of the youth I lost and my never-ending search for a "The Final Wiltchwood." Oh, woe is me!

Record Review
Better Days and Happy Endings—Melissa Manchester
This is the follow-up 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 Man- chester's prowess as both a pure singer and songwriter.

Teacher Knows Best!
By KAMALA D. CHAPMAN

We've Got Better
A secret recipe for a meal you can't make at home
Arthur Treacher's Fish & Chips
PARK RIDGE RISING CENTER TROOPER, PA.
Curriculum Addition in History
By Bonnie Dixon

A new history course has been instituted this academic year under the direction of Dr. Derk Visser, Associate Professor of History. Entitled "Late Roman Empire and Europe from 1460 to 1850," the course is designed to provide students with an understanding of historical events and processes that have shaped the modern world.

The first semester of the course encompasses the Late Roman Empire, with an emphasis on the political, social, and cultural developments that characterized this period. The course will be taught by Dr. Derk Visser, who has extensive experience in the study of European history. His teachings will focus on the key figures, events, and ideas that have shaped the modern world, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the past.

The second semester will explore the history of Europe from 1460 to 1850. This period is marked by significant changes in politics, economy, and society, and the course will examine these developments in detail. Students will gain insight into the events that have shaped modern Europe, including the Industrial Revolution, the Napoleonic Wars, and the rise of nationalism.

This course is ideal for students interested in history, politics, and society. It will provide a solid foundation for further study in these fields and will help students to understand the complex events that have shaped the modern world.
Phil's To See Red

By WARREN FRITZ

In May and June they were the most dominating team in baseball. Jim Lemon's slider was more effective than TRY. Bill Free's fastball burned holes in Bob Boone's mitt. You could "kiss it goodbye" when Mike Schmidt connected. Dave Cash and Larry Bowa gobbled up more ground balls than a vacuum cleaner. Nobody could get Jay Johnstone out.

Even if it did not, in most of Aug., the Phillies were still the team to beat. Then a place called Riverfront Stadium started the Phillies horrible slide. Riverfront is the home of the world champion Cincinnati Reds, just in case you didn't know. The Reds beat the Phils' backs with come-from-behind victories in the last two games of a four-game series. The Reds did it with speed, with timely hitting, and some luck. Hard-hit balls by the Phils were caught and the batters and baserunners by the Reds generated rallies. The Broad Street Bridge changed their road trip to, Houston, New York, and Pittsburgh. Well, we all know that was a disaster. Nothing went right. Great Locusts only pitching for pitches in the dirt. Jim Kaat losing 1-0 in the Astoreomen on a gopher pitch. Dave Cash watching a hard ball roll right into field which ordinarily stops.

However, those days are forgotten, right? No more Little Leagues, play, right? Well, the Big Red takes over in this Saturday night, October 8. And you can bet the Phils will have their boot to spend. Cindy. And I think Philly can do it. Yea, I know the Reds lead the league in hitting. And in steals. Also they're a great defensive ball club. That's another aspect of the game of baseball. Of course, Chalk one up for the Phillies. The Carl Yastrzemski in a Riverfront Park is one of the best lefty-righty duos in baseball. No doubt that they will hurt the first few platers they play. It's hard to say who will pitch for Cincinnati. Maybe, maybe not, but I think the team will be better. The Red's pitching has become associated for the most part with films of bare arms. They have reasonably easy access in the Greater Philadelphia area, if it is not shown on the campus. They would say that the College teaches not only by making ideas, etc., available to students but also by demonstrating that certain norms of talk and taste can be cultivated by the well-educated person. To come a little closer to the campus would be to put a limit on the abstraction of ideas, which most of us are committed...

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What Lies Ahead

By JOE SARACO

Ursinus has not won the Middle Atlantic Conference South championship since it tied for it in 1967. The Bears won't win it this year either, but the season should be exciting nonetheless. This year is a rebuilding one 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's remaining foes:

Widener: Bill Mackenzie's Pioneers are the overwhelming favorites. Most of last year's championship and NCAA playoff team are back. Greg Melton is the QB, Craig Kip­
town, Brian Marcelli are tough run­ners, and for the quick TD there's spry Kenny Gibson at fullback, and veteran Ken Wemock (DT) head an awe­some defensive line.

Lebanon Valley: The Flying Dutchmen are very young, but they played Widener tough on opening day, losing 14-0. Coach Louis Schidler has his team fighting to keep their legs in the off­season; still, the Red Devils are strong on the ground with Jim Gerlach and Kevin Gorman. Jack Maley, only a soph­omore, is questionable.

Ruts­ton: The Diplomats have a good defense, led by Jim Laugner (nine ter­ceptions), the lone senior. is very respected by the recruits, and a good one.

Dutch­town: Coach Tom Mercado's Calvary will be exciting if you're not a Nor­man fan. With their potent offensive, led by QB Jim Van Vlack­burg, and miserable defense, the guy working the scoreboard won't get bored. Jim Laugner (inter­ceptions) is a good defensive player though.

Johns Hop­kins: The Blue Jays are small, but they have fair speed and coach Dennis Coe likes to play a wide-open game. Receiver Dave Emaha is probably the best player, but they're interesting, but they won't win very often.

Hockey Still Winning

By KATE 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 defense kept the ball away from the opposite goal. The final score was Ursinus seven and William & Mary one.

R下列 Meng had 2 goals, Sally Stary 1 goal, Nancy Zwen 2 goals, and July Turner 1 goal.

Meanwhile the Ursinus junior varsity played William & Mary's J.V. It was a shutout with Ursin­us winning 4-0.

Andy Wimmerman 1 goal, May Rose 2 goals, Beth Hora 2 goals, Cathy Jackson 1 goal, and Candy Russell 2 goals. It was a fantastic day for the two team­ers. Maric 12 goals, varsity goals, had her first shutout of the season against Towson College, while the J.V. goals, Eileen Dumin, had two consecutive shutouts.

It looks bright for the 1976 Ursinus hockey team. Under the guidance of coach Adele Bredt, the team should be able to keep their high flying from the previous season.

Events

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movies in which suburban house­wives are turned into perfect, sexy robots by their loving husbands. This satirical and suspenseful movie stars Katherine Ross, Peter Mas­terson and Paul Premice.