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Ursinus News In Brief

U.S.G.A. Passes Resolution

The Ursinus Student Government Association met November 4 and passed a resolution to allow S.F.A.R.C. to correspond with members of the Ursinus community pending notification of the U.S.G.A. This is in light of a Constitutional question of whether S.F.A.R.C. as a sub-committee can send self-initiated correspondence.

Sigma Xi To Host Speakers

The Ursinus Chapter of the Sigma Xi, an honorary science fraternity, will hold two meetings in upcoming weeks. The first meeting will have Dr. Michael Mote of Temple University speaking on Color Vision in the Insect, and will be held Wednesday, November 17th at 8:00 p.m. in Pfahler 108.

Dr. Joseph A. Vinson of Scranton University is the second guest speaker. He will be here on Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. Pfahler 108, and will be lecturing on the Chemistry of Marijuana in Man.

Switzer Named to Federal Board

W. Arthur Switzer, director of financial aid at Ursinus College, served last week (Nov. 1 to 5) on a Federal Regional Review Panel, which will distribute \$92.5 million to help students attend colleges in 1977.

The panel, meeting in Philadelphia, processed the federal student aid applications from colleges and universities in Federal Region III.

That region encompasses Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The applications requested some \$245.5 million in federal student aid funds under the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, National Direct Student Loans, and College Work Study Programs.

U. C. Student's Paper Honored

A paper on inventory control, written by a 1976 Ursinus College graduate, won second prize in regional competition recently after winning first prize in a local contest with five other schools last summer.

Gregory Weigard, Center Valley, Pa., an economics major, entered his paper, "Inventory Control: a Scientific Approach," in a contest sponsored by the American Production and Inventory Control Society.

The \$150 prize in the local contest was awarded at a dinner in mid-October.

Weigard is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene B. Weigard, 162 Aberdene St., Center Valley.

He was a guard on the Ursinus basketball team, and was vice president of Sigma Rho Lambda fraternity.

Ursinus Installs Richter

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WEEKLY STAFFERS

In an impressive ninety minute ceremony, Richard Paul Richter was inaugurated as the tenth president of Ursinus College on Sunday, November 7, 1976. He succeeds William S. Pettit who retired after serving as President from 1970-1976. President Richter is a 1953 cum laude graduate of Ursinus, and he holds a Master of Arts degree in English from the University of Pennsylvania.

Before joining the Ursinus staff in 1965, Richter was a member of the industrial relations department of the Philadelphia Gas Works Division of the United Gas Improvement Company. He was also employed for a time by the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company. At Ursinus he has served as Alumni Secretary and Assistant to the President, and in 1969 he became Vice-President for Administrative Affairs. He is also an Assistant Professor of English.

Theodore Raymond Schwalm, President of the Board of Directors, presided. The program opened with the Academic Procession followed by the singing of the National Anthem and an invocation by the College Chaplain, Reverend Max Nuscher. Afterward, the entire assembly joined in the singing of "How Firm a Foundation."

President Richter was then in-

ducted into office by President Schwalm in a brief ceremony which consisted of handing over the mace, symbol of office, to President Richter. The President's Response (text on page 4) dealt with his perception of Ursinus as an academic institution, its illustrious past, and its hopes for the future. The address was warmly received by the audience. This portion of the program was closed by the singing of "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past."

The next section of the program

was devoted to short speeches of greeting from various groups associated with the College. Representing the United Church of Christ was the Reverend Joseph Henry Evans, President of the U.C.C. The Honorable Louis Damon Stefan offered a congratulatory speech to President Richter on behalf of the Perkiomen Valley area. Judge Stefan is an Associate Judge in the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. Speaking for the alumni was the President of

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President Richard P. Richter is handed the mace, symbol of office, by Board President Theodore Schwalm.

Gourman Report Slated

At its November 30th meeting, the Student-Faculty-Administration Relations Committee will consider a comprehensive report of Ursinus' academic standing—both nationally and in relationship to neighboring institutions.

The report will culminate a two-month study by S.F.A.R.C. Chairman Lawrence Dalaker, member Stephen M. Lange and associate G. Montgomery Rankin. The study was based on the 1967 analysis by Professor Jack Gourman (The Gourman Report: 1967, Continuing Education Institute, Washington, D. C.) Gourman rated the quality of the academic program and administrative services for over 2000 colleges and universities. Each rating was expressed by the letter grades A, B, C, and D. Overall academic and administrative ratings were expressed as a number between 200 and 800, similar to

the Educational Testing Service scoring system.

The Gourman Report has been cited often in studies of the effect of a college's quality on the performance of its graduates. Notably the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank, in cooperation with the Philadelphia Board of Education, assessed the relationship between a number of class and teacher variables on the educational growth of Philadelphia public school students.

The authors (Wolf & Sommers, 1974) found that the Gourman rating of a teacher's alma mater significantly affected the learning of his or her students.

Dalaker, Lange and Rankin will offer data on the quality of Ursinus education on a number of dimensions supported by literature research and statistical analyses performed by the three S.F.A.R.C. associates.

Since the Report, Ursinus has completed an intensive capital improvement program, and has expanded several departments while terminating others. S.F.A.R.C. will consider the net change in faculty salaries, academic programs and administrative services since the 1967 study. One of the three S.F.A.R.C. researchers commented that, "the Gourman Report raises serious questions about the priorities of the college. Our November meeting will be very important and S.F.A.R.C. will be asked to consider actions to improve the College's standing, quality of education and expanded offerings.

The research by Dalaker, Lange and Rankin was funded by an appropriation by the U.S.G.A., and consisted of a literature search of the University of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Free Library as well as the services of the Inter-Library Loan System at Myrin.

Academic Council Reports

By SHARON TUBERTY

The Academic Council met on Thursday, October 28th to discuss course changes for the 1977-78 school year. At the faculty meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, the Council's suggestions were heard and voted on. The members of the Council are the President, Professor Meyer, Professor Byerly, Professor Fletcher, Professor Dougherty, Professor Snyder, the Dean, Professor Staiger, Professor Barth.

A slight change was made in the German Department. Previously, the course Scientific German was taken only after the student fulfilled the German Intermediate requirements. The first term of Sci-

entific German (311) will now consist of the basics—grammar, culture, and skill in the language. The second term (312) will place heavy emphasis on the scientific factors.

In the History department, all of the seminars have been changed to three credits instead of the customary two. In the Political Science department, the course entitled "Constitutional Law" has been lengthened to a year (Poli. Sci. 211, 212) and will be taught both semesters by Dr. Pancoast. Beginning next year, Dr. Kane will teach Law and Society (Poli. Sci. 222) which is a study of the origins, objectives and manifestations

of law in the United States political system.

The major alteration in the Psychology department was the addition of two laboratory courses—111 and 112 which were created to correspond to the content of Psychology 101 and 102 (previously 101 and 108). The labs will consist of two hours a week in class and one semester credit for each course. The labs need not be taken concurrently with 101, 102. If the student has already taken the Introductory Psychology courses, he may still elect to take the labs.

None of the alterations represent major transformations, and the college is not making any gross changes in staffing.

Comment . . .

Alan K. Stetler

Congratulations President Richter

Sunday, November 7th, was an important day in the history of Ursinus College; our tenth president, Richard P. Richter, was inaugurated. We should be grateful that we will have such an able and efficient administrator guiding the progress of this college. President Richter comes to office with a great deal of support and encouragement from all facets of the college community—his good reputation is the result of a lot of hard work. In his many capacities at Ursinus, including faculty member, advisor to various student organizations and Vice-President for Administrative Affairs, President Richter exhibited a deep and genuine concern. He was always ready to offer some sort of guidance or solution to all who came to him whether it was a student in one of his Freshman Composition classes or the editor of the *Weekly* agonizing over how to balance the budget. We are confident that the policy of openness and understanding will continue in his new position of leadership.

President Richter's job is not going to be an easy one; the faculty, students and Board of Directors will see to that. And we should not try to make it "easy" for him. He will have to cope with demands from all sides and try to reach a solution equitable to all; he needs the input and ideas from all sides in order to keep in tune with what is happening at Ursinus. He has proven his concern and dedication to Ursinus; we must have faith in that dedication.

In his inaugural address, President Richter showed that his appreciation for Ursinus' past will not interfere with his concern for the future. We quote, "It is altogether practical, therefore, for us to continue the traditional work of Ursinus. But, unless we carefully calibrate our way of doing so, it is dangerous too. It is dangerous because we may fall prey to our own past success and forget that a new day requires new thought and a fresh approach."

He has made his commitment and now it is up to us to help him in whatever way we can to keep it, whether that is praise for a good decision, constructive criticism of a bad one or suggestions on how to improve Ursinus. We can be sure that no matter what is said, it will be treated with respect and thoughtfulness. It is in that spirit that Ursinus will prosper and grow even more. We, the members of the *Weekly* editorial staff, wish to join with everyone else in saying "Congratulations and best of luck, President Richter."

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the Alumni Association, Henry William Pfeiffer. Lawrence Dalaker, President of the Class of 1978, spoke for the students of Ursinus College, and Dr. Evan Samuel Snyder concluded this portion of the program with a few remarks on behalf of the faculty.

Featured speaker for the day was Dr. Robinson Miller Upton, President of Beloit College from 1954-1975. Beloit College, like Ursinus, is another small private institution with a relationship with the United Church of Christ. In his speech, Dr. Upton stressed the need for small, private, liberal arts colleges in a market dominated by large universities, both public and private. He feels governmental policy underrates private higher education while overrating public higher education.

In what has become a traditional feature, the Dean of the College, Richard Groth Bozorth, next read the names of the students who have been on the Dean's List for the past two semesters. Dean Bozorth and President Richter respectively presented and conferred degrees on eleven candidates. Four received Associate in Business Administration: James Robert Bruno, JoAnn Shelly Chappie, John Harry Cooke, and John Michael Masciotti. Six Bachelor of Arts degrees were conferred: Drew Frothingham Alfren, David John Hausner, Kathleen Ann Hendrickson, Herbert Jeffery Miller, John James Pambianco, and Sharon Lucas Swavely. Robert William Bishop received a Bachelor of Science degree.

President Richter was then conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Board President Theodore Schwalm. Final event of the day was the presentation of a portrait of Dean Bozorth done by Theodore Xaras, head of Ursinus' Fine Arts department. The Dean's wife, Mignon Bozorth, unveiled the portrait which will be placed in the Myrin Library with the other portraits of College administrators.

The program closed with a Benediction by the Reverend Max Nuscher and the recessional.

Letter to the Editor

RESPONSE TO "TREES"

To the Editor:

Thank you for your editorial about new trees on campus (*Weekly*, Nov. 4, 1976): it gives me an opportunity to provide some background that might persuade you and some readers to think more favorably of the plantings.

I share, of course, your sensitivity to the need to allocate our income dollars judiciously. But many gift dollars come to the College for purposes that the donors themselves designate. Most of the new trees you have noticed were paid for by such gifts.

The Class of '76, in a spirit of loyalty to the College, donated the money for the new October Glory Maple in front of Brodbeck. Kathy Jameson, class president, wanted the class to leave a living symbol of appreciation—a sentiment I'm sure all will applaud.

The group of trees in front of Helfferich Hall was paid for by the Class of 1937, led by Frank L. Miller, M.D., of Norristown. The trees will be dedicated officially next Alumni Day, when Dr. Miller and his classmates will celebrate the 40th anniversary of their graduation.

The trees and shrubs around Elliott Pool were donated by Mr. Frank Scirica, Class of '51.

As these gifts suggest, a small private college is not just an educational business that delivers services to present-day students. It is also an object of loyalty and affection to the thousands who attended in the past. Gifts of this type not only help sustain the College but also allow the donor to express a feeling for Ursinus in a specific and tangible way.

Our beautiful campus is not an accident. Its great trees and open spaces were planned by the College over many decades. In recent years the Dutch Elm disease has attacked some of our noblest-looking trees, and we have replaced



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each wasted elm with a new tree in order to preserve the beauty of the campus for the College community of the future. Even without generous gifts such as those mentioned, the relatively small cost of replacing trees, I would argue, makes good sense. In a day of shrinking woodland and ecological awareness, there is a direct educational message in the maintenance of a natural setting like ours.

That notion is shared by a good many of my colleagues on the faculty and staff, and I recently announced to the faculty an intention to appoint a Campus Beautification Committee. This Committee will seek to stimulate interest in the improvement of our natural setting still further. I said: "One of the objectives of the College's new development program, ADVANCE URSINUS 76/80, is to raise some additional gifts for campus beautification. This is a minor goal among many major goals in terms of dollars; but most alumni and faculty involved in the fund-raising process recognize the symbolic and educational value of a heightened concern for our campus environment."

Thank you again for writing an editorial that drove me to my typewriter to share these facts and thoughts with you.

Sincerely,
Richard P. Richter
President

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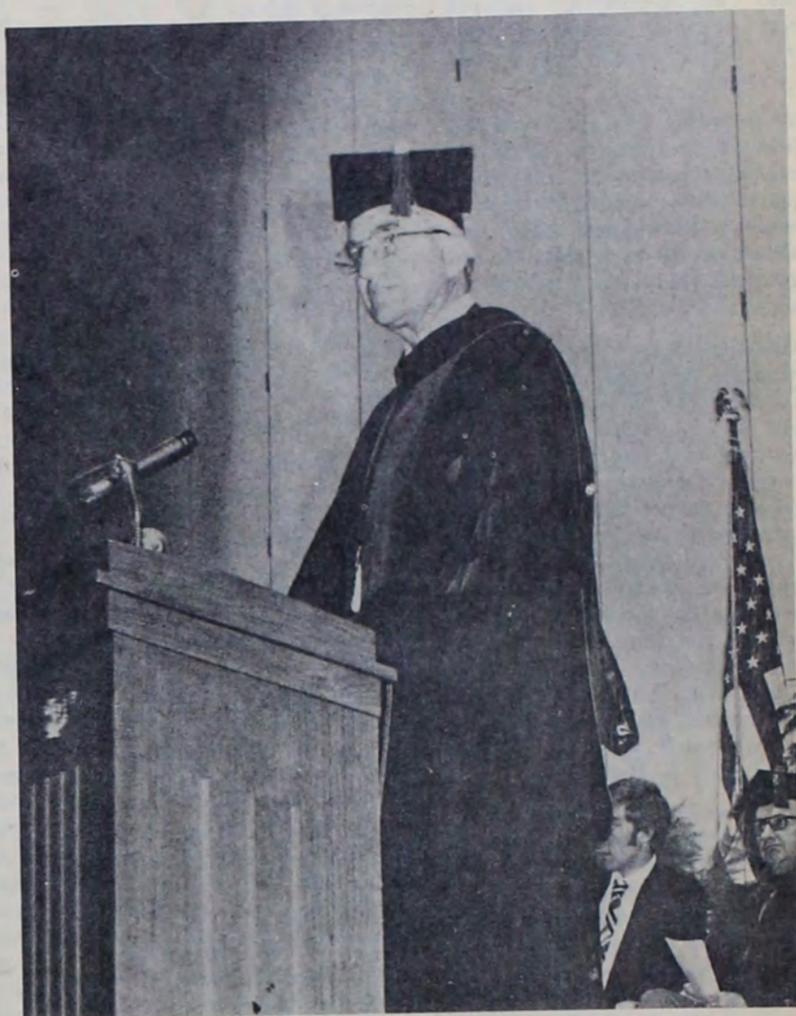
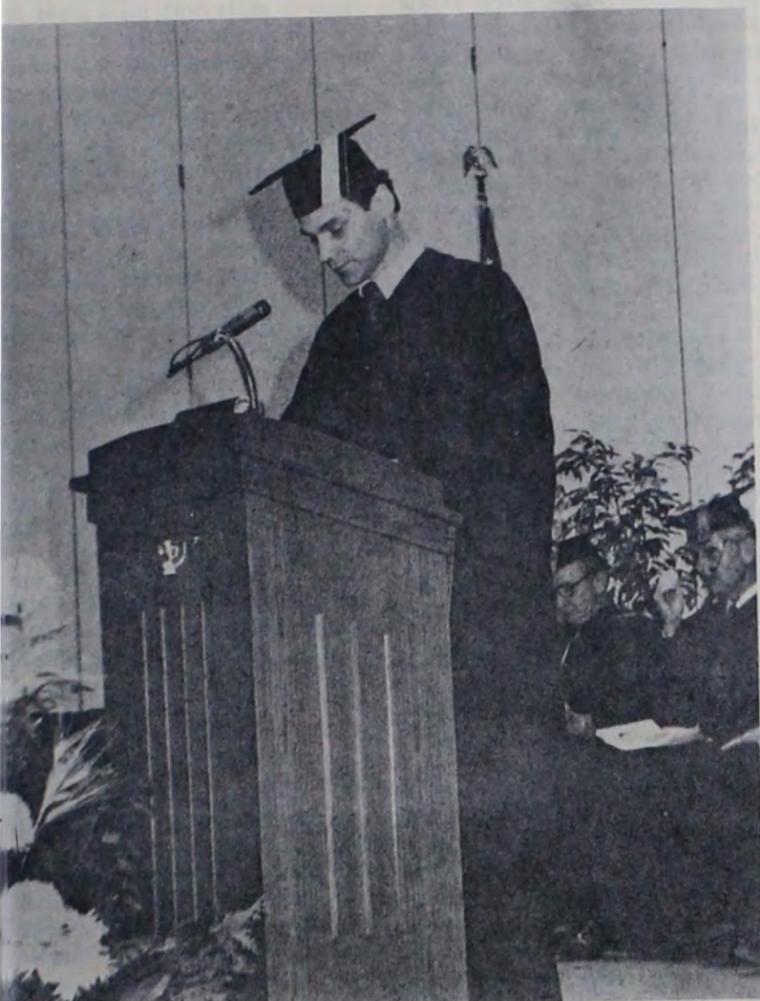
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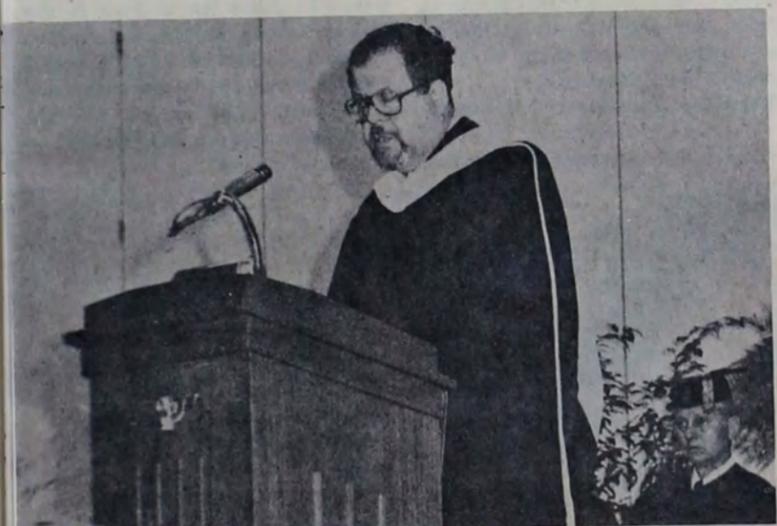


Founder's Day: A Presidential Inauguration

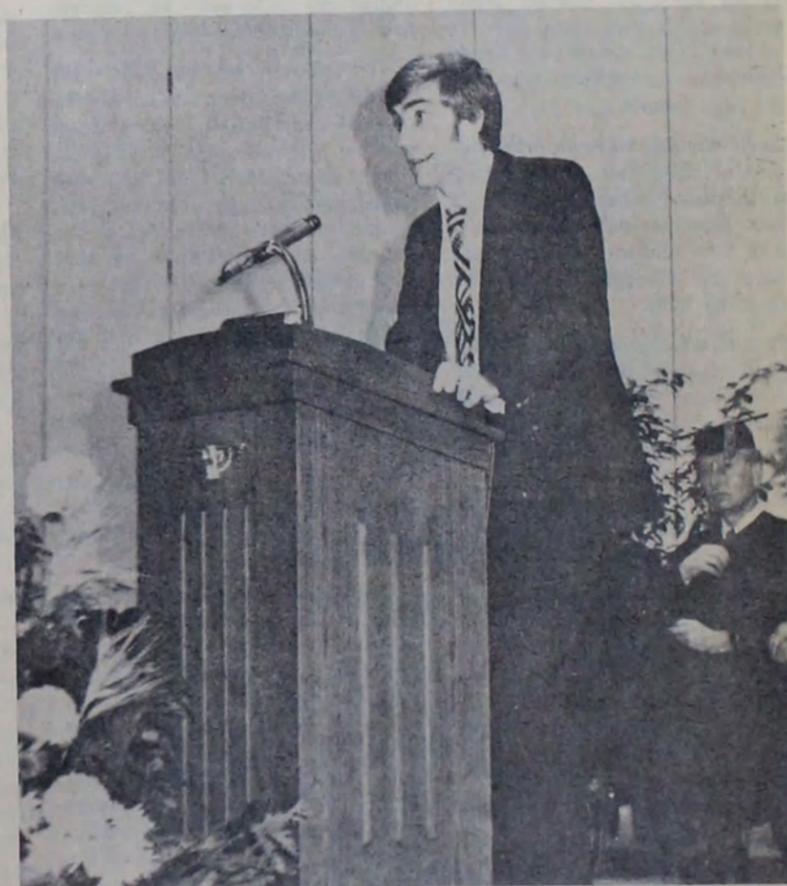


President Richter caught in a pensive moment during the Inauguration speech.

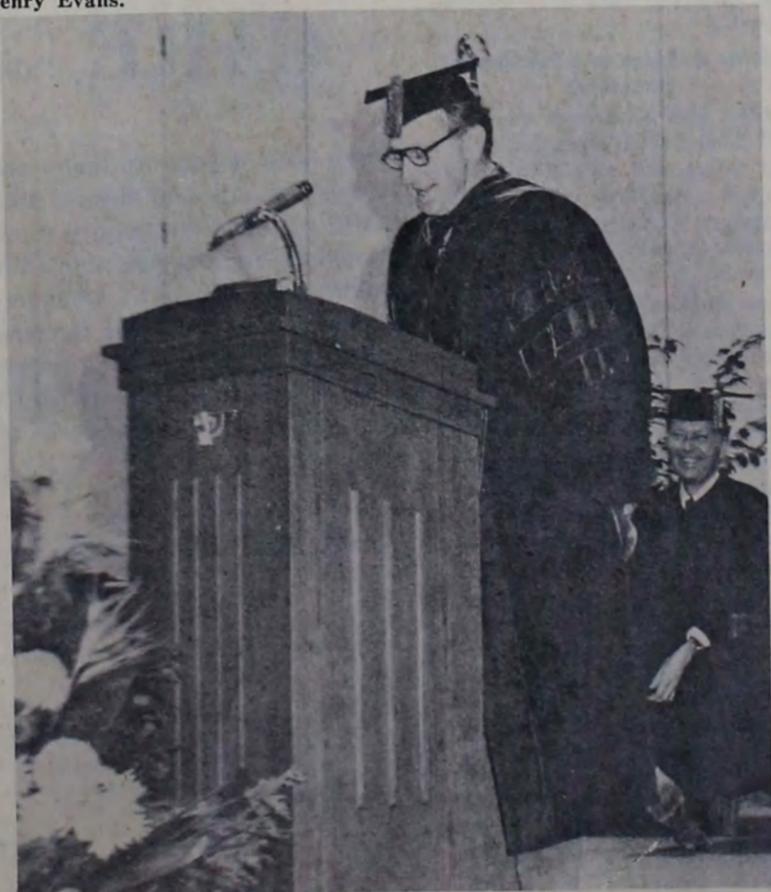
Dr. Robinson Miller Upton was the guest speaker at Sunday's Founder's Day Convocation and Inauguration.



Speaking on behalf of the United Church of Christ was the Reverend Joseph Henry Evans.



Representing the student body of Ursinus College was Lawrence Dalaker, President of the Class of 1978.



Dr. Evan Snyder delivered a witty greeting on behalf of the faculty of Ursinus.

Text of Pres. Richter's Inaugural Speech

Mr. President, Members of the Board of Directors, Honored Guests, Faculty Colleagues, Students, Fellow Alumni and Friends of Ursinus:

In accepting this symbol of the office of President, I agree to serve with respect for the traditions of Ursinus College, with confidence in its mission today, and with a keen desire to seize the opportunities that await Ursinus tomorrow.

Of course, I know that those opportunities will come accompanied by a long list of problems. But those who have led the College heretofore have had problems just as great or greater. And all who serve and respect this College may be encouraged by the example of the men who, from Bomberger to Pettit, have worked to bring Ursinus from the modest beginnings through many trials to its present state of strength. I salute them all, and in particular the two who sit in this hall with us today, President William S. Pettit, and Chancellor Donald L. Helfferich.

It is a happy coincidence, I think, that finds us at this occasion before the end of the nation's bicentennial year. During the past months we have visited our hallowed places and reviewed our treasured national documents. In so doing, we have decelerated somewhat, perhaps, the insane centrifuge that separates us from each other, that spins us out and away from a central core of understanding among ourselves.

During the past months many of us have felt once again that we do indeed know something coherent and something whole about ourselves as a people.

These waning weeks of the bicentennial year, then, are a fitting time to reassert together what it is that Ursinus seeks to do as a liberal arts college—because coherence and wholeness are themes common to both.

We seek of course to teach English and Spanish and calculus and chemistry and psychology and economics and all the other subjects in the curriculum in all their variety and in all their complexity and with all the pedagogical ingenuity and imagination we can muster.

But through such teaching we really seek to do something more: we really seek to prepare men and women of uncommon ability to be pilgrims, to be pioneers, to be thinking citizens—citizens who will see the creative connection between their private destiny, the destiny of their nation and world, and, indeed, the destiny of their college.

Ursinus always has sought to teach people that the rigorous study of the arts and sciences, in an informal and unbureaucratic and concerned atmosphere, leads to a fulfilling personal life and prepares the student for good service to the world.

Goals for the Years to Come

Today we should resolve to pursue that purpose with renewed energy. We should carry on with fresh insight the "drama of the Life of Reason" that Socrates taught us to perform. We should try harder to prepare artists of the good life. We on the faculty should set the examples that will encourage each student to shape a unified, organic view of himself. And each student should determine anew how he might do some good in the buzzing confusion we call the future, in what Buckminster Fuller

labelled the fateful voyage of Spaceship Earth.

One might wonder whether such a resolve is too presumptuous or too impractical. Here we are, a small college by the side, not of a stream made famous like the Cam or the Charles or the Raritan, but of a creek called Perkiomen. Here we are, with students preoccupied less with philosophy than with the competitive preparation for post-graduate careers. Here we are, advocating the liberal arts in an age when the college graduate has come into his own as a cabdriver or an oyster shucker.

But although we are not universally known as a College, we do have our history of high accomplishment and the strength to persist. While our students use the College to gain footholds in career paths, they do open themselves to the suggestion that the liberal skills—clear thinking, logical organizing, balanced evaluating—are practical skills for the person who will take the lead. Although the liberal arts graduate today is sometimes perceived in the marketplace as a handicapped person, the nation does need the sanity and balance that result from the teaching that takes place on small campuses such as this one.

It is altogether practical, therefore, for us to continue the traditional work of Ursinus. But, unless we carefully calibrate our way of doing so, it is dangerous too.

It is dangerous because we may fall prey to our own past success and forget that a new day requires new thought and a fresh approach.

Ursinus as a Conserving Institution

Ursinus has been called a conservative institution. Since being selected for my new position in June, I have talked about that with Board members, faculty members, alumni, students and friends of the College. And it seems to me that most people think of Ursinus as a conserving institution—not a custodian of received ideas and entrenched custom, but an institution that respects the past as it impinges on our needs of the present and the future.

The poet T. S. Eliot dealt with this matter of the past in his essay, "Tradition and the Individual Talent."

Eliot tried to explain to the aspiring young poet that he could tie tradition to his own creative effort through the exercise of the historical sense. Eliot said, "The historical sense compels a man to write not merely with his own generation in his bones, but with a feeling that the whole of the literature of Europe from Homer and within it the whole of the literature of his own country has a simultaneous existence and composes a simultaneous order. This historical sense, which is a sense of the timeless as well as of the temporal and of the timeless and of the temporal together, is what makes a writer traditional. And it is at the same time what makes a writer most acutely conscious of his place in time, of his own contemporaneity."

What T. S. Eliot said of the poet, who is at the same time traditional and contemporary, can also be said of the creative academic institution.

With a Christian tradition, our contemporary goal is to help students build a life-enhancing set of personal values. With a tradition of individualism, our contemporary aim is to teach on the human scale, and never to forget that social sys-

tems are necessary mainly because of the service they give to each one of us as a person. With a tradition of independence, our contemporary goal is to teach students that they should earn what they get and that the quality of their work will be strengthened by competition with others. With a tradition of thrift, our contemporary goal is to do our work within our means and to avoid projects that lead to bottomless pits. And, above all, with a tradition of the liberal arts, our contemporary goal is to reassert the usefulness of liberal learning, beleaguered though it may be, and to let it light our way into the future.

Questions for the Future

To continue our quest for these contemporary goals, we must ask, or ask again, many questions of ourselves. I will not plunge this ceremonial occasion into the specifics of shop talk. But let me share with you just a few of the questions that might preoccupy us:

How can we better serve the career interests of our students while continuing to pursue the liberal arts?

Specifically, how can we build upon our proven ability to prepare students for broad-gauge leadership in management?

How can we sustain our sterling reputation in the sciences without obscuring our solid strength in the humanities and the social sciences?

How can we extend the educational benefits of Ursinus to people beyond the 18-21 age bracket?

How can we convert this year's experiment in inter-divisional study into an enduring improvement in our curriculum?

How can the College play a constructive part in the rapid economic and social development of the Perkiomen Valley?

How can Ursinus contribute to—and benefit by—a renewed mutuality of interest between the colleges and the United Church of Christ?

How can the alumni gain greater personal satisfaction from life-long involvement with their alma mater?

How can we sustain the high quality, the high morale and the joy of learning reflected in the men and women of the faculty who make the College academically what it is?

Students of Today in a Paradoxical Situation

Ladies and gentlemen, our students belong to a generation with great talent, and with great gifts bestowed upon them by American civilization. Yet an enormous paradox will preoccupy their productive years.

That paradox was identified by Loren Eiseley, who said, "There is but one way into the future, the technological way. The frightening aspect of this situation lies in the constriction of human choice. Western technology has released irrevocable forces and the 'one world' which has been talked about so glibly is frequently a distraught conformity."

As Eiseley said, we have no choice but to arrange the future of human life on this planet by extending the complex technology we now know—and I would add, the sophisticated conceptual tools of the social sciences. And the paradox that our students must face is that the one feasible path to material welfare in their lives is also potentially the path to inhumanity, to the debasement of the quality of life itself.

If we cannot eliminate the para-

dox for them, we can at least make them sensitive to the worth of the individual person at all costs, over against the most compelling technological bureaucratic system, supported by the most convincing rationale. We can at least try to persuade them that no matter how they invent their own technological future, it must make room for what William Faulkner called "the old universal truths—love and honor and pity and pride and compassion and sacrifice."

We can at least keep the lamp burning for high personal standards, enlightened self-discipline, imagination, grace and the joy of living.

To this end, I promise to work with all my energy for the principles of our Board, for the scholarly goals of our faculty, for the aspirations of our students, and for the pride and participation of our alumni and friends.

To this end, I ask our faculty to keep their standards high and to hold fast to their belief in liberal education. I charge the students to seek the large view of themselves as bearers of a great tradition. I ask the College staff to continue creating the climate for faculty and students to do their best. I ask the Board of Directors to sustain their generous commitment to the work of this College and urge the alumni to continue by their example to show the world how useful that work is. I invite the friends and neighbors of the College to make our cause their cause. I ask the United Church of Christ to work with us in finding new ways of manifesting the purposes of our founders.

"The Great Possibilities of Human Life"

And I ask everyone here today,

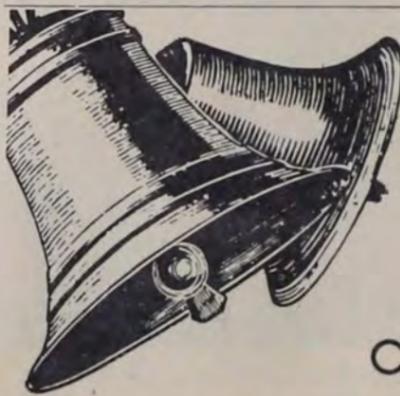
and everyone associated with Ursinus, to share with me a sense of the great possibilities of human life—what Alfred North Whitehead called "the limitless variations of choice, the possibility of novel and untried combinations, the happy turns of experiment, the endless horizons opening out."

It was this same sense of novelty that prompted my favorite 13th century monk, Meister Eckhardt, the mystic, to say, "Be ready at all times for the gifts of God, and always for new ones."

Perhaps if we and the students think like Whitehead and Meister Eckhardt, the enormous paradox of their future will be overcome.

Let me conclude by expressing thanks to everyone who had a hand in bringing me to this new position, let me thank everyone for sharing this special day with us, and let me respectfully associate myself with the final words of the 1937 inaugural address of the man who taught me as a student to appreciate Shakespeare and always to seek the best, President Norman E. McClure:

Dr. McClure said, and I would wish to say, "Ursinus College . . . must continue to produce scholars and scientists, men and women who are intellectually superior, men and women who will live happy, useful lives, and who in the years to come will lead us toward that great society of which we dream, but which we may not live to see. Such a college deserves our love and devotion. To serve the College to the utmost of my ability, to improve its work, to extend its influence, I esteem a rare privilege and a sacred trust. Let us all dedicate ourselves anew to the service of Ursinus College."



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U. C. Band Advances

By SAMUEL S. LAUCKS II

The opening of the 1976-77 school year at Ursinus also marks the beginning of the biggest and best year to date for the Ursinus College Band. Many of you who have attended the football games have had a chance to see the results of the band's efforts. The marching band this year numbers about forty members. This is an outstanding achievement if you can remember the Saturday afternoons not too many years ago when the U.C. Band marched with ten or fifteen members. Furthermore, the marching band is sporting about twelve majorettes, rifles, and color guards.

Compliments on the band's performances, and most recently, for the homecoming show, have steadily filtered in from many sources.

On the evening of October 27, the marching band left the grid-iron and took to the streets for the annual Collegeville Halloween parade. The band, as always, was the hit of the evening, for they marched in Halloween costumes ranging from witches and ghosts to real-live pumpkin heads. Invitations from other communities have been received and considered.

The middle of November will mark the end of marching season and the beginning of concert season. This band, having lost only two graduates last year, will approach sixty in number this winter. The band will be counting on its size, and its proportionately large number of district-band-quality musicians, to make the band competitive with any small college symphonic band in the area.

December 14 will be the date of

this year's Christmas concert. Traditionally, the band combines the old favorites with several modern Yuletide selections.

With the start of the second semester, the serious concert rehearsals really get underway. The weeks of practice, in the past several years, have culminated in a series of exchange concerts with other colleges. Schools such as Drexel, Albright, and Kutztown have participated with Ursinus in the program. Finally, the band always presents a concert as a part of the Spring Parents' Day festivities.

A new instrumental organization also appeared on the scene last year—the Jazz Band. This group, during its short existence, has met with phenomenal success.

A band, like any organization, goes nowhere without dedicated leadership. The baton of Mr. James Soete has guided the band on its recent climb to new heights. All are grateful for his musical expertise and personal dedication. Also not to be overlooked is Mr. Derq Howlett, who not only gives encouragement and leadership as chairman of the Music Department, but whose faithful attendance in the tuba section is a real asset to the band. The newest face this year is Kathy Katarynick, our band front advisor. Dave Schonker, president for the last two years has also been instrumental in the band's success.

There is only one more thing that the band members can ask for: the increased support of the entire Ursinus community. They look forward to seeing every student, faculty member, and administrator at some or all of the events this year. With your backing, the band will continue to grow and will provide musical entertainment to the school for years to come.

Review

Al Stewart

By DON WHITTAKER

The mellow tones of Al Stewart's *Year of the Cat* album, released by Janus records are reminiscent of most of the earlier Stewart albums. Unfortunately though, he has abandoned the apocalyptic approach from *Past, Present, and Future*, and concentrates his verse on the more mundane aspects of existence. "Lord Grebville" in the first side records the sinking of a ship, "On the Border" is about smuggling guns, "Midas Shadow" reacts to staying at an old hotel.

Other songs on the first side include "Sand in Your Shoes." "If It Doesn't Come Naturally, Leave It;" the second side presents "Flying Sorcery," "Broadway Hotel," "One Stage Before," and the title song "Year of the Cat." The most impressive cut, "Flying Sorcery" magnificently recalls an old friend, really into flying "No school walls kept you grounded/While your thoughts could get away/You were taking off in Tiger Moths,/Your wings against the brush-strokes of the day."

Helping Al with the instrumentals were Peter Wood, Stuart Eliot, Peter White, Tim Renwick, and George Ford, among others. The album was produced by Alan Parsons.

Stewart has found a style which apparently suits his artistic needs and one which a number of people find pleasing. It is doubtful if he will ever make it big; if *Year of the Cat* is typical of what he will continue to record, Al Stewart fans will continue to buy, and no one else will ever hear of him.

Happenings

By DON WHITTAKER

MOVIES, ETC.

November 12 in Wismer — *The Nightcomers* — Spine-chilling horror film based on characters from Henry James' "The Turn of the Screw." A gardener at an English house causes two children to begin a reign of terror. Stars Marlon Brando.

November 16 in the Union — *Asylum* — a tantalizing horror story which takes place in a private asylum for the incurably insane. The inmates of this asylum tell their stories in an attempt to discover the identity of the mad doctor. A murder-mystery story particularly appropriate for all pre-med students.

November 19 in Wismer — *African Queen* — Bogart and Hepburn in Sam Spiegel's classic film. What more can I say?

November 19 in the Union — *Coffeehouse* with entertainment by the Ursinus College Jazz Band. Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

November 23 in the Union — *The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes* — A wonderful (?) production of Walt Disney which will undoubtedly send you to Myrin to get zapped by DTSS.

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The Wismer Approach to Gourmet Dining

By STEVE SCHIRK

As Morton Lambert sauntered in to dinner, he thought he was prepared for what was to come. Sitting casually with the seven other hungry lads, he started to pass out the plates. When day-old roast beef dropped from the bottom of one of the "clean" plates, Morton began to doubt the future. Chipping a tooth on a fresh, frozen roll, he didn't realize that this was only the beginning. Was this to be another "Wismer Wipeout"?

Surveying the table settings, Mort saw all the telltale signs: the corroded silverware, rancid butter, and decaying lettuce. Tasting the cider, he finally found something that he liked. It had a stronger kick than grain alcohol—definitely fresh juice. Reminiscing about earlier gourmet disasters in this hall of horrors, he immediately recalled the disgusting eggs of yesterday morning. Obviously, the hens must have had a bad case of hemorrhoids. Funny how they tasted so much better on this morning's silverware! And how about those football-shaped Salisbury Steaks? They really showed that the cooks are creative, as well as artistic. After all, who else could make beef not only look like a football, but taste like one, too?

Poor Mort was so engrossed in these heart-burning memories that he hadn't noticed the arrival of to-

night's specialty. What was this new experiment in culinary cuisine? It was Friday—it must be some kind of fish! That sauce made the fish appear as if the blood was still flowing out. The hungry college student confirmed his hypothesis by just taking a single bite. As several bones pierced the roof of his mouth, he had no doubt that Charlie the Tuna had finally met his match.

On to the vegetables. Those little baked potatoes would make great baseballs. They could even be used to practice carbon dating techniques in biology lab. And the putrid beans: they would surely become noticeable in several hours when their true qualities crept out. The applesauce would make an excellent nutrient for bacteria cultures. It was obvious that the waitresses were the only appealing substances in the whole place.

Finally, it was time for the ultimate pleasure: dessert. The trays were already on the way, bringing indigestion and doom. Upon questioning, the waitress gave the verdict: baked Alaskan. As Mort took several bites, he felt a sudden pain grip his stomach. He reached for his personal supply of Pepto-Bismol, but it was all too late.

The ambulance attendants were already on the scene. A young paramedic concluded grimly, "Poor guy. This is the sixth case of Wismer food poisoning this week. Boy, that baked Alaskan gets 'em every time."

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Devils Beat Bears

By JOE SARACO

Tom Beddow scored twice and Tom Idell threw two touchdown passes but Ursinus lost its eighth football game of the season, 21-18 to the Dickinson Red Devils last Saturday at Patterson Field. The Bears have a final try for a victory Saturday at Moravian.

Each team scored three touchdowns but the difference in the game was Dickinson converting three PAT's to Ursinus' none. The Devils took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on Jim Gerlach's 18 yard run and the PAT. Beddow answered with a 20 yard scoring carry in the second quarter. The Bears went for two points and the lead but were stopped, and the half ended with the visitors ahead 7-6.

Dickinson scored again in the third quarter for a 14-6 lead, but Ursinus came back as Pete Nicholas raced in with a 68 yard pass from Idell. However, the Bears were again thwarted in their two-point conversion try. The Devils' QB, Jack Maley, scampered in from the four in the last quarter to make the score 21-13. The Bears continued the hustle they've shown all season as Idell and Beddow combined on a four yard TD pass. This time, the kick for the PAT failed and Ursinus took another frustrating loss, 21-18.

Volleyball Season Wrap-Up

By MARY BETH KRAMER

With only one game left to play, the Ursinus College Women's Volleyball team has a record of 6-6. The team defeated Villanova University, Bryn Mawr College, Harcum, Cheyney, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and Swarthmore. The 1976 squad fell to Temple, University of Delaware, Franklin and Marshall, York, Immaculata, and University of Pennsylvania.

This year's team is captained by Kathy Latacz who was injured in the latter part of the season. The varsity consisted of seniors Kathy Nell, Beth Salamanca, and Rhonda Ereland. Juniors who played were Wendy Kober, Carolyn Graney and Anne Cumpstone. Sophomore Leslie French also played on the varsity.

This year's team was coached by Gail House. The strength of the team came from the experience of all the returning players. The Junior Varsity also had a winning season. Junior Varsity players were Margaret Horioka, Dot Connell, Jane Harris, Jane Myras, Karen Bartuska and Kathy Smith.

The two most difficult games were Temple and University of Delaware. Presently the team is participating in a Middle Atlantic Tournament and is looking forward to a win over Lafayette to close the season.

X-Country Runs Eleventh in MAC

The Ursinus cross-country team finished eleventh in the Middle Atlantic Conference Cross-Country Championships held Saturday, November 6 at Belmont Plateau in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. The Bears finished with 288 points, just two points ahead of Haverford and only three behind Juniata. Gettysburg easily won the championship, defeating Franklin and Marshall 28-88. Johns Hopkins finished third with 128 points.

Freshman Joe Figurelli, the Bears' top runner this season, was the only member of coach Bob Shoudt's squad to finish in the top individual twenty-five. Figurelli finished nineteenth with a time of 28:09, only one second behind Russ Stephenson of Susquehanna and merely two seconds away from

Scranton's Joe Haggerty. Ed Riggs (26:48) and Bill Geating (26:48), both of Gettysburg, finished first and second respectively with Rob Stachow of Lebanon Valley third at 26:54. As the times indicate, it was a very exciting race. Gettysburg placed seven runners in the top twenty-five to easily take the MAC title.

All in all, despite the MAC results, it was yet another successful season for Ursinus cross-country. Shoudt completed his first year as coach at UC with a ten win-five loss record. The team is young and looking ahead to a bright future, though seniors Ed Gilroy, the team captain, and Kevin Kalmbach will be missed.

MAC Team Scoring: Gettysburg 28, Franklin and Marshall 88, Johns Hopkins 128, Scranton 133, Delaware Valley 134, Lebanon Valley 150, Widener 174, Swarthmore 201, Susquehanna 253, Juniata 285, Ursinus 288, Haverford 290, Albright 369, Wilkes 402, Dickinson 441, Textile 460, Western Maryland 469, Drew 487, Muhlenberg 489.

Elsewhere in MAC

By JOE SARACO

While Ursinus' Bears, to say the least, are not in contention for the MAC Championship, other teams are battling for that title. F & M appears to have ended Widener's reign as champion, but don't feel sorry for the Pioneers.

Last Saturday, the Diplomats of F & M virtually clinched the MAC by trouncing Moravian 39-13. The hosts were in charge all the way. Star QB Joe Coviello had his worst day passing (4 of 11, 29 yards) but directed an awesome ground attack for F & M. The Diplomats only defeat was handed to them by Widener, but the latter plays fewer conference games. Therefore, F & M has only to win Saturday to clinch the championship.

Widener lost to Dickinson earlier in the season, but it is obviously the best team in the conference. Last Saturday, the Pioneers handed Muhlenberg its first loss, 21-6. Despite their probable conference finish, Widener is prepping for post-season play for the second straight year. If they beat Swarthmore Saturday they will host a national Division III quarter-final game Nov. 20.

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CORRECTION

In the last issue of the Weekly the results of the Ursinus Field Hockey Team were incorrectly reported. Ursinus played West Chester on October 21st, not on Homecoming, and the game ended in a 3-3 tie. Lock Haven was the opponent on Homecoming Day, October 23, and Ursinus won 3-2. The Weekly sincerely regrets the error.

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