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Craft Elected as Officer

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the International Students Association newly elected as their vice president, Dr. James P. Craft, Jr., an associate professor of political science at Ursinus.

Besides having recently served as that association’s secretary-treasurer, he also serves on the executive council of the Northeast Political Science Association.

Dr. Craft, who has been at Ursinus since 1968, became executive assistant to President Richter last February.

Before coming to Ursinus, Dr. Craft received his master’s degree at M.I.T. and a law degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Craft is the advisor to the International Relations Club.

Every year he and a delegation of students go to New York City. Here, with other colleges and universities, they stage mock United Nations proceedings. Each college or university represents a particular country.

Dr. Craft is very helpful to the students in their research for this immense task.

Besides his annual trip to New York City with Ursinus students, he today travels widely as he did during his thirty year service in the U.S. Navy.

He is not only concerned with international relations but also with faculty - administration - student relations.

His election to the office of vice president of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the International Studies Association appears to be just another of his many accomplishments beyond his academic life.

New Dining Styles Proves Popular

As part of its constant effort to accommodate the student body, this year the Wissman Dining Service made a major revision in its dinner schedule and serving plan.

The revolutionary change from the family style dinner with waitresses serving, to the cafeteria style meal has met with approval from the students, as was indicated by a weekly poll of 15 per cent of the upperclassmen. The poll showed 69 per cent of the voters in favor of the new arrangement, 27 per cent in favor of the old format and 4 per cent having no opinion.

The big reason the proponents of cafeteria style gave was that it enabled them to schedule their meals around their activities rather than have a set time for dinner. People also expressed a liking for the relaxed atmosphere which accompanies the new set up, “as survival of the fastest” is no longer the rule for obtaining food.

Opponents of the present plan were pleased with the idea of not having to get up and get your own food. All told, the overall sentiments of people polled were best expressed by a disgruntled sophomore, John Coryell, who said, “I don’t care how they schedule the meals, it doesn’t change the food.”

The new arrangement for meals was accompanied by an increase in Wissman security. All entrances to the cafeteria are either locked off or have Wissman employees posted at them to prevent local yokes and visiting students from obtaining free meals courtesy of Ursinus College.

Board to Vote on Calendar

On November 18, the Board of Directors will vote on the proposed calendar reform motion. Already, such a reform has been approved by the Academic Council, the faculty and USD. The Ursinus student body has also voted overwhelmingly for calendar reform as evidenced in their vote at the campus poll. The approved range of dates for the proposed 1978-79 calendar are as follows:

Fall Term: 14 weeks

Dates

27 Aug.-6 Sep. Fall Term begins

9-18 Aug. Fall recess

5-11 Dec. Classes end

8-14 Dec. Reading day

10-16 Dec. Exams begin

16-22 Dec. Exams end

Spring Term: 14 weeks

12-18 Jan. Spring term begins

27 Feb.-5 Mar. Spring recess begins

9-15 Mar. Spring recess ends

16-22 Mar. Easter recess

28 Apr.-4 May Classes end

New dining styles at Ursinus College have been popular among students. The change from family style dinner with waitresses to a cafeteria style has been well received by students.

Students Experience New Dining Style

by John Ingeholm

Dinner at Wissman has become a new experience this year for returning upperclassmen. The biggest change that has taken place: the obvious one - a transition from a rushed family style dinner to a leisurely cafeteria mode of eating. The selection and variety of food has been increased and the time element expanded.

Scott Dempsey, food service director, says the overall response has been a positive one. He has encountered minimal opposition, except complaints stemming from waiting in lines. The trial period for this manner of eating terminates with the November meeting of the Dining Hall Committee. There will be a review of costproduction and a discussion of general reaction.

The main entree now consists of two selections, giving students a choice of food rather than the option of not eating. Third items will occasionally be offered, usually as a light snack for many new ideas period and new many ideas are being tried. Mr. Dempsey stated “the kitchen

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Espada Speaks at Conference

Juan Espada, the department of Romance languages' selection for a round table at the Third Annual Hispanic Literatures Conference held at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, has spoken on the literary development of Pablo Neruda, the internationally famous Chilean poet and winner of the Nobel prize for literature in 1971.

Ursinus Homecoming

Alumni of Ursinus College returned to the campus Saturday, October 15, for their annual fall homecoming Day, which featured the crowning of homecoming queen during halftime ceremonies during an Ursinus-Muhlenberg football game. See story on page 3.

Buy A Slave!

The USGA Slave Auction will be held Thursday, October 20th at 3:30 in Wissman Auditorium.

Students can "buy" professors and administrators who have contracted to fulfill certain tasks. Last year the event was a great success and helped raise money for the USGA and Campus Chest. Bids must be paid by cash or check at the time of auction.

Students Experience New Dining Style

by Nancy Weatherwax

Mr. McQuillan, the Ursinus Financial Aid Office, does not think that student employment has gone down this year. He is both surprised and pleased with this situation. It would be difficult to determine exactly the number of students work on campus last year, because the number of jobs last year fluctuated, but no one has complained to Mr. McQuillan of not having work.

Because of the change to cafeteria-style dinner, people who formerly worked as waitresses can now work in another task, in addition to waitressing if they want the same number of hours. The library staff is the same size as last year. Maintenance has been trying to hire people. The Biology and Chemistry Department hired more people this year than last. Approximately 330-340 contracts are on file for student jobs, and the situation next semester is expected to be exactly the same. At least 10 per cent have two or more jobs.

Students must qualify through an application for this program, which makes jobs in available in Norristown, Reading, Warington, Doylestown, Havertown, Villanova, Collegeville and other areas. They try to give students jobs connected with their own fields. Some students are working with retarded men in Collegeville Village. The program in addition to terminating in fall jobs, about 48 Ursinus students were employed this summer through PHEAA, earning in all between $4,000 and $6,000.
COMMENT

Student Involvement

The upcoming evaluation of Ursinus by the Middle States Association has forced the Administration to take a critical look at the student life and academic policies of the College. They have a desire to hear student reactions and have decided to present these views to them.

Each year the same individuals become involved in the student government, and often they run virtually unopposed. For the most part, since the Administration relies on these representatives to convey student opinions, the Administration hears the views of the same people year after year. This is not an issue of a criticism of these involved individuals. Rather they deserve much credit and admiration for all the time that they have spent and for the many things that they have accomplished. However, a well functioning student government system, should supplement it by involving more students.

This may be achieved through a variety of methods, some of which are already employed—students dining with the President each month and participating in leadership meetings. Another alternative might be to choose students from each department to meet with the Administration to discuss academics and curriculum changes. Another might be to meet with delegates from the fraternities and sororities to discuss the limitations on student life at Ursinus. Questionnaires and surveys have been used in the past to great advantage and should be used again. Meetings with randomly selected students could also help to acquaint the administration with more diverse reactions.

From an economic standpoint, this procedure is almost essential. Ursinus is well noted for drawing pre-med and biology majors to the campus, and if it wishes to continue doing so, it would be highly advantageous to them to provide study facilities. At the same time, there is a marked absence of biology majors involved in student politics, and that being the case, Ursinus should make a special effort to hear their views.

On Cocktail Grading

A common thread runs through the years of liberal arts education—the inability of many observers to pinpoint a use for the subject matter of many courses. Oddly, the more obscure the course, the more likely it is to be required for graduation, or so many students agree.

However, courses in the arts and humanities which on the surface appear quite useless serve as subtle and vital function. They comprise the grist for cocktail party conversation in the years to come. It is evident, too, that cocktail parties are second only to golf in the social importance in the college. They provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge, the more obscure the knowledge being imparted. As a result, there should be a concerted effort to make the curriculum more interesting to the students of today.

Central to functioning capably at cocktail parties is the ability to talk about diverse subjects, in a clear and confident manner. Where no knowledge exists, imagination will often suffice. Thus, the vital function of introductory survey and "capstone" classes are seen. These courses prepare college graduates for the cocktail party.

To the Editor:

It was announced that students from the College have been invited to spend January in the Nation's Capital, and to attend Washington Winterim '78 conducted during the first three weeks of January, offers a chance to turn Christmas vacation into a mini-semester into a rewarding, educational, off-campus experience. In the past, students have received $4 credits from their sponsoring university for the work completed during Winterim '78.

Not only does Washington Winterim '78 provide a concentrated study of how our national policy and decision-making processes work, but housing accommodations are also included in the $250.00 tuition fee. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to observe first-hand the inner workings of government, and to meet with key planners and professionals who research, testify on, and evaluate remedies for some of the nation's most pressing domestic and international problems.

Washington Winterim '78 is a project of the Washington Center for Undergraduate Learning (WCLA), a non-profit, independent educational organization that sponsors academic programs with field experience components for college undergraduates. Winterim '78 offers 300 students the opportunity to participate in a unique educational program which includes three weeks of thought provoking lectures, briefings at government offices, and topical discussions.

Washington Winterim '78 is a concentrated study of how national policy and decision making processes work and again combines general sessions with small group tracks on current policy issues, legislative, and international policy development. The students from Ursinus College will have an advantage in this area over students from other colleges because of their participation in the Los Angeles Internship Program and their knowledge of the Los Angeles area as well as knowledge about Los Angeles and the West Coast. They will be well prepared and have an advantage in their coursework in the field of government.

The faculty leader for Washington Winterim '78 is Dr. Stephen Whyte, Associate Professor of Political Science at George Washington University. Dr. Whyte was selected to design the curriculum and deliver the analytical framework for this colloquial style of instruction. The Washington Winterim Program is a unique educational experience for students of the arts and humanities which on the surface appear quite useless serve as subtle and vital function.

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I look forward to hearing from you and your students on this fantastic program. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Patrick M. McEachern, Director
Washington Winterim '78

Mr. William Hutchins, President
Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity
Ursinus College
Collegeville, Pa. 19426

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

I am writing to express the appreciation of the Collelge Borough Council and the College-Trappe Joint Water System for the help APO provided on September 19 and 20.

As you know, the water system has been operating under emergency conditions for several weeks because of the contamination of our number eight well. As a result, our water supply is being produced at a constant rate because of a radioactive leak. The Water Treatment Plant's ability to produce water was severely limited, making the cooperation of our customers vital. The APO's assistance was invaluable in helping us to secure our continued cooperation.

Your help is appreciated by all of us.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis D. Parker, Chairman
Joint Water System

1.2 Million Raised

Advance Ursinus First Year

More than $1.2 million was received in gifts and pledges during the first year of ADVANCE Ursinus 76-80. This unprecedented fund raising effort was made possible by the All-Ursinus Anniversary Drive 1967-70 which raised funds nationwide to support academic programs, the College, and the Century II Program 1970-75 which expanded both general and scholarship endowed, the operating fund and the continuation of capital improvement.

ADVANCE Ursinus 76-80 began July 1, 1976. It's objective is to get at least $4,400,000 by the close of the fiscal year 1980. These funds will be spread over a wide area, $1,900,000 will be endowment funds for such things as faculty salary support, academic programs, and scholarships.

Plant funds for such things as science and services building, improvement of the Thompson-Gay gymnasium, the appearance of the campus, and energy-saving measures will make up $1,500,000. These plans are also to be used to provide funds for such things as research programs, new curricular offerings and equipment.

Another $500,000 in unrestricted gifts will be used to supplement operating income.
The Power Behind Ursinus Mediocrity

by Jonathan Zap

I've been inspired by a piece of literature only to come to class and find it duplicated into different schools of academic thought. I begin to think great literature is measured by how many P.H.D. students can be divided into. Didn't any of those people write about real life? The real life of students is that Northrop Frye or that guy in Oxford? Probably won't be on the test anyway.

I think the ultimate rebellion against mediocrity is. But how does Ursinus, a liberal arts college encourage the arts? Let's see, you can have a given half a bookstore, visual arts is an old home and library, why's that? They serve tea and can't even count how many times identical pairs of work shirts and vivid, anecdotal history of his can't even count.

Without you can explain it to a layman. "the

They take a stab at non-work and courage and emotion. You don't know your own work unless they did they'd probably hide it. Why bringing the -most mediocrity is at least to tolerated. Remember, mediocrity may be a state of grace or a grace but it's not quite inevitable. You can break loose, but it's going to take hard work and courage and endless effort. Besides, wouldn't it be a lot more fun to do your book ing and go do some part time work?

And mediocrity is always bound to its own existence. I still can't believe the students who do the long tedious calculations he needed. It was the need for a device that could perform complex calculations accurately and at high speed. Mainly started going down to the city to buy spare electronics parts and tried assembling my own. For having to pay for the parts out of his own depression-age pocket, Mainly realized he would never have sufficient funding at Ursinus.

In 1947 he left Ursinus for the University of Pennsylvania. There he met a graduate student, J. P. Eckert, who helped develop a larger and more advanced computer, the Eniac and later the Edvac, Univac and Imacon. By 1947 he became involved in several corporations engaged in the field of computer technology. In 1967 he founded Dynatrend, a computer consulting company and in 1972 he received the Nobel Peace Award.

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Ursinus and the First Digital Computer

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The Ursinus Bears snapped their 14-game losing streak with an upset of the talented Lebanon Valley "Flying Dutchmen" in a 10-7 win, with a 4-yard TD pass from Matt Whiteford to Matt Keper by Kevin Griffin. The win snapped a streak of 14 losses and the Bears scored their first points in seven games against the Dutchmen. The win also marked the return of coach Jack Durner after a year away from the program.