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**The Medical Credentials Committee**

**by Robert Brancatelli**

The Medical Credentials Committee has recently completed a number of medical school applications. Dr. Allen, the committee chairman, and head of the biology department, was in charge of the first fall issue of *The Weekly* concerning medical school applications. This week, with sending this semester 78 persons were reported accepted into medical schools out of 127 applicants. These figures include dental, veterinary, osteopathic, and optometric schools. Dr. Allen attributed this success to the quality of our teaching, matched with the top quality students recruited by our admissions office.

There have been major changes concerning the actual process of the credentials committees. This year the committee evaluates applicants for medical school. This is the second year in which this much more lengthy, refined process has been used. Both Dr. Allen and Dean of Women and a member of the committee, have stated that the medical schools find this process much more effective, efficient, and highly competent.

The new process involves management of the student's academic stability, social responsibility, character, personality, as well as course work and an interview. According to Dr. Allen, anyone who has completed an application packages his or her application for entrance into medical school is eligible for review and recommendation by the committee, but the committee says that the committee is not essential for entrance. Interviewed pre-medical students have stated that this was in fact true only in theory, and that it "just doesn't work that way on a practical level.

The basic course requirements for entrance into medical school are: general chemistry, organic chemistry, general physics, general biology, English composition, advanced work in embryology, histology, quantitative analysis, and physical chemistry. Strongly recommended are non-science courses in English literature, languages, and mathematics. These are requirements for such colleges as The Hahnemann Medical College. The School of Medicine of Temple University, the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, and The Pennsylvania College of Osteopathic Medicine. There are, however, colleges which may vary. We as a nation are away from the eastern Pennsylvania region is the Unit of Pittsburh Medical School which specifies that a student desiring a Pennsylvania license must have successfully completed six credits of American History or equivalent on the college level. Out of state, the Tufts University School of Medicine also encourages applicants to have completed six credits of a non-science course in sociology, and literature. The admissions office stipulates that these credits must be in the humanities, in chemistry or physics is not required.

A requirement of good standing, who wishes to apply to medical school must make the necessary preparations. Dr. Allen categorized them into three groups; (1) Medical College Admissions TESTS, (2) Grade point averages, (3) recommendations. It is in the third area that the long standing controversy exists. Is this development linked to the new policy of making recommendations? Many people, including Dr. Allen, seem to say yes.

The medical school application process is an exceptionally non-science major, must be either a biology or chemistry major. Colleges which have less traditional scientific fields such as psychology are generally ignored or discouraged. This trend is changing much more. One may be a non-science major, but the grades earned in the sciences will determine the student's standing in order to obtain a strong recommendation by the committee. This trend may not fit the case. The non-science majors are placed in courses designed specifically for the traditionally competitive pre-med student. What happens to the freshwater psychology major who wishes to become a pre-med? This trend is changing much more. As a member of the committee, Dr. Allen, Boorst, Hess, and Daniel Failor can confirm that this is true only in theory, and that it "just doesn't work that way on a practical level.

An interview is important to file a resume with the Placement Office. Along with tips and advice on the job interview process, it gives employers insight into the applicants they are separated into Occupational, Geographical and Special Employment categories in order to aid the student in his search. Other publications and pamphlets are available at the Placement Office and further information may be obtained there.

**Financial Aid Simplified**

Students applying for financial aid in the 1978-79 academic year will find the process much simpler this year. It has been recently reported that nationwide, over two million financial aid forms must be filled out and sent to the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the accrediting agency for the Middle Atlantic States.

A booklet entitled "Meeting College Costs" is prepared by the College Scholarship Service, and is available at a cost and if desired in both high schools and colleges. It is an informative report of the aid and financial aid process, and gives detailed data on funds available from different sources, eligibility for those funds and application deadlines.

**16 Selected for "Who's Who"**

Sixteen Ursinus College students, eight men and eight women, were selected for inclusion in the second annual *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges,"* for the outstanding campus leadership.

The criteria used for selection was an active participation and leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities, citizenship and service to the school, and promise of future usefulness.

The students, all seniors, are: David Baur, Lawrence Dallaker, Denise Davis, Robert Fritz, Christine Gerace, William Hedges, Angela Italiano, Jill LeBlanc, Steven Pearson, Candis Russell, Kenneth Schelber, David Seeger, David Sendich, Francine Trzeckia, Kenton (Casey) Wayne, Ann Weibelzeh.

**Ursinus News in Brief**

**RUBY SELOUT**

The Ursinus Curve Ruby, the student-published yearbook, made a dramatic comeback in 1977, selling out completely soon after deadline. According to Geyser Williams, Editor-in-Chief at the 1978 Ruby, this year's book should do just as well. The major sales program on campus will take place before Dec. 1 with students having the opportunity to charge the purchase to their second term financial aid.

**NEW LIBRARY SERVICE**

A new device of the Myrin Corp. will be a reference desk staffed by professional librarians from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mon. through Thurs. This service, based at a newly installed desk in front of the Reference Office, will allow reference duties to be shared by the entire professional staff on a regular basis. The librarians on duty will assist community members in the use of library collections.

**Task Force in Gear**

The written charge for the Task Force on Student Life was approved by the Campus Planning Group on October 31, and with the election of four students on November 2, the task force is complete. The students join Dr. James P. Craft, Jr., acting chairman, Dr. Robert Harris and three faculty members, Dr. Small, Dr. Perreten and Mrs. Baier. Also to serve on the task force will be an alumni and board member.

The purpose of the committee, according to Dr. Craft, is "to investigate, describe and analyze the life-style of the Ursinus College campus in support of the Mission of Ursinus College. The Mission, which was revised last May, is a set of objectives which are designed to cultivate a particular set of qualities in the student and as stated reads as follows: the Mission of Ursinus College is to develop in each student the responsible individuals who are prepared for a creative and productive role in a changing society through a program of liberal education."

In accordance with these objectives, the task force will concern itself with all aspects of student life outside the classroom. Their tasks is not limited to (1) the judicial system (2) weekend activities (3) dormitory regulations (4) alcohol use (5) religious life (6) student opportunities (7) the effects of athletics and student life on student rights and responsibilities.

The first meeting will be held in Corsen Hall, room 209 at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, Nov. 15. The committee will meet every two weeks and by April 12, 1978, a final evaluation will be drawn up and sent to the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the accrediting agency for the Middle Atlantic States.
A recent editorial in the *Ursinus Weekly* outlined the importance of free expression in an educational setting. It argued that the University must maintain a safe environment for its students, where they can express their ideas without fear of retribution. The editorial emphasized that the University is committed to free speech and competition, and that it is the responsibility of the administration to ensure that students are not subjected to roadblocks to expression.

The editorial also discussed the importance of taking risks, and the potential consequences of not doing so. It warned that not taking risks could lead to a lack of progress and innovation, and that the University must continue to support students who are willing to take risks in pursuit of their goals.

In conclusion, the editorial emphasized the importance of maintaining a safe and open environment for all students, where they can express their ideas and take risks without fear of retribution. It encouraged students to continue to take risks and to be proud of themselves, even if they are accused of being liberal or taking risks.

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**Letters to the Editor**

Dear Editor:

The pros for my graduation pictures arrived a few weeks ago, and the whole matter is over and done with. I am still baffled as to what to think about the prices: either my convictions about the prices are correct and they were in fact a bit high, or I'm wrong. I would be interested in hearing what others have to say about their experiences.

Sincerely yours,

[Name]

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**Letters to the Editor**

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my concerns about the current state of the University. It seems to me that the discussions about free expression are becoming more and more aggressive. I worry that this is leading to a culture of fear and intimidation, where students are afraid to express their views.

I think it is important for the University to maintain a safe and open environment for all students, where they can express their ideas and take risks without fear of retribution. I hope that the University will continue to support students who are willing to take risks in pursuit of their goals.

Sincerely yours,

[Name]
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MOVIE ATTACK
Jonathan Zap

ART AND LONELINESS
by Robert Brancatelli

ON KILLING THE BLANK SPACE
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The Island of Dr. Moreau is both a thrilling and an exploitative movie but still not worthy of its original source. The movie was drawn from one of H.G. Wells's greatest and least appreciated works. The novel goes beyond being just an adventure story, an imaginative steampunk tale, but the movie and the actors unfortunately do not.

First of all, the movie plays very well. However, the context of the book and Wells's philosophical speculations become distorted if not abandoned. A completely vestigial and unexplained narrative is added and there is an attempt to make it seem as if the story was filmed out of thin air.

As far as the cast goes, Burt Lancaster and Richard Widmark do not seem to have a complete grasp of the very complex character that Dr. Moreau is supposed to play. Michael York is the only one who plays the character deservedly and he makes us believe in the story. Barbara Carrera does a fair job of acting, but she is not good enough to carry the story.

The characters of Moreau and the animals he creates are not given enough time to develop their personalities. Some of the animals are called by names that are very difficult to pronounce.

All in all, the movie wasn't bad enough to be funny and certainly wasn't good enough to be entertaining. Wait till it comes on T.V.

THE ISLAND OF DR. MOREAU

The humanities on this campus are in a state of stagnation. There is nothing as vital as a fundamental liberal arts education in equality of the arts and sciences. If it is not possible, then at least a peaceful coexistence is required.

I have run across several areas of student complaint and staff resistance to the new college, but I do not believe that the Humanities Committee is making any attempt to understand or help.

The most important reason for this stagnation of the humanities is financial backing. The Richter administration appears to be attempting something, and there is talk of a new theatre being developed from the ruins of the Thompson Gymnasium. This is exactly what we need, and this action should be applauded by every student. But we need much more of this kind of support.

Financial backing results in increased participation and interest. There should be credit toward graduation for working on the newspaper and in the Theatre; this takes money, but it enhances the humanities and creates interest.

The arts are not only larynx and barricade against such matters as may appear. We need a motivation to do our best. We need a meeting to discuss the problem of rebuilding the state of the state of the humanities. The catalyst is money, and it comes from Corson Administration and Faculty.

At the last Student Activities Committee (SAC) meeting, it was mentioned that the new Theatre would make a special effort toward improving the arts. This is an excellent step, but it is not enough.

There are only a few students who are interested in the arts, but the lack of interest is not due to lack of desire, but because of the lack of opportunity to participate.

It appears that among such organizations there is a decided lack of understanding of "financial backing" of unstable investments and activities. This is not a "financial" way of looking at the Pro Theatre, as we believe that it is a "money"-making concern that allocates more funding for sports and leisure activities than for the arts. The money is more important, and we are not equally interested in it.

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**Women's Volleyball**

by Carolyn Graeze

The Ursinus Women's Volleyball Team enters its final round of matches with an 8-2 record.

The team met defeat for the first time at Kutztown. Instead of playing the best of three games to win the match, the best of five were necessary for victory. This cast Ursinus the losses of the match. The next game was against the Western Pennsylvania of the school. Ursinus won 15-13, 15-14, 15-14.

The J.V. team, a completely new team (except for captain Laurie Armbrust), beat Harrisburg 15-13, 15-12, 15-12. The next game was against the University of Delaware. The U. D. team consisted of rather tall players who have participated in summer volleyball camps. To compensate for its disadvantages (in both height and playing experience) and both Varsity and J.V. teams of Ursinus hustled to play their best. Although, the scores showed defeat, 15-13. With the exception of an overhand, the opponents were in awe at the length of the team has created a ' winning streak. The Varsity beat more times legally questionable skill with an aggressive, physical Immaca la. After a sad loss to Ursinus the team won two of their games of the season to start the week right. Then on Friday the 28th, they played Franklin and Marshall out on the Lancaster field. The Varsity had no trouble defeating them, as the 5-2 score shows. Nancy Zurn had a rather good day — she scored 4 goals. Betty Meng, in her usual hustling style, put the fifth goal in the cage. Then on Saturday, the Bears faced the aggressive, hard-working team from Penn State. The Ursinus girls were successful in out playing and out scoring the Penn State, as Laura Haig scored in the first half, and Betty and Zurnie each scored in the second half to make the final score 5-2. The spectators at the hockey game outnumbered those at the football game.

The J.V. team won two of their three games this week, losing to Trenton by a score of 3-1. Candy Russell scored the lone Ursinus goal. Goals from Andy Wickerham and Candy spurred the team on to a 2-1 victory over F&M on the 28th, while these two consistent scorers, with an additional goal from freshman Debbie Tweed, joined together in the final day to defeat a tough Penn State team on the home field.

The scoring was 5-2.

**Hockey**

**Wins**

The Varsity field hockey team, coached by Adele Boyd, added three more victories to the win column this week, beating Trenton State, Franklin and Marshall, and Penn State. On Saturday, Oct. 28, the girls walloped Trenton with a score of 4-6, to start the week right. Then on Friday the 28th, they played Franklin and Marshall out on the Lancaster field. The Varsity had no trouble defeating them, as the 5-2 score shows. Nancy Zurn had a rather good day — she scored 4 goals. Betty Meng, in her usual hustling style, put the fifth goal in the cage. Then on Saturday, the Bears faced the aggressive, hard-working team from Penn State. The Ursinus girls were successful in out playing and out scoring the Penn State, as Laura Haig scored in the first half, and Betty and Zurnie each scored in the second half to make the final score 5-2. The spectators at the hockey game outnumbered those at the football game.

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**S.S.A. Offers Skiing Discounts**

Special to The URSINUS WEEKLY from the Student Ski Association

Being a student can save you a lot of money on skiing. By joining the Student Ski Association, collegiate, graduate school and high school students can save up to $15 a day on lift tickets, lessons and rented ski equipment at over 150 major ski areas nationwide. SSA members also receive 15 percent discounts on the purchase of skis, boots, bindings and poles at over 60 ski shops across the country. Membership costs only $7 per season.

The program works like this: Present your SSA “Student Ski Card”, which will replace fines areas’ ticket windows and you will receive your lift ticket, ski lessons and rented equipment for half-price during the week. On weekends and holidays you will save $1 to $3 on your all-day lift ticket. By presenting the Student Ski Card at the cash register of a participating ski shop, many of which are located close to college campuses, a student can save as much as $100 on new skis, boots, poles, and or bindings. College students may also be asked to show their college ID’s.

Many popular ski areas like Mount Snow and 11 other Vermont, Vermont, New York, New Hampshire and 8 other New England areas, Mt. Tom and 7 other Massachusetts areas all participate in the SSA program in New England. Elsewhere, Hunter Mountain and 22 other New York state areas, Seven Springs and 7 other Pennsylvania areas, Boyne Mountain and 15 other Michigan areas, plus many other areas in the East, Midwest and West participate in the SSA program.

SSA members also receive the STUDENT SKIER magazine and POOR HOWARD’S COLLEGE GUIDE TO SKING, which contains important information on hundreds of ski areas and a unique and money-saving list of over 200 inexpensive lodges in ski country.

For a free full season membership information or an article on “How to Ski on a Student’s Budget” write: the Student Ski Association, 229 N. Pleasant Street, Amherst, Mass. 01002 or 225 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60614.

Dear Editor:

If you have the room and can see your way clearly you kindly print the following in your campus paper.

To Whomever (The Interested):

My name is Frank Di Chiara, and I am serving a jail sentence in a New York Prison ... Although the time being served isn’t long the boring days are ... I would be most grateful to those who would care to drop me a line and thus please me with news of the outside world, ... I would be most grateful to those who would care to drop me a line and thus please me with news of the outside world.

"FOR IN AS MUCH AS WE HAVE DONE IT TO THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN—WE HAVE DONE IT TO ME." 

Thank you, 
Frank Di Chiara

Box "G"

**Widener**

**Beer Edge**

by Ben Shapiro

Last Saturday, the Ursinus soccer team traveled to Chester to play the Widener team in a game that compensated for a basic lack of skill with an aggressive, physical sometimes illegally questionable style of play. However most of the Bears refused to be intimidated as they came away with a 2-1 victory over the Bears, traded, 1-0.

Ursinus played poorly through most of the first half and at the end of forty-five minutes of play, the Bears trailed, 1-0.

In the second half the Bears turned the game around repeatedly offensive thrusts resulted in a penalty kick which David Kennedy converted into a goal. The second half ended with no further scoring.

After 1½ hours of overtime time, David Kennedy player was ejected for protesting a foul, David Kennedy decided the matter and ran a direct kick from 30 yards out which ended up in the upper left corner of the Widener goal. Ursinus then settled down and kept up a solid defense and ran out the clock.

Ursinus ends the season this Saturday with a game at Moravian.

Attention sports fans: Anyone interested in writing sports articles for the winter season please contact Nancy Wardell. Male and female athletes.