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**Bio. Dept. Reacts**

Phillips, who teaches a course in invertebrate zoology, claims that since the majority of invertebrates are cold-blooded and live in the ocean, the situation is extremely tense when the ocean warms up, there aren't any active conditions among these animals until late spring, when Ursinus would close according to the plan for 1978. In addition, it takes the first part of the semester to lay the ground work for these outdoor labs.

There was also an objection from the Bio. Dept. to the renovation department concerning the M.A.C. championships. Final votes are due December 22nd during the week that the championships are held. Participating students must either forego going to the conference or take finals at another time. This, according to critics, would create confusion and extra work.

In the minutes, Dr. Charles T. Sullivan is quoted as saying, in answer to all these oppositions, "We are trying to do this in the principle of doing the most good for the most people." The biology department's reaction to this is that "most people" are bio. and p. e. majors. What "good" is this calculus doing them?

Small and Phillips voted to extend the semester break one week. If the vacation was extended, they stated, it would allow more time for work and study.

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**U.S.G.A. Challenges Union**

**Circulates Student Petition**

by Sharon Tabor

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**Norristown, Curtis, Met Soloists to Perform**

The Concerto Soloists directed by Marc Mostov, appeared on campus in November, and this will be their first "Messiah" appearance at Ursinus. The ensemble has achieved a widespread reputation for virtuosic performances of music from every...
Letters to the Editor

To the Editor: Your editorial of November 23, 1977, about the effect of fear on the expression of student and faculty opinion in the Weekly, was of course correct. I hope it stimulated some ideas among other members of the campus community and administrators by contributing a few reactions to the piece (instead of saying, "I meant to do that") to your task force. It might be useful to add a public dialogue in your pages.

Begin. I'm sure all your readers will understand that the editorial did not mean to say that no one is successfully cultivating the ability to think logically and critically at Ursinus. The free public expression of opinions and the ability to think logically and critically are, to be precise, two separate matters. The editorial inadvertently, I believe, suggested that they were the same and found it confusing.

It seems to me reasonable and accurate to ask the catalog that one of our aims is to cultivate logical and critical thinking, whatever students and faculty may or may not be doing in the Weekly.

Of course, a well-developed ability to think logically and critically on a campus such as ours ought to lead to a lively and literate process of public opinion. By my own day-to-day observations, a great deal of opinion about the purposes and performance of Ursinus is indeed expressed—in faculty coffee lounges, in dorm rooms, in the snack shop, in one-to-one meetings, and more formally in committee meetings where students, faculty members and staff are encouraged to express their opinions. I know of no system for stifling student or faculty expression, unless the faculty and staff, along with me, would like to see more students taking more active part not only in public demonstrations but in other activities on campus. Such involvement is an important element in a liberal education.

Recently, for example, about 245 students out of some 1090 eligible voters took part in the election of representatives to the Task Force to Improve the Quality of Student Life. Considering the enrollment of the student body in the minds of most people on campus, many of us would have welcomed a higher voter turnout.

If there is indeed an "atmosphere of fear" on campus, as the editorial suggests, it is interesting to me that few of your readers, I am sure, will fail to see this as all-pervasive and totally deadening effect. To the extent that there is such an unholy atmosphere, we should all work to dispel it, not "I believe..." and "I meant to do that," but to present a material to the Weekly but also to help students develop their ideas and their roles as responsible citizens.

Some persons may refrain from submitting comment to the Weekly not because they fear some covert system but because they are excessively uneasy about having their ideas judged in public by student and faculty members. Some uneasiness is natural wherever ideas are taken seriously.

Students are particularly prone to it, since they are constantly in the position of having to present their ideas. Older persons expected to know more about a particular subject than students.

To state one's ideas in print, with the knowledge that they will be judged by everyone on campus, takes a certain courage.

Sincerely,
Richard P. Richter
President
November 25, 1977

Dear Editor:

As Advisor to the Ursinus College Ruby I am responding to Thomas J. Glorioso's letter. While I share his concern about the economic pressures felt by Ursinus students, the primary purpose of contracting with Zamsky Inc. was to ensure high quality print work. The Ruby, in return for an agreement to use only Zamsky's "senior portraits," are permitted to sell their services to our students.

In planning the 1978 Ruby we considered several proposals from other studio; however, we elected to continue with Zamsky because of their excellent service. There is no obligation for anyone to buy from Zamsky, but I believe you will find the price competitive and the work excellent.

Sincerely,
H. E. Brodenst, III Ruby Advisor

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None of these economic papers done in the College Scholars Program by Caryl Antoniacci and Charles Brant under Dr. Pilgrim have been given awards in the Student Awards Program of the American Production and Inventory Control Society. Papers of similar titles cover many fields. One student wrote a novel. The College Scholars Program has two noontime meetings a semester where some students meet to discuss a course. The Committee performs two functions. If the student is taking a course the Committee doesn't cause the course authorities to make high standards. If the student is doing a paper, the Committee will read and judge the paper.

The final exam is usually an hour-long. Students taking a course often have a written exam and an exam by the Committee. There was an exam question on a question on the paper. Whether taking a course or writing a paper, students get the benefit of having an oral exam, which is a good preparation for oral exams in graduate school.

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period, but especially for masterpieces of the 18th century, and "The Messiah" is one of the group's specialties.

As a native of Philadelphia, Detter has had extensive oratorio experience, including work with groups such as the Philadelphia First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, under Earl Nuss. She also appeared with the Philadelphia Choral Society.

She is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, was a finalist in 1976 Metropolitan Opera District Auditions, regional winner in the 1960 Singer of the Year contest, and recipient of the Pennsylvania Music Clubs' Young Artists Award in 1967.

Metzger is a 1973 graduate of Ursinus College and is active in musical groups while a student. She appeared in previous productions of "The Messiah" since her graduation in addition, she made numerous appearances in school and musical theater.

Marek has a distinguished career in concert and opera work. She was associate director at the Ursinus performance of "The Messiah." He has made numerous appearances with the New York City Opera and the Metropolitan.

Wilde, a Norristown resident, is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia. Her extensive experience in oratorio includes 19 years with the Oratorio Chorus of First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, under Dr. Alexander McCurdy.

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/stdcend one more week, more labs could be offered by the department. Students could also take advantage of the extra time to tour to various field stations and do projects in marine biology, for example, and this was the second point. As previously stated, lab work is becoming increasingly important in the study of the M.A.C. games and finals could also be avoided. Phillips' viewed the closing down during one of the coldest months would conserve energy and money. Last, and most, was the consideration of making up a schedule with the sole purpose of having a Winter holiday.