After having faithfully served the Ursinus community for twenty-three years, Dean Ruth R. Harris retired in 1983. Her association with the college began in 1932 when she entered as a freshman. She received her B.S. from Ursinus in 1936 and pursued her M.A. degree at Columbia University. Through the years, she has attended numerous institutions. In 1974, an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree was bestowed upon her by Ursinus College. She also received countless other honors in her career, the most recent being a chair on the Local Arrangements Committee of the Pennsylvania Association of Women Deans in 1978.

In her twenty-three years of dedicated service to Ursinus, Dean Harris has involved herself with various activities. She has been a member of the Ursinus Woman’s Club Executive Committee since 1959 and has acted as chairman on the following four major committees: Student Activities, Forum and Cultural Affairs, Parents’ Day, and Orientation Committees. She has been both a friend and counselor to many students.

It is the close contact with the students that Dean Harris cites as the highlight of her career. She enjoyed “seeing students in action, participating in diverse activities.” She was even more thrilled “to follow graduates and be happy for the successes that they have had.” The fact that she could witness a young adult’s developmental metamorphosis from student to adult gave Dean Harris a great sense of satisfaction.

She reflected upon all her years at Ursinus, both as a student and staff member, as “having all been very happy ones, due to the people.” She also attributed her happiness and satisfaction to Ursinus’ “values and high academic quality” and remembered the faculty, staff, and students as being “conscientious, hardworking, interesting, and delightful.”

After contemplating the past twenty-three years, Dean Harris concluded that the major changes on campus were physical and include the construction of Helfreich Hall, Corson Hall, New Men’s Dorm, and Ritter Center. As Dean of Students, she also witnessed many changes in the college’s rules and regulations. Indicative of her progressive outlook, she acknowledged the changes and adapted accordingly. She stated that the switch from regulations to freedoms was “no problem to accept because students are mature enough to make their own decisions.” Looking to the future, Dean Harris wishes Ursinus “to continue to maintain academic excellence and attract high quality students.”

We feel it only fitting that the 1983 Ruby be dedicated to Ruth R. Harris for her twenty-three years of service, friendship, and devotion to Ursinus College.
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