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The World According To Campus Books

Bookstore Explains Pricing Policy

by Carol Hykel

"We want to make sure that you get books at the best prices possible," said Jan Garlick, Manager of the Ursinus College Bookstore, during a private interview Thursday afternoon, February 3. "We don't add anything to the cost of books, we charge only what the publisher charges us for the book," Jan Garlick went on to say.

High paper and printing prices, high shipping costs, overhead costs, and the poor economy are reasons Garlick stated for the increasing prices charged by book publishers. The fact that publishers want publishers' price, or fifty percent of the price charged originally, will be paid out by Campus Books for a book that will be used next semester. The wholesale price will be paid for books not needed in following semesters.

A used book bought in the bookstore costs seventy-five percent of the publisher's price. Overhead costs, employee payroll, and high shipping costs take up the roughly twenty-five percent profit made on used book sales, explained Garlick.

"Getting books in is real guesswork," Garlick said. "There are no quantity discounts on books, either. The price is the same whether you order one book or a hundred." Books that are overstocked because of changing variables, such as changing class enrollment, either sit on the shelves, or must be shipped back, doubling the shipping fees paid by Campus Books.

"I don't want the publishers to sound like bad guys," Garlick stated, "generally speaking, across the board, book prices have risen quite a bit, but general economic problems cause higher prices.

The McConnell Economics had a publisher's price of $18.95 in May, 1981. In July, 1981, the price rose to $20.95. By August, 1982, the price was $24.95. Garlick added that she hadn't heard too many complaints, perhaps even less than in past semesters, which may be due to student's expectations of higher prices.

Scottish Scholarships Offered To Sophomores

Professor Lloyd Jones of the English Department has announced that the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia, for the twenty-sixth year, is awarding scholarships to outstanding college Sophomores who wish to spend Junior year at a Scottish University. During that time about sixty students from twelve colleges have been selected.

Ursinus has been fortunate enough to have had fourteen winners, more than from any other participating college or university, including Pennsylvania State University, the University of Pennsylvania, Temple, Bucknell, Haverford, Swarthmore and Dickinson.

There will be three Scholarship awards, providing for a year at either the University of St. Andrews, the University of Edinburgh, or the University of Aberdeen. The amount of each award will be $7500 and should be adequate to cover most of the expenses incurred.

The competition is open to male and female sophomores who are outstanding students and are "held in high regard by their contemporaries." Anyone who is interested in applying should see Professor Lloyd Jones in Myrin 041 before March 4. Applicants will be interviewed by the Ursinus College Committee on Scholarships and the winning candidate will then be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee of the St. Andrew's Society together with candidates from other colleges and universities.

The most recent winner from Ursinus is Roland Desilets, '83, who spent his junior year at the University of Edinburgh.

Professor Jones has expressed the hope of the Ursinus community that we shall have this year yet another winner of this coveted honor and opportunity.

Weekend alcohol policy

Campus Is Dry

Any gathering of six or more students where alcohol will be consumed was prohibited on February 8 by Dean of Students, J. Houghton Kane. This policy, which will last until February 17, will create a "cooling-off period," stated one resident assistant.

The new policy was enacted due to a violent incident this weekend at a Duryea party. This was only one of several violent occurrences which have happened so far this semester. Several of these incidents involved students not enrolled at Ursinus.

One R.A. from the quad stated that Dean Kane "implied that if R.A.'s do not report an incident they may lose their jobs. Another R.A. stated that "we asked Dean Kane what would happen if students were caught drinking (before February 17th). He said he wasn't sure what would happen. It would depend on the situation."

This policy is an attempt to "make sure nothing happens this weekend," stated another R.A. The R.A. went on to say that the main issue is not drinking. He explained that Dean Kane is not trying to make a dry campus; however, he wants some time to think about a new visitor policy.

As the policy stands now, any unidentified visitor on campus should be reported to Dean Whatley.

Ursinus Gets Bucks From Sears Roebuck

A check for an annual contribution from the Sears Roebuck Foundation to Ursinus College is presented by Gene Sklarz (left), manager of the Sears store in Pottstown, to Ursinus President Richard P. Richter. Looking on is Derek Pickell, '83, past president of the Ursinus Student Government Association.
President’s Corner...

by President Richard P. Richter

NUCLEAR ENERGY: Why is it that, seeing the twin towers of the Limerick nuclear plant, you think of things old and awesome — pyramids in Egypt, Stonehenge in England, a Shinto tori in Japan? They stir something deeper than consciousness, it seems. They remind you of the dependence and contingency of life.

Their great mass and elemental shape, hovering on the horizon, crowd out everyday thoughts as you head for Pottstown on an errand. Primal questions emerge. Who are we? Where did we come from? Where are we going?

Even a cursory look at the literature on nuclear power in our library reveals this urge to ask far-reaching questions about the destiny of man. One sees a sense of fear on the side of both the advocates and the opponents of nuclear energy. Advocates fear that western countries will realize too late that nuclear fuel can take the place of diminishing conventional fuels and will allow our civilization to go down. Opponents fear the genetic disaster that might be visited upon millions of people by uncontrolled waste products or operating accidents.

Engage a group chosen more or less by chance in a conversation about nuclear energy, as I did lately at lunch with some students — and you will discover how quickly these questions and fears surface. The participants had various viewpoints on the need for and the safety of nuclear power. But on one point all agreed: even in our area, which is scheduled to be served by the Limerick plant, there is too little discussion, too little appreciation of the realities and the myths of nuclear energy, too little recognition of the limits to what we can know about it.

Given the deep-seated feelings and questions stirred by those twin towers, I am not sure that it is possible to conduct a reasonable discussion about nuclear energy among people whose opinions differ. Yet it is one of the root public issues that Ursinus students must face, and you ought to be gaining as much knowledge as possible on which to base your views — or your fears.

I suggest that our campus community should be thinking and talking about nuclear energy more vigorously than it is. While the sense of awe that surrounds the subject seems to inhibit rational processes of thought, as an academic community we have a special obligation. I encourage everyone to consider ways of opening up a discussion that will be informative for all.

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STUDENT DRINKING: In last week's report on my discussion with USGA about student drinking, it was said that I asked for a student committee to look at the practices. A correction: I am appointing an eight-person ad hoc committee, made up of four faculty members and four students, two appointees of the USGA and two resident assistants chosen by the Dean of Student Life. A faculty member will chair the committee. Dean Kane, Dean Rinde and Mrs. Beverly Oehlert will act as resource persons. The committee will be asked to complete its findings and make recommendations with respect to student alcohol use by the end of this semester. I believe this issue deserves high priority and will give my close personal attention to the work and the recommendations of the committee.

Visser Fils Exhibits In Corson

by Rosemary Wueneschel ’86

The walls of the second floor of Corson Hall are now adorned with a collection of intriguing color photographs depicting various scenes of Philadelphia. The exhibit is entitled ‘Portrait of Philadelphia’ and is the product of five months of meticulous work. Robert Visser developed, mounted and took all these pictures himself as part of an independent study of photojournalism at Philadelphia College of Art under the direction of the chief photographer of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Mr. Visser is currently a senior photography major at Dickinson College. He hopes to pursue a career in freelance photojournalism similar to the work he has recently done for the Philadelphia Inquirer. His success in photography came at a relatively young age. At only 12 years old he won the Kodak National Scholastic prize for photography, which included a 16 county tour for his prize-winning photograph.

Some of the equipment involved in producing the pictures on exhibit consisted of two Pentax Spotmatic (not automatic) cameras with various lenses. He stuck with the same Kodachrome 64 film throughout the project.

The objective of this undertaking was to offer a different perspective of Philadelphia. The exhibit will remain in Corson until Winterfest when it will be moved to Ritter Center.
Professor Laments Social Conditions At UC

To the Editor:
I attended the basketball game at Widener University on Saturday, January 29, and observed the events that were accurately described in an article in The Grizzly of February 4, 1983. The distasteful, unsportsmanlike, and unlawful behavior of some of the Ursinus students in attendance made Ursinus College look very bad. And remember that Ursinus College is you and I — students, staff, and alumni. Clearly the organizations that sponsored this trip were in violation of the very liberal Ursinus rule that requires them to insure that participants behave in a responsible fashion. While some people may look at this incident as a harsh, less than a little, I believe that it is symptomatic of a serious problem that exists on the Ursinus campus today. The problem is one of atmosphere.

As a teacher of a course of importance to 80-90 students each year, I should like to briefly comment on it. In my capacity as Resident Adviser, I have the opportunity to talk with many different students on a variety of topics. The picture of social conditions that I am forming from these literally dozens of conversations over the past few months is not a pretty one. A climate of anti-intellectualism, fear, and apathy seems to exist. The basic problem appears to be a lack of respect for others. Complaints I have heard relate to many forms: blatant staring and generally noisy conditions in most dorms adversely affect studying; students have been harassed for studying too much; certain dormitories resemble a garbage dump; dangerous games played in the dormitories result in lots of broken glass; a student is forced out of his room for a night or a weekend because his/her roommate wants some sex; fights occur for all sorts of reasons; bottles and cans clutter the campus; theft is a problem; students vomit in residence halls because of excessive drinking; groups of students act as enforcers of their own will; students are threatened; students leave the dormitories in favor of home; students transfer out of Ursinus.

The following statement appears on page 2 of the 1983-1984 Ursinus College Catalog: "Students at Ursinus share the freedom of inquiry and the respect for the individual which are at the heart of a good liberal education. They also share the responsibility for maintaining the order and civility needed for learning and for personal growth." High-sounding words, but seemingly hollow.

If there is as serious a problem as I perceive, something must be done now to change the social conditions on campus. As one who is vitally interested in improving campus life, I am communicating some of my concerns to the Administration. Numerous other faculty members have done the same. But these actions alone are not enough. If there are to be changes made for the better, they must originate with you — the students of Ursinus College. A "grassroots" movement to improve social conditions is needed. There appear to be many students who are unhappy with the current state of affairs but who are unwilling to try to do anything about it because they are frustrated and feel that "nothing will be done anyway." There are many concerned faculty ready and willing to give advice and support, but the thrust must come from you. To those of you who feel that changes are needed soon, I suggest you go in groups to see Dr. Hess, the Dean of Student Life. Inform him as to what kinds of antisocial behavior you will not tolerate and make suggestions as to what should happen to those individuals who perpetrate antisocial acts. Make certain he understands the magnitude of the problem. We — the faculty — teach. We console you when you need comfort. We congratulate you on your successes and commiserate with you when you fail. We try to motivate you. We give you advice and help on academic matters, careers, and personal problems. But as young adults, there are things you must do for yourself. You, and only you, can swiftly bring about changes in the social climate at Ursinus. If there is work to be done, go do it.

Ronald E. Hess
Associate Professor

President's Response

Bitter About Policy

To the Editor:
I was glad that Dr. Ronald Hess gave me an advance copy of his letter about student life and appreciate the opportunity to comment briefly on it.

I applaud his sincere concern for improving the quality of life among the students of Ursinus. In my eighteen years on the staff, I cannot remember a year when we did not chatisseur ourselves as a College for failing to meet our highest expectations on the social side. We must keep trying.

To give some perspective to Dr. Hess's observations, I would offer two thoughts: First, although it may not be apparent to everyone, a dedicated group of President's Associates and Deans have been hard at work on the very problems cited by Dr. Hess. If the many students who want a better climate will support them and communicate with them, as Dr. Hess recommends, the results of their hard work will be far more fruitful. Concerned students who think "nothing will be done anyway" are mistaken and ought to come out and speak up.

Second, Dr. Hess gives a general picture of social conditions that differs from impressions that I receive from students. No one can deny that the misbehavior of students gives all of us a problem. I completely share Dr. Hess's reaction to the behavior of Ursinus students at the Widener basketball game and have personally apologized to President Robert Bruce on behalf of the College, along with a letter of apology from the students involved. Still, I would suggest that the climate at Ursinus simply does not seem to be the uniformly unpretty one described in Dr. Hess's letter. I would urge that a sense of proportion be maintained, even when we are rightly outraged by the excesses of some individuals or groups.

Sincerely,
Richard P. Richter, President

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Transplanted Texan
by Duncan C. Atkins

The hardest job of a writer is finding inspiration. Sometimes I will sit for hours staring at a blank piece of paper trying futilely to write something innovative, witty and controversial. Ah, but on other days the Almighty smiles on me and even punishes me between the eyes with inspiration. Such was the case when I sat down last Friday and read the Grizzly, BLAM! Right in the face.

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In the article "Drinking Concerns Richter" mention is made of the possibility of Ursinus' reputation for acute inebriation displacing the school's traditional fame as an intellectual hothouse. I quote "We can't afford to lose the leverage that an Ursinus diploma now provides for us because our reputation changes from one of 'academic excellence' to one of 'excellent parties.'"

I beg to differ with the author on two points. First to call parties at Ursinus "excellent" would be a mistake. "Adequate" is a much more appropriate adjective. After all, what goes on at Ursinus parties? People come... They drink cheaply. They gawk at each other. And if lady luck is willing, they spend a sleepless night with a member of the opposite sex. If not, they get drunk, blow chow, and wake up with a hangover. "Adequate" parties at best...

"Excellent" parties would entail some of the following: entire roomsful of people casually stripping down to birthday suits; maniacs trying to ride motorcycles up the stairs (we miss you Joe); Neil Young casually dropping by, guitar in hand; State Police arriving at 2 AM in complete riot gear. "Excellent!" Indeed!

In addition, I think the assumed inverse relationship between decadence and intellect is false. The University of Virginia is arguably the best publicly supported college in the nation. It is also, according to every poll I've ever seen, the nation's unchallenged numero uno party school. And ask the good citizens of Bethlehem what they think of Lehigh students. The replies would be largely unprintable. Especially those of people with teenage daughters. Yet Lehigh has an unsurpassed reputation for engineering excellence. When you work yard, you tend to play hard.

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In last week's commentary, the author urges me to "Speak up for Co-ed Housing." Why should I speak up for something I don't want. I mean who wants to live with a bunch of girls? Most of us men, have just escaped atmospheres where good-intentioned mothers were constantly after us to clean our room and brush our teeth and not drink beer. And many of my less-intelligent cohorts plan to immediately get tied down with equally demanding women of lesser age following graduation. Oh the horror! The horror!

So let us celebrate these four years of large scale bachelorhood. Hooray for the living arrangement which allows me to wander around my suite in strangely patterned boxer shorts, dipping snuff and casually dropping four letter expletives. Allow women to revine and perhaps shake this magnificent lifestyle? I would sooner be shot before a firing squad.

Concert at Bomberger
by Rosemary Wuenschel '86

In keeping with the twentieth century Serendipity theme of the 1983 Winterfest two works by Igor Stravinsky will be performed on Sunday, February 27 at 3:00 p.m. in Bomberger Hall. Tickets will be available at special student rate for all Ursinus College students.

The two pieces to be performed will be "L'Histoire du Soldat" ("The Soldier's Tale") and "Cantata." Stravinsky, who is thought of by many to be one of the most influential composers of the twentieth century, is often perceived as radical and dissontant in reference to his first few compositions. The Firebird Suite, Petrushka and "The Rite of Spring." But "L'Histoire du Soldat" and "Cantata" are two very different compositions and as Mr. French described them, "They are the best of twentieth century music with cerebral quality because they encourage the mind to figure out what's going on in the text and the music."

"L'Histoire du Soldat," written in 1918, is more a theater work than a concert piece because it combines music, dance and narration. Dancers will be Glenn Scharr and Ruth Kinter, who is also the choreographer, and Dr. Joyce Henry will recite the narration. The talented Harvey Price, who gave a forum on percussion last semester will return to Ursinus to perform the demanding percussion part in this piece.

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"Cantata," which is quite different from "L'Histoire du Soldat," marks the end of Stravinsky's neo-classical period which was the most prolific part of his career. In 1952 he wrote "Cantata" because he wanted another opportunity to write a choral piece with an English text. It is a very structured, and anonymous text from the fifteenth or sixteenth century. It is often performed as a women's choir, small instrumental ensemble with mezzo-soprano and tenor soloists. The soloists will be Mertine Jones and Jeremy Slavin.

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Varying Viewpoints

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"WHY ARE ALL THEIR PRICES SO HIGH? IS IT BECAUSE THEY HAVE A MONOPOLY? ISN'T THAT ILLEGAL?"

"THIS IS THE SHERMAN ANTI-TRUST ACT—DOESN'T IT MEAN ANYTHING ANYMORE? I GUESS NOT."

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U.C. Flu Flattens Students

by Alison K. Brown ’86

Lately it seems as if just about the entire student body of Ursinus College has been hit by a flu epidemic. Well, now you can breath easy... there’s no epidemic killing us off!

Beginning last week, the Philadelphia metropolitan area has been a prime target for common colds and flu-like viruses. The change from cold to warm and back to cold weather again is an easy way to lower resistance to sickness. Ursinus students have been particularly hard hit for a number of obvious, yet easily overlooked reasons.

First of all, the aforementioned weather conditions stand as a predominant precursor to a cold. Second, many students don’t eat all of the correct nutritional foods (or drink the right NUTRITIONAL liquids!). Third, students live within a relatively small area and close contact cannot be easily avoided. Lack of sleep and pressures to attend class, regardless of physical condition, are the final requirements to induce a large variety of viral symptoms.

This flu cannot correctly be termed “The Flu Epidemic” because there is such a wide range of symptoms. These include headache, nausea, diarrhea, head and chest congestion, and fever. Mrs. Claycomb, one of Ursinus’ infirmary nurses, suggests, “rest, force of the right kind of fluids, and sensible eating” to eliminate the flu, and allowance of forty-eight to seventy-two hours for a fever to become normal.

“We hope that students are sensible enough to come to the infirmary when they’re not feeling well... we should be over the worst of it by this week,” quotes Mrs. Claycomb. The infirmary is doing their best to help us students feel better... let’s get rid of our ‘epidemic’!

Reagonomics Forum

Dr. Alan S. Blinder, professor of economics at Princeton University and economics columnist for the Boston Globe, will discuss “Reagonomics” at a forum Wednesday, February 16, at 11:00 a.m. in Wismer Auditorium.

Dr. Blinder, who has served as a consultant to the Congressional Budget Committee since 1975, is a senior advisor to the Brookings Panel on Economic Activity and a fellow of the Econometric Society. He is also a member of numerous economic committees and editorial boards and has authored four books and numerous articles for professional publications and major newspapers and magazines.

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Ursinus inbounded the ball at half court and the Bears looked like they could have used one a week ago when they hosted Johns Hopkins.

In their past six games the Bears have hit cold spells and have allowed their opponents to climb back into the game and even win in a few cases.

The Hopkins' game was no different. By the 15:46 mark of the second half Johns Hopkins had pulled within two 35-33 after being down by nine at the half. The Bears once again found themselves in a game.

From that point on it was a race to see who could score first. Both teams exchanged buckets with Ursinus staying up by two center Jim Collins grabbed the ball and then at the 7:55 mark, Jack tried a futile attempt at a shot from half range. At that point Hopkins put another nail in the coffin.

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Swimmers Stroke
For Two Wins

by Joe Rongione '83

Last Saturday The Fighting Ursini came from behind to beat Susquehanna. After the first three events The Fighting Ursini were down 18-8. The Ursini took first and second in the 50-yd. freestyle with fine performances by Paul Gallagher and Brian Dohner.

“Panama” Smith took first in the 200-yd. IM. There was no diving at this meet so Scott Willis and Panama teamed up for a 1-2 in the 200-yd. butterfly. Bill Lacy and Brian Warrender dominated the 100-yd. freestyle, taking first and second place.

Jamie Forlini continued to regain his strength as he easily won the 200-yd. backstroke. Distancemen Lacy and Doug Korey kept the Fighting Ursini on their winning ways as they took 1-3 in the 1000-yd. and 500-yd. freestyle. Korey also won the 200-yd. breaststroke. The 400-yd. freestyle and relay finished first in Susquehanna. The final score was 60-28.

Wednesday night the Fighting Ursini were back home at the William Elliott Natatorium. They easily won over Swarthmore 52-27. The 400-yd. Medley Relay of Rich Smith, Joe Rongione, Brian Warrender and Paul Gallagher had a tough race but came out victorious. The Ursini never looked back as Jerry Killoran placed first in the 200-yd. freestyle and Lacy and Dohner took first and second place in the 50-yd. freestyle. Smith and Warrender teamed up for a 1-3 in the 200-yd. IM.

Gymnasts Win By 0.75

by Karla Cantello '83

The Ursinus women's gymnastic team travelled to the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown last weekend, coming back with a national high score of 130.0 over U.P.'s 129.15.

Several gymnasts scored personal bests in each event. In the vaulting competition, Debbie Rosenberg and Sue Asterino each scored a 7.25, while Cantello an 8.15 and Julie Strizki with a personal best of 8.4. Showing strong support on the uneven parallel bars were Cantello and Rosenberg with personal bests of 6.55 and 6.6 respectively. The balance beam team event brought the team a little trouble in the way of falls, but some gymnasts still managed to hit some personal bests. Nancy Paul, Cantello and Pam Maier scored 4.85, 6.25 and 6.3 respectively.

After the first three events, the girls were behind 100.5 to 94.75, but strong performances on the last event, the floor exercise, helped to boost their score. Cantello, Asterino and Strizki each had personal bests of 7.25, 7.65 and 8.15 to take the team to the top in the region. U.P.'s was 7.15.

Also showing support for Ursinus were Liz Torrey on vaulting, bars and beam, Randi Karpinski on bars, Peg Kelly on beam and Linda Schillinger on bars and the balance beam. A great deal of credit must be given to Ursinus' senior captain and manager, Sandy Strizki, for her support, dedication and hard work. In Division III, their record stands at 3 wins and 2 losses, with Morrison looking for a winning season with the remaining four meets against Division III schools. Their next meet will be Saturday, February 12 at 12:00 in the third gym. Be sure not to miss it!