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While this description is valid, it ignores the party headed by Dr. John Henry Augustus Bomberger believed these changes would destroy the historic character and the mere existence of the church. Because the reformers outvoted the low church party at synods, all the seminaries and colleges

The group discovered the Freeland Seminary in what was then called

Directors would buy two buildings on seven acres and $20,000.

The charter granted on 5 February 1869 named the institution Ursinus College after Zacharias Ursinus, a German leader in the Protestant Reformation. In the tradition of scholars, Zachariah Baer Latinized his name to Zacharias Ursinus upon entering Wittenberg College. Devoted to academia and theology, he would later become a principal author of the Heidelberg Catechism, laying the foundations for the German Reformed Church.

One hundred twenty-five years later, Ursinus celebrates a tradition of academic excellence in liberal arts education. From the first day of classes, professors and administration alike saw the need for students to not merely concentrate their studies on one field, but instead a variety of fields. The original curriculum included instruction in languages, mathematics, history, rhetoric, speech, social sciences, and natural and physical sciences—all still integral parts of the core requirements. Even the most academically knowledgeable would in the past, but have been maintained in the present.

One might describe Ursinus College as an independent, four-year liberal arts college located in southeastern Pennsylvania. While this description is valid, it ignores the college's rich heritage in its founding and subsequent traditions established through­

Ursinus celebrates its commitment to extracurricular activities related to academia and the arts. For 60 years, the Zwingli, Schaff, and Olevian Literary Societies maintained libraries and presented literary works of a variety of authors including famous Ursinus writers. Today, the Literary Society presents original works just as in the old societies. The Grizzly today follows in the footsteps of the Weekly (established in 1902), and likewise The Lantern consistently has presented student works since 1935. Music also has played a role throughout Ursinus's history, with a small choir that toured in 1900 as do the Meistersingers today. In each year since 1936, students have sung Handel's Messiah.

Ursinus celebrates its successes and failures in athletics. Baseball and football both boast a century of intercollegiate competition, with several sports to follow. Even with the athletic tradition, new sports may appear, such as the Men's Lacrosse team, a club sport for the last few years which may become a recognized intercollegiate team in the future.

Ursinus celebrates the life of students on campus. Many of the fifteen sororities and fraternities trace their histories back to the 1920s. Still, the fraternity and sorority were founded in the 1992-93 academic year. Outside of the Greek system are those who choose to remain independent, a group consisting of over half the campus. All students, whether a member of a Greek society or not, attend annual functions such as Homecoming and the Lorelei Dance. Since 1926, when men and women had to sit on opposite sides of the library, women have asked men to this dance.

Above all, Ursinus celebrates all the people who, throughout the 125 years, have made Ursinus the institution it has become. Everyone involved on campus, from the administration and Board of Directors to the students and faculty have molded the college into one recognized for academic excellence. Although Ursinus may change through the years, this tradition of academic excellence abounds, with the recent installation of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and the recent winning of an Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) grant.

Ursinus celebrates its founding and out the following 125 years.

TRADITIONS. (right) Mandatory chapel was maintained until 1968. (far right) Dean Kline oversees the laying of the cornerstone for the original library.
ENDING FATHER. (Right) John Henry Augustus Bomberger was first President of Ursinus College. (below right) The first annual college catalog was published in 1869.

OLD-TIME EXPERIMENT. (below) Students complete their laboratory assignments in a turn-of-the-century chemistry lab.

SHAPES OF THE PAST. (middle) The graduating class of 1889 for a class picture. (middle right) In a picture from the 1913 yearbook, the men’s glee club conducts a practice session.
"We had to choose between a day-long celebration and a year-long bash," said Cent-Silversary Committee member Brian Riordan. "We chose the year-long bash!"

According to President Richard P. Richter, "This anniversary not only allows us to celebrate our healthy longevity, but also the consistency of our vision."

The Rev. M. Scott Landis served as chair of the committee on which Riordan and others served. The committee worked many long hours to plan the "year-long bash," and their work can be seen all over campus.

They chose the theme "Ursinus College - 125 - Celebrate" and developed a logo to be used on stickers, banners, t-shirts, catalogs, balloons, campus publications, and other souvenirs. The celebration was announced to the Collegeville community with large banners on Main Street bearing the anniversary logo in red, old gold and black.

The committee also planned the Founders' Day Convocation and the 125th Day Celebration. Look for more special anniversary events as the Ursinus campus celebrates 125 years with its "year-long bash."

-- Lori L. Engler
DAY TO CELEBRATE. Senior Janene Paist, President of U.S.G.A., kicks off the 125th Anniversary celebration at a special Founders' Day Convocation on February 6, 1994.

LUNCHTIME FUN. Exchange student Ryoko Suehiro is greeted in Wismer by "Zack" (Dr. Ray Schultz), who donned academic regalia and handed out buttons to students during lunch.

WINNER! Junior Cindy Kline, winner of an Ursinus T-shirt, poses with the college's namesake, Zacharias Ursinus. Every 125th person to enter Wismer on 125th Day received a prize. Prizes included a sweatshirt, a Gypsy Rose gift certificate, and T-shirts.
It was a time filled with war and peace, disappointment and hope, discovery and disaster. 1993-94 made us laugh, cry, smile and think. Let's take a look back at the events that made it a year to remember.

First and foremost, the United States was introduced to its 42nd president. Bill Clinton, former governor of Arkansas, took office in January of 1993 and was greeted with problems such as health care and conflict in the Middle East. After one year in office, critics were still skeptical about his abilities, calling 1994 a "make or break" year for him.

September was a big month for international events. First, the Bosnian parliament rejected an international peace plan that attempted to end the ongoing conflicts between the Croats, Muslims, and Serbs. The result of this was the continuation of war, leaving tens of thousands dead and over a million homeless.

On a more positive note, Yasir Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, made history when he signed a peace treaty with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. United States President Bill Clinton called the pact "a courageous and historic peace accord, the first step in replacing war with peace and giving the children of the Middle East a chance to grow up to a normal life."

Finally, Russian President Boris Yeltsin dissolved parliament, making a bold move to grab control in the former Soviet Union. The Russian people did not react favorably to Yeltsin's idea of taking complete control from the legislature, as they responded with riots several days later.

The year also saw three major natural disasters strike the United States. First, in the late spring and early summer, floods hit hard in the Midwest. Thousands of homes and farms were destroyed as entire towns were submerged. Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri reported billions of dollars in damage, and President Clinton responded with a $5.7 million aid package to help victims.

Next, in late November, wildfires swept through the Southern California area. A total of 26 major fires burned from Ventura County all the way to the Mexican border. Over 200,000 acres of land were damaged, and 1000 buildings were destroyed. Thousands of firefighters from around the state were called in to fight the blazes, nineteen of which were expected to have been arson-related.

Then, in mid-January, thousands of California residents awoke to an earthquake registering 6.6 on the Richter Scale. The quake left close to 60 people dead, brought down major freeways, and severely damaged thousands of homes. Estimated damages reached $30 billion.

The major entertainment news of the year was the move of comedian David Letterman from NBC to CBS. Letterman, who has taken over the ratings and has been called "the darling of the late-night television audience," changed networks for an estimated $15 million.

In sports, we saw everything from the bad girl of figure skating, Tonya Harding, to the bad boys of baseball, the Philadelphia Phillies. First, Harding found herself in the middle of Olympic controversy after reports linked her with an attack on rival skater Nancy Kerrigan. Both skaters were able to compete in the 1994 Olympics in Norway, with Kerrigan winning a silver medal for the U.S. Harding had a disappointing showing, and faced hearings when returning home.

Finally, who could forget the wonderful roller-coaster ride provided by the Phillies? Going from worst to first in one season, the Phills held a grip on first place in the National League East the entire season. They went on to defeat the Atlanta Braves in six games in the League Championship Series, but eventually fell to the Toronto Blue Jays in the World Series.

~ Mark Leiser
At Ursinus, traditions abound. The college is highly acclaimed for its educational excellence, and it celebrates this each year with its Academic Convocations. The field hockey team has won Division I titles, and other sports teams have also performed competitively. Community members join students every December to present Handel’s Messiah, and student activities, such as Airband, Mr. Ursinus and the Lorelei, have also become traditions. And the autumn leaves which decorate the campus in October are not to be missed.

ON THE RIGHT TRACK. Rocco Iacullo and Vince McDonald cheer on the freshman class as they process from Berman to Olin during the Ursinus Day Convocation.

OPA CABANA! Beta Sig pledges Matt, Mike, Cameron, Bill, and Dan perform at the annual Airband competition.

TAKE A BREAK! Junior Amy Landis enjoys a time out during a varsity field hockey game.

Photo: Lori L. Engler
PIPING IN A NEW YEAR. Dressed in traditional costume, bagpiper Thomas Hall leads Marshal Dr. Derk Visser and other faculty and staff members into the Ursinus Day Convocation in August.

GATEWAY TO LEARNING. Amid the colorful autumn leaves, the Eger Gateway proudly welcomes students and alumni to Homecoming weekend. Photo: Lori L. Engler

CAREFUL ANALYSIS. Senior Laura Scarola and Dr. Victor Tortorelli examine a chemical experiment.

WHAT A NIGHT! Roommates Yoshiko Kato and Lori Engler share a special moment together at the Lorelei.

ADAM CHAIR. President Richter installs Dr. Nancy Hagelgans as the Beardwood Chair of Mathematics at the 1994 Founders’ Day Convocation.
The Quilt: To Remember, To Educate, To Celebrate
September 21, 1993
Ursinus College will be presenting a display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt on Thursday, September 23 through Sunday, September 26. The Quilt is being brought here due to the hard work of Tristan English and Kim Taylor, as well as many other faculty and students.

Girls' Pledging Returns Full-Force!
October 5, 1993
Once again, girls' pledging activities resume at Ursinus. The first week of pledging is already over, but three weeks still remain. The campus is enjoying the thrice daily line-ups of each sorority's pledge class and anxiously awaiting the next day's events.

Singel Discusses Health Care
November 2, 1993
While health care should be affordable to everyone, the quality must not suffer. Acting Gov. Mark Singel told a "town meeting" audience at Ursinus College on Monday night, October 11.

Richter to Leave Presidency
April 26, 1994
After eighteen years as President, Richard P. Richter has asked the Board of Directors to begin the process of finding his successor. He told the Board that he will stay in office as long as it takes for them to name a new President. He pledged to continue to lead the College decisively for the duration of his tenure.

Spring Fling '94
May 3, 1994
Ursinus' First Annual Spring Fling was a rousing success. Organization of the day's events was the result of a joint effort between students and administration. David Spade, of Saturday Night Live fame, appeared later in the evening.
A QUILT TO REMEMBER. Tristan English (below) adds his personal message to Ursinus’ signature square as two students (middle right) volunteer their time as quilt monitors.

WRESTLE-MANIA. (middle left) Sumo wrestling was a popular attraction at the first annual Spring Fling. Photo: Lori L. Engler

COMEDY AT THE GAP. (middle) David Spade performed the routines which made him famous.

PRESIDENTIAL PARTING. President Richard P. Richter announced his plans to leave the presidency and the search began to find his replacement. Photo: College Communications

THE GREEK DEBATE. Pledging continues in full swing while it comes under examination by a committee.

URSINUS PRIDE. Rev. Thomas Dipko encourages us to remember our religious past on Founders’ Day.
If you stayed on campus on October 16, while many students headed home for Fall Break, you were rewarded with a crystalline autumn day and all the pageantry of a traditional Ursinus Homecoming.

On Saturday afternoon, the crowd in the stands on Patterson Field was treated to a thrilling, come-from-behind victory over Gettysburg as senior Bill Sedgwick added to his totals as Ursinus' all-time leading rusher. Against Gettysburg, he ran the ball 36 times for 159 yards and three touchdowns. It was his last score, a run from the one-yard line, that put the Bears up for good, 31-28, with 50 seconds remaining in the game. Gettysburg was unable to mount a final scoring drive against a stifling Ursinus defense. For his efforts, Sedgwick was presented with the Kenneth E. Walker Memorial Trophy as the game's most valuable player. He is the first player in the 36-year history of the award to win it three times.

Heather Colvin, a senior economics and business administration major and member of Omega Chi sorority, was named the 1993 Homecoming Queen during halftime ceremonies.

---From the Ursinus Bulletin

LUSHING BEAUTY. Senior Matt Stephens bestows a kiss on APO's Homecoming Queen candidate, Nadine Brubaker, as they ride onto the football field.

IMME FIVE! Senior running back Bill Sedgwick and junior quarterback Brian Lafond celebrate the Bears' 31-28 victory over the Gettysburg Bullets.

HOW TIME. Craig Overpeck, Erik Moore and Wendy Scarola enjoy the weather as they eat their picnic lunch.

THE LINE-UP. Candidates and their escorts (Blake, Annette, Matt, Nadine, Christie, John, Jolie, Dick, Kellianne, Tom, Heather, Dennis, Barb, Aaron, Charisse, Scott, Esther, and Justin) pose for a picture.
ROYAL SMILES. 1993 Homecoming Queen Heather Colvin shows her joy as Dennis Wilson waves to the crowd. Colvin, an Econ major and Omega Chi sister, was nominated by Alpha Phi Epsilon and escorted by Wilson, a Politics major who is also the fraternity’s President.

1993 Homecoming Queen Candidates and Escorts

- Esther Bang (Omega Chi), escorted by Justin Dominic (Delta Mu Sigma)
- Nadine Brubaker (Tau Sigma Gamma), escorted by Matt Stephens (Alpha Phi Omega)
- Jolie Chylack (Tau Sigma Gamma), escorted by Dick Salmon (Sigma Rho Lambda)
- Heather Colvin (Omega Chi), escorted by Dennis Wilson (Alpha Phi Epsilon)
- Shannon Davis (Phi Alpha Psi), escorted by Jim Kais (Delta Pi Sigma)
- Christie Gamble (Phi Alpha Psi), escorted by John Nilon (Zeta Chi)
- Charisse Jack (Upsilon Phi Delta), escorted by Scott Taylor (Chi Rho Psi)
- Barb Lampe (Tau Sigma Gamma), escorted by Aaron Burgstein (Beta Sigma Lambda)
- Annette Rawls (Phi Alpha Psi), escorted by Blake Iert (Pi Omega Delta)
- Keillanne Sheller, escorted by Tom Nace (Organization of Commuting Students)
Janene Paist, France
My study abroad experience was definitely one of the most important highlights of my college career! I learned not only more about the world, but also about what it is like to be an American citizen in another country. I also learned more about myself and that speaking French was definitely my true love! I wish everyone were able to study abroad in another part of the world, because it was definitely the most worthwhile and meaningful experience in my entire life.

Alexis Smith, Australia
During the fall semester of my senior year, I spent five months on the west coast of Australia, in Perth. With the celebrated Australian wine regions just a few hours south of Perth, my American friends and I journeyed frequently to these regions in hopes of developing our knowledge of fine wines. On a particular visit, after hitting five or six wineries in a three-hour time span, I happened to place my wallet on the car roof, neglecting to remove it before I re-entered the car. After a frenzied night of trying to locate my wallet containing my license, traveler's checks, credit cards, and cash, a friendly Australian man approached me and said I resembled the license picture of a person he had found along the road. He was the typical honest and friendly Aussie!

Other Students Studying Abroad
Brian Baldia, Spain; Laura Bryans, England; Kathy Chetkowski, France; Nicole Cicci, Spain; Amy Colistra, Italy; Paul Donecker, England; John Dunchick, Germany; Rebecca Heyl, Australia; Eric James, Japan and Mexico; Susan Jones, Spain; Paul Kirkland, Japan; Kate Laubach, Australia; Sharon Long, Germany; John Nilon, Japan; Christin Outwin, Mexico; Lexi Quinn, Japan; Janice Smith, Japan; Sandra Waltz, Ireland.

A Lesson in Aussie Slang
buggered = tired
to suss out = to figure out
bickie = cookie
ta = thank you
jumper = sweater
bird = woman
dag = dork
AFTER WHILE CROCODILE. Alexis Smith is ready to embark on a journey through the crocodile-inhabited waters of Australia.

A ROYAL TRAVELER. (middle right) Laura Bryans poses for a picture on a bridge over the River Thames in London, England.

VIVE LA FRANCE! (top right) Seniors Janene Paist and Kathy Cheilovski join friends in a wine-tasting class in France. (above) Janene "hangs out" with her French siblings, Alice and Guillaume.

AUSTRALIAN WONDERS. (far left) Rebecca Heyl visits the eerie Pinnacle desert in Western Australia, while Alexis Smith (left) goes horseback riding in New Zealand.