



## In Memoriam



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*"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God."*

(Romans 8:38)

## Fiction Novelist, Marge Piercy Speaks on Campus

Walking in a little after seven o'clock, I dropped by the student lounge and participated in an entertaining reception sponsored by the Keystone Society, in honor of writer Marge Piercy. Not being totally aware of the type of writer she was, except by the biography published on her, I had the feeling that my nose was going to be bitten off because they described her as **rough and gutsy**. However, when she entered room 101 and began her

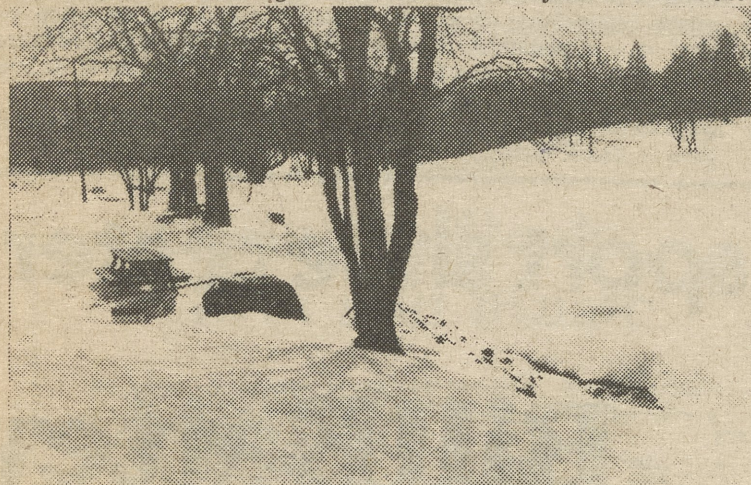
lecture I was totally surprised to hear a soft mannered, gentle woman.

She began her lecture about the poetry she has created in the past decade. Giving advice and her own personal glimpses on the subject of her writing, she said, "My poetry is more personal than my fiction. Sometimes I can't feel close to my old poems so I don't read them to my audiences anymore." She also remarked, "My readers share the

common feeling of closeness, that they want to be with each other."

Ms. Piercy began the second part of her lecture on writing fiction for social change. She used two effective viewpoints on how she writes her novels, "You can be nice to an old lady by helping her across the street or you can be extremely angry and run down an old man." At the ending of that last sentence, a guest student from the University of Pennsylvania, Mark Ritacco, arrousingly applauded to himself. I could not help but laugh along with some others scattered throughout the audience at his outburst. A personal statement that intrigued me was, "The use of suspense in fiction is to make the reader turn the pages. You can spend 6000 pages writing about one night or you can cover 100 years in one sentence."

Some of her famous novels are "Small Changes" and her personal favorite "Women on the Edge of Town." She got a burst of laughter from the entire audience when she said, "Novels Continued on Page 3



Fourteen inches of snowfall blanketed the Delco Campus during the Washington's Birthday holiday weekend. More pictures and related story pages 4 and 5.

(Photo by Donna Curran)

## U.S.A. Elections Approach Nominations Welcome

At this time we are fast approaching the fifth (5th) week of Spring term. The fifth week of this term has the distinction of being the deadline for petitions from students who would like to run for an office in U.S.A. Each candidate for office must file a statement of his or her reasons for seeking that office with the Secretary of U.S.A. by that time. The statement must be accompanied by the signatures of at least 25 fulltime students at Delco. The only other qualifying factors a student must possess to run for office are a cumulative average of 2.00 and a good disciplinary standing in the University. He or she must out of necessity be returning to Delco the following fall. It might be wise to mention that after you are elected in this Spring term you will hold U.S.A. office during summer term.

The Executive positions available in U.S.A. government are those of President, Administrative Vice President, First Vice President, and Secretary. The function of the President is to preside over all meetings and report on U.S.A. activities to the student body. The Administrative Vice President basically helps the President and resumes the President's job in his absence. The First Vice President assists the Dean of Student Affairs in maintaining

financial accounts, basically the treasurer. The Secretary performs secretarial functions.

The U.S.A. office is also in charge of several committees which include the following:

1) The Education Policy Commission. This committee is the voice of campus students in decisions made on educational policies, University-wide.

2) The Community Service Commission. This committee is in charge of activities which will benefit the surrounding community.

3) The Campus Events Commission. This committee is in charge of coordinating student activities on campus such as dances, Monte Carlo nights, etc.

4) The Student Welfare Committee. The purpose of this committee is to work towards organizing and promoting those activities geared towards the advancement of student welfare.

5) The Constitutional Review Commission. This committee reviews procedures to charter new student organizations.

6) The Standing Committees. a) Orientation Committee. This committee works with the

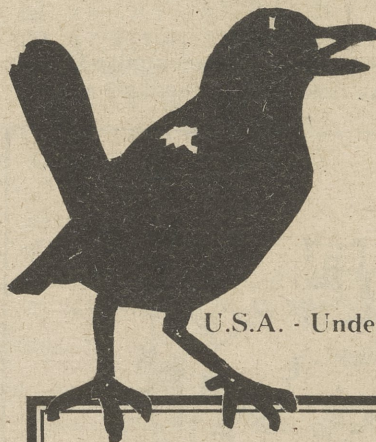
office of Student Affairs in developing a Fall term orientation program.

b) Athletic Committee. Those people on this committee coordinate intramural and other inter-campus U.S.A. athletic programs.

c) Public Information and Promotion Committee. This committee is supposed to publish a student government newsletter and take care of publicity of U.S.A. activities.

d) Pre-Transfer Services Committee. This committee is supposed to develop a Spring Term program for those students preparing to transfer to University Park.

Of course the above positions sound sterile and dry as they appear on paper. In reality none of the above will come to life unless students take responsibility for those positions and breathe life into them. Some of the above descriptions may sound a little vague, the purpose for that is to allow flexibility in our student government so the students of each new year have the ability to shape the government to fit their needs.



**SPRING WEEK  
Is  
COMING!**

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