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Ursinus Wins $100,000 Challenge Grant

by Jennifer Basset

Last Wednesday night, the Ursinus community was graced with a speaker with “impeccable credentials.” Any one who has received a BA from Berkeley, California, is a professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania, has been endowed with countless grants, and won the Woodrow Wilson Award in 1973, must be mentally gifted. However, it takes more than mental gifts to hold attention of the span of an Ursinus forum goer. Professor Ross Doughty left flattery from Dr. Miller, the basic question was asking, “Will this forum be a worthwhile thought provoking lecture?”

Dr. Chan-ak Lee reminded us that the American press is tired of Asia. Truth is certainly packed into that statement. After all, there are only so many angles of the Far East to be presented. And, the public majority is not fazed by photographs of mucky rice paddies and starving orphans. The Far East was first fiddle at Berkeley seven months ago through another record解决 the flattery from Dr. Miller, the basic question was asking, “Will this forum be a worthwhile thought provoking lecture?”

Dr. Lee did not waste any time in informing us of Carter’s speech to the Far East and all its entities. As of yet, the United States subscribes to no unique policy, philosophy, or doctrine in international politics. Dr. Lee soon justified this action, or lack of it, by reminding us that it will take some spectacular event to provoke a stormy dogmatism. However, what the professor meant by a “spectacular event” was felt largely to the imagination those who are not experts on the Far East.

The doctor certainly did deliver an excellent critical review of Chinese-American relations from the “open door” policy in 1859, when we blessed China with our first official statement concerning them, to the Nixon doctrine of 1969, which is basically the same as the U.S. adheres to today.

Of course, the majority of America’s maneuvers with China until the nuclear age were inherently economically exploitive in nature. Dr. Lee elaborated on the “open door” policy, which seemed to be, at best, an excuse for the United States to pump more trade out of China than all of Western Europe combined. All of this was stated with utmost tact and diplomatic subtlety, so the professor made sure that the doctor understands that we are only human.

Dr. Lee said that politically high- lighted the embodiment of previous doctrines of the twentieth century, but the bulk of this certainly was foreign to some people present. Nevertheless, he did make it clear that the U.S. had already strayed enough from former policies to doctor the problems of the past era. We are now discovering what Nixon’s doctrine (circa 1968) was, and why it basically spells out what our stand with the Peole’s Republic of China is today. For one thing, America believes in letting most Asians fend for themselves. (Remember how relieved everyone was when we finally pulled out of Vietnam, not to mention Korea?) However, with the proper stimulation, or irritation, the U.S. will provide the territory it has previously abandoned, and if our neighbors should be threatened, but so far, no additional U.S. troops will be installed.

Several novel tidbits of information concerning Asia and the U.S. were gathered from Dr. Lee’s talk. For example, the concept of U.S. withdrawal from the Far East was not conceived by liberals of the late sixties. It had been seriously considered since 1951; it just took them a while to work out a new policy. Also, Roosevelt’s enthusiasm for becoming an ally of China was provoked largely by the Rockefeller family’s extensive involvement in Chinese trade. Of course, no one will deny that there is a degree of the United States’ more effective weapons in defeating Japan.

Dr. Lee did not dwell exclusively on the policy. For our lack of an official Asian policy, he stated three obstacles. The first one, he believed, can be dreamed of: normalization with the Peoples Republic of China, with the Korean peninsula, and the Taiwan problem.

No clear-cut solution for these problems is prescribed by any one person. Dr. Lee made sincere attempts to regard the difficulties. The last Wednesday night’s speaker was given too broad a topic to embrace in a mere hour. In spite of the great advantages, continuity is the quality that are unacquainted with the Far East, much information was presented, and the book of it was presented well.

Tinkering With Toys

by Jane E. Harris

On October 19 at 12:30, Ursinus faculty, administration, and students once again attempted another record breaking lunch, the world’s largest tinker toy.

Held in the Thompson-Gay Gymnasium, the event was sponsored by the International Student Relations Committee whose chairman is Dr. Dave Trumbower.

The structure was made up of fifty sets of tinker toys purchased by the Ursinus College Union from a toy store in Norristown owned by Walt Wiseman. Also, five sets were donated by the Small World Toy Company of Philadelphia.

Hands were sometimes shaky and knees were sore as ten teams, of ten people, spilled their five containers of tinker toys on the floor and scrambled to carry out the immense toy. Some looked like models of molecules, others were imitations of moving mechanisms, but most of them would have given any normal five-year-old nightmares.

The competition ended with the faculty jumping to their feet and clapping. The other teams prodded along and some even became frustrated as their towers (throw structures) fell to the floor. It was over after fifty-five minutes when the individual sections were joined together in the center of the gym.

The occasion didn’t attract as many spectators as did previous record breaking events which included the 500-foot banana split, the 600-piece jigsaw puzzle, and the 250-foot hotdog. Nonetheless, several area newspapers covered the event.

The tinker toys were afterthoughts to a children’s home in Norristown.

Eight Chosen for Task Force

President Richard P. Richter selected Mark B. Clark, Christopher S. Duvall, David Evans, Lorenth Fork, Charles A. J. Garrett, Katrina Mattson, and Michale D. Sailer as the eight candidates for the assistant director, the task force, operating with the approval of the board of directors is to study the feasibility of a non-curricular campus activity.
Correction
In case you didn't notice, the paragraphs in last week's article on Ursinus humor could accidentally been printed out of sequence. The article may be correctly reprinted in a future issue. Sorry for the confusion.

Movie Attack

Jonathan Zap

Annie Hall

As much as I always thought that Woody Allen's movies were the greatest examples of postwar comedy to be found, I always walked away with the feeling that he hadn't said anything or that he hadn't arrived in his own mind. Despite the success of his latest film, Allen to surface for the first time. Hall is a transitional film, but it is his best living example of the idea of the most serious people on earth. Concentration camp and with private, Allen has admitted to a death itself. Annie Hall touches but most of its emotional content and Annie Hall, a are words that have become romance is one of the most always resulted from the very and of course I meant this as a perspective that represents an arrested stage stil
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