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U.S.G.A. Challenges Union
Circulates Student Petition

by Sharon Tabor

At the USGA meeting held on Thursday, November 17, a motion was passed to circulate a petition with a threat of a college-wide boycott of the snack shop and to request a special meeting of the Planning Board. The snack shop problem revolves around high prices, employment of outside people and inadequate operating hours.

Eleanor Dunko, Manager of the Union snack shop, says that while prices have risen five cents on six items, the price of the majority of selections has remained constant. She points out that although prices have been raised this year, they have not raised the prices this past two academic years. The increase this past September was attributed to inflation. While this increase this past September was small, the major issue is the hiring of outside people to work in the snack shop. At this time, Dunko states that there are three non-students employed there. Dunko says that these people are more reliable and more willing to work undesirable hours. In the past she had trouble trying to get students to clean-up at night and weekends. She also indicates that food is no longer being given away free and that there are no shortages in the cash register.

Snack shop hours have recently been extended one half hour on week days and one hour on weekends with the goal of making a profit or whether it is there to be of service to the students.

Keeping the Union open on week ends is important as it accommodates a few students who need study space and relaxation time. The issue is whether the Union is there to make a profit or whether it is there to be of service to the students.

The Planning Board met at 4:30 p.m. on November 17, 1977 at the Union Business Office to hear the petition. The petition reads, "We, the students of the Ursinus College, request a special meeting of the Planning Board to discuss the following: 1. a boycott of the snack shop until its hours be extended, 2. the price of the food be reduced, 3. the hours that the snack shop be open, 4. the prices of the food be reduced, 5. the hours of the snack shop be extended, 6. the wages be raised, 7. the hours of the snack shop be extended, 8. the food be of higher quality, 9. the hours of the snack shop be extended, 10. the food be of higher quality, 11. the hours of the snack shop be extended, 12. the food be of higher quality.

The USGA has set up a committee to study proposals to help meet its goals. Some possible proposals include: (1) a job description should be drawn up for each position, (2) the goal of the snack shop should be just breaking even, (3) the snack shop should be open during weekend half their hours, (4) the shop should offer additional food solutions, and (5) the Union financial records should be open to USGA inspection. A college-wide boycott is considered by some a possibility if the conflicts surrounding the snack shop are not resolved.

The Planning Board is holding its next meeting on Wednesday, December 14 at 4:30 p.m. Suzanne Griest, Graduate of the Political Science Department, will be at the Union Business Office to discuss grievances and to hear students' views on the proposed policies. Dr. Charles广, Acting President, stated that it is the responsibility of the faculty and staff to give the students a chance to express their views on the proposed policies. Dr. Charles广 emphasized that the faculty and staff must be willing to listen to the students' views and to make changes if necessary.

In the minutes, Dr. Charles广 noted that the students' views must be heard, and he stated that the faculty and staff must be willing to listen to the students' views and to make changes if necessary.

The second semester ends too early to complete work in some science courses. Small pointed out that if the educational rating committee recommended two outdoor labs will be cut out of the final semester, leaving only two students for the courses to go outside. The course this involves is plant morphology and taxonomy. The student shall lose valuable points for the semester. The recommendation from the rating committee was that this cut back in field study, according to Small.

The.Convoy/Soilists were quoted as saying, in answer to all these oppositions, that we are trying to do a good job in the principle of doing the most good for the most people. The biology department's solution to this is that “most people” are bio. and p. maj. What “good” is this calendar doing them? Small and Phillips voted to extend the semester break one week. If the vacation was extended, the students would have more time to study and to complete their work. They would also have more time to relax and to work on their projects.
Letters to the Editor

The Student Life Task Force needs to answer some basic questions as to its responsibilities and accountability.

The Task Force has as its Chairman James G. Craft, Ursinus College Vice President. The Campus Planning Group has as its Chairman James G. Craft, Ursinus College Vice President.

The Task Force is nominally responsible to the Planning Group. Is then the Chairman responsible to the President? Is the Task Force accountable to himself? Craft is an administrator responsible to the President. Does the structure of Task Force accountability parallel administrator lines? Are students, faculty, and the administration represented on the Task Force?

The Task Force has already held two meetings. Craft is in charge of the group. Next meeting will take place on campus. Will students, instructors or any group of students be invited to attend the meeting?

Questions about the Task Force are asking the President to open the meeting. Will students suggest some new courses at Ursinus? Is the Task Force attempting to fulfill its obligations to the President? Is the President in the position of having set up the Task Force?

Mike Dunn

College Scholars Described

by Nancy Weatherwax

Ursinus students who are interested in topics that are not taught as regular courses here should try looking into the College Scholars Program. They must have had an A+ average the previous semester and must have an approved planned program. They want to study. About a dozen students participate each semester. The way it works is that the College Scholars' Committee can handle up to twenty students a semester. The committee consists of Drs. Gayle Byrley, Allan Rice, Martha Takats, and Derq Visser. Tutors are usually members of the Ursinus faculty, but there may be tutors from outside the college. Some students take a course, some do a research paper, and others do something in between. A great variety of projects have been done. Students are not limited to Russian, Italian, Japanese, Hebrew, Danish, Dutch, and computer

music. Two economics papers done in the College Scholars Program by Caryn Antonacci and Charles Brundt under Dr. Pilgrim have been given awards in the Student Awards Program of the American Production and Inventory Control Society. Papers cover many fields. One student wrote a novel. The College Scholars Program has two noontime meetings a semester where a student can meet some new people. The Committee performs two functions. If the student is taking a course, the Committee's role may not be so clear. The course must make sure that the course maintains high academic standards. If the student is doing a paper, the Committee will read and judge the paper.

The final exam is usually an hour long. Students taking a course often have a written exam and an exam by the Committee. Those writing a paper must have an oral exam, which is a good preparation for oral exams in graduate school.

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To state one's ideas in print, with the knowledge that they will be judged by everyone on campus, takes a certain readiness. Sincerely,

Richard P. Richter

President

November 25, 1977

Dear Editor

As a student at the University College I am responding to Thomas J. Glorioso's letter. While I share his concern about the free expression of opinions and the ability to think logically and critically at Ursinus. I hope it will stimulate some ideas among other members of the campus community as well.

The free expression of opinions and the ability to think logically and critically on a campus such as ours ought to lead to a lively and literate process of public opinion. By my own day-to-day observations, a great deal of opinion about the purposes and the performance of Ursinus is indeed expressed — in faculty coffee lounges, in dorm rooms, in the snack shop, in one-to-one meetings, and more formally in committee meetings where students, faculty members and staff attend. I know of no system for stifling student or faculty expression. It is presumed that the faculty and staff, along with me, would like to see more students taking more active part not only in public but in other activities on campus. Such involvement is an integral part of a liberal education.

Recently, for example, about 245 students out of some 1050 eligible voters took part in the selection of representatives to the Task Force to Improve the Quality of Student Life. Considering the number of students, I am very pleased.

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Reflecting on a Student's Reaction

to an Editor's Letter

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