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The Ursinus Alumnus Plays Peace Role

An alumni of Ursinus College, Hermann F. Eilts, class of 1943, played a significant role in the events surrounding the assassination of President Arwar Sadat of Egypt and Premier Menachim Begin of Israel. Eilts, an American Ambassador to Egypt, delivered to President Sadat a letter of invitation to visit the United States. The New York Times on November 18, 1977, ran a front-page photograph of Ambassador Eilts delivering the letter.

Eilts was appointed American Ambassador to Egypt in November 1974. He had served in the Egyptian Embassy in Washington, D.C., and in the American Embassy in Cairo. A career diplomat, with rank of Career Senior Diplomat, with rank of Career 2, served as Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

Union Director Attends Conference

Leisure S. March, assistant dean of women and college union director, attended the recently held International Congress of College Unions, International Region 4 conference November 11 to 13 at Prince George's Community College, Largo, Md.

The association is one of the old intercollegiate education organizations, founded in 1914. About 100 colleges in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia and the District of Columbia comprise region 4.

This year's regional conference was co-sponsored by Montgomery College, Rockville, Md., and Prince George's, and attracted student and staff delegates from all over the region.

March, according to the director of employment in the areas of college union management, marketing the college union, humanities, leadership and programming, was quoted as saying, "The 1977-78 ACU Conference was a real learning experience for me. I feel that I have grown as a person as well as as a leader of an organization."

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Student Wages to Rise

Effective January 1st, the base rate for student employment at Ursinus will increase from $1.955 to $2.255 an hour. This is a direct result of Congress's recent action regarding the minimum wage rate. The base rate for students who work in campus departments pays their student employees is termed the minimum wage rate and is a result of the nationwide minimum wage rate.

Mr. Nelson Williams, Business Manager of the college, has said that he is not sure if he can absorb this increase in the sub minimum wage rate.

Although it is possible that students who leave their employment may not be replaced, presently employed students will maintain their jobs. Some departments may have to curtail student hours to stay within their budgets, but the total money earned per week by these students will not decrease.

The Dining Service, an employer of a large number of students, has anticipated this wage increase and made necessary adjustments. Mr. Scott Dempsey, Director of Food Services, stated that the Dining Service employs approximately 100 students and that the present wages are at least $1.650 to $2.255 an hour. The higher rates are paid to those students who work longer hours and assume greater responsibilities. Jobs previously given to high school students were given to college students this year in order to create more employment.

Mr. Williams feels that being able to employ students as such as Ursinus does is a definite plus for the college for it allows the students to gain valuable work experience while attending school. Mr. Richard McQuillan, Finance Officer of the college, indicates that over five hundred employment contracts were given out to students this year. Approximately 10-20 percent of the students hold two or more contracts so less than half of the students are actually employed by the college. McQuillan would like to assure the students that the increase in the sub minimum wage does not mean that jobs will no longer be available to them. Those individuals interested in employment should contact the

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March, Williams Not Warned

by Stephen M. Lange

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COMMENT . . .

Ursinus-Fact or Fiction?

In Ursinus College really an institution of learning? To merit this description, a college must educate the students not only on an academic basis but on a social and moral basis as well. Does Ursinus in fact do this?

Although it does not offer the wide variety of courses available at large institutions, this is understandable considering Ursinus's relative size. With the courses that are offered, does Ursinus allow the students to make the best possible use of them? Students take the courses required for their major and then choose electives.

Too often, grade conscious students select these electives not out of genuine interest but out of what they consider to be the best ease or difficulty of the course. Often as called "gut" courses are taken in order to improve grade point averages. Is this really what education is all about—forcing the students to sacrifice their learning to receive good grades? A reexamination of the entire educational system at Ursinus is only possible but unfortunately it is a remote and idealistic one at best. Perhaps the institution of a pass-fail system of grading of one elective a semester might encourage the students to choose the difficult courses in which they are truly interested.

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