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Ursinus News In Brief

Ursinus Alumnus Plays Peace Role

An alumnus of Ursinus College, Hermann F. Eilts, class of 1943, played a direct part in the recent meeting between President Arwar Sadat of Egypt and Premier Menachem Begin of Israel.

Eilts, as American Ambassador to Egypt, delivered to President Sadat the letter of invitation from the Israeli leader.

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 1973 when U.S. diplomatic recognition was first accorded to Egypt. A career diplomat, with rank of Career Minister, Dr. Eilts previously served as Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

Union Director Attends Conference

Leslie S. March, assistant dean of women and college union director, represented Ursinus College at the Association 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 oldest intercollegiate educational 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.

More than 50 workshops were presented in the areas of college union management, marketing the college union, humanities, leadership and programming.

The theme of the conference was "The ACU-I College of Union Knowledge," and the weekend was organized as an entire college semester, beginning with registration Friday afternoon and culminating with a graduation ceremony Sunday afternoon.

Dusko Resigns Snack Shop Position

The resignation of Union Snack Shop manager Eleanor Dusko was reported at an emergency meeting of the Ursinus Student Government Association held Monday, December 5. The resignation, tendered that day, is effective as of December 16 new systems of Union Snack Shop management are under discussion by the U.S.G.A. and by a special committee of the Union Governing Board to be charged by Steve Benton, Governing Board member, this action followed the presentation of a 500 signature petition asking the college to discipline Dusko for staging a "Boycott" of students December 3, 1977.

(NOTE: in a letter by College Business Manager Nelson Williams, it was stated that an Ursinus Weekly article may have prompted the resignation. The Weekly notes that it is responsible for reporting events and not for creating them. Ed.)

Med Student Tricked South of Border

NEW YORK, NY (CH) — Many American students are being tricked into paying large fees to Caribbean medical schools that have no accreditation and in some cases are no more than mailroom operations, according to the director of accreditation for the Association of American Medical Colleges. In a recent speech, Dr. James Schofield charged some medical schools located in the Caribbean, primarily Puerto Rico, with soliciting students through mainland newspaper ads. "The ripped off students who go there will never get a chance to practice medicine in this country," he said.

Dr. Schofield identified three of the schools by name: Boriquen University, D'Hostos School of Medicine, and the University de Caribe. Any college claiming to be accredited by the World Health Organization of the United Nations is likely to be fraudulent, he said, because that organization only lists schools, not accredits them.

Student Publication Fails

The Hampshire College (Mass.) student newspaper, the *Climax*, has folded, with the editors blaming a lack of student body support for the demise.

The *Climax* was established in 1970, and had been published weekly for the college's 1,315 students. However, the paper failed to involve many of those students in the paper's operation, forcing the editors to work long hours to keep the paper going. "The reasons we are leaving the *Climax* is due to lack of support from the student body and a lack of staff to run the paper," said former *Climax* editor, Steve Nesich. He added that it is possible that the paper might be published next semester if student interest is deemed high enough.

However, a spokesperson for the paper's adviser said, "Part of the reason that the paper folded was difficulties with the administration." She would not elaborate. Another former editor, David Zatkis, did say that the paper experienced problems getting what they considered sufficient funds from the student activity fees.

Dusko Closes Union:

March, Williams Not Warned

by Stephen M. Lange

In interviews December 3 and 4 respectively, Union Director Leslie March and College Business Manager Nelson B. Williams reported that they had not been warned of the weekend closing of the Union Snack Shop by Ellanore Dusko, its manager.

The closing occurred the evening of December 3. The snack shop grate was closed and a handwritten sign saying that "A Boycott Can Work Both Ways," was posted on its exterior.

According to Union Director

Leslie March, who expressed general support of Dusko's attempts to ameliorate tension between student government and the Union, Dusko's actions may have been a response to USGA actions reported in an *Ursinus Weekly* article dated December 2. This article, according to March, represented a shock at a time when, "by hiring additional students, and by expressing a willingness to hire some others, she was attempting to meet some of the student demands." March continued that she had not been warned of the closing, but clarified that Dusko did not

report to her but rather to Williams, the College Business Manager. Dean March continued that the timing of the article "could not be worse," coming at a time when Dusko was attempting to reach agreement with student government. She cited the recent hiring of a student who had been dropped May 1977, and an expressed willingness on the part of Dusko to hire more.

March also cited quality of food in support of the Snack Shop Manager. She also explained that students apparently feel that the Snack Shop is "making a killing," which she explained is not correct. She offered financial disclosure as a way of dispelling criticism of Union profit-making. She warned, however, that this would have to be discussed with Williams before any disclosure could take place.

TFSL Meets

The meeting started with a statement of the responsibility and charge given the Task Force on the Quality of Student Life. As declared the "Charge to the Task Force on Student Life," their collective purpose is "to investigate, describe, and analyze student life on the Ursinus Campus." It will "prepare and submit to the Campus Planning Group . . . objectives and strategies to improve the conditions of student life." Naturally, this includes the Ursinus goal of developing "independent and responsible individuals prepared for a creative and productive role in a changing world through a program of liberal education." So reads the memo from Dr. Craft, approved by the Campus Planning Group.

On Dec. 1, the Student Representatives of the Task Force on Student Life (TFSL) held an open meeting for all students. The responsibility, hopes, and goals were presented to the handful of students present by members Paul Brogan, Sam Ciapanna, Britta Mattson, and Dave Evans. On the blackboard appeared a list of the objectives of the students, including the ones voted to be discussed first:

1. Alcohol and drugs
2. Dormitory regulations and facilities
3. Security and vandalism, and financial drain of students
4. Student personnel services
5. Athletics
6. Facilities (i.e., the infirmary)
7. Committees, and USGA and the Judicial System
8. Concerns of day and commuting students
9. Communication and censorship
10. Student organization recognition
11. Off-campus living

Student Wages to Rise

by Sharon Tuberty

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 rate that Ursinus and other colleges pay their student employees is termed the subminimum wage rate and is 85 percent of the nationwide minimum wage rate.

Mr. Nelson Williams, Business Manager of the college, hastens to assure presently employed students that they are in no danger of losing their jobs. He informed *The Weekly* that each department prepares its own budget and that it is up to the employment officer in each department to stay within that budget. Williams indicated that the wage increase was anticipated and was taken into consideration when the departmental budgets were prepared. 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, had also 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 vary from about \$1.955 to \$2.155 an hour. The higher rates are paid to those students who work longer hours and assume greater responsibility. Jobs previously given to high school students this year in order to create more employment.

Mr. Williams feels that being able to employ students as much 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, Financial Aid 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 five hundred students are actually employed by the college.

McQuillan would like to assure the students that the increase in the subminimum wage does not mean that jobs will no longer be available to applicants. Those individuals interested in employment should contact the

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Ursinus Seeks Advising Fund

by Larry Mroz

In a recent interview, President Richard P. Richter indicated that Ursinus College is currently seeking funding for a proposal that is designed to enable the Ursinus faculty to gain greater skill in the area of student advising. Richter said that the need became apparent to the Academic Council when the current worth of a college degree was considered. He stated that the college graduate is faced with much more competition in business, industry, and graduate school placement than in the past. Another reason for the proposal stemmed from the feeling that fewer students would leave college if they had relevant goals and had some reason to work toward a Bachelor's degree. Richter felt that the faculty could provide guidance that would help direct the student's thinking and interest about post graduate goals.

The proposal calls for a combined program of theoretical background and practical experience. First, the faculty members will be instructed in advisory techniques by a

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