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Constitutions Approved

At its January 25th meeting, the Student Activities Committee, chaired by Dean of Women Ruth Harris, considered the Constitutions of the Ursinus Jazz Band and The Ruby.

Following amendments offered by committee members designed to open membership to more Ursinus students, the committee accepted the Jazz Band's amended draft.

Mr. Harry E. Broadbent III and Ma. Iris Polaski, representing The Ruby, asked the S.A.C. to adopt the Constitution offered by The Ruby and end its 80-year history as an unofficial entity, by granting it status as an Ursinus publication equal to The Ursinus Weekly and The Lantern.

Following a debate centered on the wording of the constitution's provisions for an advisory board led by Professors Albert C. Allen, Jr. and Charles T. Sullivan, the committee adopted the constitution with one dissenting vote cast by Sullivan.

Honor Society Holds Seminar

On Wednesday, February 23, Pi Gamma Mu, national honor society for the social sciences held its first student seminar. The featured speaker, Deb Weiler, a senior psychology student, seminars for the Commonwealth.

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The following interview was conducted by Steve Lange, Weekly News Editor and Alan Stetler, Weekly Editor-in-Chief with Professor Italiano, the new president of USGA.

Weekly: How do you see the structure of USGA changing in your year as President?

Italiano: No, organizational changes have to be set up; I don't see structure itself changing, but the organizational aspects of USGA must be strengthened through its constitution.

Meetings of USGA have at times been casual; discipline is not present among the members when it should be. I definitely want to get feedback from people, but it must be organized and clear. People feel their opinions aren't worthwhile, but they are and I want to hear them.

Weekly: From what specific groups or people do you want feedback?

Italiano: Although I will always be glad to listen to anyone, I think members of the student body or its representation should be the spokesmen. People have lost interest in their government and as a result the government itself has lost interest. The USGA has lost a lot of credibility because of these problems.

Weekly: What would you do to encourage people to run for USGA positions?

Italiano: To get interest you need to get people to believe that their vote can be effective, and does care. People must be convinced that what they vote on will be done.

Weekly: What do you think can be done to correct the image of closed groups controlling most facets of student activities?

form: 98% of those surveyed proposed changes. At this year's February meeting, calendar reform was called one of the President's "top priority items," the faculty would vote on it soon and calendar reform is expected by the 78-79 year. In September of last year S.F.A.R.C. made a proposal to allow students to attend departmental meetings at the discretion of each department. The committee drafted a letter to the department heads and the policy is now being put into practice, allowing students to participate in discussions about new course offerings, police changes, and other student concerns.

Questions have been directed to the proper authorities and subjects discussed with possible solutions investigated. As a result of student dissatisfaction over yearly tuition increases S.F.A.R.C. drafted a letter to Pres. Richter asking for some indications of the necessity for and use of both past and future increases. Recent S.F.A.R.C. meetings concerning vandalism have improved student-administration communication and some suggestions for alleviation have been made; though vandalism is a continuing problem.

The Gourman Report started and added several members of the college's community and hopefully will encourage self-evaluation and promote academic improvement.

At the last meeting, during hall workers' complaints were aired. The administration, disturbed at changes made without proper notification, plans to talk to the Wood Company about the situation.

The proposed "Sunshine Rules," the purpose of which is to ensure the students knowledge of right to participate in open meetings of college committees, in which they have interest, are being submitted to campus organizations.

Following, a plan presented in March of last year, has begun to seem a possibility. Other programs have been studied, areas for this campus outlined, and the package presented to President Richter. The plan for possible implementation has been offered.

S.F.A.R.C.'s goals of increased communication and proper changes in campus outlined, have all been realized in several important areas. The committee has shown its ability to communicate and expedite positive action.

Ass't Dean Interviewed

By DAVID CLIFT

Many students currently taking Math 112 will be dismayed to find that Miss Blanche R. Schultz will no longer be as available to answer questions and talk with them as in previous months. Fortunately for Ursinus, or unfortunately for her students, Miss Schultz will be spending the majority of her time in Corson Hall as Assistant Dean of the College.

When I spoke with Miss Schultz, she was particularly enthusiastic about working with Dr. Bonor, Dean of the College, and President Richter. Although Miss Schultz entirely cared about new duties will entail, Miss Schultz speculates that she will be counseling students with respect to academic matters and also have a large role in determining the academic policies of the College. Miss Schultz stresses that her new role is not that of a disciplinarian but that of an advisor. Her main concern in coming years will be, "What can we do to make life better for the student academically?" Miss Schultz, however, (Continued on page 3, col. 3)
Comment...  Don Whittaker
Investigation Demanded

In last week's Weekly, two of the lead articles concerned the quality of food at Wismer. Over the last year, about six short articles have discussed the various vicissitudes which are served at meals. And, around campus, the quality of the food is a constant source of conversation. If this is not indicative of a problem, then the food itself should be examined — foreign matter is found in the food, chemical reactions occur in the meat, food is served cold and/or raw, and to be specific, a student discovered that the meat loaf was really that: a loaf of pork, ham, bacon, and hamburger, who knows what else. Needless to say, a table of eight people could not stomach this fact, or the sight of it.

We urge the administration, with faculty and student cooperation, to begin a full-scale, formal investigation of the dining service, including preparation, food content, sanitary conditions, and all other facets of the Wood Food Service. We feel that the students pay for their board, and deserve the privilege of being able to eat it.

George Geist
Our Time to Speak

In last week's issue of the Weekly there were two articles which were significant as symbols of the trend of students' lack of participation in the policy making aspects of Ursinus College. With an article demonstrating the lack of interest in the recent U.S.G.A. election and an interview with Executive Assistant to the President, Dr. James P. Craft, who emphasized the need for student input on an informal level, it is apparent that the students are either content, apathetic, uninformed, or entirely frustrated with a lack of progress in any policy changes or with an absence of any signs of change.

It is now the time to realize that with a new enthusiastic representative group on U.S.G.A. and S.P.A.R.C.; with the recommendation by S.P.A.R.C. for some "sunshine" in our system; and with an enthusiastic President and Executive Assistant, that we, the students of Ursinus College, can also be enthusiastic about opportunities for progress in the area of social restrictions and academia. We must play our part by contributing to the system our ideas and opinions. Constructive criticism presented to student representatives and administrators is essential for the progress and level of priorities in regard to overall policy changes. We owe to it ourselves and to the college to really realize our feelings and "tell it like it is." With this input of ideas, change may be "just around the corner."
Rumors

By KEITH WRIGHT

This brand new release by Fleetwood Mac is yet another testament to a fine group, and appears to be a respectable follow-up to the smash Fleetwood Mac album. It is a blend of rockin' ballads and rockin' ballads. The group's prowess as singers, songwriters, and musicians is evident throughout. Leading off the album is "Second Hand News," a story written and sung by all members of the group, two Christine McVie songs, "You Make Loving fun," her third album, and two Stevie Nicks compositions, "I Don't Want To Know" and "Gone." The album is Fleetwood Mac in top form, with steady bass work by John McVie, guitar by Lindsey Buckingham, lead vocals by Stevie Nicks, and the ever present voice of Stevie Nicks and Christine McVie, all combining for an excellent album, with all the signs of a new chapter, followed by them continuing their acquiring critical acclaim and a steady following with record sales.
Handwerk resigns after Bears win first game

By ANDREW SCHWARTZ

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