

Campus Prof Returns from Israel

Dr. Elmer N. Lear, professor of social science and education at Capitol Campus, was one of 15 American scholars chosen to represent American Professors for Peace on a recent tour of Israel.

The inter-disciplinary, inter-faith group spent 14 days traveling throughout that nation, conferring with top government and academic officials. Their organization is concerned with gathering objective data on present conditions in the Middle East and using such information to promote peace in that area of the world.

While there, the professors visited Nazareth, the Gaza strip, were entertained in two Arab villages, and spent one night in a kibbutz. On the Gaza strip, they toured the experimental hamlet which has been built by the Israeli government and opened to any Gaza inhabitants who care to move from their hovels into the simple, but adequate, hygienic living quarters. Many of these people have abandoned their fatalistic attitudes and have begun to become more self sufficient. Lear noted that the Israeli government plans to construct more of these hamlets if this experiment succeeds.

The scholars conferred with Foreign Minister Aba Eban; Minister of Commerce, Shimon Peres; the military governors of Gaza and Samaria - Judea (West Bank) as well as a number of



Dr. Elmer Lear

members of the Israeli foreign office and Arab community leaders.

Two significant academic conferences highlighted their tour. Dr. Lear and other members attended a symposium on "Implications of Peace on Israeli Society" which was sponsored by Haifa University, and a conference of the Israel Academic Committee on "Russian Immigration into Israel." The latter was held at the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem with representatives from all Israeli institutions of higher learning in attendance.

In commenting on the trip, Dr. Lear observed, "Three major conclusions were reached by our group. First, in spite of border hostilities, we felt a prevailing sense of security wherever we

traveled. Secondly, the Israeli government is doing everything possible to preserve all religious shrines, churches and mosques, whether Christian or Moslem. And finally, the Arabs seem to be sharing in the affluence which is resulting from tourism and construction and they, too, hope peace will come."

Education Group Holds Election

by Michael Kowalcheck

On January 23, elections were held for the Education Program Group Committees. This program was established last year for the improvement of the Education Program at Capitol Campus.

It is comprised of seven STUDENT members who are elected by their fellow educators. The program was divided into three main sections: Elementary Education, Secondary Education (Social Science, Humanities, and Math-Science), and the Graduate level.

The power of these STUDENT members is equal to that of the faculty members who sit on these committees. Each member has a note and may bring any new ideas or readjust old ones to improve such things as the following: Better courses in education (Social Science, Humanities, and Math-Science), changes in title or subject matter of courses, better student teaching methods, and a variety of other ideas.

The main reason for the establishment of this group was to have STUDENT INVOLVEMENT. This year seems to be a failure on the part of students to participate in this freedom, this goal which was won for them after many months of discussion to let the students have any power with the faculty and administration.

During Winter Registration of 1972, the first election was held. The results were:

Elementary Education: Total of 320 votes spread over 18 candidates.

Secondary Education:
-Social Science-- Total of 60 votes spread over 3 candidates

-- Humanities-- Total of 87 votes spread over 3 candidates

-- Math and Science-- No candidates

Graduate Level: No candidates.

A total of 134 students voted, representing approximately one-half of the education majors and minors enrolled at Capitol Campus.

This past registration another election was held. This time only 88 votes were cast, and only two candidates ran--both from the Elementary Education Program. The election was declared void due to lack of voters and candidates.

As previously mentioned, another election was held on January 23, with the following results:

Elementary Education: Total of 117 votes spread over 7 candidates

Secondary Education:
-Social Science-- Total of 14 votes spread over 5 candidates

-- Humanities-- Total of 6 votes spread over 6 candidates

-- Math and Science-- Total of 2 votes spread over 1 candidate

Graduate Level: No candidates.

The Education Program Group was established for YOU, the students of Capitol Campus. If you are going to take an apathetic attitude toward your chance to have some say here, then you better keep your mouths shut for the rest of your lives and quit complaining of being mistreated. The STUDENTS here don't give a damn what happens if they don't participate, and take the responsibilities given to them.

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Program and Divisions are beginning to do just that on a systematic basis.

At most, they feel, the SPPC should concern itself with cross-divisional matters, though even there the the Council of Division Heads has taken this on.

The Council, for its part, had extensive discussions about the feasibility of Faculty involvement in such "planning" functions. In the end, the Council concluded that, with the proper information being made available from the Administration, the Faculty could take on such tasks. Hence, the Council's recommendation that the Faculty create the SPPC.

The faculty were presented with the text prior to the session.

During the meeting, Saylor chose to elaborate on the background events leading to the SPPC proposal. "As I drafted it, the main thought was that as this campus expands, there will be changes." He stated the Council reasoned the faculty would like "a say in the direction of the campus and the flavor it takes. The Committee will be an arm of the faculty."

Dr. Ray Klein, Chairman of the faculty organization Committee on Academic Affairs, further elaborated on the importance of such a committee should coordinate their activities. Knight added Faculty Council will act "as a clearing house" - deciding which of the two committees would handle a specific issue.

Dr. Wesley Houser expressed some doubts about the proposal, as did Dr. George Wolf, Head of the Division of Humanities, Social Science and Education. Wolf saw a "danger of creating an elitest committee" which would counter the powers of the division heads. Houser saw the proposal as a comparatively divisive factor. In his opinion, the creation of the SPPC would mean another administrative group on campus, countering the current administration of Provost Robert E. McDermott, Dean of Faculty Richard Heindel, Division Heads, etc. Houser believed a "vote for the proposal is a vote against the McDermott group." He thought the establishment of a group comprising the Provost, the

three division heads, three faculty and one student to be

more feasible. However, he failed to make his proposal into a formal motion.

Provost McDermott was asked to clarify his position on the matter, as to the question of the SPPC being administrative or advisory. He alluded to the fact it was advisory when he stated he was looking for "meaningful faculty input" and was interested in having a vehicle with which to relate to the faculty, "a meaningful interface between the faculty and myself."

McDermott wishes to "keep the faculty informed" on various

questions of academic calendar development, the establishment of a research program, and tuition charges. The SPPC is intended, according to McDermott to be the framework for an effective faculty sounding board. He also looked at the SPPC as a mechanism to control all other committees of the Faculty Council.

Dr. Eisenstein voiced his approval of the proposal, stating the SPPC would give the faculty an effective voice in "planning." He saw the program in the light as giving the faculty "an authentic share of the control of the campus; a sharing that is done in good faith."

Dr. Daniel Poore, Head of the Division of Administration and Business, had some qualms about the committee proposal. He did not dispute the "need for a planning" organization for the faculty, but thought the members of the committee could conceivably "get bogged down with a lot of work." Wolf again reiterated his objections to the SPPC, that they lay in the specifications of the charge to the SPPC, not in the "need" for some type of "planning" organization. Dr. John Antrim, Head of the Division of Engineering and Math-Science,

stated a general disapproval of the proposal.

Dr. Klein attempted to summarize the basic argument by stating: "There seems to be agreement that we need some sort of planning committee. At this time, only the mechanism is in doubt."

The Faculty will vote on the Special Program Planning Committee proposal via written mail ballot from today until February 12.

XGI NEWS

by Bob Chaapel

A word of appreciation is in order for all those who contributed to the success of the XGI Keggar held on January 26th. It was indeed gratifying to see such a good crowd on hand, and it appears that a good time was had by all.

The last keggar of the Winter term has been scheduled for Friday, March 9, at the Middletown American Legion. The "WATCH TOWER" will provide the entertainment from 9 p.m. till 1 a.m.

All veterans are reminded that to continue to receive your monthly education checks promptly, and in the correct amount, it is your responsibility to promptly notify the VA of any change in your enrollment or in the number of your dependents, and to complete and return immediately to the VA the certification of attendance form that you will receive with your check shortly before the end of your current enrollment. Keep the VA informed--Don't jeopardize your benefits.

Veterans at educational institutions on a half-time or more basis, who need tutorial assistance may qualify for tutorial payments not to exceed \$50 a month for a maximum of nine months with no charge against their basic entitlement. Anyone in this position can obtain more information from the PAVE Office, Room E-106, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. till noon and Wednesday evening 5 to 8 p.m.

NOTE OF THE WEEK
Veterans have a period of three years, from date of separation, to apply for correction of military records to correct an error or injustice.

Hydraulics Engineers Conduct Seminar Tonight

A seminar on "The Impact of Urbanization on Hydrology" will be held Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in room E-310 at Capitol Campus, Main Building.

Robert A. Miller, a hydraulic engineer with the U.S. Geological Survey will be featured speaker and will present selected field studies on this subject.

Miller holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Penn State and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois. He has been with the Geological Survey since 1963 with the exception of a two year period when he served with the U.S. Army.

A member of the American Geophysical Union, Miller's professional experience has been in urban hydrology, digital modeling of stream systems, channel morphology and floodplain inundation.

The seminar is one of a continuing series of programs on water resources and pollution held each Thursday at the campus. It is open to all interested individuals and is free.

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