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Alpine Fall Kills Student, Professor



Dr. Philip W. Furst

Funeral services were held here last month for a Lock Haven State student and a professor. The two men were killed Aug. 7 in a 1,000-foot fall while mountain climbing in Austria.

Dennis Killion, 22, a senior physical education major, and Dr. Philip W. Furst, 60, chairman of the social services department, were killed as they were climbing the north side of the 7,200-foot Planspitze Mountain near Graz, Austria.

Their Austrian guide apparently lost his footing witnesses told authorities there, and the two LHS men, fastened to him with a security rope, were thrown off by the sudden pull. The three men landed 1,000 feet below on rocky ground.

A rescue team, which included one of Dr. Furst's sons, Roland, recovered the bodies the following day.

Austrian authorities could not say how the guide, Roman Gardner, lost his footing from 30-feet above the two Lock Haven men. The six-year veteran of the Austrian Alps was considered an experienced guide by his colleagues.

Killion and Furst had left the United States about three weeks before the accident to attend a mountain-climbing school and to visit with Dr. Furst's son, who is a missionary in the Bavarian town of Altenstadt.

Services were held at Curwensville, near Clearfield, for Killion, the son of Mrs. Thomas Tubbs, of Curwensville. A guest last semester at the Furst home in Lock Haven, Killion was a member of the college wrestling team. He had also been a star wrestler at Clearfield High School.

The LHS student was to have begun student teaching at Sugar Valley High School at Loganton last week.

Memorial services were held at Lock Haven and at New York City for Furst, who maintained residences in both places. A retired Presbyterian minister, Dr. Furst had done extensive work in interracial relations and urban problems.

Dr. Harriette D. Furst, wife of the Alpine victim, will continue as a member of the LHS faculty. She is an associate professor of education in the college's elementary division.



Dennis Killion

Furst Adventurous, Personable

by Sue Moyer

Jogging up and down Broadway in New York City, camping in Alaskan tundras, and flat-boating down European rivers — these were but a few of the diversified experiences which occupied the limited free time of Dr. Philip W. Furst.

A native of Lock Haven, Dr. Furst inherited the adventurous spirit of his ancestors, the Dunn and Furst families, who were pioneer settlers and landowners of the West Branch Valley.

Four years ago, on a previous mountain climbing expedition, he scaled the Matterhorn.

Versatility dominated the late Dr. Furst's career as well as his pastime interests. After earning his Divinity Degree from Princeton in 1935, he journeyed to Kuling, China, where he taught in the Kuling American School. While in China, the young minister-teacher hiked many miles and mountains.

Returning to the United States in 1938, he served as a minister for 19 years: first in Troy, Penna., and then in Irvington-on-Hudson, New York.

Having obtained his Master of Theology Degree at the Union Theological Seminary in 1951, he pursued social work in New York City and in 1964 received his Ph.D. at New York University.

A social worker then turned lecturer and research sociologist in the 1960's, Furst joined the LHS faculty as a professor and chairman of the social science department last year.

At the same time, by special arrangement, he continued his social work on the weekends in New York City.

In tremendous physical condition, Furst maintained an active life even at the age of 60. Jogging and swimming helped keep him in shape, and it was a common occurrence to see him jogging up and down West Water Street.

Mr. Richard Bressler, one of Dr. Furst's office mates, says,

"He was an even-tempered man; never got terribly angry. Kind-hearted and personable, he sometimes did unusual things — (such as mountain climbing at the age of 60) — but always with good intentions. He inspired youth."

For one of his social welfare classes last semester, he took students on a field trip to New York where they interviewed on-the-job social workers. Many of his former students enjoyed Dr. Furst's classes and felt he was interesting and amiable as a professor and an individual.

Dr. Furst's wife, Dr. Harriette D. Furst, survives him along with four children and two grandchildren. Mrs. Furst, who is also a member of the LHS faculty, will reside at the Furst home at 47 West Water Street.

Killion Dependable Competitor

"Denny was a good competitor — dependable. I could expect 100 percent effort from him," says coach Gray Simons as he remembered Denny's first wrestling match at Lock Haven.

"Because of a knee injury four years ago," stated Simons, "Denny couldn't wrestle. He kept coming to practice and working out, though. When the NAIA meet came, two of the regular wrestlers were hurt, so I asked Denny if he wanted to wrestle in the tournament. He said he would."

"His opponent was the second-place defending champion and was second-seated. I told Denny I thought he could beat him if he just kept after him and stayed with it."

"Denny beat him — he pinned the guy!"

Killion, a senior physical education major, was from Curwensville, Penna. Upon graduation from Clearfield High School where he was a two-time District 9 wrestling champion, Denny worked for two years before entering LHS.

Easy to get along with, Denny was popular with the faculty as well as his fellow wrestlers and students. Last year he stayed at the Furst home as many students have done in the past.

"Interested in teaching and coaching as well as wrestling, he would have been a good wrestling coach," remarked Coach Simons.

Adventurous and ambitious, Denny recognized the marvelous opportunity continued on page 2 column 3

Harry I. Miller Dismissed from LHS Faculty For Alleged 'Immorality' and 'Law Violation'

Assistant professor of social science, Mr. Harry I. Miller, has been dismissed from the faculty of Lock Haven State College for possible "acts in violation of law." Miller received the notice of the termination of his services on May 26, 1969.

Miller allegedly accepted funds for a municipal project on Lock Haven's local government and failed to perform his duties in the project. The purpose of the study was to choose the most suitable government for Lock Haven among those listed in the third class city law.

The project was begun in 1967 and consisted of four members: Dr. Werner Barth, co-ordinator of the project; Dr. Shao Chi Yuan, director; Charles Vonada, researcher; and Miller, researcher. All four men were members of the LHS social science department.

It is alleged that Miller's reported negligence did not come to the attention of President Richard T. Parsons until he received a copy of the completed

project report and noted that Miller's name was not listed among the authors. Dr. Parsons inquired about the absence of Miller's name and was informed that "he didn't do any work." When the president confronted Miller with the charge, he admitted that his contribution to the project was "negligible."

Dr. Parsons felt that Miller was morally wrong in accepting money for work not performed, and he consulted with Deputy Attorney General, Warren G. Morgan, about the possible consequences of Miller's alleged breach of duty. Then, Parsons again conferred with Miller "who made no suggestions for retribution." President Parsons' next step was to hold an investigative hearing in his office with faculty witnesses present. After this hearing, Dr. Parsons approached the board of trustees with a recommendation for the dismissal of Miller. The board adopted a resolution that Miller be fired and provided with his right of appeal.



Harry I. Miller

The first appeals hearing in LHS's history was held in open session June 20 by a panel of three LHS professors, one selected by the administration, one by the faculty, and one by

Mr. Miller. The committee was composed of Dr. William H. Billhartz, professor of mathematics and chairman of the department; Dr. Hugh A. Williamson, professor of chemistry; and Dr. William T. Reich, professor of English.

Miller was represented by Williamsport attorney Ambrose R. Campana. Legal advice for the panel was provided by J. Michael Williamson.

At the hearing, all the background information was presented by Dr. Parsons, the other three project members, McCloskey, the business manager who was responsible for the disbursement of funds; Doris Geringer, a former student secretary who worked on the project as a clerical assistant; and Miller. Dr. Parsons stated the reasons for the dismissal of Miller and project members discussed the purpose of the project and their part in it. McCloskey testified that he paid Miller a total of \$1500 between August of '67 continued on page 2 column 4

DISASTER OR GROWTH?!

A tenured professor has been abruptly dismissed . . . It appears that a president has grossly mishandled this dismissal . . . The student government is instigating emotional recourse. Three factors of one situation - three elements which could potentially spell disaster at LHS.

It has become almost irrelevant whether the charges against Harry I. Miller are true or untrue. He himself admitted that he did "negligible" work on the government project for which he was paid. What has become relevant, however, is the way the administration handled the dismissal and the subsequent threat of violence endorsed by the student government.

The flier titled "Bummer - What Ever Happened to Harry I.?" which is being distributed today by the SCC executive board can only be termed inflammatory. Appealing to the emotions rather than to the intelligence, the flier twists the facts of the situation and offers no suggestions for consideration.

Conceded, the charge of "immorality" which President Parsons leveled at Miller was inappropriate. *Eagle Eye* must concur with the appeals committee who advised that it would have been wiser for the president to dismiss Miller on the grounds of "willful, and persistent neglect of duty -" a charge which would probably have allowed Miller to remain at LHS one more year.

In acting as the president did, however, the discontent of both students and faculty has been aroused. Nevertheless, *Eagle Eye* must suggest that those who are dissatisfied with Miller's dismissal should act in accordance with their intelligence rather than with their emotions. There are several courses of action which are open:

1. An open forum to be held by SCC with invitations to students, faculty, and Dr. Parsons.
2. Letters to board of trustee members, representatives to the state legislature, and congressmen.
3. Mass reading of the transcript concerning the Miller dismissal (copies located in Parson's office only).

These methods may, of course, prove to be useless and ineffective, but they should be attempted first. As rational, thinking individuals, the students of LHS should realize that a purely emotional response to a situation of this nature would be ill-advised.

Yet, that elements necessary for disturbances are present is unquestionably true. And if students, after first having rationally communicated their dissatisfaction, are still concerned...

M.W.



All transfer and returning students who registered on Thursday and who have cars on campus should report to Thomas Field House during upperclassman registration on Monday, September 8. Report to the parking committee desk to apply for a parking sticker. You will need your driver's license, proof of minimum liability insurance for your vehicle, and fifty cents. Any questions about student parking may be answered in the COMPASS or at the PCEB office downstairs in the PUB.

Sign in the administration office of a Colorado college: "Freshman English Spoken Here." *Reader's Digest*

Killion . . .

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to enhance his school years' experiences when invited to accompany Dr. Furst to Europe this past summer. It was his first mountain climbing expedition.

Killion was the son of Mrs. Thomas Tubbs, Scofield Street, Curwensville, and has a brother, Larry, of Williamsport, a step-sister, Tammy, 3, and a step-brother, Tommy, 5.

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Miller...

Continued from page 1, col. 5 and February 14, 1968. He also stated that Dr. Yuan received \$2000, Mr. Vonada received \$1500, and Dr. Barth received \$1000. Doris Geringer said that Miller had helped to collate the project and seemed knowledgeable about any questions she asked about the project. Miller attempted to prove that he had earned the funds he received and that he was not morally wrong.

The panel submitted a report to the board of trustees and recommended that if no court action is pursued to prove that Miller violated the law; then, the charges should be dropped and Miller reinstated by May 31, 1970, without loss of rank or salary. The panel also recommended, however, that if Miller was proven in violation of law; then, he should be immediately dismissed. The board of trustees voted to uphold its previous decision of dismissal and to override the recommendations of the committee.

Today at 10:30 am, Miller will have another hearing. This time, the hearing is being held in the office of the department of education in Harrisburg. If the department decides to override the decision of the board of trustees; then, Mr. Miller could be immediately reinstated. However, the local board can still override the decision of the DPI.

The three man panel which conducted the appeals hearing termed the dismissal of a tenured faculty member "a grave concern to the entire academic community." The AAUP (The American Association of University Professors) represents a large segment of LHS's academic community, and there are speculations that Miller may appeal to this organization for assistance in fighting his case.



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