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Rally At Bomberger

Students Protest Criticism

by Mary Mulligan '84

A demonstration concerning recent articles in **The Grizzly** took place between the students, led by Derek Pickell, and Dean Kane in Bomberger Auditorium on Friday, February 11.

A group of over two hundred students gathered in Corson Hall seeking a conference with Dean Houghton Kane. In order to accommodate the crowd, Kane, along with President Richard P. Richter, met with the students in Bomberger Hall.

The two articles the students wanted to discuss were the story on fraternities' reputations and a letter written by Dr. Ronald E. Hess which criticized students' behavior.

Many of the students were incensed by what they considered to be an attack on their characters. Some of the main points which they expressed during the meeting were: 1) the majority of Ursinus students do not behave as Dr. Hess stated. 2) The problems among the students are being blown out of proportion, they are just isolated incidents. 3) The poor image of Ursinus students arises partly because of a lack of communication between students

and faculty. 4) The students want to open a channel of communication between themselves and the faculty in order to solve these problems.

Hess spoke to the students concerning his letter, and made statements such as: "I am concerned about the college," "I'm not prying into your private lives," "There is a lack of respect," and "I felt it necessary to state my beliefs because something should be done."

Also during the meeting, **The Grizzly** was criticized for sensationalism and inaccurate reporting. The newspaper was defended as printing all comments that students or faculty submitted for publication. Editor-in-chief Gina Daviso invited anyone who was interested to participate during the staff meetings of **The Grizzly**. "We're trying to do our job as best we can," she said.

At the close of the meeting Kane invited students to form an ad-hoc committee to solve the communication problem between the students and faculty. A meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m. in Bomberger Auditorium.

admission of students to faculty meetings. No decision was reached as to which idea to pursue.

Kane mentioned some indefinite guidelines he had formulated regarding the security and party problems. They are: 1) each group sponsoring parties must name three people responsible for the conduct of the party and one of them must be at the door at all times. 2) Entry to a party requires a current I.D. card, recognition by the sponsors, and the voucher of the inviter. 3) A security phone number will be set up.

On Monday, February 14, a follow-up meeting to the student demonstration on Friday afternoon was held in Bomberger Auditorium. Dean Houghton Kane, Dr. Ronald S. Hess, and approximately eighty students attended to discuss opening communication between students and faculty. The unanswered questions concerning security, alcohol, and parties were also discussed.

Several ideas were brought up, including the formation of a committee, a forum-like arrangement for discussion, and the



Kevin Kunkle/The Grizzly

Dr. Ronald Hess speaks in Bomberger Auditorium, while attentive students and President Richard P. Richter look on.

Rushes, Administration Meet Before Pledging

On Tuesday February 15, 1983 at 12:00 Noon Dean Kane, Dean Rinde and Interfraternity Council President Frank Correl, conducted a meeting for the perspective pledge class of 1983 where all potential pledges were required to be present.

The meeting began by Kane explaining the Office of Student Life's attitude toward fraternities. He stated that the Office of Student Life supports Ursinus' fraternities. Kane stated that his office wants to contribute to the growth of fraternities and sororities just as much as other campus group activities. Kane also stated that the Office of Student Life feels that fraternities contribute to the total education of the individual at Ursinus. The administration also does not want the favorable conditions which exist at Ursinus to deteriorate into cliques and rivalry between groups.

The Office of Student Life's objective is to review the planned pledging activities to be conducted by each fraternity with recommendations for improvement. Kane also stated that he cannot control all of a fraternity's activities, but strong action will be taken against a fraternity which performs activities which are not on the pledging list.

Kane emphasized that the individual pledge is in charge of the situation. He stated that if at any time a pledge feels that his brothers are not acting in his best personal interest, he has the right to refuse to perform an activity, or to drop out of

pledging. Kane and Rinde urge the pledges to speak freely to them on any issues concerning any problems which the pledges may be encountering.

Grades during pledging are a topic of concern that was voiced at the meeting. Kane stated that according to studies conducted, the majority of pledges' grades have declined during pledging, and a minority have been able to recover. Kane also stated that if a student wants to pledge a fraternity he will have to make some sacrifices, maybe even as far as grades are concerned.

Frank Correl, president of the Interfraternity Council, spoke to the men being rushed by fraternities at the end of the meeting, and also directed a part of his speech toward grades. Correl stated that he felt the opportunity to study during pledging is apparent and went on to say that the pledge must make the decision on how to spend his free time.

Correll said that the fraternity doesn't want to see a pledge drop out, because the brothers are concerned about the pledge and will try to help him get through pledging. Correl also stated that he would speak to any pledges who are having problems during pledging.

Correl then explained the procedure for receiving and accepting/rejecting bids from fraternities. Informal bids go out Wednesday night. All the formal bids are accepted or rejected by rushes Thursday at 12:00 noon in Bomberger.



Fraternity bids were distributed yesterday at Bomberger. "High fives" are exchanged here showing the enthusiasm of the new pledges. Kevin Kunkle/The Grizzly

Editorial

Staff Members Defend Grizzly

At the Feb. 11 Bomberger meeting that included students, faculty, and administration, two distressing attitudes were expressed: that **The Grizzly** is a "sensational" paper that prints only negative articles, and that Dr. Hess's letter of Feb. 11 contained inaccuracies.

First of all, we deny any accusations that **The Grizzly** is a paper dealing with "sensationalism." We feel that we accurately represent the events that happen on campus. If this coverage seems to have any negative bearing on the image of Ursinus, we still feel it is our duty to print the articles.

In the Feb. 4 issue of **The Grizzly**, we deemed as the most important story on campus: "**Fraternities Earn Reputation As Animals.**" We printed this even though it may have hurt the image of Ursinus. But, the most important point is that these

events actually did occur.

Perhaps it was because the participants of Friday's meeting were heated that **The Grizzly** was accused, as one student put it, of giving only negative coverage of fraternities. However, let us remind you of the positive coverage of Greek organizations, examples being: "**Graterford Prisoners Counseled**" Dec. 3, and "**Phi Psi Sponsors Santa**" Dec. 3.

At the same meeting not only were we accused of shedding a dim light on Greek clubs, but of putting the entire campus in a bad light. This can be disproven by articles such as: "**Students For Peace And Progress Get Started**" Oct. 15, "**Overcoming Adversity Beener-Style**" Oct. 29, "**Outstanding Choral Students Chosen**" Nov. 5, "**Chem Society Rated Outstanding**" Dec. 3, etc.

Perhaps the worst aspect of the meeting

was the fact that the Editor-in-Chief of **The Grizzly** was subjected to an auditorium full of vehement students who did not want to take responsibility for their actions, so they used her as a scapegoat. Adults have to take responsibility for their behavior, and no one, not even the editor of a paper should be verbally attacked for printing what happened.

We do not make up any of the events we print, and if we ignore a disproportionate number of "good" events, it is because we constantly hear students comment: "Why don't you ever print anything controversial?"

In the case of Dr. Hess's letter which addressed the campus environment, it should be clarified that "Letters To The Editor" are the opinion of the writer.

It is incredible to us that some students

are too immature to understand that Dr. Hess's article was not a direct attack on students, but a plea for better living conditions. However, the students shifted responsibility from their shoulders to Dr. Hess's and made a mockery of a faculty member's display of genuine concern.

Last Friday's mob-meeting was inspired by high emotions, and quickly became ambiguous in format and purpose. Serious accusations were made against **The Grizzly** whose staff could not adequately defend the paper in the free-for-all environment. We strongly urge that those who have any qualms or concerns with the paper should present them in a more constructive and organized fashion.

Sincerely,

Barb Mathers, Associate Editor
Brian Kelley, Circulation Manager

USGA Notes

by **Lorie Cramer '84**

As the newly elected USGA President it's nice to know that I represent a student body concerned with their college environment. This concern made itself apparent at the Bomberger meeting last Friday afternoon. Many of the concerns expressed were legitimate and there are areas within the realm of student life at Ursinus that could be improved. There are, however, many channels to go through available to the students that I think they are unaware of. The most obvious of these being the USGA. Despite adverse opinions, the USGA has the potential to be a strong voice in the determination of college policy and other campus related decisions.

The USGA currently has student representatives on a variety of committees that affect practically all aspects of campus living. The following is a list of our representatives and their respective committees:

Alcohol

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Lorie Cramer, Julie Dalena and Luke Nelligan

Student Publications

Regina Ciritella

These people work for the student body and it is up to the students to fully employ their services. Now you know who these people are so find them and express your interests and concerns.

There are also several other positions now open that need to be immediately filled by responsible students. The executive board is in desperate need of a Treasurer who will attend weekly USGA and executive board meetings and keep accurate account of all financial records. If interested in becoming Treasurer or a representative for the Dining Hall Committee or the Campus Planning Group, please contact me (Lorie

Cramer, Beardwood 205) by Monday. The Campus Planning Group is a very important committee that deals with long-term campus planning objectives. They are currently evaluating student housing and are discussing the possibilities of allowing students to live off campus in apartments, developing a centralized campus mail system, providing additional phone services in residence halls, and doing away with cleaning stack days in order to concentrate cleaning efforts on common areas during the week and on weekends. A student interested in representing the USGA on this committee must be willing to attend committee and Board meetings at

various times, possibly weekends and during summer break.

Weekly meetings of the USGA are held on Thursday at 6:30 P.M. in the Union Conference Room (upstairs on the Book Store side). Issues now in the process of being discussed are the alcohol policy, resurrecting the Utility Gym, the security system, visitation hours and student/faculty/administration relations. Meetings are open to all and we invite and entreat you to express your opinions and get involved. Let's prove that the students of Ursinus College aren't apathetic!

Lori Cramer
President
USGA

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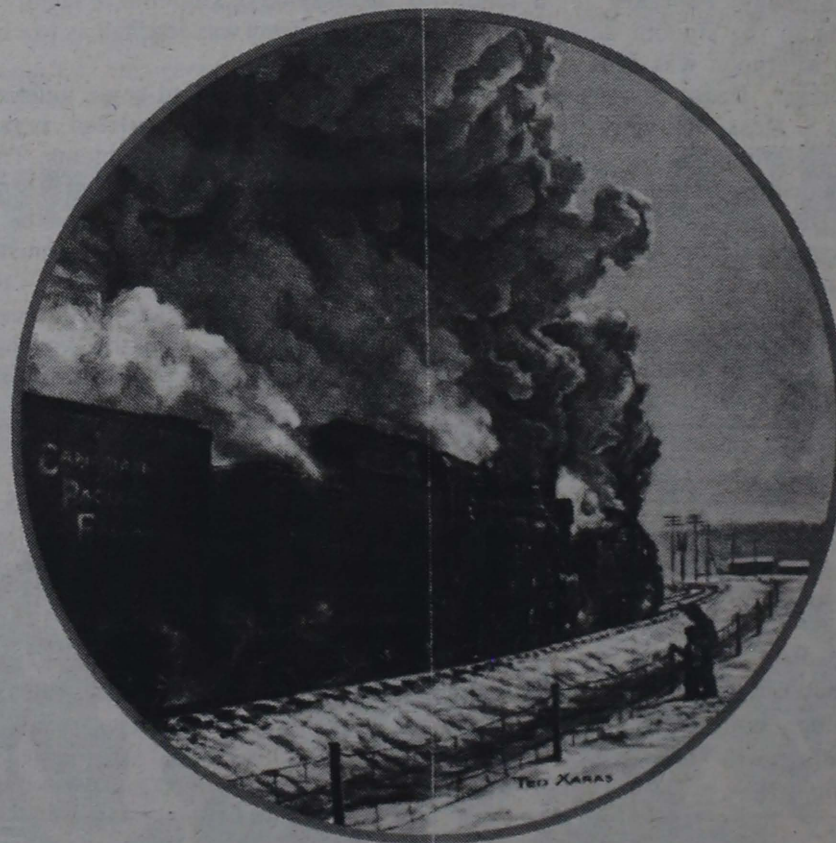
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Letter To The Editor Receives Support

To the Editor:

We were quite shocked last Friday, when we saw Dr. Hess's letter To the Editor. Much to our surprise we found an accurate description of the atmosphere at Ursinus College. Upon attending a meeting designed to allow the students to offer suggestions for improving the social conditions at Ursinus, we were dismayed to find that many students and an administrator had already determined that a lack of communication resulted in Dr. Hess's "obvious" misconception.

We do not want to fall into the trap of accepting the opinions of others without having first conducted a thorough investigation. Therefore, we will use the guideline of the scientific method as outlined in the freshman chemistry text in order to evaluate the situation.

For simplicity's sake, we will take as our hypothesis a quote from President Richter's letter to the editor which also appeared in *The Grizzly* last Friday: "Dr. Hess gives a general picture of social condition that differs from impressions that I receive from students . . . I would suggest that the climate at Ursinus simply does not seem to be the uniformly unpretty one described in Dr. Hess's letter."

Examination I: "Blaring stereos and generally noisy conditions in most dorms."

Results: A) May 12, 1982 1:30-3:30 p.m.: Final examinations being given in LSB and Pfahler (including chem 208) against a background of a blaring stereo in one of the men's dorms. Even when the men were asked to lower the stereo the noise persisted. B) September 28, 1982, October 7, 1982, November 28, 1982 and many week-nights and weekends before, between and after: Stereos blare at midnight, drunken men and women talk

Student Interest Sparked

To the Editor:

Friday's student meeting in Bomberger pleased me. I was glad to see such a large turnout. This was a sign of student interest in life on campus.

There are problems involving drinking, parties and fights, but they involve only a small number of individuals. Because we are dealing with a minority, there is no need to remove privileges from the campus population as a whole. What should be done is to punish the abusers who damage others and the reputation of Ursinus College.

The *Grizzly* has done a very good job of

loudly in the hallway and bang on doors "just for fun" at 3:00 a.m.

Examination II: "certain dormitories resemble a garbage dump . . . bottles and cans clutter the campus . . . student vomit in residence halls because of excessive drinking."

Results: Walk in any residence hall on any Saturday or Sunday. Thank goodness that by Monday the maids (bless their souls) have cleaned it up.

Examination III: "A student is forced out of his room for a night or weekend because his/her roommate wants some sex."

Results: If you don't remember the mattress that served as "home" for any "shacked-out" girl on Paisley II during 1980-81, you still can't help knowing someone who has been "shacked out," "shacked-up" themselves, or worse yet, has had his/her roommate "shack-up" while he/she is also in the room.

Examination IV: "Theft is a problem."

Results: Have we forgotten the missing fire-extinguishers, Wismer-ware, inter-campus telephones, toothpaste and brushes, and stereo speakers, not to mention the books, tests, and lab reports which mysteriously disappear out of the library, student return slots, or even professors' offices?

Conclusion and Discussion of Results:

According to the data obtained, our hypothesis seems to be an invalid one. Dr. Hess's "alleged" observations seem, in fact, to be supported by the findings of the investigation, and it appears as if there is a misconception as to who has the misconception of social conditions at Ursinus College. Perhaps a suggestion can be made regarding what Dr. Hess terms "high-sounding words, but seemingly hollow." These investigators feel that the 1983-84

reporting both good and bad news. Reporting the bad is necessary so that changes can be made and be based upon reality.

Stephen Arnold



Speech Exemption Exam Set

The Exemption Examination for Communication Arts 201 (Public Speaking), which is held once every semester, will occur on Monday evening, March 15, 1983. Those

wishing to apply for exemption may register in Dean Atkins' office beginning Monday February 21, where they will receive further instructions and a list of topics.

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We drown our doubts in dry champagne
And soothe our souls with fine cocaine.
I don't know why I even care,
We get so high and get nowhere.
We'll have to change our jaded ways . . .
But I've loved these days.

Yes, Dr. Hess, you were right when you labelled the problem as one of lack of

respect for others. There are students who are unhappy with this problem, but we tolerate it because we want the fine education that Ursinus has to offer. We would like our opinion to be recognized; however, we realize that, as conditions at Ursinus are now, the small amount of respect that we receive from other students would be rescinded if we admitted to having written this article.

Sincerely,

Formerly frustrated but giving it a shot.

Constructive Criticism Appreciated

To the Editor:

I just wanted to write a letter to stick up for the editors and staff of *The Grizzly*, and for the quality and content of *The Grizzly*. I'd first like to express my opinion of the incident last Friday where people said they were dissatisfied with the quality and content of the paper. I just want to ask them why they don't write something that they feel would be better or at least help out in some way.

Over 1,000 students attend Ursinus College, but if you ever attended a *Grizzly* meeting you would never know it. On the average, approximately 10 people show up for a meeting — all fifteen minutes of it.

I'm not condemning anyone for the activities or clubs they do or don't participate in. All I am saying is **no one** has a right to criticize publicly *The Grizzly* or any other publication unless they want to help out, or have tried.

No one gets paid or even thanked

enough for all the work they already do. Don't forget these people also have classes, exams, and other commitments. It isn't like they are asking for any thanks. They are doing it because they enjoy it. But who even wants to do it if all they do is get criticism and it isn't even constructive criticism either.

Every week *The Grizzly* puts out the best paper they possibly can. Do you really believe they'd picked the worst, most boring articles? Come on. They have to put out a paper with the minimal copy they receive.

So instead of criticizing *The Grizzly*, or any other organization or publication, just think it takes just that much energy to think what you can do to help it. Even **constructive** criticism is appreciated. Remember, every little bit helps!

Sincerely,
Buffy Cyr

Irresponsible Groups Cause Anger

To the Editor:

Many thanks to the participants in the now famous grass roots meeting on February 11 in Bomberger Auditorium. One wonders how many such spontaneous scenes those venerable walls have witnessed. As Dean of Student Life, I was encouraged by the interest shown in student life and the support given to the student leaders, faculty members, and administrators who work long and hard, night as well as day, in student life.

Everyone connected with Ursinus should feel a deep sense of anger and frustration at the harm done to all of us when individuals or groups act irresponsibly. With the help of the Judiciary Board, the Office of Student Life is committed to dealing fairly, swiftly, and effectively with the irresponsible.

We who are closely involved with the full range of activities comprised by student life sometimes forget that to those not closely involved with student life irresponsible actions are much more visible than

responsible actions. These responsible actions make up such a vast majority of student life and are so positive in their effects that a negative picture of student life is simply inaccurate. Friday's meeting helped to support efforts to better communicate the full range of what actually is happening in student life to those who are not closely involved.

Since 1969 Ursinus has taken pride in having a campus where students can enjoy studying and living. Student life at Ursinus today compares well with that of other colleges. Moreover, as almost any senior will attest, the Ursinus campus in 1983 is a quieter, cleaner, and more enjoyable place to study and live than it was four years ago. If we hold firmly to our faith in ourselves and our commitment to Ursinus' traditional ideals, our College will be an even better place to study and live in four more years.

Very truly your,
J. Houghton Kane
Dean of Student Life

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Forum Review

Is Reaganomics A Reality?

by David J. Evans '83

Dr. Allen Blinder spoke to a packed house at Wednesday's forum about the economics of Reaganomics. His presentation involved several graphs and charts with numerous quotations emphasizing that "there is no such thing as Supply-Side economics — it lives only in the minds of the Reagan Administration."

Blinder cited the six main economic goals that the Reagan Administration set out to achieve when they took office. They were: a speeding up of the growth of the G.N.P., a decrease in the inflation rate, a decrease in the interest rates, a reduction in taxes, an increase in military spending, and a major reduction in the Federal budget deficit. Blinder went on to say that Reaganomics was doomed to fail from the beginning because many of their goals were "economically incompatible." For example, he stated that the

interest rate and the inflation rate function as inverses. If the inflation rate decreases then the interest rate increases. Reagan cut the money supply and this decreased the inflation rate faster than anyone suspected, but this down-trend in inflation has caused skyrocketing interest rates. Another example cited was Reagan's commitment to raise military spending, but to also cut taxes. The only way that this could be accomplished is if there were a large-scale reduction in civilian spending. Civilian spending has been reduced but not to the extent that is necessary to achieve a balance.

Reagan's most promising policy, according to Blinder, was the corporate income tax cuts. These mainly involved depletion allowances which, under the old system, cost corporations money as inflation rose. Blinder

said that it was a good idea to change the old laws but that the new laws miss the mark because they still depend on the inflation rate. Under the new laws, the falling inflation rate affects corporate taxes by reducing them as intended; but in many cases, the inflation rate has fallen so fast that corporate tax losses are not only reduced but turned into assets!

Blinder repeatedly referred to the "new math" that the Reagan Administration used when predicting future budget deficits. This "math" allowed the predicted deficit to appear minimal. The "new math" was based on "phantom government spending cuts" that were only cuts "on paper." "Unrealistic guesses at future interest rates" were also ways that the budget deficit was "adjusted" to appear smaller, according to Blinder.

The Government did however, cut

spending. Over 70% of these cuts came from programs designed to help the poor. Other losers of Federal monies were cited by Blinder. Education, mass transport, unemployment, aid to cities, and medicaid were among those mentioned.

Blinder, in his criticism of Reaganomics was very fond of quoting from David Stockman's interview in the Atlantic Monthly. Stockman was quoted as saying, "We reduced the budget by hook and by crook and mostly by the latter." In that interview, Stockman let his skeptical feelings about the Reagan policies be known. One of Blinder's points became very obvious — if the President's Budget Director didn't believe in Supply-Side economics, then how can the informed public continue to support these policies? Oh, if John Maynard Keynes were alive today . . .

Point/Counterpoint:

Admissions Standards At Ursinus

by Ken Behle

Point: Hopefully everyone at this school has asked himself at one time, "Why did I come here?" You might ask yourself that question quite often, but that's beside the point. There are hundreds of colleges and universities across the country where you could have been accepted. Yet, a great deal of these students at many of those schools would **not** have been accepted at Ursinus. That is the important point, and that is why you came here.

Ursinus has set high academic and admissions standards. These standards have not been set arbitrarily, but with a definitive purpose in mind: to maintain Ursinus' reputation as an academically superior college. That reputation, in turn, has two intentions. One of these is to attract the most highly-qualified students possible, and the other is to establish confidence in graduate schools and potential employers regarding the quality of Ursinus students. Let's face it, in this highly competitive atmosphere the students of Ursinus virtually have their careers resting on the reputation of the school. Therefore, a top priority of the administration should be to preserve the school's reputation.

In today's fast-paced world one can fall behind by merely standing still. That is exactly what has happened to Ursinus' admissions standards. SAT scores have been declining nationwide. This decline has been reflected at Ursinus, which has neglected to raise its admissions standards in an effort to avert such a decline at this school. The school has been so obsessed with the number of students attending this school that the quality of those students has been given increasingly less scrutiny. So many

students have been admitted that we have not only filled every available room but have actually had to purchase a number of new houses to accommodate all of these people. Of course, the reason for admitting these students is a financial, and an important one. Yet, in the long run, such a policy is a self-defeating one.

When I say that the standards of Ursinus are slipping, that statement is based not on conjecture, but on fact. The average SAT scores for entering students at this school have dropped in the majority of the past several years. So has the average GPA, which is lower than among the most recently admitted students than it has been for years. This, of course, has one of two causes. Either the responsibility for these low grades lies within the students or within the courses being more difficult than they ever were before. Somehow, I doubt that the latter is the case.

Ursinus College is a business that needs the funds of its students to remain financially solvent. In the short run, admitting extra students will keep Ursinus in the black. However, in the long-run the detriment to the academic standards and reputation of the school will out-weigh these initial benefits by turning away graduate schools, employers, and qualified students. In essence the current admissions policy will eventually destroy that which it is intended to uphold — the academic standards and reputation of Ursinus College.

by Bev Walizer '83

Counterpoint: In the past, Ursinus College has prided itself on academic excellence and the quality of its students. By maintaining high admissions standards, it has been able to

continue to do so. However, raising admissions standards at this time could be detrimental to the college as a whole.

By raising admissions standards, Ursinus may have to allow for a decline in enrollment, which could lead to an increase in tuition costs for students. This, in turn, could discourage those students who have the ability to do well, but lack the funds for an Ursinus education. From this perspective, Ursinus only stands to lose, rather than gain, by raising admissions standards. Ursinus has been able to maintain its reputation of academic excellence with the standards it now has for decades.

The decline in the average SAT score nationwide does not necessarily mean a decline in the quality of students at Ursinus. If Ursinus maintains the admissions standards it now has instead of lowering them to accommodate this decline in the average SAT score, Ursinus will continue to attract those students who have above-average scores and who have the qualities that will positively contribute to the campus community.

Of course, it is true that more students have been admitted to Ursinus, which meant having to spend more money on housing facilities. However, these students were not admitted solely for financial reasons, and the admission of more students does not mean a decline in the quality of students at Ursinus. Is there a law against growth within the system? Of course, most of us would like Ursinus to remain a "small liberal arts college," but a little diversity never hurt anyone, right?

By maintaining the admissions

standards it now has, Ursinus will continue to maintain a reputation of academic excellence, and we'll all get accepted to graduate schools and receive job offers and be respectable alumni — continuing the Ursinus tradition.

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President's Corner...

by President Richard P. Richter

The spontaneous gathering last Friday of some 200 students and several faculty members and administrators was as exciting as it was unplanned and unstructured. Much good feeling and concern for the student life of Ursinus was expressed. Listening to follow-up comments from many sources, I am concerned that misinformation and misunderstanding regarding issues raised at the meeting may dampen the beneficial effects such a meeting can have. I hope that the following reflections will contribute to a better understanding and two steps forward.

A MATTER OF MUTUAL RESPECT: Responding to the students in Bomberger last Friday, Dr. Ronald Hess emphasized that student behavior ought to be based on respect for others. I think that is at the heart of what everyone was talking about, regardless of his or her opinion on specific issues. Faculty members and administrators want students to show respect for the reputation of the College in their behavior in public, on and off campus. The students in Bomberger wanted faculty members and administrators to respect their constructive participation in the life of the College. Nearly everyone wants students to respect each other, especially in the courtesies of dormitory living. If students, faculty and administrators all keep attention focused on the need for each to respect the others — and on the obligation of each to earn that respect — the root values of this College will be substantially reinforced.

To have respect for others is not to muzzle criticism. Indeed, all of us at Ursinus can benefit from the criticism of others if it is offered constructively and respectfully from one good-willed person or group to another.

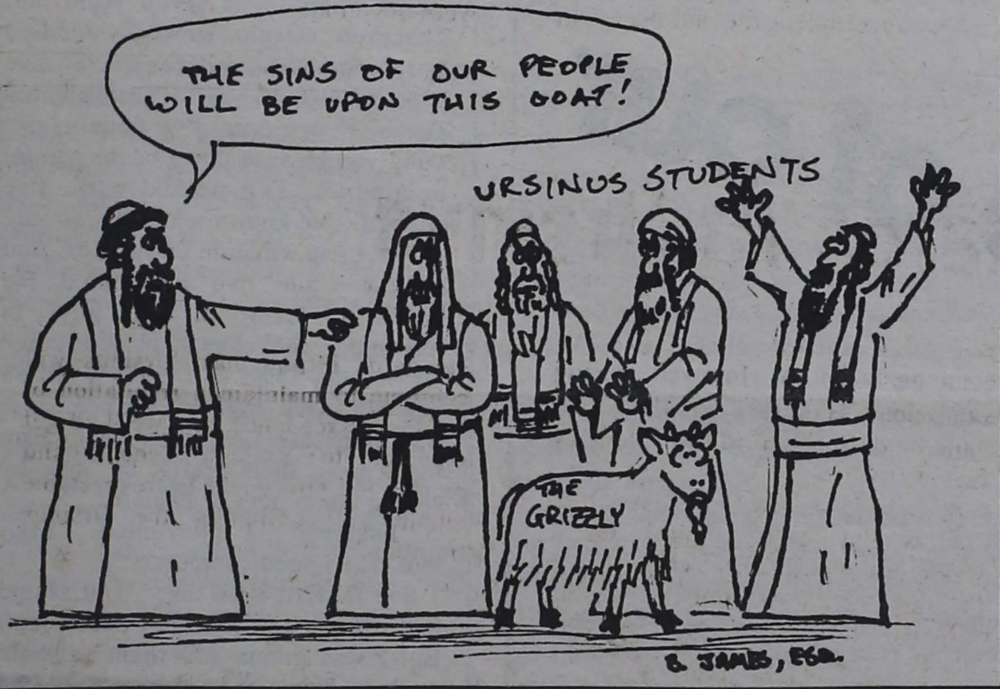
I was pleased that a group of students cared enough about Ursinus to precipitate an impromptu meeting. Dr. Hess's words hurt some student feelings. But the bad behavior of some students also has hurt the feelings of faculty and staff members.

The task now is to get beyond hurt feelings to the common ground where we all contribute, each in our own way, to the betterment of the College.

GRIZZLY: The Grizzly came in for a great deal of student criticism. In fielding comments by students, I myself unintentionally appeared to make a negative evaluation of the paper — which I sincerely regret. Let me try to set the record straight. The editor and staff of the Grizzly give themselves a deadline and a discipline that few other students would understand. They work hard with limited resources to provide a service to the campus community. Each time the paper appears they take risk and responsibility. I myself am unable to find any evidence that the staff is deliberately for or against any single group of students. I think they do their level best to provide a useful and accurate account of events.

To be sure, the Grizzly makes mistakes — something the editor and staff are the first to acknowledge. A mistake can hurt the person or groups in the story, but the paper always gives an opportunity for follow-up correction and comment. While the Grizzly should be expected to strive for the highest quality possible, I would urge student readers to recognize the honest effort being made by fellow students on the editorial staff and to be a little understanding of the limits within which they work. And I agree with the comment at the open meeting that any student who wants to see a better paper can work for it and not just talk about it.

Cartoon Corner



Happy Birthday To "U"

by Rosemary Wuenschel '86

The Ursinus College Union will be celebrating its 10th anniversary Saturday, February 19 (Snow date will be Sunday February 20 at 1:00).

There will be a gathering of former Union program board members in the morning and at 1:00 p.m. all are invited for cake and ice cream in the Union Lounge. Dean March, current program director said, "We'll be having a gigantic cake, so

there'll be enough for everyone."

After the cake and ice cream the award winning movie, "Chariots of Fire" will be shown in the Union Lounge.

In addition to these activities, Zack's Place will have special discounts on Strawberry Sundaes and Strawberry milkshakes all week. A free Pepsi will continue to be offered with each daily special until spring break.

Talent Show Tonight

Heading up this week's excitement sponsored by the College Union is the All-Campus Talent Show, tonight at 8:00. It will take place in Bomberger Auditorium because of the need for a stage. The show will run for about two hours. Nine acts, ranging from pianists to comedians, will be presented. First prize is \$100, second prize \$50, and third prize \$25. Winners will advance to an inter-collegiate competition at Moravian College in April. They will have the opportunity to sign

a contract with the Coffeehouse.

Tomorrow is the tenth anniversary of the College Union. The festivities will begin at 10:30 with a reception in the Union Lounge. Next, there will be a birthday cake cut at 1:00 and at 2:00, a showing of "Chariots of Fire," starring Nigel Harris and Sir Jon Gielgud will be shown. It will be re-shown at 7:00 P.M.

As for next week, the movie, "A Star Is Born," will be presented in the evening from Monday to Thursday.



Nick Abidi/The Grizzly

Last Friday's snow storm left many students with "cabin-fever" as the roads were closed throughout the vicinity. Here students begin the tiresome task of digging themselves out.

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Transplanted Texan

by Duncan C. Atkins

I have always maintained that there is something about life at ol' Harvard-on-the-Perk which increases substantially the chances of us going insane before graduation. The causes? Largely unknown. The examples? Rampant.

Occupational Hazards

For instance . . .

Last Sunday night, I was sitting peacefully in my room, listening to Prokofieff's *Lt. Kye* and reading *Penthouse*. I had just gotten to the letter in the Forum section, which begins "Dear Forum, I am a blonde

co-ed at a large Midwestern university who loves to . . ." when I heard a knock on the door. "Come in" I shouted expecting one of my many suite-mates. Instead a dark bearded figure, whom I had never seen before walked in. He was carrying a pistol in

his right hand, cocked and ready to fire. To say I was scared was an understatement equivalent to saying we had some snow on Friday.

"Who are you?" I asked voice quivering.

"My name is Joe H. Krit. You're the Transplanted Texan and I'm going to kill you."

"Why?"

"Because your articles portray Ur-sinus as being a place where people get drunk, throw up and are horny. I am going to rid this place of your vicious lies once and for all."

"Lies!" I shouted, journalistic integrity temporarily replacing my fear of imminent death: "What do you mean lies? Are you trying to tell me the things I write about don't go on? Who the heck are you trying to kid?"

He ignored my impassioned rebuttal and began a diatribe. "I've always wanted to be a computer salesman," he said, a crazed gleam filling his eyes. "Ever since I saw my first IBM report when I was seven years old. That profit margin. Those dividends. I knew computers were for me. So I've been here four years, Transplanted Texan. Four years. I've done everything you have to do to be successful in America. I've worked hard. I've studied. I've known when it was safe to cheat and whom to screw over. And all the while I've maintained the facade of being a nice guy. In November the chance of a lifetime popped up. I had an interview with a new high-tech, high-growth company: BS Computers. I sold them on my plan to increase their profits by 35% by selling computers to Eskimos."

"Eskimos?" I interrupted. "Eskimos don't need computers."

Joe H. Krit eyed me. "You stupid fool. Of course they don't need them. But I was gonna sell them to them anyhow. I even had a slogan 'You'll be left out in the cold without a BS computer.' TV spots, too. Showing eskimos using computers to slice meat off of whales and harpoon walrus. BS loved the idea. They were gonna start me out making 25,000 dollars a year. But you ruined it TT."

"I ruined it?" I asked incredulously. "How could I ruin anything like that."

He stared at me with a look that was full of hatred. "Their personnel director read your article. He said BS Computers doesn't want people who go to schools where people get drunk, horny and vomit. Your articles caused me to lose the job of my dreams." He pointed the barrel of the gun at me.

"Wait a minute Krit. Are you trying to tell me that you never got drunk or horny or vomited?"

Momentary silence. "Of course. I did all those things. I even spent a few sleepless nights with members of the opposite sex." Now he was nearly crying. "But you stupid SOB why did you have to tell the whole world?" He fired the gun. Apparently, he had forgotten to put in the bullets. Following the form I had learned in Mr. Davidson's Judo and Self-Defense class, I grabbed Krit by the arm and threw him through my window into the snow. Phew! It's rough being a journalist.

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Fighting Ursini Head To MAC's Optimistically

by Joe Rongione

In their final week of competition the Fighting Ursini won one, lost one and got snowed out of one. Last Saturday, because of a few flakes, the intimidated squad from F&M decided to cancel the meet for "safety's sake." The Fighting Ursini, primed for a close meet, were not amused.

Tuesday night the Ursini hosted their first tri-meet. York, a tough Division II Loyola team and the Ursini went head-to-head, with the end result of The Ursini crushing York but losing to Loyola. The "high" point of the meet had to be Bill "Spacey" Lacy. The sophomore out of Southern New Jersey set not one but two Ursini records. He started out hot in the 200-yd. freestyle and never looked back. He touched out the Loyola swimmer next to

him and logged the fastest time in that event yet. Having some energy left he later swam the 500-yd. freestyle, also breaking the existing record by five seconds. Tri-captain Jamie Forlini had a good night as he dropped some time off his 200-yd. backstroke time. The springing crew of Brian Warrender, Brian Dohner, Paul Gallagher and Jerry Killoran swam some good times but Loyola's sprinters proved themselves to be ready for that tough foursome. Kevin Kunkle scored well in the 1-meter required and optional diving but took second. Dohner continues to improve off the boards. He is starting to straighten up off the boards and is really hitting the water well. Warrender and Scott Willis swam strong races in the 200-yd butterfly

but the Loyola duo swept them. It was the same story in the 200-yd. breaststroke as Joe Rongione and Doug Korey were swamped by a quick Loyola pair. The 400-yd. freestyle relay put in a strong time.

Next Saturday, The Fighting Ursini travel to Dickinson for the MAC championships. Coach Sieracki is expecting some fine performances by the Ursini swimmers. In an exclusive **Grizzly** interview, Coach

Sieracki said, "We're starting to get into our taper now and some of the times are really starting to drop. The team has really coalesced and this is important around MAC's. All the work they've done has laid the groundwork for a successful championship meet and this week will be the polishing week." That meet was the last home meet for senior tri-captain Rongione.

Gymnastics Ranked 13th

by Karla Cantello '83

Last Wednesday the women's gymnastics team split a tri-meet with Kings College (N.Y.) at Swarthmore. Kings finished with a team score of 127.95 to finish ahead of Ursinus, 126.95 and Swarthmore, 67.2.

Julie Strizki was first in the vaulting competition with a score of 8.1 while her winning beam score was 7.05. She also finished third in the floor exercise with a score of 7.05 and was second in the all-around with a score of 27.55.

Teammate Karla Cantello topped the field in the floor exercise with a score of 7.25 and was second in both the vaulting, 7.75 and the uneven parallel bars, 6.25. She finished fourth in the all-around scoring a total 26.35.

On Tuesday, the lady bears travelled to Bryn Mawr, losing by less than one point.

Bryn Mawr piled up a 124.05 to Ursinus' 123.6.

Cantello placed third in four of the five events, scoring 7.3 on faulting, 5.65 on bars, 7.2 on the floor exercise, ending up with a total all-around score of 25.6. Strizki finished first in the vaulting competition with a 7.85 and was fourth all-around with a 25.05. Sue Asterino brought a first place on the floor exercise with a personal best of 7.8, while teammate Liz Torpey placed second on the balance beam with a personal best of 6.7.

The Ursinus team is ranked 13th out of 84 Division II and III East Coast schools. They will travel to West Chester on Saturday for P.A.I.A.W. Championships and will host Wilson College next Wednesday, February 23 for their last home meet of the season.

Inconsistency Still Haunting W's B-Ball

by Bob Scheuer '83

Another up and down week for the women's basketball puts the Lady Bears record at 6-11 with just two games remaining in the disappointing season.

Playing three teams from Division I or II this past week, the team first traveled to West Chester and came up on the short end of a 73-60 score. Leading 32-27 at halftime, the team fell behind 46-42 with 10 minutes left in the game and never again threatened. Margaret Tomlinson led with 15 points before fouling out and Mo Gorman added 12.

The highlight of the week came Monday when the Hoopsters upset a strong Textile team 74-66. Trailing 18-10 midway through the first half, the Bears went on a 19-9 surge as Tomlinson scored 10 points in an eight minute stretch.

In the end, it came down to fouls shooting, which has plagued the team all year. However, the Bears came through hitting on 30 of 42 attempts to ice the victory. Tomlinson finished with 20 points

and 18 rebounds, while Carol Jankauskas came off the bench to score 14 and pull 14 rebounds. Gorman added 12 points and Janine Taylor 10 to help the cause.

On Tuesday, the Pennsylvania Quakers invaded Helferrich Hall with a quick, strong and sharp shooting squad. Despite Penn's size, the Bears refused to move over and were as close as 52-47 with nine minutes left in the game. But the Quakers started hitting from the outside enroute to an 89-63 decision in a game that was much closer than the score indicated. Jankauskas scored a game high 18 points and had nine rebounds, while Tomlinson added 11 points and Taylor 12.

The JV team suffered its first loss in three games to Penn 79-55. Carrie Rainey led Ursinus with 13 points and Stormy Bayer had nine.

The women play their final game of the season Monday against Glassboro at 3:30 in Helferrich Hall.

Badminton Team Tops Rosemont And Moravian

by Julie Dalena '84

The Ursinus badminton team had a more optimistic outlook two weeks ago, but after Connie Bleiler and Lori Kowalski, who played singles position #1 and #2 were injured the whole line-up had to be rearranged. Therefore Sandy Strohecker has moved from #3 position to #1, Connie and Lori are alternating between #1 and #2, and Jean Morrison who usually plays #1

doubles is now playing #3 position for singles, while freshmen Kim Walter and Ommer Khau are playing 1st doubles. Had it not been for these injuries, Ursinus did have the potential to beat West Chester, whom they played February 1st. Unfortunately, though, they were defeated by 0-5.

The badminton team has been quite active, for those of you who have yet to find

your way to the gym for a match. They played Harcum on January 27th away losing 1-4, but came back to beat Rosemont 3-2. On February 1st they took an expected defeat to West Chester (0-5). On Tuesday, February 3rd, they came back once again to beat Moravian 4-1 and then a week later

were defeated by Bryn Mawr 0-5.

This past Tuesday the badminton team traveled to Albright, which was a very tough match for Ursinus, who defeated them 3-2. Sandy Strohecker, who plays #1 singles, played a very aggressive game.

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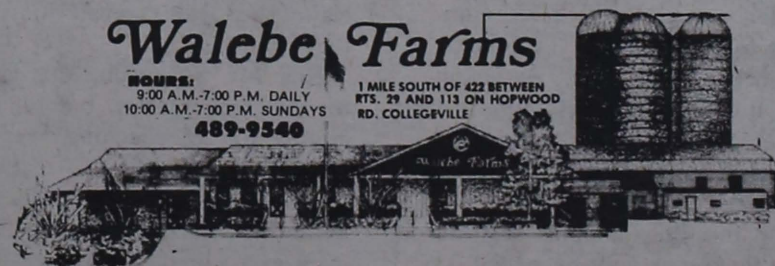
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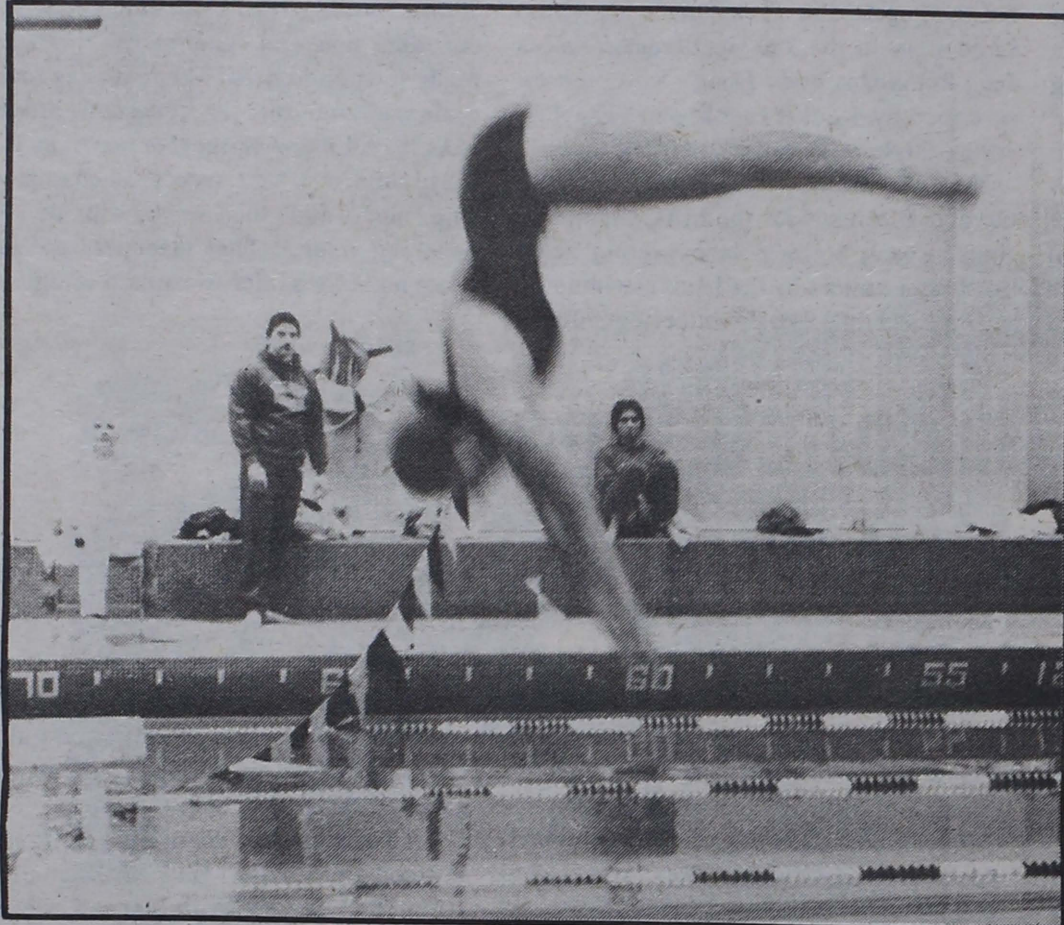
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Lady Swimmers Boast 9-1 Record



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Women's Diving team qualified for MAC's to be held at Dickinson College. Diving here is Jennifer Steele.

The women's swim team added two more victories to raise their record to an impressive 9 wins and 1 loss. This is the best percentage record of any women's team at Ursinus this year. On Tuesday evening they defeated Loyola College of Baltimore (67-44) a Division I school and York College (80-34) a Division III school in a tri-meet.

Several of the women swimmers turned in their personal bests for this season. Captain Jo Jo and Pam Braun turned in their best times for 100 yds. freestyle. Amy Hill bettered her old school record in the 200 yd. butterfly by one-tenth of a second. Margaret Olmedo turned in her best time for the 1,000 yds. freestyle. The four hundred yard freestyle relay team of Amy Hill, Margaret Olmedo, Joanne Bateman and Pam Braun bettered the relay time by two seconds. These swimmers may have done their best times, but once again it was the depth of the team that would not give in to the pressure of Loyola.

Only Meg Early dove in this meet. Jennifer Steele and Denise Peck were side-lined by the 'campus epidemic' and were resting up for MAC's. Meg finished second in the one-meter required diving event and first in the one-meter optional diving event. Her scores qualified her for the one-meter diving events at NCAA Division III nationals. The divers are travelling to Dickinson College this weekend to compete in MAC's. Good luck Meg, Jennifer and Denise.

The women's swim team has its last dual meet of the season tonight. They will be swimming against Swarthmore. The meet is home at the William Elliot Natatorium at 7:00 P.M. This is sure to be their most competitive meet of their season. The women will be trying to swim for better seed times at MAC's, so if you want to see some fast swimming and close finishing races come to the pool and cheer for Ursinus.

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Sports Editor's Opinion...

Werley's Record Speaks For Itself

When I picked up the February 11th edition of **The Grizzly** and read the article by Rodger Ferguson entitled "B-Ball: End of an Era?," I was completely shocked. Not only was I appalled to read this nonsense, I could not understand where Mr. Ferguson gets off asking for Coach Werley's resignation. True, this article was an opinion, and everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but before one starts shooting off his mouth, he should look into the facts, statistics and realities.

Let's look at some of the statistics that Mr. Ferguson used to base his opinion on. In the consolation game at Rock Island, Jeff (who incidentally played most of his time in the first half not the second), scored 0 points, 1 rebound and 1 blocked shot. (These statistics are taken from the official Rock Island score book). If we compare them to the 10 points, 3 rebounds and 3 blocked shots Mr. Ferguson reported, it is quite obvious there is a difference. In the second group of statistics that Mr. Ferguson used for his argument, Berlin averaged 12 points for the **Four** games that he played in Broderick's absence, not 23 points in three games. It is also false that Jeff was "banished to the end of

the bench before Broderick was ready to play again."

When I questioned co-captain Jack Devine about the insinuation that Coach Werley used Berlin as a scapegoat for the team's problems, he commented, "That's ridiculous. We win as a team and lose as a team." What do other players on the team feel about Mr. Ferguson's allegation that Werley consistently treated Berlin poorly? Devine said, "It's a joke. Sometimes it's necessary to motivate a player, but everyone is included, no one is exempt." Sophomore Rob Volko added these sentiments, "What coach does is only to better our play. All the players appreciate it, it means he cares."

As for the screaming insult Werley supposedly made during the Hopkin's game, players sitting right around him claim they can't recall him making that comment.

Now Mr. Ferguson, let's get down to the real matter before us, the quality job of coaching Werley has done. He inherited a 1-19 team, and in short time produced a winner. True, he had the horses in Mobley, McCormick and Company, but anyone who has any knowledge of athletics, knows that five superstars could not produce

consistently without the right kind of system. Last year's playoffs in Scranton, (which I personally attended) proves this point. Both Scranton and Widener realistically had more overall talent than the Bears. UC, however, beat Scranton and thumped Widener. Anyone at those games, with any common sense, could see the fine coaching job that was done. Co-captain Kevin Callahan remembered, "Those teams had more talent than we did, but Coach Werley just plain out-coached them. He has us believing in a winning system."

Since 1978, Werley has produced MAC South champs, third place finishers in the nation, and regional champs. His overall record is 82-51, not bad for starting from scratch in a program that was anything but strong in basketball. As junior Steve Donahue puts it, "There was no such thing as UC basketball before Werley got here." Devine adds, "Coach Werley could go anywhere he wanted. He runs a top notch Division III program. We've travelled to Maine, Florida, California and other places around the country; no other Division III school does that. No Division III school has as good a program."

As for Ferguson's reasoning on why

the team isn't winning this year, did he consider 'inexperience?' You're right Rodger, this year's team is far from a poor one, but it is also far from experienced also. In years past, it was the experienced players who could come in and direct last minute wins, but on this year's team experience doesn't spread very far.

Thus, it is in my opinion that Coach Werley has built a Division III basketball power at Ursinus. It is unfortunate that the team had to lose a fine player like Jeff, but there is nothing in Mr. Ferguson's article to back up a suggestion not to renew Werley's contract. This article was not intended to belittle Jeff Berlin, only to point out the fallacies of Mr. Ferguson's reporting. It would be ludicrous to lose a coach who, not only has a superb record, but also one who is so well liked and respected by his players.

I hope the next time Mr. Ferguson tries to be a journalist, he first checks his statistics and information, and looks at reality instead of sentimental feelings. From now on I'll only read Duncan's articles, they're much more realistic. No Thanks Rodger!