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# Ursinus College THE GRIZZLY

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## One More Week!

## Kane Claiming Greeks Shall Survive



Photo by Karen Michel

Pledges camp out in Wismer Lounge to await their pledgemistresses.

**BY DENNIS MOIR**  
Assistant News Editor

As sorority pledging reaches its half-way mark, many students are wondering what exactly is in store for the future of pledging and the Greek system at Ursinus. And while Dean Houghton Kane is trying to be optimistic about everything, all indications are that this could be a long battle between students, the faculty, and the new Sub-Committee on Pledging.

This committee was created by

the Campus Life Committee, the group responsible for the pending changes. They want to change pledging into what they call a group of "legal" activities, "which support the academic mission of the college." It is made up of leaders from the Greek organizations, faculty and administrators, including Keith Strunk, Dr. Martha Takats, Debbie Malone, Lorraine Zimmer, and several other faculty members.

Keith Strunk, himself a gradu-

ate of Alpha Phi Omega fraternity, joined the group because he had a "strong belief that the Greek System is in crisis." And although he does not state why this is so, he feels that if something real and practical can be created, "some good can come out of this."

Dean of Student Life Houghton Kane wants a new kind of pledging, with "no negative affects on students, with activities that are exciting, challenging, and create unity. That is possible. We want

pledging with goals that are good for the college."

If the pledging committee is successful, they will radically transform pledging as we know it. At the moment the groups first task has been to set up a list of proposed goals of pledging. This list includes both objectives and guidelines, which in part will quiet the annual faculty complaints about what one faculty member termed "the sights and noise pollution."

One major event for the subcommittee will be taking place this Saturday as members of the faculty will have a luncheon with both current Greek leaders as well as Greek alumni. After lunch members of the groups will sit down and discuss current policy as well as some new goals for future pledge classes. Dean Kane feels that this meeting with the alumni is "necessary," in hopes that the alumni will aid in the administrations quest.

Reactions to the new committee has been mixed. While Dean Kane commented that the first few meetings were "kind of disorganized," these people are committed "to work quickly and creatively so that we can have a new system in place by the end of the semester."

Keith Strunk feels that "both sides are feeling things out. However, there has been an overwhelming defensive stance taken by the fraternities and sororities. Nothing will go unless the effort is made to try."

However, it is apparent that they do. Each meeting on Wednesdays have been drawing large amounts of Greeks from all of the organizations, showing both Dean Kane and the faculty that everyone is taking things in a very serious matter.

Gina Zappitelli, president of Phi Psi, contends that the Greeks are being positive, adding "a negative attitude will not help the Greek system. If we continue to work on this, we will go far. As long as everyone in the system works together, this is not the crisis everyone thinks it will be."

The president of Tau Sigma Gamma, Lisa Care feels it will take many meetings to figure this out and have everyone comes to terms with it. "I think a lot of other campuses have changed and developed different things they had to do like quizzes and group activities -- we have to look into these things more."

It is this kind of attitude Dean Kane says is needed to attain our goal. Himself a former pledge master, Dean Kane feels that not only will a new system be created, but it will also prosper. "I would be very disappointed if this fails. The Greek System will survive, for it is one of the most tenacious (in a positive sense), adaptive and creative systems we have going among students and it shall survive."

## Olin Noise Annoys All

**BY JEN STRITCH**  
Of The Grizzly

BOOM!! CRASH!! SHRIEK!!

No, this is not the sound of your roommate falling out of the top bunk, banging against the wall and the desk, and eventually crashing into a crumpled heap on the floor. BUZZZ!! WHIRR!! HUMM!!

No, this is not the sound of a million little but very annoying bugs flying in your ear and circling your brain.

So, just what is this noise that I'm doing such a terrible job of putting into words? Right now the noise is just a hint and a promise of greater noises to come. But soon, the noise will be a symphony of jackhammers, drills, electric saws,

and various other construction machines.

As construction starts on the Olin Building and ends on the Art Gallery, the loud and continuous clatter is already affecting classes in nearby buildings. Even though it only promises to get worse, teachers are already forced to practically yell and students have to strain to achieve the full intellectual benefits of class. What can be done about it?

Dr. Goetz, one professor who has experienced the effects of other construction clatter states, "It's unfortunate, but in the end we need Olin so badly." Basically, he believes the noise and the extra effort it takes to cope with it are just part of the price for getting Olin.

Dr. Berry, another professor who believes the noise is only going to increase states, "To oppose the noise would be opposing the building."



Photo by Steve Stolber

The noisy beginnings of Olin.



## Read All About It!



# Ursinus College THE GRIZZLY

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The Grizzly was founded in 1978, replacing the previous campus newspaper, The Ursinus Weekly. It is published by students thirteen weeks each semester. The Grizzly is edited entirely by students and views expressed in the paper are not necessarily those held by the administration, faculty or a consensus of the student body. The staff of The Grizzly invites opinions from the college community and will publish them as time and space permit.

## Editorial

After looking at Reimert or Old Men's on weekend mornings, students must realize that the residents of these areas do not appreciate filthy halls, mounds of garbage, or the results of people who felt sick from drinking. On these weekend mornings residents open their room doors and feel assaulted by the deplorable state of living conditions.

Residents of BWC search the four floors to find a reasonably clean bathroom. Residents should not have to walk into a bathroom only to reel from disgusting smells and even worse sights. Residents don't appreciate having visitors, such as parents, come into their hall for a quick visit to their room and having their guests discover cases of empty beer and dirty halls. Additionally, various scraps of food left out in the halls keep the burgeoning population of Old Men's roaches alive. These "guests" of the College exist only because they may find food lying around within an antennae's reach. People on campus tours on the weekends must really enjoy viewing the residence halls in this wonderful condition. Try to imagine a conservative American family expecting a review of the supposedly idyllic life of a college student. Now add an army of cockroaches roaming freely through the halls about the size of a child's hand. This, undoubtedly, ruins the image of a basically good residence life system.

A few people ruin living conditions and pride in residence halls through their idea of an enjoyable weekend. Have we no real pride in ourselves that forces us to reevaluate the conditions under which we live? Students can make more of an effort to improve the condition of the campus on the weekend by having a bit more respect in themselves and the college they are now representing.

DJM

**Letters must be typed and no more than 300 words. Name and telephone number are required for verification purposes. Letters should be deposited in the Grizzly mail box in the English Department by 7 p.m. Monday. The Grizzly reserves the right to edit all letters. Requests for anonymity will be considered by the editorial board.**

## Campus Memo

**RIBBON CUTTING DAY FOR BERMAN:** Members of Zeta Chi, Kappa Delta Kappa, Demas, Omega Chi, the soccer team, CAB, USGA, Beta Beta Beta, Sigma Xi, the Spanish Club, Musser, Reimert 301, Omwake, the Chapter, the football squad, the field hockey team, the Student Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery, the Haines-Bernard Pre-Legal Society -- and members of all the student groups not named above:

Please mark Thursday, October 19, 1989, at noon on your calendar and come to the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art at Ursinus College. Yes, the building will be ready. Yes, "A Passion for Art," from the best of the collection of the Bermans, will be hanging on the walls of the new facility. The ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled as an event for us, the community of students, faculty, and staff. I urge even those who are still debating the merits of "The Temple" to attend and applaud the opening of a building and a program that will advance Ursinus as a college of quality.

**VIGOROUS AND FORWARD-LOOKING:** How will the enrollment of a smaller freshman class affect Ursinus? With

freshmen numbering 50 or so fewer than the year before, some wonder what it means financially, educationally, and otherwise.

Financially, Ursinus has been and remains robust. We budget conservatively for tuition income. While a smaller class obviously means fewer tuition payments, the overall enrollment of just about 1100, coupled with some cost savings from a smaller enrollment, puts us within the range of our budgeting projections.

We will be more cautious this year in approving expenditures that were not explicitly budgeted, but we are going full speed ahead with our basic plan to keep the College on the move toward greater educational quality.

The academic quality of the freshman class is as high as if not higher than that of previous years. Early signs are that this year's freshman class will be one of the highest-achieving classes in recent Ursinus history.

In the long run, Ursinus is designed to deal optimally with freshman classes that number between 300 and 320. The Admissions Office is working diligently to recruit a class for next fall that will come closer to that range and that will equal or exceed this year's class in academic ability.

Because the number of high school seniors declined sharply in our recruiting area last year and declined more sharply this year, this is a challenging and competitive task.

But Ursinus continues to improve in educational quality. All that we are doing to improve Ursinus -- in new buildings, in new faculty appointments, in new curricular offerings -- makes it increasingly attractive to serious-minded students with an understanding of the long-term value of liberal education.

Our Admission Office, under the leadership of Richard DiFelicianantonio, is planning a vigorous new recruiting year. He and his colleagues look to the entire College family to help support the recruiting effort. They particularly will pay special attention to any prospective students referred by current students and their parents.

If you know a bright student at your high school who would in your judgment benefit from an Ursinus education and would enhance the quality of our campus community, I urge you to submit the name to Mr. DiFelicianantonio in the Admission Office.

*Richard P. DiFelicianantonio*

## Boot Booze Begg Senior

To the editors:

Much attention has been paid recently to the drug problem this nation faces. While it is encouraging to see action taken on what is often described as the nation's most pressing problem, I feel that a much more serious problem threatens our nation's integrity; I speak of alcoholism and alcohol abuse on campuses of "higher learning."

Unfortunately, a significant percentage of college graduates in this country learn "how to nurse a hangover" or "how to obtain a fake i.d.," instead of how to become a thoughtful contributing individual. Alcohol plays a major role in diminishing the quality of a college education for all students -- discussion and competition are lacking and the academic integrity of the school is undermined.

Ursinus is no exception. Imagine my shock when, in a discussion with the Director of Fraternities of a large Eastern University, this individual referred to Ursinus as "basically a drinking/fraternity school." I was surprised that this individual has even heard of Ursinus; I was disturbed at his perception of the school.

Part of the problem lies with society; tolerance of alcohol abuse

is the norm concerning college campuses. Part of the problem lies with school administrations too frightened to admit that there's a problem.

Consider Ursinus: Years ago, students were expelled for public drunkenness; today, public drunkenness is almost a badge of honor for some individuals.

The solution is not a dry campus or the banning of the Greek system (which I am not a part of). Education must somehow encourage individuals to always be in control

and hammer home the point that alcohol abuse is not cool.

On a more local level, what can Ursinus do to bolster its reputation? The time has come to stop pointing to other schools while saying "they've got the same problem." Who cares? A 250 lb. individual standing next to a 400 pounder is still fat! Clean up the campus and make other colleges follow our example.

A graduating senior

## Rovers Rotten

Dear Editors:

So surprised and disgusted was I in seeing the Roving Reporter polluting the Grizzly once again, that I felt like wrenching over my lunch tray. I had thought that the editors had finally rid the newspaper and readers of this assinine (sic), space-wasting piece of schlock! Were Murphy and Hermann hard-up for a page of filler in last week's edition, or have they regressed to high school reporting?

I am in no way discounting a section of the newspaper that features student opinion. However, the purpose of a newspaper is to communicate notable information,

and Roving Reporters Katie Jones and Jen Hershey can't seem to come up with relevant inquiry.

Disappointed Student

*(Editors' note: The object of your anger, Disappointed, is, we think, a tasteful. We're sorry if you don't like that section, but we have found that "The Roving Reporter," and we are tasteful. I'm sorry if you don't like that section but we have found that the majority of readers appreciate "The Roving Reporter" and we are currently delighted with the efforts of Jen Hershey and Katie Jones.)*



# DiFelicianantonio—A Mouthful!

BY DENNIS CUNNINGHAM  
Assistant News Editor

This year Richard DiFelicianantonio joins Ursinus College as Director of Admissions, replacing Lorraine Zimmer, who now directs the Student Activities Office.

After completing his undergraduate education as a biology major at Swarthmore College, DiFelicianantonio studied English, specifically creative writing, at the University of Denver for his Master's degree. Presently enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania, DiFelicianantonio needs to write his dissertation in order to earn a doctorate in writing education. His current studies provide training and theory "to design writing programs for colleges."

DiFelicianantonio doesn't anticipate having much time to devote to writing and education. He stated that "for the short term, Admissions" is a big job," but his long term goals include teaching and administering at the same time.

Formerly the Associate Dean of Admissions at Swarthmore, DiFelicianantonio felt that "after six or seven years of working at my alma mater institution, I was ready for a change." He heard about the opening at Ursinus and applied for the position. "As I got a little bit involved in the process, I became infected by some of the enthusiasm here, especially by President Richter."

The new director feels that working in the Admission department of Swarthmore will ease his transition to Ursinus. He noted the schools' similarity to each other. "Both are small, liberal arts, competitive, and intimately involved

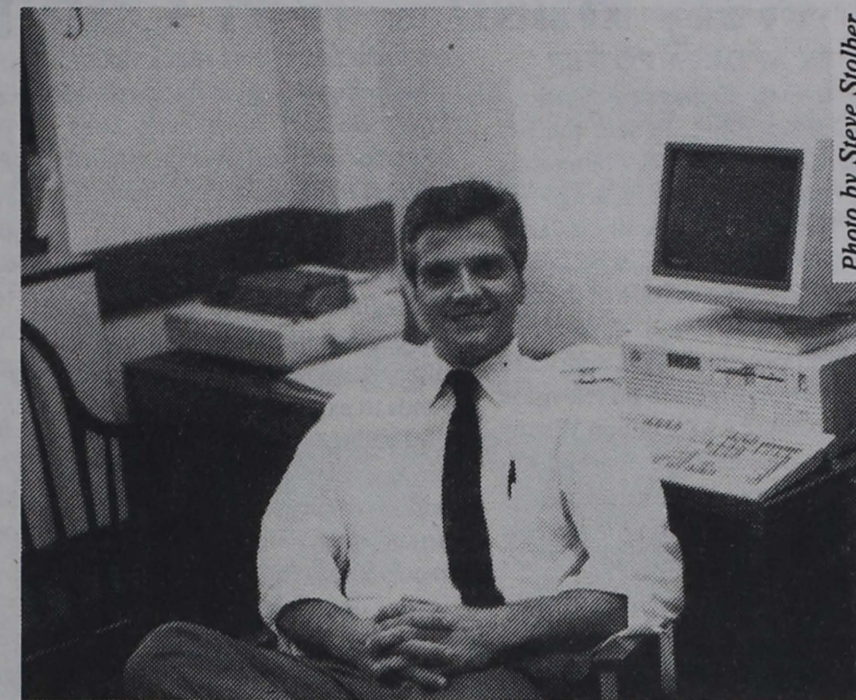


Photo by Steve Stolber.

with students." He feels he fits into Ursinus' atmosphere psychologically and philosophically.

As far as goals in the Admissions office, DiFelicianantonio wants to increase the number of applicants; this helps the college to maintain and even improve the quality of the classes by giving more options when choosing incoming students. Due to the declining number of college-age students in the school's traditional recruiting base (Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York), the school wants "to explore some other regions more intensively."

DiFelicianantonio commented that Lorraine Zimmer started exploring other areas by visiting regions such as Florida, Virginia, and New England. Admissions now "likes to think of itself as working pretty

seriously along the whole East Coast now." DiFelicianantonio wants to use his experience and contacts gained while working at Swarthmore, which has a national recruiting base, to build the school up in all regions of the country. This fall, he plans on investigating different areas such as the mid-west and southwest.

Under Lorraine Zimmer, the department started to learn how to take advantage of the administrative mainframe computer. DiFelicianantonio stressed the computer's importance in areas such as keeping track of the 15,000 inquiries the school receives each year. DiFelicianantonio especially wants to make sure that counselors, prospective students, and their parents get the message that "changes are happening here on campus."

# McNulty Directs Residents

BY MEGAN MENDTE  
Of The Grizzly

Stephanie McNulty, the new Area Coordinator and Assistant Director of Resident Life, is really excited about her new job. Working out of her new Reimert suite,

McNulty supervises R.A.'s from Brodbeck, Wilkinson, Curtis, Reimert, and the upper and middle houses on Main Street. McNulty is enjoying the adjustment to her new surroundings. "The R.A.'s are great. They're a lot of fun to work

with," says McNulty.

McNulty admits the main reason for her coming to Ursinus was the people: "The people that I met had such a positive attitude about the College. They got me excited." She also had lunch with eight resident assistants during her visit to Ursinus. McNulty gives this credit for her decision. "I had such a good feeling after talking to R.A.'s. I knew right then that these are the kind of students I wanted to work with."

Before coming to Ursinus, McNulty worked as the Graduate Hall Director at Kutztown. She had a lot of fun working with the students, and she hopes to do the same thing at Ursinus. McNulty feels that she would like to work toward becoming a liaison between students and faculty. Says McNulty, "I have a lot of energy to give the students and I can see they have a lot of energy too."



Photo by Kevin Murphy

# The Global Perspective



## INTERNATIONAL

In South Africa, President DeKlerk urges South Africans of all races to rise above their fears and problems to help him in building a more peaceful nation. In his official inaugural address, DeKlerk reiterated his promise to gradually put an end to South Africa's long standing policy of apartheid. DeKlerk did not promise a time table for ending apartheid, and in his address warned against excessive expectations.

In the Soviet Union, the Politburo and Secretariat have undergone changes due to a purge by President Mikhail Gorbachev. The move demonstrates his concern that the party is losing the initiative to deal with the social upheaval in the nation. Gorbachev removed several hard-liners to strengthen his dominance of the party and government.

The Vatican has shown its support of the Jewish groups in the dispute over the Carmelite convent on the site of the Nazi death camp Auschwitz. Jewish groups have objected to the convent's location because they feel it takes away from the significance of Auschwitz as the central symbol of the Nazi attempt at genocide of the Jews. They see the Vatican move as easing tension in the relation between Catholics and Jews.

## NATIONAL

Hurricane Hugo is affecting the weather of the United States after leaving a trail of destruction in its path. It has caused severe damage among the Caribbean islands. It is now traveling toward the U.S. and is expected to strike somewhere in North or South Carolina. In response to the destruction, President Bush has declared the U.S. Virgin Islands a disaster area making victims eligible for government aid.

In the House of Representatives, the Labor and Education Committee has agreed to President Bush's proposal that the minimum wage increase be held to \$4.25 an hour. The representatives insisted that a subminimum wage equal to 80% of the minimum for new employees for no more than 60 days. It was originally proposed that the minimum wage be increased to \$4.55 by October 1991 but that bill was vetoed by the President in June.

KEL



I THINK I LIKED IT BETTER WHEN MR. TOWNSHEND SMASHED GUITARS INSTEAD OF HIS WALKER...



# Sergeant Grizz Sez: The Bear Facts Are:

**NOTE:** *The Bear Facts* is an ongoing report of events and incidents in which the Ursinus Security Department and its officers become involved on campus and within the Residential Village. Each week the column will feature some incidents which have taken place the prior week that are of interest to the entire college community. It is not the intent here to embarrass anyone—we just report *The Bear Facts*

9/16/89 -- 2:00 a.m.: Security was advised of a domestic dispute in the Reimert Courtyard. An officer responded and settled the matter.

9/17/89 -- 1:01 a.m.: Security officers confronted a student carrying an open container of beer in the courtyard. When the student's ID was requested, the student acted in a rude and uncooperative manner. Besides receiving a sanction for violating the College's alcohol policy, OSL will meet with the student to discuss his disrespect of the staff

On Friday and Saturday nights, Security officers patrolling in and around Reimert identified and submitted twenty names to the Office of Student Life for violations of the college's alcohol policy. Students should refer to pages 28-34 of the Student Handbook that addresses the Pennsylvania State laws and the College's regulations governing the use of alcoholic beverages.

9/17/89 -- 1:20 p.m.: Residents of Olevian reported that sometime during the night, a person(s) removed a couch belonging to the College from the front porch of Olevian.

9/19/89 -- 10:30 p.m.: Residents of Wilkinson 2 and 3 called Security and reported that an unknown male had been calling every two or three minutes and when someone picked up the phone, he used foul language. On the last call, the person threatened one of the residents by name.

**TIP OF THE WEEK:**

Please secure all bicycles, we have noticed a few bicycles that were not locked up. Also check with your RA as to a proper place to store the bikes. Do not block stairwells or doors.

**Professional Education:**

Officer Tim Michener was one of the 38 graduates of a Crime Prevention Course held last month at Lock Haven University. Tim received a Certificate of Training for the four-day course designed for security personnel who are responsible for safety on Pennsylvania College and University campuses.

# Commentary Why Bush's War Can't Be Won

BY ANDREA POWER  
Grizzly Features Editor

Drugs are hot. Besides the fact that they have been obliterating the cities of our country, drugs--via the media--have recently invaded the dwellings of people who, before now, have been outside of the destruction. The flood gates were hurled open two weeks ago when President Bush came on television and declared a \$7.9 billion War on Drugs. Ironically, however; this massive flow of information triggered by Bush's address is not only enlightening Americans of the problem, but pointing out that his solution is inadequate.

One needs only to turn on the TV to see that the mere \$2.37 billion Bush and drug policy director William Bennett have allocated for education and treatment falls far short of what is actually necessary. Numerous reports aired show that there is a definite crisis in inner-city hospitals. One program featured an Oakland, CA. emergency room which was so flooded with crack emergencies that oth-

ers, including a heart attack victim, were forced to wait in the corridor. Some doctors have even been bribed or had their lives threatened by crack users demanding attention.

Those responsible for providing immediate treatment are not the only ones with problems. Because of room shortage and insufficient funds to expand facilities, the people in charge of drug rehabilitation programs are forced to turn away addicts asking to be admitted. An article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* reported that in Center City, 5,000 people are currently on waiting lists for rehab programs, while 50,000 are waiting in New York City alone. If Pennsylvania needs \$25 million for drug treatment, not including education, then the state of New York will be demanding ten times as much, exceeding the \$2.37 billion allocation itself.

What the media is presenting us is clearly a health, social, and monetary emergency. Distressing is the fact that the remaining 70%

of the funds is being filtered away from the source of the drug problem to aid Columbia, Bolivia, and Peru in law enforcement; and to interdiction. More perplexing is that while Bush promises not to raise taxes, he funds the Drug Strategy by cutting millions from urban housing and juvenile justice programs specifically designed to help rid the cities of the drug problem. Bush and Bennett say that they are heading a war on drugs, however, they are running to battle in the wrong direction.



# HPER Lab A Strong Addition

BY KATIE JONES  
Of The Grizzly

The HPER (Health, Physical Education and Recreation) program offered at Ursinus College has been the subject of great improvements that will benefit those students majoring or minoring in the program, as well as the college community.

Recently the HPER department at Ursinus was the recipient of grants which have helped to construct an impressive state-of-the-art exercise/science laboratory located on the second floor of Helferrich Hall. The laboratory is composed of equipment that is currently found in facilities like health and fitness centers and hos-

pitals. Dr. Laura Borsdorf, professor of Health and Physical Education and a predominant force in the development of the lab, states, "We needed to upgrade our facility to give our students the opportunity to learn the proper ways to use the equipment."

Among the latest additions is a Quinton treadmill. This apparatus will allow both faculty and students to perform various stress tests in which the user is hooked up to a metabolic cart which records EKG data and determines the fitness level of the user. The exercise/science lab purchased a reflotrum, an impressive, multi-functional machine designed for the analysis of blood. The reflotrum

has the capacity to test cholesterol levels and triglycerides. Before its purchase, Ursinus College found it necessary to "rent" reflotrums from local hospitals. The HPER lab also features the latest fitness bikes, rowing machines, a cross country ski machine, Stairmaster and specialized computers with software. With all of the new equipment, "physiology in general can be applied beyond our teaching of theory," said Borsdorf.

The laboratory is designed to enhance education and provide service to the college community. Every student at Ursinus College will in one way be exposed to the news center. The college requires 1/2 credit hour to be taken by all students in Health 110. For those specializing in Health and Physical Education, the HPER lab will allow them to strengthen their computer literacy, perform wellness and fitness assessments, be exposed to new teaching techniques, and conduct research in such areas as Sports Medicine.

As for the college community, the laboratory will play an important role in programs such as "Alcohol Awareness Week," provide blood screening, teach self-fitness evaluation, and provide workshops on such topics as nutrition.

All in all, the HPER lab is a unique and impressive addition to Ursinus College.

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# GRIZZLY BEAR

# SPORTS

## Surprise, Surprise! UC Stomps Swarthmore



Photo by Dorothy O'Malley

Matt Laramore, Joe Kershner, and John Martin lead the Bears to victory!

### BY TIM DRISCOLL Of The Grizzly

To the Ursinus Men's Cross Country team, the 5.1 mile course at Rose Tree Park was virgin territory. Although the women's PAIAW Championships was held there last fall, the men were new to this rolling, grassy course located just five minutes outside of Media, PA. Last Friday, they broke in this

site of the 1989 MAC Championships meet in typical Ursinus Cross Country fashion -- with a sweeping victory.

Runners and coaches from Widener, Newman, and Philadelphia College of Pharmacy could only watch helplessly as the race became an Ursinus-Swarthmore battle as early as the first half-mile, with the two teams taking the top

eleven places between them. The Swarthmore men's coach watched in disgust as Ursinus, led again by captain John Martin, swept past an outclassed, overmatched Swarthmore squad. Apparently, nobody had bothered to tell Swarthmore that Ursinus, the defending Mid-Atlantic Conference Champions, were to run at this meet. Surprise, surprise!

Martin led teammates Joe Kershner, Matt Laramore, Tim Driscoll, and Rob Hacker to finishes in the top eight in the race. Martin and Kershner tied for first, with Laramore taking third, Driscoll sixth, and Hacker close behind in eighth. Rounding out the Ursinus runners were Mike McMullin, tenth, Brian Havrilla, eleventh, Brian Drummond, thirteenth, and Mark Wilhelms, twenty-first. The meet finished forty-three runners.

In his second race of a still young, 1989 cross-country season, John Martin showed the ability and determination that put him third in the conference his freshman year. With one meet record under his belt already this season, Martin is one of the keys to success for the men's team. His leadership and talent have kept the team together through some of the hardest workouts of the season so far: mile intervals, two-mile intervals, and tough hill workouts. Martin is once again on pace to figure strongly in the race for the conference title.

Continuing what began in his sterling freshman cross-country season, Joe Kershner is another dominant figure on the MAC circuit. Plagued by knee and foot injuries, Kershner has still managed to place in the top two of both races of the season so far. His natural running ability, coupled with an invaluable year of experience

behind him, make Kershner potentially one of the best runners on the team. His fifth place finish at the Mid-Atlantic Championship meet at Gettysburg College last year point to him to help bring the Ursinus pack to the title again this year.

A third runner from Ursinus who figures to play an integral part of the team's success is senior Rob Hacker. Hacker, a well-rounded athlete who swims, bikes, and lifts in addition to his running, is one of the top four runners of last year's team. He led the Bears to a second place finish at the 1988 Bloomsburg Classic, behind Division II Kutztown University. He made the All-Mideast Regional team last year by finishing twentieth in the NCAA Regional meet out of a field 191 of the top runners in the Mideast. Lacking the typical runner's build, Hacker more than makes up for it in guts. Barring injuries, he should also be among the top Ursinus runners the season.

After a home meet this Saturday, Ursinus runners face their stiffest competition of the year so far, in the form of the 1989 Bloomsburg Husky Classic. After finishing second to Kutztown University the past two years, the Ursinus men's squad has a score to settle. Led by Martin, Kershner, and Hacker, this looks like the team to settle it.

RECORD: 2 WINS and 0 LOSSES

## Ursinus Closes Gap With F&M Diplomats

### ANTHONY BARBER Of The Grizzly

The Ursinus Bears played an inspired football game on Saturday but came up a bit short as Franklin and Marshall defeated them by a core of 15-14 at Patterson field.

The opening kick-off set the tone for the first half as senior return man, Mark Hidley, for the Diplomats was thoroughly spanked by a host of Bears. And on the first play from scrimmage, "The Barber," Pat Thompson, got back to his "cutting ways" as he sacked the Diplomat quarterback, Geno Pagnonzzi, for a 7 yard loss. Ursinus' first series on offense was stopped short of the goal line so

they were forced to punt. Jeb Magruder, who averaged 40.1 yards on 5 punts, pinned F&M deep on their own 11 yard line. Ursinus, on its second series, wasted no time as Kevin Meehan, senior quarterback for the Bears, floated a seed to tight end Matt Smith, who took it in for the 20 yard score. Smith, a senior physical education major, caught 5 passes for 71 yards and made a couple of clutch catches for the Bears late in the game. Big days were also turned in by seniors Mark Lovallo and Kevin Parker, Kevin Meehan, and freshman offensive Reed Nichols.

Defensively, the Bears could do

no wrong. Led by senior defensive end Bell "Big Cub" Chipman and all-centennial defensive player of the week, Lou Hanel, the Bears stopped the Diplomats on every drive of the first half. So the half ended at 7-0 in favor of the Grizzlies.

The second half brought excitement, pressure, the "boys in stripes," and one of the best drivers a team could hope for in a season. The Bears gained control of the ball on their own 14 yard line and marched 86 yards to to paydirt to take a 14-0 lead. The drive was 14 plays long and used 4 minutes and 32 seconds of the game clock. One of the biggest plays of the drive

was a 4th and inches situation. Instead of the usual run, Meehan shocked the crowd and the rest of the team when he dropped back and delivered a miracle in the form of a defensive interference call against a Diplomat defensive back. This play, and a 32-yard Meehan to Kevin Parker option, set up the score for Ursinus. The Bears did miss on two field goal attempts (from 31 and 44 yards) but despite the misses, the Bears recovered nicely.

The fourth quarter brought the officials out of the woodwork to try to remedy what they said was "an upset in the making." Franklin and Marshall did make a nice

drive of 74 yards on 10 plays which ended in a touchdown. After the score, a successful two point conversion made the scoreboard read 14-8 in favor of the Bears.

After another failed drive, Ursinus had to punt. The Diplomats found themselves in a perfect position to score from the Ursinus 45-yard line. Thanks to a "no call" by the back line judge and 5 penalties against the Bears in the last two minutes of the game, the Diplomats were practically handed the tying touchdown. With the score and extra point (which was helped along by giving the F&M kicker two tires) the Diplomats took the lead 15-14.



# Intramurals: Full Steam Ahead!

BY STEVEN GRUBB  
*Of The Grizzly*

The lights shine down on the quarterback running for his life, hoping to find an open receiver or face a fifteen yard loss. Anxious fans sit with their fingers crossed hoping the stocky quarterback can find his receiver and get the needed first down. The quarterback lets one fly and out of nowhere a set of hands grab the ball. A mild roar comes from the spectators. The receiver runs for the first down and back into the huddle. What just happened wasn't from an Ursinus football game, although it could have been. It comes from the intramural program. The intramural program has been a great success at Ursinus and is continuing to grow. Last year, the program saw about 1,000 participants in intramural activity. These participants played a large variety of sports which included: Flag football, 5 on 5, 3 on 3, 2 on 2 basketball, volleyball, aerobics, tennis, softball, and running races. Teach-

ers, maintenance men, commuters, and resident students alike are welcome to participate in intramurals. For students there are two small eligibility requirements: That players are not on the intercollegiate team whose sport is being played and players don't have less than one credit hour of course work. Signing up for intramurals involves either signing up as a team, or individuals may sign up and be placed on a team.

For the most part, the intramural program at Ursinus has had positive results. Laura Borsdorf, who runs the intramural program had this to say, "The program is an important one. It brings a source of exercise, and a social spirit to the college community. It is an on-campus activity and a free activity (included in the student activities fee) so students don't need to go to other places and pay money to participate in a league." Mark Klimek who organized the volleyball program last year adds, "For

non-varsity players it gives them a chance to try to play something they may enjoy but might not be good at." Robert DiMichele, a participant in intramural football, basketball, and softball said, "(Intramurals) provides great enjoyment to those who don't participate in organized programs."

The job-opportunities presented by the intramural program can also be valuable. Being a student director, supervisor, or just a referee can provide experience for future jobs in recreation as well as experience in organization and advertising. Kim Wentzel, who is the current student director of intramurals, had this to say about her job, "It has been a valuable experience. I've learned to work with people better and the organization skills have been very useful. Although the job can be stressful and time consuming, it's really not that difficult." Klimek hopes to use his experience with the volleyball program to get his certification in refereeing for NCAA volleyball. Borsdorf adds that even those not interested in being a director can get involved; just refereeing can put some money in the pocket.

There have been problems with the intramural program in the past with obtaining gym time and getting the particular sports organized, but Klimek and Wentzel both said that the organization of intramurals continues to get better with each passing year. Increased student participation in the scheduling process and an increased budget for intramurals helps this problem. The problem of gym time will be lessened this year with completion of the new floor in the Ritter Center Gymnasium. Wentzel said, "The Ritter gym will be used entirely for intramurals so scheduling should no longer be a problem this year." So the sports will run smoother and, with good weather, they will start on time.

Plans for the future of Ursinus intramurals include: a water-polo league, a free-throw contest and a Winner's Circle which will feature the pictures of intramural champions. Borsdorf says, "Input is always welcome and we're always in need of more supervisors, referees, and players."

Intramurals is a popular, easy way to take a break from studies and work off that "Freshman 15" you may have never lost, plus you don't have to be a superstar to have a good time. Signing up is easy and participation entails about 1 and a half to 2 hours a week. Anyone interested is urged to contact Laura Borsdorf or Kim Wentzel.

# One Giant Step

DOROTHY O'MALLEY  
*Of The Grizzly*

On September fifteenth, the Ursinus cross country team traveled to Rose Tree Park in Media, PA for a meet against Widner, Swarthmore, Haverford, Eastern, and Philadelphia Pharmacy. The race does not seem that important now, but Rose Tree Park is to be the site of this year's Middle Atlantic Conference championships. After this meet, the Bear Pack had a wonderful opportunity to get a feel for this crucial course. The course is definitely not a favorite of the members of the women's team. Its two large loops repeats itself. There is also a tediously long and steep hill in the middle of it which had been the downfall of many of the competitors that day. Fortunately, the hill did not get the better of any of the Lady Bears. While many of their opponents were forced to walk at some point during the race, not one Ursinus runner had to stop -- a victory in itself.

The contest for first place was

fought by Haverford's Tamera Lave and Ursinus star sophomore Kris Wagner. Wagner was neck and neck with Lave until the very end. Unfortunately, Lave pulled away and captured first. Wagner finished second, improving her previous time on the course by forty seconds. Her time was 19:29. Right behind her in third place was Teresa Springer with a time of 20:35. Springer did an excellent job of out kicking two Haverford runners at the end. The next runner was eleventh place Dorothy O'Malley. And last, but certainly not least, were our two freshmen Tonya Ugoretz (19th place) and Dorothy Iffrig (25th place).

The whole team and Coach Symmonds were very pleased with the performances. Everyone felt that they did their very best and MAC's should be something they will look forward to with a little more hope and confidence. The next meet will be tomorrow at home. We look forward to the support of the campus.

# Sports Summary

BY NEIL SCHAFER  
*Grizzly Sports Editor*

The Ursinus women's volleyball team was very busy last week. On Tuesday, September 12, they played Widener University and Neuman College. In the game against Widener, they dropped a tough set, 3 games to 1. The Lady Bears lost the first two games of the set and tried to fight back but to no avail. In the game against Neuman College, they were victorious in a best-of-three match by winning the first two games and putting it away. On Saturday they played Eastern College and fell victim again to an early match deficit. They won the third game but lost the fourth, and Eastern walked off with a victory over the struggling Grizzly team.

The Ursinus men's soccer team split their last two games. In a frustrating game against Franklin and Marshall on Saturday, September 16, the Bears struggled through the first half and were down, 2-0. In the second half they played better but were still unable to get on the scoreboard. Casey Price saved several shots but not enough, for F & M eventually triumphed, 2-0. On Thursday (yes, yesterday), the Bears walked over Albright. Scoring goals for the Bears were Erik Boergesson, Steve Vighetti, Mark Klimek, and Mike Roman. Goalies Casey Price, Dave Aurentz, and Chris Heinzinger combined their efforts to achieve four saves. The Bears scored at will to celebrate a 4-0 victory.

# Sports Beat

- Saturday, Sept. 23 Soccer at Drew  
Football at Western Maryland  
Cross Country vs. Beaver,  
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- Tuesday, Sept. 26 Field Hockey at Temple
- Wednesday, Sept. 27 Soccer at Scranton
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# Pledging—End of an Era?

BY KATHERINE BARRETT  
*Of The Grizzly*

Have you been waking up to the singing or perhaps screaming of sorority pledges? Have you been amused at lunch watching the pledges on the wall outside of Wismer? If you've enjoyed watching pledging, take a good look now. But if you've been annoyed by the whole escapade, you can breathe a sigh of relief because this could very well be the last semester of pledging on Ursinus' campus. All Greek organizations have been informed that as of the end of the girls' pledging season this semester, pledging will come to an end. That is, of course, unless the Greek organizations have anything to say about it!

Recently Dean Kane has formed a committee made up of administration and two representatives from each fraternity and sorority. The purpose of this committee is to devise a new set of rules for future pledging procedures. So far the only decision that has been reached is that somehow, somewhere, a compromise must be made. The faculty and students must work together to find a common ground that will satisfy both. This sounds much easier than it is, however; for each side has posed very valid arguments.

The concerns of the administration are mainly centered around the academic standings, or perhaps fallings, that occur every year during pledging, in some cases even to the point of a drop in their overall grade point average. In light of

this argument, the students have posed some possible answers to this problem, such as: organized study groups for the pledges, more Big Brother/Sister involvement in keeping academics a priority, and the idea of additional faculty involvement.

On the other side of the coin are the arguments of the Greeks. Greek members have argued points such as the formation of unity within the organization and the cooperation involved in the pledging process. "It's not all fun and games," said one fraternity member, "it's a test of ourselves that we take very seriously." Many Greeks see pledging as another kind of learning, and several sorority members stated, "Pledging builds self-confidence. It is an amazing experience to look back on and to be able to say 'I made it.'"

Overall, perhaps one of the Greeks' best arguments involves Ursinus alumni. The alumni are one of Ursinus' chief means of support and the alumni who stay most closely in contact with the school are Greek alumni. Greek organizations, on the whole, keep in close contact with its members all year round, and this is the major reason that the Greek organizations feel they should be supported by the faculty. Monica Santangelo of Phi Alpha Psi stated, "The alumni are the backbone of the college and a good deal of those alumni are Greek. The faculty needs them on their side." Many students also feel that opposition from the faculty will only cause further problems.

"It's like with the alcohol policy, students and faculty must make a compromise and reach a happy medium. However, the Greek system will survive with or without the administration's blessing," stated Mike Cosgrave, a member of Sigma Rho Lambda. While talking with several fraternity and sorority members, the general consensus was the same: Greek life must go on. No one is unwilling to give in a little, but the Greeks stand firm that they will fight for what they believe in.

A member of Alpha Phi Omega, Rob Gilfillan stated, "More rules will inevitably cause more secrecy within the organizations and more off-campus activities, and possibly more legal action." Fraternities are the most concerned in this situation because they will be the ones most directly affected by the new rules. As it stands right now, fraternities will have to hand in a proposal to the administration, stating their plans and guidelines for pledging. The proposals must be signed by the pledgemasters, fraternity presidents, and the administration, thereby making it a contract. If for any reason a fraternity is caught going against their contract, pledging will cease and further disciplinary action will be taken accordingly.

For the time being, however, the girls' pledging is following many of the traditional pledging procedures. Other than a shortened pledging season and pledging taking place earlier in the semester, See Era P. 8

# Play by the Stars

BY LUCINDA L'AMOUR  
*Grizzly Columnist*

Gentle readers, due to the serious nature of this week's column, there will be no forecast. Lucinda advises those with weak constitutions to skip to the next page. The brave, however, she encourages: Read on!

With the recent Supreme Court decision upholding Missouri's right to limit the availability of abortions, states have been accordingly sent the loud message, if not in fact delegated the authority—I'm not up on the legal specifics here, nor do I care to be, however much I should—to make decisions which for the past sixteen years have remained in the nebulous, relatively inaccessible federal realm. This action, which strikes at the foundations of the monumental Roe v. Wade rulings of 1973 legalizing abortion, casts the heatedly debated issue out of the limelight and into the midday sun. Literary crutches aside, in basic dog years, this means marches, protests, debates, editorials, propaganda maxima—in essence, a new rash of screaming matches few politicians wish to scratch.

Abortion is an issue I have a problem with, and any issue that requires more ponderance than choosing the appropriate Mother's Day card frankly unsettles me. My personal feelings on the subject, however, are not the point here. So before either camp corrals me into its corner, I stress that I am not about to discuss the issue of abortion (assuming this to be humanly and humanely possible these days, and you know what they say about assuming...), but address the nature of the issue.

First off, name a more inflammatory current issue. Environmental pollution? The nuclear arms race? Flag burning? While these topics provoke intense words, even actions from normally apathetic citizens, none even catches a whiff of smoke from the abortion pyre. Accordingly, the first question I ask is why? What is it about this issue which incites docile folk to bomb women's clinics, or have seven year olds carry signs larger than themselves displaying graphic sketches of coat hangers? Whatever it is—rage perhaps—if you could transform it into something positive and bottle it, I think you'd find a few tasty sips of the Pierian spring.

And now we find we must tackle the beast whole: carve out the very heart of this artichoke 'whatever it is.' What I think most find fundamentally wrong about abortion is nearly that: abortion is a fundamental issue and nothing more. But the mere fact that the issue yields the double-edged mingling of life and death (and we know nothing more basic) does not make it a basic dilemma by any means, no matter how either party wishes it to appear so. Humans are rare and driven beasts, gifted as no others, and arrogant about it beyond our own beliefs. Our inflated sense of ourselves thus often leads us into self-induced bouts of blindness, prodding us into a grave omission that bears direct relevance to abortion.

We live in a world of color. And Kodak won't let us forget it. We're basically aware of this not-so-earth-shattering fact, but we refuse to admit that anything we can't hold or see could be anything but whole or nothing—black or white. Here, we are fundamentally wrong in our fundamentals. There are levels of blackness, shades of white. And yet try to inform any adamant person that abortion is a gray issue...and s/he will probably provide a self-contradictory demonstration of varying blackness in the skin around your eye. Abortion is an issue that for some reason or other demands firmative stands from those involved. Oddly enough it reminds me of gymnastics—balance beams specifically. The nature of balance beams: you're dead center, or you're dead.

Both parties seem to feel you must direct your energies as precisely as the balance beam or tightrope walker, and here, both essentially kill themselves, or rather their positions. Abortion isn't a brusselsprout affair. You cannot say, "Yes, I love them!" or "Please, I'd sooner starve than get within ten feet of one," without being rather untrue to yourself. On the one hand, no woman wants to have an abortion, as say she wants new wallpaper for the bedroom, or to lessen the world's suffering. On the other, no woman wants to see her fellow sister driven to maiming and/or killing herself for the artichoke 'whatever it is' that squeezes the choices out of her body like a half-full tube of toothpaste. And to the token female out there who *wants* to have an abortion—not just the right to one, or isn't in the least bothered by needless deaths, I say to her: this essay, this issue is for women, not pre-pubescent girls.

By no means do I wish to ignore or side-step the vital, primary involvement of men here. In fact, no one can deny the overriding

See Lucinda P. 8

# BWC Causes Electrical Overload

BY DANA PUGLIESE  
*Of The Grizzly*

Several electrical circuits overloaded last weekend causing a series of blackout in Curtis and Wilkinson Halls in Old Men's due to the heat, there was massive usage of air conditioners and refrigerators which appeared to be a major factor in the excess use of electricity.

The men's residence halls were remodeled in the early seventies when all students brought to school was a table radio and a hair dryer. The need for electricity has greatly increased over the years, and the

circuits could no longer handle the demand. Contrary to popular belief, the construction on campus had nothing to do with the blackout situation.

Though electricians have been on the scene attempting to re-circuit the building, a repeat of the incident occurred on the night of September 18. The only thing students can do is to try and keep usage down to a minimum. Fred Klee, Director of the Physical Plant, said that students should try to reduce their use of electricity for environmental reasons, not just

because students have a problem.

The men in the residence halls seemed somewhat distressed by the lack of electricity. One of the main concerns was getting to class on time. The big fear was that the power would go off in the middle of the night and "mess up" the alarm clocks. Chris Mangle, a resident of the Third floor of Curtis, said, "I was basically worried that the appliances in my room would break. Not to mention the fact that with my air conditioner going on and off, it got hot!"

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**Era From P. 7**  
not much has changed for the sororities this year. Now it is up to the Greeks to find a way to work with the administration and yet keep the traditions alive.

**Lucinda From P. 7**

numbers of men navigating these murky waters, which makes your awareness of the shades of the issue, men—especially you suffering from hereditary color blindness, all the more necessary.

But it is mainly to and of the woman with the bun in the oven and no means to have the electricity turned on I speak. To the rest of us who may become or have been this woman, and to all of us who love her, we must view this issue with both eyes open past the limits of the visible spectrum, if we are not to become altogether nonsensical.

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