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Wismer Staff Pleads Innocence — Verdict?

BY DENNIS MOIR
Assistant News Editor

Exactly one week ago, students in the college community were stricken with a strange virus in which there were over 88 reported cases. Many people blamed this illness on the food at Wismer, as six people were rushed to the hospital with what was believed to be food poisoning. The hospitalization of the six prompted an investigation by the state and local board of health. Both examined the facilities at Wismer and tested the local drinking water on campus. Although nothing was found to support the notion that widespread food poisoning had occurred, the Administration has acknowledged that it is "possible" that perhaps a student or two came in contact with it.

The long-awaited announcement from Administration came in a November 6 memo from Houghton Kane, Dean of Student Life. The memo explained the nature of and the symptoms associated with the virus. Kane stated, "It is not unusual for these symptoms to appear in a college student population. However, this many students in such a short time is unusual." The memo further explains the investigation

conducted by the health and medical personnel.

In an interview with Dean Kane, he asserted that after all of the tests were conducted, everyone's "unanimous conclusion ruled out any kind of food poisoning whatsoever." This conclusion was reached after interviewing nurses, Dr. Mains (one of the doctors on call at the infirmary), and reviewing the medical records of those who went to the infirmary. Despite their conclusion, Kane said it was possible that one or two out of the 88 could have been stricken with food poisoning, but any more than that number is improbable.

Students on campus are still very skeptical concerning the events of the past week and the food at Wismer. Anthony Barber is still upset that no doctor was in the infirmary the day he was rushed to the hospital. Furthermore, he cites his doctors' claim that he was poisoned. Although recent statistics taken by Wood Services shows no noticeable drop in people eating at Wismer, there is a general uneasy feeling among many students who eat there.

Some students suggest that a student committee form and serve

as a go-between for the campus community and Wood Services. Perhaps this will ease the tension of a campus weary of the hot dogs or the turkey.

One unidentified junior lived on a diet of salad and rolls during the height of the illness and said, "I might have ended up throwing my

guts up like many of my friends did." Junior Ted Manser explained, "I have always been afraid of the food, but the recent illness has me even more wary of what I eat."

Senior Dorothy O'Malley never liked going to Wismer in the first place. "The service is terrible, the food is not good, the people grunt at you, and the reusable cups

and silverware are not sanitary..."

Not all of the students interviewed were in agreement with O'Malley's remarks. One senior who wished not to be identified said, "Compared to other colleges, the food is not great, but I guess they are doing the best they can in there. Plus, where the hell else will we eat?"



Museum Safe and Sound

BY MICHELLE L. GRANDE
Grizzly News Editor

"We are no longer a rural town—we are a suburb. We need to be pro-active...we need to expect the worst so that we can prepare for it," said Lisa Tremper Barnes, director of the Berman Museum of Art, in reference to museum security.

The Berman Museum of Art, which opened to the public on

October 22, features several important security measures to protect the museum's artwork. Tremper Barnes stated that while the Museum currently does not have a full-time security guard, additional "resources are available depending on the specific requirements of each show." She emphasized, "We're not like the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and it's simply not feasible to hire a full-time guard."

However, Ursinus' own Security staff patrols the Museum at least five times a day, Tremper Barnes added, and are "very consistent" and "thorough" in completing their rounds.

Student workers are also responsible for assisting with museum security. Two students are "on duty" each day that the Museum is open, one at the reception desk and the other in circulating both levels to check the artwork. In addition, Tremper Barnes stated that she and Nancy Francis, Collections Manager, serve as "secondary resources for security" when the Museum's offices are open.

Another important aspect of Museum security is a motion detector. The detector, which is constantly monitored, features a control panel and divides different areas of the Museum into specific zones. These zones are then checked for any suspicious or unusual activity within the Museum, and

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Dinner For Visitors

BY MICHELLE L. GRANDE
Grizzly News Editor

"Don't be afraid to try something different. Don't get stuck looking at jobs that fit just your major," Daniel Lewis, an alumnus of the Class of 1984, said to members of Cub and Key. "Know your worth. Ursinus is a good school, and don't settle for anything less than that when you enter the 'real world.' There are plenty of places looking for your skills," said Lynne Edwards, an alumna of the Class of 1988, said to members of Whitians. Both speakers returned to campus for a dinner held for the honor societies, Whitians and Cub and Key.

Whitians and Cub and Key are Ursinus' honor societies for women and men, respectively. Students are selected for membership in these organizations based on their service to the College through activities, sports, and academics.

Lewis served as editor of the 1983 *Ruby* and was senior technical advisor of the 1984 *Ruby*. He was an economics/business admin-

istration major and also was a member of Delta Pi Sigma and Cub and Key. He participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and worked with Young Life, a Christian organization geared to serve high school students, during his college years. After graduation from Ursinus, he worked as a banker but did not find this job to be right for him. He then decided to pursue full-time work with Young Life and finds his work with high school students especially rewarding.

Edwards served as a Resident Assistant and was president of her class. She completed a double major in economics/business administration and communications and participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Forensic Society, and Variety Troupe. During her four years at Ursinus she completed a Federal Junior Fellowship with the Department of Navy and has since worked full-time for the Navy.

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Get To The Point!

To the Editors:

This has all gone far enough. These pro-choice/pro-life arguments are getting rather repetitious, not to mention the fact that they are straying from the point. Let's not start off on the wrong foot, however. Firstly, I would like to applaud Jonathan Ruth's letter to the editor from last week's Grizzly. I appreciate his sentiment, and admire his bravery to say something that most of this campus regarded as ridiculous and outdated. It is refreshing to know that someone out there still has that strong of a faith in something, especially his fellow man.

However, let's come down to business. I respect the pro-life group's right to their opinions as I respect the pro-choice group's right

to theirs. Morality, or lack thereof, is not the issue. Neither is humanity, nor legality. I trust the members of this campus enough to allow them to make their own decisions as to their standpoint on abortion. Lobbying for one's group is all well and fine, but let's not belabor the point. So, once and for all, here are the facts, sort them out as you will.

Student Voice for Choice meets Wednesdays at 5:30 in Bomberger 120. Student Right to Life meets in Wismer Parents' Lounge at 6:30 on Wednesdays. Both of these groups should stop attacking each other, and get down to doing what they've set out to do. Enough muckraking.

Good luck to both groups.

You're going to need it.

Susan A. Arendt

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student workers who notice such activity are responsible for calling Campus Security.

Some potential problems with the Museum's security, however, have been greatly reduced with the elimination of numerous entrances. The front door provides the only access into the Museum, and all other doors have magnetic locks. The former entrance to the building, in addition, features a sign that directs those who wish to enter the Museum to enter from the Museum's "new" front.

The security in the Museum's

art library, said Tremper Barnes, "depends upon the honesty of those who use it. It's not as sophisticated as Myrin's security.... You have to be able to trust somebody [to use the library properly]. Security is a really big factor when you consider all other aspects of the Museum."

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Edwards advised the students not to settle for second-best in choosing jobs. She emphasized that an Ursinus degree "carries a lot of weight" and that students need to believe in themselves to help accomplish their career goals.

Campus Memo

A NEW REGION: Last week we had lunch on campus with a vice-president of Sterling Drug Inc. He told us about the plans for bringing the research operations of this major pharmaceutical firm to our doorstep. Sterling will build at the intersection of Route 29 and Black Rock Road in Upper Providence Township, a couple of miles from campus. When the move is completed, Sterling estimates that there will be 2,000 employees at that site, a large percentage of them with graduate research degrees.

A mile or so closer to campus, Rorer Group Inc., another major pharmaceutical firm, already is putting steel up for its research facilities on the site of the old Providence Farm, the home of the late William Elliott, who served on the Board of Directors of the

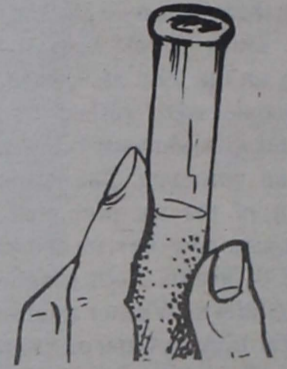
College. Rorer announced that this will be the location both of its research labs and of its world headquarters. An estimated 1,600 employees will be there, according to Rorer officials with whom we also have met.

The effects of these companies — and others that probably will follow them to the region — on Ursinus College will be significant. One exciting effect will be that students and faculty will have access to the resources of state-of-the-art research labs and to research scientists. We already have had preliminary talks with Rorer representatives about opportunities for science internships.

In non-science areas, we also expect opportunities for students to get direct insight into such areas as public relations. We are currently discussing an internship opportuni-

ty in PR at Rorer even before the company moves.

Both companies have manifested a spirit of cooperation in our discussions with them. They see the College as an asset to their employees and to their corporate culture. And they see the advantage to themselves, to the region, and to the College to open as many doors as possible for the members of the College community.



GDI Tired of Greek Rights at U.C.

To the Editors:

In the phillipic "Homecoming Letter" of October 20, "Plato" asks "Is it right to actually pay to be treated like a child?" The answer is *yes* when you act like a child.

I'm tired of campus Greeks' continual bitching over their rights. Any reaction against Greek Life must have a cause. How about pledges throwing eggs at cars in Limerick? How about massive Greek-sponsored underage drinking? How about a generally elitist attitude that pervades most aspects of Greek life -- "My frat's better than yours but at least you're not a worthless independent."

All of the above, plus much more, leads to the most important cause of all -- the reputation of

Ursinus. Could a Greek-dominated campus be the cause of a rapid enrollment drop?

I can see extreme pro-Greek leniency in the College Administration. "Plato" states that 40% Ursinus are Greeks; I see more significance in the fact that 60% of the campus is *not* Greek.

Consider last year's Middle States Reaccreditation process. The evaluators had a luncheon with the administration and a selected group of students. These students were approximately 80% Greek. What does this tell you? I see the choice of students for this luncheon as a strategy for portraying the Ursinus campus as unified. Despite this biased selection of students, one of the evaluators could clearly see the

Greek domination of campus; she called for more emphasis on non-Greek life and the student body as a *whole*.

Pro-Greek leniency can also be seen in the selection of the various groups that are restructuring pledging. I again stress that 60% of the campus is non-Greek; it's our campus too! Pledging affects everyone in many ways -- from being insulted to simply being kept up at night by inconsiderate pledges.

Plato calls Greek organizations "social organizations that want to be left alone." This would be no problem if they left the rest of the campus alone.

GDI

Pro-Life Prof Speaks For Babies

To the Editors:

In her article announcing the formation of Student Voice for Choice, Peggy Herman (*sic*) implies that the abortion debate is over whether or not a woman should have control over her own body. It isn't. Abortion advocates routinely try to oversimplify the abortion problem by disregarding the fact that it involves at least two individuals, one of whom is killed by the abortion.

While the mother provides nutrients and a safe environment after fertilization, she does not build a baby cell by cell either as a part of her body or an inert mass of cells that miraculously springs to life at the instant of birth. The embryo is alive, as demonstrated by the fact that it grows by metabolizing those nutrients. That it is human is the inevitable

consequence of the fact that both parents are human. As a single cell, as an embryo, and as a fetus, this organism is a member of the human species, a human being. Under normal circumstances, it is natural for both the mother and her doctor to refer to the newly created human being as her unborn baby. In contrast, the unborn who have been chosen for termination by their mothers and doctors are called "embryos," "fetuses," or "products of conception." Good people doing horrible things must hide the reality behind euphemisms or technical terminology.

The body shredded by suction-aspiration in the first trimester, removed piecemeal by forceps during the second trimester, poisoned by saline solution during the third trimester of pregnancy is not the mother's. The abortion dispute

is not about whether or not a doctor, hired by a mother, should be permitted to kill her unborn child.

To kill any living creature is a serious matter; to kill a human being, in any stage of development, is most serious and should not be left to the discretion of the mother of the intended victim. Student Voice for Choice, like the National Organization for Women, should be recognized for what it is -- an organization devoted to ensuring that the unborn, throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy, continue to be easy targets for abortionists. It is sad that at least forty Ursinus students have been duped into supporting such a dishonorable cause.

Sincerely,
 Doug Nagy
 Physics Department

U.C.'s Very Vibrant Voices

The Ursinus College Choir, directed by John H. French, presented a program on Saturday, November 4. Two pieces were performed, one with a small chamber group and the other with the entire choir.

The chamber group performed Franz Joseph Haydn's *Salve Regina*, an early work of the composer. This piece was performed by soloists Marilyn Moore, soprano; Nancy Curtis, alto; Michael Magiera, tenor; and Reginald Pindell, bass. Accompaniment was provided by strings and pipe organ.

This piece provided the prelude to the major work of the evening, the *Requiem* by Maurice Durufle, a twentieth century French composer. For this number, Mr. French directed the entire choir as well as

soloists Ms. Curtis as alto and Mr. Pindell as baritone. On the organ accompaniment was Richard Alexander, organist-choirmaster of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Chestnut Hill.

The Requiem, which lasted about three-quarters of an hour, was overall an excellent performance. The choir did an outstanding job of articulating the quiet passages of the piece, especially the final movement "In Paradisum." Considering the size of the choir, such lightness is not an easy task. Although at times the organ overpowered the choir, this is to be expected given the acoustics and the size of the pipe organ. Nonetheless, it was a superb opening for the autumn performing arts season at Ursinus.

The 1989-1990 Economics Club is proud to announce its sponsorship of Ursinus College's first undergraduate Economics conference. Dr. Economopoulos and the entire club hope to establish this activity as an annual event.

This past summer the Ursinus Chapter of ODE surveyed approximately 30 schools in the tri-state area. Interest in the conference was expressed by 20 colleges and universities.

The conference is planned to take place Saturday, April 7, 1990, in Bomberger Hall. Following the morning reception and registration, there will be sessions consisting of students from Ursinus and area schools presenting and discussing their papers on Economics and Business related topics. A luncheon with a guest speaker will be held for the participants. And finally, a panel discussion is planned in the afternoon. The panel discussion will focus on the European Common Market in 1992.

The Cynosure

BY PAUL GAGNE
Grizzly Columnist

And now, a moment that some of you have been waiting for...Literary justification for the title of this column (Applause). Here it is...(fading applause)

*Towers and battlements it sees
Bosomed high in tufted trees
Where perhaps some beauty lies,
The cynosure of neighboring eyes.*

Milton--*L'Allegro*

Weighty Topic of the week: By now, everyone knows that the curriculum will be changing in the next academic year. OK, fine. No problem. But why isn't most everything finalized yet?! Certainly, the faculty and administration know that some students like (or need) to plan ahead and that the limbo that these changes are in now do not, in any way, help. Most of what the students know is that they'd better take HPER 110 if they haven't already taken it because soon it'll be a three-credit course. Great, but can we get on with information about important stuff? The faculty voted, last week, to push the credit requirement for incoming freshmen from 122 to 128. Other than these trickles of information, the student body knows next to nothing. As I point my wavering finger in your face, I say, "Should things be this way?"

It kinda seems that this column gets caught up from time to time with "should's" and "oughta be's." Ah, well, I kinda like it that way.

Not all that much this week due to space limitations. Perhaps some more verbosity next week.



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Opinion: Global Warming

BY ANTHONY MCCURDY
Of The Grizzly

"The Greenhouse Effect is necessary for life on Earth," he said. Interesting. So was dinner. Nicolas Fedoruk, friendly neighborhood expert in energy efficiency, commented on several things during our pre-forum meal (a tray of Wismer food eaten in the Presidential Dining Room,) including such topics as global warming, the earthquake in California, and just how silly a great deal of U.S. environmental policy really is.

Fedoruk corrected his earlier statement by explaining how we are inducing an unnatural Greenhouse that is hurting us. He also handed out magazines with his presentation. Nice cover. Shocking contents: with the rates of production of pollutants in the world today, we are looking forward to a skyrocketing of global temperatures ranging from 9 to 15 degrees Fahrenheit in the next twenty-five years or so. Just in time for many of us to have successful careers, 2.5 kids, pets, and condos.

According to Fedoruk, it's going to take a heck of a lot more than

just cutting down on pollution. It's going to take a lot of drastic change. The effects of pollution are cumulative, he informed. It was at this point in his speech that Fedoruk really got into his transparencies, and made hearing him difficult, with his back turned to the audience and attention focused on charts projected in front of him.

A couple of more interesting facts besides a description of Nick's ears: the U.S. expels 25% of the gases into our atmosphere. Some of those gases include carbon dioxide, CFC's (the stuff that puffs styrofoam), methane (cow flatulence), and nitrous oxides (whippets, giggle gas). Wow!

Solution: "Use improved technology!" Fedoruk screamed. Well, maybe he didn't scream, but he should have. I could imagine raving and slobbering if I spoke up there, but not him. He's well-dressed, not a far-out spiritual dude like our Greenpeace speaker some weeks ago. Fedoruk is a deadly serious environmentally-concerned executive type who's seen the ineffective inside of government agencies.

We, as a nation, he informed, could save--get this!--75 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR by cutting energy expenditure by three quarters and save 356 megatons of carbons! Seems simple, doesn't it? Not if we don't have the government behind it all. However, the current scenario is Big Brother Likes His Big Cars. You see, our government in the past few years has cut its energy efficiency funds to 25% of what they were in 1980. Fedoruk estimated societal costs of our energy problems to be in the range of 109.2 to 258 billion dollars, thanks to a government that can't see beyond its swollen military budget.

Common sense rebel Fedoruk proposed that we, the people, in order to form a perfect existence, must get off our lazy buttocks and act on our own! Very radical it is to replace our light bulbs with higher efficiency fluorescent bulbs. Very radical it is to use public transit, write letters to Congress (only 7 letters to a Congressperson puts an issue on the agenda!), and organize energy-efficient communities. One need not be a Vulcan to realize the logic of this man's arguments. Efficiency and streamlined, effective technology used throughout our country would boost our economy and help save the environments. Ergo, we will have more money to spend on frivolous non-products in the extended future of our beautiful planet. Think about it: if the simple "right"ness of it doesn't persuade you, let your natural greed take over.



BY JEN STRAWBRIDGE
Of The Grizzly

All of us from the Environmental Coalition would like to thank you for the letters you wrote last Thursday and Friday at lunch in Wismer. Four hundred and fifty of you took a few minutes to jot down a quick message protesting the destruction of forests. These letters really help! Concerned people, like you, have written persuasively to protest on issues that often seem out of reach. Letters played a major role in the cessation of the slaughtering of seal pups. Persuasive letters have also swayed cosmetic companies, such as Noxell, to ban the testing of products on animals. Computers are now being used. It may not seem as if those few simple words written to your state representative or manufacturing company are doing much. But for each letter written officials determine a thousand corresponding opinions that they have not heard. One letter speaks for a thousand people, so please continue to write so diligently. Anyone interested in learning more ways to save the environment please feel free to attend our weekly meeting every Tuesday at 4:30 in Bomberger 120.

Promoting Condom Sense

BY THOMAS BOSHELL
Of The Grizzly

On Sunday, October 31, the first Contraceptive Committee meeting was held. This newly-formed organization has been established in order to promote safe sex. The committee was formed with the help of Resident Assistants as well as the faculty.

More specifically, the committee is working for the prevention of the spread of S.T.D.'s (sexually transmitted diseases.) Students, concerned about the recent AIDS epidemic, brought their concerns to the R.A.'s who pushed for the formation of this committee. The committee is in no way promoting

promiscuity, but rather safe sex.

A point raised at the meeting was the installation of machines dispensing condoms. Such machines would make contraceptives available for everyone. A similar project was completed at Millersville University with great success. Before any action was taken, Millersville informed parents of its intent and received positive feedback. Members of the Contraceptive Committee believed that the Millersville model should be repeated at Ursinus. But before parents are notified, a survey will be passed out to students in order to gauge their opinion on what is expected to be a controversial issue. These

surveys will be concise and will determine the extent of opposition, if any. The Committee urges all students to take an active role in the process.

Some concern was expressed regarding the name of the Committee. A name change was advised in order to avoid any "pro-life" opposition. The committee stresses the fact that their sole purpose is to prevent the spread of S.T.D.'s. It is in no way making a statement about birth control.

The next meeting (the date of which has not been determined) will air discussion on the format of the survey, as well as any remaining points.

Play by the Stars

BY LUCINDA L'AMOUR
Grizzly Columnist

If one more person asks me what I'm going to do after graduation, I'm going to reply, "Murder someone," then proceed to move up my plans by about seven months. An acquaintance recently sent Lucinda a card displaying a rather frazzled woman saying something to the effect, "How do you expect me to organize my life, when I can't even control my hair?" The card couldn't have arrived at a more opportune time. For three years now, I've dreaded, no, actually I've loathed the slew of post-holiday questions: *how was your break, did you have a nice break, was it good to be home, where did you go on break...* But these rote questions, often asked in passing by persons with preconceived answers in mind, become welcome conversation starters when compared to the pre-life type. In this pre-lifer group I include all post-graduation queries, and everyone knows, there are enough of these to fill *Barlett's Quotations*.

The worst part of the pre-life question is that it neglects and demeans what all pre-lifers (namely, all seniors) are doing now, some seven months before we hurl ourselves like some projective vomitus into the real world. Lucinda supposes if she knew what she is going to do after she flips the ole tassel, she wouldn't be so bothered by questions of the sort. But, the fact of the matter is, I do not know. Lucinda does not see herself as a rare individual here, but rather the typical confused, scared senior.

Graduating from college is very different from graduating from high school for those of us who've chosen the undergraduate track. Lucinda sort of fell into college, as did most of my high school peers. Going to college was just one of those nebulous assumptions I arranged my entire life for, and when senior year in high school arrived, I went through the whole pre-undergraduate rigamarole relatively anxiety free.

When Lucinda came to college, I felt as if I were severing the proverbial umbilical cord for good. Now, as I prepare to truly begin my *life* as everyone already out there deems it, I am afraid of cutting off my own head. As one senior recently said to me, "I don't know what the hell to do, it was just so easy coming back—not that I liked it, but I knew where I was going...Christ, I can't even make microwave popcorn, let alone cook for myself!"

Lucinda feels the same way about the "what are you doing for the rest of your life" questions. If the Spanish Inquisitor is not proposing marriage, or a perpetual live-in agreement, I wish s/he would save the probing, destiny-ish questions for Dr. Ruth. You want to ask Lucinda about a subject she's spent hours pondering? Try: "So how did you arrive at today's exquisite clothing ensemble?" Beyond that (and this goes for all seniors), if the information's not volunteered, don't probe. Instead, ask us what our plans are for dinner or the evening, and if we don't have any, or are undecided, feel free to make suggestions like taking us to see Tina Howe's hilarious play, *Museum*, running in Ritter this weekend!

ARIES: At the end of the week in which you didn't get what you want, Saturday night will be your time to shine in the limelight.

TAURUS: After years of preserving your talent, the world will want to devour you on Friday, your opening night.

GEMINI: The show you'll put on on Saturday night will keep his curtain rising till Monday.

CANCER: A difficult scene will call for animalistic improvisation on your part — be creative!

LEO: During intermission after the second act, you'll be involved in other acts which begin with the same prefix.

VIRGO: Just because your theater seats are in the family circle does not mean that you should start your family there.

LIBRA: Be sure to break all the rules this weekend while on stage, as long you don't break a leg.

SCORPIO: Tired of being an understudy?! Then stop studying under someone else, and take the leading role.

SAGITTARIUS: A bad case of stage fright will take all the passion out of your performance — don't be afraid to say yes.

CAPRICORN: Don't miss your cue when your director directs you bare your soul and feel your part(s).

AQUARIUS: As an Oscar-winning actress, you should be prepared to make up for your leading man's short shortcomings by faking it.

PISCES: Your most devoted fan will be on his/her knees begging for an encore after your show.