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# The Grizzly

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Publishing the truth, from good motives and for justifiable ends
-Alexander Hamilton

November 19, 1990

# Frat Pledges' Academics

BY KRISHNI PATRICK Editor-in-Chief

A memo circulated by Dean Kane, Dean of Student Life, on November 14, released the results of a study on the academic performance of fraternity pledges during the 1990 Spring semester.

In the Spring of 1989 the faculty voted that something had to be done about the academic performance during pledging issue. They voted to shift the responsibility for this issue onto the Campus Life Committee. This Committee then selected Kane to do this study.

The following is an excerpt from this memo:

During the semester of pledging, all faculty members were given a form to rate the academic performance of pledges in their classes. The performance of each pledge before pledging started was compared to that pledge's performance during pledging. "Performance" included both regularly graded work and more subjective standards such as

attentiveness in class, preparedness for class, etc.

For each academic course, each pledge was given a score of "2" if the pledge's performance improved during pledging, "1" if the performance remained the same, and "0" if the performance deteriorated during pledging. The evaluation scores were averaged for each pledge. Then, an average for each fraternity pledge class was determined. Below are the results, with the best academic performance at top:

ZETA CHI	.85
DELTA MU SIGMA	.73
BETA SIGMA LAMBDA	.65
ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA	.64
PI OMEGA DELTA	.61
SIGMA RHO LAMBA	.59
DELTA PI	.54
ALPHA PHI OMEGA	.53

\*Editor's Note: These numbers are relative to 1 — the value for an unchanged (status quo) academic performance.

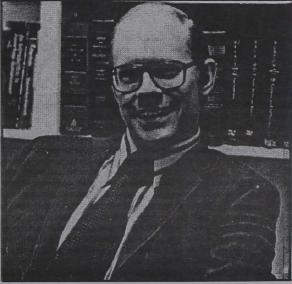
In addition, the grade point of each pledge in the pledging semester was compared with the

grade point of that pledge in the semester prior to pledging. All fraternities experienced a drop in average grade points. The fraternities are ranked below, from best to worse:

PI OMEGA DELTA dro	pped	.16
ZETA CHI	**	.22
BETA SIGMA LAMBDA		
	"	.30
ALPHA PHI OMEGA	11	.32
DELTA PI	.11	.32
SIGMA RHO LAMBDA	"	.34
DELTA MU SIGMA	"	.44
ALPHA PHI EPSILON	."	.46
AVERAGE, NONPLED	GIN	3
FRESHMAN MALE		00
IMPROVED		.02

\*Editor's Note: This is on a 4.0 grade point scale.\*

Brian Leypoldt, President of the Inter-Fraternity Council is glad there were two separate scales, a faculty evaluation and grade point study, but doesn't think, "either of these scales show the individual effect of pledging because it (the study) groups them (pledges) as a whole and doesn't show individual statistics." He stressed that oftentimes one pledge who does badly or one that does extremely well can distort the average for the whole class.



Houghton Kane, Dean of Student Life

Christopher LaRosa, Chairman of the Campus Life Committee and President of APO, comments, "Fraternities and sororities are taking a more responsible approach to pledging. Campus service, social awareness, and academic performance are much more important to Greeks now than when I first came here. We are definitely moving in the right direction. The Greek system is alive and well at Ursinus."

Kane comments on the study,

"My dream is that the day is not far away when a fraternity or sorority can say to potential pledges, 'If you pledge with us, the odds are that your academic performance will improve while you are pledging.' On the other hand, I would like to see the day when a group whose pledges experience a drop in academic work during pledging would find pledging activities in future years sharply modified until academic records improved."

### Foreign Policy and the Press

Special to the Grizzly

Dr. Nicholas O. Berry, author of IR, a nationally distributed textbook on international relations and an award-winning professor and chairperson of the Politics Department at Ursinus College, will discuss "Foreign Policy and the Press" at an Ursinus College Forum on Monday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Wismer Auditorium. Berry is specialist in U.S. foreign policy and international politics. His latest book, Foreign Policy and the Press, was published in October by Greenwood Press, Westport, CT.

Recipient of a Fulbright scholarship, Berry's research on international terrorism earned him a call to testify before a Congressional subcommittee and to address an International Conference on Terrorism. He frequently contributes articles, book reviews, and op-ed pieces to major newspapers including The Philadelphia Inquirer and The New York Times.



Dr. Berry, forum speaker and Professor of Politics.

### **Last Lecture**

Forum 7:30 p.m.
Tonight!

### Where Does Your Student Activity Fee GO?

BY CHRIS HEINZINGER

Of The Grizzly

How many times have you wondered where your \$120 Student Activities Fee goes? Well, this article along with the accompanying graphs will describe how and how much money is approved for various clubs and organizations on campus.

Currently, there is \$126,000 in the budget generated by 1050 students paying \$120. This money is broken into two different kinds of allocations, block and specific. The block, or standard allocation, is an established amount of money allocated for the year to any group administered by a department or administrative committee. The specific or special allocation is a request for funds for a specific activity (not included in a budget request).

Any club or organization can apply for funding. Whether they receive funding or not depends upon the decision of the Student Activities Committee (SAC). In order to receive block allocations groups must submit a budget request from three days prior to the SAC meeting. At the meeting the group must have a representative to make a budget presentation to SAC. During the year the club or organization must keep accurate accounts of all income and expenditures. After the first semester, as a check on the use of money, the club must submit their records and accounts of all financial activities.

So, what can funds be used for?
According to SAC guidelines funds
may be allocated for

- 1. Campus activities
- 2. Transportation for field trips
- 3. Club & Organization special events (i.e. workshops, speakers, conferences, etc.)
  - 4. Publicity and printing costs5. Accommodations for guest
- Accommodations for gues speakers(travel, meals, etc.)
- 6. Travel requests (on a case to case basis)
- 7. Capital expenditures (on a case to case basis)

- 8. Special projects and activities
- Organization membership to national organizations (except for those organizations with restricted membership)

Funds may be allocated for activities where alcohol is present providing the procedures for social events involving alchol are followed

Funds may not be allocated for

- 1. Events that have already happened. Requests must be made before the event takes place or is publicized
- 2. Recognition to individual members
- 3. Meals (except under a travel request)
- 4. Fund-raisers to benefit the organization (loans that will be paid back may be approved)
- 5. No expense trips (where reimbursement is made to individuals i.e. Casino trips, etc.)

For a breakdown of this year's SAC budget, see charts on page two

### News

### U.S.G.A. Minutes

BY GINA SOLENKY, U.S.G.A SECRETARY Special to the Grizzly

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Campus Life Committee met to discuss sorority pledging. Based on teachers' evaluations, the committee felt that the overall academic performance of the pledges was unsatisfactory. The committee also concluded that there was too much noise.

The Dining Hall Committee discussed an alternative 14 Meal Plan. Students would be limited to 14 meals per week at \$3500 per semester. The price for students who still want the full (21 meal) plan will increase to \$400 per semester.

The Condom Committee announced that Planned Parenthood will be supplying the college with condoms next semester. Condoms will be in boxes in R.A.'s rooms and other selected locations, and they will be free to students.

The freshmen class will be holding a candy sale and the junior class will be selling the medicine bottles of candy for fundraising purposes.

The Book Store Committee concluded that there is no chance of the college ever owning the Book Store due to the college's small size. The present company marks up the books 30% before selling them to students. Students are tired of being ripped off and feel that the return on selling back books must be changed. The student government would like to see a new company take over the store since the present company's contract runs out at the end of each school term. If anyone is interested in becoming active on the committee, please see Bill Finnegan.

As of next year, the U.S.G.A. will be establishing a Finance Committee. The committee will handle and distribute all funds and moneys to all campus organizations.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

U.S.G.A. has been discussing the possibility of using Lobby B on a daily basis to sell newspapers to students.

Due to the recent problems that have occurred in the Quad, students have proposed a new Visitation Policy for all dorms on campus. All visitors would be required to show their student I.D. or some other form of I.D. and also sign in a log book upon arrival and departure. If U.S.G.A. gains support from Residence Life and then approval by Campus Life, the policy will be in effect January 1991.

On Wednesday, November 28, at 7:30 p.m., the U.S.G.A. will hold its last meeting of the semester. Come and join us for ice cream sundaes.

The U.S.G.A. retreat will begin at 11 a.m. on Reading Day, December 5, and run until 3 p.m. Brunch will be served.

Maintenance, Thanks for the heat!

# Thanksgiving Food Drive

BY SATUSUKI L. SCOVILLE Of The Grizzly

Thanksgiving is brighter this year for some local families because of a turkey and canned food drive at Ursinus. The Minority Student Union, Multicultural Service Office, and

its Coordinator, Jenneen Flamer organized monetary and canned good contributions and prepared more than 25 dinner baskets complete with turkey stuffing, corn, and cranberry sauce. These baskets went out last Thursday to the Golden Age Manor in

Royersford, the Trinity Church in Collegeville, and the Children's Aid Society in Norristown, among other places.

Jenneen Flamer hopes that this project will become a yearly event, since it "helped a lot of families in Montgomery County that are in need. Since the project was sponsored by the Minority Student Union and Multicultural Service Office, the food reached different people of different backgrounds." She would like to thank the sororities, fraternities, offices, companies, and individual students and faculty members for their contributions and hopes for a happier Thanksgiving.

90-91 Requested

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646

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1,700

500

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# SAC Budget Breakdown as of 11/06/90

	1989-90	<u>1990-91</u>	90-91 R	equested
Block Allocations:				
Athletics	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Band	1,400	1,400	1,400	Spe
CAB supplies	5,000			<u>вре</u>
CAB programs	50,750	50,540	50,540	9/5
Cheerleaders	1,000	1,000	1,000	9/10
Grizzly	7,400	7,400	8,200	9/24
Lantern	3,700	3,700	3,900	9/26
Leadership Training	2,000	2,000	2,000	9/26
Meistersingers	2,000	2,000	2,000	10/0
Parents' Day	6,000	6,000	6,000	10/0
Physical Plant/ Security	18,000	18,000	18,000	10/0
Resident Hall Programs	5,000	5,000	5,000	11/0
Ruby	1,000	1,000	4,316	Subte
Student Activities supplies	-	5,000	5,000	*Incl
Student Activity Office (SAO)	4,000	4,000	4,000	
USGA	1,500	1,000	1,500	
wvou	2,000	2,000	2,190	
Total Block Allocations	\$115,750	\$115,040 ( 10,960 (B		Block)

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### The Global Perspective

BY CASSANDRA YUTZY
Of The Grizzly

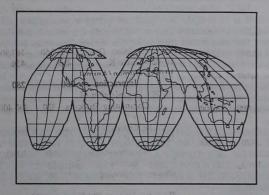
#### International

After a meeting with Soviet Union's President Gorbachev, the President of the Russian Republic announced that the Russian Republic would not pull out of the Soviet Union and that they will try to iron out disputes over power.

Israel offered to allow the United Nations to send an emissary to discuss the treatment of the Palestinians under Israeli occupation. A spokeswoman for the United Nations Secretary-General, Perz de Cuellar, said that the U.N. would not accept any conditions regarding; the terms of the visit.

The first mortal Emperor of Japan, Akihito, was coronated to Japan's high throne last week. The ceremonies took place all day and were attended by dignitaries of 158 countries.

Britain's former Secretary of Defense, Michael Heseltine, announced his plans to challenge Margaret Thatcher's leadership of the conservative party. The vote is scheduled for Tuesday of this week.



#### National

The world's first heart-liver recipient, Stormie Jones, died last week. She was 13 years old when her body rejected her transplant.

Senior Congressmen asked Bush to call Congress into special session to debate the country's policy in the Gulf. Democrats warned that the President did not have any legal authority to launch a war on his own.

Last week, Marines conducted an amphibious assault exercise on the shores of Saudi Arabia close to the border of Kuwait. The code name for this exercise was "Imminent Thunder".

Democrats in the Senate re-elected Mitchell as the Senate majority leader and the Republicans re-elected Dola as the minority leader.

The EPA announced last week that over half of the United States drinking wells contain nitrate. Nitrate is a potentially harmful chemical found in fertilizer and animal wastes. But, most of the wells do not contain levels that are considered appropriate to a person's health.

United States Roman Catholic Bishops met in Washington last week. They adopted their first comprehensive guidelines on human sexuality. Most significantly the document said that "homosexual orientation, because it is not freely chosen, is not sinful."

William Bennett, America's "drug czar", has been asked by President Bush to take over Lee Atwater's position as Republican National Committee Chairman in January. Atwater is currently seeking treatment for brain cancer.

President Bush left last Friday for his eight day trip to Europe and the Middle East.

The Senate Ethics Committee began its hearings on the actions of the Keating Five last Friday. The Senators involved are Cranston, DeConcini, Riegle, McCain, and Glenn. Each are suspected of having questionable dealings with Charles Keating who is now serving his sentence for fraud.

# **Date Rape Discussed**

BY KATHLEEN BOWERS
Sports Photography Editor

Karen Strickler and Teresa Taylor joined the residents of Todd Hall last Tuesday to talk about date rape, its causes, consequences, and prevention. Strickler and Taylor are part of Studio Cottage's peer education program that focuses on issues in students' lives.

Date rape is defined as a sexual assault committed by someone the victim knows. This could be a date, acquaintance, boss, or relative. Two out of five women will be the victim of sexual assault at some time in their lives, and one out of three females is sexually abused before age 18. Strickler said that date rape occurs at Ursinus, but the victims often do not report it or follow up with police action.

The peer educators used a "values continuum" to make Todd residents assert and discuss their values and opinions on such questions as whether women invite rape by their actions or dress and who is a potential rapist. Most

agreed that women dress to be attractive, not to invite rape. However, women must also be aware that men often interpret these signals differently. One woman commented that rape occurs from an abuse of power and aggression, not overwhelming sexual desires.

Most of the women present also agreed that previous consent to sexual activity with someone does not always apply to the next occasion. Though a man may reasonably expect future consent, he does not have the right to force it. Everyone agreed that alcohol or drugs do not release people from responsibility for their actions.

Several women disagreed on whether it is unfair to say "no" after a certain point in sexual activity. Some thought each person is responsible to set limits beforehand, though that may be hard to do. Others believed that if a person suddenly gets scared, they are "entitled to change their mind" at any point. Though this may not be entirely fair or considerate, that person's wishes should be

respected.

Communication is important in the prevention of date rape. Either party can give mixed messages, and people's different perspective cause them to misinterpret messages. Sex role stereotypes also complicate clear communication.

The effects of date rape, said Taylor, include loss of trust in others or in oneself and guilt. Because our society often blames the victim of rape, it is easy for that victim to start blaming herself. If a friend is raped, Strickler emphasized giving emotional support and offering shelter and company. The victim will most likely not want to be alone.

The Todd residents thought the session was interesting and helpful. Some thought a co-ed group would have been more educational by allowing both sexes to see the other's perspective. Others felt that peer education should be focused on first year students who are more vulnerable because they usually have less experience with sexual relations.

# **New Food Plans Developed**

BY ED FITZGERALD
Special to the Grizzly

The Food Committee has been developing various meal plans. The majority of the campus has stated on their food surveys of the last year that they wanted a choice of meal plans. The committee, Scott Smith, of Wood Food Service, and Dr. John Pilgrim, Vice President of Finance and Planning worked out the details and costs of a new food plan.

On Tuesday, November 27, 1990 a survey will be placed on the tables in Wismer Cafeteria at lunch and dinner, and everyone will pick which meal plan they would be most likely to buy, and want to see implemented. There will be two types of plans to choose from: 1) the present plan of having only 21 meals per week per person or 2) the adoption of a plan that would have students choose from a 14 meal plan or a 21 meal plan per person per week.

Here is some important information concerning the options.

First under the present 21 meal per person per week plan, the students pay approximately \$2,550 to the food service. The student can also return in line as much as he/she wants.

In actuality, the student is paying only for 12 meals per week. Wood Food service calculates how many missed meals per person typically occur. The missed meal factor is 54% on this plan. It is from this missed meal factor that the cost of food service is determined.

Here are the details for the meal plan that allows the student a choice between a 14 meal a week plan or a 21 meal a week plan. First, the Wood Food Service would need to buy a computer system, and thus charge the students, that would cost \$10,000. All students in the college, regardless of which meal plan per week (14 or 21) they chose would pay an additional \$10.00 on top of the regular cost yearly.

Second, all students would be required to carry a dining ID card that would be run through the computer system each and every time the student wanted to enter the cafeteria. This new card would be in addition to the Student ID card presently used.

Now here's the cost of this plan per person. If a student chooses a 14 meal plan the cost would be approximately \$2,550 plus the \$10.00 computer fee. Thus, the total cost under the 14 meal per week plan is \$2,560. Also, students would not be able to eat more than 14 meals per week. Yet, students would still be able to go back in line as much as they wanted at each meal. If they used

all 14 meals up in one week and wanted to eat in the Cafeteria, they would pay the normal cost at the checker station.

The reason that the cost would be more than under the present system is the missed meal factor. Under the present system everyones missed meals are factored together. If the 14/21 meal plan is adopted the missed meal factor changes. The missed meal factor under the 14 meals per week per individual raises to 73%. Thus, that is why the price under this meal plan is what it is.

If a student chooses a 21 meal plan per person per week rather than a 14 meal plan, the cost of this would raise to approximately \$2,700 plus the \$10.00 computer fee. This brings the approximate total to \$2,710 to a student that chooses a 21 meal plan while a 14 meal per person per week plan is optional. The reason again is the missed meal factor. It should also be noted that these figures are based on this year's budget and does not include annual food cost increases.

These are the facts. On Tuesday, November 27, everyone gets to decide whether to adopt this new meal plan or keep the present meal plan. It is up to you. Please make sure you read the details of both plans carefully.

# Campus Jobs = Easy \$\$\$\$

BY JENNIFER CHAP Special to The Grizzly

For many Ursinus College students, the answer to their financial problems is a part-time job on campus. On-campus jobs are easy to come by and have many benefits in addition to the pay. Everyone knows at least one person who has a campus job, but knowing how to get one is a different story.

When this year's freshman class came to campus, along with the information packet they received, there was a booklet on student employment. This booklet is compiled and put out by the Financial Aid Office. Included in this booklet is information on time sheets, telephone tips, job descriptions, wage scales, and the schedule of student paydays.

What is most helpful about this booklet is that it includes information from every department on campus where students work. This information is organized into a chart that tells who is in charge of student employment in each given department. Also, it shows what jobs are offered, how many new openings there are, and how many hours per week each job requires. This booklet and information on work study programs are available at the Financial Aid Office.

Many U.C. students take advantage of the opportunity to work on campus. Most of these students are very pleased with their jobs. Sophomore Denise Moretz is among those U.C. students who make use of the job opportunities on campus. Denise works at the library circulation desk for about five hours a week and has an encouraging attitude towards her job. "It's convenient," Denise says. "I can do my homework as well as help people, which is a big plus." Denise acknowledges that there are offcampus jobs that pay more, but stated that she thought that for the amount of work she does the money is fair.

When asked if she would be able to work if she didn't have a campus job, Denise stated an emphatic "No!" Other students, when asked the same question, replied in a similar fashion. Due to heavy class work loads and hectic schedules, many U.C. students don't have the time to give to a regular job. Also, not having dependable access to a car was another popular reason given for not pursuing off-campus job opportunities.

Karin Hoerrner is another student who spends a few hours a week working for the college. Karin works for the Admissions Office as a student assistant. She

shares many of the common beliefs about on-campus jobs, but also has a somewhat different view of her job. Karin says,"I enjoy my work, and I also like being a part of the school's admissions process. I have established friendships with the other student workers as well as valuable connections with members of the Ursinus staff."

There is another reason for pursuing a part-time job on campus; such a job carries with it the advantage of helping to land a permanent job with Ursinus College after graduation. Students who have worked in one department for some time have gained valuable experience and knowledge of the workings of that department. There are many examples from different departments on campus of former U.C. students who have decided to stay with Ursinus as their career

Most students who look for employment are doing so simply to provide themselves with spending money. The Ursinus College campus is filled with opportunities to make that money without compromising the time needed to study,party, and relax. So come on, U.C.! Get out there and start

Without sacrificing too much time and energy, there are opportunities to be met and

# SGT. GRIZZ... "THE BEAR FACTS"



11-11-90 at 2:30 A.M. and 3:40 A.M., Five males escorted out of the Quad by security, four were visitors and one was a student at Ursinus.

REMINDER ALL RESIDENTS OF BEARDWOOD, PAISLEY AND STAUFFER; SAFETY IS A HIGH PRIORITY AT URSINUS COLLEGE. THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT WILL ENFORCE THE POLICY ON VISITATION, ANY MEN SEEN IN THE BUILDING AT UN AUTHORIZED TIMES WILL BE TAKEN TO THE JUDICIARY BOARD FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION. IN ADDITION, ANY RESIDENT WHO ASSISTS OR PERMITS A MAN TO VIOLATE THE VISITATION HOURS WILL ALSO BE TAKEN TO THE JUDICIARY BOARD.

11-11-90 at 11:10 P.M., Two students reported to security that while going through the Drive-Thru at McDonald's they were bothered by actors that were behind them in another vehicle. The actors followed the girls from this location and when the complainants had to stop at 5th and Main at a red light, one of the actors jumped from the vehicle and started to bang on the car doors and windows. The vehicle followed the students onto campus at which time the students notified security of the incident. The Collegeville Police Department was advised of the incident and the investigation continues.

REMEMBER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS AT ALL TIMES. IN THE EVENT YOU ENCOUNTER A PROBLEM TRY TO GET A DESCRIPTION OF THE VEHICLE AND ACTOR INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO REPORT THE INCIDENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

11-12-90 at 7:15 A.M., It is reported that sometime between 4:00 P.M. on the 9th and 12th of November a backhoe caught on fire which was located between Reimert and LSB, the investigation continues.

11-12-90 at 12:27 P.M., A student reports that on the 10th of November at 9:00 P.M., he parked his vehicle in the rear of the C-Lot. On the 11th of November at 1:00 P.M., he found that unknown person(s) vandalized his vehicle. The Collegeville Police Department as well as security are still investigating this incident

YES, THE B-O-O-T IS COMING....THIS IS A FACT!!!!PARK YOUR VEHICLE LEGALLY OR YOU WILL GET THE B-O-O-

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11-14-90 at 2:25 P.M., Security responds to the Quad after being advised of two perpetrators at this location selling perfume to students. Both male perpetrators were advised that they were trespassing on private property as well as selling without a permit and were escorted out of the building.

MANY THANKS TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO NOTIFIED SECURITY OF THIS INCIDENT. BECAUSE OF YOUR QUICK RESPONSE TO THIS INCIDENT SECURITY WAS ABLE TO APPREHEND THE ACTORS.

### This Week in U.C. History...

BY TERRI JOHNSON of The Grizzly

How many students at Ursinus have heard of Freeland Hall? Many may have seen or heard some reference made to the building, but have little knowledge of what the building meant to the campus in the early years. In 1968, during this week, the Ursinus community witnessed the demolition of Freeland Hall, which stood where the Myrin Library is

In the early years, Freeland was at the center of campus. Students had a special attachment to the building since Freeland housed the bell and was the site of the freshman "step shows."

Visitors to the campus were always impressed by the white pillars and the vertical and horizontal lines which characterized Freeland's

Sue Yost, a senior in 1968, described Freeland Hall as a building whose "broad white expanse, captures the eye of the artist, and often slows a car passing through the town."

The history of the building dated back to 1848 when the Senate and House of

Representatives of Pennsylvania created a charter to open Freeland as a Seminary. In 1869, Freeland Seminary became Freeland Hall, a preparatory school for Ursinus College. It wasn't until 1881 that women were first allowed to attend the school. In 1913 and again in 1918, the building went under complete renovation to fit the needs of the college. The building then housed male residents until it's demolition in

In spite of the outpouring of sentiment to renovate the building, Administration decided that Ursinus needed a library that had a central location on campus. Also, the cost of maintaining a building as old as Freeland was a factor in the decision to demolish it. The walls were made up of a straw and

mud combination and needed replastering every two years.

This much loved and admired building was demolished in 1968, but the alumni who were closely associated with events that surrounded it's historu will never forget the imposing structure of Freeland Hall.



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# The Musser Experience

BY MELISSA JAVIER
Special to The Grizzly

Many students at Ursinus have the notion that only foreign students live in Musser. Although Musser is an International House, it's not open just to foreign students. Students must apply to live in Musser because of all the cultural activities they are required to take part in as residents.

The majority of the students that live in Musser do come from foreign countries, such as: Sri Lanka, India, France, Spain, Germany, and Vietnam. Other students prefer Musser over the other dorms on campus because there is more privacy and it's a worthwhile learning experience.

Musser is the newest residence hall on campus. Before the renovations took place, the original house was half the size it is today. There are forty-eight residents living in a total of thirty-six rooms which vary in size. The students have the option of living in a single room or a suite.

According to Karen Lunova, a senior who has lived in Musser since her freshman year, there are more advantages to living in Musser than in other dorms on campus. "In Musser, everyone gets to know one another and ends up working together. Many of the foreign students are far more

open-minded to new experiences."

The only drawback it that the programs are often time-consuming, but for Karen, the Coordinator of the Programs, it's all worthwhile. At least once a week there are house meetings to discuss upcoming events. Each student is required to attend two events per month and must sponsor one each month.

Some of the more popular events that take place in Musser are the foreign dinners. Everyone who participates donates money for the food. One person volunteers to cook some type of delicious cuisine. The dish does not necessarily have to represent the native country of the student, but usually, the dish is not typically American.

Other events include discussions in foreign languages, cultural programs and trips. This year the students in Musser have arranged trips to Canada and New York with transportation costs to be covered by the college.

Karen and the students from Musser would like the Ursinus community to know that the activities planned are designed to spread overall awareness of the diversity of the house. All Ursinus students are welcomed to take part in these unique experiences.

BY CHRISTOPHER PANDOLFI
Special to The Grizzly

When I first came to Ursinus for a tour in June of 1989, many things appeared unusual to me. Some of the people looked strange, the art around campus was different, but the one thing that caught my eye was a tree standing outside of the far endzone of Patterson

Field. It is not every day that you see a tree on a football field.

Arriving on campus this fall, I was determined to find out the history of this tree. As I looked through a book about Ursinus I

found a picture of the tree. However, it was a picture of a much bigger and beautiful tree.

A Legend Lives On

I spoke with Dr. Davidson, the Athletic Director, who said that the tree in the endzone now was not the original one. The Old Sycamore was believed to have been there for over one hundred years.

Davidson explained some of the tree's history to me. The tree appeared on the television show "Ripley's Belive It or Not" because it was the only tree to be located on a football field in any college stadium. Unfortunately, on March 24, 1984, the Old Sycamore was

blown down in a wind storm

To help keep the memory alive, a new tree was planted in the same spot a couple of years later. Davidson mentioned that the tree helps with the recruiting process. Recruits are usually impressed by the tree when they see it because there is no history like it at any other college.

Keeping the tradition and memory alive of the Old Sycamore is the "Sycamore Bear" in the lobby of Helfferich Hall. It was carved by Chuck Sherman from pieces of the original tree. The carved bear and the new tree stand as historic symbols in the life of Ursinus College.

#### **Economics Conference Returns**

BY JILL JACKSON AND ROSEMARIE SILLS

Of the Spring Conference Committee

On April 13 of next year Ursinus will host the Second Annual Undergraduate Economics Conference, Students from schools around the area will participate, and either present or discuss a research paper. Last year the colleges that participated were Lehigh, Glassboro State, Villanova, Dickinson, Gettysburg, Eastern, Franklin and Marshall. and Millersville. The day included presentations and discussion of submitted papers, lunch with a guest speaker and a panel discussion. Last year's topics included; Monetary and Fiscal Policies, Issues in Human Capital,

Economic Theory, International Economics, and Microeconomic Issues.

We are encouraging all students interested in economics to participate in the conference either by submitting a paper or being a discussant. We urge you to submit a paper on any economic topic that you may be interested in, even if it does not fall into one of the categories from last year. There will be a cash prize award to the Ursinus student with the best paper.

If you have any interest in participating or need more details, please contact Dr. Economoupoulos or Vince Montemurro.

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# **Language Labs:** Olin Addition

By Aileen Bidelspach Of The Grizzly

Seniors can probably remember trudging to Wismer basement for language lab--the dreaded language lab. It consisted of sitting in a booth an hour a week listening to a scratch recording and repeating the dialogue softly so that no one would hear your awful pronunciations. Well, the days of Wismer basement (what's now the TV lounge) labs are over! Opening in January, the new International Learning Center in Ursinus' new F.W. Olin Hall promises to provide a richer learning experience and, according to Dr. Juan Espadas, more fun,

The center is equipped with state-ofthe-art audio, visual, and computer aids to help students learn to speak and understand foreign languages more effectively. Special features include: VCR's to show foreign films, a recording booth for advanced students to practice recording in other languages, and computers that can be used interactively with audio and video tapes. All of this equipment: combines to form a Tandberg Ed. IS-10 Language Laboratory, a system that is more compatible with modern texts which usually require such advanced aids.

When asked if he was pleased with the new lab, Dr. Espadas emphatically said, "Oh, absolutely! I think the students are going to find this a lot more interesting because of the many possibilities for interaction."

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# **Arts and Entertainment**

## Television:

BY MELISA MILLER Of the Grizzly

"Television has an extraordinary ability to entertain, and inspire, and even exhilarate when it is done well, but when it is done well it is so rare... it is truly a remarkable and powerful and medium...being watched by more than three and a half billion people in the world..." On Tuesday, Nov. 13 Michael Winship made this comment, beginning an interesting overview of the history of television. Winship, a free-lance television writer and sometimes producer, has worked on a number of shows including PDS series Television, Smithsonian World, Square One TV, Jukebox Saturday Night I and II, and CBS Reports Update with Bill Moyers. He has also written a book called "Television" and is now in his sixteenth year working on the Smithsonian. He commented, "The ultimate public television title would be A Tale of Two Cities: Paris and London."

Winship then gave a brief description of how TV began, starting with the founder of CBS and one of the "greatest broadcast pioneers", R. Pailey. Pailey could "spot star performers" and had a great "eye for programming." One of Pailey's notable achievements was creating the first great new division and Winship felt, "He was one of the last of the giants who was in the business for profit, but realized that profit is not everything in television, that there is room for documentary, there is room for Leonard Bernstein...

shows that don't necessarily make money, but shows that serve a need.

Winship showed a few clips of a series on PBS called "The History of Television" hosted by Edwin Newman. The show opened with a series of clips from famous sitcoms and events in history that everyone will always remember (such as the assassination of President Kennedy and the shooting of President Reagan) to MTV and the explosion of the space shuttle. Television was created sixty years ago and is on more than seven hours a day in the average American home. In 1950 there were less than five million TV's in six countries; today there are over 750 million sets in 160 countries. Newman explained that television has changed every person's life in a different way: it has been used to entertain, educate, and inform.

Winship then explained the early history of television, dating back a hundred years. In the early 1900's, many countries were researching television and competing. Even Bell had plans designed for a television, but never bothered to build it because it was felt that it was not affordable for most people. Parallel research was being done on television, with two rival systems competing: one mechanical, one electronic. The mechanical system had a wheel spinning inside the camera and in the receiver at home. Light was put through the wheels and images were produced. The electronic system, which eventually won out, was developed by RCA, where David Sarnoff collaborated with B.

Whose Reality is it Anyway?



Farnsworth after trying to blacklist him out of the industry. Britain and Germany were the first countries to broadcast television to its original sparse audience. With the advent of World War II. television research was halted in most countries. The exception was Germany, which kept its television stations on the air.

When the war finally ended. television in 1948 took off with news broadcasting being one of most important shows.

Electrical impulses were broadcasted to make pictures with the help of iconoscope. Milton Berle was one of television's first stars with

"Texaco Theater." In the late 40's and early 50's there was a fourth network called the "DuMont network". KTAL, owned by Paramount Picture, was the first commercial station West of the Rockies and featured Bob Hope as their first star. Color television was introduced in the early 1950's. 

The future of commercial TV is looking bleak with the average audience share dropping more than 25% in the last decade due to cable and VCR. Future TV options may include interactive TV and computer TV. HDTV (high definition TV) has twice as many electronic lines, producing a higher quality picture that is almost equivalent with that of motion picture film. HDTV will likely be seen within the next ten years, if not sooner. Another option may be 3-D television without the red

The future of programming is looking brighter; more channels are being offered, and beginning to target more specific audiences (following the same pattern that radio has adopted). Many channels focus on a single subject: news, home shopping, weather, art and entertainment, and religious services. There will also be more collaborative efforts with other countries. For example, a new soap opera called Monte Carlo, while financed by an American company, features the involvement of broadcasters in France, Germany, Holland, Italy, and Britain.

Winship closed his presentation saying TV has changed, and will continue to change. He quoted Edward R. Murrow: instrument can teach, it can illuminate, it can even inspire, but can only do so to the extent the humans are determined to use it to those ends. Otherwise, it is merely lights and wires in a box."

#### BY ELLEN SHATZ Of The Grizzly

All My Children

trouble!!) inspiration in the contract of the contract of

Another World Sam must cut short his picnic with Olivia to go meet Amanda. Amanda packs up the remainder Angie worries that she's been of Evan's things, and begins to neglecting her patients in her drink heavily. Grant wins the concern for Derek. (Angie-don't election and decides to clean up worry, be happy!) Tad is the city (how nice of him!),starting concerned when he accidently with Marley. He creates bad press spills coffee on Derek's lap and he for Marly until John and Michael doesn't react. Adam scolds Stuart threaten him. Grant's people can't for playing tricks on Natalie, and find Charlene (too bad!), but find tells him to stop. (He might lock juicy info on Taylor. Ryan tries to him in the attic again, if he doesn't get Vicki to confess her stop!) Jack tells Natalie she must involvement with Jake to get stay married to Adam until they Marley off the hook. Iris roams can prove he tricked her into the hospital trying to get info on signing over her assets to him. Jake's tests (pretty sneaky!) and Erica is shocked when she finds warns a comatose Jake he'd better out that Barbara is pregnant with keep his mouth shut. Just as she Travis' baby. (Travis is in leaves, he emerges from his coma.

# Soap Box

Days of Our Lives

Johnny moved into the Kiriakis' mansion and asked April to join him there, but she says no. He warns Eve that one day he'll regain Nick's estate. Whitney tells Isabella that nothing is going on with her and Roman (Yeah, right!!), but Isabella doesn't care. Victor emerges from his coma. Lawrence allows Jennifer to "say goodbye" to Jack and bugs her to insure that she does as he told her. She obeys until Jack kisses her (and who could resist Jack?). Lawrence tells her Jack will pay, and later challenges him to a duel with real swords. However, our hero, Jack, wins!! Bo tells everyone about Carli, and takes her hostage in exchange for safe passage for everyone (like he's really going to win!!)

General Hospital

Dawn slaps Ned after he gives her a phony "Dear Dawn" letter from Decker. Monica buys the condo from Meg and lets Meg and Dawn sublet it from her. Ruby is suspicious of Cheryl and calls the doctor pretending to be Cheryl. Esther tells her how unfair it waswhat happened to her-until the doctor cuts her off. Frisco tells Felicia that the mystery woman is his step-mother, Rita. Tony admits to Bobbi that he had an affair with Rita (and the plot thickens!!!)

Santa Barbara

Mason heads to San Carlos to stop Julia from getting a divorce. Cassie tries to seduce him, but it backfires (too bad!!) Dash saves Julia, but she can only think of Mason as he sits in the hotel bar daydreaming of her. (Julia, wake up!! Dash is hot!!) Ouinn sedates Debra and locks her away. Quinn is in love with Kelly. (How sweet!!) Eden finds the hidden wall in the attic. Cruz and Robert are on the run in the Bayou. Gina and Brandon hide the money, and find Keith as he collapses from gunshot wounds. (Quick-somebody call him an ambulance!!)

BY DAVE VAN

Station Manager

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3. Thrashing Doves--Angel Visit

4. Living Colour--Elvis is Dead

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8. Urban Dance Squad--Deeper

5. Soup Dragons--I'm Free

6. Jane's Addiction-Been

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Shade of Soul

1. AC/DC--Razors Edge

### **Arts and Entertainment**

### Berman Art

BY MEGAN MENDTE Of The Grizzly

On November 29th, the Berman Museum of Art's Upper Gallery will be coming to life. That's right. On the 29th, at 7:30 pm., Keith Strunk's Oral Interpretation class will be bringing the Upper Gallery's collection of portraits to life in their interpretive piece, "Tis the Way to Thither".

The portraits are a collection of 18th, 19th, and 20th century works given to the college by various donators. some of the painters in the collection include Adolphe, Dupont, and Von Blaas. They were placed in the Upper Gallery of Berman specifically for the class's benefit.

According to Keith Strunk, this is a great opportunity for the museum to work with the Communications Department to give something to the school. "I believe that there should be more interaction between the different disciplines. Not only were the students working directly with the art, but they were also getting a lot of help from the English Department regarding their poems," said Strunk.

The students have each chosen one of the portraits in the gallery, which they will be interpreting through poetry and music, and the costumes each student will be wearing will hopefully bring about the effect of the portraits coming to life.

The portraits will come to life one by one as the audience follows them around the gallery. "It is an example of environmental art," said Strunk. "The audience is walking around and involved with the piece. They can't fall asleep in their chair."

According to Strunk, the idea came from an acting exercise he did in graduate school. "I have been trying to think of something like this to do with the class for three years, and after talking with Lisa Tremper Barnes at the museum it all started to come together. We were only able to do it because of the extra time the four credit system gives us," said Strunk

The piece will be open to the public. There will only be the one performance Friday, November 29th. The cost of tickets will be announced before the performance.

#### BY JEFF TAYLOR

#### PROGRESSIVE ROCK

Monday 2:30-4:00pm Alan McCabe 7:00-8:30pm Joy O'Grady 8:30-10:00pm Amy Flemming Tuesday 5:30-7:00pm Tim Creech Wednesday 2:30-4:00pm Manya DuHoffman

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# Wismer Cinema

**BY SARA JACOBSON** 

Assistant Arts and Entertainment Editor

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Gone With the Wind is a one of the all time great classic films. It has something to please everyone. It is a love story. It is a tale of financial ruin, and sexual scheming. It pits man against woman, North against South, and the will for survival against all odds. Any lying? Well, if you thought the people from Dynasty were divisive, check out Scarlett O'Hara.

Set in Georgia throughout the Civil War, Gone With the Wind is a tale of survival and unfulfilled love. The film's heroine, Scarlett O'Hara (played by Vivian Leigh), comes from a sheltered aristocratic southern background and changes her attitudes and priorities because of the war. At the outset of the war Scarlett is in love with her neighbor, Ashley Wilkes. Ashley, however, does not love Scarlett and he marries his cousin Melanie before riding off to fight on his white horse. In a fit of jealousy Scarlett marries Melanie's brother, Charles Hamilton and they move to Atlanta before Charles leaves for battle. When Charles dies the realities of the harshness of the war become apparent to Scarlett as Atlanta burns to the ground. She returns home to her family plantation, Tara, to find it overrun by Yankees. Her mother dies of disease, her father loses his mind, her plantation is almost lost to Yankee carpet baggers, and Scarlett is forced to marry another man she does not love.

Throughout this turmoil Scarlett is pursued by the scandalous Rhett Butler. He appears at every twist of the plot, helping Scarlett help herself. It is their love affair which makes this movie classic romance. Their eventual marriage comes of no surprise, but the outcome of this marriage does. Scarlett changes her views about both the war and her love for Ashley,, and learns she can survive anything.

The movie is based on the best selling novel of the same name by Margaret Mitchell. The movie lives up to the reputation of the book. Both Gable and Leigh do an excellent job portraying the emotions of their characters. It is a long movie, but if you haven't seen it before, definitely be sure to eatch it at Wismer this weekend.

#### BY SARA JACOBSON

Assistant Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Ursinus concert band jazz ensemble performed a concert Saturday, November 17 at 8:00 for members of the campus and community in the Bomberger Chapel. The event included five songs from each group with a brief intermission separating the two performances. Both groups were conducted by Anthony D.J. Branker. The arts and

entertainment forum was attended by approximately 100 students and adults.

The concert band played a varied arrangement of pieces from different composers in a classical style. The band's 34 members did an excellent job with their music. Particularly enjoyable was "The Fairest of the Fair" by John Philip Sousa. The use of harmony within the horns was pleasantly offset by the percussion. The concert band president and vice president are Michele Kelley and Kelley Rooney.

Following the intermission the jazz ensemble began their program of jazz pieces by various artists.

# Ursinus Band

While smaller in size with 18 members, the ensemble performed impressively well. The closing song "Morning Dance" composed by Jay Beckenstein and arranged by J.

Higgins was energetic and vibrant. The jazz ensemble president and vice president are Jocelyn Gnirrep and Lori Fitton.



Ursinus College Concert Band

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# Swimmers Waste Time at Kings Meet

BY STEVEN GRUBB
Assistant Sports Editor

If distance traveled indicates the stength of the opposing team, the Ursinus Swim Teams may want to consdier a west coast trip. After a journey down the peninsula of Maryland to face a weak Washington squad, the Bears journeyed northward into a snow-flurried Wilkes-Barre, PA to take on Kings College.

What they met was a team not quite ready for the college swimming ranks. In fact, the match wan't even a standard MAC meet. Kings only had 1 team comprised of both men and women. Only one meet would be swam. All of this was news to Bear's coach Bill Zackey who had prepared two lineups. So now he had to make some last-minute adjustments intergrating a single line-up between men and women. Oh, by the way, no score would be kept. So aside from some worried men who had to face some quick women, the Ursinus teams settled back for a nice, easy, fun meet.

In this weird arrangement

Ursinus did manage one triple winner, Steve Grubb. He won the 1000 yard free-style, 100 yard butterfly and combined with Josh Comp, Jeff Brown and Abby Rosenbaum to win the 200 yard freestyle relay.

Mike Baganski picked up two victories on the day in the 50 freesytle and 100 breaststroke. Other winners included Dean Streck in the 200 Individual Medley, and Fred Brown in the 200 freestyle. Jen Derstine was the individual winner for the women's team in the 100 yard backstroke.

Since only one meet was swam the meet ended in just a little over an hour. But in that hour, Jeff Andrews had to swim 1,500 yards. While placing second in 1000, an exhausted Andrews did manage a first in the 500 free. But a nice, easy meet for most of the swimmers was a long, grueling one for Andrews.

Regrettably, the Bears won't be taking any more long trips for a while, and the easy meets are pretty much over. Monday, the Bears venture down route 202 to West Chester to swim the Division II Rams.

### All-Star Baseball Clinic to be Held at UC

From Ursinus Sports News

The Ursinus College baseball team is presenting an "All-Star Baseball Clinic" at the college on Saturday, January 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The clinic, to be held in Helfferich Hall, is designed to help coaches and players of Little Leagues, Jr. Legion, Babe Ruth, Jr. High School and Women's Softball programs.

Topics to be presented at the clinic include: pitching mechanics, catching fundamentals; infield and outfield fundamentals, hitting do's and don'ts, practice organizations;

and much more. The event is being run by Ursinus Head Baseball Coach Brian D. Thomas. Thomas has 20 years of successful coaching experience on the Jr. American Legion, high school and collegiate levels. He had an unofficial Pennsylvania State record of 41 straight Jr. Legion wins from 1970-1973. His teams won two league titles in three years at the Perkiomen School, and he was named the Pottstown Mercury Area High School Coach of Year in 1989.

Thomas is well known throughout the area as one of the finest teachers of baseball fundamentals and motivator of young people. Members of the Ursinus baseball team will assist him in demonstrating drills and techniques.

The cost of the clinic is \$20.00 for pre-registration and \$25.00 at the door. Coffee, donuts and lunch will be provided. Checks should be made payable to Ursinus College Baseball and should be sent to the attention of Coach Thomas at the College. For more information, contact the College at 489-4111, ext. 2251

# **SPORTS BEAT**

Monday, November 19
Swimming v. West Chester Away 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 20
Men's Basketball v. Albright Away 8:00pm
Women's Basketball v. Swarthmore Away 7:00pm

Monday, November 26

Men's Basketball v. Trenton State Away 7:30pm

Tuesday, November 27
Women's Basketball v. Muhlenberg Away 7:00pm

Wednesday, November 28
Women's Swimming v. Bryn Mawr Away 5:00pm

Thursday, November 29
Men's Basketball v Phila. Pharmacy Home 7:30pm
Women's Basketball v. Albright Away 7:00pm

Friday, November 30
Wrestling -- Lebanon Valley Invitational

Saturday, December 1
Wrestling -- Lebanon Valley Invitational
Women's Basketball v. Holy Family Home 2:30pm
Swimming v. Swarthmore Home 1:00pm

Sunday, December 2
Swimming v. Kutztown Home 1:00pm

Monday, December 3
Women's Basketball v. Immaculata Away 7:00pm

# Ski Club Plans Trip

BY MICHELLE ROBERTSON
Of the Grizzly

The Ursinus Ski Club is planning a trip to Sugarbush, Vermont on January 6th to the 11th for Sugarbush's annual College V. c.k. This trip which costs only \$315 for five days' lodging, five and a half days lift tickets, and transportation, is shaping up to be the best trip the club has offered yet. Sugarbush resort, consisting of two mountains, South Basin and Mt. Ellen, has the highest peak in the Green Mountain National Forest. Its mountains contain downhill skiing for skier's of all abilities, as well as snowboarding, cross country skiing, and ice skating. When the sun goes down, the club will still have plenty to do. "Fun Shuttles", starting at 5:30 p. 1. take college week guests to all the local bars and restaurants, all of which have food and drink specials especially for college week. The Ski Club will be staying at the Bridges Condominiums, only a quarter mile for the lifts at South Basin, which has its own shuttle bus to the ski slopes The condos themselves have a t.v., phone, fireplace (with firewood), and full-sized kitchen. Throughout the resort are located many anemities, such as an indoor pool, tennis, saunas, squash, game room and an eight person outdoor hot tub. The trip promises to be the highlight of the ski season. This trip also STILL HAS ROOM AVAILABLE!! All student, faculty members, and friends from other colleges are welcome. However, this is a popular trip and the condos are filling up fast, so act now. If you think you may be interested, or you would like some more details feel free to call either Ryan Jacoby at 454-0226, or Michelle Robertson at

# Men's Basketball Plays in Scranton Tournament

BY TREY GELSTON
Of the Grizzly

On Friday November 16th the men's basketball team opened its season in the Scranton Tip-Off Tournament with a game against the Dickinson Red Devils.

Ursinus came out on the short end of the 60-49 final.

Showing opening game jitters, Ursinus came out really tight and shot only 22% from the floor in the first half and went in at the half trailing 24-16.

They started the second half with a field goal by Pete Smith (6 points) and proceeded to go on a 15-7 run to tie the score at 31. The bulk of this scoring came via senior guard Ron Algeo who linished the game with 13 points,

the only Bear who finished in double digits.

After this run by UC, Dickinson regained control of the game and was up 5 with 4:00 minutes remaining. The Bears reverted back to their cold shooting and could not close the gap. The Red Devils hit their foul shots to seal the game and produce the final margin of victory.

Other scorers for the Bears were Brendan Sharpe with 7 and Matt Campbell with 5.

In the consolation game Ursinus was matched against Manhattanville who had lost to Scranton the night before.

It did not take UC long to find their shooting touch in this game as they jumped out to an early 15-1 lead. Manhattansville, though, fought back and the Bears were only up by a count of 46-44 at the half.

The second half was close the entire way as both teams continued to shoot the ball extremely well. Manhattanville took a six point lead with a

minute to go, but a three pointer by Andy Lebhen (12 points) cut the margin in half. After a timeout by the Bears, Ron Algeo (18 points) stole the in bounds pass and with 35 seconds left UC took another time out.

The Bears set up a play for Matt Campbell (21 points) who was fouled on his 3 point attempt. Thanks to a new rule put in this year Campbell got three free throws and converted all of them

to send the game into overtime.

Manhattanville jumped to a early lead in the OTs but some strong raside play by Pete Smith (26 points) kept the game close going into the final minute.

Lesher hit another three to reduce the margin to three and after Manhattanville missed 2 free throws the Bears had a chance to tie with 12 seconds left.

However, an errant pass was stolen by Manhattanville player Kasmire (36 points) who hit and layup at the buzzer to deal the 104-99 victory.

Freshman Derrick Irby was the other Bear in double digits finishing with 11 points.

Today UC travels to Albright in hopes of picking up their first win.

Women's Basketball Writer Needed!! Contact Judd Woytek at 454-0153.

# **Gymnasts Prepare for Season**

BY SUSAN STEELE
Of The Grizzly

The 1990-91 Women's symnastics team is expected to have a great season this year despite having a very young eam. The team lost a number of gymnasts to graduation and various team injuries; thus, the core competitiors on the team will be freshman. The team consists of one senior, one sophomore, and seven freshman.

The team is coached by Ray McMahon and Adonna Venezia. McMahon has been coaching gymanstics for over twenty-five years; he has been at Ursinus for five years. His basic philosophy on coaching is "to bring out the most in a gymnast according to her desire, ability, and dedication, but at the same time make it fun." When coaching a sport, especially gymnastics, McMahon says that it is important to get to know each gymnast, and what makes her tick. McMahon says, "First I am a psychologist, Then I am a gymastics coach." He doesn't mean that girls are hard to work with, just that it is very important to get to know each gymnast individually and form a strong relationship with her.

When asked about the upcoming season, McMahon replied, "With a young team comprised mostly of freshmen, I would hope that we would develop into a solid team both in attitude and ability. If we

can develop a close bond with dedication and unity, I feel the team should break all existing records before the end of the season." Last year, the high score was around 139 points.

This year, McMahon says the team will hit well above 160 points. Although the loss of top gymnast Karen Michel will have a large effect, a few of the incoming freshmen could be as strong as or better than Karen. Coach McMahone is excited about the upcoming season.

Assistant coach of three vears Adonna Venezia also has a positive outloot for the season. Venezia said that this year's team appears to be the strongest in three years, and that the gymnasts individually or as a team will break all existing records on all four events (uneven bars, balance beam, vault, and the floor exercise). Venezia hopes to qualify at least two individuals for the regional meet. She says that the win-loss record is not that important because we compete against division 1 and schools competing in gymnastics. Venezia expects the team to score around 160 plus for five competitiors and 120 plus for four competitors. Usually six gymnasts compete and five of the six scores are counted towards the team total.

Coach McMahon is happy with the school and the amount of support it gives to the gymnastics program. Attendance at the competitions

has been high. He syas that since the college hosted the National meet, there has been a different attitude towards Ursinus Gymnastics.

The gymnastics team is led

by senior captain Becky Evans. Evans says, "I am looking forward to competing with the new members of this year's team. There's a lot of talent, dedication, and motivation that will make this team great." Right now the team is doing a lot of conditioning, which consists of two miles of running, aerobics, and light tumbling everyday. Official practice beings on October 15. The girls will practice two to three hours Monday through Friday until December when the meet season starts. Besides competing and practicing gymastics, the team will aso work at a number of USGF sponsored meets in order to raise money for a new sping floor.

The Ursinus College Women's Gymnastics team will travel to the Naval Academy, Ithaca College, SUNY Cortland, and a number of other invitational meets. If the team qualifies for Nationals, which is possible, it will travel to Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota.

The Gymnastics team will host its first meet at home in the gym on December 5, 1990.
Coach McMahon and the entire gymnastics team would love to see you there.

# MAC Academic

**Honor Roll** 

Compliments of Sports Information

Seniors Teresa Springer (HPER major) and Dianne Gabel (Biology/Spanish major), and junior Melissa Margolis (Spanish major) were named this week to the MAC Fall Academic Honor Roll. Both Springer and Gabel made this academic team last year, also. Requirements include being a starter or significant contributor to the team, having at least a sophomore standing, and holding a minimum of a 3.4 cumulative Grade Point Average. Congratulations to the three women for this accomplishment!

# Extra Point

BY JUDD WOYTEK
Sports Editor

Wow! I haven't written one of these in quite some time. I do have something that I wanted to write about this week, though.

It all came into my mind on the way home from our last swim meet at Kings College. Soon after everyone had boarded the bus, one of our team captains stood up and asked if the team would prefer to go straight home instead of stopping along the way to eat together as a team. After much banter, our coach decided to take a vote. Much to my dismay, the "go straight home" vote won out over the "stop and eat as a team" vote.

This to me shows poor team unity. I also believe that it is one of the captains duties to promote team unity, not discourage it. I was extremely disappointed in my teammates who voted to go straight home and I was even more disappointed in the so-called "captain" who brought up the vote. I was pleased, however, with the number of fraternity and soroity members who voted for the stop and eat together option. I now see that pledging a fraternity or soroity has shown these people to be "team" players.

When I arrived as a freshman, the swim team was one of the closest units I had ever experienced. We were even considered closer than some fraternity brothers and sorority sisters! Now, I see that unity dissolving. The team no longer eats together in Wismer. We no longer have "Swim Team parties" which all members attend. And, now, we can't take the time out of our personal schedules to make a half hour stop on the Turnpike to eat together as a unified team. Maybe the lack of unity is one of the reasons the team has not been doing as well this year.

I hope that this "captain" reconsiders what he is doing the next time he suggests to "go straight home and eat on your own." I hope other teams on campus are holding up better than ours. I enjoy being part of a team, not part of a group of individuals.

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Any omission in the staffbox is an unintentional Editors error. Our sincere apologies.

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Letters must by typed and no more than 300 words. Name and telephone number are required for verification purposes. Letters can be deposited in the Grizzly mail box in Fetterolf or outside of the Publications room (third floor Bomberger library side) by Thursday. The Grizzly reserves the right to edit all letters. Requests for anonymity will be considered by the editorial board.

It is our feeling that "Opinions" pieces and the dialogs they often inspire are the most interesting section of a a publication. Expression of opinion is crucial for positive change to occur on the Ursinus Campus; this expression of ideas requires input from both faculty and students. The Opinions section of The Grizzly is intended to be a forum for discussion. Your opinions are needed to keep discussion broad

Topics can range from local or campus issues and international issues. Single submissions on any topic will be welcome. The length of a typical opinion piece is usually between 200 and 400 words. Any article received by a Thursday can be printed in the following Monday's Grizzly, as space allows.

Pieces may be delivered directly to the Publications Room (3rd Floor Bomberger-Library side)

-Opinions Editors

# "Is The Grizzly Still a NEWSpaper?"

To the editor:

I wish to comment on the article appearing in the November 13th issue of The Grizzly entitled "Steimy Starts Club." This article, found in the sports section of the "paper," is no more than a personal abuse flyer written by Mr. Foust as a retaliation prank. Mr. Foust felt that by pushing him into the pool before practice two weeks ago, I deserved to be humiliated in such a fashion. He took a personal dispute between him and me and opened it up to the entire campus. I hope that Mr. Foust will not act in such a childish manner in the future, and that he will keep his problems to those concerned.

What angers me more is the fact that the editors of The Grizzly, Ms. Patrick and more specifically, the sports editor, Mr. Woytek, allowed such an article to be printed. Has this paper become

merely a forum for people to strike out at other individuals and groups, or is The Grizzly still a NEWSpaper? A few weeks ago an editorial spoke out against ZX's personal abuse flyer. Now a personal abuse article appears in The Grizzly. By allowing this article, have not the editors become all that ZX was accused of

masthead of The Grizzly. It reads, "Publishing the truth, from good motives and for justifiable ends." Mr. Foust and the editors of The Grizzly have succeeded in violating all three of these principles. There is nothing factual or truthful in the article, with the exception of my address and phone number. The motive behind the article was retaliation, a motive that not many people would classify as "good." Likewise, few would agree that

filling the pages of The Grizzly justifies the printing of this unwarranted abuse. There is unwarranted abuse. There is nothing truthful, good, or justifiable about the editor's decisions to allow this article to be printed. I sincerely hope that the editors will act in a more responsible, mature, and professional manner in the future. for the sake of The Grizzly.

> lo ms only gring Sincerely, Frank A. Chrzanowski Jr. (a.k.a. Steimy)

Editor's Note.

The Editor-in-Chief's assumption that the aforementioned piece was a light-hearted joke among friends was incorrect. Our apologies to Mr. Chrzanowski.

# **Support Our Positive Efforts**

strive to meet the faculties expectations, most of the faculty has neither acknowledged nor

perceived this effort. Not only have the sororities worked hard to change their pledging activities, but they have also tried to enhance their relationship with the campus and the community.

One case in point was the recent Halloween event sponsored by the Intersorority Council. A flyer was sent out to all faculty, staff, and administration inviting them and

older, has the right to vote. This Although sororities have tried to their children to partake in a free and effort reforming our pledging night of Halloween activities. All five campus sororities devoted a lot of time to organize this event. Yet, we received virtually no participation and support from campus personnel.

> Even though we make these efforts, we are only recognized in a negative way. For example, there were many complaints about noise during pledging, while the improvement and changes went

Here again, we spent much time

traditions, but were still unable to receive much support. In dwelling upon pledging, campus personnel have overlooked positive aspects of our organizations.

In summary, although we have not been recognized for our positive contributions to the campus and the community, we will continue our service activities because WE are able to see their benefits.

Sincerely

The Intersorority Council

# Bring Back Our Salt

Dear Editor,

I applaud the food service's and USEAC's various efforts at improving our campus's environmental stance. An effective recycling program, educational efforts, and the adaption of environmentally sound campus policies are all welcome. The recent removal of salt shakers from Wismer tables is, however, environmental overkill.

Are our landfills really filling with disposable salt shakers? I understand that we should do as much as is reasonably possible to limit waste, but are meals without the most basic spices of life reasonable?

I know that salt shakers and pepper mills are available at the condiments table. Unfortunately, various groups of little children tend to take the salt and pepper to their respective tables. Those of us with consideration for others are left nothing.

I still think disposable salt shakers should be a thing of the past. I also think, however, that students should have easy access to the common and harmless perks of modern life. I leave with two possible suggestions for our food service and/or USEAC.

1. Start using cheap reusable shakers at all tables. A very small surcharge on each student's bill (less than a dollar) could easily compensate for any shakers that were stolen.

2. A less enticing solution involves more shakers than are currently available being spread out around the cafeteria. By placing salt and pepper at the two carts as well as on two condiment tables, the Wismer traffic jams we are currently experiencing would be lessened.

Thank you, "Old Salty"

# **Slinging Mud To Win**

BY BRIAN DENNIS
Special To The Grizzly

The scourge of negative campaigning has taken the American electoral system by force. Candidates for all levels of government office-local, state, and federal-are now utilizing negative campaigning (the act of attacking opponents on personal grounds and stressing the negative aspects of others) for their own political means. By focusing on embellished or sensational fact, negative political campaigns diminish the importance of vital issues. They place emphasis on an opponent's sexual behavior, youthful indiscretions, or even ethnic background. They don't address the issues which are crucial to the health of the United States. Negative campaigning is an obstacle, if not a destructive force, to the effectiveness of American

Every individual, 18 years or older, has the right to vote. This right lets the people decide who will represent them in government. Each voting citizen is actually the boss of the elected official, and the campaign process is the application by each c' tidate to this potential employer, use voter. When the campaign process becomes a mudslinging festival in which the

candidates viciously attack their opponents, this application becomes ineffective. The voter can't objectively judge the candidates' credentials. The system becomes undermined.

The role of television in political campaigns has increased the popularity of this campaign tactic.

"Both parties are equally responsible for voter dissatisfaction and apathy."

In this age of the "30 second sound bit" candidates are faced with making a lasting impression on the voter through television advertisement or losing the election. Most candidates don't feel that a 30 second commercial allows enough time to state their positions on complex issues. So, to effectively influence the voter, candidates will state shocking negative facts about their opponents--facts which will hopefully stick in the mind of the

voter until election day.

Candidates also rely on negative campaigns because they believe that the average voter isn't intelligent or educated enough to understand the complex problems which face the local, state, and federal governments. Therefore, the candidates don't waste valuable stumping time addressing important issues. Not only do the candidates feel that the voting public is stupid, but they also feel that it is apathetic. Voting trends reinforce this. Less than 60% of the eligible public vote in a presidential election year, and even few vote in "off-year" elections. To attract the support for this limited voting pool, the candidate plays to the voter's gut instinct. The voter becomes a pawn of the candidate, easily sacrificed to the rhetoric of polished politicians.

Popular elections are designed to place individuals in power with a specific mandate-a command telling them what people want from government. The elected official's mandate is defined by the election campaign. When candidate rides into office in the wake of a negative campaign, that official has no effective mandate. Take for example George Bush's presidential campaign of 1988. Bush's campaign focused on the "negative" aspects of his opponent, Michael Dukakis: Dukakis wants to pamper all violent criminals like Willi Horton-the murderer who was released on a weekend

furlough from a Massachusetts prison (through the authority of law supported by Dukakis) and ravaged women and children; Dukakis will uphold the legality of flag-burning and is therefore unpatriotic; and Dukakis is a big spending liberal who will tax the nation to death. When Bush won the election, his mandate was to keep the Willi Hortons in prison, to maintain and nurture patriotism, and to not raise taxes.

This mandate provided no vision for the nation, set no agenda for the federal government, and, as Bush has shown in his signing of the current budget which includes tax increases, that it was one the President couldn't obey. The people were deceived by a presidential candidate's negative campaign.

Negative campaigning isn't a partisan phenomenon. Republicans and Democrats alike win elections on negative campaigns. (Republicans, though, claim an upper hand in the use of negative campaigning. Lee Atwater and Roger Ailes, the Republican campaign technicians, are unmatched by the Democratic leadership who can't stomach dirty politics. But I bet the Democrats are stocking up on Pepto Bismal for the 1992 presidential race.) The recent governor's race in Texas is a prime example of bipartisan use of negative campaigning. The Republican and Democratic candidates attacked each other so viciously and negatively that it appeared that they would have been more comfortable in a Texan barroom brawl than in a gubernatorial debate. When the Republican attacked the Democrat for alleged substance abuse, the Democrat countered with an assault on the Republican's supposed tax evasion--not particularly issues that are pertinent to the health of Texas. This bipartisan use of negative campaigning doesn't allow the voter to critically exclude one party on election day. Both parties are equally responsible for voter dissatisfaction and apathy.

If popular democracy is to be effective, negative campaigning must be erased from the election process. Currently, individuals are placed in office with no idea what their constituents actually want them to do with this office. Likewise, these individuals come to power with no vision for government. They only bring negative political skills which win them election. The political consumer, the voting public, must demand and be given the fact about their candidate and these candidates' goals for the nation. Only when this occurs will government stop legislating and executing unpopular, ineffective, and destructive policies. They can then begin working productively for the good of the nation.

# What Was the Question?

Editor's Note: This piece was originally printed in The Arena, a short lived publication of the Political Science Association. It was originally published in April, 1989.

The year was 1973, I was 6 years old. To young too know what abortion was and too young to really make a decision. That year the Supreme Court ruled that women have rights to a legal abortion. And that year the bell sounded and the fight began. Pro-Life vs. Pro-Choice. A knock 'em down, draw 'em out fight to the death, a fight for rights. Basic human rights. We're all guaranteed them. The constitution says so.

In the spring of '89 an estimated 300,000 marched in Washington for abortion rights. Or was it women's rights? Is it the same thing? It was bigger than the civil rights march in the same city over 25 years ago. It had that same tone and feeling as the famous march did. Rights. Abortion

Rights. Yes, women's rights. It had to be the same thing.

Jesse Jackson was there, so was Jane Fonda, Morgan Fairchild, Marlo Thomas, Glenn Close, and Bess Armstrong. It was truly an event to behold. They were all honored guests, marching and speaking for the continuation of abortion rights. For women's rights.

As I went through college I began to form opinions on the abortion issue. I saw both sides and felt that I had considered all aspects. The rights of the mother and the rights of the unborn child/fetus. What I finally concluded was that people generally have to make a moral decision. When does life begin? If we believe that life begins at birth, and what is inside the womb is fetus not a human being, than abortion is right. To make these kind of decisions, I feel that we must be educated on abortion.

Take time out to listen to both sides. Try to push away the violence and hate. Try to dig down to the facts, to gain all perspectives. Then and only then can an individual be prepared to make such a decision.

It is not just a question of women's rights. Life in my opinion begins at conception, this the human being is deserving of all the basic rights possible. The greater of which is life. There are many different factors that go into making such a hard moral decision. Abortion is not a cut and dried subject, but what both sides want and I feel is so important, is that people become educated on abortion and the issues involved. Because as Sunday proved for the pro-choice side, and times in the past have proved for pro-life side, people make a difference when they take a stand. Let's just hope the people know what it is they're

### A Meal Choice?

BY MARK HALLINGER Opinions Editor

The upcoming student referendum on alternative meal plans is a direct result of student dissatisfaction with the Wood Food Service. Our supposed options include getting fewer meals for more money than we currently pay or getting our current number of meals for more money (see article on page 3). The choice is clear—we must stay with our current food plan, or suffer the consequences.

The referendum reminds one of old-style communist elections, "Yes Comrade, you can choose Joseph Stalin or...Joseph Stalin". The anticipated campus wide rush to reembrace our current meal plan is no different than the elections that merely affirmed those candidates who had already been chosen for elected positions by the party.

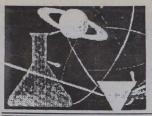
Does the food committee think

Does the food committee think were stupid? The options they have offered are not options. Why waste time and paper with a referendum. Couldn't they come up with something that was a legitimate option? The current plan includes 21 meals, but

assumes, and charges, for only 12 meals per week. As such, an optimal 14 meal plan still assumes 12 meals per week and charges the same amount. I understand this—basically, those of us who eat fewer meals subsidize those who have no respect for what they put in their bodies and love Wismer chow. I understand the "missed meal factor" as well—it's a way for Wood to continually reassure us that we're getting a good deal.

A good deal is one thing, but how

about a fair deal? How about an 8 meal plan that would allow those of us dissatisfied with Wismer "quality" to save some money? How about the ever-present but oh-so-profit-draining "NO MEAL PLAN"? Were these even discussed? If they were discussed and for some reason deemed unacceptable, students should know why. The current choices offered are little more than the food service stating a truth, that the 21 meal per week plan is more economically sound than a 14 meal per week plan. I appreciate their honesty, but regret their inability to produce anything that would be a real option.



But still try, for who knows what is possible-Farraday

# Science News

I think thy thoughts after thee, O God-Kepler



### A New Dimension to Medicine

BY NICOLE MINARDI Special to the Grizzly

"Are you a doctor?"
"No, I'm a physician assistant. I help the doctor take care of you and your family."

This question is being asked more and more in family practices around the world. "One drawback to being a physician assistant is that people don't understand about my position," explains Pam Minardi, a certified physician assistant in a Lancaster County family practice. "They either think I am a doctor or a nurse. The mid-level practitioner is an unknown to many."

The PA works in conjunction with a physician. He is able to care for patients independently under a supervising doctor. PA's work in all aspects of medicine; general practice, surgery, orthopedics, cardiology, and radiology in urban and rural settings. They can work out of a main office with a doctor or in a satellite clinic with only phone contact with the supervising doctor.

Perhaps you have encountered a physician assistant in your recent trip to the family doctor. They perform a wide variety of services in the general practice field. PA's take medical histories, perform physical examinations, provide emergency care, perform minor surgery, and counsel and educate patients. However, there are limitations on the PA's practice. Other than being regulated by state medical

agencies, PA's do not have surgery or prescriptive rights. These are two reasons that a PA must be supervised by a physician.

This upcoming type of healthcare professional was originated in 1965 by Eugene A. Stead,M.D.. With the admission of four military ex-corpsmen, Stead began an education program at Duke University. The initial reason was to provide for the need of a mid-level practitioner to take on medical responsibilities during war time.

When the Vietnam War ended, these PA's eventually went to work in deprived urban areas and under-developed rural towns. In these arenas, they serve to provide a more comprehensive and higher quality level of healthcare. All this is done in a caring and empathetic atmosphere.

Since the PA's assumes a minimum of 70% of the clinical procedures in the proper caretaking of a patient, they must be educated correctly. All candidates for a PA degree must have previous education in the medical field. After acceptance into a program, people go though an 18-22 month course During their education, students are skilled in basic medical science and in medical related functions.

The first nine months are devoted to the science and preclinical coursework. Following, there is a 10-15 month period of clinical practicums. These consist of a wide variety of on-the-job medical experiences for the student, ranging from surgery to general practice.

After graduation, however, PA's must be recertified every six years. This ensures a quality, upto-date medical professional for the patients. "In order to secure my certification, I attend weekly Continuing Medical Education classes to keep abreast of breaking medical theories and procedures." explains Minardi.

This on going education is well worth it for Mrs. Minardi. She has been practicing with the same office for her 10 years as a PA. "It has been very fulfilling," Minardi states. "I have learned and grown far beyond my dreams. I have been able to care for newborns to geriatric patients and have gotten to know entire families." Dr. Joel Samitt, Minardi's supervising physician explains. "the mutual confidence and trust and respect between us is a vital necessity in our practice and allows us to provide a high

level of care."

In 1973, the American
Association of Physical Assistants
had 300 members. Now there are
over 13,000 in the United States.
With the population becoming
more health conscious, it is
necessary to have an increasing
number of healthcare personnel.
There is a great demand for PA's
today.

Watch for one in your doctor's office!

### **Bolt to Latest Discoveries**

BY TODD A. KOSER
Science Editor

**Heart Stopping Cold** 

Brian surgery is always a rather delicate matter, but aneurysms (expansions in arteries like balloons) pose some special problems. Because they are so delicate, some can not be operated on while they are inflated with blood. To decrease the pressure in the circulatory system researchers have found a way to drain the blood out a patient's body. At normal temperatures this draining would lead to death due to the brain becoming starved for oxygen. However, the brain requires much less oxygen at lower temperatures. The patient's body is slowly cooled down to below 60 degrees fahrenheit. At this temperature the brain can survive without oxygen for about an hour unharmed. Once the patient is cooled most of his blood is drained out of the body and then the brain surgeons go to work. Once the procedure is completed the body is slowly warmed up and the heart resynchronized. The cooling technique works on the energy saving principal that many hibernating animals use to last the winter. This operation is only performed at about 6 hospitals in the U.S.

#### **Hubble Bumble Continues**

The Hubble Space Telescope has had problems from the day that it was launched. Besides the primary mirror being flawed which leads to blurry images, there are also some stability problems which complicate the onboard tracking system that locates reference stars. The instabilities stem from vibrations caused by the solar panels changing temperatures, some parts that operate jerkily and tape recorders turning on or off. A new batch of software was radioed up to the telescope, but it failed to correct or improve the vibrations. NASA aborted the new program and returned to the previous instructions. Officials at NASA hope to have an improved stabilization package installed by the new year.

#### On their laurels: some American Scientists

The following American scientists were recognized by the Nobel committee in the three major science fields:

Medicine

E. Donnall Thomas and

Joseph E. Murray-for their work in transplant medicine.

Chemistry

Elias J. Corey-for his work on the synthesis of organic molecules, including methodology and theory in this area.

Physics

Jerome I. Friedman,

Henry W. Kendall and

Canadian Richard E. Taylor were recognized for their work which provided experimental evidence for the quark.

compiled from: The New York Times, The Scientist and Science News

### **Cold Fusion on Ice**

(CPS) - The controversy over "cold fusion" has reached a new level: the scientists who first announced it are missing.

University of Utah (UU) Prof. Stanley Pons and British Prof. Martin Fleischmann startled the world in 1989 when they announced they had managed to achieve a nuclear fusion reaction at room temperature, a feat previously thought to be scientifically impossible.

Neither Pons nor Fleischmann attended an Oct. 25 meeting of a state panel that oversees the \$5 million the state legislature, impressed and excited by the possibilities the discovery presented, appropriated to further "cold fusion" research.

After more than a year of no significant results, the researchers started falling out of favor. Other labs, with the exception of a well-received experiment at Texas A&M University, were unable to duplicate Pons and Fleischmann's results.

Meanwhile, more traditional work on fusion — potentially a nonpolluting way of producing nuclear energy, and much safer than current fission methods — proceeded.

On Oct. 2, scientists at Princeton University announced they had coaxed a fusion nuclear reactor to produce encouragingly high levels of energy.

"The idea (behind announcing the discovery) is to get appropriate coverage that is truly important, without hyping something that isn't significant," explained Princeton assistant news director Jacquelyn Savani in noting the difference between the Princeton's announcement and the almost circus-like promotion that surrounded the Utah experiment.

"There was euphoria for several days until the skeptics came in and started bursting bubbles," UU spokesman Larry Weist recalled.

The university bookstore sold cold fusion mugs and T-shirts, while people in the community sold "Fusion in a bottle" kits.

The mood in Salt Lake was more somber when Pons and Fleischmann failed to show up for the meeting to discuss the new Cold Fusion Institute's financing.

Faculty colleagues said Pons had abruptly given his teaching duties to another professor just before the semester began, disenrolled his kids from their schools, and led at least some coworkers to believe he was going to spend the year vacationing in France.

Fleishmann reportedly was in his native England, being treated for unknown health problems.

However, Pons is expected at a Nov. 7 cold fusion conference, Weist said.

Princeton publicists are more optimistic about their school's fusion efforts which, while they don't promise a future of limitless energy, have more scientific documentation than Utah's.

"This is a massive project" spanning 15 years, Savani noted.

Researchers are "very sure" of their findings, and do not expect any controversy, she added.

The goal of fusion research is to build a reactor that would create more energy than was used to produce it.

Princeton researchers say their reactor has the capacity to reach a one-to-one ratio of input to output, but added that several things need to be worked out, including determining how to extract the energy from the reactor, before it can be put to commercial use.