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Publishing the trust, from good motives and for justifiable ends

-Alexander Hamilton

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Fraternity Pledging Returns Again

BY MEGAN MENDTE
Of the Grizzly

1991 Fraternity pledging officially began on Friday, February 8th. The traditional bid ceremony took place at noon on the museum side of Bomberger. As usual, the show drew a large crowd of spectators.

As each "bid" came out of Bomberger and walked or ran to the fraternity of his choice, the frat welcomed him with cheers and hugs. The APE's new pledges were chillier than most because they were wearing "Grizzly" boxers as they greeted the frat. The Zeta Chi brothers finished the ceremony off by tackling their new pledges into the mud in welcome.

This year APE's has fifteen pledges, APO twelve, Beta Sig eleven, Delta Pi fourteen, Demas three, Sig Rho five and Zeta Chi three.

All fraternity pledging activities must be approved by the Campus Life Committee. Pledging on consecutive nights is prohibited, as is surpassing three consecutive nights of pledging on weekends.

Last spring Sig Rho and APE's were found guilty of using alcohol during pledging by the Judicial Board (J-Board)

The J-Board punished Sig Rho by cutting their pledging time in half. They have only eight non-consecutive days of pledging this year, not including their service week. Commented Jason Komasz of Sig Rho, "Everything is running smoothly so far. We're all pleased with the guys."

APE's president Thom Love is optimistic as well. "We agreed not to pledge during the week, except for line up. Dean Kane has worked really hard with us to keep as many traditions alive as possible while keeping the emphasis on



By Kristen Schwarz, Photo Editor

Gathering 'round Bomberger, fraternity pledges accept their bids.

academics."

The pledges of APE's will be closely monitored throughout pledging. They will be required to carry report cards to all of their classes. This way their professors can record their progress during pledging and help them if they begin to slip academically.

Said Love, "I don't think the changes will be a problem. We've got a group of great guys this year, and so far everything's going fine."

For better or for worse, pledging has changed, and the Campus Life Committee will continue to monitor the activities of the fraternities. Each year the pledging activity proposals will be negotiated according to their past performances. The Committee's main goals are to regulate the academics and to insure the safety of every pledge until the system is as positive and productive as possible.

Wachtel Explains the Poverty of Affluence

BY MARK HALLINGER
Opinions Editor

"If we can get off the growth train before it crashes we could all live a better life," asserted noted psychologist and author Paul Wachtel, speaking at the second lecture forum of the semester on Thursday, February 7th. The talk was entitled "The Poverty of Affluence," and mirrored Wachtel's book of the same name.

The "Poverty of Affluence," as defined by Wachtel is seen in a culture that focuses on material goods and constant economic growth at the expense of community, family, environment and personal growth. This cultural trend has been nurtured by both major political parties, says Wachtel, and is seen in all socioeconomic classes. One example is a middle class family that constantly seeks to increase its share of material goods yet ends up with, according to Wachtel, "less time to devote to relationships and a sense of belonging."

Wachtel's focus on a sense of belonging and the importance of family and community ties backed his assertion that "an economic growth oriented way of life doesn't work (because) in many ways we aren't happy." He cited several psychological studies to support this. One of these studies found no

difference in life satisfaction between rich and poor in a community. Another showed an actual decrease in an economically growing community's happiness level—as wealth increased, satisfaction decreased.

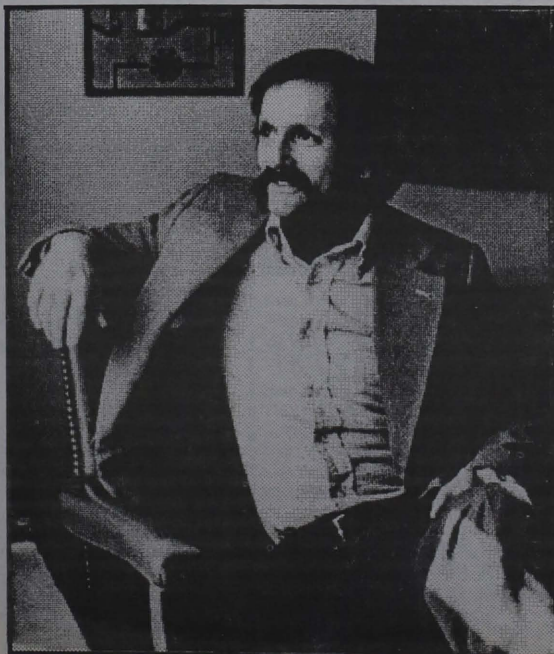
Two reasons why a decrease in life satisfaction often follows increasing wealth were discussed. First, a growth economy "by its very nature requires discontent and a stirring of new needs," so whatever we get doesn't feel like

enough. Second, the quest for growth often undermines crucial sources of well being, such as family, community, and leisure pursuits. Wachtel again used psychological studies to support his claims. A study by one social psychologist found that once some minimal income is met, the relation between income and happiness is small.

The talk concluded with a plea to the audience to "please think what will really leave you satisfied in life." Cultural change must start on an individual level, according to Wachtel, and "if we can at least see the trap, we have a fighting chance to avoid it."

A lively question and answer period followed the formal talk. One individual questioned the feasibility of change in today's society; Wachtel's reply again stressed the individual nature of cultural change. Another member of the audience stated that he was actually living a lifestyle similar to the one proposed by Wachtel. "It isn't easy, but the rewards are definitely there," stated this individual, who also stressed that "I see more and more people turning to alternative lifestyles."

A video of Dr. Wachtel's talk is available. Contact Dr. Englund of the Psychology Department if interested.



Paul Wachtel

Editors' Wanted

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If you have any questions, contact Jon Volkmer regarding The Lantern, Jane Agnostinelli regarding The Grizzly, or Cindy K. Harris regarding The Ruby.

Applications stating your background and qualifications should be submitted by Wednesday, March 13, at 12:00 noon.

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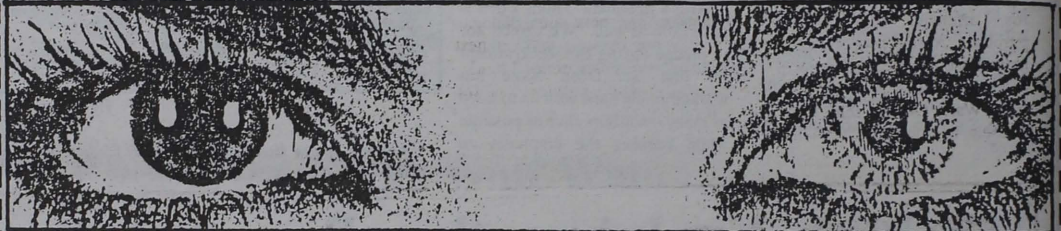
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The Changing War

BY LAURA ZOBEL
Of the Grizzly

On Wednesday February 6th, an open dialogue was held in Wismer Parents' Lounge discussing the changing conduct of war. Dr. King, a history professor, led the discussion. This open dialogue was the second of a four part series about the war in the Persian Gulf.

Faculty and students concerned about the war filled the Parents' Lounge. The discussion opened with a question posed by Dr. King: Is a ground war inevitable or can the war just be fought in the air? The group agreed that a ground war would definitely occur and some people believed it would happen soon.

Another major issue that concerned the group was the possible use of chemical weapons by Hussein. At the center of the issue was the question of whether Hussein will use chemical weapons for offensive or defensive purposes. A few people believed he will use chemical weapons in a defensive strategy like in the Iran-Iraq War. Others felt that if Hussein is going to use chemical

weapons he would have already deployed them on Israel. Ed Fitzgerald said, "I don't think he has the capability to gas Israel, maybe oncoming troops."

The discussion concluded with the question: Is Hussein calculating that Arab unrest will benefit his war effort? Dr. Saleh an economics professor, and native of Iran, enlightened the group with his views of the situation. He mentioned that the Arabs resent the US due to its imperialist policies and its alliance with Israel, but he doubts that the Arabs will rally for Hussein. On the issue of chemical weapons he commented, "He'll do anything. Ultimately if it was going to be to his benefit and if people are going to be scared."

Dr. Saleh expressed optimism towards the United States' effort in defeating Hussein. He believed that Hussein will eventually be eliminated, but it will take a while due to the US strategy to minimize damage. The next open dialogue concerning the war will be next week in Wismer Parents' Lounge. Look for announcements in the upcoming week.

Peer Educators and Community Service

BY BEVERLY OEHLERT
Special to the Grizzly

Last spring for the first time, Ursinus offered students the opportunity to become peer educators. To the surprise of Debra Nolan, Stephanie McNulty and Beverly Oehlert nearly forty students attended the information session and participated in the ensuing training program thereby becoming peer educators. The talent and enthusiasm brought to the program by the student peer educators was gratifying and exciting.

The role of a peer educator is to present programs in the residence halls on the topic areas of contraception, date rape, AIDS and decision making. Although the Peer educators are cross-trained in all of the above topics, each of them becomes a specialist by choosing to focus on one of the topics. Peer educators are paid \$20.00 for each program presented.

Sandy Painter, a senior psychology major and a peer educator states, "I wanted to feel like I was making a contribution. The topics that we present in the residence halls are relevant issues that are important to today's college student in the process, I



By Kristen Schwarz, Photo Editor

Ellen Sylvester and Sandy Painter, veterans of the peer education program

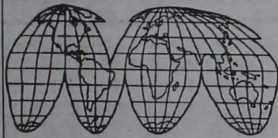
have also expanded my own knowledge base and communication skills. I chose contraception as my specialty area because I felt accurate, reliable information about this topic is essential. It is important to know the risk and benefits of contraceptive methods and employ an appropriate decision making process as well."

Keir Lewis, a senior and resident assistant, says, "I joined the peer education program because I wanted to help people. I felt that the more I knew about these topics myself, the more I would be able to help others. I think the program helped me to get in touch with my feelings and has also helped me get to know the facts. Feeling confident about knowing the facts has made me comfortable presenting programs. I can now mediate between people with conflicting views by

facilitating the discussions without my personal views getting in the way of that discussion."

Ellen Sylvester, a sophomore and USGA representative, says, "The Peer Education Program helped me to define my morals and values. I have become more open minded toward other peoples opinions. I have found that becoming more educated on the topics of AIDS and contraception, I am better able to understand other people's viewpoints and also understand how these issues affect people in the world here at Ursinus."

A training program for new peer educators will begin Thursday, February 14th and continue for four Thursday evenings. Meetings will be at 6 p.m. on the second floor of the Berman museum. Interested students may attend the first meeting or call Studio Cottage for more information.



BY CASSANDRA YUTZY

National

Lynn Martin was unanimously confirmed by the senate to be the new Secretary of Labor. She will be replacing Elizabeth Dole who is now in charge of the American Red Cross.

President Bush's 1992 Budget was proposed last Monday. The \$1.4 trillion Budget includes a \$281 billion deficit, an increase in medicare premiums paid by upper-income elderly, and a targeting of federal education grants to lower-income families.

The FBI has arrested three men who are responsible for the placing of 6 pipe bombs on 2 giant chemical storage tanks in Norfolk, VA. The incident was not related to terrorism as first thought. Instead it was a plot by the owner of the tanks to receive the insurance claim. The 6 pipe bombs were safely disarmed or detonated.

A "Bad Batch" of Heroin is suspected to be the cause of death for over 10 people in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. More than 100 people have also been hospitalized due to the tainted drug.

The Global Perspective

International

The IRA has claimed responsibility for a mortar shell that exploded outside of the residence of the British Prime Minister. Prime Minister Major was in a meeting with his war cabinet when the explosion occurred. No one was injured in the incident.

Jean-Bertrand Aristide was sworn in as Haiti's first democratically elected President. The inauguration was exactly 5 years after the fall of the Duvalier dictatorship.

An earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter Scale killed up to 1200 people in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The Soviet Union's President Mikhail Gorbachev declared the poll on Lithuania's independence illegal and said he would not accept the results.

War in the Gulf

2150 retired servicemen and women have been recalled by the Air Force and Marine Corps to replace military base personnel now serving in the Middle East. Those recalled had to be under 60 and are required to pass a physical exam.

Around 150 Iraqi planes are now in Iran. The Navy sees this

situation as a real threat to their ships in the Persian Gulf.

The United States issued a warning of increased dangers to Americans in Jordan. The estimated 4000 U.S. citizens who are still living in Jordan were advised to leave the country as soon as possible.

Iran has offered to mediate a peaceful settlement to the Persian Gulf War. Iran's president Ali Akbar Hashani Rafsanjani announced at a news conference that he is willing to meet personally with Saddam Hussein and resume formal diplomatic relations with the United States.

American B-52's have been given permission to use English bases to stage bombing raids on Iraq and Kuwait. It had been thought that till now the U.S. has been staging B-52 attacks originating from American bases in the Indian Ocean.

President Bush has sent Richard Cheney, the Secretary of Defense, and General Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to the Middle East to assess when the correct time will be to begin the ground war.

Iraq has halted all sales of gasoline to the general public due to "technical damage" to oil installations.

Alumni Visit the Ballet

Special to the Grizzly

If you went to Philadelphia on December 22 to see the Nutcracker Ballet, you saw one heck of a show! The Young Alumni Programming Board hosted a group comprised of 47 Ursinus students, faculty, alumni and friends, to an afternoon of fine arts and fine food. In an effort to involve students and alumni with the more cultural side of alumni programming, the Y.A.P.B., under the leadership of General Chairperson, Susan Callahan '85, and others such as Carl Buck '84, Georgeanne Fusco '84, and Jackie Pirolo '86, was able to plan and execute this highly successful trip.

Since its inception in 1987, the Young Alumni group has made a concerted effort to provide a varied and quality-based approach to programming. In addition to the Nutcracker Ballet, the Y.A.P.B. will also host events this year such

1991, the Annual Beer-Tasting Event in the Spring (sure to be a repeated success!), a party for graduating seniors and young alumni at Mermaid Lake on May 11, the big U. C. by the Sea IV, in Avalon, NJ in August, and many more!

As James McCartney, Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs, says "I am glad to see that the alumni of the College are getting more diverse in the things that they do. We still do a great job in throwing a party, but there is also an increased interest in providing programming that is appealing to all groups of people. It's exciting to see them (the alumni) actively searching for ways in which to get students involved even before graduation. There is so much that both alumni and students can

Study Abroad Memorable

BY ADRIA HARRIS
Of the Grizzly

"It was the best experience of my life 'so far.' IT gave me the chance to grow-up and become more self-reliant." "I would recommend it to anyone." The above are just a few of the nice things that Seniors Tami Doto and Wendy Manko had to say about their semester abroad.

The two spent last semester studying in London under the University of Wisconsin and Syracuse University programs respectively. When asked about their experiences abroad, their eyes light up and their photo albums are immediately dragged out. The two had somewhat different experiences, but both came home with an overall sense of having had the most fun possible while learning about themselves and other people.

Wendy, who shared an apartment in City Center with a recent Ursinus graduate, asserts that the semester away from home gave her the much needed opportunity to try her hand at independence. At first, Wendy suffered from "distance shock," but that didn't last long, for she soon developed the "family of friends" that made the trip worthwhile. Not only did Wendy develop the social contacts important to everyday life, but she also mastered some domestic skills that will carry her through graduate school and beyond. Among these were the ability to cook spaghetti a thousand different ways and that of remaining financially solvent in a country where the cost of living is quite high.

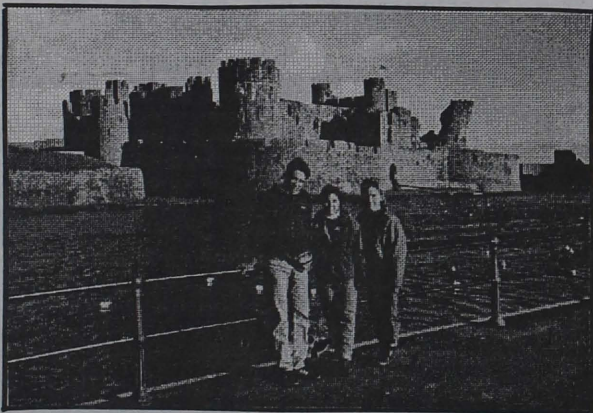
Tami, who lived with an English family, did so because she liked the idea of becoming immersed in their culture. She describes her host family as being very accommodating, but claims that their were some realities of their life that she was not prepared for. Among these were the legendarily terrible English food, the number of locked doors in her host home and the lack of heat and hot water. But Tami soon discovered that there was more to life than food and hot showers. Museums, plays, pubs, and trips to neighboring countries occupied most of her time.

Although they attended different schools, Wendy and Tami had similar opinions regarding the academic environment. As Wendy put it, school in London was "not very hard, but [she] learned a lot." Additionally, both girls claim that what their courses lacked in rigor, they more than made up for in appeal. Imagine, their course work included some odious tasks as theater visits and trips to points of interest throughout England. That sure sounds better than a three hour Biology lab!

However, the highlight of the semester was skiing the Swiss Alps, "a dream come true" for Wendy. The mountains were "amazing...just about everything else on the trip paled in comparison," said Tami.

So, if you are interested in learning first-hand about other cultures, in developing a greater degree of self-sufficiency, and in making memories that will last a lifetime, consider the opportunities that a semester abroad can offer. Tami and Wendy did, and they wouldn't change it for the world.

Contact your advisor for further information.



Wendy Manko (center) and Tami Doto (right) with a friend in front of Caerphilly Castle in Wales.

This Week in Sgt. Grizz...The Bear Facts U.C. History...

BY TERRI JOHNSON
of The Grizzly

During this week in 1951, a main issue being discussed around campus was whether Ursinus should have an ROTC unit. One of the main controversies surrounding this issue was whether there was some inconsistency in having ROTC at a church affiliated college. Many students were interviewed and their reactions were mostly favorable having the program for a variety of reasons.

John Powell, class of 1951, did not feel that, there was any inconsistency in having an ROTC program at Ursinus because he felt that "it was a part of the country's duty to contain the ROTC, and part of the church's duty to be patriotic."

Mary Schoenly, class of 1952, felt that the issue of religion and the ROTC program were not related, and the addition of this program would help to keep up the enrollment which in turn would improve conditions of the college.

Janice Pastouius, class of 1954, felt that preparing for war, like an ROTC unit would be doing, was not consistent with the church's policy of maintaining peace, however she felt that "if the government plans to begin an ROTC unit, it will place the unit somewhere. It is better to encourage boys to get their military training in an institution which promotes Christian ideals than to give them training in an atmosphere which is completely secular."

The final person interviewed was Sarah Weirich, class of 1952, who felt that "all institutions whether religiously affiliated or not should cooperate with governmental programs as long as they do not endanger their own objectives."

Greek Notes

On Saturday, January 19, a team of Kappa Delta Kappa sisters tried their hand at waitressing for a spaghetti dinner held in Bethel Methodist Church. The church, located in nearby Spring City, was the sight of a benefit dinner held for Amanda King.

A few months ago Amanda's mother took her to the doctor about an earache. Doctors soon discovered the 6 year old girl has cancer affecting her liver, kidneys, and lungs.

The benefit dinner, organized by a swarm of volunteers, served over 500 people and helped to raise about \$5000 for Amanda.

The "AUTO-BOOT" has finally ARRIVED!!!! An auto-boot is an automobile immobilizer that is used where illegal parking is a problem. The following policy and use of the BOOT has been in effect since the 21st of January 1991. One warning will be given to the owner of the vehicle prior to using the AUTO-BOOT for the following listed violations:

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STAFF AND FACULTY SIGNS WILL BE AT THE PARKING SPACES AND IF YOU ARE IN THESE PARTICULAR SPOTS DURING THE WEEK, YOU WILL BE CITED!!! UNTIL THE NEW POLICY IS IN EFFECT AND GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARK AT THESE LOCATIONS.

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01 February 1991 at 12:20 P.M., A Professor at Ursinus College reported that sometime between the hours of 8:20 A.M. and 12:20 P.M., unknown subject(s) put numerous scratch marks on the rear door and quarter panel of his car that was parked in the "A" lot. If anyone witnessed this incident, please call the Security Department, your name will be kept confidential!!!!!!!!!!

01 February 1991 at 11:15 P.M., It is reported to Security that their was a gas leak on Main Street. Officers responded and found that the call was a false alarm.

02 February 1991 at 8:30 P.M., A student reported to Security that unknown person(s) shot at a Main Street house with a BB gun. Security found when investigation the incident that a pellet had entered and split the outer pane of a window at this location. The investigation continues....

Horoscopes...

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

This the dawning of a great Valentine's Day for you. Watch out, though, don't be irresponsible when it comes to thinking about others. Mail Gran the card she looks forward to every year but never gets. Don't try to use the new four cent stamp price increase as an excuse - she won't buy it.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

Rational, down to earth Pisces- you are everybody's buddy; a loyal and trustworthy friend. Pisces tend to favor long-term commitments, so for all of you in serious relationships, use Valentine's Day as a means to refuel that smoldering fire. Steer clear from Wismer "Restaurant nights", the ambiance just isn't there.

Aries (Mar. 21 - April 20)

Take advantage of financial opportunities. Perhaps buy something you've always wanted- a simple splurge can boost those dreary, mid-winter blahs. Venus is in your quadrant this month so, as Valentine's Day approaches, don't resist spending on that special someone.

Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

With your aggressive planets in almost perfect alignment, you will find yourself full of energy this month. Try to channel your motivation into something productive. Have a thing for your lab partner? Go for it!

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Personality and intelligence overwhelm you this month and everyone is mesmerized by your boundless charm. Sit back, admirers will come to you on Valentine's Day. Enjoy your abundant popularity. Throw a party if you have the funds, if not go to one, you won't have to clean up.

Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

Oh how you are missing the warm months of summer. Rainy days, crunchy snow and grey skies are very depressing. We suggest you stop moping and make the best of this nasty weather. Stay indoors with someone else - body heat is contagious.

A Valentine History

ELEANORE HAJIAN Associate Editor

Each Valentine's Day millions of people show their affection for one another and make Hallmark and Russell Stover rich. February 14th, however, has not always been an occasion for heart shaped boxes and cards.

Valentine's day was originally celebrated as the recognition of two early Christian martyrs who were both named Valentine. One was a priest of Rome and the other was the bishop of Interamna, now Terni. Both men suffered martyrdom in the second half of the third century and a day has been reserved for them ever since. There are two interesting

Leo (July 21 - Aug 21)

You have a natural knack for flirtation, but realize that even that which seems so fun, can sometimes cause big trouble. Don't lead anyone on - breaking a heart on Valentine's Day is really low. But, if your flirting is directed at a real love interest than keep it up.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

Who can resist a romantic Virgo on the prowl? Valentine's Day is your holiday. This month you are feeling especially uninhibited. Mercury plus Jupiter in your Moon unit equals love and tons of it. Surround yourself with all that is passionately seductive. We suggest soft music to set the mood. Try some slow Bee-Gee's, a proven aphrodisiac.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

Beware of restaurants with \$10.00 minimums. It can make dining with your loved one more dear than expected.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)

Scorpion stingers are out to break hearts on Valentine's Day. Love 'em and leave 'em is second nature. Restless Orion has reared its ugly head this month causing a need for change in your life. Don't be too hasty, though, a quick decision could cause serious repercussions and regret during the weeks ahead.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You want to spend, spend, spend on your Valentine this month. Your generous nature causes you to go head strong into all of your relationships. While that is an admirable trait, be careful of someone taking advantage of you. Try spending some of that Valentine's Day generosity on your mother, she is sure to appreciate it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Hey you crazy Capricorns, prepare for a rocky month of ups and downs. Your mother planet is in an unsteady orbit. Hold tight and enjoy the ride. Valentine's Day looks good; however, but only if you're not afraid to be the aggressor in a relationship. Avoid your tendency to be overbearing.

theories about how this religious celebration of a saint became connected with 'Amour and romance. In the Middle Ages the common belief was that the mating season of birds began on Feb. 14.

Chaucer expressed this when he wrote, "For this was Seynt Valentine's day when every foul cometh ther to choose his mate." This belief is thought to have intermingled with the worship of St. Valentine producing our modern day customs.

The second theory proposes that Valentine's day is a survival of a Christianized Roman celebration held on Feb. 14, the day before the Feast of the Lupercalia. On the 14th all of the young maids put their names in a box. Then, each

BY RICHARD P. RICHTER President of the College

The ecological damage caused by the war in the Gulf probably will not be calculated accurately until after the shooting ends. But even now we know it will be vast. It is one of the many unintended consequences of the military conflict; and it reminds us once again of the hellish, insane essence of war.

This war was undertaken to set political wrongs right. The US and its allies assumed that the conflict itself could be executed without materially affecting the integrity of the scene--the "theatre" in military terminology.

Of course we assumed that bridges and factories and some collateral domestic facilities would be destroyed but that they could be repaired afterwards. We assumed that a certain number of people on both sides would die. I have not seen reports that we anticipated the oil slick, the long-term atmospheric effect of smoke from burning oil, or the upsetting of the balance of the desert ecology by the presence of so many troops and so much material.

Setting aside for a moment the political issues of the war, I wonder whether it may come to be known as the first ecologically conscious war. We see some evidence that this may happen when we see the television coverage of the slick. It is remarkable that, at the very moment when human beings are dying from missiles and bombs, television is showing cormorants in their death throes on blackened beaches. I do not think that the bird life of Normandy Beach on D-Day in 1944 was considered newsworthy.

Governments since 1945 have seemed to be rational enough to refrain from the ecological madness of nuclear war--though irrational enough to continue

man would draw a name out of the box. He was then expected to be the suitor of the young lady for the year. If not, at the very least, he became her partner for the festival.

The early Christian clergy objected to this practice and substituted the names of women with saints names. (A popular decision.) The men were then expected to emulate the saint they chose for the next 12 months.

The custom of sending Valentines did not become a practice until the 17th century. At first they were simple homemade items. Eventually in the 18th century Valentines became more elaborate and a commercial commodity.

manufacturing the weapons that make such a world disaster possible.

From the Gulf war a new awareness could emerge of the ecological damage that even conventional war can cause. That could be a greater long-term good than any political good that may come from the conflict. Fear among governments of permanently damaging the earth itself could be a useful new deterrent to war.

But such a fear is unlikely to operate any time soon. A whole new attitude toward the integrity of our planetary habitat would have to be acquired by people around the world. The process of attitudinal change may have begun, as the footage of the dying Gulf birds attests. But it has barely begun.

College communities such as ours are beginning to help bring about a fundamental change of attitude. It seems to me that students today are increasingly conscious of the need for ecological responsibility. And we should give all possible encouragement to students who are organized to do something constructive about the environment.

But the enterprise will have to be much more far-reaching. It will have to reach into the deepest-held convictions about the destiny of human beings and the fate of nations.

Professor Thomas Berry of Fordham University writes about revisioning everything in terms of the earth itself in a new "ecological age." Berry would like to see a college where the faculty and students acknowledge the "unbreakable bond of relatedness" of everything from the Big Bang up to the present instant. He observes that the wholeness of the universe is increasingly evident to contemporary scientific observation; but it finally is beyond

the measurements of science.

"In virtue of this relatedness," Berry says, "everything is intimately present to everything else in the universe. Nothing is completely itself without everything else....The universe is a communion and a community. We ourselves are that communion become conscious of itself."

In a world community imbued with that kind of consciousness, the destruction of a gulf or a city would be anathema because quite literally it would be self-destructive. It is a long distance from today's war to that fine day.

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Side Winders

BY ALADDIN SANE
Of the Grizzly

The sidewinders are college radio favorites hailing from Tucson, Arizona. *Witchdoctor*, their major label debut, spawned the hard edged title track, led by the brilliant guitar of Rich Hopkins. The vocals, supplied by both Dave Slutes and Andrea Curtis, are convincingly strong. The songs "Cigarette" and "What Am I Supposed to Do" spotlight Slutes, while "Love 88" and "World's Apart" feature Curtis. A major strength of the songs like "Witchdoctor" and "Tears Like Flesh" are comfortably interwoven with smoother edged "Before Our Time" and "What She Said." *Witchdoctor* stands as a thoroughly enjoyable disc that should have received more attention than it did back in 1989.

The Sidewinders latest release, *Auntie Ramos' Pool Hall*, is once again a startling release from this relatively unknown quartet. Gone are Andrea Curtis' magnificent vocals, but neither the music nor the creativity suffers. *Auntie Ramos' Pool Hall* opens with "We Don't Do That Anymore", a pointed number about growing up and facing responsibility. Most of the lyrics deal with the aspect of growing up and the changes we go through. "Get Out of That Town",

and "Doesn't Anyone Believe" are the best lyrically, while "Blood on Our Hands" and "Drop the Anchor" stand out musically.

Once again the greatest strength of the disc is the diversification of the material. Rich Hopkins once again lays down the solid foundation with both acoustic and electric guitars, while David Slutes continues with a strong voice, and the rhythm section of Mark Perrodin on bass and Bruce Halper in drums rounds out the rejuvenated foursome. The music is generally hard to classify to one particular label. And I personally despise labels of any sort on music. *Auntie Ramos' Pool Hall* is simply enjoyable music for those who enjoy music. Pop songs are mixed with slower ballads which are mixed with balls out rockers ("Drop the Anchor" and "Blood on Our Hands" being favorites).

In terms of musical style, the Sidewinders could most be likened to R.E.M. or the Waterboys. The Sidewinders area also rumored to be an excellent live band, probably owing to the simplicity and spontaneity of their recorded work. They will no doubt be in Philadelphia in the near future, hopefully at a small venue such as the 23 East Cabaret. Trust me, catch them before they get away, and go really big.

BY SARA JACOBSON
Assistant Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Student Activities Office and dance marathon committee are gearing up for, in Mark Applebaum's words, "the major event of this year on this campus." The dance marathon is scheduled for March 22nd and 23rd in two of the Hellfire gyms. All money raised is going to the Leukemia Foundation of Greater Philadelphia.

The campaign to get students to sign up to dance will begin February 18th during lunch in Wismer. The Philadelphia Eagles' cheerleaders will be making a special appearance to urge students to participate. Sign up will also be available in the Student Activities Office and is open to the Collegeville Community as well.

The dance marathon theme is, "giving 24 hours of your life to help people who fight 24 hours a day all their lives". Participants are asked to raise at least \$12.50 by soliciting donations from sponsors

Dance Marathon

in the area. The dancer to raise the most money will win a prize. Prizes will be given throughout the event to dancers and to people who come to the carnival on Saturday. There will also be special theme hours, such as fifties hour, with prizes for the best dancer of that theme. Some prizes include a pinball machine, futon, a surprise grand prize, and many, many more.

Two bands, "The Sense" and "Innovation", as well as the Video Dance Show will provide the music, and WOGL, one of the four major sponsors, may kick the marathon off with remote coverage. There will also be news coverage by local papers, radio stations, and television channels. At the carnival around the dancers there will be food, games, prizes, a characterist, and a recording booth. A donation to the Leukemia foundation will be asked of those attending the carnival.

The Student Activities Office is also planning two other events to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation. Wednesday February 13, at 4:00 there will be a

faculty/staff auction in the Wismer parents' lounge. Ursinus staff and faculty have been donating things such as food or cleaning service to be auctioned off to students. The highest bidder will get the chance to have their favorite professor's cookies.

A third fundraiser, miss-a-meal, has been scheduled for March 13th. Students will sign up to miss dinner that day and the Wismer Food Service pledges to donate approximately \$1.75 per meal number to the Leukemia fund. The Student Activities Office is now trying to get Pizza Hut coupons to be available for students participating. The sign up sheet for miss-a-meal will be available in Wismer.

The dance marathon and carnival are the main activities organized by the Student Activities Office and Mark Applebaum this year. They, "expect a lot of greek participation." The dance marathon committee is headed by Julie Davidson and Michelle Fesserson. The event is sponsored by Pizza Hut, Subway, Pepsi, and WOGL.

Get Shorty

BY CHRISTOPHER MAJOR
Of the Grizzly

Admittedly, I didn't do my homework this week. Instead of curling up on the couch and reading a good book, I spent too much time trying to win a bloody game of racquetball. Taking the easy way out, I figured I'd write about the best book I've read in the past few months: *Get Shorty*, by Elmore Leonard.

Many of you are probably familiar with Elmore Leonard. For instance, the scene in *Lethal Weapon II*, where Danny Glover is caught with his bare butt on a couple of pounds of explosives was lifted from Leonard's *Freaky Deaky*. *Get Shorty* is Leonard's latest best-seller, where we find the unlikely protagonist Chili Palmer. Chili's a small time Miami loanshark trying to go legitimate to get his wife back. But, before Chili can turn over the business to Ray Bones, he's got to collect on his only unpaid vig.

Seems that Leo Devoe owes payments on a fifteen thousand dollar loan. At three percent a week, that's four-fifty a week. Or one-hundred fifty-six percent a year. Leo's plane blew up in the Everglades. No one but Leo's wife knows he wasn't on the plane. Now Leo's skipped town, owing

money to the vig, with three hundred thousand dollars in insurance money. So Fay makes Chili a deal. Get the three hundred thousand and you can keep half.

Here's where Chili's problems begin. Chili finds Leo easy enough, gets his money plus the three hundred grand. Leo's in Las Vegas. Chili loses all the money while he's there. Now he's in a fix.

For those of you who think I'm ruining the plot, I'm not. All this happens in the first twenty pages. The fun begins when Chili tries to

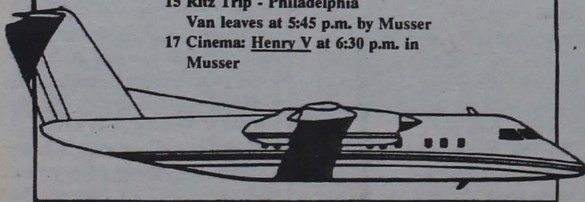
get his money back. Before Ray Bones kills him.

Get Shorty is a fun-filled roller-coaster ride through Hollywood, where Leonard's characters mix with Letterman, De Niro, Hoffman, and the superstar Michael Weir, who Chili wants to star in a movie that Chili's written himself. Leonard writes it so real that it's hard to tell that it's not. Places, people, and especially the dialogue all ring so true that it's difficult to put down *Get Shorty* until the very end.

International Program

February

- 11 Swiss Dinner 6:00 p.m. in Musser
- 12 Russian Chat at 8:00 p.m. in Musser
- 13 Speaker: Dr. Graves on "Women's Studies and Feminism in England" in Wismer Parent's Lounge
- 15 Ritz Trip - Philadelphia Van leaves at 5:45 p.m. by Musser
- 17 Cinema: *Henry V* at 6:30 p.m. in Musser



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Dance Marathon Sign-ups The semester has begun, and I bet you're wondering what is ahead for you in the semester. Well how about dancing for 24 hours for a great cause. Sign ups for the first annual Ursinus College Dance Marathon for Leukemia will be on February 11th in Lobby A. We look forward to getting everyone involved in the largest event to ever hit U.C. See you on the 11th.

Triumph of the Spirit

BY AMY FLEMMING
Of the Grizzly

Triumph of the Spirit, starring Willem Dafoe, Robert Loggia, and Edward James Amos, is the moving tale of a man's struggle in a German concentration camp during World War II. No, it's not just another tear-jerker concentration camp story. **Triumph of the Spirit** is the true

story of Salamo Arouch, welter weight boxing champ of the Mediterranean. Salamo was forced to box for his life—the losers were sent to the gas chamber. Willem Dafoe's performance was marvelous as he headed the cast in a story of one man's struggle not only for his life, but for the lives of his family. Yes, the story is disturbing, but I would not suggest missing it.

Soap Box

BY ELLEN SHATZ
Of the Grizzly

All My Children

Charlie conned Phoebe into believing he used her credit card for environmental research while in the Caribbean with Melanie. (Pretty Smooth!!) Erica confided in Jackson that she's using a family therapist as an excuse to break up her marriage to Travis (Nice!!). Tom admitted to Brook that he wants to kill Travis. Tom told Barbara he was leaving her.

Another World

Taylor's tricks finally get Charlene to return to therapy, but Charlene changes her mind when she finds out that John is having surgery. Taylor vows to get John. (Home wrecker!!) Marley moves out of Vicki's when she finds out Vicki knew about Donna and Jake. Jamie tries to comfort Marley, but Marley can't trust anyone anymore. Stacy says she'll represent Donna, which angers Michael. Amanda overhears Olivia plotting to keep Sam.

Days of Our Lives

As Shane and Kayla are about to kiss, Kim calls and interrupts. Kim is surprised by her parents' visit. Kim wises up (finally) to Lawrence's smooth moves. Carly and Bo spend a lot of time together. Carly joins the research team. Victor shakes when he hears Bishop's name mentioned. Victor's men warn Bishop to leave town, but he says he'll stay since he no longer works for Victor (I sense TROUBLE!!)

General Hospital

Carla and Colton convince Charlene to return to Santa Morrow with them. (Yeah!!) Tony and BJ move back into their old

house. Bobbi vows to get Lucas back. (Reality check, Bobbi!!) Tiffany threatens to sue her if she does. Cheryl is crushed to learn Robert no longer loves her. (I guess she won't be getting a Valentine this year!) Frisco turns house husband. Felicia is angry that Frisco has given up sleuthing for her. (What a bunch of saps!!)

Guiding Light

Billy and Nadine tied the knot, to everyone's surprise and dismay. Mindy and Rogel got snowed in at their secret rendezvous while shacking' up. Holly bought a country house and convinced Blake to move in with her. Harley continues to pine away for Josh as he searches for Reva.

Santa Barbara

Cruz suspects Eden is hiding something about her mystery man. Minx admits she's Cassie's mom, but promises not to tell anyone else. Craig tells Kelly he loves her and asks her to choose him and Robert/Quinn. (What a choice!) Julia plots her psychotic revenge against Dash in her cabin hideaway, refusing to release him until he admits raping her. (Go, Julia!)

The Young and the Restless

Jack tells John that Victor is considering him as Brad's replacement. (Not so fast, Jack, the job isn't open yet!) Brad's staying at Jabot and divorcing Cassie. Victor decides to will Jabot to the Abbots. Nina makes David Philip's legal daddy. (Bad move, Nina!) David wants to inherit the money so Nina and Philip have to be dead. Danny and Cricket plot to prove David's guilt to Nina before it's too late. (They'd better hurry!!)

FROM THE PHILADELPHIA ZOO

An imaginary safari and African folktales will highlight "Animals Through African Eyes" at the Philadelphia Zoo on Saturday, February 16, 1991 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is sponsored by WUSL-FM and is free with zoo admission.

Animals native to Africa, including elephant, aardvark, meerkat and hippopotamus will be featured in special "Keeper Talks" throughout the day, weather permitting. Local artist Leroy Johnson will enlighten children in

the art of mask making from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Power 99 disc jockey Stanley T. will also be on hand to greet guests from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

In addition, storyteller "Teju", Tejumola F. Ologboni, who describes himself as "a verbal illusionist" will spin his exotic folktales from noon to 1 p.m. in The Reptile House. The Milwaukee native is an animated entertainer whose travels through Africa are the basis for many of his stories.

As an extra bonus, the Zoo's education department will sponsor

activities for children throughout February to commemorate Black History Month. An imaginary Zofari through the wilds of Africa will allow 6-10 year olds to visit with African animals, sample African musical instruments and make African arts and crafts. Local storyteller Vickey Lusk will share African folktales for 4-5 year olds including a trip to Africa through a small boy's perspective. Pre-registration is required for these events and can be obtained by calling 215-243-1100, extension 325.

City Art

FROM THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART
HENRY OSSAWA TANNER

Including the works lent by public and private collections throughout the U.S. and France, the exhibition will present a major retrospective of the work of Henry Tanner (1859-1937), the foremost African-American artist at the turn of the century. Born in Pittsburgh and raised in Philadelphia, Tanner studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts under the renowned artist Thomas Eakins. Due to the prejudice found in America, Tanner sailed for France in 1891, where he was to settle for the rest of his life, with brief visits to the United States. During a visit to Philadelphia in 1893-1894, Tanner painted one of his most famous canvases, *The Banjo Lesson* an original and moving depiction of the life of the poor African-Americans following the Civil War. After his return to Paris in 1894, Tanner became especially renowned for his portrayals of Biblical subjects, which were endowed with the same human dignity and contemplative spirit which characterize his scenes of everyday life. His ling, illustrious career was recognized by the French government, which made him a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor in 1923.

FROM THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART
CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN CRAFT

This installation draws primarily from the Museum's permanent collection of contemporary American crafts objects and reflects both Philadelphia's and the Museum's resolute commitment to crafts. The exhibition includes works by potters, ceramists, textiles artists, basket and furniture makers, and artists who work in metal and glass and wood. The earliest examples of ceramics in this exhibit, created by Austrian emigres Otto and Gertrud Natzler in 1940, introduce the viewer to "American" ceramics. Other ceramic artists represented include Robert Arneson, Richard DeVore, Rudolph Staffel, Peter Voukos, and Beatrice Wood. The textile artists represented are three women whose work was executed in Philadelphia: Adela Akers, Yvonne Bobrowicz, and June Groff. Dale Chihuly's large glass sculpture shows one strain of the contemporary studio glass movement. The installation also includes several pieces of jewelry on loan from local collections to complement the Museum's own fine examples of jewelry by Philadelphia artist Olaf Skoofors and Stanley Lechtzin.

AIRBAND IS COMING on Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. Get your act together and pick up a registration form in the Student Activities Office. All forms must be in by Feb. 13.

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***** Sports *****

Extra Point

BY A. JUDD WOYTEK
Sports Editor

This *Extra Point* is a continuation of the column which appeared in the last issue of *The Grizzly*. The title of this special edition of *Extra Point* is **THE DANGERS OF STEROIDS**. I originally wrote this piece for my *Advanced Composition* class last semester. Steroids have always been an interest of mine and I hope that this special column will help to answer any questions you may have about the dangers involved with steroid use.

So, why do students use these drugs? Many boys have seen pictures of bodybuilders in a local gym or YMCA and have a desire to look "big" so they are more attractive to the opposite sex. Girls mostly use steroids to increase strength for sports to be more competitive.

In the 1988 Summer Olympics, Canadian track star Ben Johnson was stripped of the gold medal he won in the 100-meter race because traces of stanozolol, a prohibited anabolic steroid, showed up in a urine sample taken from him after the race. According to Johnson, his doctor had been giving him anabolic steroids without telling him. During hearings on the case, however, Johnson's coach said that his sprinter had competed for over eight years as a steroid user and passed drug test after drug test.

Coward in a June 16, 1989 **JAMA** article states that the Johnson affair presented steroid use in a positive light "to athletes who saw the \$18 million endorsements waiting for Johnson, the fancy car, the gold jewelry, and the fame." She says that the lesson young athletes may have learned is "simply don't get caught," especially since his "lifetime" ban will probably not even come close to that.

The young athletes want to be as good as their Olympic heroes. The previously mentioned article by Ken Mannie, states that "Many athletes, both male and female, abuse anabolic steroids with the intention of increasing muscle mass and physical strength." He says that research shows that these changes will occur if the user also increases caloric intake and begins a strenuous resistance-training program. These abusers hope to see increases in speed, power, and skill, but this is not always the case. Many of the abusers take a much larger dose than they need

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Gymnasts Fare Well at Ithaca, Reach Team Goal

BY THE GYMNASTICS TEAM
Special to *The Grizzly*

This past weekend, the Ursinus women's gymnastics team travelled to Ithaca, New York to compete against the Ithaca and West Chester gymnastics teams. Prior to this meet, the UC team's high score was 147 points, their goal for this meet was to reach 150 points. Not only did they achieve their goal, but they exceeded it by five points!

In the beginning of the season, the team high was 132 points, so the gymnasts were very excited about the team total on Saturday. In the meet, every gymnast turned in a personal best. Melanie Glick broke two school records, one on the floor exercise with a 9.0 and one on the balance beam with an 8.7. Glick already has the school record in the all-around with a

39.85 and has tied the school record on the vault with a 9.0.

Susan Steele earned her best all-around this season at Saturday's meet with a 33.15. She broke her personal best on bars with an 8.25 and on the floor with an 8.75. Ja Kim hit her highest all-around with a 30.75 and turned in a personal best on beam with an 8.05. Becky Evans, the only senior and team captain, earned her highest all-around with a 30.55 and turned in a personal best on each event. Liz MacDonald, who is also a captain, earned her highest floor score with an 8.2. In the meet against Cortland, MacDonald received an 8.6 on the vault which is also a career high.

This weekend's meet is at the Naval Academy. Coach Ray McMahan and the gymnasts hope to break the school record for the team total. The gymnastics team

will conclude the season with the ECAC meet. It is also possible that some gymnasts will qualify for

the National Championships in Minnesota.



Becky Evans on the Parallel Bars.

Photo/Kathleen Bowers, Sports Photography Editor

Track Women Place Third at PAIAW Championships

BY TONYA UGORETZ
Of *The Grizzly*

Last Friday night, the women's Track team travelled to Haverford College to defend their title at the PAIAW Championships. Although they were not successful in their defense, a very strong team effort did earn them third place honors behind the teams of Swarthmore and Haverford.

The ladies got out to a quick start in the meet by earning 4th place in the first running event of the night, the 4x1 lap relay. The team of Cleary Clarke, Kathy Bowers, Sue Wehner, and Many DuHoffman picked up points for the team, finishing in 2:17.0. Later in the night, with Tonya Ugoretz replacing Bowers, the same team ran to a 4th place finish in the mile relay.

The scoring for the Lady Bears was very well-rounded, with athletes taking high places in the sprints, distance, and field events.

In the 1,500 meter run, junior Kris Wagner finished 2nd in 4:59.4 with freshman Jen Orehowsky close behind in 4th place. Wagner also finished 2nd in the 3,000 meter, while Orehowsky went on to take a 2nd place in the 800 meter. Senior co-captain Teresa Springer contributed a strong 3rd place finish in the 3,000 meter, with a time of 12:14.1.

The sprints were an equally impressive arena for the Bears' talent. In the 400 meter dash, senior co-captain Wehner ran a strong race to finish 2nd in the first heat and third overall in 64.8. Ugoretz, also running the 400 meter, sprinted to her best indoor time ever of 65.3, good enough to earn her 4th place and her first collegiate medal. In the 55 meter dash, freshman DuHoffman advanced all the way to the finals where she finished 6th in 8.1 seconds.

The women also made their mark in the field events.

DuHoffman finished 4th in the triple jump, while Wehner tied for fourth in the high jump. A pleasant surprise for the Lady Bears was the performance of newcomer Clarke who finished 6th in the shot put, the first of five events which the junior competed in that night.

For all the team's well-distributed scoring, the race for third place came down to the final event of the evening, the two-mile relay. Going into the race five-tenths of a point behind Textile and just ahead of Widener, the pressure was on the team of Orehowsky, Dorothy Iffrig, Springer, and Wagner to come through with a strong performance, and they rose to the challenge. Each of the four runners ran strong legs with impressive kicks at the end, battling back and forth with runners from Swarthmore and Textile. On the anchor leg, Wagner stayed close to the leader

for 600 meters and finally out-kicked her over the last 200 meters, winning the relay and allowing Ursinus to edge out Textile for third place by 2.5 points.

Coach Richard J. Whatley stated that he was pleased with the "strong team effort" displayed on Friday night. The runners worked well together in relays, and individually ran some MAC-qualifying times. Several team members also had the opportunity to try new events or to compete for the first time. Freshman Ivana Bukosky and Kathy Hoffman debuted in the 800 meter and shot put respectively, while junior Erica Buneo stepped up from the sprints to run the mile for the first time in competition. Next week, the Lady Bears will look to continue their success against stronger competition at the MAC Championships held at Widener University.

Hoopsters Rounding Out Season

BY TREY GELSTON
Of *The Grizzly*

On Monday, February 4th the mens basketball team took on Haverford College at Helferrich Hall. Haverford entered the game with an 0-19 record so the Bears figured on an easy win.

They figured right. Playing everybody in the first half Ursinus cruised to an easy half-time lead and went on to win the game 75-52. Brendon Sharpe led the bears with a career high 17 points.

On Saturday, February 11th, the team went up against the

Shoremen of Washington College. Ursinus had beaten Washington a couple of weeks ago in a hard fought overtime game. This game also figured to be a close one, but Washington had other ideas. The score was close for a while, but then halfway through the first half Washington went on a 11-0 run and led at the half by 12. Then at the start of the second half Ursinus couldn't buy a bucket and went 3 1/3 minutes without scoring. Washington stretched their lead to as many as 24 points. Ursinus was able to come back a little bit and reduced the deficit to

11, but could not get any closer. Washington won the game 69-49. Andy Leshar led the Bears with 15 points.

With the loss Ursinus's record falls to 9-13 with 3 games remaining. On Monday the Bears will take on Catholic University in a non league game at Helferrich Hall. On Wednesday the Bears will play first place Swarthmore. The game will mark the final home game for Seniors Ron Algeo, Matt Campbell and Pete Smith. The season concludes with a game at Widener on Saturday.

SPRING SPORTS WRITERS NEEDED!!!

**Baseball
Softball
Lacrosse
Track
Tennis**

Contact Judd Woytek (454-0153) or Steve Grubb (489-2080).

***** Sports *****

Fro Scores Point, Swimmers Wash Out Widener

BY STEVEN GRUBB
Of The Grizzly

The Ursinus swim teams ended their MAC dual meet season riding a roller coaster against rivals Widener and Franklin and Marshall.

The roller coaster climbed uphill when the Bears visited the cavernous, modern facility at Widener University. The men figured on a close, tough meet with the Pioneers and got exactly that. The entire meet was up-and-down with the lead exchanging hands several times.

The meet started in a valley as the Bears failed to win the Medley Relay but momentum picked up as Steve Grubb and Jeff Andrews went 1-2 in the 1,000 yard free. Down the hill things went in the 200 yd. free where Widener took the two top spots, the 50 yd. free

went to Widener as well, but Mike Baganski pulled in a 2nd place. The 200 yd. IM and 200 yd. butterfly were significant events for Ursinus. Fred Brown easily captured the IM and Grubb and Judd Woytek placed 1-2 in the butterfly. These events helped Ursinus to stay close with the hopes of pulling the meet out at the end. The 100 yd. free seriously threatened UC's chances as Ursinus could not crack the 1-2 places, Widener had the lead. The extended the lead with an apparent 1-3 finish in the 200 yd. backstroke, but a controversial disqualification on Widener's 3rd place swimmer vaulted Chris Foust in to 3rd with Matt Landis placing 2nd and Jeff Brown picking up a crucial 5th place point.

Ursinus finished this unpredictable ride with a head of steam. Grubb picked up his third

victory in the 500 yd. freestyle with Jeff Andrews taking 2nd. The meet was clinched when Baganski and Brown went 1-2 in the 200 yd. breast. The men left with a well-earned 107-96 victory.

The women came to Widener with F&M on their minds. They claimed every first place, in the dominating 119-62 triumph but the 400 yd. medley relay. Triple winners were: Lisa Wessner (1,000 free, 500 yd. free, 400 yd. free relay) and Jen Derstine (200 yd. IM, 100 yd. free, 400 yd. free relay). Double winners included Santa Bomberger (200 yd. free, 400 yd. free relay), Abby Rosenbaum (200 yd. back, 400 yd. free relay), and Mary Garrett (50 yd. free, 200 yd. breast). Kelly Crowers placed 1st in the 200 yd. butterfly.

The women's roller coaster sank to a low-point in an emotionally draining 49-46 loss to Franklin and

Marshall. A pool that one would expect to see frogs swimming in, but more importantly, the absence of a key swimmer contributed to this loss.

Up and down the score went to a talented F&M team. The girls would win an event, lose an event. The cycle started with Jen Derstine, Mary Garrett, Lisa Wessner, and Santa Bomberger winning the 400 yd. medley relay followed by a 1,000 yard freestyle victory by Mary Garrett, then F&M took the 200 yd. and 50 yd. freestyles. Ursinus recovered to win the 200 yd. IM with Jen Derstine but got beat in the 200 yd. fly. Up they would go taking wins in the 100 yd. free (Santa Bomberger), 200 yd. backstroke (Jen Derstine) and 500 yd. free (Mary Garrett), but down they would stay with the F&M swimmer barely touching out Jen Wolfe to win the 200 yd.

breast and then cruise to an easy 400 yd. free relay win.

As for the men, what might have been a close meet in a six-lane pool turned into an afternoon to forget. Franklin and Marshall firmly trounced the bears 65-31. It would be really hard to pinpoint exactly where in F&M's armor the weak point could be exploited, but the men did manage two wins compliments of Dean Streck in a swift 50 yd. freestyle and Mike Baganski in the 200 yd. breaststroke. F&M had just too much up front however and the men had a hard time doing anything against the Diplomats.

U.C. concludes its season at home against Division I Loyola (Md.) at 6 P.M. on Tuesday, then it is off to MAC's at Swarthmore February 21-23.

Wrestlers Excel

BY LAURA ZOBEL
Of The Grizzly

As the season is rapidly coming to a close, the wrestling team has been practicing hard in order to finish the season on a positive note. The hard practices paid off, as the Bears wrestled well this past week.

On Wednesday, the team travelled to Haverford, where it won handily 35-20. Haverford was just no match for the Bears. Starting off with an 18 point lead due to forfeits in 3 weight classes, the Bears quickly improved the lead. Kevin Athearn dominated his opponent and pinned him in 3:55. At 150 pounds Bill Bunnel made his wrestling debut for the Bears. His fine performance resulted in a draw. Mike Tyas overpowered his opponent and quickly pinned him in 2:30. At 177 pounds, junior Mike Kane appeared on the mat for the first time in his life. He wrestled well, but his opponent outmaneuvered him. Brian Edens controlled his opponent throughout the match, which is reflected in the final score 19-12 and 3:33 of riding time.

Over the weekend the Bears traveled to Baltimore to face John Hopkins and Swarthmore. Bolstered by their win on Wednesday, the Bears Routed John Hopkins 46-5. At 126 pounds, Chris Schipira put in a solid performance and won 10-1. Kevin Athearn continued to wrestle well and pinned his opponent in the 1st period. Todd Klinedinst dominated his opponent throughout the match, which is reflected in the final score 21-7. The Bears' rampage continued as Bill Bunnel

and Josh Carter each pinned his opponent in the 2nd period. Larry Howe demonstrated the team's strength by overpowering his opponent and winning by a technical fall in the 2nd period. Mike Tyas spared his opponent the agony of a long drawn out defeat and quickly pinned him in :37 seconds. Brian Edens won by a score 3-2 in a close and exciting match. Scott Flannery capped off a fine performance by the bears by pinning his opponent in :27 seconds.

The Bears next faced Swarthmore. The Bears started off strong with a fine performance by Kraig Bano, who won by a technical fall in the 2nd period. After losing the next match, Kevin Athearn won his 2nd match of the day by a score of 8-2 and increased the Bears' lead to 8-3. Todd Klinedinst also won his 2nd match of the day in style by a score of 10-0 and accumulating 4:00 of riding time. The Bears lost the next 2 matches and the score was tied 12-12. Larry Howe put the Bears back on top by wrestling tough and winning 9-6. Ursinus lost the next two matches and were behind 15-19. Scott Flannery who won his 2nd match of the day by a score of 11-5. But his fine performance just wasn't enough for the Bears, who fell short of victory 18-19. The Bears finish their season with two home meets. On Tuesday the face King's in Helferrich at 7:00 P.M. and on Saturday the team wrestles Scranton at 1:00 P.M.

Extra Point Cont'd.

to obtain the desired physical effects and harm their bodies instead, states Cowart in another article in the April 7, 1989 issue of JAMA.

"Winning is the bottom line" for most steroid abusers., as Dr. Greg Shepard points out in his March 1989 article in Scholastic Coach. According to a survey cited by Coward in her October 3, 1990 JAMA article, 45% of the respondents said that use would improve muscle size and strength, 68% said that Olympic athletes use steroids, 43% said that steroids would not harm them if used carefully, and 15% said that they might use steroids in the future.

The survey also showed that 78% of the respondents had heard of anabolic steroids, but that only 49% have had the adverse effects of steroid use explained to them.

Coward, in the June 16, 1989 JAMA article, cites Thomas Murray, PhD. who says, "In direct head-to-head competition, the slightest advantage can mean first place instead of back in the pack. They [steroid users] are not just making an isolated free choice to use drugs. When they think an opponent is using them," athletes are coerced into doing the same. Many athletes have this same mindset as Cowart states in the April 7, 1989 issue of JAMA. The article says that many athletes use the steroids because "everybody

else does it," and that the users only socialize with each other and do not get a true point of reference to see that everybody is *not* using steroids. The same article says that "a substantial number of users said they would discontinue use if health hazards were proved conclusively." However, Jodie Slothower says in her January 1988 Health magazine article that 85% of all professional football players and up to 3% of all college seniors in the U.S. have tried steroids.

This special edition of Extra Point--THE DANGERS OF STEROIDS--will be continued throughout the next few issues of The Grizzly.

SPORTS BEAT

Monday, February 11

Men's Basketball v. Catholic University Home 8:00pm

Women's Basketball v. Widener Away 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 12

Swimming v. Loyola Home 6:00pm

Wrestling v. Kings Home 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 13

Men's Basketball v. Swarthmore Home 8:00pm

Women's Basketball v. Allentown Away 6:00pm

Saturday, February 16

Men's & Women's Indoor Track -- MAC Indoor Away

Wrestling v. Scranton Home 1:00pm

Men's Basketball v. Widener Away 7:30pm

Gymnastics v. Navy Away 7:00pm

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Bring Becker Back

To the Editor,

How could Matt Becker do this to us? He writes a hilarious review of the new Edie Breckell album (and a winning concert review on the previous page) in the December 3, 1990 *Grizzly*. Great. But then he vanishes from the face of the earth!

Okay, Okay. Maybe I'm going overboard here. But I did xerox the Breckell piece and sent it out with Christmas cards to friends in

New England. What we now have is an informal, unofficial Matt Becker Fan Club, and we are painfully aware that only a few short months remain before graduation. Write more reviews, we implore you! After all, who can use the words heinous troll in a review and get away with it?

Well, who?

Sincerely,

Stephen Heacock

Editor, College Communications

Dear Editor,

The Staff and leadership of the *Grizzly* are to be congratulated for their innovative and timely edition of the campus news paper (January 22, 1990) dealing with the Iraq war and "crisis in the Gulf". It was balanced and provocative, seeking to educate rather than inflame. At a time when the propensity to feed the tide of ethnocentrism and xenophobia through inflated patriotic rhetoric

and fear-mongering is rising to new highs, the open and free discussion of core issues is absolutely essential to the public interest and especially within colleges and universities. When the majority of the public is unaware of even the locations of Iraq, Kuwait or the Suez Canal, not to mention the peoples and problems of the region, students, faculty and educational institutions

have their work cut out for them. I hope the *Grizzly* can continue to play an important role in giving balanced thoughtful coverage of events in keeping with its campus and community mission.

Sincerely Yours,
Paul L. Doughty, '52
Professor of Anthropology
and Latin American Studies
University of Florida, Gainesville

Oh no, Mr. Bill!

Dear Mr. Bill,

I read with puzzlement your recent letter, "Why we are at war; the opinion of one informed layperson." Your opinion apparently informs us that we are at war because, among other things "of our historical failure to understand that American values and sensibilities are not universal... and the disastrous consequences of the prideful assumption that the interests of the privileged class of one country is to take precedence over the hopes and dreams of other peoples of the world." Leaving aside for the moment whether or not the people of Iraq were hoping and dreaming for their beloved dictator Sadaam to brutalize Kuwait (were they also hoping and dreaming that he would invade Iran causing the death of several hundred thousand Iraqi soldiers? Were the Kurds hoping and dreaming that he would gas their innocent women

and children?), this is simply not an excuse to invade a country unprovoked. The fact is the war in the Persian Gulf is about an act of naked aggression by a dictator who has shown a consistent expansionist mentality, and threatened to "burn half of Israel" if given the chance.

I could go on about other reasons why this war is justified, and I recognize that there should be legitimate and even illegitimate debate on those reasons. However, I am severely dismayed at some of the suggestions your "informed opinion" makes. While I respect your right to speak out against the war in any way you see fit, I cannot help but to be disturbed by your cavalier fiction that this war was somehow thought up in a back room by a president concerned "with his best chance at reelection," who, furthermore, "made common cause with the leaders of a Defense Department

terrified at the prospect of a fifty-percent reduction in their funds." Are you really accusing George Bush, Dick Cheney, Colin Powell of sitting in some room saying "Gee guys, how 'bout we go to war to keep the country from realizing a dividend of peace." Lest we forget, there were such warmongers as Steven Solarz and a majority of both Houses of Congress who also authorized us to go to war. So basically, your "informed opinion" consists of some half-baked conjectures that you have absolutely no way of knowing other than dreaming them out of the thin air.

I could go on about the flaws of your opinion, but as it is an opinion, you are certainly entitled to it. In my rather uninformed opinion, I think that maybe you should stick to calculus.

Sincerely,
Scott G. Galiger, '91

Respect Yourself -- and Your Major

Dear Editors:

I'm writing in response to the most recent issue of "Grim's Law" which lamented the division between humanities and science major. As a major in both physics and math, I thought I might offer an opposing view.

One would have to be insensate to believe that the humanities students don't work hard, but likewise impaired to believe that science students get equal credit for equal work hours. Another thorn is the Olin building. I walk past this ornate structure each day on my way to weathered Pfahler Hall with its asbestos insulation and melodious radiators. The renovations scheduled for Pfahler mean little to those of us who will be gone by the time they occur. Perhaps we could allow our science majors a small sense of

superiority, justified or not, as atonement for these discrepancies.

Society for its part does not discriminate. It labels everyone worthless until he proves his competence, regardless of his field. Besides, how many of us could name more famous scientists than performers, politicians, and the like? I would say society gives the humanities at least its due.

Are science courses more difficult? Of course they are. My own successes in the science courses have come at a higher price than those in the liberal arts, though I enjoy the sciences more. This is not to say that greatness in one field is more meritorious than in another, just that here at Ursinus, an "A" in Freshman Chemistry, for example, is harder to come by than an "A" in Public Speaking.

All of these elaborations, however, ought to be unnecessary. The elemental problem here is one of discipline, trying to wring respect from one another. Are my parents as good as John's? Is my dog as loveable? Is my major as worthy? The last person to expect an honest answer from is John. You'd be better attributing to him a nobility which is likely beyond him. Don't look to others for validation of your life's efforts; such a pursuit is often fruitless. Rather draw pride from your particular gifts, nurture your own self-esteem, and let the world think what it will.

Sincerely,
Mike Evans, '92

Opinions

War -- A Personal Experience on the Homefront

BY CHRISTOPHER PHIEL
Special to the Grizzly

The War in the Gulf has had a profound effect on every American citizen. Be it good or bad, the situation has evoked some sort of response in all of us. These responses range from anger to patriotism, from pride to protest. I would like to share a few of the reactions that I've noticed.

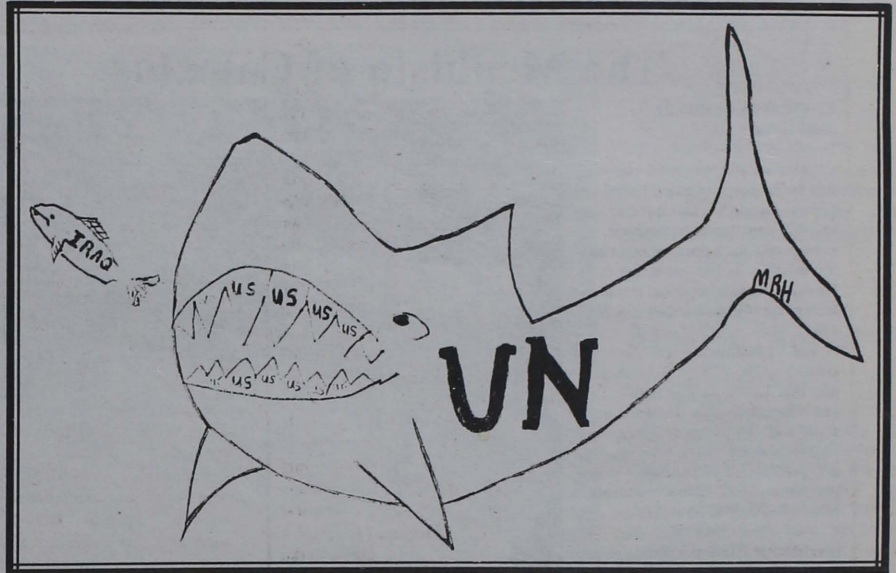
The crisis in Kuwait has been escalating since its commencement in early August. Was I concerned? Of course, but only to the same degree that I was concerned about other events such as the student uprising in China during the summer of 1989. It was important that I understood what was happening, but as far as I was concerned, I was far removed from the event itself.

As the weeks and months passed, talk of war increased more and more. To me, the prospect of war was remote. I lightly joked with my parents about being drafted, not knowing how this would affect them. They knew the magnitude of the situation. To add to that, they were my age during the Vietnam Conflict. They had seen the effects of war on a society and had also experienced the draft. To hear me joke about the draft was very unsettling to them. When I saw the way my parents reacted to this little joke, I suddenly realized the severity of the situation. I began to pay more

attention to the news reports, trying to gain a more in depth understanding of the Kuwait invasion.

Although there was increased tension about the situation, I still did not believe we were going to war. The final event that sobered me up to the imminent showdown in the Persian Gulf presented itself before me during semester break. One of my best friends from high school was home on a brief leave from his Marine base in California. I hadn't seen Albert since the day he left for the service a year before. It was good to see my buddy again. But at the party we were attending, he succeeded in alienating many of his good friends by making some very abrasive, off-the-cuff comments. Albert had always been a little cocky, and this was accepted, but his remarks were not tolerated, especially since they were unprovoked. Albert even made a comment to me that caught me off guard, but unlike my friends, I could let this roll off of me.

Albert's behavior puzzled me. Did the Marines change him that much? For days I pondered what had transpired. Then one night, while talking to a friend of my parents, I finally understood why he acted in the way he did—and it scared me. You see, Albert was to leave for Saudi Arabia on January 5. He knew we would be going to war. He also knew that this may have been his last chance to ever



be home again. In one fell swoop, he tried to rationalize all of the wrongs that he had ever committed, releasing all of his emotions about anything that had ever bothered him and put the blame where he felt it belonged. This, as I said, might have been his last chance to do this. In his mind, he could now go to war and die with a clear conscience.

When the pieces finally fell into place, I was genuinely terrified. Not only afraid at the prospect of going to war, but at the thought of possible losing one of my best

friends. I am only 21 years old. Albert is only 20. Put together, we've only experienced what half of a lifetime has to offer. Suddenly, the finality of death loomed large in my mind. Any naivete that was left in me was now gone.

Albert is now in Saudi Arabia. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about him. There is no way, even with the footage from CNN, that I can relate to what is going on over there.

I pray for Albert's safe return. I want him to have the opportunity

to live out the rest of his life. I also want him to come home and make amends with the people that care about him the most. Nothing would be worse for my friends than to have Albert die and have their last thoughts of him be negative ones. I would not want that on my conscience. For their peace of mind, Albert needs to come back home. War affects all of us in a different way, ways we couldn't have imagined. Unfortunately, I am now discovering this.

Who Wants the Persian Gulf War

BY GABRIELE SCHEEL
Of The Grizzly

Although the war affects most of all the Iraqi people and the Allied forces fighting in the Persian Gulf region, it is obvious that this is not a regional conflict. The entire world is getting involved. Politicians are telling us that this is the war between a broad alliance of states under UN auspices and the Baghdad regime. But what does the term "alliance" stand for? What made heads of states agree to form a coalition that finally ended up fighting a war? Did the peoples of their countries really urge them to do so? Taking into account the numerous protest actions in front of US embassies and other US-American institution, throughout Europe, you are tempted to doubt it.

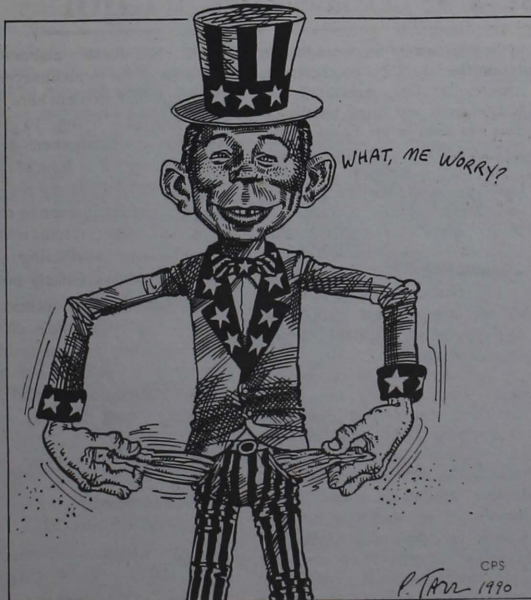
How do people in- let's say- Eastern Europe (that's where I'm

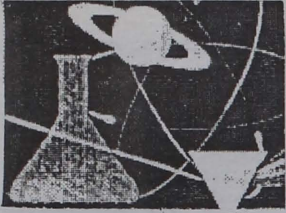
from) feel about the war? Well many of them strongly oppose it. In order to understand their reactions we have to take into consideration the time at which this war takes place. For all Eastern European countries this is a time of fundamental changes. Although people there now "enjoy" freedom (whatever this might be) their standard of living is declining rapidly. Unemployment, high rents, and debts are some of the problems that are now on the minds of the people. It is not Kuwait!

Calls for higher contributions to the war from European countries (e.g. from formally united but internally, deeply divided Germany) are getting louder. Where will the money come from? Who will have to pay the bill? Obviously those who already don't

know how to make both ends meet. One of the big slogans of FGR Chancellor Helmut Kohl during the election campaign last December was: "There will be no increase in taxes because of German unification." There might be no higher taxes due to the unification of Germany, but there sure will be a tax increase because of the Persian Gulf war and our obligation to contribute to its costs.

I am sure that Chancellor Kohl will make "his" contribution and others will have to, including Mikhail Gorbachev. But both should watch out for the developments in their own countries. Otherwise the world might soon have to face new problems and a new dictatorship on a larger scale.

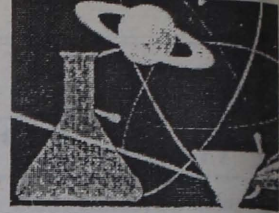




But still try, for who knows what is possible - Faraday

Science News

I think thy thoughts after thee, O God - Kepler



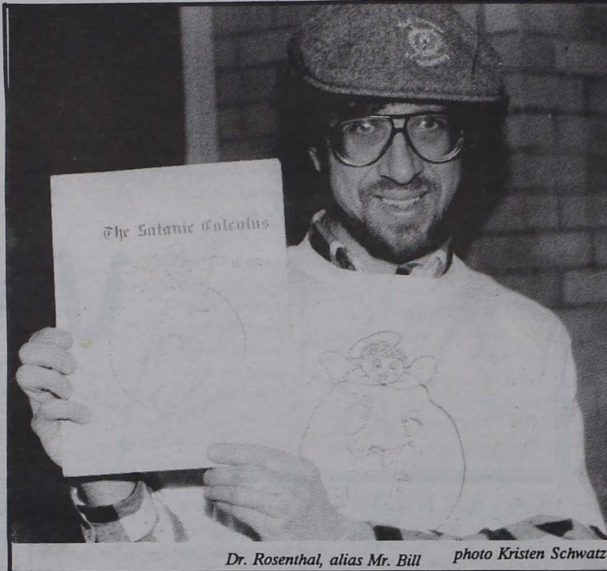
The Mephisto of Calculus

BY KRISTEN SCHWARZ
Photo Editor

Calculus. The very word can strike fear in the hearts of many liberal arts majors, especially when it comes time to fulfill their math requirement. For some people math does not come easy; for myself it is like extracting teeth. However, there is hope and it is in the form of the Humanistic Calculus, Math 108.

The Humanistic calculus was created by Dr. William Rosenthal, or Mr. Bill. He found that he was tired and frustrated with students doing math but not comprehending what they were doing. A few years ago Mr. Bill participated in a summer course that discussed the history and creation of calculus, only without the formulas. It was from this that Mr. Bill developed the idea of a similar course for undergraduates.

The Humanistic Calculus is designed for students whose previous experiences in math have been problematic (forgive the pun). Mr. Bill believes that these difficulties are the result of poor teaching of math on the high school level. He feels that this has made many students wary when it comes to approaching math. The Humanistic Calculus is not just formulas and numbers. Mr. Bill wanted students to understand math by allowing them to create their own ideas and thoughts about Calculus, not just plugging numbers into formulas. In designing the course he wrote his own textbook, *The Satanic Calculus*. "The Satanic Calculus is a book of words, not symbols." Also students are expected to keep a journal on their



Dr. Rosenthal, alias Mr. Bill photo Kristen Schwarz

experiences throughout the course. This is to help Mr. Bill understand how students are progressing so he can continue to develop and adapt the course.

The Humanistic Calculus is also a research project for Mr. Bill. He believes in a new method of research that requires observation and the study of patterns and not looking for the answers to predetermined questions. By observing his students he has learned a great deal in how they think and the importance of their thinking. This is also important in his teaching

efforts to create a more democratic classroom.

The Humanistic Calculus incorporates elements of art and science to demonstrate that they are integral in nature. Mr. Bill wants to help students to learn more about their own thinking, he wants them to learn how and why they think. He said, "I want them to gain more control over their education and their lives in general. And I want students to leave the course with a solid appreciation of the concepts and methods of calculus."

Bolt to Latest Discoveries

BY TODD A. KOSEK
Science Editor

Tracing Saddam's Profile

Psychological profiles are detailed studies of a single individual. Such psychological studies have been commissioned by the U.S. government for leaders ranging from Hitler to Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin. The latest study has focused on Saddam Hussein which was presented as part of Senate testimony by Dr. Jerrold Post. Dr. J. Post of the Center for the Analysis of Personality and Political Behavior has put together a profile in which he diagnoses Mr. Hussain as suffering from "malignant narcissism." This is a state of mind in which the individual exhibits four conditions: an inflated sense of self-importance, sadistic cruelty, suspiciousness to the point of paranoia and a total lack of remorse. These four should not be equated with a raving madman. Dr. Post emphasizes the fact that an individual with these characteristics can still make excellent decisions. Other members of the behavioral sciences disagree with the "diagnosis" saying that there are large gaps in the information needed to make such an assessment of Saddam Hussein. It is considered important for the compiler to have met the subject, but not vital. In the absence of such contact the process requires in depth biographical information. Dr. Post's critics claim that this information is not available. Some question the value and validity of these profiles. Dr. Post predicted that Saddam would back down quietly prior to Jan. 15.

Prioritizing Environmental Risk

William K. Reilly of the EPA has started a campaign urging legislatures and the public to reevaluate the relative risk of various environmental dangers. Mr. Reilly is concerned that the environmental issues that tend to be addressed by Congress are in the forefront of public concern. He states that this does not always reflect the potential harm caused by the danger. He has proposed a priority list based on the projected harm a certain factor could cause to the environment and the world population. By this system problems like global warming and species extinction are placed at the top of the list of concern. These issues have the potential to affect the whole world population, carry long term effects and are rather difficult to reverse or correct. Other problems that generate great public concern like oil spills are given a low priority because they affect a relatively small portion of the population and do not last as long as other problems, scientists claim. Senators at the hearing argued that science often gives ambiguous answers to concrete questions. Sen. D. Durenberger, R of Minn., questioned the supremacy of science over public opinion as a guide in these matters.

compiled from: *New York Times*

This Spill No Mistake

BY NAIMISH PANDYA
Of The Grizzly

Last week Iraq began pumping millions of gallons of oil into the Persian Gulf from Kuwait's main supertanker loading pier in an attempt to slow down the Allied attack. U.S. officials say that the oil could foul the water-intake systems of some of the ships and amphibious vehicles used in seaborne assaults and could reduce the maneuverability of U.S. aircraft carriers in the relatively shallow waters of the Gulf.

Although the flow of crude from offshore Kuwaiti sources was virtually halted by precision bombing, the slick left by some 11 million barrels of spilled oil still threatened ecological disaster. American companies specializing in oil spill cleanups are preparing to join an international effort to help Saudi Arabia minimize the effects of the giant spill in the Gulf. However, some say they are reluctant to send men and equipment

to a war zone. The oil slick is estimated to be 35 miles long and 10 miles wide.

The oil slick is very close to the Saudi shoreline and is predicted to hit important desalination plants as the currents move the oil southward. Saudi plants are putting up floating booms around its pumping area to block the oil. However, this doesn't seem to help that much, because the slick is blocked only on the surface of the water. If oil sits around long enough, it tends to clump and form tar balls that sink to the ocean floor. The plants pump in water at a depth of about 30 feet, and it is possible that this clumped oil could get in the pipes. Oil poses two problems for these plants. Some of the oil in the boiling water is itself turned into vapor, which then condenses and mixes with the collected fresh drinking water. Oil also sticks to the outside of the intake tube, where condensation occurs. This reduces the amount of water that will condense. Saudi officials say that these plants will be shut down if substantial amounts of contamination reaches its intake pipes, reducing the supply of drinking water for Saudis and the Allied troops.

However, the danger the oil slick poses to the desalination plants is far less than it poses for the environment. Already many animals have been killed and it doesn't seem like the slick will be cleared rapidly to minimize the loss of more animal lives. Oil poses several hazards for animals. Oil poisons the animals and disrupts the food chain. There are bacteria and other creatures which use sunlight as a source of energy to make food. The oil slick blocks the sunlight killing these creatures. The bigger animals feeding on these photosynthetic organisms will either die from oil poisoning or starvation because of lack of food. Some animals might live by migrating out of the Gulf. Yet loss of marine life is inevitable.

Quick cleanup is vital to minimize the ecological damage. If oil is allowed to float for a while, it will clump together and sink to the ocean floor, where eventually Mother Nature takes care of it. Detergent can also be dropped on the slick to disperse it to a point where these toxic tar balls won't form. Then the lighter oil will just evaporate. Recently scientists have come up with a better way to clean up the spill. There are bacteria

in the environment which can literally eat up the oil. They use the energy present in C-C bonds of the hydrocarbons and break up the oil. This was used in the Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska.

Although it seems to be a very logical solution to the problem, it too poses many problems. The means of destroying the bacteria after the slick is cleared away is still being determined. These bacteria grow on specific nutrients that need to spread on the beaches, and once these nutrients are depleted the bacteria may die of starvation.

The bacteria used for oil cleanups would most probably be natural occurring "oil-eating" bacteria. Recombinant DNA techniques are being used to engineer new bacteria for digesting different hydrocarbons. However, officials are reluctant to use these laboratory perfected bacteria, because they pose an environmental version of the gene therapy question. These isolated bacteria have never been tested in a natural setting, and it is questionable if they will pose more harm than benefit.

The key to cleaning up oil spills is that they have to be cleaned rapidly.

Every means should be tried. Scooping the oil from the water surface, adding detergent to disperse oil and letting it evaporate, and letting bacteria "eat" the oil are a few of the methods. Even with all these techniques, Mother Nature usually cleans it faster and more effectively than man ever could.

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