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# Ursinus College The Grizzly

With much communication will he tempt thee, and smiling upon thee will get out thy secrets.  
-Ecclesiastes, XIII, II

Parents' Day Pics!!

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## Yes, Mom, I Really Do Live Here

### Parent's Day 1992

BY TOM WILUSZ  
Editor-in-Chief

This past weekend marked the one-month point in Ursinus' Fall '92 semester and, as every year, Ursinus celebrated the occasion with Parents' Day. The parents of Ursinus were invited to come spend the day seeing the campus and getting a feel for campus life, as well as bringing an always welcome taste of home to the college.

A number of activities were planned for the day, geared towards giving the parents a chance to see as much of Ursinus as possible. The Berman Art Museum was opened for business, and many parents took the opportunity to see the cultured side of Ursinus life. On the other end of campus, the Ursinus Bears displayed another piece of Ursinus culture with the annual Parents' Day football game.

Mother Nature, cooperative as always, delivered Tropical Storm Danielle to the campus, but the weather remained nice enough that nobody but the Bears really minded. (Besides, many consider it best that the famous Ursinus sculpture remained, for the most part, unviewed).

Of course, the reason every Ursinus student looks forward to Parents' Day is the food. If Ma and Pa don't bring up a box of cookies or take you out for dinner, you can at least count on a day of improved College fare. Wismer didn't disappoint, serving up a "Forget about the rain, let's have a barbecue" indoor feast, including ribs, burgers, chicken, and suspiciously clean glasses. Sororities like Tau Sigma Gamma also sponsored brunches for sisters and their parents.

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## Taking Time to Talk with New Faculty

BY DORIAN IACONIS  
Of The Grizzly

This semester 14 new faculty members have been appointed at our college. I've taken the time out to speak with two of them.

Kathryn A. Goddard, adjunct professor of biology, comes to us from American University. In case you didn't know (I didn't), adjunct means half-time, non-tenure tract. She is half-time because she has a five month old daughter.

Goddard came here because she felt working at Ursinus would be more fun, and Ursinus has many biology majors, who she thinks are good students. She also hopes to get people enthusiastic about science. She is particularly interested in research on fish and welcomes people (freshmen too) who want to do research with her.

So far, she's had three takers. One of them is researching genetically identical fish, and the other two are studying winter flounder. See her if it sounds like fun.

On the serious side, though, Goddard hopes some people will look at women in the biology department and think about the fact that they all have children and work. A lot of female scientists have children and it's different, and sometimes difficult, for them.

I also talked to Katherine Fry-Nickerson, lecturer in communications arts. First of all, she goes by Katherine Fry. She's a part-time replacement for Dr. Miller, who is on sabbatical leave. Right now, she is finishing her PhD. at Temple, where she's been since 1987. Before that she was in St. Paul, Minnesota.



Photo/Rebecca Heyl

Ursinus parents enjoy the Berman Art Museum.

## APO and DEMAS Honored

BY ERIKA COMPTON  
Of the Grizzly

On Thursday, September 24, both Alpha Phi Omega and Delta Mu Sigma were rewarded during an award ceremony for their outstanding participation in the American Red Cross blood drive held last spring.

The pledges of Alpha Phi Omega were awarded a banner for gathering the most amount of total donors, about 51. Delta Mu Sigma received their banner for collecting the most amount of donors per pledge. President Richter began the

ceremony by thanking and congratulating all of the fraternity members who participated. The turnout was outstanding. "This is a model opportunity to show how Ursinus College helps the community," said Richter.

A Red Cross representative then broke down the totals. There were 150 people who turned out to donate their blood. Of those, twelve were first time donors. It is important to get those donors to keep coming back. The blood collected could eventually be distributed to over 400 people in the area. The individual pints are

broken down into different parts which are then given to the patients who need them.

Blake Herr, president of the InterFraternity Council, presented the banners to the pledges, stating, "This is a great example of how Greek organizations can work together to do something positive." The banners consisted of each fraternities respective letters and colors.

The blood drive will be held again this fall, and as many people who can, are encouraged to donate their time and blood.



Photo/Peter Senescu

Pledges of Alpha Phi Omega accepting award banner at Thursday's ceremony.

## International Wednesday

BY AMITHA SILVA  
Special to The Grizzly

The first International Wednesday Program for the Fall 1992 will be held in the Parents' Lounge on Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. Amitha Silva, a junior ECBA major from Colombo, Sri Lanka, will discuss some of the economic and political issues facing contemporary Sri Lanka. Refreshments will be served. Everybody is welcome.

International Wednesdays is a series sponsored by the Foreign Student Advisor's Office, the Musser International Program and the Department of Modern Languages. The meetings are normally held on the last Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 1:20 P.M. in the Parents' Lounge. Normally, authentic snacks and beverages typical of the country under consideration are served.

Anyone Interested in joining the Ursinus Delegation to the MODEL UNITED NATIONS New York City April 6-10, 1993 Please pick up an application in Bomberger 16 and return to Dr. Berry All majors welcome

### OPEN DIALOGUE

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The first Open Dialogue of the semester will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 1992. Open Dialogue offers an opportunity to discuss important issues of National concern with students and faculty in an informal setting. The initial Dialogue will be moderated by Gerard Fitzpatrick from the Political Science Department. As moderator, Dr. Fitzpatrick will keep the discussion "on track" and provide a format that allows students to voice their opinions concerning the Presidential candidates.

### FROM COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS Special to The Grizzly

For the last two years, Ursinus has run a full-page ad in the Best Colleges issue of U.S. News & World Report. This year the ad ran in all Pennsylvania subscriber copies (it did not run in the copies sold on the news stands).

The Best Colleges issue has always listed Ursinus College as one of about 140 "National Liberal Arts Colleges"—that is how the Carnegie Corporation classifies Ursinus, and U.S. News structures its ratings around the Carnegie Corporation classifications.

So even though we are listed among "The Best

of the Rest" in the national category, some people get confused because other local Colleges in Carnegie's lesser, Regional, category get listed as being in the Top 10 regional liberal arts colleges. Of course, Ursinus does not compete with

the Regionals in this listing, because we are in the national category.

Ursinus has taken out this ad to speak out about the ratings system and to tell U.S. News readers some of the ways others have rated us highly in recent

years.  
*[The report referred to, "Best of the Rest", appeared in the September 28, 1992 issue of U.S. News & World Report. Ursinus was ranked 94 within its category. --TRWJ]*

# SO WHY ARE WE BEAMING?

AT URSINUS, WE HAVE A LOT TO BE PROUD OF—  
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You are holding a copy of the famous annual college ratings issue of *U.S. News & World Report*. It will make some colleges happy—and some unhappy.

Here at Ursinus, we've learned to be philosophical about it. Once again this year, we probably won't be listed among the top 25 National Liberal Arts Colleges. Tough competition is the price we pay for being one of the 141 colleges the Carnegie Corporation places in its national liberal arts category.

#### THE PROBLEM WITH RATINGS

As we see it, the problem with ratings (aside from the fact that everybody can't win) is that, even within categories, colleges cannot be compared directly. Worse, ratings tend to make colleges more alike as they strive to match a formula designed for the convenience of raters. Accrediting agencies, by contrast, measure a college against its own statement of institutional purpose, preserving its integrity and identity. That's why we don't pay much attention to the ratings guides—and do listen to our accreditors—when making decisions about how to improve the College.

#### EVEN SO, WE'RE PROUD

We're proud of our strong points, and pleased that others notice them, too. Guides like this one are not the only sources of college ratings. Recently, we've received such third-party endorsements as these:

- Ursinus was granted one of only two new Phi Beta Kappa chapters in the United States last year, placing us among 7 percent of all the nation's colleges.

- We won a national competition for the \$5.37 million F.W. Olin Foundation grant that funded our new humanities building.
- Our biology program has won \$2.2 million in grants since 1990, including \$500,000 from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.
- Five members of our faculty have won Fulbright grants in as many years.
- The new Berman Museum of Art at Ursinus has brought world-class exhibitions to our campus.
- Ursinus is listed in some of the most respected college guides, among them, *Barron's Guide to the Most Prestigious Colleges*, *Barron's 300*, and *The Fiske Guide to Colleges*.

#### WE'RE ESPECIALLY PROUD OF OUR GRADUATES

Of our graduates who apply to medical and law schools, 90 percent are accepted; overall, 75 percent go to graduate schools such as Chicago, Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, MIT, Penn, and Princeton. Their successes have ranked Ursinus 16th nationally in the percentage of its graduates who become physicians and 30th in the percentage who go on to earn Ph.D.s in the natural sciences.

But they do more to make us proud than earn advanced degrees. They prove the worth of our mission, which is: to provide the best possible undergraduate education in the arts and sciences—to help our students attain prominence in their professions and quality in their lives.

If our mission interests you, and you would like to know more about Ursinus, we would like to hear from you.



*Ursinus, near Valley Forge, is a selective, independent college of arts and sciences for men and women. Founded in 1869, it provides an excellent pre-professional preparation and seeks to*

*instill in its students a sense of service to society. The College has an average enrollment of 1,100 students from 26 states and 12 countries. We pronounce the name "er-SIGN-us."*

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# Global Perspectives

BY MARK LEISER  
Of The Grizzly

--Two of Richard Nixon's former Defense secretaries have admitted to having knowledge of American prisoners being held in Vietnam and Laos in 1973 when US forces were being withdrawn, Melvin R. Laird and James R. Schlesinger said it was common knowledge that Hanoi never completed accounting for servicemen alive in captivity.

--British and Irish senior officials met Dublin to discuss ending twenty-three years of violence that has taken the lives of more than 3000 people in Northern Ireland.

--Louisiana's ban on abortion was ruled unconstitutional this week and would send offending doctors to prison. U.S. District Judge Adrian Duplantier struck down the law after it was passed last year over Governor Buddy Roemer's veto.

--Germany has asked the United Nations General Assembly for a permanent seat on the Security Council. They promised to revise their constitution so German soldiers could take part in United Nations military operations.

--A Pentagon report made public this week said that senior Navy officials deliberately suppressed information during an inquiry into sexual assaults at an aviator's convention last year. The investigation dealt with the assault of 26 women, including officers, at the Tailhook Association convention in Las Vegas.

--Quote of the week: "I guess I can't blame him. If I had the worst economic record of any president in 50 years, I wouldn't want to defend that record either!" --Gov. Bill Clinton on Bush's decline to square off in a head to head debate.



Photo/Rebecca Heyl

Jay Jackson and parents enjoy lunch and clean utensils in the Wismer Lower Lounge

## Annual Parents' Day a Success

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Although the majority of campus residents live within the Pennsylvania/New Jersey area, Parents Day is often the only time students get to see the folks between

summer and Fall Break. In between the disparate appeals for money, food, or the car, Parents' Day is a time for catching up. "[My parents] just came up to say hello. I haven't seen them since the beginning of school," says junior Erika Compton.

Of course, not every student is so happy to see Mom and Dad. "Not one cookie," complained one frustrated junior. "And they didn't even take me out to dinner." Better luck next year.

Grizzly meetings are held every Monday night at 6:00 (not 6:15, as some might tell you) in the Publications Room (Bomberger3) All are welcome to attend, especially those with an interest in writing for us.

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# Arts and Entertainment

## Literature? At Ursinus?

BY HEATHER MEAD  
Of The Grizzly

For those among you who have a literary interest, there is a new way to express this interest on campus. The Literary Society has recently been formed, and is looking for new recruits.

The group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 p.m. in Wismer Lower Lounge. The setting and mood are very informal. All kinds of reading are encouraged: short stories, poetry, works in progress, or even a piece by a favorite author. At previous meetings, people have enjoyed reading their first poems.

As previously mentioned, the

mood at the meetings is very informal. However, if you do not have the courage to read, you are invited to come and listen. The goal of the Society is not to be exclusive, but open to anyone and everyone who is interested. It is a way to see what fellow students are doing, present your own work, receive advice, and to exchange ideas and opinions.

Due to expressed interest, there is talk of opening a coffee house on campus as a forum for the Society. In addition to literature, the Society hopes to use the coffee house for music, art, and other forms of student expression.

BY DORIAN IACONIS  
Of The Grizzly

As you probably know, there are currently two exhibits in the Berman Museum. The one in the second floor gallery is called "Spotlight: Milo Winter," and that's what this article is about. Milo Winter is a native of the Phoenixville area, and he is now 80 years old. There are over 30 paintings on display, representing about 13 years of work. Most of them are still lifes, villages, and landscapes. Some of you would probably be familiar with the paintings because many of Winter's paintings depict landscapes and buildings which are close to Phoenixville. Many of the paintings show Phoenixville before the steel mill came down.

Okay, so maybe it doesn't sound like an exciting exhibit yet, but it is actually interesting. For example, Winter painted the same fruit basket in several paintings. Also, in the painting "Artists' Studio", which is of course a painting of his studio, you can see other existing paintings, one of which, "Pikeland Hill," is hanging right next to it."

Lisa Tremper Barnes, curator of the museum, describes Winter's

## Spotlight: Milo Winter



Milo Winter, Jr.'s "Green Apples and Glass", on display now in the Upper Gallery of the Berman Art Museum.

paintings as what's familiar to him. His style is both impressionistic and post-impressionistic. To his credit, his paintings have been compared to Van Gogh's. And he's also reminiscent of Cezanne because they both use a broad brush stroke to get a plane of color.

Sounds confusing so far? Well, here's something that's not. The

next exhibition will be "Made of Light: Photographs from India and Nepal by Barry Perlus." The opening reception will be October 8, at 4:00 P.M. Barnes promises it will be more exciting than some of the other exhibitions, so you should go see it. But best of all, it's in the Main Gallery, so you don't have to walk up to the second floor.

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## Nothing To Do?

Then Make Something Happen!

BY JODI FOSBENNER  
Special to The Grizzly

Okay. Here is the situation. You and your organization are planning your annual Social gathering. You start to make a list of everything you need to get: cups, beverage, snacks, decorations, entertainment, invitations, etc. Next to this column you begin to write and add up the prices of the items. Uh-Oh! You are about to blow your budget for the next 5 years! You need to raise some money to fund your project.

Why not sell some pretzels? The swim team sold them yesterday, you say? Alright, how about promoting a t-shirt. But your own drawer is full of Ursinus T-shirts and you simply do not have the time. Well, I am here to give you another alternative.

While walking to the game room, you pass through a room that has been transformed into a state fair, a

Star Trek starship, a game-show studio and much more. Why not use this room to benefit your group? Here's how it works:

1. Brainstorm to come up with an idea to involve the entire campus.
2. Get in touch with Sue Koester or any campus manager.
3. Plan your activity thoroughly.
4. Have Fun!

There are several levels of activity you can provide. And the amount of effort you put into the activity will equal the amount of money your organization will receive. This can be anywhere from \$35-\$100. It's that easy!

There are brochures in the Student Activities Office to explain the details. Any of these managers would be happy to help: Dennis "Peach" Short, Blake Herr, John Bartholomew, Ken Chen, Jode Fosbenner, Raquel Szlanic, Hope Rinehiner, and Robb Ladd.

Well, get involved, have fun, and good luck!

# Opinions

## An Alternative to Litigation

BY CHRISTIAN SOCKEL  
Of The Grizzly

Christian Sockel spent last semester studying in Washington D.C.

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Litigation in America has become a new method of getting revenge while getting rich. Not only do attorneys benefit financially from the legal fees, but now the triumphant client can walk to the bank smiling gloriously. Many individuals see litigation as the universal panacea even though the number of lawsuits filed in the court system has been rising steadily. It has been said that "Americans need to sue each other less and care for each other more." Therefore, Americans must begin using new litigation alternatives to the formal trial. Resolving conflicts through non-adversarial means is not foreign to the U.S.' justice system, but their availability and advantages are often not mentioned to the plaintiff or the defendant as a

more expedient and economic method of adjudication than the system currently provides.

The rhetoric concerning the need for alternatives to costly and timely litigation has been most recently heard with President Bush's impugning of trial attorneys during the 1992 Republican National Convention for pursuing perfunctory trials which stagnate the court system and drain wealth from both parties. Vice President Dan Quayle has also leveled similar indictments against attorneys that legal costs are too exorbitant, lengthy delays in case hearings decrease quality representation, and litigation favors the rich because they can afford monetarily to await trial.

Legal Reform is not another flashy political agenda soon to sublimate. A reform that is spearheading the private sector as a remedy to trial is the use of alternative dispute resolutions. It is a faster, cheaper, and perhaps

more equitable method of combating the litigious society we live in today.

Alternative dispute resolutions (ADR) are techniques through which individuals can resolve legal disputes without using the formal court system. Obscene legal fees, continuances and collective frustration can now be minimized. The necessity to have legal council present can also be waived. The two most popular and most widely utilized forms of alternative dispute resolutions in today's legal sphere are arbitration and mediation. Arbitration and mediation have been suggested and implemented in thousands of cases already, especially in those of Washington D.C., where it has been institutionalized through the diligence of Fred Woods of the American Bar Association. Not enough Americans are aware of the option to use ADR instead of a trial to resolve their complaint despite arbitration and mediation both being

very popular and on the cutting-edge of legal reform.

Mediation is a process where a neutral third party assists the parties in conflict in reaching a negotiated settlement. Arbitration is where a third party renders a decision based on the facts and evidence presented to them. Lawyers, judges, and even non-legal individuals are eligible to serve as mediators and arbiters in ADR. An effective testing requirement and screening process qualifies all arbiters and mediators, yet there is no special educational background or degree required. Many of those who have used ADR are very pleased with the absence of trained legal minds because of a growing uniform dislike in general for attorneys as a result of the very circumstances that ADR originated.

Arbitration and mediation, whatever the preference, expedites the judicial process while providing accurate and equitable verdicts. Appealing an ADR decision can be

done by using the regular appellate system of the state in which you reside. Publicity and confidentiality are ensured in arbitration and mediation cases, unlike the regular cases that can be literally "aired-out" in The Times, The Inquirer, or The Post. Becoming familiar with ADR as an alternative to costly litigation is being inculcated into law school curriculums as well as in an effort to stimulate interest in legal reforms and teach law students that traditional litigation is not always prudent or plausible. ADR also allows lower-income persons to participate in legal action since they are so often prevented from using litigation as a means to ameliorate their situation because of high attorney fees. The rich will always find a way to litigate.

Attorneys and Americans have a responsibility to consider ADR instead of trials to resolve their cases. Litigation should no longer be considered the primary means to achieve justice, or to deepen our pockets.

## Letters to the Editor

For the death of me, I can't fathom why anyone would allow me to undertake such a burial of decaying American values! No, I'm not a satan-worshipper, but I have always enjoyed the plots of the Grimm Brothers' Fairy Tales! And it seems that last week I dug my own grave with my remarks, but more on that later.

Despite the fact that I rarely attend church, I'm going to take a short venture into what I consider a collection of fairy tales and other stretched truths: The Holy Bible. Amazingly enough, God knew about the good ol' US of A long before the majestic purple mountains ever existed. I quote the Book of Genesis: Invisible Touch, Track 3: "...And on the next day, God said 'Let there be light', and there was light. The toxic waste dumps in New Jersey glowed with brilliance. God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass,' and the students in Chicago smoked it. God said, 'Let us make man in our own image and give him dominion over all creatures,' and man hunted them all to extinction."

And it wasn't until the New Testament that Jesus made the biggest mistake of all, asking us to love one another and tolerate each others' differences.

Well, this past Wednesday stretched my ability to love and tolerate. First of all, a fellow commuter (who for the sake of protecting his, eh-hem, "innocence", I will call "Doom's Day") grilled me over my last editorial. I was practically on a hot seat, as I had to give an impromptu defense of my position. Dooms felt that a flaw in my article was the possibility that some people might not be able to afford condoms. It was at this point I shot myself in the foot, despite the fact that I was telling the truth. With eloquence quoth Grave Dave: "I don't remember, though I've never bought them, condoms being expensive," which, when spoken, sounds like a complete lie, but if you've ever seen me (look for me, looking anything but desirable, in my "Rest in Peace" t-shirt), you'll see I have no present need for condoms! To be honest, pickin' up chicks is not my forte. What I meant was that condoms are not a major investment. Anyway, Dooms, anyone who can afford to attend college, can afford condoms. Of course, for this single recourse, Dooms has five other methods of discourse about defending access to safe intercourse. Despite our disagreement on this subject, I credit Dooms with sharp mind and wit; in the mornings, I have my choice of

Howard Stern, The WIP Morning Show, or Ursinus' own Double D in the Commuter Lounge.

Having dwelled enough on condoms for now, I must discuss what really ticked me off Wednesday. It is commonly known as "Murphy's Law." It was approximately 4:00 pm that I realized that I had locked my keys in my car. Now common sense would suggest that I be thankful that my parents are but three minutes away. However, I had to stand by my car and wait for my mother, in front of the football and ultimate frisbee games that were occurring next to Helferich Hall. As I didn't already feel stupid enough, my mother drove right past me, and I had to chase her around the parking lot. When she finally stopped next to my car, I demanded she stay in her car and just hand me the keys. I unlocked the car and pulled out of the parking lot as quickly as possible, as I imagined the ridicule of fifty intramural athletes echoing in my mind: "Hey, look! That moron Dave locked his keys in his car and had to call his MOMMY!" I shudder at the thought.

In closing, I would like first to explain how "fathom" fit into my introduction. "Fathom" is a nautical term for a distance of six feet, the proverbial depth of graves.

Secondly, I must voice my disagreement with one Fred Woll, who stated last week that anyone who does not vote has no room to complain about poor candidates. That's a new one by me! I never knew that I, at age 18, having never before been allowed to vote for a presidential candidate, have absolutely no qualifications to criticize a pair of losers like Bush and Clinton? That a person needs to vote to see that those patronizing bozos don't have a clue about running a country? Nothing personal, Fred, but all our good friends in Washington deserve a one-way trip to the fiery pits where the man with the pitchfork, El Diablo himself, won't allow them to REST IN PEACE!

David Heath Webb

I would like to take the opportunity, as President of the Ursinus College Alumni Association, to welcome returning students back to campus, and to extend a warm greeting to incoming members of the Freshman Class.

When I think back to my days on campus, some eighteen years ago, I had too many "on-line" things going on in my life to spend much time thinking about life after college or the College's life after me! I had some emerging professional aspirations that justified my

presence there, but a general feeling that once I had a degree, I would not want anything to do with the College again; except, of course, to attend Homecoming!

It didn't happen right away, but I was surprised, and continue to be surprised, to find out that it's hard to get Ursinus out of my system. It's become an extended family to me. When I look at the good friends in my life, the ones I enjoy being with the most, I met them at Ursinus. When I think about some of my most enjoyable moments as a young person, they were at Ursinus. When I think about the time in my life when I was challenged and learned the most, it was at Ursinus. When I look to the events that shaped my life, many took place at Ursinus.

Don't get me wrong, we had lots of gripes, and spent countless hours complaining about our mostly petty grievances with the College. I thought this was pretty natural at the time, and believe it is probably true today. In retrospect, the "adversities" we endured were only a small part of our overall experience, and in truth, made us more resourceful, not to mention leaving us with some great stories! I say this not to suggest or encourage blind acceptance of the status quo,

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## Campus Memo

BY RICHARD P. RICHTER  
*President of the College*

At our opening convocation, I had an opportunity to welcome the freshmen and to suggest to them some of the concerns of our campus community. One of those concerns centered on racial and ethnic diversity on campus. My comment to the freshmen dealt with the need to be aware of and sensitive to the differences of other students:

"Life at Ursinus is real life. It is not just a game. An ethnic slur (or a sexist insult) on campus is as real as a slur or an insult out there in a neighborhood or on a city street or in a place of employment."

I suggested, however, that there is a big difference between "out there" and "in here" on the campus. We are here intentionally and voluntarily to learn how the world operates and to practice how the world ought to operate:

"Here you have a greater capacity for reflection on the real life of the campus because informed reflection on the way you live is—or ought to be—at the root of your purpose as a college student. You are here not only to live the life of a college student but also to think about the way you live the life of a college

student."

Ursinus tries to recruit a student body that is ethnically and racially diverse. We believe that this sets up the possibility for students to prepare better for living in and leading a diverse society. But without conscious reflection and deliberate behavior toward other students who are different from you, that possibility will not be realized.

Recently a group of ethnically diverse students, some white, some African-American, some men and some women, met with me over dinner to talk about the relations of students on the Ursinus campus. We had a very positive discussion about the need for each person to talk about differences in an open and good-willed way with others. Most of the student participants felt that they gained some new insights that evening into the way others felt about their ethnicity—and a pretty good feeling that they had communicated personally with one another with respect and candor.

But the group also observed that such an experience does not happen easily on campus. It was that observation which made me

want to start in the first issue of the Grizzly with a call to all students to think about and talk about ethnic and racial differences with one another.

I have a strong conviction, based on experiences such as the one at dinner the other evening, that individual students on our campus have a great deal of good will toward others who are different from them. But they are sometimes—perhaps too often—inhibited from showing that good will by the force of custom, by self-consciousness, by the fear of demonstrating their ignorance about others, or by the fear of inadvertently insulting someone.

There is a committee at work on campus that is drafting a policy statement on diversity. The draft begins with the notion that at Ursinus we are committed to the celebration of diversity. In a day when social tensions run high in America, the use of such a word—celebration—may seem naive. But I do not think so. If each of us thought to celebrate another person's special ethnic or racial qualities as a prerequisite to celebrating our own, we would make a big change in the style of campus life. I suggest that it is worth talking about together.

## An Educated Vote

BY DAVID VAN BENTHUYSEN  
*Of The Grizzly*

"I'm voting for Bush because he waved to me on Main St." This seems to typify the mind-set many students of voting age at Ursinus and is one I hope many students will try to break away from in the coming months. In much less than two months, citizens will once again go to the polls to vote for candidates based on public opinion polls, whistle-stop visits to "rural America" and 30-second prime time television spots.

This election year the apathy of the nation has been put to the test by all front-running candidates. Bill Clinton took his campaign to MTV where he attempted to sway the college vote of students who think that being in the same room as a candidate is a good enough reason to vote for him. George Bush has neglected to debate important

issues, opting instead to circle the mid-west like a bird of prey hoping to find any scrap of negativity and use it against his opponents. And finally a novel third-party candidate was introduced into our political arena in Ross Perot. Perot focused his very successful, very bungled campaign on reaching the apathetic and telling them what they wanted to hear, "Vote for the richest candidate, and you as well as the rest of the country will be rich, rich, rich."

With November approaching faster than a privately-funded whistle-stop tour of MTV, as citizens let's make an attempt to vote on issues, not hand shakes and waves from Main St. Pick up a newspaper, turn off the TV and register to vote if you aren't already. For information on registering to vote contact Tristan English c/o Young Democrats, Brodbeck 2.

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but merely to observe that it's important to keep things in perspective.

The Ursinus College experience is unique. As an Alumnus, I challenge you to value it, support it, maximize it, and improve it. Be proud of it, and tell people about it. Someday, as an Alumnus, you will treasure it.

Graham C. Mackenzie  
Class of 1974  
President, Alumni Association

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# Sports

## The Cross-Country Steamroller

BY DAVE WEISS  
Of The Grizzly

The men's cross country team cruised to victory in their Thursday afternoon meet at Ursinus. The Bears remained unbeaten for the season as they ran all over Valley Forge Christian College and Beaver College. Dave Weiss captured first place honors for the Bears in a time of 27:50. He was followed by Joe Robinson (second place), Dan Bubb (fourth), and Jason Harrell (fifth). Also contributing to the team victory were James Downey, Ryan Savitz, Mike Vergano, and Toni Ciliberto. The men will look to improve and maintain their undefeated record as they travel to Bloomsburg University in a cross country invitational on Saturday.

[Editor's note: The following story is reprinted from the September 24 edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer. I feel it deserves a place here because it addresses the biggest "sport" of all at Ursinus—sucking down anything that'll ferment. Read and think, folks.]

## Small schools, big drinkers

BY ED WHITE  
Associated Press Writer

Students at small colleges drink more alcohol than their colleagues at larger schools, a new study showed Friday [Sept. 18].

The study, based on a survey of more than 56,000 students, also found that students with low grades consume about three times as many drinks as those on the honor roll.

Researchers from Southern Illinois State University and the College of William and Mary analyzed survey results collected on 78 campuses during the 1989-90 school year.

Their report is intended to help campus leaders understand the frequency of drug and alcohol use as they design programs to combat substance abuse.

"It's the largest sample that's ever been done," said researcher Cheryl A. Presley of Carbondale, Ill. "Here is the

information for them to make better decisions."

The information about drinking on small campuses was particularly significant, said Presley and colleague Philip W. Meilman.

At four-year schools with enrollments of less than 2,500, students under 24 averaged seven drinks a week, compared to 4.59 drinks at campuses with 20,000 students or more.

"Small schools tend to be located in rural environments where there is less to do, so people may turn to drinking more," Meilman said. "There's a tendency to conform to existing social norms."

The study doesn't establish a direct link between drinking and low grades, but a relationship of

some sort exists, the researchers said.

The study found that students who were getting D's and F's were averaging nearly 11 drinks a week, while students with A's were consuming 3.4 drinks.

As expected, alcohol was popular on all the campuses: 86 percent of respondents said they used it in the last year, and 45 percent said they drank on a weekly or more frequent basis.

Twenty-seven percent of students said they smoked marijuana in the past year, and 6.1 percent said they used cocaine, the survey found.

The survey of students at 56 four-year schools and 22 community colleges also found:

\* About 42 percent of students said they went on a binge at least once in the past two weeks, consuming five or more drinks.

Broken down by gender, 14 percent of men and an equal percentage of women said they binged only once. Men, however, were more likely than women to have several binges in a two-week period.

\* Some 66 percent of all students wanted alcohol available at social events on or near campus, but only 13 percent wanted drugs. Among daily drinkers, 49 percent said they would like to have drugs available.

Presley and Meilman said the report will be the first of many on drug and alcohol use at colleges.



Photo/Rebecca Heyl

Evelyn Kousoubri and the Ursinus field hockey squad drive the ball upfield. The Lady Bears are 3-4 so far this season.

## Women's Soccer Update

Attention anyone interested in women's soccer! We can have a competitive season this year. All interested in participating should attend a let's get clued in meeting today (tuesday) in the Wismer Lower Lounge at 4:15. If enough interested people attend we may be playing teams as soon as October 13!!!

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