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Thanksgiving—a day celebrated not so much to thank the Lord for blessings as for the sake of getting more. -Will Carleton

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DEMAs's Furious Presentation

BY JOY O'GRADY
Special to the Grizzly

On Wednesday, November 18th, DEMAS presented the band, "The Fury," in the Wismer Lower Lounge. Members of the Fury include Ursinus freshmen Joe Robinson on lead vocals and Nolan Ross on bass guitar; Jeff Saluno of King of Prussia on lead guitar, and Pat Campellone of Norristown on drums. The band was formed by grade school friends Nolan, Pat, and Jeff. Joe Robinson is the most recent addition to the lineup.

The show began at 9 PM, and during the hour and a half set the band played original songs interspersed with cover versions. The first song was "Nine Times to Die," a hard-rocking original song

which set the tone for the entire performance. Bands covered by The Fury included the Ramones, AC/DC, the Sex Pistols, and my personal favorites "Hunger Strike" by Temple of the Dog and "NWO" by Ministry, which inspired a spontaneous mosh pit to erupt.

The Fury attracted a great turnout. The 100+ crowd enjoyed an evening of new and exciting entertainment. Senior Chris Whalen commented, "I thought it was swell. I could not keep my feet from tapping!"

All in all, everyone in attendance had a great time. Junior Jennifer Wolf's only complaint was, "I wish it was longer." Hopefully The Fury can be convinced to give an encore performance in the future. Be sure to check them out.

Possibility of AIDS Quilt at Ursinus

BY IAN RHILE
Of the Grizzly

While plans are tentative, Ursinus has started the process to bring part of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to campus in September of 1993. A group of people from the campus community met on Wednesday night to discuss potential ideas and to start the application for a date. The NAMES Project Foundation will approve or reject the date and the display conditions once the application is sent.

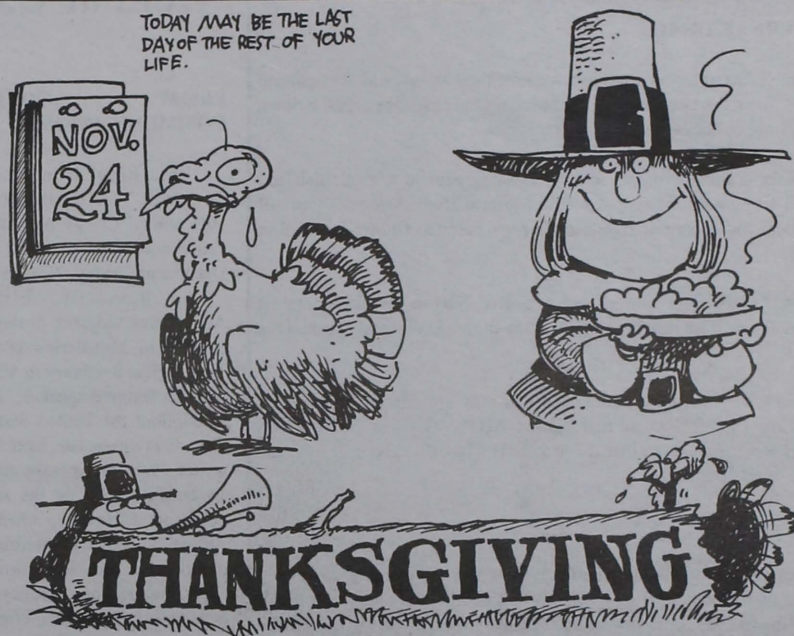
In June 1987, the NAMES Project Foundation created the initial panels of the quilt in the remembrance of people who had died from the disease. Through the quilt, the foundation hopes to show the size of the epidemic, help people express their feelings about the disease and its victims in a positive way, and to raise funds for support of those with HIV infections.

As people learned about the quilt, more people submitted panels. Small showings led to large ones, including yearly displays of the quilt on the Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C. Due to the ever

increasing size, last October may well have been the last time the quilt will be shown in entirety.

The quilt consists of individual 3 x 6 panels representing someone who died or will die of the disease. Eights of these panels are sewn together to make 12 x 12 portions. Groups of the 12 x 12 portions are displayed across the country.

If the application for a date goes through, the display will most likely be held on a weekend in the Berman Art Museum (the place on campus with the most suitable environment), with events such as lectures and actual panel making occurring beforehand. Many volunteers from the campus will be needed for a variety of jobs, both for the display and for the planning in the months before the date or dates. On December 1, 1992, anyone interested should meet in Wismer 103, at 4:30 P.M.; anyone interested who cannot attend should get in contact with Rob Kester. Also, anyone who would like to have a particular panel displayed or has someone for which a panel could be made is encouraged to contact Rob.



Lewis Receives the Muhlenberg Award

FROM COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS

Andrew L. Lewis, Jr., former U.S. Secretary of Transportation, was presented the first annual Muhlenberg Leadership Award of the Trappe Historical Society's Muhlenberg committee during a special ceremony on November 17 at Ursinus College. Following the presentation of his award, Lewis spoke on the topic of political leadership.

Lewis, a native of Philadelphia who grew up in Montgomery County and now lives in Lederach, PA, was selected for the inaugural award because of his outstanding leadership and service in business, politics, and public service.

The Trappe Historical Society, which is in the midst of a project to renovate the 18th century home of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg and transform it into a Leadership Development Heritage Center, plans to recognize a person exemplifying successful leadership qualities each year. The Muhlenberg House is located at

201 Main Street, Trappe.

Muhlenberg, who came to America in 1742, was patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America. Two of his 11 children were leaders of the fledgling nation. Major general Peter Muhlenberg served under Washington in the Revolutionary Army, was vice president of Pennsylvania in 1785, then served in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. His brother, Frederick Muhlenberg, was the first speaker of the first U.S. House of Representatives and the first signer of the Bill of Rights.

Once it becomes the Leadership Development Heritage Center, the Muhlenberg House will sponsor educational opportunities guided by the question, "What in the life of a community produces effective moral leadership?" the center will hold seminars on such topics as historical writing and research, archaeological research and preservation and the nature and development of community life.

Lewis has been chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Union

Pacific Corp. since 1987, and was its president and chief operating officer for the year prior to that. He has extensive experience in the railroad industry as one of two court-appointed trustees of the Reading Co., Philadelphia, who guided the firm's reorganization and eventual conveyance to Conrail between 1971 and 1980. Since the fall of the former Soviet Union, he has been consulted by several middle European governments regarding the reopening of long-closed rail lines.

Active in Republican politics for many years, Lewis served as U.S. secretary of transportation under President Ronald Reagan from 1981 to 1983. In 1984 he became Chairman and CEO of Warner Amex Cable communications, and played a role in the passage of the 1984 Telecommunication Act that deregulated the cable TV industry.

Lewis is a graduate of Norristown High School and Haverford College and holds an M.B.A. from the Haverford Graduate School of Business.

Global Perspectives

BY MARK LEISER
Of the Grizzly

INTERNATIONAL

Israeli forces have withdrawn some of their troops and ammunition trucks from the Lebanese border reducing the chances of a showdown with Iranian-backed Islamic guerrillas.

China is threatening to scrap a 1984 agreement with British and Hong Kong authorities that would promise Hong Kong 50 years of political and economic freedom after it returns to Chinese control in 1997.

NATO has agreed to enforce a United Nations blockade against Yugoslavia. The blockade will tighten the trade embargo against the nation.

Israeli officials have announced that they are barring immigrants carrying the HIV virus that causes AIDS. Critics call the ban discriminatory and say that it contradicts a law that gives all Jews the right to settle in Israel.

NATIONAL

General Motors has admitted that their pickups from the early 80's could have been made less vulnerable to collisions that could break open the fuel tanks. However, the company waited years to change the design.

President-elect Bill Clinton has met with top Democratic leaders trying to convince them that the "Cold War" between the White House and Congress is officially over.

Former President Nixon will be compensated for the government's seizure of his White House papers and tapes, including those from the Watergate scandal. Nixon won his case in a federal appeals court last week.

Bill Clinton spent the latter part of the week in Washington touring the White House and the Capitol. He also had what he calls a terrific meeting with President Bush.

A new finding by the US Marine Corps has revealed that minorities drop out of officer training programs at higher rates than whites. The service is baffled as to why.

LOCAL

A swarm of police cars ordered a man from his car at gunpoint in Pottstown thinking he was a suspect in a recent bank robbery. After checking further details, police realized they had the wrong man.

Thousands of mainly African-American movie fans jammed Philadelphia theaters for the long-awaited debut of Spike Lee's "Malcolm X". It opened to rave reviews with one man calling it "the most important film event of my lifetime."

Phi Alpha Psi will be sponsoring a clothes drive, from now through December 4. Clothes may be dropped off in Reimert, Suite 205C, to Robin Baker. You may want to pick up some old clothes while you are home for Thanksgiving.

Clergy Assembly Held at U.C.

FROM COLLEGE
COMMUNICATIONS

"Preaching from the Old Testament" was the theme for the 10th annual Clergy Assembly for Professional Development held at Ursinus on Friday, November 13.

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Achtemeier, adjunct professor of Bible and homiletics at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, was the featured speaker. Known throughout the United States and Canada as a preacher, lecturer, and writer, Achtemeier is the author of 18 books, including the recently released "Nature, God, and Pulpit," and a contributor to dictionaries, scholarly journals and church publications. She has spoken at Harvard, Princeton, Yale, and other major universities and has addressed congregations and church conferences across the nation.

A native of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Achtemeier is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Stanford University. She received her theological education at Union Theological Seminary in New York, did post-graduate work at Heidelberg, Germany, and Basel, Switzerland, and earned the doctor of philosophy degree in Old Testament from Columbia University. She is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The Clergy Assembly for Professional Development is funded by an ecumenical Christian conference of clergy and laypersons which was begun in 1907 on the Ursinus College campus.

There will be
no *Grizzly* next
week, because
of the
Thanksgiving
holiday!!!

Roving Reporter

BY AUDRA BOETTCHER & DENISE MORETZ
Of the Grizzly

What do you think about the organization of the new fraternity on campus?

Reed Nichols-Senior

--I think they're doing it just to bust our stones.

Kelly Hoops-Sophomore

--I like it. I like it a lot!

Maria Barrucco-Sophomore

--When they say that they are going to promote ethnic diversity, it sounds like no other fraternity on campus offers that.

Betsy Laskowski-Senior

--They're are eight frats already on campus, who needs another. Besides there are only 5 sororities and everyone seems happy with that.

Scott Taylor-Senior

--I like it because I think it will open up a lot of doors for people who have not found a place in the present fraternal system.

Sheila Campbell-Sophomore

--I think another frat on campus is unnecessary. I do not see how they're going to make a difference on campus. Good luck trying.

Jim Kais-Junior

--I give the guys a lot of credit for trying to promote ethnic diversity. In my opinion, however, without a viable pledging plan the main focus of pledging, "unity" is not accounted for. Also, a statement was made about the lack of diversity in other fraternities. My fraternity, Delta Pi, represent a wide array of ethnic backgrounds, ranging from Afro-americans to Oriental to Caucasian. So, I feel as though a new fraternity is not necessary, since what they are looking for here at Ursinus is in fact offered by other Greek organizations.

Steve deCelis-Junior

--Another fraternity on campus is great. With all of the cracking down of parties offered by the fraternities and sororities it is good to see that the administration and school is allowing the Greek system to grow.

Sara Jacobson-Junior

--I wish them a lot of luck getting started, and I think it's great that the school is offering to help to pay for part of pledging through the Outward Bound program. I hope the same opportunity of financing assistance is made available for sorority pledging.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. During this holiday, not only is it important to give thanks for the things that we have been given, but it is also very important to recognize the needs of others. This is why the Multicultural Student Union is Sponsoring a Food drive from Nov. 9 to Nov. 23. A table will be set up in Wismer Lobby A during lunch and dinner. We urge you to give what you can. Canned goods, non perishables, as well as monetary donations are welcomed.

Share The Season

BY NAIMISH PANDYA
Special to The Grizzly

Christmas, the season of joy and laughter, is right around the corner. It is a season which brings out feelings of care and sympathy towards others. The joy one gets when giving to others cannot be described by words. Christmas is the one time of the year when everyone unites to give and make others happy. It's an extraordinary season which emphasizes giving to the less fortunate. People come together in order to help the underprivileged. The Christmas spirit is felt by everyone, because no one is isolated. When you help others, give to them, and make them happy, the true meaning of Christmas is expressed.

So, the Organization of Commuting Students (OCS) has decided to bring that Christmas spirit onto our campus. We are going to start a gift drive for orphans in our community. These young children, who have no parents or a family, are deprived of love and care. We want to give to these unfortunate children and make them happy, showing them that there are people who do care for them and haven't forgotten them. We encourage that students and faculty come and show their support for this great cause. The gift drive will begin after Thanksgiving break and will last until Friday, December 18th. We encourage you to come down to the commuter lounge (located in the basement of Bomberger Hall) and drop off a small gift for the orphans. It is recommended that you indicate on the package if the gift is for a boy or a girl and the age of the child that's appropriate for the gift. That way the gifts are given to proper children at the orphanage. It would also be preferred if the gifts are nicely wrapped. The gifts will be donated to a local orphanage after finals are completed. Those who want to join us at the time of donation are welcome to do so. However, if you are unable to come, please show your support by giving anything to these unfortunate young children. Let's brighten their Christmas by showing that we truly care. Share the true meaning of Christmas: Give to the needy!

Top Ten Reasons Ursinus Students Should Be Thankful

BY GRETCHEN MACMURRAY
Features Editor

10. We can get from any one point on campus to another in less than two minutes.
9. Such a diverse student body. Includes people from all parts of Philly and Jersey.
8. A student I.D. that not only gives us access to a library of limitless knowledge, but also pitchers of Yuengling at "The Trappe."
7. A football stadium and complex that rivals local high schools.
6. A security team and van that would make any targeted diplomat feel safe.
5. Cheap beer is an acquired taste.
4. A wide variety of activities offered. From badminton to modern dance—we'd take them even if we didn't have to.
3. Scattered aesthetic campus sculptures remind us that after graduation there is a career we can fall back on.
2. An attempt at landscaping. For all underclassmen this is a recent phenomenon. No wonder enrollment's up.
1. Maxi Dinner Specials! ☆

U.S.G.A. Minutes

Nov. 18, 1992

Nov. 18 AFAC meeting: The new version of the Chi Rho Psi constitution was approved and now will move on to be approved by the faculty. AFAC allocated \$250 to Demas for their sponsoring of a Russian Guitarist. AFAC also allocated \$392.50 out of the leadership program funds to the ESS majors club for the conference on the weekend of Dec. 4th. AFAC has allocated 2,115 total for the semester to the ticket service. AFAC has a total of \$11,497 remaining in their account. There will be no AFAC meeting on Nov. 25th due to the holiday.

Class Reports:

The Freshman class is sponsoring a Study Break dance on Wednesday, December 9. This will be a casual dance from 8-12 P.M.

The Juniors are selling Ursinus T-Shirts. They have both long sleeve at \$12.00 and short sleeve at \$10.00. These T-shirts would make great Christmas gifts.

Committee Reports:

The wellness committee met on November 11 at 12:30 P.M. in the parents' lounge. The committee discussed continuing the pursuit of making Thomas Hall smoke-free. No-smoking signs may be ordered through maintenance for your department. We also discussed the makings of a walking trail here on

campus. There was also talk of a new dorm on campus. This dorm would be a wellness dorm. This dorm would consist of no smoking and drinking, healthy eating lessons, gym equipment, and a stress management room with tapes to listen to.

Constitution Approvals:

The Rugby club is an organization who's goal is to offer an alternative sport for Ursinus students. This club will run in the spring and fall. The rugby club constitution was passed by the U.S.G.A.

New Business: U.S.G.A. is planning a mini conference in January. The topics will include time management and leadership skills. There will be a physically challenged awareness week held sometime in April, possible the week before the medieval fest on April 16th.

There will be a Wismer Christmas Dinner next month. At this dinner you are able to invite a faculty, or staff member to this event. A Christmas tree with ornaments with all eligible people to ask is down in the Student Activities Office. If you wish to ask one of these people, take their ornament off the tree and notify Sue Koester. Please remember to ask your guest first if they are able to attend.

The next U.S.G.A. meeting is on December 2 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Robin Baker

Minutes edited for space reasons—TRW

Starwatch

BY SHECKIE
Of The Grizzly

Sheckie is everyone. Sheckie is no one. Sheckie's only concern is your well being. Believe in Sheckie. Sheckie believes in you.

Aquarius- The green-eyed monster may creep up. Jealousy is a natural reaction, but don't let it lead to bad feelings. ☆

Pisces- Your hard work on a tough project will pay off.

Aries- You can look forward to a much-needed relaxing weekend.

Taurus- Absentmindedness could result in losing an item of value. Pay attention! ☆

Gemini- Don't be too quick to jet out tomorrow. Double check to make sure you have everything you need.

Cancer- You seem to be taking life much too seriously. Learn to take a joke!

Leo- Taking calculated risks may lead to positive results. ☆

Virgo- A relationship may become stifling. Don't be shy- tell them you need space.

Libra- Your enthusiasm will lead to better family relations this weekend.

Scorpio- Being a good listener for a friend in need can help more than you may realize.

Sagittarius- You may find yourself smitten by someone who is definitely not your type. ☆

Capricorn- You may find yourself torn between loyalty to a friend and doing what you feel is right. Weigh your options carefully.

Sheckie is hungry. Sheckie wants turkey. Sheckie wishes you all a happy Thanksgiving. Believe in Sheckie, Sheckie believes in you. Gobble Gobble!

Senior Profile Rick Naratil



Photo by Rebecca Hoyt

Rick, a Communications Arts major, is anxious to conclude his studies and start a career, but will miss the social life that he has come to love at Ursinus.

Vice-president of Zeta Chi, Rick expects his strong fraternal ties to remain a part of his post-graduate life, as he plans to seek employment locally.

Rick's hobbies include playing the guitar, writing poetry and meeting new people. His favorite leisure time beverage is Yuengling, but he credits Ursinus for helping him acquire a taste for Milwaukee's "Beast."

"Ursinus has been a great experience," said Rick. "The small liberal arts environment has given me an academic and social advantage."

Celebrity Corner

BY ANNETTE RAWLS
Assistant A & E Editor

Howdy pardners, and yes, once again it's that time--to expose the rich and famous's deepest and darkest dirt that even Robin Leach himself could not touch (his popularity has steadily declined since he started doing those stupid "You won't pay a lot for this muffler at Meineke" commercials, supposedly.) Anyway, enough about Robin--let's get this party started, right???

In 19210 news, it's been heard that the reason why supercouple Dylan and Brenda (played by Luke "the-king-may-be-dead-but-I-still-have-his-hair" Perry and Shannen Doherty, respectively) called it quits onscreen was due to the fact that Luke couldn't stand working with Shannen in real life. I dunno, she seems like a real sweetheart to me...

Obnoxious funnywoman Roseanne Anold (Barr) just celebrated her thirty-something birthday recently with a surprise party thrown by hubby Tom. Held at the posh Beverly Hills Hotel, sources say that the entire room was covered with long-stemmed roses and that Rosie managed to walk away with 40 carats worth of diamonds from her smitten husband.

Talk about whipped...

Guns-n-Roses lead guitar player Slash has tied the knot with model Rene Surran, taking him off the "10 Most Eligible Hairy Bachelors" list...

Poor Hammer--it seems that the mega rapper is now being told "you can't touch this" by all of his accountants. Apparently, Hammer has lost quite a bit of his wealth, according to the *San Francisco Chronicle*. His "Too Legit to Quit" Tour was a financial disaster, and Hammer has since halted the building of his multi-million dollar home, lost a number of clients from his management firm, and closed down his business offices in New York and L.A.

Last of all, some brief movie news--be sure to keep your peepers peeled for Billy Crystal in *City Slickers 2* and Tom Cruise in the screen version of John Grisham's suspense novel *The Firm*, about a talented up-and-coming lawyer who gets in over his head...

And that's that! Wish I had more, but even celebrities have their off days. Until next time, that's the scoop, I am outta here...and that's entertainment. (By the way, I have nothing to do with Harley's running around the staff room in the buff. He just does that from time to time.)

Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble Perform Fall Concert

BY MARK LEISER
Of The Grizzly

The Ursinus College Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble presented their fall semester concert to a packed Bomberger Auditorium last Saturday night.

The Concert Band performed in the first half of the program, playing a wide variety of works from contemporary compositions to symphonic works.

The Jazz Ensemble closed out the program with nine selections, including standards by Johnny Mercer and George and Ira Gershwin. Highlights from this portion of the program included "April Eyes" featuring Seth Tanner on soprano saxophone and a three song vocal set performed by Leigh Ann Woolston.

Norman David, who is a saxophonist and composer himself, directed the ensembles. He felt the concert went extremely well and urges everyone to come out next semester because, "both bands are going to take it to new levels."

Messiah Tickets

FROM CAMPUS
COMMUNICATIONS
Of The Grizzly

Tickets are still available for the Ursinus College Choir's 55th annual performance of Handel's "Messiah," to be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6, at 7:30 P.M. in the College's Bomberger Auditorium.

Tickets, at \$12 per person, may be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis in person or by mail. Most of the available seats are for the Sunday performance.

Tickets will be on sale between 10 A.M. and 2 P.M. each weekday through December 4 in the College's Alumni Office, Corson Hall. For more information, call 489-4111 ext. 2207, during those hours. At other times, your call will be handled by an answering machine or by Ursinus College voice mail.

To purchase tickets by mail, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope, name, address, and telephone number, specifying either the Dec. 5 or 6 performance, with a check payable to Ursinus College to Music Department, ursinus College, P.O. Box 1000, Collegeville, PA 19426-1000. Orders received after Nov. 20 will be held at the door.

Bill's Flick Pick List

BY TOM WILUSZ
Video Guru

As everyone knows, there is no life beyond the Ursinus campus. The Thanksgiving exodus cruelly brings out the truth in this maxim; after all, without Reimert and The Coffeehouse, how will we ever amuse our little selves? The answer, of course: mindless video entertainment.

Speaking of mindless, Kim Basinger is back, along with Richard Gere, in the thriller *Final Analysis*. (For Gere/Basinger fans, this is their second team-up, the first being an obscure adventure by the name of *No Mercy*.) Despite the Basinger label, this movie delivers more than just cheap thrills, and should please just about everybody.

Tom Cruise takes a break from the "cocky Navy boy" genre and joins his wife in *Far and Away*, a surprisingly good drama set during the Westward movement. If you find such period pieces interesting, check out *Black Robe*.

This week's Wismer Christmas Roast Award goes to *Alien 3*. The VCS version (released November 18) has all of the flaws of the original, without even the big-screen visuals and sound that compensated in the theaters. Wait for 2-for-1 night.

The only new title in the Comedy section worth noting is *Encino Man*, starring Pauly Shore in his movie debut. It's just as good as the previews make it out to be--nuff said. You'd be much better advised to rent the classic *Christmas Vacation* and *A Christmas Story* and start getting in that holiday mood.

If you really want to laugh, get your hands on *Blood Sucking Freaks*, a fascinating, documentary look at midge sadists and coed naked cannibalism. This is an old one, and hard to find, but more than worth the effort. The West Coast Video by the Acme should have a copy.

So kick back, pat your turkey-bloated stomach, gripe about the unfavorable results of the game, and enjoy.

Denis Leary's No Cure For Cancer Breath of fresh Air

BY ANNETTE RAWLS
Assistant A & E Editor

Surely anyone who watched MTV this summer knows all about Denis Leary. You know--that tall, skinny blond guy who always has at least 4 butts hanging out of his mouth. The one who did those cutesy little black & white MTV promos pacing back and forth, ranting and raving about how he wants to see Cindy Crawford naked on top of the Empire State Building eating an Eskimo Pie. The one who ends almost every sentence with "I think ya' hear me knockin' and I think I'm comin' in." Oh yeah, that nut. Well, for those of you who can appreciate Leary's slick, sarcastic type of humor, have I got news for you!

Now on the market in paperback is a reproduction of Leary's smash off-Broadway show, entitled *No Cure For Cancer* (Anchor Books: \$8). A slim little paperback of

around 133 pages, this compilation of Leary's acidic wit is not to be missed. He covers a wide array of topics, most controversial; many taboo, and even though its style can best be described as obnoxious, it is amazing how leary can hit the nail right on the head with his keen observations.

The entire book is written as if one were actually attending a performance, but it is not heard to picture the manic Leary dancing and prancing about the stage, smoking like a chimney and swigging his beer as if it were water, all the while venting his frustrations about such topics as:

POT: "For years, pop was just joints. Then bongos came out and bongos were okay too. But then bongos weren't good enough for some people. Remember that friend in high school who wanted to make bongos out of everything? Making

bongos out of apples & oranges & stuff? Come in one day and find him going, "Hey look, man, I made a bong out of my head. Put the pipe in this ear & suck out of this ear. Go ahead, take a hit."

SMOKING: "I love to smoke. In fact, I love it so much that I'm gonna get a tracheotomy so I can smoke two cigarettes at the same time. I'm gonna get nine tracheotomies all the way around my neck. I'll be tracheotomy Man."

ROCK N ROLL: "Do we need a two-hour movie about the Doors? No. I can sum it up for you in five seconds: I'm drunk; I'm nobody. I'm drunk; I'm famous. I'm drunk; I'm dead. There's the whole movie. Okay? *Big Fat Dead Guy in a Bathtub*. There's the title for you!"

And on and on he goes, bitching and moaning, wailing and

Arts and Entertainment

Libo Speaks on Voyages to

Freedom Exhibit

BY J.K. BURKHART
Of The Grizzly

On Thursday, Dr. Kenneth Libo delivered an insightful lecture at the Berman Museum. Discussing the role of Judaism in Latin America, Libo revealed some very interesting historical facts.

"Voyages to Freedom: 500 Years of Jewish Life in Latin America"

was an exploration of the history of the Jewish culture in South America. Libo, after elaborating on the history of the Jews in the area, correlated Jewish history with the overall history of the region.

Libo's lecture accompanied an exhibit on the same topic, which will be open for viewing until December 20th.

A film series accompanies both

the lecture and the exhibit:

"Argentina's Jews: Days of Awe" on Tuesday November 24 at 4:00,

"From Toledo to Jerusalem," Tuesday December 1 at 6:00, and

"The Yiddish Gauchos," and "The Jews of Poland," on Thursday, December 10 at 4:00.



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The Pointlessness of Political Correctness

BY ROBIN LOIACONO
Of The Grizzly

A few weeks ago, I was given a formal invitation to write an opinion for the paper. Unfortunately, that spectacular effort was lost to the demon of the word processor, the erase button. At any rate, here I am to share my views with the rest of the Ursinus community. The subject I have chosen to write about (some of you may say babble--I've been described that way before) is political correctness, PC, euphemistic speaking, etc. etc. It seems to me that today everywhere you turn there is yet another term that's been dubbed offensive, and has been replaced by a "politically correct" one. I personally am not offended by it or anything; I just think that there's a fine line between being polite and being obnoxiously compromising. In fact, it seems like a sort of a concession to people who may or may not even take offense.

I suppose the time has come to give some form of example. To explain what I mean, I really have no other choice anyway. I realize that there are some terms that are either offensive or have simply become outdated. One such term (and I am not trying to offend) is "nigger." At one time, this was, as I understand it, an accepted term. However, it has long since become not only outdated, but extremely offensive as well. The use of terms such as this most certainly must be avoided; rather, the use should be so foreign to us that we need not even consider it. There is absolutely no reason to offend someone just

for the sake of offending him.

However, there is much more to political correctness than that. The form of pc that I'm talking about is the type where people go out of their way to simply not offend another, because that other may just decide to take offense, and turn on the offender (note the disgusting use of non-gender language). I consider myself to be something of a traditionalist; that is, I am very comfortable using the words "him" or "he" in the "literary" sense, as I did earlier in this little digression from normal routine. Another similar complaint I have is of people who feel the need to change "man" to "woman" or "person" in some cases. Probably the best example I can think of is the word "chairperson." What is wrong with "chairman?" If the office happens to be held by a woman, then by all means, change the word, but to make the word unisex in all cases is dumb. After all, there are no unisex people. Why have a unisex word?

Even more irritating I think, is the incessant use of euphemisms. Again (I know I'm compromising here), I suppose there are instances where the euphemisms take the place of offensive terms; I just can't think of any. Anyway, for the most part, euphemisms only try to sidestep the real issue or problem, whatever it may be. Maybe they just try to gloss over the discomfort; the result is the same. Why not just spit it out and get it over with? I know I that problem at times (I've already told you I know I babble, have I not?), but I'm basically an insignificant college student here

in this middle-of-nowhere we so lovingly call Ursinus, but there are a lot of very influential and important people sidestepping issues out there. An example that perhaps hits closer to home is the term "first-year student." I simply don't see the problem with "freshman" that others evidently do. In fact, now that I really think about it, that example just about proves my point (I hope). Aren't there much more important things to worry about than the appellation of a certain group of students? The point is, I think that this insistence on pc stems simply from a certain amount of paranoia, and besides, what good does it really do anyway? You can't change someone's thinking just by changing his word choice. At least if he can be specific about his beliefs, we can work on changing them, rather than simply the way he expresses them.

Now, I think I've gone on for about as long as anyone can take me, so it's probably best for me to shut up about now. I probably shouldn't say this (and compromise), but I hope I haven't really offended anyone--I was just trying to express my opinion. I hope at least that I've done that. So now, you have all had the pleasure of reading this; maybe you know me a little better, maybe you don't. Probably not, but at least maybe I gave you an interesting topic of Wismer lunch or dinner conversation. I don't know; maybe I'm right and maybe I'm wrong, and maybe you agree or not, but pc is pointless, that that's my opinion for now.

Campus Memo

BY RICHARD P. RICHTER
President of The College

TO THE GRADUATES: One typically thinks of graduation as an event in May or June, not November. But our Founders' Day convocation on November 15 was a graduation ceremony as well as an occasion for the remembrance of our beginning as a college and for the recognition of honored guests, Constance Clayton and Ann Landers. A small group of students, including some from the Evening Division, received degrees at our Bomberger Hall gathering.

As in the spring, so at the fall convocation I had a chance to say a few parting words to the graduates.

The rest of this column is an excerpt from my Founders' Day remarks:

As an Ursinus graduate, you have the opportunity and the responsibility to manifest the mission of our College in both your career and your personal life. Liberal learning, we state in the mission, "broadens the mind, enhances compassion and prepares us for a life of service." These are noble words, perhaps even a little too inflated for these practical times. But they set a tone and give you a target, and I hope you will keep them in sight.

As you continue your pursuits, we at the College will continue to try to live up to the expectations that you and all of our graduates have for it.

I believe that in the 1990s Ursinus

has a significant role to play, and we must play it hard and play it well. The nation is poised for change in directions that none of us can clearly chart, I dare say not even President-elect Clinton himself. But it is clear that Americans are ready to turn inward toward our problems as a people and to search for answers.

And those answers, surely, lie in a renewed ethical and moral sensitivity toward one another, a new sense of ourselves as a varied, diverse ingathering of human beings who can knowledgeably

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Clark responds to "Christ On Campus"

To the Editor:

Over the last several weeks I have been reading Greg Porter's contributions to *The Grizzly*. I will admit that I am distressed that *The Grizzly* chooses to print Mr. Porter's comments beside the feature columns of the paper as though they were of the same ilk. Week after week Mr. Porter makes plain that his comments are those of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship rather than his own, a level of publicity that no other campus organization is accorded. Nevertheless, I can hardly criticize Mr. Porter for taking advantage of such an opportunity as long as it is granted to him.

I am compelled to respond to Mr. Porter, however, for his most recent comments about "Ideological Marxism," for I find that it strikes me very close to home, both in terms of what I teach and what I believe. That Mr. Porter must categorize those who have found

alternative approaches to "truth" with such empty labels displays his own insecurity, his own lack of faith in the correctness of what he says, an unwillingness to encounter the diversity of human experience. His intolerance is a cloak to a cultural myopia that is the antithesis of the rational mind and of liberal education.

Unfortunately, Mr. Porter's insecurity and intolerance is all too typical of those who self-righteously have taken to themselves the label "Christian." What is sad is that far from challenging the validity of the ultimate truths of morality and humanity that are the social core of Christianity, the myriad alternative paths of the human experience reinforce the same conclusions, draw the same lessons. Is the God of "Christians" so intolerant that (s)he can only accept one way of worship, one path to the same truths, one cultural tradition--or are "Christians" too insecure in their

own beliefs to admit that humankind has wrestled with the very issues of truth that they wrestle with and has found, in the many contexts of human culture, identical answers? Does God find it less holy to find one's way to the same path of morality and spirituality via Buddhism, Islam, or Judaism than it is via Christianity? Or is this a projection of the insecure believer?

Mr. Porter: If you truly had faith in what you believe, you would not feel the need to denigrate those who seek an open inquiry. you would not be threatened by the alternatives. And if you were not so threatened, you would come to understand that all human though has embraced the same ideals of justice, of spirituality, and indeed of faith, that you so ardently champion.

Sincerely,
Hugh Clark
Associate Professor of East Asian History

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celebrate our differences while sticking together on basic issues of freedom and economic sustenance.

In such an America, the liberal arts college such as Ursinus will make a major contribution, and we want Ursinus to be equipped for that.

To that end, we will strive even more mightily to garner the resources needed to sustain our improvement. We will strive even more mightily to keep our eye focused on the things we do best in undergraduate liberal education--and to avoid trying to do what others are better equipped to do.

I encourage you, as graduates, to remain interested in the welfare of

Ursinus, to represent it well, and to speak favorably of it in the world. By advancing further in its significance to society, the College will enhance your degrees and reinforce the qualities that you personally bring to the great enterprise of American life.

Handicapped Accessibility: A Response from Someone Who Knows

To the Ursinus Community:

I am writing in response to two articles that have appeared in recent issues of *The Grizzly*. One was on the front page of the November 10th edition. The other appeared in the Opinions/Letters page on November 17. I feel compelled to address both articles since I am one of the people to which both articles referred.

The first article that appeared two weeks ago was entitled, "Accommodating the Disabled." If it had the title, "Accommodating the (insert a passe or derogatory term for one of the very few minorities represented at Ursinus)," instead, there would have been an uproar. If nothing else, I would have instigated one. There is no reason for anyone to be so smug toward anyone else on this campus or elsewhere. I do not think that the author meant to be so condescending, she just seems not to know any better. Maybe it would have sounded less self-satisfied if the author would have interviewed a person with a disability instead of just talking to "sensitive" Mr. Klee.

Another problem I have with that article is the misrepresentation of some facts. First of all, if one is to define the word "accessible," as "easy to approach and enter," which is the way most dictionaries do, none of this college's buildings

qualify. Bomberger is not just "very difficult for a handicap (ped) person to enter," it is totally inaccessible. The article correctly states that the college has made some changes to some buildings this past summer. However, it should be pointed out, these changes were made only after I had been a student for one whole year and made many complaints to various members of the administration. It seems that there would not have been any compliance if there were not a law forcing the college to do so. Also, as one of very few people with disabilities on the campus, I can't help but wonder why I have never been made aware of Mr. Klee's committee, which is supposed to "meet with handicap (ped) persons to find out what their specific needs are."

As for the other article, entitled "A Push for Physically Challenged Accessibility," the author did show more insight by trying to come up with a politically correct term for people with disabilities. In her endeavor to be politically correct, however, she came up with a term

endeavor to be politically correct, however, she came up with a term that has been out of vogue for some time. I suppose "physically challenged" is to be preferred over "that gaggle of people over there" or something of that nature. Nevertheless, of all the adjectives and terms that might apply to me, I will only answer to "Su."

I do appreciate the fact that Ellen Sylvester took the time to try to put herself in my place. However, there was no way for her to see things as they really are for me. Again, none of Ursinus's buildings are "easily" accessible. The only changes that have been made to any of the buildings are the "bare necessities," and they were made only to comply to my yearlong complaints i.e., I don't think that any of the men's rest rooms have been made more accessible. Look, making buildings accessible to all people is not some newfangled idea; truly "sensitive" institutions and communities have been doing this for many years. And even though the ADA has been around for two years and Pennsylvania has had some accessibility laws for some time, Ursinus is just getting around to doing it. Of course, as I've been told by the various members of the administration of the school, changes can't happen over night.

In reality, I feel that neither Erika nor Ellen genuinely meant any harm. In fact, I think Ellen was trying to make everyone aware of the lack of "sensitivity" on the part of the college. I'm not asking for anyone to sympathize with me or even "walk a mile in my shoes." All I want is to have the same rights and privileges everyone else enjoys. Also, please realize, I am a person. I have a face. Instead of deciding for me what "problems" or "hardships" I might have, why didn't either of the authors ask me? That would have been easier than working at being so politically correct.

I would like everyone to consider something, though. We are all in this world together and each of us is a minority of one. A little communication with and respect for one another would result in a change in attitudes, which is the change that is especially needed on this campus.

Sincerely
Su Ludwick

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BEARS BASKETBALL BUCKLES UNDER

Coach "confident" of future improvement

BY JEFF ECKERSON
Of The Grizzly

The Ursinus Men's Basketball team travelled to Carlisle, Pa. this weekend to play in the inaugural Dickinson College/Pizza Hut Tip-Off Classic. The talented young team left with high hopes of turning the program around after two straight losing seasons. After two losses, however, the players came home realizing that they still had a long way to go before they would turn themselves into a winning team.

On Friday night the Bears faced host Dickinson and were handed a 77-49 pounding. Ursinus was rattled into 22 turnovers, and no member of the team managed to score in double figures. The team was clearly not working well together on offense. Coach Spinella played all fourteen members of the team, trying in vain to find a combination that would work well together.

"I knew that we would have some growing pains," said Spinella, "and Dickinson is

traditionally a good, disciplined, defensive team. They were true to form. Nothing went right for us tonight."

As a result of that opening game loss, the Bears were matched up with the Tigers of Hampton Sydney in the consolation game on Saturday afternoon. Ursinus hung tough early, taking an early 10-2 lead. Hampton Sydney, however, used a late run to pull ahead by eleven at the half. The second half greatly resembled the previous night for Ursinus. Hampton Sydney quickly

pulled away and coasted to an 82-57 win.

Coach Spinella was a bit more encouraged by game two of the Bears season.

"We put together fifteen minutes of excellent basketball today against an excellent team. Now all we have to do is make it forty. I am confident that we will be able to do that."

The Bears' next game is Tuesday, November 24 at Albright. Following that they play in a tournament over Thanksgiving break at Gwynedd Mercy College

and then host Philadelphia Pharmacy on December 2.

SPORTS

☆ NOTE ☆

-At the NCAA Div. III women's championships at Union College, Ursinus junior, Jen Orehowsky came in 11th with a 18:23.5 time at the 3.1 mile event. Her finish among the top 25 runners gained her status as an All-American.

-Courtesy The Phila. Inquirer

Cross-Country Finishes Unbeaten Season

BY DAVID WEISS
Of The Grizzly

On Saturday, November 14, the Men's Cross-Country team journeyed to Allentown College to compare in the NCAA Midwest Regional Cross-Country Championships. A total of 183 runners, representing 36 teams, competed in the race. After a disappointing performance last weekend, the Bears bounced back with a vengeance. The team finished 10th overall in the Regional meet and 5th among the teams in the Middle Atlantic Conference.

Individually, David Weiss led the

men with a 14th place showing despite his fall towards the end of the race. Other outstanding performances were turned in by Joe Robinson (40th) and Jason Harrell (69th). The Bears' excellent finish was also contributed to by Dan Bubb, James Downey, Jeff Warner, and Ryan Savitz.

The Midwest Regional Championship race marked the end of the men's cross-country season. Reflecting back on the season, the Bears achieved a number of accomplishments. For one, the team finished unbeaten in all of its dual meets. The men also captured two invitational meets, one early on in the season at Eastern College and another

at Drew (N.J.) College. After an 8th place showing at the MAC Championships, the team came back at Regionals, turning in a 10th place performance. This in itself was a great achievement.

In a nutshell, the Men's Cross-Country team proved to itself that it could compete with the best. Given their undefeated record and a strong performance at the Regional meet, the Bears have sent a message to other teams--that they will be a team to be reckoned with next season.

SPORTS EDITOR'S NOTE:

This article should have appeared in last week's issue. My apologies.

SPORTS BEAT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Women's Basketball at Swarthmore 7:00 pm
Men's Basketball at Albright 8:00 pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Men's Basketball at Gwynedd Mercy Inv.
St. Joe's vs. Neumann 6:00 pm
GMC vs. Ursinus 8:00 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Men's Basketball at Gwynedd Mercy Inv.
Consolation 2:00 pm
Championship 4:00 pm

BY HARLEY DAVID RUBIN
Thankful For Sports

Hey, sports fans, I love ya! I also love the Thanksgiving holiday--not so much for the giving of thanks part, but the other part. The turkey, stuffing, pumpkin pie, etc. that makes it worth putting up with my family (just kidding, Mom, Dad, brothers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and anyone else who I've just offended). But that first part is kind of important, too, so now I'll apply that to our Phabulous Philly sports teams...

I'm thankful that Eric Lindros is a Flyer. If we hadn't picked him up, there'd be no "Crazy Eights" line--center Lindros (#88), and wingers Mark Recchi (#8), and Brent Fedyk (#18). This line has totalled about 90 points in only 19 games. If you project that for a full season (82 games), that comes out to about 388 total points (or almost 130 points each player). With a potent offense like that, this team

has recently been on a five-game winning streak and can hopefully continue to outscore their opponents.

I'm thankful that the Sixers had the guts to trade Charles Barkley. You saw a comparison here last week between the accomplishments of Sir Charles and the Terrific Trio we got for him (Hornacek, Lang, and Perry). Well, last Friday night, against the Miami Heat, that same threesome showed how wise we were. Hornacek had 32 points, 10 assists, 8 rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot. Lang scored 10 points while grabbing 20 rebounds, and Perry had eight points and six boards, in addition to the running hook shot which put the Sixers up to stay in the third overtime. So I say to all those people who doubted the trade: Have patience. The Sixers are still trying to blend as a team. Of course Phoenix is 5-1--they've only added two new players (Barkley and Danny Ainge). We've added three players, a coach, and

his brand-new system. Just wait.

I'm thankful that most of my readers have a short attention span. Why? So they'll forget that they read here that "The Eagles will go 12-4" and "to the Super Bowl." The only way that will happen now is if by some miracle (and it would be up there with the parting of the Red Sea) Da Birds win their last six straight games. I don't see that happening. In fact, I see them barely making the playoffs as a wild-card. I only hope that Rich Kotite has something up his sleeve in order to quench the fans' thirst for a postseason victory. I'm also grateful that the whining Eagles have kept quiet this week after mouthing off. I realize how frustrating losing can be, but you've got to "suck it up" and keep going out and giving your best, or else don't come out. (Call me Coach.)

I'm thankful that the Phillies have at least tried to upgrade their starting pitching. For those of you that don't know yet, we got veteran

lefty Danny Jackson from the Florida Marlins soon after they took him in the expansion draft (more on that later). We lost two young pitching prospects from the low minors, but the strategy here is to win now. Whether or not that happens remains to be seen. On the bright side, Jackson is the guy who went 23-8 with a 2.73 ERA in 1988, numbers slightly worse than Cy Young Award winner Orel Hershiser. On the dark side, that was four years ago, and injuries have taken their toll on his arm. Let's hope he can crank up some decent numbers in that rotation with Terry Mulholland, Curt Schilling, Ben Rivera, and Tommy Greene. (I wonder what's going to happen to Kyle Abbott and recently-operated-on Tyler Green.)

Speaking of the draft, I'm thankful that these teams are coming into existence now. Have you seen their projected starting lineups? These teams may not just lose 100 games, they may even lose some of them to

the Phillies. Yes, fans, I'm counting on us beating them up most of the time. Remember how potent the Phils' offense was at times last year? So will the young pitchers on the Marlins and Rockies.

OK, I'm getting out of here now. Here's last week's Trivia Answer: Clifford Clavin, Sr. (who can now be seen on CBS' late-night thriller, "Dark Justice" as the bar owner-coincidence?) came to Boston to get his son and take him to Australia to live off his stolen fortune. This week's C.H.O.C.R./"Cheers" Trivia Question: In the classic episode with John Cleese playing Dr. Simon Finch-Royce, he and schoolmate Frasier reminisced about performing in what musical? BONUS: What role did Frasier play? All right, sports fans--have a great Thanksgiving! I'm Harley David Rubin, and I run around the staff room in the buff in tribute to Annette Rawls, the A & E Goddess. (P.S.: Congrats to my brother Shawn, All-State in soccer!)

HARLEY'S HAVEN