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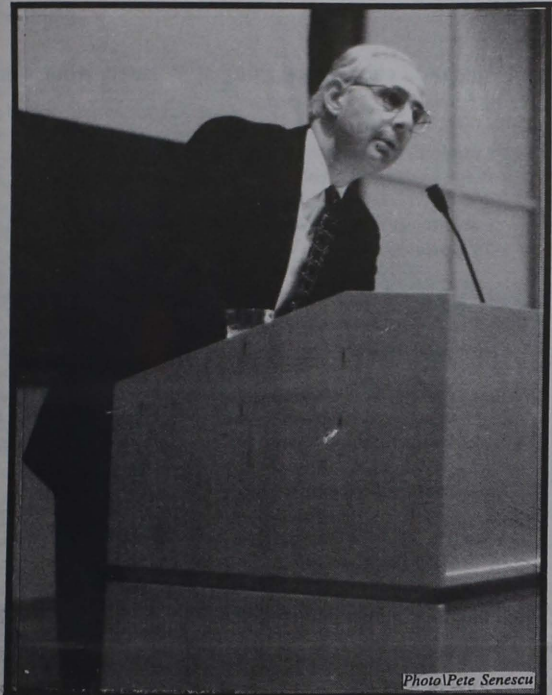
Ursinus College The Grizzly

One of the bloodiest noises in the world.
--Lord Halifax

Happy Valentine's Day!!

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Mr. Gerard Watkin, Director of the Museum of American Folk Art in New York, delivers a lecture on the Northeast Kentucky Folk Art tradition. The Berman Museum will be featuring an exhibit on this tradition through April 4.

Novelist Reed to Satire P.C.

BY TOM EPLER
Assistant Opinions Editor

Noted novelist Ishmael Reed will be on campus Wednesday, February 10. He will be reading from his yet-to-be released work, "Japanese by Spring," previewed as being a satire on political correctness.

Mr. Reed boasts both a thorough body of literary work and an extensive list of achievements. He has taught at Harvard, Yale, and Dartmouth; today, he remains an established lecturer at the University of California's Berkeley Campus. Reed is also the director of his eponymous I. Reed Books. (Read: pun).

In addition to being a novelist, poet, and essayist, Mr. Reed is recognized for being a songwriter, television producer, publisher, magazine editor, and playwright.

In 1980 he established the Before Columbus Foundation to recognize and support multiethnic literary forces within the modern world.

His outstanding work includes critical social satire within the framework of a discouragingly divided culture. In "Yellow Back Radio Broke-Down," Reed explores important, unifying themes. For instance, he depicts spiritual forces as being an undeniable undercurrent of life; in doing so, he links apparently disparate philosophies such as Roman Catholicism and American-style voo-dooism.

The *New York Review of Books* called Ishmael Reed "one of the most underrated writers in America." It also gave him the distinction of using the language and beliefs of folk culture more imaginatively than any other

contemporary black writer. Further, it claimed that few writers have been "so stinging about the absurdity of American racism."

Professor Margot Kelley encourages all students to capitalize on Mr. Reed's visit. She feels that his "definitively post-modernist" style is especially important and unique coming from an African-American viewpoint. Interested students are being offered an opportunity to meet with Reed in the afternoon: this workshop/chat will be held at 4:30 in the Coffee House.

Reed's 8:00 reading is expected to draw persons from around the region. It is strongly recommended to attend his lecture, and perhaps gain a new perspective from one of today's most relevant authors. Ishmael Reed will speak on Wednesday, at 8:00 p.m., in the Olin Auditorium.

New Twists on Pledging

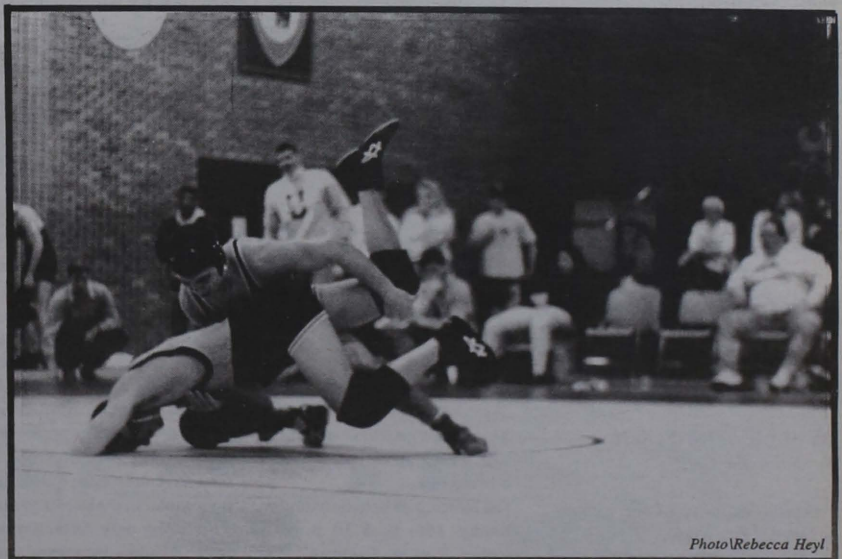
BY ELLEN COSGROVE
Of the Grizzly

As most students are aware, fraternity pledging will begin on February 12th at 5:30 p.m. In preparation, men interested in pledging will have to "attend a mandatory meeting to discuss specific issues relating to pledging." It is also strongly recommended for all pledges to attend at least one performance of "Power Plays." These plays will be performed on February 8th and 9th, and will discuss situations of sexual abuse and hopefully bring safety and awareness to our campus. Dean Kane feels this recommendation will help spread sexual abuse awareness to other students.

"Members of fraternities and sororities are some of the most active students on campus and generally have a lot of influence within their brother/sister group," Dean Kane explained. "We like them to take interest in issues that we think are important. If they are made more aware of the problems on campus, they can filter the information to other students as well. There is definitely a problem of sexual abuse on campus, it may be less than other college campuses, but it is still a problem," Dean Kane said.

This year will be the first pledging for the new fraternity, Chi Rho Psi. Their pledging will differ from the

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Photo/Rebecca Heyl

Ursinus wrestler takes control in his match next Saturday. Ursinus's wrestlers face their next test on Saturday, February 13 at noon, when they take on Johns Hopkins and Swarthmore in a home match. (SEE Sports Beat, Page 9)

Global Perspectives

BY MARK LEISER
Of the Grizzly

International

--Israel has yielded to international pressure by taking back one hundred of the Palestinians it had deported to Lebanon. In return, Israel wanted guarantees that the United States would protect them from United Nations Sanctions.

--The U.N. plans to send a peace-keeping force to Somalia to replace the U.S.-led military coalition. If all goes as planned, it would be the largest United Nations peace-keeping force ever deployed.

National

--After only two weeks, First Lady Hillary Clinton is planning many changes for the White house. Her first major concern is to eliminate smoking all through the White House.

--Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott has been suspended from baseball for one year and fined \$25,000 for language deemed racially offensive.

--Reports say that President Bill Clinton and his advisers have settled on a \$31 billion economic package. The long-term deficit-reduction package will be presented to the nation on February 17.

--CBS news reports that President Clinton had a 32% disapproval rate after his first week in the White House. That is the highest disapproval rating in history for a president after only one week in office.

Local

--The state of Pennsylvania has found that Montgomery, Chester, and Berks counties are all suitable to house a new above-ground disposal facility.

--Montgomery County commissioners agreed last week to accept a \$300,000 grant from the State Health Department to aid in the fight against breast cancer. The aim of the program is to provide local women with low-cost mammograms.

Quilt Weaves Its Way to Ursinus

BY JULIE TONNESSEN
Special to the Grizzly

As the majority of the campus learned last week, Ursinus is working towards bringing part of the AIDS quilt to campus next September. The quilt grows in size year by year as new panels are added in remembrance of those who have fought this disease.

In order to encourage this growth and as a part of the overall effort of the AIDS quilt committee, a campus-wide meeting will be held next week for those interested in

making a new panel or in helping others create a lasting remembrance of a loved one.

The meeting be held on Monday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m. in Wismer Lower Lounge. The panelmaking committee will begin designing any new panels and make plans for a larger community-wide panelmaking event later this semester. If you have any questions, or have a completed panel you would like to see added to the quilt, call Julie Tonnesen (489-6329) or Debbie Nolan in the Residence Life Office.

Power Plays

BY MINDY BRANDT
Special to the Grizzly

Tonight concludes S.T.A.R.'s (Student and Teachers Against Rape) effort in bringing sexual assault awareness to the Ursinus community. This awareness comes through the program "Power Plays," in which 4 college-age actors bring difficult situations to life.

Two different discussions will occur simultaneously. One, aimed at men, will allow the audience to explore their own values and offer ideas on ending rape-conducive attitudes. The other discussion, targeted at women, will focus on decreasing risk in vulnerable situations, and will include basic self-defense techniques.

S.T.A.R. meets every Thursday at 6:00 in Todd. Everyone is always welcome to attend.

Fraternity Pledging, con't.
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norm in that it will be limited to one Outward Bound, "physically challenging weekend." Zeta Chi will join Chi Rho Psi for this weekend. In return for the college supported trip, Zeta Chi agreed to end their pledging at 11:00 p.m. every weekday night instead of the normal 1:30 a.m. curfew.

"Outward Bound, is really just an experiment this year," states Dean Kane, "we will just have to find out how the pledges react when they get back."

Pledging this year for men will be four weeks, one week being a service. As always Dean Kane hopes grades will not be affected.

"Last year every grade average in every fraternity dropped. Some may have only been a drop hardly noticeable. In the last six years Zeta Chi is the only fraternity where their grades increased during pledging," said Dean Kane.

The service week planned will be given as much positive publicity as possible. At a minimum, there will be a bulletin board in the Student Life Activity Office showing photographs of the different service projects performed.

Roving Reporter

BY AUDRA BOETTCHER & DENISE MORETZ
Of the Grizzly

If you could change one thing at Wismer, what would it be?

"I would like more than one aisle through Wismer."
--Betsy Laskowski, Senior

"I want to eat food that doesn't act as a laxative."
--Ty Kozlowski, Junior

"I want to change the location of the yogurt machine so we don't have to walk across the cafeteria to get to it."
--Jenn Scheffler, Senior

"I would change the attitude of many of the Wismer workers because I want my food given to me with a smile, not thrown at me with a bad attitude. Except for Linda--she lets me pass my own ID through the ID machine."
--Rob Teti, Sophomore

"Nothing. Because Wismer is the best place to pick up chicks."
--Chris Pandolfi, Junior

"I think there should be 2 yogurt machines so that there would be a variety of flavors and they should be open for both lunch and dinner. Also, bagels should be out at every meal and there should be a microwave."
--Alison Burns, Junior

"I think they should install a microwave so we could heat up the cold food we're always getting."
--Greg Loftus, Senior

"Invest our money into some Pizza Hut double doors so that it's not so damn cold inside."
--Beth Buckenmyer, Senior

"I'd have a 70's band playing 24 hours a day."
--Keith Hirokawa, Junior

"I think there should be a grill so that we could get grilled chicken sandwiches, grilled hotdogs, hamburgers and cheesesteaks."
--Jen Diamond, Sophomore

"I would change the atmospheric ambiance of the prevalent protuberance."
--Brent Baldasair, Senior

"I think we should have those white meat chicken fingers more often because everyone really liked them."
--Kris Ullrich, Senior

"A Frozen yogurt machine at every table."
--Jess Lomba, Freshman

"I think there should be a double door entrance at Wismer so that the cold wind wouldn't blow in and freeze us to death!"
--Megan Love, Senior

News

Doctor Fletcher, UC Professor Emeritus, Hospitalized

BY ROBIN LOIACONO
Of The Grizzly

Dr. Fletcher, professor emeritus of psychology at Ursinus, is in the Clara Burke Community Hospital in nearby Plymouth Meeting for treatment of as yet unidentified health problems. Although few students may remember his numerous contributions to the Ursinus Community since he retired in 1986, Dr. Fletcher is a very interesting man.

He was educated at Franklin and Marshall College, where he received a B.A. in English, and continued on to received an M.B.A. from the Harvard Graduate School of Business. After having been drafted and serving in World War Two, he resumed his studies, receiving his Ph.D. in Industrial Psychology from Penn State.

Dr. Fletcher first came to Ursinus in February of 1956, after completing and publishing the results of a Navy project, studying the training methods at the Bainbridge Naval Training Center in Maryland. While here at Ursinus, Fletcher taught Industrial Psychology, as well as many other courses, including, of course, introductory level courses as well. Of his thirty-one years at the school, he served as the chairman of the Psychology Department for thirteen years, from 1961 until 1974. Coincidentally, it was in 1974 that he became licensed by the State of Pennsylvania to practice Psychology. He subsequently began a small practice in addition to his responsibilities at the college.

In addition to both of these occupations, Dr. Fletcher found time to work in other capacities as well. For three summers, he was invited to attend the National Science Foundation's "History and Philosophy of Science" Seminar at the American University in Washington, DC. In 1970, he was awarded a grant by the National Science Foundation for a six week seminar on experimental psychology at Williams College.

Throughout his career he was given many honors, and became a member of various scholastic organizations. By the time of his retirement, Fletcher was listed in five records such as Marqui's Who's Who in American Education.

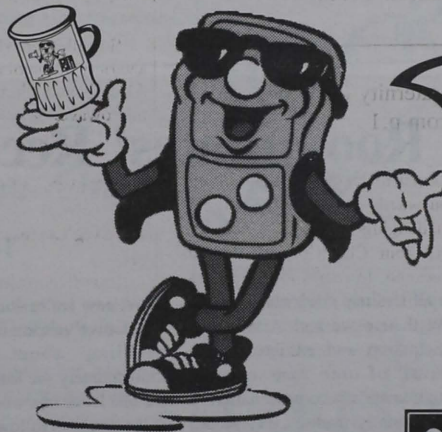
After a busy and productive career, Dr. Fletcher retired as a full professor in May of 1986. Lately, however, he has been plagued with nonspecific health problems. He was in the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania for about two months and is now at the Clara Burke Community hospital. He can receive letters at the following address:

Dr. Richard Fletcher
c/o The Clara Burke Community
251 Stention Avenue
Room 207A
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
He may have a phone in his room, but does not at the present. Fletcher is, however, able to see visitors. There is no problem in getting in to see him, and he would welcome the company.

Attention anyone interested in helping out with next year's orientation:

Set aside Thursday, February 11th for an information session at 7:30 in the Wismer Parent's Lounge! Join in the fun and try out to be an orientation assistant!

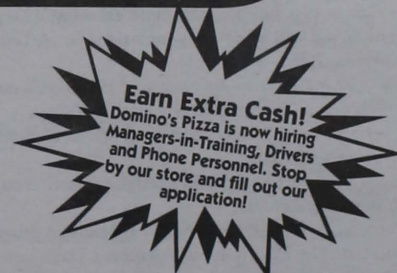
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Senior Profile

Lynn Cunnane

BY GRETCHEN MACMURRAY
Features Editor

Lynn Cunnane is an English major and a Politics minor. She is from Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania. After spending 4 years at Ursinus College, Lynn has had many a memorable experience but is ready to move on.

A key member of the Phi Alpha Psi sorority, Lynn is happy with the social atmosphere at Ursinus, especially Reimert table dancing. She also works at the Berman Art Museum which she feels all students are lucky to have access to. She urges everyone to come out and see the latest exhibit, "Local Visions: Folk Art From Northeast Kentucky." When Lynn isn't busy at Berman, she is interning at a local advertising firm. Lynn came up with the new catchy Clear Pepsi ads. Have you heard them? "Right Now!" As an intern, she received no credit or royalties.

Clearly Lynn's most fruitful college experiences emerged from her trip abroad. Lynn spent a semester studying at Regents College in London, England. Lynn made the most of her European adventure travelling to both Ireland and Greece and posing as a Page-3 Girl. "Studying abroad is an invaluable opportunity. I strongly recommend it to all underclassmen. It gave me the chance to encounter many different people and cultures."

In her spare time, Lynn can be found drinking tea and channeling spirits. A characteristically determined Aquarius, Lynn has great plans for the future as a corporate lawyer.

Fox's Latest Teensomething

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BY SARAH STARR
Features Editor

It's a typical day at everyone's favorite private northeastern college. The campus is aflutter with activity. An acoustic guitarist strums on the steps of the brownstone student center, a literary group meets underneath a tree to read poetry, and a leisurely game of frisbee even includes the ever present fraternally-owned black lab. Sound like the ideal collegiate life? Probably. Sound familiar? Probably not. At least, not unless you've tuned in to Fox's most recent teensomething "Class of '96."

Walking across the Ursinus campus you're lucky to see any signs of life, with the exception of the diligent physical plant crew--and even they are more diversified than our student body.

The freshmen at Havenhearth

College don't hang out in Wismer under the glare of fluorescent lights. Rather, they dine elegantly in an antique, rustic dining hall. Last week, David (big freshman on campus) even sat down at a table full of girls. That would never happen at Ursinus.

David and Jessica (Doogie Howser's ex) spent their first Saturday night at Havenhearth enraptured in romantic conversation which culminated in a platonic hug that lasted until the early morning hours. Yeah, right. At Ursinus they would've both overloaded on Demas Death Punch, hooked up (maybe even a couple of times), and woken up the next morning wearing each other's underwear on their heads.

If sharing underwear sounds appealing, there's a character for you on "96." Played by Kari Wuhrer, former gameshow girl on

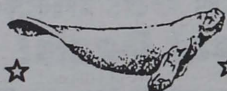
MTV's "Remote Control," she announced in the premiere episode that she planned to give her springy dorm mattress "a good workout." Now that's a Reimert groupie if I've ever seen one.

We are a generation that has been raised on "Sixteen Candles" and "Fast Times at Ridgemont High." For us, any teenage or collegiate series is addictive (yes, even "Blossom" and "Full House"). "Class of '96," however, may be a slightly idealistic view of college life. It seems to cater more to what older adults think college should be rather than what it is really like. At least it offers an attraction for everyone. While the thirtysomething set will watch occasionally with teary-eyed nostalgia, I'll be glued to the set every Tuesday at 8 to see what cool outfits the co-eds are wearing, and if they've had sex yet.

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STARWATCH

BY SHECKIE
Of The Grizzly



Sheckie's got 1...2...3...4...5 senses working overtime. Believe in Sheckie, Sheckie believes in you.

Aquarius-Life's been pretty dull lately. Keep an eye out for a mysterious Cancer that may spice up your Valentine's Day.

Pisces-A new friend will bring out your wild side. A Leo may bring out your romantic side.

Aries-Show your gratitude to someone who helped you out of a tough situation. You and a Libra may have a steamy V-Day.

Taurus-A visit with old friends cheers you up. A Sagittarius proves to be your dream Valentine.

Gemini-Enlist your pals to work on a tough project. You may view a Virgo with stars in your eyes.

Cancer-Your creative efforts may not be appreciated this week. You will be appreciated by a Scorpio on Valentine's Day.

Leo-Emotions run high this week. A dreamy Pisces may mellow you out on Sunday.

Virgo-Think twice before making major changes on your appearance. A Capricorn sparks your interest.

Libra-You seem to be especially gullible this week. Trust your feelings about a Scorpio, though. ☆

Scorpio-Talk out your problems with a good friend. You'll feel better. You may get caught smooching with a Gemini.

Sagittarius-You are very outspoken this week. Try to be tactful. A Taurus may become smitten.

Capricorn-You may feel very insecure this week. Trust yourself and your abilities. An Aries hones in for the Day of love.

Sheckie's just another person in the world. Sheckie's just another fool with a radical view. Believe in Sheckie. Sheckie believes in you. ☆

Roommates' Recommendations

To all Ursinus students:

Well here we are! After much anticipation and anxiety of the arrival of our new column "Roommate's Recommendations" we've finally made it. We would like to thank you for your curiosity in our column. Hopefully it will be a success. But this can only be possible by your letters. We have already received quite a few and plan on responding to them in the weeks to follow. If you have any problems or questions about ANYTHING you need answered please write to us. We will try to answer all of your concerns. Drop off your letters in the box outside of Bomberger 3rd floor.

Yes, we are really roommates. And as most roommates we have our differences. SO, in responding to your letters you may get two pieces of advice if we disagree. Then it's up to you to decide who's advice to take! Feel free to let us

know how we're doing.

Since we've spent this whole time babbling about ourselves, unfortunately we only have room for one letter this week. Hopefully in the weeks to follow we'll be able to answer more than one letter a week. Enjoy!

Dear Nikki & Vikki,

Some guy who I used to be friends with won't leave me alone. He's always in my room and has recently become more touchy. I am getting sick of him hitting on me. It is ruining what used to be a great friendship. What can I do?

Annoyed

Dear Annoyed:

Well, Annoyed, it looks like we agree on this one. It's really difficult to keep a relationship with a guy strictly platonic, sometimes signals can get crossed. Could this be the

case? If his friendship is really important to you, you must take the initiative to clear the air. Before he makes a move that will put you in the position that puts his "touchiness" over the edge--speak up! The next time he's in your room, before he puts the moves on you, kindly tell him that you just want to be his buddy and nothing more. Try not to embarrass him, it could pull him away from the friendship. If your relationship means as much to him as it seems to mean to you--he'll understand and it will work out. Good luck!

Nikki and Vikki


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Features

Top Ten Reasons These Two Pages Are Lacking

BY GRETCHEN MACMURRAY and SARAH STARR
Features Editors

10. Apathy is contagious.
9. Nervous about 90210 previews for next week. Does Dylan Die?
8. New Duran Duran album has finally been released. 
7. Needed outfits for Club Nouveau and there was a clearance sale at Canadians.
6. 3 words: Prime Time Television.
5. Too enraptured with Jesse Searfoss to think straight.
4. 2 words: Daytime Drama.
3. Because this is the Gretchen and Sarah stand-up hour.
2. Dinner Sunday evening is no time to pull together a features section.
1. We forgot.

Coffee House Counts On A Big Semester

BY MATT CORDES
Special to The Grizzly

The "Java Trench" is rolling into its second semester as Ursinus' only real outlet for gourmet-cooking aficionados. (Sorry, Zack's, but the thought of getting a cheesesteak and a cappuccino to go doesn't do it for some of us.) In the way of improvements, senior Jay Jackson has been appointed entertainment chairperson, and is hard at work chasing down campus entertainers to perform on weekend evenings.

New for this semester is the addition of designated "movie nights." We will be rolling two or three films of a given theme on a weekly (or semi-weekly) basis, with sufficient pause in between them to allow everyone to extend their caffeine buzz at the 'Trench.

Additionally, a flavor-sampling session is in the works for co-op members, so we can be sure that we

order everything in the right quantities.

As of next semester, we will be leaving Olin and relocating in Zwingli Hall. Renovations will begin this spring as the house is reclassified a residence hall, and rooms are marked off for the twenty-one students who will be living in the co-ed house. The Java Trench will make the first floor of Zwingli its new (and hopefully permanent) home.

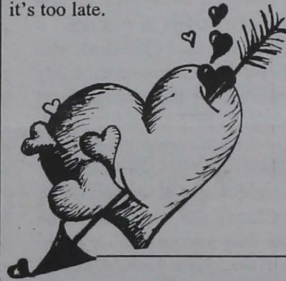
We are in the process of adding Monday and Tuesday to our already established hours, that pending administrative approval.

If you haven't been in the 'Trench yet this semester, be sure to stop in soon and update your co-op membership. The Literary Society continues to meet on Wednesday nights at 10:00 P.M., and we have added additional waitstaff in anticipation of what we hope will be an overwhelmingly successful spring.

Airband Is Coming!

BY ELLEN R. SYLVESTER
Of The Grizzly

The 10th annual Airband Competition is scheduled for Friday, February 26th at 8:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event will go to Laurel House to aid women who are victim's of abuse. The deadline for act registration is Wednesday, February 17th and applications are available from both the Office of Student Life in Corson Hall and Student Activities Office in Wismer Center. Tickets will be on sale from February 22-26th in Wismer Lobby B. If your not familiar with Airband you can catch performances from the last few years on TVs set up in Wismer Dining Room throughout the next few weeks. Get your acts together now--before it's too late.



What's Up In Wellness

Do you find yourself having low self esteem, lacking trust in yourself and others, being angry or guilty, putting other's needs before your own, experiencing obsessive behavior, blaming others for your problems and/or repressing your thoughts? If so, you are experiencing some of the characteristics that go along with codependency.

So what exactly is codependency? Well, first of all it is not a disease or something that you need to feel embarrassed or ashamed about. Codependent people are people who have been affected by another person's behavior and who have become obsessed with controlling that person's behavior. People who are codependent may appear quite independent but in fact are dependent. They take on strong person personalities but usually feel helpless and appear very controlling but in actuality are controlled themselves.

Many different family situations may help cause these characteristics of codependency. These may include addictive, violent, deprived, and authoritarian family situations. The characteristics these family situations can create are not the end

of the world. However, they can be hard to live with at times.

Codependency is a result of years of experience that may take some time and energy to find the right track. Since codependency is a result of taking our energies and focusing it on others' to an extreme, this right track begins with putting our energy into focusing on ourselves and not others.

From here we can begin helping ourselves by trying to be open, honest and willing to change. Some other important things to consider when dealing with codependency are to face what has happened to you in the past, look to yourself for approval, trust your feelings and realize you can depend on yourself, be patient with yourself and take one day at a time.

This information was taken from "Codependent No More" by Melody Beattie and from handouts on this topic. Both sources are available, along with other information regarding codependency, at the Wellness Center. Anyone interested or curious about codependency is welcome to come in to review these resources and/or to talk to the wellness coordinator.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Do you have an interest in writing for the prestigious Grizzly? Please come to our meetings held in the publications office at 6:00 P.M. Tuesdays. The publications office is located on the third floor of Bomberger. Occasional and consistent writers are needed. Be there or be square!

Tom

SHALOM!

There will be a Hillel meeting on Thursday, February 11, at 6:30 P.M. in the Wismer Parents' Lounge. All are welcome to bring suggestions for parties, events, etc. For more information, contact Harley David Rubin at 454-0712.

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Opinions

A Degree Is Not Enough Today

BY CHRISTIAN P. SOCKEL
Of The Grizzly

College seniors across the United States are undergoing the rigors of selecting graduate schools and professional jobs as May-time graduation signifies a new beginning of continued success, hope and desire. The graduate school rush, though, can be the most frustrating and infuriating experience which an undergrad will face in his or her lifetime. The standardized tests, which have become a Pandora's Box for many American students pursuing graduate educations, can either greatly help a student's chances of acceptance, or impede, regrettably, to the point of rejection.

To have a college degree today is not enough in getting admitted to graduate school. American college students know it too. There must be more substance and diversity in an applicant's persona than in previous years. This circumstance has created a more-qualified and aggressive student in America. It has created a class of students who go beyond the classroom to qualify themselves for the graduate level education or the professional world. This over-achievement is good for our country and good for the student. Regrettably, not all students excel. We all have one talent that we do better than anyone else on earth. Part of the college timetable should be spent looking for this gift; the channels for such soul searching I am about to explore.

The devaluing of the college degree is not a new phenomenon. Our country's history of industrial and political growth has required the intellectual and entrepreneurial elite of every generation to up the ante on their own education and passions to make our lives and those

of the future progressively better. There is no guarantee that attending graduate school will somehow pave the way to a student's success; that is up to the student and his or her desire, character, and work ethic. But it is safe to say that a graduate degree does better qualify an individual student for some jobs than another student with a Bachelor's degree. The large number of applicants to graduate schools, law schools, and medical schools are an end result of many issues, one being the recent recession. In its devaluing though, the college degree has opened the door for alternative and beneficial pursuits among many undergrads. These include internships, substantive summer employment, and meatier extracurricular activities. These endeavors make a mediocre student an excellent student.

Internships are the new test site for many undergrads who are curious or very interested in a particular field of work. I have found internships the most rewarding out-of-class experience in college. I would suggest it to all underclassmen at Ursinus as an effective hands-on opportunity which takes you beyond the theoretical learning of the classroom. Internships enable students to grow as a professional employee in an atmosphere that rewards personal achievement and cultivates self-confidence in the student's future plans and goals. Substantive summer employment dovetails the internship experience. Consistently, I hear of friends who have relinquished the summer job at the pool for an insightful job in the sphere of their career interest. This is not a new phenomenon, but it does effectively bolster one's

record and strengthen the college degree, which cannot stand alone without a resume enumerated with meaningful and essential non-classroom activities. Finally, leadership and proactive participation in pre-professional and college organizations can as well be very rewarding in making contacts, bringing an important social issue to campus through a speaker, or to establish a forum to discuss the elements of a particular job.

The pressure to get accepted to graduate school has created a better student in America. The committed student is no longer restricted to the classroom for his or her future educational viability. With greater numbers of students seeking leadership roles, proactive involvement in clubs and sports, and career-oriented summer employment, the value of the college degree no longer gets short shrift. Qualifying oneself for graduate school is a process. It does not start in your senior year though. It starts as early as ninth grade in high school surprisingly. There should be no misunderstanding that the college degree does represent meritable completion of difficult course work. The devaluation of the college degree comes from corporate and graduate bureaucracies who play a numbers game and not a "total person" game when hiring and accepting undergrads. This is a myopic policy which hurts American industry and fails to reward those students who have gone beyond the classroom and outside themselves to offer their skills and gain a critical understanding of how America really works. The pedagogical journey should never cease for the student; the brighter an individual becomes, the more he or she will realize there is to learn.

The Absurdity of the Circular Argument

BY THOMAS EPLER
Assistant Opinions Editor

Circular arguments are those which are ultimately self-defeating. Their perpetuation is dependent upon the opposing viewpoint, and the debaters' relentless defense of their 'side'.

Once in a while, such an issue will flare up, and become an entity unto itself- solving nothing, and extending bitter hostility.

A Situation

According to some moral, "watchdog" groups, many of us are unaware of our society's 'imminent demise.' They feel that we should be 'thankful' for the easy answers that they provide to deeply-rooted societal problems.

Last week, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* carried a full-page ad taken out by the American Family Association, which explained to me the ultimate source for societal decay.

It seems that this organization had found the source for society's ills. I felt genuinely awed by the AFA's revelation... that, for our rapidly disintegrating social order, the "blame belongs" on "the entertainment industry."

A Simulation

Later, I imagined two groups of people, shouting at each other from behind police barricades. The daydream was quite vivid: it was

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apparent that they were arguing this issue, and that both were equally convinced of their righteousness.

From the left: "The First Amendment guarantees our rights to expression/What would government try to limit next?/If it's making money, people must want to see it."

From the right: "Because of you, our children assume murder a justified consequence/ Society was more focused when sex and violence were not media staples/ You're getting wealthy from the corruption of our children/ There should be standards."

The solution

Divinely inspired myself, I smiled. I decided that the time was right to step back and divulge the big picture to those who wish to know which side is right.

Both sides are.
The zealots have a right to assign

blame.

The entertainment industry is protected, to do what it pleases.

Fighting either foe ultimately achieves only a narrow perspective. Step away from the circular argument, and adopt the big picture: That both sides have a point.

Perhaps it appears apathetic to stand in the middle. However, I will probably live a little longer and happier by not attaching myself so emotionally to such factions of humanity.



BY RICHARD P. RICHTER
President of the College

HELFFERICH HALL FLOOR: When Helfferich Hall was built a little more than twenty years ago, the manufacturer of the synthetic floor product gave Ursinus an excellent price because it was seeking a site in the mid-Atlantic area as a showplace. The product had been used with high satisfaction at other schools in other locations of the country. Along with the favorable price, the College received a five-year absolute guarantee on the floor-- long since outlived.

At the opening of the facility and for a good many years afterward, student athletes and coaches liked the synthetic surface of the floor. It was alive and attractive.

Because it was also versatile and sturdy, the Athletics Department was able to use it for indoor practice by such outdoor sports teams as baseball and women's field hockey. It easily absorbed the hard knocks of intramural play and departmental course offerings in ESS (formerly HPER).

Moreover, the College was able to schedule non-athletic activities

in Helfferich Hall without worrying about abuse to the floor. Commencement annually has been in Helfferich Hall since its opening. Not long after the opening, Bruce Springsteen performed there in concert. (We engaged him at a reasonable fee just before he hit it big.) Many other special events have taken place there over the years.

In the two decades of the floor's life, the synthetic material has been patched in several places and imperfectly resurfaced. It shows increasing signs of wear and tear. From the standpoint of athletes and coaches, the gradual loss of resiliency, which has come with the aging of the material, has made the floor increasingly problematic.

By the way, I have heard a false tale going the rounds that the floor is so hard because the builder forgot to put a sub-flooring in. The floor was correctly installed.

The college has set out to replace the floor and is currently studying the products on the market. The funds for a new floor are being sought in the context of "The Next Step" capital campaign being conducted by the Board of Directors.

In order to choose just the right product, Fred Klee, Director of Physical Plant, has been working in cooperation with Robert R. Davidson, Director of Athletics, and the coaching staff and team captains. Alternative products have been looked at, and visits are planned to sites where they are in place.

There has been an understandable interest among some coaches and players in the possibility of installing a wood floor instead of one made of synthetic material. Since Helfferich Hall will continue to be used for the foreseeable future as a multi-purpose building, versatility and sturdiness remain essential criteria, along with low and easy maintenance. Wood thus does not appear to be a viable option.

As the College moves toward a final choice of product, any students, faculty members, or staff members who would like to know more may get in touch with my office. We have not yet set a timetable for implementation, but certainly the College is moving steadily toward a new floor in Helfferich Hall that will be functional and attractive to athletes and coaches and to the entire campus community.

Opinions on campus, local, and international issues are encouraged, to attract discussion and to guarantee a wide range of response. Our typist (cranky as he is) prefers that Opinions/Letters pieces be 200-400 words, typed, and double-spaced--although we will, at our option, publish letters not meeting these criteria. Letters received by Friday will be published the following week. Submissions should be delivered to the Student Publications Room on the third floor of Bomberger. The editors reserve the right to edit all pieces for grammar, length, and clarity.



SELF-REALIZATION

JEANINE WOKE UP IN A COLD SWEAT SHE REMEMBERED GOING TO A PARTY AND GETTING SMASHED OUT OF HER MIND THE QUESTION IS WHO IS THIS PERSON IN HER BATHROOM?

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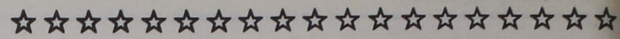
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Sports



WEEK IN REVIEW

MEN'S BASKETBALL

--At Ursinus on Wednesday, February 3, the Bears lost to Swarthmore 82-70. UC was led by freshman guard Bernie Rogers with 19 points.

--At Johns Hopkins on Saturday, February 6, Ursinus lost by a score of 94-59. Johns Hopkins led 41-17 at the half and ran away with the game.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

--After beating Haverford on Monday, February 1, and Swarthmore on Thursday, February 4, the Lady Bears fell to a 10-9 record with a loss against Franklin & Marshall at home. TEAM NOTE: Sophomore guard Arlene Hildebrand now has 27 three-pointers on the season, one shy of the school record.

GYMNASTICS

--At Cortland State, two-time defending ECAC all-around champion Kimberly Holmes led CS to a 168.30-153.90 win over Ursinus on Saturday, January 30. Holmes won the all-around with a 34.95, while UC's Kristen Cornell was third with a 31.15.

SWIMMING

--At Ursinus on Saturday, January 30, the Women's Swimming team beat Western Maryland 115-72. During the meet, junior Jen Derstine set a new team record in the 100-yard butterfly, completing the race in 59.26. Derstine also placed first in the 50-yard freestyle in Saturday's meet. In addition, Allyson Flynn, Senta Bamberger, Jen Schmidt, and Tara Cope won events for Ursinus. Flynn took first in the 1,000-yard freestyle, Bamberger won the 200-yard freestyle, Schmidt placed first in the 200-yard individual medley, and Cope won the 500-yard freestyle.

--In the same meet, the Men's Swimming team fell to Western Maryland 116-82. In the effort for Ursinus, Mike Baganski won the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard breaststroke, Jeff Andrews placed first in the 1,650-yard freestyle, and Seibel won the 200-yard individual medley. The trio also teamed with Gary Shapiro to win the 200-yard medley.

U.C. GETS BAD P.R.

BY HARLEY
DAVID RUBIN
Sports Editor

A column in the Sunday, February 7 edition of The Philadelphia Inquirer insulted the Ursinus basketball program in a mid-season review of the NBA.

The column, by Bob Ford, an Inquirer staff writer and the basketball beat writer for the paper, stated that thus far in the NBA season, the Seattle Supersonics "can't beat Ursinus on the road."

Seattle has a 29-15 record in the tough Pacific Division in the Western Conference, but is 19-2 at home and 10-13 on the road. In their division are the Phoenix Suns at 33-9, Portland Trailblazers at 28-14, and the two Los Angeles franchises, all of whom are above .500 this season.

Ursinus has not exactly been stellar this season, with their record hovering around a .250 percentage.

UC Junior guard Greg Frith said that "We'd give them a good game. Ogre (Jeff Eckerson) would give

SPORTS BEAT



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Swimming (M & W) at Widener	7:00 pm
Men's Basketball at Widener	7:30 pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Women's Basketball at Immaculata	7:00 pm
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Indoor Track (M) at Lehigh	12:00 pm
Wrestling vs. Johns Hopkins and & Swarthmore	12:00 pm
Gymnastics vs. West Chester @ Ithaca	1:00 pm
Swimming (M & W) at F & M	2:00 pm
Women's Basketball vs. Moravian	6:00 pm
Men's Basketball vs. Haverford	8:00 pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Women's Basketball at Widener	7:00 pm
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[Seattle center Shawn] Kemp a good game down low, and our guards are better."

For the record, Seattle did manage to put together a win on the road against the Washington Bullets on Saturday night, beating the last-place team in the Atlantic Division

by a 120-92 score.

Center Shawn Kemp had 14 points and 9 rebounds, while guards Rickey Pierce and Gary Payton had 19 and 10 points respectively.

Ursinus vs. Seattle? Hmmm. Might not be a bad game after all.

HARLEY'S HAVEN

BY HARLEY DAVID RUBIN
*The Best Sports Editor
on Campus*

Hey, sports fans, I love ya! Hmmm...that catch-phrase is getting a little old. In the spirit of the Clinton administration, maybe I should think about a "change" in the way I begin this column. So if anyone out there has any ideas about re-structuring my beginning, let me know. I'm open to suggestions.

Making a not-so-smooth transition to the world of sports, let's start out by saying that there's only about a week and a half until pitchers and catchers report for spring training, and a few weeks after that, spring training exhibitions begin. I am looking forward to this season quite a bit, since there have been so many major changes in the game:

TOP 7 CHANGES IN BASEBALL FOR 1993

7. Barry Bonds signed as a free agent with the San Francisco Giants for more money per year (over \$7 million) than his dad Bobby

probably made in his entire career.

6. The Pittsburgh Pirates, in an attempt to cover their losses (Bonds, Doug Drabek, et al) sign free-agents Alejandro Pena, Lonnie Smith, and Glenn Wilson, all of whom are past their prime and will contribute to the quick demise of the NL East champs.

5. Shortstop Tony Fernandez signs with the New York Mets to add defensive stability--still not enough for da new Bums.

4. Texas Rangers outfielder Jose Canseco hasn't been heard from during the off-season.

3. The Houston Astros spent some serious money and got Doug Drabek and Greg Swindell, two good ol' boys who will put them into serious contention for the first time since 1986.

2. Owner/Racist/Marge Schott is banned from the day-to-day operations of the Cincinnati Reds--also forced to French-kiss that ugly mascot-dog "Schottzie."

1. The Phillies went out for big-name free-agents and came back with little-names...well, maybe

that's not such a big change.

Wow, I'm all baseballed out. (Not!) But since the season hasn't started yet, I guess I should talk about the other sports going on, like basketball. As I watched the 76ers play the Celtics last Friday night (yeah, I was home, so what?), I noticed how that big word INCONSISTENCY fits in so well with the poorly-put-together teams of this area. The Sixers were down by as many as 17 during the game, but came back to within a basket in the fourth quarter, before the Celts went on a 10-0 run to dash all hopes of a victory. There's got to be a way to combat the "I" word, and I hope head coach Doug Moe can do it before he's fired and/or I lose my bet with Marty and have to fork over \$5. (Remember I bet him that we'd win 35 or more? Well, they're almost halfway there...)

On the ice, the Flyers still wait for The Kid, Eric Lindros, to recover from his minor knee injury and give them the spark they need to make the playoffs. In court last week, The Kid admitted to spitting

beer on that drunken woman, but says it was in retaliation for her doing the same to him. ("He started." "Nuh-huh, she did." etc.) As of right now, it looks very doubtful that we'll sneak into the playoffs. It's going to take a lot of hard work and a big comeback in the toughest division in hockey.

Speaking of tough divisions, ever notice how each of the Philly teams seems to be in the best in each league? The Sixers in the Atlantic with the Knicks, Celtics, and the up-and-coming Nets and Bullets. The Flyers in the Patrick with the Islanders, Rangers, Devils, and the still-good-without-Mario Penguins. The Eagles in the NFC East with the Super Bowl champion Cowboys, the Redskins, and the rest. The only exception here is the Phillies, who could be in the worst division in baseball. Here's looking at you, Phils.

OK--I've gone on long enough. The answer to last week's "Cheers" Trivia Question is: Sam opened Diane's book before putting it in the safe, said sarcastically "The

Sun Also Rises.' That's real profound," and began reading. He couldn't put it down, and took it home. When he got into a nice hot tub, he read what happened to "that Jake Barnes guy," and dropped the book into the water. Here's this week's C.H.O.C.R./"Cheers" Trivia Question: When Carla and Diane were ordered to spend some time together by Sam, Carla made herself a special drink. What was the name of that drink? Gotta go. I'm Harley David Rubin, and as Bruce Catton once said, baseball is "the greatest conversation piece ever invented in America." So write in to The Grizzly with YOUR opinions--I'd like to hear what you've got say. (P.S.: A & E Goddess Annette Rawls got mad that I haven't mentioned her recently--so Annette, here you are--go wild.)

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