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If a man bites a dog, that is news.

- John Bogart

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basketball poll - page 7!

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The Crunch is On

A Message from the Class of '97 - The freshmen finally surface

BY JENNIFER DIAMOND
Editor In Chief

BY SUE BOYER
Of the Grizzly

Red, Gold, Black, '97 is on track... Red, Gold, Black, '97 is on track... Yes, this is the chant the freshman class has put forth as the newcomers to Ursinus College. With the elections of the new freshman class officers and representatives and the numerous activities already on the go, the class of 1997 has certainly taken its first step into helping Ursinus College become the well-rounded, exemplary institution that it is already known to be.

Under the advisement of Dr. Nicholas Berry, Chairman of the Politics Department, the 1993-94 class officers are:

Heather Kerlin, president; Karen Tyson, vice-president; Wendy Sands, recording secretary; Julie Melusky, corresponding secretary; Chris Deussing, treasurer; and Rocco Iacullo and Nick Bildzukewicz, class representatives.

The freshman class has already accomplished the traditional Homecoming task of decorating the football field. In addition, the freshman class sponsored its first fundraiser last Thursday, November 11. The fundraiser, a date auction, brought in over \$500 dollars which was matched by AFAC bringing the total to \$1000.

Future projects are already planned and include decorating the Christmas tree in Wismer

for the holiday season, in order to stress the importance of academics, a Dorm Scholarship will be awarded to the dorm with the highest GPA, a newsletter, and finally, candygrams for the holidays such as Valentine's Day, etc.

Heather Kerlin, class president, has taken on a tremendous task. When asked why she chose to run for class president, Kerlin said, "I was impressed by our class at the Academic Convocation in August. I feel our class possesses a lot of potential and I, along with the other officers, feel that I will be able to help us to use that potential."



Do you feel overwhelmed? If you do, you may be happy to know that you are not alone. Students all over are feeling the pressure of the end-of-semester-squeeze. Papers are due in most classes, tests are lurking just around the corner and that pile of History books that has been sitting in the corner of your room needs to be picked up, dusted off, and opened - yeesh! Yes, that's right, procrastination time is over! If you haven't already, now is the time to *hunker down* and finish all

of those assignments which have been haunting you for the past months.

I'm sure you are all aware that Thanksgiving break is in a week and Christmas vacation is just barely a month away. However, in the few short weeks between these two holidays there is much work to be done and many exams to be taken (exam schedule to appear in next week's Grizzly). But if you organize your time and get down to business, you might still have time to bring up those borderline grades.

HANG IN THERE URSINUS! Christmas will be here soon and, before you know it, you'll be toasting the beginning of a new year with your family and friends.

THANKS

Security Officer Cyndi Zerr wishes to thank her Ursinus College friends for all of the cards and get-well wishes they've sent her during her extended convalescence. They mean more to her than she can ever express.

Whitman Denies Allegeations

BY MARK LEISER
Of the Grizzly

New Jersey Governor-elect Christine Todd Whitman has denied claims that payments to suppress the urban and mostly black vote in the recent state governor's race were made from her campaign funds. The allegations were made last Tuesday by her campaign manager, Edward J. Rollins Jr. Rollins later apologized to Whitman and retracted his statements.

Mr. Rollins did admit this was not the first time his words have put him in the middle of a political controversy, "However," he said, "this is the first time that my desire to put a spin on events has crossed the line from an honest discussion of my views to an exaggeration that turned out to be inaccurate. I went

too far. My remarks left the impression of something that was not true and did not occur."

Representatives of black ministers and churches responded with outrage to the idea that their political vote could be bought, requesting proof that the payoffs had been made. Even Rollins' apology didn't ease tension with the black church, as they said he had still done "irreparable harm to the image of the black church, a keystone of the black community tradition and pride."

Rollins' remarks also embarrassed members of the Republican Party at the national level, who have been trying to suppress the feeling that they are a "white people's party" that has a history of practicing "electoral dirty tricks."

Fundraiser to Benefit Cancer Patients

BY MELISSA CHIDO
Assistant News Editor

The sisters of Tau Sigma Gamma are sponsoring a service project. They will be collecting donations for the Oncology Center at Princeton Medical Center. All donations will be given in the name of Ursinus College.

The Oncology Center is for adult cancer patients; anyone over the age of 18. The average age of patients in this particular center is 60 years old. The patients, along with volunteers, are trying to create a recreation room called "The Oasis." It will be cared for and be the responsibility of the cancer patients themselves.

This recreation room is needed to help patients relax after undergoing chemotherapy,

monthly treatment usually following surgery for the removal of cancer. On average, their stay is three to seven days. Unfortunately, during this time, the patients to not receive many visitors. Therefore, they are trying to help themselves recuperate and feel relaxed while in the hospital.

Hopefully, through this, the Princeton Medical Center will be able to organize more recreation rooms, especially on the pediatric floor. Through this type of recreation room, the lives of the patients are sometimes prolonged because of the comfort they find there.

Tau Sig is asking for donations from faculty, administration, and students. Those items being requested are: books, video-tapes, music tapes, cards, adult games,

puzzle books, art supplies (colored pencils, markers), writing paper, pens/pencils, card tables, Walkmans, and seasonal decorations. There will be contribution boxes in Reimert 201 and 206, the Quad, and in Lobby A in Wismer. Those in the Quad and Wismer will be emptied daily. We will be accepting donations until December 10. Donations received before November 24 will be given to the Oncology Department before Thanksgiving. If you have any questions or you wish to donate something not previously listed, please contact Melissa Chido (489-6784), or Kara Smith and Krissy Teufel (454-0183). Any help is greatly appreciated.

News

Global Perspectives

BY MARK LEISER
Of the Grizzly

International

- A bus filled with American and Canadian tourists ran off a highway and down an embankment killing ten people and injuring dozens of others. The crash took place about ten miles west of Canterbury.

- Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel has contacted President Bill Clinton concerning the prison term of an American Jew convicted of spying for Israel in 1987. The spy was sentenced to life in prison, but Rabin has requested that the sentence be shortened.

National

- To nobody's surprise, both supporters and opponents of the North American Free Trade Agreement are claiming victory after the debate between Vice-President Al Gore and Ross Perot. The debate, held on the CNN program "Larry King Live", was designed to present both sides of the accord as the vote in Congress nears.

- A recent study has shown that captopril, a drug typically used to treat high blood pressure, also dramatically reduces the progression of kidney failure in diabetics.

- A new ruling in the Supreme Court has broadened the definition of sexual harassment and will make claims of this violation easier to prove. The ruling will allow accusers to win suits without having to prove that the offensive behavior left them emotionally or psychologically damaged.

Local

- New Jersey Governor-elect Christine Todd Whitman has denied reports that her campaign paid off voters (specifically blacks and other urban voters) in the recent state race for governor. Whitman's campaign manager, Edward J. Rollins Jr., made the claim one week after the election.

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Roving Reporter

BY CYNTHIA BABCOCK & BARB LAMPE
Of the Grizzly

Faculty, what are your opinions of Greek life on campus?

Dr. Nancy Hagelgans

--I think that Greek life is very helpful socially to many students and leads to lifetime friendships. Greek life also promotes the completion of degrees at Ursinus. However, through the years, I have observed that pledging activities have an adverse effect on the academic life of many students.

Dr. Catherine Chambliss

--I am strongly in favor of the innovative use of Outward Bound-like activities that are taking place.

Dr. Ray Schultz

--I don't have anything against Greeks, per se, but I feel that the hazing that occurs is inappropriate at times. I don't see what one would get out of that, but if students are willing to go through it, there must be something. A lot of times pledging affects a class in that students get no sleep or time to study and if there is time to study, usually the student is too tired to do it.

Ms. Lisa Tremper Barnes

--From my perspective, it's been very positive because of my close association with Tau Sigma Gamma. I have seen tangible examples of the positive contributions that Greeks have made on this campus, in terms of the AIDS Quilt and other support services. We can always count on fraternities and sororities for support and time and effort. Greeks make positive contributions to service. They also move in all kinds of circles.

Dr. Jon Volkmer

--I am embarrassed to see students screaming at other students on campus during pledging times.

Ms. Kim Taylor

--I think that the Greeks on this campus have a great amount of potential. However, Greeks don't use their full potential in areas such as community services.

Dr. George Fago

--They're great for some people but they're not for others. Live and let live.

Does Date Rape Exist at Ursinus?

BY MELISSA CHIDO
Asst. News Editor

There have been many requests for news relating to the Ursinus campus. Rather than writing about a newsworthy event on campus, this article is about an issue that may possibly, and probably does, occur on campus: rape. Though there are no reported cases of rape on campus, that does not mean it does not exist.

Rape is defined as "the sexual act of aggression to another person

without consent of that person." Both men and women can be raped, however, only 10% of rape victims are men.

Acquaintance rape is a controversial issue that has begun to rise in the past 20 years. According to some studies, there are different types of acquaintance rape. Each type is described as arising at different stages of a relationship.

A true definition of acquaintance rape is "all cases of forced sex between people who already know

each other, whether they are dating, co-workers, neighbors, friends or someone the victim says hello to everyday." Acquaintance rape is not about misunderstanding, nor is it a communication problem. Essentially, rape is rape, no matter who does it.

Rape is not just a physical violation of a person, but is also the maiming of the spirit and emotions.

One of the problems that occurs with the issue of date rape is that no one wants to talk about it. Unfortunately, the attitude of many

people is that if they do not think about rape, it's not there.

For those individuals who feel that they have been raped, whether it be by someone they know or not, there are ways of getting help. It does not matter when the rape occurred. A study showed that 43% of victims had not realized they had been raped and redefined their past sexual incident as criminal. It is never too late to realize that you have been raped. You can seek help from Studio Cottage or they can give you

information on hotlines. Another source to go to is the Yellow Pages, and look under the heading CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES.

The question to ask yourself is: Are the rape statistics on this campus correct? And if you believe rape occurs, what can we as a campus community do about it? This is a question that you as a reader must answer. Remember, when someone says "no," they mean "no" and nothing else.

ProTheatre to Present Henry Play

from College Communications

Fanny Kemble was a star of the 19th-century London and American stage, but her husband treated her as if she were a servant. Fanny Kemble was against American slavery, but her husband owned slaves. After leaving her husband and returning home several times, Kemble was released from a bad marriage, but she also lost everything.

While researching the life of Fanny Kemble for an article two years ago, it struck Dr. Joyce Henry, professor of English and communication arts that Kemble's life would make good theater. Last year she took a sabbatical during the spring semester to write a play about the 19th-century celebrity.

The result is "A Matter of Conscience," opening here next week under Henry's direction. Performances by the ProTheatre group will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18, 19, and 20 in Ritter center. Reservations may be made by calling

489-4111 ext. 2309 during regular business hours and 489-4117 after hours. Tickets are \$4 and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

Frances Anne Kemble was born in London in 1809, a member of the third generation of a famous family of English actors which included Kemble's aunt, Sarah Siddons. Fanny Kemble made her debut at Covent Garden in 1829, and while on a successful American stage tour in 1832 met Pierce Butler, a wealthy southerner living in Philadelphia. They were married in the spring of 1835.

Having retired from the theater after her marriage, Kemble settled into domesticity and motherhood. But from the beginning she debated with her husband about the morality of slavery--Butler owned two southern plantations and 700 slaves. "She opposed slavery in a kind of abstract, naive way," said Henry. "Finally Pierce persuaded her to visit his plantations and see for herself. He said to her 'I take very

good care of my slaves.' But when Kemble actually went there and saw slavery, she was horrified."

Kemble, also an author, wanted to write a work denouncing slavery, but her husband was against it. Now the couple argued about slavery and women's rights. Kemble did eventually write a memoir of her southern experiences titled "Journal of a Residence on a Georgian Plantation."

From time to time, the former actress would leave her husband, only to be persuaded by friends and relatives that she must return. The last time she came home to him, Butler made Kemble sign a paper saying that she would do as she was told. But the situation was intolerable, and she left again.

"He was quite maniacal with her -- a real scum," says Henry. "He treated her as if she were a servant, and she was a star." In addition, the professor adds, Butler was an unfaithful husband, but it was he who filed for a divorce, granted in

1847 after his wife's last departure.

She had abandoned him, and under the laws of Pennsylvania at that time, that was all that anybody needed to know," said Henry. The laws of the day also decreed that Kemble lose her two children and her property. Still, she refused to play the victim, and she was by no means friendless.

Prominent Philadelphians Nicholas Biddle, Rebecca Gratz, and Sidney Fisher were among her friends. The artist Thomas Sully admired her and painted two portraits of her, (two of which are on display through Dec. 3 in the Berman Museum of Art). Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote a special sonnet after hearing one of her readings. Washington Irving and Henry James were also among her literary friends.

Following her divorce, Kemble returned to England and spent a year touring Europe with her sister, an opera singer, and hobnobbing with such musical luminaries as

Mendelssohn and Liszt. Out of that experience came another book, "The Year of Consolation." Kemble eventually returned to America and struggled back to independence by touring successfully throughout the country offering solo readings of Shakespeare.

She invented the one-man show," says Henry. "Clearly a woman before her time, she is a woman for our time."

With "A Matter of Conscience", Joyce Henry adds "playwright" to her long list of career accomplishments. A member of the Ursinus faculty since 1972, Henry holds a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, a city whose Repertory Theater she managed for a decade. Prior to that she had worked in New York theater for 12 years, acting, directing and managing. She has been, in addition, a singer, host of a television show, and a newspaper writer.

Freeze Tag And Organ Music ?

BY L. ERIC JAMES

Special to the Grizzly

Like most people here at Ursinus, my favorite part of the week is the weekend, when I finally have a chance to spend some time relaxing with my friends. It seems to me that we never have enough time to do all things we like to do.

Here are some of the things that we've found to do on campus as well as in the local area.

Firstly, you need to get a group of at least four people together-- that seems to be the basic number needed for fun things to start happening.

Once you've got the people together, you need something to do. The following are five simple ideas that seem to always result in lots of laughs and a great time.

1) Rent a movie. New releases are good, but the classics seem to spark the most fun--mainly because there's usually someone who has never seen them. Titles to remember: Real Genius, Better Off Dead, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, Say Anything, or any of the brat pack films (Breakfast Club, St. Elmo's Fire, 16 Candles, etc.)

2) Play a board game. Someone in your group is bound to have (or know someone who has) Pictionary, Scattergories, Balderdash, Encore, True Colors, etc. They're lots of fun, and laughs are almost sure to

follow.

If someone in your group has a car, you can expand your list to include:

3) Roller Skating. Lots of us skated as kids, and it's neat to go to a rink and make fun of yourselves for being so bad. Also, watching 6th and 7th graders on their first dates can spark interesting memories. There are at least two rinks within 1/2 hour of Ursinus, and two more within an hour of here. Some even have live organ music on Sundays!

4) Go Bowling. Limerick bowling alley is open 24 hours, and you can have a lot of fun there. Once you've mastered the game, try variations: slow bowling (see who's ball takes the longest to go down the lane), celebrity bowling (imitate the way you think a star would bowl), etc.

5) Go to one of the State parks (or just around campus) and have a picnic, play tag, or hide and seek.

I guess my main point is this: it's okay to do the really childish and funny things that you did when you were a kid. If something was fun then, chances are it's still fun now. And don't be worried about looking stupid or foolish - if enough of you are doing something, no one will really care, because you'll all look equally silly. The activities themselves are sometimes enough to bring back funny memories of childhood.

Date Auction/ Lease/Rental

BY AMY K. DAVENPORT

Of the Grizzly

The Freshman class Date Auction was held on Nov. 11 in the Wismer Lower Lounge. The master of ceremonies was freshman Carla Salsman, who successfully auctioned off 50 participants. The class raised approximately \$500, which will be matched by AFAC, netting the freshmen \$1000.

The festivities were kicked off by a newly-formed women's quartet, consisting of founding member Karen Fleshman, Rima Bizri, Mary Greiss, and Beatrice May. The group, featuring soloist Fleshman, performed "The Shoop-Shoop Song" from the movie *Mermaids*.

The bidding for each participant started at \$3, and if it exceeded \$20, half was returned to the bidder to help pay for the date. The highest bids went to Jen Courtney and Carla Salsman, who each surpassed \$100. The evenings two mystery dates were T.J. Siggelakis (you may know him as "tree-killer" -ed.) and Heather Colvin.

According to class president Heather Kerlin, the fundraiser was "all in fun as a way of introducing the class of 1997 while raising money for the treasury." Kerlin hoped the activity would "create unity in the school" by bringing the classes together for an evening of entertainment.

Silenced By Shame



Constance Wagner to speak about facing the aftermath of abortion.

BY KIMIKO TROTT

Special to the Grizzly

Constance Wagner will be performing her nationally acclaimed play on the aftermath of abortion, *Silenced By Shame*, on November 22 at 7:30 in the Olin Auditorium. As both the author and the actress, she draws upon her own personal experiences with two abortions to create a play that dramatizes the pressures involved in the decision to terminate a pregnancy. Her presentation explores the many different dilemmas a woman

experiences both before and after an abortion.

Originally from Bozeman, Montana, Wagner is in the area for the month of November performing at local social organizations and universities. In *Silenced By Shame*, she uses computerized projections, recorded monologues and original music to bring to life the fictional character of Amy Ackerman.

Based upon statistics and personal testimonies, the play is relevant to all those directly and indirectly involved in an abortion decision.

Features

Fitness
Forum

BY ELAINE ZELLEY
Of The Grizzly

The stair climbing machines are easily among the most used, and possibly the most popular pieces of equipment found in the gym. With their computerized and customized programs, stair machines offer one of the best aerobic workouts.

However, the stair climbers are also among the most misused machines, and improper use can cause injuries.

According to Fitness Director Karen Gregg of Chicago, two of the most common mistakes are that people lean on the monitor, or they rest their body weight on the handrails. Rather than standing straight, users are bent over and take lots of quick, small steps instead of forcing thigh and buttock muscles to do the work.

This poor posture decreases the benefit of each workout. In fact, studies have shown that this "poor posture technique" can reduce the actual number of calories burned by as much as 20 percent, based on the read-out by the machine's calorie meter. So, if you are hunched over while climbing, you may only burn 160 calories even though the monitor reads 200 calories.

Also, if you need to bend over or lean on the handrails to keep going, the workload is too intense.

Rather than setting the stair machine on a high level and then bending at the waist, Gregg suggests setting the program at a lower intensity. She maintains the importance of standing erect and of not placing too much weight on the handrails. Handrails should be gripped lightly, and elbows should never be locked. and instead of short, fast steps, use a full stride to achieve maximum workload.

Having feet point outward on the pedals rather than face front is another common mistake that may cause knee pain and injury. This is because twisting can stress knee ligaments. Feet should always be parallel and point forward to avoid this strain.

While the stair machine can provide a good workout and is somewhat advantageous over other forms of aerobic exercise because it is less jarring to joints, if not used correctly, other problems may result.

Due to these responses to last week's article, Dear Anton is in seclusion re-evaluating his social morals. He's also got a psych. test tomorrow. Now it's my chance to answer some letters. These should do just fine. IN THE FUTURE, OPINION LETTERS MUST BE SIGNED TO BE PUBLISHED, WE CAN WITHHOLD THE NAME IF REQUESTED. -Features Ed.

Dear Anton,

We don't actually know who you really are; however, we'd suggest that some of the advice printed last week seems to come out of a messed-up values perspectives (in our humble opinion).

First, "Annoyed" wrote asking what to do about a girl who "keeps coming around," who, though admittedly nice to everyone and "a good person inside," annoys "Annoyed" because she "thinks she knows everything, thinks she has been through everything" and has an annoying voice and walk." Your advice: tell her to "beat it," tell her why, "you do not have to subject yourself to daily cringes and annoyances." Common courtesy and politeness sure do seem to be ideas from another era, don't they? Perhaps the person with the problem is not the annoying one but "Annoyed." Perhaps "Annoyed" is dealing with a perfectly reasonable person who is just trying to be friendly and not annoying, though "Annoyed" chooses to interpret her behavior as annoying. Certainly "Annoyed" should try to minimize time spent in this person's company -- but it's possible to do so with polite excuses and no hurt feelings.

Next, you advise "Lonely" to virtually demean herself to attract her boyfriend's attention away from video games with his frat brothers. You should have suggested the lout and find someone who actually enjoys her company, instead of just wanting a place to "stop by at night," (which, according to "Lonely" is about the only interaction the two of them have.)

Last, you criticize the spelling in the final letter, though your own first reply includes the phrase "Your (sic) doing everyone a favor."

We'd rather see advice that encourages community members to practice basic kindness and courtesy

to one another, and that encourages women to conduct their inter-gender relationships in a way that emphasizes self-esteem and self-respect. Why not?

Sincerely,

Concerned Community Members

Dear Concerned Community Members,

Dear Anton is written for the enjoyment of the student body, not to preserve their moral integrity. It is supposed to be humorous. The article would be no more interesting (and appear less frequently), than our staff box if it relied on real letters to be answered in a genuine fashion. I believe this has been apparent from the onset. I give you the blurb introducing Dear Anton to Grizzly readers: "Our advice counselor is completely unqualified and wishes to remain nameless himself, so you know it's going to be good....If we receive no letters, "Anton" will be forced to make stuff up. I know the kid personally to be a truly twisted individual. Letting his imagination run unchecked might be devastating to campus wellness."

Do you really expect "annoyed" to approach "annoying" and say "Dear Anton says you should `beat it.'?"

I'd also like to point out that the last line of Anton's response to "Lonely" suggests "If none of this works, lose the bum and find someone who will treat you right."

Please remember Dear Anton is written with tongue firmly in cheek, and in future, take his advice with a large grain of salt.

Dear Anton,

I'm writing in response to your response to the "observable young lady" in last week's issue of the Grizzly. You are lucky that someone actually wrote into your "almost canceled" column. You cannot tell me you never made a few mistakes in grammar when you just freely wrote things, because that is what it sounded like she did. Anton, I can't believe you would sit there and write up something against what someone sent to you. You are an advice columnist, true, but the way you portrayed yourself was that you display the mind of the "pimps on campus." That's right...stick up for your fellow man.

Sgt. Grizz... "Nothing But
The Bear Facts."

FOUND ON THE REIMERT PARKING LOT, A WOMEN'S WATCH. CONTACT BRIAN MC CULLOUGH, SECURITY X2482.

11-04-93 at 6:00P.M. Student workers from the JAVA TRENCH reported that unknown person(s) removed a large display board from Zwingli. Value \$35.00.

11-05-93 at 8:25A.M. Security is called to Wismer to investigate a report of a picture frame shattered in the men's restroom.

11-06-93 at 8:55P.M. Security receives a complaint from the Collegeville Police Department that around 1:00A.M., neighbors complained about disorderly actions of students on Main St.. The incident was referred to the Residence Life Office.

11-06-93 at 10:00P.M. Security Office observed that a party was about to begin at Reimert. The Suite had not registered the party with the Dean's Office. The students were warned not to have the party and were 100% cooperative.

11-07-93 at 1:15A.M. A student informs Security that sometime between 8:30P.M. and 11:00P.M., on 11-06-93, unknown person(s) removed cash from his wallet that was laying on his desk. The room was unlocked at the time. Report taken by the Collegeville Police Department. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ROOMS UNLOCKED! STORE VALUABLES IN A SAFE LOCATION! THIS IS AN OPEN INVITATION TO A CRIME.

11-07-93 at 1:30A.M. Security responds to a call of alcohol overdose. The student was treated, stabilized and matter was referred to RLO for follow-up.

11-08-93 at 12:30P.M. Students reported that on two separate occasions, someone vandalized their room door. Reported to physical plant for repair and referred to RLO.

11-10-93 at 2:00A.M., Security receives a call from a student who is concerned that his roommate has not been seen since 5:00P.M. The whereabouts of the student was later determined.

HATS OFF FROM SGT. GRIZ TO THE CONCERNED STUDENT WHO CALLED ABOUT HIS ROOMIE.

11-11-93 at 10:15A.M. Security receives a call from the Myrin library that the person originally banned from campus is back in the building. With the Collegeville Police, Security served an office notice and he left after agreeing not to return.

P.S. Aren't you happy you are finally starting to get some letters? Maybe now you can stop making them up.

Unsigned

Dear Unsigned,

Much of my previous response applies here. The observable young lady piece was not a request for advice. In fact, no one here has figured out exactly what it was. How was Anton supposed to reply? I doubt the person that wrote this

was seriously hurt by his response, judging from the thought put into the original letter. By the way, did we read the same letter? Anton's reply was merely to help the reader see the absurdity and humor of the observable young lady's bulletin. However, it is by no means a sexist defense of the pimps. Stop trying so hard to be a feminist, it will come naturally.

P.S. What do you mean, "Almost canceled column?" This is news to me. LONG LIVE ANTON!!

Opinions

In Defense of Greek Life, Part Two

BY FRED WOLL

Of the Grizzly

O.K., I'm back. For part two of my article, I will address Ursinus pledging, and why I feel that it is in fact a positive experience.

So what exactly goes on during pledging? Everyone of course hears horror stories of things like "mystery bread" and beatings. But to the best of my knowledge, this has never occurred on this campus. In fact, I'll stake the remainder of my rapidly-receding hair that none of that goes on at all here. What does go on is that a group of guys or girls, from different walks of life, who may never have known each other before pledging, are thrown together for a month of serious bonding. Now, the word bonding may sound silly, but I can't really think of a more appropriate word. You learn, in the span of a month, basically everything there is to know about each other. You exist so closely together for that month, you have to. You gain an understanding of the guy next to you. Craig stated in his article that Dr. Kelley believed that the style of Greek life fostered a "herd mentality". But it is not a "herd mentality." And I think that the word homogeneity carries negative connotations as well. But there is a much more appropriate term, a word that means the coming together of diverse elements into one entity; a word that stands for single body where understanding and tolerance are universal. Unity. When you pledge, you learn that without question, you can rely on the guy standing next to you. And he will

not hesitate to rely on you. And if he needs you, you will do everything in your power to be there for him. It's an exhilarating feeling.

The next question that arises is this; Why does pledging have to seem so negative? It may indeed seem that way, with all the yelling, the weird clothing, and the silly wall-show stunts. But it all serves a purpose. It shows each pledge that he or she is no better than the person next to him. And that they are no better than the other brothers or sisters. And that seeing your fellow man or woman as an equal is more important than being self-serving. So I don't believe that pledging is negative at all. If it only takes a month of sleep deprivation and getting yelled at to get a more enlightened view of your fellow man or woman, I feel that it is a very positive experience. And just as a side note, I think that the armed forces try to do the same thing as the Greeks do. They pull all the disparate elements of a platoon together in basic training. Even if you have not experienced military life, I think most of us have seen Full Metal Jacket or Platoon. Seems to be a lot of yelling and things going on there, and to a much greater degree as well. You have to be able to rely on the guy next to you, or it may cost you your life, or worse, his.

As for pledging "squelching dynamic personality and starts a bad cycle of making people feel bad," I have to totally disagree. I met guys during pledging that I

may never have met if not for the fact we pledged together. Now, I consider myself a dynamic personality, if only the fact that I am very opinionated and I probably talk way too much. I like people, and I'm not exactly a shy person. But there were guys in my pledge class who really seemed to be introverts. But, after going through pledging, these guys have developed into some of the most vocal guys I know. They have gone out and gotten involved in the campus, and have developed a whole new base of friends. And just recently I watched it happen again, when girl's pledging finished. I saw girls I had previously believed to be quiet and shy, walk a little taller, smile a lot more, and infatuate a lot of my fraternity brothers (myself included). They have become more assertive, and have developed a lot of new friends. There is also respect between the pledges of different fraternities and sororities. Each person knows that the guy or girl in the other fraternity or sorority stuck it out, just like they did. Friendships that were in place before pledging are still there, and new ones grow as well. Personally, I feel that every pledge who finishes pledging feels like he or she is on top of the world. There is new confidence, and there is an increased sense of self-worth and respect for your fellow man or woman. That seems pretty positive to me.

And as for the administration's possible moral responsibility to ensure pledging doesn't produce

close-minded students? That to me sounds like the legislation of human spirit. Who among us is truly able to force our morals on someone else? No person has the right to tell me how to think or what to believe, if I don't want them to. By the same token, I have no right to force my own beliefs or morals on anyone else. It's just not possible. There are close-minded non-Greeks, and there are close-minded Greeks. That is an individual trait, not necessarily a shared trait of a group.

Besides, the administration does monitor pledging as it is. All pledging activities are explained to Dean Kane, before pledging even begins. There are guidelines in place, to ensure that pledges have off nights, and that activities don't go past appointed hours. And the fraternities and sororities themselves are extremely strict about study hours in the library every night, whether the pledge says they have work or not. And, if extra time is needed to complete some long project, or cram for an exam, that time is granted without question by the pledge masters. The brothers and sisters also offer their free time to the pledges, to help them, both with school work and with pledging activities.

The social life at Ursinus is what you make it. You. Not the Greeks, not the Independents. You. If you want to pledge, then there is a place for you in whatever fraternity or sorority you like. If you're true to yourself, you will fit in anywhere, whether it is in a Greek organization

or not. No one pressures you to do anything you don't want. So come to Reimert on a weekend and drink the Greek's beer. They don't care, or they wouldn't be having a party. Or don't go to Reimert. Go to the Java Trench and hang out. Personally, I really dig their chocolate muffins. Student Activities sponsors Club Nouveau in Wismer Lower Lounge on weekends. There are trips run by the S.A.O. all the time, to sporting events, concerts, and even other cities to go shopping. Or, if you want to go off-campus yourself, go to a bar or a movie. Valley Forge is 20 minutes away if you want to walk or bike with nature.

College is the best 4 years of your life. And it is your life, not anyone else's. Get involved in whatever you want. Go Greek, don't go Greek. In the long run, all that matters is that you do what is right for you, and you don't let anyone else tell you what you want. I pledged, as a 21-year old junior, not because anyone told me to, but because I wanted to. I could have hung out with Delta Pi as a friend, and thought nothing of it. But I didn't. I pledged. And it was one of the best decisions I ever made. I do not regret it at all. But if I hadn't pledged, that also would have been my own decision. In the end, I was true to myself. And you should be too.

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Anesthetizing of Literature

My mother refers to them as words that make her blush.

My grandmother never refers to them at all.

When walking down the street one might hear them intermittently in conversations: "F---ing John Kruk is a glorified wiffle ball player." or "That f---king b----! She just f---ing touched me!"

I am speaking of expletives, in case you could not fill in the blanks, and not just the garden varieties, but some of the biggies, because many an eyebrow has been raised over their use in The Lantern (oops, sorry, The L-----) and other campus mediums.

I guess I am naive, or perhaps an idealist, but I thought that on a campus where the fine arts arena is rather slender that faculty and students would rejoice in patronizing such a noble academic

pursuit as The Lantern. Wrong. Yes, wrong was I. In fact, many refused to donate money and their reason was the use of those odious members of our language - expletives.

So for those people I would like to share some of my idealism. And this is not about morality or constitutional rights - it's about resonance.

Selecting the words to a poem or short story is much like choosing the colors for a painting. If the color in a painting is altered the tone of the painting changes - it then resonates a different emotion or idea. (Try to imagine Picasso's "green" period.) Likewise, if certain words were omitted or altered from a text, it would affect the resonance of the story. This may mean the difference between a character being enraged as compared

to slightly irked. Expletives are tools which give color, define characters, bring degrees of realism and support resonance.

To require that The L----- deny authors the right to use expletives in their work is to require these writers to change the tone of their piece, reshape their characters and deny the reality of everyday dialogue (yes, even in Collegeville people curse - I've heard them). Also it subjects the writers to an unnecessary infringement of their artistic expression in an atmosphere that is not conducive to the arts as is.

And what right have we to dictate emotions and perceptions? How can we as a learning community demand bland art? Perhaps as academics, we should look at things more academically instead of trying to paint the world our favorite color.

-Erin Gorman, Class of 1996

the closet observer

The observer salivated over the opportunity to witness Ursinus' first "date auction." Who would put themselves at risk on stage? Funnier still, who would get wrapped up in bidding wars among the attendees? Pity to those of you who hemmed and hawed over the damaging aspects of assigning commodity value - it was plain damn fun. (Especially when Young M.C. stepped down from her perch to mediate the battle over a freshman as it escalated into the \$120s, 30s, and 40s.)

It was hard to beat. But then again, nothing was more amusing than watching Ursinus in a mock-mosh exercise on Friday in Helfferich. Someone spilled some bad feelings on the gym floor that intoxicated certain attendees of the Live show, and the result was a fist to the face for whoever was smaller

than that big someone else. Fat lips and spinal injuries aside, though, the observer was thankful that Ursinus witnessed Dog Daniels unleashed as he tore up an unfortunate stage-diver to be. Is he the Dog that has started to appear on sorority invite lists?

The weekend has gone, but not the hanging threat of Semester's Flush down GPA's toilet. Rest assured that the observer, too, has had more to do than float around and report on fluff. In fact, he has had some difficulty with budgeting his time for any but the Day Before.

Ursinus: Please remain calm. **The produce has improved**, true, but that is no reason to become apathetic about Wismer. The Grapevine has manifest Operation Cereal Sucks, and we can lick this thing, too. Read it here first.

Quick Relaxation Techniques

What's Up in Wellness

BY VICTOR GIL
Of The Grizzly

Most of us dread intense physically aroused for longer than is considered healthy. demands at college or in the workplace, but we recognize that being able to handle such demands leaves us with an intense exhilaration and a feeling of control. At Ursinus we are provided with great challenges which, under ideal circumstances, result in a true sense of accomplishment. However, the stress of the whole process can be detrimental if not managed properly.

Stress is the arousal of your mind and body in response to the demands of life. Taking tests, keeping up with piles of readings, writing term papers and newspaper articles are all chief causes of stress. Also stressful is dealing with family conflicts, dating pressures and misunderstandings with friends. Stress is unavoidable and, in a way, healthy and desirable. Without sufficient stress, life lacks excitement.

However, taking on too much will make you suffer the consequences. The reason being is that stress activates your body's emergency response system. Your nervous and hormonal systems prepare for the fight or flight response—your heart, blood pressure and breathing rates increase, muscles tense, digestion slows—as if you were threatened by a bear. But at Ursinus, where the challenges come from reading loads, roommates, and Reimert parties rather than wild animals, your emergency response system may not turn off quickly enough. The stressors keep coming and you can't get rid of them by fighting or fleeing. Therefore, you may remain mentally and

When stress becomes excessive, the goal is to reduce it to manageable levels. A good way to start is to cut down on outside pressures, learn to relax, and develop healthy habits.

Here are four ways to relax in twenty minutes or less. They require only a little practice and aren't seriously disruptive.

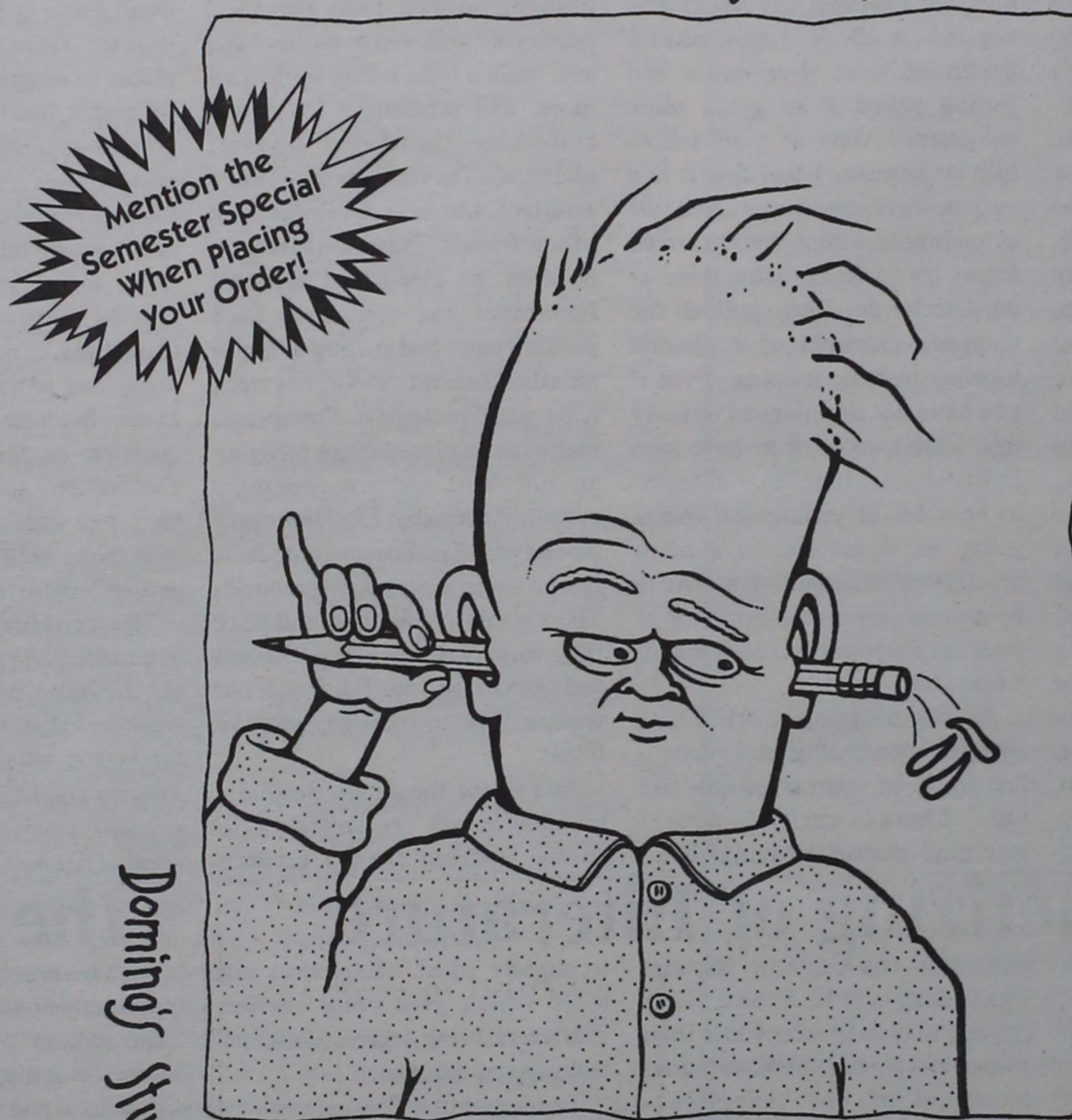
Countdown. With eyes closed, count backward from ten or twenty, saying each number silently as you exhale. You must concentrate and call your imagination into play. Imagine you are going down a stairway, or past the floors in a building as an elevator descends. Count down from your age, and imagine that you are traveling briefly into your past. When you have reached zero and want to resume your normal routine, inhale and count to three.

Imagery. Stop what you are doing and close your eyes. Imagine a beautiful scene, perhaps something you saw on your last vacation. Spend five minutes examining and enjoying every detail of the picture. If you are by a lake, listen to the water lapping. Count the trees and flowers. See, hear, and smell things.


The turtle. This simple exercise, adapted from a yoga practice, is designed to relax the muscles of your neck and back. Sit up straight and let your chin fall to your chest as you exhale. Inhale and move your head back slowly as though trying to touch the back of your neck with your head. Then pull your shoulders up as though trying to touch them to your ears. Then release. You can do this anytime, anywhere. It doesn't even look all that odd.

Scanning. At your desk, during your coffee break, or even while you are riding a bus or waiting at a traffic light, inhale and slowly "scan" your body. Think about each muscle group—face and neck, shoulders, arms, abdomen, legs, and feet—and seek out tense muscles. As you exhale, relax all the muscles that are tense. It may help, as you scan your body, to recite silently some phrase that has a calming effect.

After hours of trying, Greg found a way to get pi out of his head.



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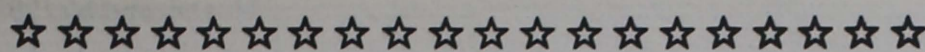
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NICK'S NFL NOTES

Quarterbacks: An Endangered Species?

BY NICK BACCINO
Of The Grizzly

As I sat in my room Sunday afternoon watching a surprisingly exciting Eagles--Dolphins game, I tried to decide what I was going to write this article about. There were so many issues raised by this game.

Miami head coach Don Shula got his 325th career victory, an NFL record. Several former Eagles were making their return to Philly--Keith Byars and Keith Jackson among them. William "The Refrigerator" Perry was making his debut in Eagle green. Then suddenly I looked up at the TV and discovered that I was watching the Dolphins being quarterbacked by Doug Pederson. And then I thought, who the hell is Doug Pederson? He's simply the newest chapter in the 1993 horror story of injured quarterback replacements.

The injuries, along with some other quarterback benchings, have caused the once-glamorous position to lose some of its luster. In fact, going into Sunday, 20 teams had started a backup at least once for injury or performance reasons. Here are some of the top news-making

quarterback situations which have developed this season.

CLEVELAND: Bernie Kosar, the incumbent for eight seasons, was benched for newcomer Vinny Testaverde. After weeks of controversy, he was released, then ironically signed with Dallas to replace the injured Troy Aikman. Bad move, Cleveland. It'll cost you.

DETROIT: The Lions are the only first-place team to use three different starters. First, it was Rodney Peete, then Erik Kramer, then Andre Ware, then Peete again. Even a Ross Perot chart couldn't explain this revolving QB scenario.

HOUSTON: Warren Moon was benched and all but out of Houston when his replacement, Cody Carlson, was injured a few weeks ago. And so, it's a new Moon phase for the Oilers.

INDIANAPOLIS: Jeff George held out for big bucks and was benched for Jack Trudeau. George is back in there now, but the Colts could be better than their record.

KANSAS CITY: Joe Montana should retire. Nagging injuries have limited his playing time. Dave Krieg is an experienced veteran,

but the Chiefs won't get far on the Tomahawk Chop alone.

MIAMI: Dan Marino ruptured his Achilles tendon about a month ago and was replaced by Scott Mitchell. Mitchell's no Marino, but he has led them to a couple of victories. Marino's absence, however, will mean no Super Bowl appearance as I predicted earlier in the year.

PHILADELPHIA: As an immortal Italian once said, "It's like deja vu all over again." Like 1991, Randall Cunningham has suffered another season-ending leg injury. Bubby Brister and Ken O'Brien are veterans who have played on some terrible teams, but frankly, maybe they are the reasons. Hey Randall bashers: Say all you want about number 12, but the Eagles can't win without Cunningham. As the often uneloquent, infrequently quotable Eagles announcer Stan Walters remarked on Sunday, "If [the Eagles] only had number 12..."

This premise has been repeated over and over and folks, we're only halfway through the season. So get ready, you might be seeing more Doug Pedersons in the near future.

NCAA HOOPS PRESEASON POLL

The Top 25 Teams in the nation, according to us

1. NORTH CAROLINA--Rasheed Wallace, Eric Montross, Jerry Stackhouse, head coach Dean Smith. Need we say more?
2. KENTUCKY--Rick Pitino doesn't have Jamal Mashburn anymore, but Rodrick Rhodes and Rodney Dent can carry the load.
3. ARKANSAS--A weak conference always helps, especially the talented Razorbacks.
4. DUKE--Bobby Hurley is toiling for the Sacramento Kings. But Grant Hill and Cherokee Parks (coolest name in college hoops) will have to pick up the slack in what could be the best conference in the nation.
5. MICHIGAN--The Fab Five? Dismantled. But the remains--Jalen Rose, Juwan Howard, and Ray Jackson--are nothing to scoff at.
6. LOUISVILLE--Memphis State will be their only competition in the Metro Conference.
7. CALIFORNIA--Jason Kidd has a full year of college ball under his belt. The Pac-10 better watch out because he might explode.
8. TEMPLE--The Philly boys are back and still dangerous with All-American Aaron McKie (from Simon Gratz HS) firing away. They'll win the A-10 easily.
9. KANSAS--A giant among the weaker Big 8 teams (except for Oklahoma State).
10. MINNESOTA--The Golden Gophers will challenge Michigan for supremacy in the conference.
11. INDIANA--Bobby Knight is the most hateful man in sports. But he keeps on winning. Damon Bailey might be a lottery pick with a big year.
12. OKLAHOMA STATE--A two-team race between OSU and Kansas for the Big 8 title.
13. UCLA--Point guard Taius Edney (?) will be the Bruins' catalyst.
14. GEORGIA TECH--Bobby Cremins and the Yellowjackets are always in the hunt, and James Forrest might very well take charge.
15. GEORGETOWN--Towering Othella Harrington is the next great center to come out John Thompson's Center Factory.
16. VIRGINIA--Corey Alexander could be one of the top point guards in the ACC, and the Cavaliers look for greatness from Cornell Parker.
17. ILLINOIS--The Fighting Illini will survive the tough Big 10.
18. ARIZONA--Damon Stoudamire will be a force for Lute Olson's Wildcats, but they must learn how to play in the Tourney.
19. SYRACUSE--Always a powerhouse in the Big East. Will give Georgetown a run for their money.
20. CINCINNATI--Recruits Damon Flint and D'Antonio Wingfield will provide the spark for the Bearcats.
21. MASSACHUSETTS--Although Olney HS grad Tyrone Weeks must sit out as a Prop 48 victim, the Minutemen should finish behind Temple.
22. VANDERBILT--A new coach down in Tennessee won't mean an "Arrested Development" for the youth movement.
23. PURDUE--The Boilermakers' Glenn Robinson will be the best player in the Big 10.
24. FLORIDA STATE--Charlie Ward--Quarterback. Charlie Ward--Point guard. This guy is a leader, not to mention an incredible athlete and a winner.
25. GEORGE WASHINGTON--The real big guy in Washington, D.C., Yinka Dare, will have to carry the load.

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Since we didn't get any answers to the provocative questions we asked last week, this big space is being filled by an angry Sports Department in an effort to show you the results of your apathy.

What do you want, for us to go out and get these answers ourselves?

THINK AGAIN!!!

(By the way, we need writers for men's basketball, men's and women's swimming, and gymnastics. So talk to Harley. Thanks!)

