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Public Not Pleased With Health Care Proposal

BY MARK LEISER
Of the Grizzly

Even though it has been six months since President Bill Clinton enthusiastically unveiled his new health care plan, he has made little or no progress in convincing the American public that it will be successful.

A recent poll by *The New York Times* shows that although the public agrees with Clinton's goals of providing universal health coverage, they fear the plan will raise costs and decrease the quality of health care.

The survey shows that 82% of people feel it is 'very important' that every American receives health coverage, and that insurance should not be lost or canceled for any reason. It also reveals, however, that 57% of the people fear that if the Clinton plan is adopted, their medical expenses will rise significantly.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has led several recent discussions

on the issue, says the poll "reaffirms public support for the major principles in the President's plan." She also acknowledged that the Administration must "do a better job in explaining" how this approach will guarantee universal coverage.

Mrs. Clinton also feels the Administration must increase their efforts in showing the public the negative repercussions of alternatives. She says, "In many ways the worst alternative is the status quo."

After recent arguments in Washington and advertising campaigns by the insurance industry against the plan, the public's attention has shifted from the goals of the plan to the means of achieving them. The fact that many consider Clinton's plan to be complex has left much of it vulnerable to criticism. Committees in Congress are addressing this issue by organizing open floor debates this summer.

Tax-Exempt Status Challenged

BY MARC ELLMAN
Of the Grizzly

Ursinus may have to pay \$540,000 annually in property taxes to the Perkiomen Valley School District. The PV Board is challenging the tax-exempt status of Ursinus College and other non-profit organizations in the district.

"We're looking for money," said solicitor Jeffrey Sultanik. "This district does not have a tremendous tax base. And most of it is residential in nature, which makes it difficult to run a school district."

On March 14, the PV school board voted unanimously to file appeals with the Montgomery County Board of Assessment. Ursinus, along with three other tax-exempt properties in the district, will be forced to pass a five-point test before the county assessment appeals board. The test includes proving that UC advances a charitable service or purpose, donates a substantial portion of that service, benefits a class of people who are subjects of charity, relieves

the government of some of its burden, and operates entirely free of the private profit motive.

"We believe they will have a difficult time establishing their cases," Sultanik said. "It's a difficult test to meet."

"The problems of the Perkiomen Valley School District are far too large to be borne on the backs of the non-profit institutions within its borders," said President Richard P. Richter in a statement issued to the media. "I believe that the board has rushed unwisely to approve a legally questionable proposal on the advice of one attorney and with no formal public input."

Ursinus owns a total of 17 parcels of land that are tax exempt, including the 67.4-acre campus, a vacant lot, the dormitories along Main Street, and a memorial plot. The 27,000-square-foot memorial plot on Glenwood Avenue marks the spot of the former Pennsylvania Female College that closed in 1880.

"Because this is a matter of principle, we are determined to fight

the Board's action to a conclusion which we hope will be favorable to us," stated Richter. "We will call upon many resources, including those of the entire independent higher education structure of the Commonwealth."

In recent years, 25 percent of the Ursinus operating budget has been spent on student financial aid. This year, \$6.5 million of Ursinus funds have gone to students in grants and scholarships.

"Any tax on Ursinus will undermine our ability to support students with financial need," said Richter, "more of whom will be forced to attend public colleges and universities, thereby creating an additional burden for taxpayers."

"We must work together, not against one another, to achieve state reforms in educational financing. I fear that a battle over taxes will waste precious resources which ought to be spent instead on education," stated Richter.

J-Board Issues Punishment for Illegal Pledging Activity

BY HOPE RINEHIMER
Of the Grizzly

Members of Delta Mu Sigma and an unidentified pledge were brought up against the judiciary board on March 3. Two of the defendants, Brian Montross, president and pledge leader of Delta Mu Sigma, and Randall Fulweber, assistant pledge leader, were charged with deliberately offering a bid to an ineligible student. The other defendant was charged with accepting the bid and participating in all pledging activities. These actions were in direct opposition of the fraternity pledging rules established by the the Campus Life Committee.

Prior to the start of pledging all the fraternity presidents were sent a memo stating that any violation of the pledging rules would be treated

seriously. Delta Mu Sigma's hearing is an illustration that the college is serious about keeping these rules enforced. At the hearing all pleaded guilty and were given the opportunity to voice their opinions on what they felt their punishments should be. Dean Kane, who was responsible for the charges, was also able to voice his opinion. The board recessed to discuss the punishment and returned a few hours later with the verdict. Brian Montross has been suspended from the residence halls and is on disciplinary probation until December 31, 1994. Randy Fulweber has been suspended from the residence halls for 8 weeks effective immediately after the judgement from an appeal with

President Richter has been arrived at. He is also on disciplinary probation for the rest of this semester. The underground pledge is on disciplinary probation until December 31, 1994. Delta Mu Sigma's charter has been suspended until August of 1996.

The voting on punishments occurs behind closed doors and the decision does not have to be unanimous, just majority. According to the student handbook, punishments range from academic probation to removal from the residence halls, to complete expulsion from the school. As one member of the judiciary board, Rob Teti, commented, "The people that I have dealt with, have rarely stopped to think of how much worse the

punishments could have been." The process with which punishments are decided upon is very thorough and is not taken hastily. All members of the judiciary board are given the time to speak and voice their comments before anything is voted on and all voting is anonymous and confidential.

When the charter of Demas is able to be reinstated in 1996 the only members will be alumni. Hopefully at this time they will be able to revitalize their fraternity and possibly even make things better. Dean Kane looks at this incident as being very similar to the one dealt with by Zeta Chi in the early 1980's when their charter was revoked. Dean Kane commented, "In the life of the college this time

will be looked at as a sad chapter in the history of Demas, but in the long run it could help to make it stronger as with ZX, as long as the fraternity works with the Office of Student Life over the next few years."

Demas was not the only fraternity charged with violations of the pledging rules. Pi Omega Delta will be charged with conducting an activity not on their pledge plan and will face the judiciary board this week. Other fraternities were in violation of pledging rules also, but the infractions were not felt to be as serious as the two previously mentioned by the Executive Judiciary Board.

Global Perspectives

BY MARK LEISER

Of the Grizzly

International :

- A collision between an oil tanker and a freighter in the Bosphorus Strait has left 15 tanker crew members dead, 14 missing and 29 injured. The strait, which separates Asia and Europe and is a vital shipping route to the Mediterranean, was closed indefinitely as oil continued to burn on the water.

- The Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev feels that Russia will soon be ready to join NATO's Partnership for Peace, which could eventually lead to full membership. The United States has been leery of offering Russia full membership to NATO, but supports the partnership as a step in the right direction.

National :

- Federal prosecutors have uncovered long-running fraud involving the Honda Motor Company in which top American executives pocketed more than \$10 million in bribes from car dealers. In return, dealers received scarce Honda automobiles that could be sold for a larger profit.

- The Senate has voted 98-0 in favor of a resolution that would call for hearings on the Whitewater real estate scandal. Seven White House aides, including senior adviser George Stephanopoulos, have already been subpoenaed to make grand jury appearances dealing with the controversy.

Local :

- A dozen of the top mob leaders in Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey were arrested by federal agents on charges ranging from arson to murder. Reputed boss John Stanfa, one of those indicted, is accused of leading a power struggle for control of the region's mob business that has left at least five dead and five hurt in the past year.

- The Eagles lost free agent defensive end Clyde Simmons to the Phoenix Cardinals for a five-year, \$14 million deal. Phoenix coach Buddy Ryan is also hoping to sign Eagle linebacker Seth Joyner to a deal in the very near future.

News

Roving Reporter

BY CYNTHIA BABCOCK & BARB LAMPE

Of the Grizzly

What is your most memorable experience from Spring Break?

Mike Lafferty - Junior

Meeting a 200 pound lesbian who dressed up as Marilyn Monroe. She also insisted on showing her breasts to everyone in Key West.

Kevin Smith - Unknown

Going to Florida and buying 40's of Old English 800 for 99 cents.

Matt Conneaney - Sophomore

Meeting a homeless guy named Roadkill...and actually hanging out with him and his friend Captain Kid for a week.

Fred Woll - Unknown

Getting groped by the British Royal navy. Also, the Phi Psi women in their bikinis.

Ralph Schipske - Senior

I went parasailing.

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Class elections will be held on April 6. Petitions are due on March 29.

U.S.G.A. Minutes

March 14, 1994

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

U.S.G.A.-estimated at \$961.00

A.F.A.C.-\$11,695.65

OLD BUSINESS:

Class Officer and U.S.G.A. Officer election petitions are available in the Student Activities Office now. The deadline for U.S.G.A. petitions is March 22 and they should be dropped off at the U.S.G.A. Office on that day by 7 p.m. U.S.G.A. elections are March 30. Class petitions are due in the Student Activities Office by 5 p.m. on March 29 and the elections will be held on April 6.

The policy for CHECK CASHING is: 1) the check MUST be from your parents or in your own name

2) the check may NOT be for MORE THAN \$50

3) you MUST present your ID

Mr. Ursinus nomination are due March 16. The event will be on Friday, March 25. There will be talent, swimwear, formal wear, and interview competitions. The money raised at this event will go to the charity of the winning candidates choice.

CLASS NEWS:

Junior Class - President Riordan reported that the council is trying to put together a Junior Class Social to be held at Birchwood Bard. He also expressed the council's intention to donate some of the class's funds to the 1995 Ruby. He also proposed that the juniors may be asked to donate their key deposit toward senior year activities.

Sophomore Class - President Szlanic reported that the council has just finished a letter to the class members and they have also finished their invitations to the Spring Fling they planned. Another social is being planned.

Freshman Class - President Kerlin said that the class is running an Easter Basket Fundraiser. They are planning a class trip to a Phillies game in the spring. They would also like to have a T-Shirt sale. The log on the shirt will be decided by means of a contest. Any and all ideas are welcome. The logo created will be awarded a prize.

OTHER NEWS:

Greek Week will be the week of April 11.

There is still room for the night trip to Albright College (Reading, PA) to see the Gin Blossoms in concert. The cost is \$5 or \$15 depending on whether or not you have used your students activities fee. Sign up in the Student Activities Office. The concert is Wednesday, April 20.

Respectfully Submitted

Alina C. Morawski

U.S.G.A. Recording Secretary

Typo Pointed Out by Hawk-Eyed Alumnus

The Grizzly recently received a letter from E. Eugene Shelley, Class of '37, pointing out an error in a photo caption of the March 1, 1994 Grizzly. The photo caption appeared on page 3 in the Professor Profile of Keith Brand. The caption should have read, "Keith Brand, subject of this week's Professor

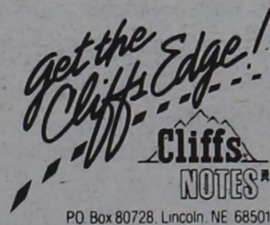
Profile, is welcomed as another addition to the Ursinus family."

The Grizzly would like to apologize to Dr. Brand for any problems resulting from this unfortunate error.

The Grizzly would also like to thank Mr. Shelley for pointing out this mistake.

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Welcome back from spring break, and here's hoping that Spring does appear in Collegeville.

3-7-94 at 11:00am. While checking residences, Security locates a bicycle that was stolen last year. Hatsoff to a student who notified Security about the bicycle. Owner was notified to come to campus and identify his property.

3-13-94 at 11:30pm. Security is called off campus to pick up a number of pledges who were stopped by the Police. The police officer was concerned about their safety, since they were on the roadway.

3-14-94 at 6:30pm. Security is called to the men's locker room at gym and are informed that a duffel bag was stolen from the complainant while he was swimming.

3-15-94 at 9:35am. Security is informed that sometime between 1:15pm 3-14-94 and 8:30am 3-15-94, unknown persons entered the copy center at Corson and removed materials associated with ID cards. After notifying all departments on campus to be aware of false IDs, the Collegeville Police Department are handling the investigation.

Letter to the Senior Class

Dear Seniors,

With graduation nearing quickly, it's time to consider a few important issues regarding senior weekend, the senior class gift, and the commencement ceremony. Open meetings were held recently to offer seniors the chance to supply input on some ideas for senior weekend. Attendance was poor, so some decisions have already been made with special consideration for everyone's interest. I hope these decisions will be to your satisfaction.

The senior party off campus will be held Thursday, May 12th at Birchwood, the cost per head being between \$25 and \$30. The on-campus party will start with a Friday morning mixer which may eventually stumble to the back of Reimert for an all-day outdoor party. Saturday the 14th will be the traditional party at Mermaid Lake, open to all 21 and over. Commencement will be on Sunday the 15th. Tickets will be available for seniors to join their parents for

brunch that day, but will be limited to three per student. Please point out to any confused parents that these tickets are for the brunch, not commencement.

Finally the senior class gift effort is underway. Be ready for familiar seniors to hunt you down and hassle you for your key deposits. The money collected will go toward the gift of your choice. You will be given a pledge card and the opportunity to designate your donation to a particular fund or department. Please consider this carefully.

Hopefully, this year's slightly modified senior will be fun for all of you. There is still time for input, so please see me, Kelly Henderson, or Halyna Reynolds with comments. Have fun with it, and good luck in the final wells of your college careers.

Respectfully,

John Bartholomew (Snr. Class Pres.)

What Fred Said

BY FRED WOLL
Of The Grizzly

As of 3:28pm Sunday, the spring solstice is officially here. And I, for one, am relieved. After 17 winter storms and countless missed classes due to the inclement weather, it's about time. You can tell it's that time of year just by the feel in the air. The days are getting longer and the air is getting warmer (I think).

Hobson's resident fashion guru Kelly Henderson explains. "You can also tell it's just about spring by the fact that just because the sun's out, and in spite of the cold, people are wearing shorts."

Year-round short's aficionado Dave Miller concurred. "Yes," he said.

Ms. Henderson, along with her roommate Shannon Davis, were also quick to point out that, "Girls can have a problem this time of year. The melting snow leaves mud and puddles everywhere. When you wear a skirt, the mud tracks on your shoes and can spatter all over your stockings when you walk."

I'll be sure and remember to leave my skirts in the closet for awhile.

Just think, soon everyone will be headed out behind Reimert to play 'shoes and whiffle ball. Class attendance, especially by seniors, will hit the annual seasonal low mark. There will be a run on mugs with lids at the \$ Store so students can enjoy a few out back without stepping on any administrative toes. And of course, my personal favorite rite of spring, the great sea of bikini-clad coeds. Fantastic. Of course, that sight is duly contrasted by the harsh vision of overweight pasty guys. Yes, the long winter months spent insulating one's body with Schlitz Ice has left its mark on the men of Ursinus. Eyes blinking owlishly, unused to the bright sunlight, the Ursinus Man will emerge from his castle to sally forth upon the hapless Collegeville countryside.

So with spring fervor around the corner, start drinking the light beer once again. Warm up the 'shoes touch, and break out the shorts and t-shirts. Spring's here, and I'm Fred.

Senior Class Notes

-Here's one that you probably missed. Last week seniors were to get sized for caps and gowns at the bookstore. Didn't know? Well, you weren't told. Mom and Dad were told. The school lets you know that you're in danger of not graduating, that as a senior it's time to start considering donations to Ursinus, that they want their laminating machine back. If you were told ahead of time, you're lucky, thank ma and pa. If not, it may not be too late. Try harrassing the bookstore and demand that you be measured.

-Caps and Gowns may be irrelevant at this point. Read the ad on this page. Twelve years of public education, four years of expensive and intense liberal training from Ursinus, and this is what we have to forward to. This isn't your typical Generation X whining and moaning about bleak job opportunities. This sucks. How long have they had the end of the world pin-pointed, and couldn't they have told us earlier? We could have raged tough. Someone summon the ghost of a dead alumni and find out how far an Ursinus degree can get you in the afterlife.

-Look for revealing facts and specs about Tau Sig sister BARB LAMPE, next week's spotlighted senior, here in the Griz.

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CAMPUS MEMO

BY RICHARD P. RICHTER
President of the College

(The following article originally appeared in the March 26, 1991, issue of The Grizzly, addressed to the 1991 graduating class. The message is equally appropriate for the class of 1994.)

"We have all drunk from a well that we had no hand in digging."

That old saw is true of those of us who were graduated in years past from Ursinus. It will be true of the seniors who graduate in May. It will be true of the other classes coming along behind the seniors.

The College was here long before we arrived. Owing to the financial resources given by Ursinus people over the many decades before us,

we have a viable educational institution with its very special flavor, its distinctiveness as a liberal arts college.

While students pay a pretty price for an Ursinus education today, it is not enough to cover the actual cost. The College has to make up the difference—about 30 percent—in two ways.

One, we receive income from our permanently invested endowment funds. These are made up of largely planned gifts which have accumulated throughout the lifetime of the College. We currently (in 1994) have about \$53 million (up from the \$40 million I reported in my 1991 article) in endowment

funds, and each year the earnings on these invested funds are used to help pay for the cost of educating students.

Two, a loyal group of alumni and friends solicits annual gifts for the Ursinus Annual Fund. Several thousand alumni and many parents and friends of Ursinus send gifts every year to the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund team even asks the most recent grads to make a gift.

The Annual Fund keeps our operating budget healthy. This year (1994) we expect that donors will give more than \$1,000,000 (up from the \$800,000 I reported in my 1991 article) in all to it.

While Annual Fund gifts represent only a fraction of our total annual operating costs—now about \$27 million (up from the \$22 million I reported in 1991)—they make a critical difference in the way we operate. Without them we would have to undertake an austerity budget that would show quickly in the daily life of the students and faculty.

"What's that?" you say. "The alumni are asking even the most recent alumni to make a gift to Ursinus?"

Right. In fact, last year the alumni leaders of the annual Fund went to the class of 1990 and asked them to pledge gifts even before

they left campus. They were delighted when 40 percent of the class of 1990 pledged a gift to Ursinus (subsequent classes have equalled or bettered that)....

The greatest private liberal arts colleges in America all have very strong alumni programs and broad-based alumni financial support. Ursinus aspires to be one of the greatest. Each young graduate can help Ursinus along the way by following the example of so many other alumni by making a gift, however large or small, to the Ursinus Annual Fund.

All of us should take our turn at deepening the well to which those following us will come to drink.

Students Respond To Editor's View On Pledging

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the letter Jennifer Diamond wrote before break. As I read the first part of the letter, I could relate. When I was in high school, I saw the double-standard—act like an adult but we won't treat you like one. The rules made it seem more like I was in prison than in school. However, not everyone in my high school was like me; many needed those rules. Regardless, when I graduated, I thought, "I'm free!"

It didn't take me too long to realize that I would never be entirely free. Though this country is a democracy, we are still governed by rules and regulations for our own good. The letter Dr. Volkmer wrote did not question the activities of the Greek system that are legal; it addressed the ones that are illegal. These were barely addressed in Jennifer Diamond's letter. It has never been my impression that this school is trying to restrict us from doing things that are perfectly legal. It is merely trying to prevent illegal activities, such as hazing, which should not surprise anyone. This school is a business; it's in the business of educating students. Just as you cannot walk into a McDonald's and kill someone, you cannot break the law on this campus or, indeed, anywhere. The

administration is not out to get us. If it were, I'd wonder why 1200 students voluntarily came here for such punishment. Instead, the administration tries to enforce the laws of this country, which prohibit hazing. Why is it prohibited? Because it can hurt people.

One more aspect of Jennifer Diamond's letter should be addressed. She said, "Administration and faculty might as well let the Greeks do what they want to do because they're going to do it anyway." Perhaps she's right. But, then, people are going to steal anyway, so should that be allowed? Men will rape women; should we not pass laws against it? People have been breaking the rules for centuries and will continue to do so, but rules still should be made and enforced. Ideally, the existence of rules and the punishment of those who do not follow them will deter people from breaking them. We cannot accept "they're going to do it anyway" as a legitimate argument for not enforcing the rules. Yes, we should be free, so long as our actions are legal.

Michelle Ryan
Class of 1995

Dear Editor,

This is in response to your article "regarding the rumors about illegal pledging on campus" that appeared in the March 1 issue of The Grizzly. Having stated your focus, I thought you would sincerely address the issue of illegal pledging. Instead, I was given a summary of your high school experience and your desire to be treated like an adult in an atmosphere that relied on rules and regulations to effectively govern students. You stated that "all throughout high school students are told 'you are adults now and you should act like it.'" Reflecting on my own four years in high school allows me to conclude that our experiences were quite different, for at no point in my high school career did I assume I deserved to be treated like an adult. The reason is obvious: I was a kid. Fourteen to seventeen-year-old students are not adults, and rules are enforced in secondary schools to ensure students' safety and promote civilized behavior. Undoubtedly, the transition from high school to college empowers students with a new-found sense of freedom, but just because students are old enough to attend college does not mean they automatically assume adult thought-processes or engage in adult actions.

But talk of high school is irrelevant, since this article is in response to your article which addressed Dr. Volkmer's original concern. Or did it? The only reference you made to rumors of illegal pledging was as follows: "At no time during pledging was I ever forced to do anything that I felt was wrong, unfair, or dangerous." You dodged the word "illegal" quite nicely; am I to assume that the lack of wrong, unfair, and dangerous activities IN YOUR SPECIFIC CASE likewise implies a lack of campus-wide illegal activity? Actually, I am pleased to hear that your pledging experience was so positive. However, your experience leads me to ask this question: Why don't we hear more stories like yours?

You stated, "Believe it or not, we are all adults here. Administrators and faculty might as well let the Greeks do what they want because they're going to do it anyway." The administration and faculty are in the process of reforming pledging in an effort to make everyone's experience as positive as your own, not to take away personal freedoms or shove the Greek system underground. Pledging violations have occurred on this campus ever since I was a

freshman, and probably long before that. People have DIED during hazing incidents on other campuses in this country; the faculty and administration simply want to see Ursinus students involved in safe, rather than dangerous, activities.

You expressed a dislike for high school because you were not allowed to do whatever you wanted. But adults play by the rules, too: if a worker ignores a company's rules, the worker is out of a job. Rules do not exist in life to restrict self-expression. They exist because without them this world would be a chaotic mess. Think about that.

Jennifer Woodbury
Class of 1994

Lit Soc, the Ursinus literary society, will meet Wednesday night in the Java Trench, 620 Main Street. All are welcome, and are encouraged to read their original poetry or short stories.

ProTheater will be presenting *Talk Radio*, a satirical production by Eric Bogosian, on April 13, 14, 15, and 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Ritter Center. Ursinus seniors Alan McCabe and Abby Rosenbaum will be starring in their final performance. Tickets are \$3 for students and may be reserved at x2309.

Opinions

Editor Clarifies Position

BY JENNIFER DIAMOND
Editor-In-Chief

First I would like to thank you for taking the time to write in your thoughts regarding the never-ending debate over the Greek system. I was beginning to wonder if any students on this campus had an opinion of their own. I'm just glad to know that there are individuals out there who can think for themselves and are not afraid to speak out.

You are right, this school is a business and its top priority should be educating students and looking out for their welfare. Laws such as the anti-hazing laws of Pennsylvania exist for a reason and I realize that. Neither the state nor the school can afford to just let the people do what they want. What I tried to say in my response to Dr. Volkmer was that there will be problems if certain members of the faculty or administration continue to put the Greeks on the defensive. It is apparent now that the Greeks are getting frustrated with the constant tension between themselves and the school. I merely pointed out that this frustration could one day wear to thin and the Greeks could revolt and go underground. Do you realize what this would mean? It would mean that everything the Greek organizations do would be taken off campus and completely unknown to anyone who is not involved.

Taking pledging underground would mean that all activities, which would include parties as well as pledging would be totally unsupervised. And more importantly, the many services that the Greeks do for the school such as the blood drive, raising money for charities, the phone-a-thon, the

sponsoring of events to raise student involvement on campus, and the volunteer work done in the community would decrease substantially if it did not disappear altogether. Why would the Greeks want to help the school that does not want them? And to further add to the difficulties of the school, Ursinus Alumni, many of whom are linked to Greek organizations on campus, would not be likely to contribute much to the school who drove out their organizations.

Now don't get me wrong, I am not suggesting that the school should let Greeks do as they please or else... But I am saying that the school needs to better its relations with the Greeks. There is no reason that there should be such a gap between the Greeks and the administration. However, the current attitude of some administrators and faculty on this campus only puts further distance in this gap. The Greeks can coexist peacefully with the administration and its regulations, but not if always put on the defensive.

My response to Dr. Volkmer was not intended as a defense of hazing and I apologize if that is how you understood it. What is the definition of hazing anyway? I looked up the definition in three dictionaries and all defined "haze" as the harassment of individuals with ridiculous pranks or jokes. If that is true then all pledging activities should be halted. No more dressing up, no more singing songs to raise money for charity, no more lunchtime announcements, no more Male Sale or Pledge Auctions as fundraisers, no more pledges entered in Airband, etc... Obviously, these activities are harmless and are allowed to occur. So where does one draw the line?

I do see the danger of illegal

pledging activities, and I realize that people have died as a result of them. I am not defending illegal activities. What I was trying to address in my response was the fact that I just do not understand Dr. Volkmer's personal vendetta against Greeks. Many of you know what I am talking about, his feelings towards fraternities and sororities are no big secret on campus. If he was merely concerned with the illegal aspects of pledging and other Greek activities then I would not have been so quick to respond to his letter. But I know from personal experience and from the accounts of others that he just does not like Greeks. Maybe he was not always like this and maybe hearing about the possibility that illegal activities exist is what turned him against the Greeks. If that is the case then I would hope he would at least appreciate the positive aspects of the Greek system. I guess it's like that saying: When you do something right, no one remembers, when you do something wrong, no one forgets.

All I ask is that the administration recognize that the continued existence of the Greek system is vital to the health of this college. And I also think that the Greeks should be more understanding that the present pledging regulations exist for their safety. But the fact remains that the harder the administrators try to spy on pledging activities, the better the fraternities and sororities will get at hiding them.

The many problems and bad feelings which presently exist between the administration and the Greeks will not be settled by harsher rules, they can only be settled with a little compromise and a lot of patience on both sides.

In response to the "congratulatory" letter from Dr. Volkmer:

The article, "Pledging Private-eyes", was written by one Greek and one independent. If anyone should be anti-greek, it should be Inspector Lim. Both inspectors and their friends rushed the same sorority, and all of them got bids, but Inspector Lim. We would think that if anyone were to be bitter towards the Greeks, it would be Lim, but she is NOT. Despite what

people may have thought, this was not a greek-influenced article.

The article was not a personal attack on any one teacher or department. We understand that in the HUMANITIES, grading is often subjective and we were not questioning that. As the article clearly stated, we were just asking why the statistics used are not made to be more objective. Statistics belongs in the math and sciences, which strives for and demands strict "methodology" and if statistics are to be used, they should have no

bias, which the questionnaires used by the school have.

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Signed, The "go get 'em tigers"

Awareness Needed

BY SEAN JONES
Class of 1996

There seems to have developed a few trends on campus that are, controversially, not in the best interest of the Ursinus philosophy. This philosophy revolves around a liberal arts program in which students express their thoughts, experience the diversity of lifestyles and attitudes, and contest or support ideas that shape their lives. But, it has been proven that these characteristics of the liberal arts education are, in fact, just a philosophy and not a practice at Ursinus. There are two points that come to mind when I think about how distorted the philosophy has become.

In the previous issue of *The Grizzly*, there was a brief statement written by Dr. Volkmer in which he attacked two students for challenging the method by which the humanities department compares grades of pledges and non-pledges. The students, with the assistance of the math department, demonstrated that there is a bias in the way they do the comparison. But, Dr. Volkmer took the challenge as a personal attack and, in turn attacked them back. I do not think I have ever seen such an unprofessional assault by a professor or teacher. His article was sarcastic and condescending and attempted to make fools of students who were only confronting a situation they

thought was unfair. This clearly conflicts with the goals of the college.

Another example is the current attitude the administration is displaying toward the Greek system. We've all heard the cries of the Greeks about the changes in traditions and values that will occur with changes to pledging, but there is something more fundamental than that. By changing the structure of the bonding and diversity found in fraternities and sororities, the foundation of the entire campus community changes. It is apparent that the administration does not grasp the effects the changes will have on the social structure and what has made the college such a well-rounded environment. After all, the Greeks do represent a larger influence on campus than either the administration or faculty are willing to confess. If the philosophy really does intend to diversify and develop a community that has existed successfully under a certain set of rules for at least the past 50 years, than attempts should be made by administration to compromise more and dictate less.

My concerns are not meant as attacks on the college but merely attempts to open eyes that do not see the gradual changes occurring on campus. There will come a time when all groups on campus will have to follow rather than lead unless there is awareness and action now.

Investigative Team Responds

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UC SPORTS IN REVIEW

COURTESY SPORTS
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WRESTLING--Sophomore 150-pounder Mike Ortman competed at the NCAA Division III wrestling championships March 4-5 at the University of Wisconsin-Stephen's Point. Ortman, who was unseeded, received a bye in the opening round. In round two, he lost a tough 4-3 decision to the third seed, Mario Springer from the University of Chicago. Wrestling in the consolation rounds, Ortman then defeated Mike DeBillis, from SUNY-Oswego, 9-2. In his second consolation bout, Ortman faced Moravian's Andy Koch, who had beten him 6-4 in the NCAA East Regional Qualifier title bout. Kock prevailed again, 5-2, and Ortman's outstanding season was over. Ortman, the Centennial Conference 150-pound champion, finished the year with a 22-5 record.

BASEBALL--The team finished its annual Florida trip with a 4-7 record, after starting 3-1.

SOFTBALL--The team finished its trip to Fayetteville, N.C. with a 4-7 record.

THE MADNESS IS HERE: An Update on the NCAA Tournament

BY BRAD GEIGER
Grizzly Sportswriter

Here we go again, babeee! The best time of year is upon us--March Madness! The second round of 32 is set (as of publication). We have seen most games go according to plan, except for a few upsets here and there. Surprisingly, the Cheese(ball) state of Wisconsin is 3-0, and California's powerhouses (UCLA, California) are already home on the beach. Let's take a look at a capsule of the first round and see who moved on.

In the East Regionals at Landover, Md., the winners included North Carolina, Boston College, Indiana, and Temple. As for the latter, North Philly beat West Philly when Temple beat Drexel 61-39, led by senior guard Aaron McKie's 24 points.

The Tar Heels of UNC started the defense of their national championship as they got buy a peskyk Liberty squad, 71-61. Rasheed Wallace (Simon Gratz HS, Phila.) contributed 18 points and ten rebounds for North Carolina.

Up in Uniondale, N.Y., Penn,

Florida, Goerge Washington, and UConn all advanced to the second round. Penn senior forward Barry Pierce dropped in 25 points in leading the Ivy League champs over Nebraska, 90-80. This marked the first time an Ivy school has won an NCAA tourney game since 1984.

Travelling down to the Southeast Region, probable Player of the Year Glenn Robinson exploded for 31 points and eleven rebounds, enabling Big Ten champs Purdue to face Alabama in the second round. Other first-round games in Lexington, Ky. resulted in Wake Forest battling Kansas for the right to go to the Sweet 16. At the Thunderdome in St. Petersburg, Fla., Marquette, Kentucky, Michigan State, and Duke all advanced to the second round.

Marquette was (surprisingly) the only Great Midwest Conference school to advance. Grant Hill will try to carry Duke to the championships in Charlotte while finishing out his collegiate career.

Out in the Midwest, a search party has gone out for the UCLA Bruins. Gary Collier-led Tulsa beat them in a big-time upset. Other

teams advancing in Oklahoma City were Arkansas, Georgetown, and Oklahoma State.

In the cornfields of Wichita, Kan., it was Texas, Michigan, Maryland, and UMass reaping the harvests of victory. Maybe this year Michigan will learn that you can't call time-outs whenever you want (i.e.: Chris Webber).

Further out west, the Phoenix of Wisconsin-Green Bay knocked off California in the other major upset of the first round. Other teams advancing in Ogden, Ut., were Missouri, Wisconsin, and Syracuse. Wisconsin is in the tournament for the first time since 1947.

In Sacramento, Calif., Minnesota, Louisville, Virginia, and Arizona made it through with wins. Arizona must be thankful the surf boys from Santa Clara aren't in this year.

This has been a summary of the first round--due to the publication deadline, an update of the second round is impossible (because it's still going on). Stay tuned for more Madness coming soon...

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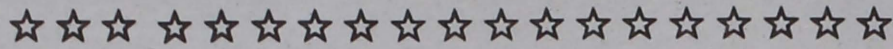
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Sun.	3/27	Chicago	Sarasota	1:05	1210/WPHL17
Mon.	3/28	Kansas City	Clearwater	1:05	WGMP-1210AM
Tue.	3/29	Baltimore	Clearwater	7:35	1210/WPHL17
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The Ursinus Gymnastics team sits still for a minute after a hectic weekend of competition; last weekend, they hosted the NCAA Division III Nationals.

Track & Field To Begin Season

BY T. J. SIGGELAKIS
Grizzly Sportswriter

The Ursinus Track & Field team will open its 1994 spring season this Saturday afternoon at Franklin & Marshall College.

This will be the first meet under the direction of new head coach Peter Croke, along with assistants Rick Hess, Ibrahim Medina, and Aimee Puleo.

Headed by tri-captains Ryan Savitz, T. J. Siggelakis, and Eric Widmaier, the team has high hopes for this season.

The team will compete against some very tough competition this year, including: Albright, Delaware Valley, Dickinson, Gettysburg, Haverford, Lebanon Valley, Muhlenberg, and Swarthmore.

The Bears will be competing in the new Centennial Conference.

HARLEY'S HAVEN

BY HARLEY DAVID RUBIN
Belching Expert

I don't know how many students are aware of this, but the Perkiomen Valley wants to begin taxing Ursinus College, which has previously enjoyed a tax-exempt existence. As usual, the "townies" are ganging up in a jealous rage in order to put the screws to the College and its students.

On the other hand, the editor of the Colledgeville Independent, Mr. James Stewart, has defended our right to exist in a tax-free state. I would like to commend Mr. Stewart publicly for his astute thinking--our school provides many services to the community, and should for that reason alone remain tax-exempt.

Broadening our horizons a bit, let's talk about football. First of all, there is some old news. "Red and Yellow and Pink and Green, Purple, and Orange, and" Blu Matsell has constantly whined about the lack of comment in the Haven concerning the Dallas Cowboys' greatness last season. A belated

congratulations to the Super Bowl Champs--hope (for Blu's sake) that they can retain enough players in football's ridiculous free agency system in order to repeat...

Speaking of players leaving, the Arizona Cardinals (formerly the Phoenix Cardinals) signed ex-Eagle Clyde Simmons to a contract last week. Simmons' effectiveness as a defensive lineman had diminished greatly in the absence of Reggie White, since it was now he that was being double- and triple-teamed. Seth Joyner may soon follow him out to Arizona, where new head coach Buddy Ryan (!) may turn the Cards into a force to be reckoned with in 1994. Eagles' owner (hopefully not for long) Norman Braman better wake up and smell the dust that players are going to leave in their departures...

And don't you hate that fat guy and his wife who are "big fans?" Wouldn't you like to beat them soundly? Just a thought...

On to baseball--spring training games have been in full swing (pun intended), and the Phils are hovering around .500 in Clearwater. Of

course, that's without John "Kill the Media" Kruk and now Wes Chamberlain, who is undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery today. Bright note: the four guys competing for the fifth starting pitching spot--Tyler Green, Jeff Juden, Bobby Munoz, and Mike Williams have all looked good. This is the kind of tough decision that managers love to have to make. My pick: Tyler Green. I know--he's injury-prone, maybe even a slight head-case, but he was a #1 pick. Let him sink or swim. Juden and Munoz can relieve, and if Green fails, they're there as insurance. Mike Williams, although probably a nice guy, belongs in Triple-A, where he was 19-2 over the past two seasons.

With Chamberlain gone for a month, speculation is that minor-leaguer Tom Marsh will replace him. Marsh is a hard-working, bust-your-butt player, but doesn't have the tools of a Chamberlain. Hope Wes hurries back, and that Jim Eisenreich and Tony Longmire can help out. Many people feel that this is going to be Chamberlain's breakout year, so Milt Thompson

is being shopped. If you can catch an exhibition game on TV, watch for Mike Lieberthal. He's been tearing it up, and is the catcher of the future--at least for a few years. A couple of levels lower in the minors, the Phils have a kid named Jason Moler, who could put up big numbers in the pros someday in the near future...

As for the Sixers, the season has been over for some time, the schedule just forgot to end. After a horrific 15-game losing streak, the 76ers are something like 3-19 in their last 22. I really feel for Clarence Weatherspoon, a budding superstar trying to develop his game on such a pathetic team. I blame the front office--where is the steady backup to Shawn Bradley--Eric "Slick" Leckner? "Older than" Moses Malone? Why Jeff Malone--another veteran? Is this part of some grand scheme to dump the majority of the roster after the season and start with youth? I hope so...

The Flyers are in the playoff hunt--unfortunately, it's for the final spot. They're battling the Florida Panthers (yes, an expansion team)

for the eighth spot. Ironic that Bobby Clarke is working for the Panthers, isn't it? What can I say--the Flyers need to step it up (note to Terry Simpson--show some emotion, dude.)

Time to bail. Before I do, here's the last "Cheers" Trivia Answer: Rick Walker was the Red Sox pitcher whose string of losses forced him to consult Sam, who loaned him his lucky bottlecap. But Rick lost the cap in Kansas City after finally winning a game.

Here's this week's C.H.O.C.R./"Cheers" Trivia Question: We all know Woody's girlfriend KellyKellyKellyKelly. What are Kelly's middle and last names?

That's all from here. Remember to start clipping your Havens--there's only a few more left before I graduate--coming soon to the sports section will be my replacement (more about that next time)...

Harley David Rubin is a nationally-known humorist whose syndicated column appears in the U.S. and Belgium. He's very big in Belgium.