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Cooperation, and not competition, is the life of trade.
- William Fitch

Welcome Back!

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Budget Concerns Discussed

SSG Briefs College Community

BY HOPE RINEHIMER
Co-News Editor

On Wednesday, September 7, members of the Ursinus faculty and staff were present in Olin Auditorium for an update from the Strategic Study Group (SSG). This group which is comprised of Dr. O'Neill, Dr. Tortorelli, President Richter, Rev. Landis, and select members of the Board of Directors was created to "analyze the present strategic priorities and make recommendations for change that would attain budget planning objectives designed to return our revenue/expenditure ratio to health for the long-term."

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss both possible short-term and long-term resolutions to the financial difficulties that Ursinus, not unlike many other higher education institutions, is facing. According to the SSG, at current spending, next year Ursinus will show a budget deficit of 1.558 million dollars.

The problems facing Ursinus originated after a high point in finances in 1989. As is the case at many other private institutions, many factors have been stacking

up against Ursinus. Higher competition for incoming freshmen classes, lower government funding for research, the recession (hindering families from paying the ever increasing costs of education), and the increased spending of the endowment are all adversely affecting the college's budget.

The Ursinus Board of Directors has taken the initiative to control deficit spending before it gets out of hand and minimize increased debts in future years. According to Board member Dr. Geoffrey Marshall, the Board's main objective was "to act quickly and responsibly to ensure Ursinus finances remain stable [while] keeping important things that [demonstrate] the essence of Ursinus."

At the meeting, a few of the methods which are being considered to heal the deficit were discussed. Some of them include a higher endowment spending rate, a freeze of departmental budgets, smaller salary increases for full-time faculty, and paying debts from the plant reserve fund. However, all of these options in turn may have negative side effects. In-

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The Search Continues

BY STEPHANIE PIRAINO
Of The Grizzly

The search to replace Ursinus President Richard P. Richter is still underway. The search began on April 15 when President Richter, who has been at the helm of Ursinus College for 18 years, decided to step down from his office.

The President of the Board of Directors, William F. Heefner, contacted the Academic Search Consultation Service (ASCS) to assist Ursinus College in finding a new president. They have been working with a search committee consisting of four board members, three faculty members, one non-faculty member, and one student - sophomore Karen Tyson. The job was advertised in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and *Black Issues in Higher Education*. Ursinus alumni, faculty, and staff were also invited to nominate people for the job.

According to Heefner, almost 175 applications were received. This week, the search committee narrowed the pool to 14 applicants. The committee will have further narrowed down the number of finalists by November. The presidential hopefuls will then come to visit the Ursinus campus. Until a decision is made, Richard P. Richter will remain as the President of Ursinus College.

Convocation Opens Academic Year

BY MARC ELLMAN
Co-Editor in Chief

The annual Ursinus Day Academic Convocation officially opened the 1994-95 academic year and introduced the 313 member freshmen class. The procession took place on August 30 at the Olin Piazza. William F. Heefner, president of the College Board of Directors, presided at the program that included the recognition of freshmen who are Steinbright Scholarship Recipients, the upperclassmen who were named to the Dean's Honor List in both the fall and spring semesters, 1993-94, and exchange students from Japan's Tohoku Gakuin University, Ursinus' sister institution. Class of 1995 president Brian Riordan discussed the importance of Ursinus Day, and USGA Vice President Raquel Szlanic explained the meaning of the Ursinus colors. Other speakers included 1998 Class Adviser Robert R. Davidson, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College William E. Akin, Campus

Minister M. Scott Landis, and President Richard P. Richter, who addressed the freshmen by saying, "You stand at the beginning of the process that will change your life forever."

Pennsylvania State Poet Samuel Hazo was the featured speaker at the convocation. Dr. Hazo is the director of the International Poetry Forum and a professor of English at Duquesne University. He was appointed as Pennsylvania's first official State Poet in 1993.

Describing what is special about Ursinus to this reporter, Dr. Hazo stated "There is a genuine religious atmosphere here. By that I mean I feel a certain respect for people, student to student, faculty to faculty, student to faculty, and faculty to student. It is an honor for me to be invited here. I mean that."

You stand at the beginning of the process that will change your life forever.

- Richard P. Richter

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INTERNATIONAL:

- Fighting between Serbs and Muslim-led forces in the northwest Bosnian territory of Bihac was quieted after threats of air strikes from the United Nations. Bihac is one of six "safe areas" designated by the U.N. Security Council. Approximately 1,400 French peace-keepers occupy this territory. The United Nations' threat was in response to a Serbian assault launched against government forces in the enclave earlier last week. The U.N. commander, Lt. Gen. Michael Rose, ordered strict warnings of air strikes toward the Serb forces if they did not discontinue fighting. After the warning was issued there was no fighting.

- On September 10, Pope John Paul II visited Croatia and prayed at the tomb of Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac. In Zagreb's 12th-century Gothic cathedral, the Pope praised the controversial Cardinal, as reported by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, as "undoubtedly the most prominent" Catholic martyr in Croatia's history. Stepinac's "intense Croat nationalist aspirations" in a Serb-dominated Yugoslavia of the 1930s welcomed the Independent State of Croatia, a fascist regime established the occupying forces of Italy and Germany during World War II. Many criticize Stepinac for not speaking out against the atrocities committed against the Serbs, Jews, and Gypsies. The regime was also responsible for carrying out a policy of forcing Serbs to convert to Catholicism.

NATIONAL:

- President Bill Clinton is putting a new twist on his policies for the presidential campaign in hopes of re-election in 1996. Since the health care bill has been put on the back burner and his popularity is declining rapidly, Clinton decided to add a few commonly Republican values to his platform. Clinton is stressing the need for creating more jobs for the unemployed, a greater number of social programs for inner city youths and homeless, and in general a more loving and family-oriented society.

LOCAL:

- The reign of drugs, especially in Philadelphia, has heightened considerably in the past six years. Law enforcement officials are not optimistic that the war will end soon, due to the new involvement of children. Younger generations are now being subjected to drugs through unbalanced family lives and thus have increased the number of drug-related instances. Human service cases have risen five percent annually, and eighty percent of the total cases involve drugs and kids younger than age seventeen. Although the fight will continue, the drug war as it's being fought today appears doomed to fail. Recently, the McDonalds' of Collegeville held a Fun Fair, consisting of games and a Ronald McDonald show for the kids. The fair was held to benefit the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, which is celebrating its twentieth anniversary. Revenues brought in by the fair will be contributed to the future expansion of the McDonald House.

Military Action Likely

BY JAYSON BLOCKSIDGE
Co-News Editor

The move toward military action in Haiti is becoming almost inevitable as both the White House and the Pentagon have elicited strong statements supporting an invasion of overwhelming force. In the event that the United States deems action necessary against Haiti's Gen. Raoul Cedras, thousands of U.S. Army soldiers may board a naval aircraft carrier, the *USS Eisenhower*.

Preparations for such an invasion can carry many political and financial risks. With thousands of troops armed and ready, President Clinton may find it difficult to avoid

a confrontation for fear that he may be perceived as weak and noncommittal.

William Gray, President Clinton's special adviser on Haitian matters, has indicated that the refusal of Gen. Raoul Cedras to discuss a "peaceful return to democracy" is forcing the United States towards implementing a military alternative.

Much like the invasion of Panama and the Gulf War, this invasion will follow the policy of using overwhelming force. Defense Secretary William Perry agrees with this formula, utilized by former chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Gen. Colin Powell during the Gulf War. Ultimately, this tactic minimizes casu-

alties and the duration of battle.

The *USS Eisenhower* will carry several thousand troops from the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y. These troops are considered light infantry and are trained to move into to combat rapidly. The 10th Mountain Division saw action in Somalia after the Marine divisions withdrew.

The move to return President Jean Bertrand Aristide, the democratically elected ruler, will be guided, in part by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Gordon Sullivan and Adm. Paul D. Miller, who heads the U.S. Atlantic Command.

U.S. Relations with Cuba

BY HOPE RINEHIMER
Co-News Editor

What do styrofoam platforms, oil barrels, and rubber tubes have in common? Yes, that is right, they are what the latest flood of immigrants from Cuba are using to reach the shores of America. When the Cubans began fleeing their country hastily in early August the numbers were in the hundreds. In mid-August, however, the numbers reached record numbers of over

3000 a day. U.S. Coast Guard boats have been attempting to rescue the rafters and transport them to bases at Guantanamo and Panama. Here the emigrants are held while they wait for possible citizenship. Their families and friends in both Cuba and the U.S. await responses that their loved ones are safe.

The mass of immigrants is braving the shark infested waters in shabbily manufactured boats so that they might find a better way of life in America. The trade embargo of over three decades has recently been causing the residents of Cuba to suffer great hardships. Most recently in 1992, a hurricane knocked out phone service to America. At one time there were 500 possible circuits to America. Now there are only two open circuits, allowing

only 100 calls a day.

President of Cuba, Fidel Castro, has been encouraging the Cuban citizens to desert their country in an effort to make the U.S. lift the trade embargo. Talks between the U.S. and Cuba have included discussion of changing the immigration policy, which now states that 27,000 may be admitted per year; although only 2000-3000 have actually been welcomed in recent years. Another major point of interest has been the possible, yet unlikely, lifting of the trade embargo, or at least an agreement that would make wiring money to Cuba from the U.S. easier.

No matter what the decisions of the negotiators, the road ahead seems to be very jagged and filled with many construction sites.

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Budget

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creased endowment spending would lower the balance of the endowment and, in turn, lower spending from the endowment next year. Freezing departmental budgets makes it difficult to improve the academic quality of Ursinus. Smaller salary increases mean that other schools will have an easier time competing with us for quality educators. Lastly, spending from

the plant reserve will inhibit future improvements of the tangible side of campus. Although no decisions have been made definite, talks are underway within the faculty, and alternatives are being discussed to approach Ursinus' financial problems. According to President Richter, "if we're creative and cooperative enough it (the new financial agenda) will be better for the institution."

Sculptures, Sculptures Everywhere

BY TARIK QASIM
Of The Grizzly

Anyone who has been on campus for at least a day cannot help but glance at the contemporary sculptures. There are fourteen of them scattered throughout the campus, and you do not have to travel far to see one. No two sculptures are similar, and the interpretations of the same sculpture often vary.

Dubbed the "Berman Sculptures" because they were sponsored by the Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art, the sculptures generated interesting responses from the student body and those who have visited the campus.

Melvin Schursky, a freshman, said the sculptures were "interesting. [However], I don't think they tell you enough about them."

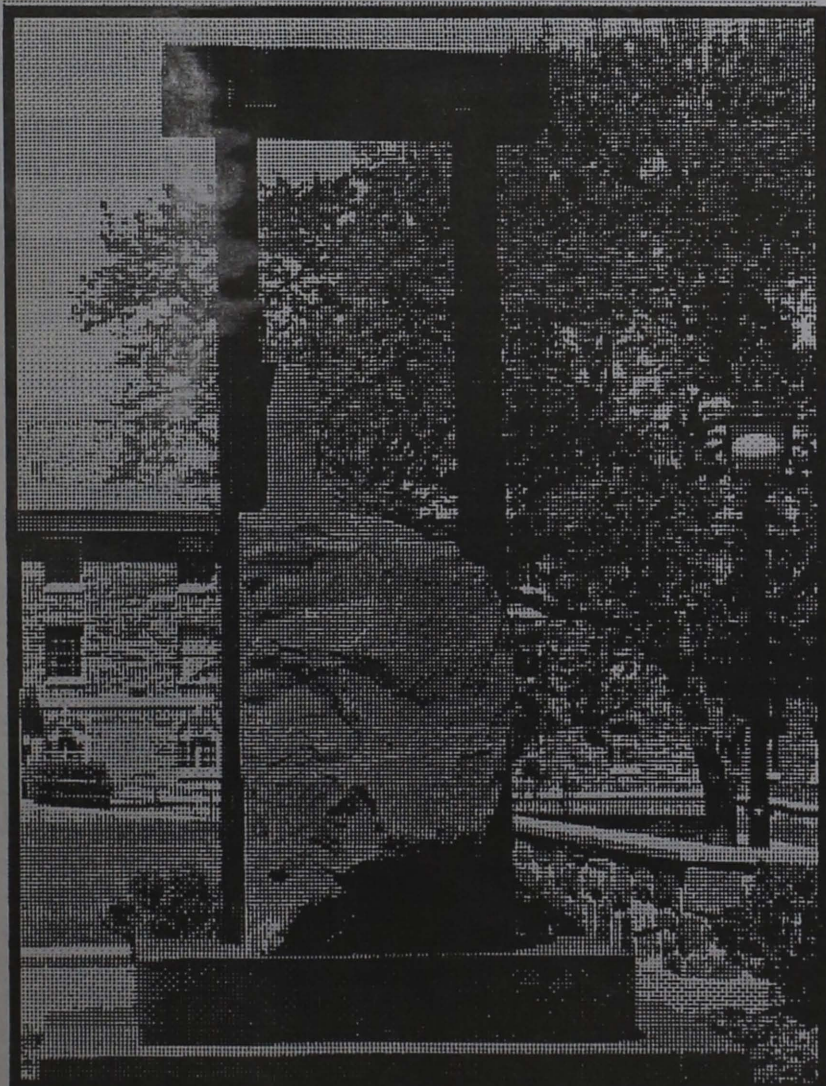
Karen Smith, a sophomore, said in reference to Jon Shepwood's "Hidden Secrets," it was "ironic that flowers surround the area like a grave and in the center is a big guillotine." When asked about the sculptures on the whole, she said, "[I] don't like modern art. Something like this clashes with the whole setting of Ursinus."

Lisa Tremper-Barnes, director of

the Berman Museum, expressed many positive views that, when taken into consideration, can bring many of the sculptures into a new light: "I can say some of the pieces are beautiful, technically exceptional. All of them are abstract. Some of them I don't personally like, but I appreciate the skill and creative energy that the artist brings to his work."

According to Barnes, art is something that can strike you or evoke emotion. So if the sculptures have not grabbed your attention, the artist has failed in his work. She also noted that you do not have to be very knowledgeable in art to appreciate the sculptures. She said each individual has their own interpretation of the art work. The sculptures were created by twelve artists from Canada, England, and the United States at a three week workshop in Allentown, Pennsylvania last August. The sculptors were allowed to focus on their creative talents by expressing their ideas and thoughts through art. They had a wide variety of materials at their disposal, such as steel, granite and marble.

The sculptures will be on campus until September 31.



"Formal Aspects" 1993 by Mary Shaffer
On Site: Sculpture from the Berman Atelier

BY MARK LEISER
Co-Editor In Chief

In an effort to keep up with modern technology, Ursinus installed a new state-of-the-art phone system last summer.

Close to 1,000 phones were installed all over campus. The system is run by a switchboard video conferencing center located in Pfahler Hall. A total of 5,000 pairs of wire run out of Pfahler, with each phone operating on a separate pair.

The system was modeled after those at other schools, and Ursinus either matched or bettered the capabilities of these other systems.

The process, however, has not been problem-free. Many students are still adjusting to the new set-up, and the kinks are still being worked out. The main problem has been students receiving busy signals while trying to check voice mail or

make off-campus calls.

According to Fred Klee, Director of Physical Facilities, it has been difficult for the school to determine how many trunks (outgoing lines) to make available to students and staff. He said the number of trunks should equal the average number in use. Too few trunks cause constant busy signals, but too many trunks are a waste of money if they are unused. Klee also stated that the number of outgoing trunks has been doubled in the past week, and studies will be done once a week to determine if more trunks are necessary.

The system involves lots of computer software, and it is only natural that glitches will occur. If you have a problem, first consult the three page 'Quick Reference Guide' given to you upon registration. If you do not have a copy of this guide, ask your Resident Assistant

or pick up a copy from the Physical Plant. If the guide does NOT help you, call the problem hotline anytime at x4444, or Carolyn Klee at x2343 during normal business hours. Klee said that most problems, if detected early in the day, can be solved by the end of the afternoon.

Any questions dealing with modems should be directed to Academic Computing in Myrin Library. Klee said modems CAN work on the system, but you must go to Academic Computing first to get an account number.

According to Klee, this was a monumental task and he prepared himself for the worst. He did say, however, that most problems have been resolved, and he couldn't have done it without the cooperation of the students. "We appreciate the patience of the students," he said. "They have been WONDERFUL!"

Capital Improvements

BY JASON KINDT
Of The Grizzly

Welcome back to Ursinus! I wonder if they were expecting us? By the appearance of the Helfferich Hall and Wismer cafeteria it seems as if our arrival was a bit premature. So, what did occur this summer on campus anyway?

Well, to begin with, there is a giant hole in Wismer. No, this was not caused by one of the tornados that swept through Montgomery County this summer. The hole is actually a skylight that is just part of the many renovations planned for Wismer in the near future. In fact, the future is very exciting when it comes to capital improvements in Wismer. Along with a new addition that will extend into the rear parking lot of Wismer, we will be enjoying a post office, new book store, additional meeting rooms, and an enlarged dining room, snack bar, and game room. This will all be inclosed in a wall almost entirely constructed of glass.

The reason for the huge wall as you enter the cafeteria stems from the fact that the construction got a late start due to unexpected high bids from contractors. So, the floor plans had to be modified so that the price for the job would be more reasonable. However, the good news is that the wall will probably be taken down by this Thursday.

This brings to mind one question: Is it really necessary to have a skylight in Wismer? According to Fred Klee, head of the maintenance department at Ursinus College, their first priority was to stop the leaking

that occurred throughout last year. As a result, a hot tar four-ply roof with proper drainage has been installed. As for the skylight, it was recommended by our architecture firm to draw focus in the room. And rather than cut a hole in brand new roof, the skylight had to be installed first. "Sure," Klee admits, "everyone could live in a box and go to class in quanza huts." But he realizes that one's productivity level is dependent on his or her environment. According to Klee, "We don't need Olin atrium, but it's there, and it's nice."

As for completion of the job, Klee seems to feel that it won't be to far off. Ursinus has been blessed with a state grant to help with the renovations as long as we come up with matching funds. As soon as the funds are realized, construction will continue. Hopefully this date will coincide with the summer months when most students are away.

Next we come to Helfferich Hall. Have you seen the gym lately, or is there too much dust in your eyes to even get a glimpse? Obviously there have been some problems in the installment of a new gym floor. When asked about the progress on the new floor, Klee admits, "It has been the most hellish job I have ever gone through."

The project to install a duel derometer urethane floor began in late June. Pretests showed that the old floor was underlined by a one-eighth inch thick concrete leveling coat. This would have been easy to remove. However, once the original floor was removed, a three-quarter thick layer of concrete was revealed.

The removal of this leveling coat was just completed last week after five or six machines were tested to grind the concrete away.

The new floor will be installed through two pours. The first pour contains a lot of ground up rubber pieces in it to give the floor a spongy effect. Then a second pour of solid urethane will be installed to give the new gym floor resilience and bounce.

The prep floor will be laid this week. It will take three weeks to complete and five days to cure. So, by the beginning of October, the project should be completed. According to Klee, "We are coming out of the fog!"

In all the unfinished projects around campus this year, it is easy to miss the completed new addition on Thomas Hall. The construction was completed over the summer. This first floor extension serves as biology laboratories for general and cell biology classes.

As for other projects around campus, the maintenance department focused on improving the residence halls this summer. Many houses, hallways, and rooms have been freshly painted as well as repaired. Maintenance places their highest priority on student emergencies.

Even though the year may have gotten off to a slow start, progress is taken place, and Klee wishes to thank everyone for one of the best move-ins he has ever seen. With students and maintenance working together, the campus is on its way to a bright future.

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

All of the Security Officers take this opportunity to welcome the freshman class, transfer students, and returning students.

The Department also welcomes Officer Bob Shaw. Bob comes to us from Lincoln University's Security Department. Bob is married, has one daughter, and lives in Collegeville. Welcome!!

8-27-94 at 11:55P.M. Security accompanied Residence Life Staff and dispersed an illegal party at a Main Street house; a student was written up for underage possession.

8-28-94 at 12:35A.M. Security Officer stopped to render assistance to students changing a flat tire. It soon becomes apparent that the tire could not be fixed, that the driver had been travelling too fast and--apparently--had been drinking. Officer had the students lock the vehicle and return to their rooms. The matter was referred to the Director of Security.

8-28-94 at 6:50P.M. Security learned that a student had cut his hand after "accidentally" punching the glass of the fire extinguisher box. After initially refusing treatment, the student was treated by an EMT/student. The student refused further help, and after talking with a number of staff members, he left campus and went home.

8-28-94 at 8:15P.M. Security was called to an academic building when a professor reported that someone had apparently tried to enter his office. The officer found scrape marks on the door jam. On 8-29-94, Security was informed that illegal entrance had been attempted into other offices on the same floor. Nothing was taken, but attempted burglaries were referred to the Collegeville Police Department.

SGT. GRIZZ ASKS THAT IF YOU SEE ANYONE ACTING IN A SUSPICIOUS MANNER, DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT SECURITY AT 489-2737. YOUR CALLS ARE IMPORTANT.

8-29-94 at 10:05A.M. Security was called to Corson when a staff member reported that an obscene phone message was recorded on her voice mail. The time and date of the call, the caller's name and extension were all documented. The matter was referred to the Residence Life Office.

SGT. GRIZZ WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE CREDIT FOR THIS EXCELLENT "DETECTIVE" WORK, BUT THE CREDIT GOES TO THE NEW PHONE SYSTEM INSTALLED OVER THE SUMMER. BESIDES OFFERING MANY PHONE SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY, IT ALSO HAS ESTABLISHED SECURITY FEATURES.

ACCORDING TO SECTION 5504 OF THE CRIMES CODE OF PENNSYLVANIA, HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATION OR ADDRESS, A person commits a misdemeanor of the third degree if, with intent to harass another he:

(1) makes a telephone call without intent of legitimate communication or addresses to or about such other person any lewd, lascivious or indecent words or language or anonymously

telephones another person repeatedly; or

(2) makes repeated communication anonymously or at extremely inconvenient hours, or in offensively coarse language.

SGT. GRIZZ ALSO WANTS THE COMMUNITY TO KNOW THAT 911 HANGUPS ARE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE COLLEGEVILLE POLICE AND INVESTIGATED BY THEIR OFFICERS.

8-29-94 at 6:00A.M. While on patrol, Security documented vandalism to a college parking sign near Thomas Hall.

8-31-94 at 10:15P.M. Security received a call about a person acting suspiciously on Main Street. The person was a friend of a student. SGT. GRIZZ GIVES A TIP OF THE HAT TO THE CONCERNED STUDENTS WHO CALLED.

9-1-94 at 11:30P.M. While on foot patrol, an officer heard loud music coming from a residential house. It was determined that an illegal gathering was taking place and the party was ended. RAs responded and assisted. The matter was referred to Residence Life Office.

9-2-94 at 1:15A.M. Officers responded to a call of suspicious activity. A student reported that someone was knocking on her door and the person(s) took off. This is the third time this type of behavior has happened. Officers advised the student not to open her door; the student should call Security, who will respond.

SGT. GRIZZ SIMPLY STATE THAT THIS IS ANOTHER FORM OF HARASSMENT AND PERSONS APPREHENDED WILL RECEIVE DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS.

9-2-94 at 5:45 P.M. Security was requested to go to Phoenixville Hospital to transport a student back to campus. The student had been riding his bicycle in Rahns and was stuck by an auto. The student was treated for minor injuries and released. The student was wearing protective equipment, which can be credited with limiting the injuries.

9-3-94 at 12:20 A.M. A student was cited for having an open container of alcohol in public. The student was written up and the beer confiscated.

9-3-94 at 1:05A.M. Security observed a registered visitor acting in a disorderly manner. The student host was in violation of the college's visitation policy for failure to be with his visitor.

SGT. GRIZZ AND THE SECURITY OFFICERS WORK CLOSELY WITH SERV - STUDENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE VOLUNTEERS. THESE STUDENT EMTs ARE ON DUTY 24 HOURS A DAY AND RESPOND TO MEDICAL SITUATION. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL, THE EMTs HAVE BEEN CALLED TWELVE TIMES. WE APPRECIATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE URSINUS COMMUNITY.

Roving Reporter

BY DAVID GAFT
Of The Grizzly

What is the stupidest thing a freshman does?

Gary Knittel, freshman
Freshmen just drink too much and throw up all over the place.

Christine Keyes, sophomore
They try to hook up too fast in Reimert and make fools of themselves.

Ron Floyd, sophomore
Go to a party and pretend like they're drunk.

Matt Scheacs, freshman
Take public speaking as a requirement.

Fran Knevels, junior
Puking on an upperclassman.

Wendy Falato, sophomore
They go home too often.

Scott Keith, junior
Doing all of their work.

Patty McGinty, freshman
A freshman walks into a toga party without a toga.

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Opinions

Excellence Should Not Be Overlooked

BY RICHARD LE
Of The Grizzly

After I munched down some food the Wismer crew had carefully prepared for the all-campus picnic last week, I had a sudden bright idea. Maybe it was the delicious food, who knows, but I decided to head over to Olin to listen to the guest speaker for the Academic Convocation. When I arrived there, I noticed the audience consisted mainly of professors, and freshmen who were probably asking themselves if they really had to be there. And with only a few exceptions, I noticed the lack of participation from the rest of the upperclassmen. What were they doing? Didn't they give a damn about what the man on the podium was saying? Shaking

myself out of my reverie, I heard the speaker utter a word that caught my attention. Excellence.

Excellence, he explained, was to excel in the field that you love. Excellence, he continued, should not be mistaken for excelling in the field that you pursue for security because in life, nothing is secure. When you achieve your personal excellence, you are always secure. Those statements struck me hard because they were words of truth.

How many of us strive for the excellence which the speaker defined? Each year I've been here, there has always been an overflow of pre-med majors. As the years dwindled on, the number steadily decreased, yet it still remained high. Surely, they all don't desire to be doctors, do they? Then I began to wonder again, how many of them are

doing the pre-med thing out of security rather than personal love for the field? Perhaps, unfortunately, they are doing it to gain the respect of their fellow classmates. Hmm...

I'm sure all of us heard rumors about how hard the pre-med curriculum is; all those mentally-draining classes you have to take, and the low (very low) averages on chemistry and biology tests. To even be involved in pre-med gives you a measure of respect by your peers or at the very least, they question your sanity.

Some time ago I asked one of my friends, who happens to be a science major, if he was going to be the valedictorian of his class. He told me he probably won't and in a humorous tone of voice, he explained that a non-science major

was going to be the valedictorian. "What's wrong with that?" I asked.

"Because," he said, "there's nothing harder than being a science major."

"Would you agree with me that excellence is to excel in the field that you love?"

"Yes," he said.

"Doesn't a valedictorian symbolize the achievement of excellence?"

"Yes," he said.

"Is it fair then to compare two non-related fields in trying to signify excellence?"

"No, I guess not," he said.

"Then shut up." Ok, maybe I didn't say it quite like that, but you get my drift.

As some of you are gulping down your drinks and eating your Wismer

fries, you're probably wondering what the hell I've been yapping about for the past few minutes. Perhaps I'm trying to encourage you to listen to more guest speakers (like that's going to happen), or maybe I'm telling some of you not to be pre-med majors; who knows? As the weekend swings by and you're dying to do some hard partying, I want all of you to question what you REALLY want to do in life. I know a girl who stopped concentrating on pre-med, even though she was doing excellent (getting A's), in order to major in Anthropology. She told me that was what she loved to do, and despite being ridiculed by some, she knew she made the right choice. Unfortunately, I believe many of us have not.

Things That I Like And Don't Like About The Morning

BY DOUG PLITT
Assistant Opinions Editor

I like it when I have the time to take a shower before class in the morning.

I don't like it when I step out of the shower into a puddle of scummy water. The scummy water is in a puddle because the shower leaks and the maintenance men put the floor drain just out of reach of the most probable place a puddle would form in our bathroom.

I like it when there is no line to use the sink in the morning. I don't like it when some person before me gets water on the edges of the sink and then I lean against it. The sink is right about crotch level on me. This leaves me looking as though I've just peed myself. This is especially harrowing when I'm just about or already late for class. Several times last year I had to borrow my R.A.'s blow dryer to fix this particular problem. I don't like having to do that. Plus I got funny looks from the people who walked by my door. It was like they'd never seen a guy with a backpack on aiming a blow dryer at his crotch before.

I like to walk to class when the sun is out in the morning.

I don't like it when I wake up to find myself three minutes late for

class. It's even worse when on the way to class (now seven minutes late) I realize that I forgot to put my contact lenses in. Then, because I'm late, I must squeeze my way through a disgruntled aisle of people squished into the same type of desks I've sat in since junior high. Worse yet is when I have a lecture class in Olin auditorium, I'm late, no contact lenses, and some idiot hasn't fully stowed the stowable desk to its proper position beside the lovely pink and blue seat. Not only is it embarrassing, but it's also quite painful to smash your leg into an object with many sharp edges that is permanently fixed to a cement floor. Then the person who I sit down next to will usually say something consoling like, "You O.K.?" or better yet, "Wow, that looked painful!" What I want to do is ram my pen repeatedly into that person's eye. Instead I'll say something tough like, "It only grazed me," or better yet, "Can I use your really cool 'Big Johnson's Laxatives' tee shirt to fashion a makeshift tourniquet for my poor wounded limb?"

Does this stuff happen to anyone else?

Plitt is a senior English major with no previous writing experience.



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SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT REVIEW '94

MOVIES

BY COLIN TUCKER
Arts and Entertainment Editor

If you read the entertainment preview in May, I did not have very high expectations for the movies this summer. However, I was very pleased by most of the movies that I saw this summer. There was a wide variety of movies, and most of them were very good. The first great movie to kick off the summer was the \$120 million hit *Speed*, starring Keanu Reeves as a L.A. SWAT team member who is trying to defuse a bomb on a bus that will

detonate if the bus goes less than 50 miles per hour. In my opinion, this was the best movie of the summer, with an innovative premise and edge-of-your seat action that never stopped. **Rating-9 (Excellent).** I then saw *The Lion King*, about Simba, whose father was killed by his evil uncle, and thinks it is his fault. As I expected, the animation was dazzling, and the plot was excellent, but I was not very pleased with the music, which was not up to par with its predecessor, *Aladdin*. This will probably be the biggest hit of

the summer, and it will be re-released in theaters at Thanksgiving. The reason it made so much money is the same reason that other recent Disney animated flicks have been so successful- because they appeal to adults as well as kids. There have been many other family movies this summer such as *The Little Rascals*, *Andre*, and *Baby's Day Out*, but they didn't come close to *The Lion King*, because even though kids really enjoy these movies, they make adults sick to their stomach. The movie studios have to remember that parents are the ones who pay for the

tickets **Rating: 9 (Excellent).** My next movie was the sleeper hit *Forrest Gump*. This movie is about a slightly retarded man who ends up meeting three presidents, receiving a medal of honor in the Vietnam War, and jogging across the country three times. This was a great movie with a neat idea, superb character development, and excellent direction. I can almost guarantee that this movie will be nominated for a lot of Oscars **Rating: 9 (Excellent).** Finally, I saw *The Mask*, with the hilariously funny Jim Carrey, in which the

nerdy Stanley Ipkiss finds a mask that changes him into a superhero. Carrey was very good, but not nearly as funny as he was in the uproarious *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*. The computer generated special effects were spectacular, but I think they overshadowed the plot. Still, the movie was very funny and entertaining **Rating: 7 (Good)**

CONCERTS

BY MARK LEISER
Co-Editor In Chief

The summer of 1994 was certainly one to remember for concert fans. We saw reunion tours, exciting twin-bills, and solo performances from artists who, even after many years, continue to put on quality shows.

Phil Collins -- Collins, who was one of the first big names to come to town, played a three-night stand at the Spectrum in June. He was touring behind his sixth solo release, *Both Sides*.

Collins opened the three-hour show with a 10-minute drum solo, the only time during the performance that he sat behind a full drum kit. The show contained popular numbers such as *In The Air Tonight*, *One More Night*, *Don't Lose My Number* and *Against All Odds*. He also included lesser known songs like *I Don't Care Anymore* and *Find a Way To My Heart*.

Collins benefitted tremendously from his band members, most notably bassist Nathan East and guitarist Daryl Stuermer (who tours with Collins in the band Genesis).

On stage was a man who generally cared about connecting with his audience. And connect he did, as he was called back for three encores, concluding the show with *Take Me Home*. Don't be surprised to see Collins back next fall doing a stadium tour with Genesis.

Peter Gabriel—Gabriel, wanting to get in a two rehearsal performances before Woodstock '94, appeared at the Tower Theater in Upper Darby, as well as the Stabler Arena in Bethlehem. He decided to stage his warm-up shows in the Delaware Valley because Philadelphia is his strongest U.S. market.

The Stabler Arena show was very intimate, with only 5,000 seats. Gabriel was on stage for approximately two hours, and performed favorites like *Sledgehammer*, *Steam*, *In Your Eyes*, and the show-closing *BIKO*.

Gabriel also participated in this year's WOMAD (World of Music, Arts, and Dance) festival, which he created in 1982. This year, he was able to gather fellow musicians like Live, Midnight Oil and

Arrested Development. Look for a new album from Gabriel to be released within the month.

James Taylor—Twenty-six years after recording his first #1 album, *Sweet Baby James*, Taylor is still at the pinnacle of his career. His list of chart-toppers and awards continues to grow, and his music and style are timeless.

Taylor is one of the few artists that actually sounds better live than on album. Perhaps that's why his 1993 release, "James Taylor (Best Live)", easily went platinum.

The Boston Globe referred to Taylor's concerts as "intimate, spellbinding affairs", and he did not disappoint the crowd that gathered at the Mann Music Center in late August. The show included all of his best-loved songs, including *You've Got a Friend*, *Copperline*, *Sweet Baby James* and *Fire and Rain*. Taylor added to the show by including his own personal witticisms and stories that set up his greatest hits.

The future is unclear for Taylor. Twenty-six years in the business is a lot to withstand, but his albums continue to sell well. His association with world-class musicians may be

enough to record one more quality album.

Billy Joel/Elton John - Fans and critics alike seem to agree this was the top draw of the summer. The Piano Man and the Rocket Man, who teamed up for three shows at Veterans Stadium, combined for close to four hours of classic hits.

The two walked on stage together, milking the theme of *The Brit vs. The Yank*. They opened with John's *Your Song*, followed by Joel's *Honesty*. They closed their opening joint performance with E.J.'s *Don't Let the Sun Go Down On Me*.

Then, Joel left the stage and John began his high-powered solo set. For the first time in years, Elton appeared excited to be on stage, rather than just going through the motions. His set included hits like *Funeral For a Friend/Love Lies Bleeding*, *Rocket Man*, *Take Me To the Pilot*, *Saturday Night's Alright For Fighting*, and the obvious crowd pleaser, *Philadelphia Freedom*. He also performed his #1 smash hit *Can You Feel the Love Tonight*, which was mixed well with movie footage of *The Lion King* on the giant video screens accompanying

the stage.

After a brief intermission, Joel came out for his solo set. He opened with *I Go To Extremes*, and continued with *Pressure*, *Scenes From An Italian Restaurant*, *Ballad of Billy the Kid* and *Allentown*.

The two performed together more than most expected, sharing the pianos for Joel's *My Life* and John's *I Guess That's Why They Call It the Blues*, and covering standards like The Beatles' *A Hard Day's Night* and Jerry Lee Lewis' *Great Balls Of Fire*. They also covered each other's material in their respective solo sets, with Elton performing *New York State of Mind*, and Billy doing a fine job with John's *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road*.

The show concluded with a four song finale, including *The Bitch Is Back*, *You May Be Right*, *Benny and the Jets*, and the obvious ending-piece, Joel's *Piano Man*.

It has been described as "bigger than the Beatles", "the all-time greatest", and "two geniuses back-to-back." It sure was unforgettable, and so was the entire summer-of-'94 concert series.

Movie Mania

BY COLIN TUCKER
Arts and Entertainment Editor

For those of you reading this for first time, *Movie Mania* is a weekly column in which I review two movies each week. Most of the time I review the movies playing in Wismer Lower Lounge on the weekends, but sometimes, such as this week, I will review movies playing in the theater, and I will sometimes review movies new on video.

Now playing in theaters:

Natural Born Killers- Directed by the great Oliver Stone, this movie is about the lives of two serial killers, and how the press sensationalizes violence. This is a definite love it or hate it movie. I know I've said this before, but some people in

the theater in which I saw the movie loved it, and some people left in the middle of the movie. One reason is its unique photography, which was filmed on twelve different film stocks and styles, such as black and white, super-8 film, and Beta videotape. I loved the effect, because it separated the movie from the norm, and made it seem surreal, and even hallucinatory. The acting was great, with Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis playing Mickey and Mallory Knox, a pair of serial killers. Another one of the many things that was great about this movie was that the movie actually took you inside their heads, so that you know what they are thinking when they kill each of their victims, and it is very convincing and believable. For example, when Mallory mur-

ders someone, you sometimes see images of her abusive father (very well played by Rodney Dangerfield, a gutsy and excellent casting move). You are actually convinced that they enjoy killing. The other thing I really liked was how it lampooned the media with Robert Downey Jr.'s superb portrayal of Wayne Gale, a host of a "real-life" news show called *American Maniacs*, similar to shows such as *Hard Copy*. The movie makes the point that our society today is sick because of our infatuation with violence, and how it is fueled by the news media. Wayne Gale put it perfectly when he said "the public and the media...we're married." In the movie, *American Maniacs* did some "man-on-the-street" interviews in which people were actually rooting for Mickey and Mallory, reminiscent of the many people standing on the bridges over the free-

way cheering on O.J. Simpson as he passed underneath in his white Bronco. I thoroughly enjoyed this movie because of its unique approach, top-notch acting, and excellent points it makes, and it should get some recognition at Oscar time.
Rating- 9 (Excellent)

The Breakfast Club- This is the movie I would suggest in Wismer this weekend if you are unable to get off campus. This is about a bunch of high school students in an all-day high school detention on a Saturday. They are all from different walks of life. You have the beauty (Molly Ringwald), the jock (Emilio Estevez), the rebel (Judd Nelson), the outcast (Ally Sheedy), and, of course, the geek (Anthony Michael Hall). Over the course of the day, they sneak around the school, ignore authority, and try to

get along with each other. By the end of the day, they are all friends. Although the movie is a bit dated, it makes a good point about how people can overcome their differences, and actually benefit from them. This was a good movie with decent acting from the so-called "brat pack" of the 1980's.
Rating- 8 (Very Good)

Movie quote of the week: This is a new feature this year. I give you a quote from a movie, and you try and name the movie the quote came from, and if you're a real movie maniac, you can even name the character that said the line. This week's quote is: "If you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything."

DeLuca Dazzles Audience

BY JASON KINDT
Of The Grizzly

The Campus Activities Board's impressive fall line-up got off to a great start as Tom DeLuca amazed a large crowd in Wismer lower lounge on August 31st.

DeLuca began his performance with a few mind reading tricks. In one instance, he successfully predicted the time randomly set on an audience member's watch. However, the highlight came during the second half of the show when DeLuca orchestrated what he calls, "the greatest hypnotist show on the planet."

The hypnotized volunteers were randomly selected from the audience and unconsciously became the entertainment. DeLuca began by telling the volunteers to relax as he quietly talked them to sleep. Then he told the participants that they were on a dream vacation. Suddenly DeLuca told them that the temperature was on a steady rise. The volunteers were extremely uncomfortable. One participant, Eric Widmaier, was so hot that he felt the need to undress. Then

DeLuca said that the temperature was dropping to below freezing temperatures and even though Widmaier still had his shirt off, it did not stop him from cuddling to the guy sitting next to him.

Another funny experience occurred when senior Drew Seibel was hypnotized to say he loved the show, although whenever DeLuca said the word blue, Seibel would have a change of heart and tell everyone how bad the show was. Seibel said the show was awesome, but as soon as he heard "blue," he immediately ran through the audience trying to get fellow students to walk out of the show in protest. When DeLuca asked Seibel how he felt, Seibel said that he did not think that the hypnosis was working at all. In fact, to this day Seibel has no recollection of the evening at all.

This brings up a few questions. How much power does DeLuca have over people?

DeLuca has Masters in Psychology from the University of Illinois. However, his technique for hypnotizing is an original one. DeLuca focuses on his understanding of people as well as everyone's own creativity.

"Trust, between the volunteers and myself," said DeLuca, "is the key to my success."

When asked if he could get someone to do something horrible, DeLuca responded that people will not do something against their personal nature.

DeLuca ended his show with the help of volunteers JoAnne Sickeri and Eric Widmaier. Sickeri was told that she was an alien from outer space, and only Widmaier could translate her language. Sickeri then spoke in gibberish, but Widmaier understood her completely. He informed us that Sickeri's spaceship was parked behind Reimert, and they she came to inform us that classes were canceled. When asked if there were any special messages from outer space, Widmaier responded, "Have fun, enjoy life."

Thanks to the hard work of the Campus Activities Board, and the talent of Tom DeLuca, we were all able to have a little extra fun last Wednesday night.



Hypnotist Tom DeLuca appeared in Wismer Lower Lounge on August 31

Moments In Time

BY AMY K. DAVENPORT
Of The Grizzly

The Berman Museum of Art recently displayed an exhibition entitled "Moments In Time," which celebrated the 125th anniversary of the founding of Ursinus College. The exhibit was on display in the upper gallery from May 25 to September 11 and included extensive timelines, memorabilia and artifacts, photographs and video footage.

The exhibit was successful in dispelling one common Ursinus myth. Many students claim that "nothing ever happens in Collegeville!" One former freshman,

Abraham L. Hunsicker, would disagree with that statement since he was on the receiving end of a fatal gun shot during a play rehearsal at Isenberg Hall in 1874.

For those of you in the student body who were less than thrilled with the outcome of the Giants/Eagles game, you can find solace in some of Ursinus' past triumphs. 1902 hailed the school's first undefeated football team. In 1986, the women's lacrosse team won their third national crown in four years. And off the court, the 1973 men's basketball team gave students a reason to be proud when they rescued

14 people from a fire in Huntingdon, PA.

After visiting the "Moments In Time" exhibit, some students gained a more mellow attitude toward the Quad's security. The guest sign-in policy seems like a piece of cake compared to the 94 year old policy which enforced a curfew for all female students. Ursinus women's curfew emancipation came in 1975 (Yes- the same year most current sophomores were born).

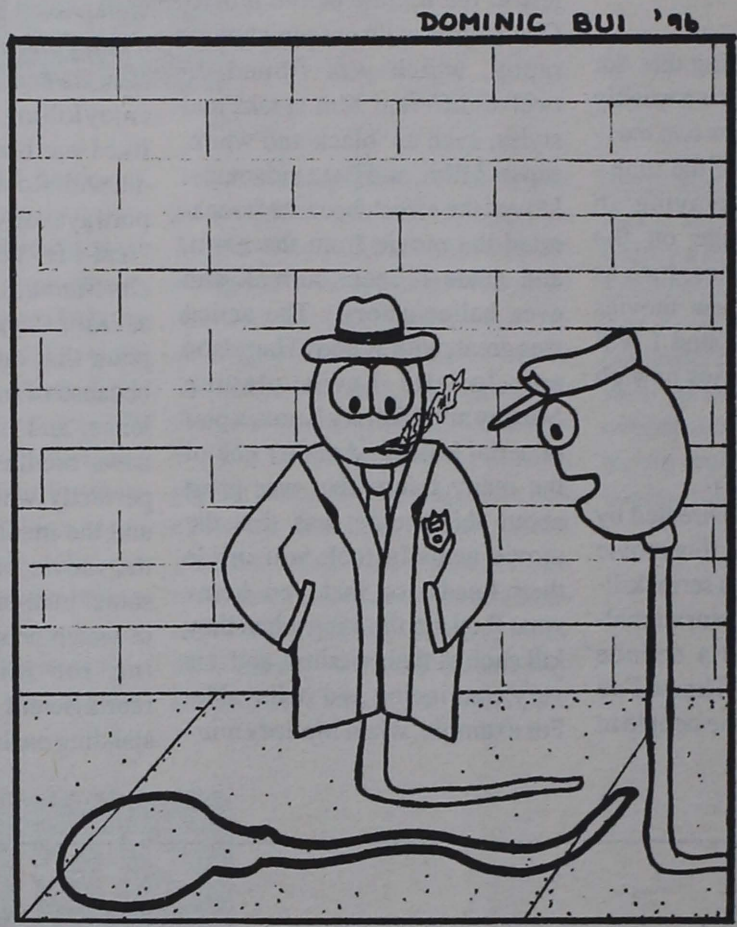
In the realm of public embarrassment, freshman men were required to wear red "dinks" or caps and women wore green headbands. This was part of the ritual of Freshman hazing which began in 1917 and

was abolished in 1965. Currently at Ursinus, public embarrassment is reserved for those who wish to pledge a Greek organization; however, hazing no longer occurs.

"Moments In Time" provided a wonderful overview of Ursinus' rich tradition in education, sports, and campus life. The exhibit was funded in part by the class of 1939. Much of the information for the exhibition was extrapolated from Calvin D. Yost Jr.'s book entitled Ursinus College: A History of Its First Hundred Years.

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Sports

AROUND THE NFL

BY BRAD GEIGER
Assistant Sports Editor

With the new \$34.6 million salary cap and free agency circulating around the NFL, offseason player movement occurs with more regularity than Madonna changes lovers.

Which players and teams succeeded and which ones failed? With the season only two weeks underway, let's take a look at what has happened around the NFL.

Quarterbacks played a game of musical chairs as they switched from team to team. Ex-Dolphin backup Scott Mitchell capitalized on Dan Marino's injury last year, as he signed a three-year, 11 million dollar

contract with Detroit. Former Lions quarterback Erik Kramer tagged on with Chicago for \$8.1 million over three years, while underachieving Bears quarterback Jim Harbaugh signed with Indianapolis. Cry-baby Jeff George, who couldn't take the heat in Indy, will direct new head coach June Jones' red-gun offense in Atlanta.

Chris Miller inked a deal to quarterback the Rams, replacing Jim "Chris" Everett who signed with New Orleans. Two long time veterans, Warren Moon and Bernie Kosar, moved on to Minnesota and Miami, respectively.

Five Most Improved Teams:

Arizona- Buddy Ryan has

Cardinals fever at an all-time high out in Arizona. Former Eagles Seth Joyner and Clyde Simmons took close to \$14.5 million to play for their former coach, while other ex-Eagles Jim McMahon, Andre Waters and Jeff Feagles have come aboard as well. To strengthen an already tough defense, rookies Jamir Miller (LB) and Eric England (DE) will be looked upon, but the Steve Beuerlein led offense is still the Cardinals weak point.

Chicago- When your offense ranks 28th in the NFL, you have nowhere to go but up. Erik Kramer is not much better than Harbaugh, but the additions of Lewis Tillman and Merril Hoge will help the running game. Andy Heck (OT)

came over from Seattle and ex-Patriot Marv Cook will share the tight end duties with Chris Gedney. The Bears are solid defensively, mainly because of head coach Dave Wannstedt. First-round draft pick John Thierry will contribute at linebacker.

Minnesota- Thirty-Seven year old quarterback Warren Moon will be expected to lead the Vikings past the wild-card round of the playoffs. Ex-49er Amp Lee (RB) and OT Chris Hinton, who came over from Atlanta, will help on offense. The Vikings drafted well, selecting David Palmer (WR), Todd Steussie (OT) and Dwayne Washington (CB), who should all make an impact.

New England- The maturing process of QB Drew Bledsoe and the coaching of Bill Parcells are the main reasons for the Patriots improvement. However, they also improved their running game by signing Marion Butts (S.D.), Blair Thomas (N.Y. Jets) and Leroy Thompson (Pit.). Former Giants Bob Kratch (G), Myron Guyton (S) and Steve DeOssie (LB) will also help, while first-round draft pick Willie McGinest helps a weak defensive line.

San Francisco- After losing to Dallas in last year's NFC Championship game, the 49ers went out and bought plenty of defensive

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CHUCK'S WAGON

BY CHARLIE WEINGROFF
Assistant Sports Editor

Hey, hey, hey. Like I've said before, whether you like it or you don't like it, learn to love it 'cause it's the best thing going. Well, we're all back again for another go-round at this thing they call college. And I'm back again to showcase my exploits in this wonderful column of intensive sports reporting. I hope everyone had a good summer. And quite a summer full of important stuff it was. There was Michael and Lisa Marie, and that Cuban stuff. We had trouble with Korea; we had floods; we had O.J. slammed down our throats. But unless you're a newcomer, and believe me, I appreciate it if you are, you're reading this section because you want to hear biting commentary, slicing journalism, and cutting opinion on, not Nicole Simpson's throat, but SPORTS. Let's see if we can fill up a couple of columns as we travel around the happenings of the summer of 1994 in the four major sports.

What summer recap of baseball wouldn't include Ken Griffey's, Frank Thomas', or Matt Williams' assault on the HR record? Tony Gwynn's quest for 0.400? Or the curious play that realignment has brought about? This one. The reason is because of what has deprived us, the fans, of watching

major league baseball for much of the past month--THE STRIKE. Let me say this: I don't side with the collusion-seeking, communist owners. All I hear all summer is Phil from the East Side saying I'd play for nothing. I hurt my arm in high school, and I'd do anything to play again, and these guys want millions. Little Joey from the Toms River Little League asks, "Why can't they just play?" I'll tell you why, you little runt. Baseball is a business. It is no different than being a civil engineer, summer help with the Camden County Sanitation Department, a ditch digger, or a governor. Do players get paid a lot of money? Yes. Would I or any other person who has put on a glove or swung a bat play for free? Sure. Do the players get paid too much money? No way. If I had major league talent, would I seek to get paid as much as I could? You better believe it. There is no difference between Rick McGraw graduating from Penn as a CPA and seeking employment from the firm that will pay him the most and Barry Bonds seeking the highest bidder for his talent. There is simply no difference between being a CPA and a professional baseball player when considering the open market and the American economical system. It's when punks allow their personal sentiment to cloud those very principles of American economy

and speak against the players that gets me.

Another strike contention may be the small market teams who can't afford to stay afloat. I say get rid of them. Get 'em out of there. Baseball ownership is not a profitable investment. Owners of a team should have deep pockets and be willing to reach deep into them without thinking twice. Get out of Milwaukee. Get out of Pittsburgh. I don't care if there's no baseball in Minnesota. There are plenty of cities, like Phoenix, Tampa, and Toms River, that can sustain the same owners with more revenue. And if you really want baseball in those cities, then get an owner who is willing to lose money. It's all simply absurd, just ridiculous.

On to the real side of baseball, the Braves are really making me look bad. Not as bad as their pitching machine bullpen, but pretty bad, since I picked them to win the World Series in a run away. The only running the Braves have been doing is to find some higher ground because they have simply not done the job. The rear-end of the Toronto offensive attack that I kissed last April has been a washout, but my other picks look okay. Cincy has been great, the ChiSox and Yanks have been on top, and Oakland still has a pulse.

The basketball season ended in

what many considered ugly play in the finals. It's probably those same clowns that side with the owners. The Knicks win, and that's what pro sport is about. The Rockets weren't flashy, but there are twelve players with rings on their fingers. I thought it was a good series. No matter how many fouls or how many technicals there were, the games were very close, and that always makes for good basketball. The only problems I had were that I couldn't find a sawed-off fast enough to shoot that loser Vernon Maxwell, nor did I have a cane big enough to hook Mr. Consistency John Starks.

We also had Dream Team II. I saw every game while sitting next to a trash can because the play made me puke. All I can remember is Alonzo Mourning licking Steve Smith's ear, Dominique Wilkins complaining, and Shaq's alley-oop to himself. I'm all for a Dream Team, but I want to see a team out there. I don't want eight power forwards and four point guards. Let's say those were the top twelve players, which is certainly debatable. But if those twelve players don't fit into the five positions on the floor, then I don't need them. I don't need Derrick Coleman playing center or Reggie Miller at forward. Hey let's put the mobile Benoit Benjamin at the point and Mugsy Bogues at power

forward. If it means getting college guys in there, just to get a team out there, then so be it. Just make sure they watch tapes of Dream Team II, so they can get trash talking tips from the masters like Derrick, LJ, and Shaq.

Hockey's season also culminated while we were gone. I hope everyone saw something concerning the finals because if you did, you saw history. You saw the Rangers break the 1940 jinx and win the Stanley Cup. What we saw was the equivalent of a team sweeping a World Series with four no-hitters. It was just unbelievable, and where did you hear it first? That's right. Chuck's Wagon boldly claimed the Rangers supremacy.

It's really unfortunate that UltraClown Mike Keenan took away from his team's glory with his attempt to bolt from his contract. Keenan substantiated his clowndom by wearing a multi-colored wig and a lace collar as he was seen going to a children's party.

Hockey starts in a few weeks, and get ready to watch it on Fox. Last week Fox agreed to show up to 20 games. Perhaps hockey will now get its due as a major sport and not as a game only played in the tundra by guys who say eh.

Football started last weekend. I'm not too happy about the salary cap

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Sports

NFL

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DE Richard Dent (Chi.), LB Ken Norton (Dal.), LB Gary Plummer (S.D.), LB Rickey Jackson (N.O.) and DB Toi Cook (N.O.) will enable the 49ers to contend for the Super Bowl. Rookie DT Bryant Young will be a pro-bowl player soon. This team is only \$20,000 under the cap, so if they suffer any serious injuries they could go downhill in a hurry.

Five Teams Who Went Backwards:

Buffalo- Free agency has depleted much of their roster. DB's Kirby Jackson and Nate Odomes left for Seattle (both are now injured), as

well as OT Howard Ballard. Talent is still there but the rest of the AFC has caught up.

New Orleans- Not too long ago the Saints had four of the best linebackers in the game. Now Sam Mills is the only one left. Renaldo Turnall is not bad, but Joel Smeenge and James Williams don't quite fill the shoes of Rickey Jackson and Vaughn Johnson. WR Michael Haynes takes over for Eric Martin; Jim Everett is not the answer at quarterback; Jim Mora is one of the most brutal coaches in the game.

New York Giants- I'm sorry Commissioner Tagliabue, but Phil Simms did get cut because of his \$2.5 million salary, which clogged up too much space under the cap. Simms is gone, Lawrence Taylor is gone, DB's

Greg Jackson, Myron Guyton and Mark Collins have left. The starting free-safety is Eagles bust Jesse Campbell. RB Lewis Tillman and G Bob Kratch have left. But this team still beat the Eagles. Oh boy!

Washington- The once famed "Hogs" have turned into "piglets". The offensive line of Jim Lachey, Ray Brown, John Gesek, Raleigh McKenzie and Ed Simmons is not that strong. First-round pick Heath Shuler and John Friesz will share the QB duties early on. WR's Art Monk and Ricky Sanders have left, while Henry Ellard has moved east. Reggie Brooks is a nice RB; Ethan Horton (TE) and LB Ken Harvey were nice pickups, but it is definitely a rebuilding process in D.C.

WAGON

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certainly reached Ring Master status by selling out his union. I would certainly rather see Phil Simms throwing passes for the Giants than cheesy one-liners that nobody gets at Joe Thiesman. I don't want the Forty-Niners to have to give incentive-laden contracts to proven vets like Rickey Jackson and Toi Cook. Nor do I want this Hollywood garbage for a pre-game on Fox.

We certainly had some great games though. The Cowboys looked unbeatable. That will change to DanTom's chagrin. The Forty-Niners looked awesome. That won't change to everybody else's chagrin. The high scoring games like the Dolphins-Patriots and the defensive ones like the Lambs-Cardinals made for one the best weeks I can remember.

As for predictions, in the AFC, the Dolphins should rule. For those of you that know me, sure, that is a biased prediction, but how would the Cowboys have ended up if they lost Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith, Mark Stepnoski, Ken Norton, and Tony Casillas for their last five games? The Dolphins lost five of their best players when they were 9-2. It is really indisputable that if the Fins stay healthy, they will dominate. And if they sign Deion Sanders, who will really decide this sea-

son, and Vaughn Johnson, the games don't even have to be played. They can mail the Lombardi Trophy to Joe Robbie Stadium right now because it ain't gonna matter. I like the Steelers out of the Central even though QB Neil O'Donnell couldn't jump start a car with a Sears Everlast. The Chiefs should handle the overrated West with Steve Bono at the helm. Right now Steve is making Joe Montana's reservations at County General because I give three more weeks until he is laid out. Wildcards should be the Raiders and Buffalo. Miami will have a home game in the Super Bowl.

In the NFC, call me Suzie and slap me silly, but the Cowboys will not win the East. "Buddy Ball" and Cardinals 46 defense will stifle the "Boys" attack. The Cardinals are really suited for the sixteen game season, but they will be shot down in the playoffs, possibly by the wildcard Cowboys. The Forty-Niners will waltz through the West and destroy all comers. The Central should be the most competitive division in football. I like the Packers winning with their underrated defense and the Bears taking the other wild card spot. Not even Manute Bol could come in arm's length of the 49ers. They're head and shoulders above everyone in the NFC.

And now for what you've all been waiting for: The World Wrestling

Federation Trivia Question of the Week. Sometime last May, Tom Guzzo excitedly called me with the answer to the last Wagon's question. To give credit, Tom knew that the Bezerker tried to kill the Undertaker with a sword. Upon being killed by Yokozuna at last year's Royal Rumble, The Undertaker has since returned, and we'll hear more about that in later weeks. This week's question is: Name the members of the original Wild Samoans and their present-day disciples, The Headshrinkers. That's all for this week.

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Bears Fall in Season Opener

BY TOM MASTRANGELO
Sports Editor

Going into Saturday's game against the WPI Engineers, the host Ursinus Bears hoped their new season would start the way last season did, with a victory against WPI. But that wasn't the case as UC dropped its 1994 opener to the visiting team from Massachusetts, 35-14. Last season the Bears opened the 1993 season with a 21-14 victory over the Engineers, who were at the time ranked in the Division III top 20.

WPI opened the scoring by taking a 7-0 lead over the host Bears, but UC managed to cut that lead down to one, 7-6, before the intermission.

Running the two-minute offense, Ursinus quarterback senior Brian Lafond completed a series of passes to wideouts Ron Floyd, TJ Coyle, and Matt McCarte to lead UC down

to the Engineers six-yard line. Lafond capped the drive with a six-yard touchdown pass to junior tight end Rob Owens, which cut the lead to 7-6 after the Bears failed to convert the extra point before going into halftime. WPI came out in the second-half and scored 28 points to increase their lead to 35-6 until late in the 4th quarter when the Bears got on the board again.

Lafond hit junior Ed McKillip with a 15-yard touchdown strike with no time on the clock. The Bears then added a two-point play to end the game.

On the day, Lafond completed 25 passes for 325 yards and two touchdowns. Lafond's big target was Floyd, a sophomore who hauled in eight catches for 142 yards.

The Bears play their first Centennial Conference game next week as they travel to Franklin and Marshall to take on the Diplomats on Saturday, September 17.

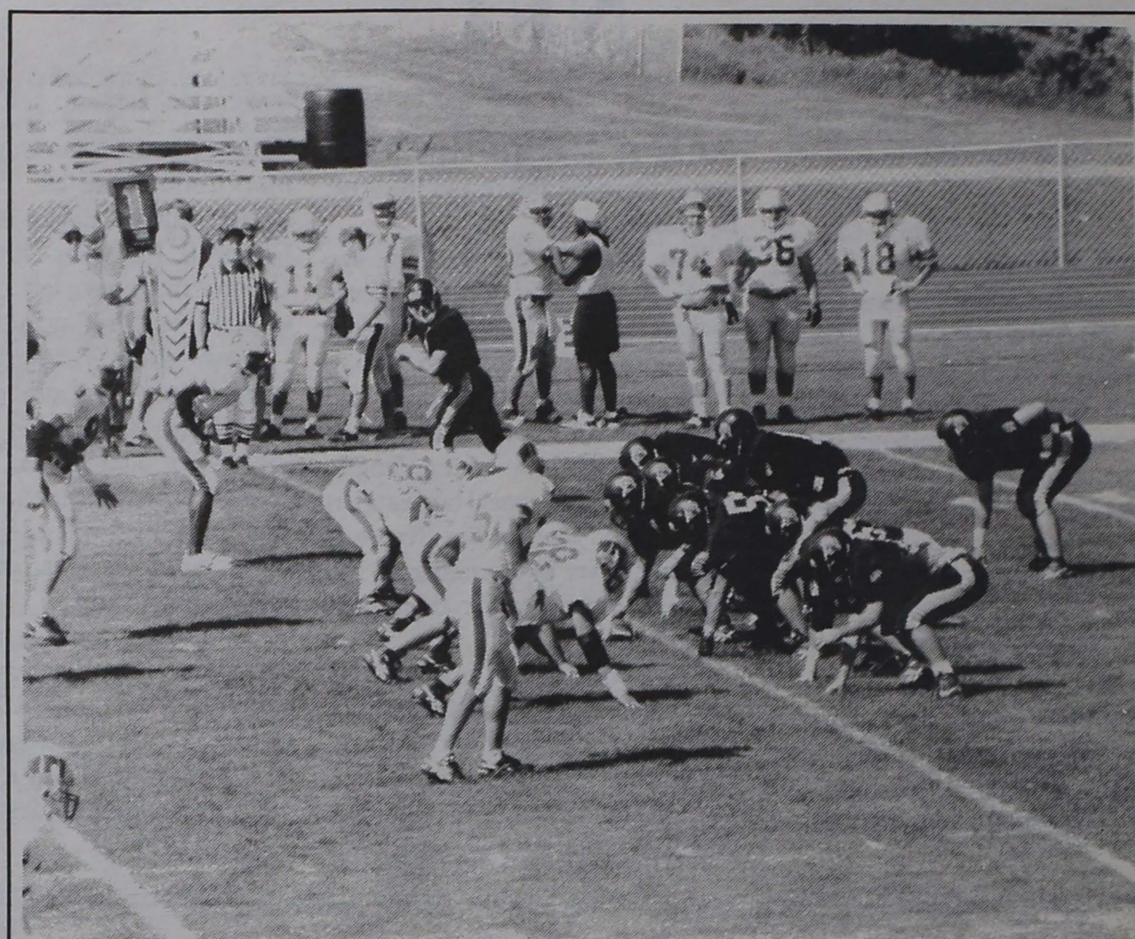


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Ursinus Moves the Ball Downfield during Their Loss to WPI

Quote of the Week

"We got used to winning the first game and losing the last. So now we figured we'd lose the first and win the last."

- Buffalo Bills QB Jim Kelly on the Bills dropping their season opener and their four straight Super Bowl losses

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TIME OUT

BY TOM MASTRANGELO
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Greetings everyone! I'd like to personally welcome everyone back to the friendly confines of Ursinus College and introduce you all to this new column that takes the place of the departed **Harley's Haven**. It's called **Time Out**. This is where I, your new and improved sports editor, take time out to talk about the issues in sports that need to be talked about. So enough with the small talk. Let's jump right into this new era of sports reporting that will appear in your **Grizzly** pages throughout the year and see what I have to say.

We'll start off by taking time out to talk about baseball and its now infamous strike. Baseball has complained for a long time that it was falling behind basketball and foot-

ball in terms of popularity. So let me ask this. Why, in the midst of one of the greatest baseball seasons ever, where some of the all-time records stood to be broken, did the players go on strike? It still doesn't seem clear to me. I have to side with the owners. They want to preserve the nature of the game without seeing it crumble. A salary cap is the best way to do this. There has to be some limit before cities like Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, and San Diego lose their teams because they can't afford to pay for the big name players in order to remain competitive. I feel the players are a bunch of greedy, spoiled, self-centered individuals who want everything their way or no way. Granted, the owners caused them to be this way, but when the average major league salary is \$1.2 million, and the players want more, something isn't right.

For cryin' out loud, it's a kids game. If you think a million dollars isn't enough to hit and catch a baseball, then you should have your head checked. So I say thank you players. Thank you for ruining one of the greatest seasons ever. Thank you for walking out on the fans that support you. Thank you for killing the World Series for a guy like Don Mattingly and a team like the Cleveland Indians who might never get another chance.

Enough about that. Let's talk some Eagles football. Can somebody please tell me what Rich Kotite was thinking when he kept Vaughn Hebron in the game down on the goal line against the Giants last week. Hey Rich, the last time I checked Hebron was not some great power back who got the tough yards. Why not put Brian O'Neal in there with big Hershel Walker and power

that thing in there? If that's the type of play calling we're going to see from this team this year, then it is definitely going to be a long season. There are still high hopes for this team. A wild card is not out of the question. But performances like last week's won't do it, nor will it save Kotite's job. Philly fans cannot sit idly by and watch another mediocre season. A new owner restored new optimism, and we want results. So in the words of Randall Cunningham, "Let's get 'Dangerously Committed'."

Now let's take time out for my college football predictions. This year's National Champion will be the Miami Hurricanes. A bold prediction, you might say. The Hurricanes look like a team that's on a mission. After getting blown out in last year's Fiesta Bowl, the Canes want to erase doubts that their pro-

gram is on the decline. Miami is not the third best team in Florida. They are the first. Florida State has to travel down to the Orange Bowl where the Canes haven't lost in 58 tries. So watch out Bobby Bowden. Treat your team to another Foot Locker shopping spree, and watch the Canes win the national championship that was so conveniently handed to you last year.

On a final note, what's with the Sixers looking at Ralph Sampson? This guy is a CYO player at best and has no right trying to make a comeback. Heck, he was a bench warmer for the lowly Kings a couple years ago. Listen John Lucas, one seven-foot stiff is bad enough.