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To Kathy:
*Love-- Looking outward together
in the same direction.*
- Antoine de Saint-Exupery

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Beetlemania Hits Ursinus

BY STEPHANIE PIRAINO
Of The Grizzly

Next semester Dr. Price (one of the Chemistry professors) will be teaching a Liberal Studies Seminar for freshmen about one of the most popular music groups in history--The Beatles. Liberal Studies is a mandatory course for all freshmen. Although many freshmen listed this course as either their first or second choice, only 16 students will be taking "A Magical Mystery Tour with the Beatles."

This is the first time that Ursinus College has offered a course focusing on rock music. About one year ago, Dr. Price (a native of England) approached Dean Lucas with the idea for the course. The course conveniently applies to the Liberal Studies theme this year--"Individual and Community". Dr. Price remarked, "We will be studying about how four individuals influenced an entire generation. Even in today's music there is evidence of the Beatles' influence."

The students in the class will not just be listening to music; they will be analyzing how the Beatles emerged from the social and eco-

nomical status' of Liverpool during the 1950's and 1960's and how their music evolved from songs like "I Want to Hold Your Hand" to "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds". Books like Shout, Tell Me Why, The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test, the play Look Back in Anger, and the Beatles' music will be the basis of the papers that the students will write. Although George Harrison politely declined President Helfferich's invitation to speak at Ursinus' 100th anniversary in 1969, Dr. Price is going to try to persuade Ringo Starr or George Harrison's sister to come speak to his class.

Dr. Price is very enthusiastic about the class, and while he is in England for the holiday break he plans to do more research and take pictures of the places where the Beatles were raised and where they made their first appearance. Although people are not permitted to sit-in on the class, Dr. Price will be showing several films and tapes in Olin next semester for the entire campus. Dr. Price may not be a "Paperback Writer", but he sure has put "A Hard Day's Night" of preparation into the course.

Strassburger Appointed President

From College Communications

Dr. John R. Strassburger, a historian who for the past decade has been dean and executive vice president of Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, has been appointed the 11th president of Ursinus College, a title he will assume officially on New Year's Day.

Strassburger's appointment was approved unanimously Monday afternoon by the Ursinus College Board of Directors, according to Board President William F. Heefner, bringing to a successful conclusion a search which began last April. At that time, Richard P. Richter, president of Ursinus since 1976, asked the Board to begin looking for his successor, saying that he wished to leave his position by the end of the calendar year.

Strassburger's appointment was announced formally to the campus community Tuesday, December 6. He will be on campus Thursday, December 8, for a press conference at 2 p.m. in Olin Auditorium, and, weather permitting, a walking tour of campus immediately following the meeting with the media. He will complete his duties at Knox on December 31.

Although Strassburger will assume office on January 1, his official inauguration will be held on a future date, to be announced later.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I express great pleasure in Dr. Strassburger's agreement to become our next president," said Heefner. "with his appointment, we are optimistic that Ursinus will continue to thrive, achieve, and progress, as it has under the leadership of Richard P. Richter."

Since 1984, Strassburger's full title at Knox has been dean, executive vice president for academic affairs and student affairs, and professor of history. As an undergraduate, Dr. Strassburger took his B.A. in history from Bates College, going on to earn an M.A. from Cambridge University and a Ph.D. from Princeton University. Prior to his tenure at Knox, he spent two years as acting assistant director and program officer at the National Endowment for the Humanities, where he received the Distinguished Service Award in Recognition of Superior Achievement. He also served as first coordinator for the Institute for Human Effectiveness, and for 12 years taught history at Hiram College, where he served as co-director for the Hiram in Dublin program. He is a member of the Project Kaleidoscope Advisory Committee on Scientific Leadership and Liberal Education in Washington D.C., and is a past chair of the American Conference of Aca-

ademic Deans.

In Illinois, Strassburger has been active on the boards of a number of civic groups, including the Illinois State Historical Society, Galesburg Preservation, Inc., St. Mary's Hospital in Galesburg, and the Knox-Galesburg Symphony.

Strassburger has written and spoken frequently on the subjects of higher education, curriculum, teaching, and history. His work has been published in a variety of scholarly and educational journals.

Richter, who has not yet announced his plans for the future, pledged last spring to stay in office until a new president was named, and to continue to lead the College decisively for the duration of his tenure.

In a letter to Heefner dated last April 15, Richter said, "I feel that this is the time to notify the Board that I would like the process of finding and appointing my successor to begin. There is no perfect time for this. But there is a right time, and this is it. It is right for the College and right for [my wife and I] personally."

For the past few months, Richter's top priorities have been strategic planning and fund-raising. The College is \$1.5 million away from completing its \$39 million campaign, "The Next Step."

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The Grizzly thanks President Richter for his dedication and service to the Ursinus community.

GOOD LUCK!

Unrest in the Baltics Continues

BY MICHAEL MCCUEN
Of The Grizzly

The unrest in the Baltics continues. On November 30, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, Radovan Kardic, spurned the Secretary General of the United Nations in another attempt at peace.

Secretary General Boutros-Ghali, in an attempt to organize cooperation between Bosnian Muslims and Serbs, arranged a meeting with himself and Mr. Karadzic, which was to be held Thursday in Sarejevo. Regrettably, Karadzic failed to show, thus contributing to the continuation of what is now one of the bloodiest wars ever. This meeting was not only designed to ask for a cease-fire, but a cooperative agreement between Bosnians and the United Nations: my message to them is that unless they do this, it will become impossible for me to persuade the Security Council to keep the United Nations Protection Force here," said Boutros-Ghali.

Many had foreseen an ultimatum on the part of Boutros-Ghali; however, his refusal to provide one did not hinder his message-- agree to a cease fire or lose the U.N. force. This U.N force not only exists to maintain peace, but also to serve as a buffer for the Bosnians from the Serbians, who are more well

equipped militarily. However, the Bosnians have done little to encourage keeping them, for the war is being provoked by both sides, thus Bosnian cooperation is essential to keeping the soldiers in place.

Originally, the most pressure to engage in a cease-fire was put on the Serbians, who were better armed and the apparent aggressor of the groups, however a recent and successful Bosnian offensive has changed that policy.

Karadzic's absence from the meeting reflected the distaste the Bosnians' hold toward the U.N. Serbia's constant offensive has made U.N. threats appear idle, and Bosnians believe Serbians "have little to lose by continuing the war."

It has not yet been decided whether the troops should remain in Bosnia, and their standing over there has definitely become uncertain. There are now over 24,000 U.N. soldiers in Bosnia with the intention of keeping peace; however there is no peace to keep, and the usefulness of these soldiers is diminishing. Currently 500 U.N. soldiers are held prisoner by Bosnian Serbs, and the future for the remaining soldiers is uncertain.

Karadzic's refusal to partake in this meeting with Boutros-Ghali is just another sign that this war is far from over.

News

Philadelphia Teen Slain as Result of Inner City Rivalries

BY PHIL CAIAZZO
Of The Grizzly

Around 10:30 p.m. at a McDonald's restaurant on Oxford Avenue in Philadelphia, a few dozen Fox Chase teens sat waiting. Minutes later, an outburst began leaving 16 year old Eddie Polec dead and a city in a state of turmoil. There had been talk all week that a group of kids from nearby Abington was coming, supposedly to avenge a girl who claimed she had been sexually assaulted in the neighborhood the week before.

Eddie Polec was a senior at Cardinal Dougherty High School. Af-

ter graduation he had plans for joining the Coast Guard.

Polec was with his 14 year old brother Billy and another friend when a car full of kids came swarming at them. The Polec brothers and the other teenager turned and started sprinting toward a house where some other neighborhood kids sought refuge. Billy and his friend didn't stop running until they reached the house. There they turned around only to find Eddie missing.

Eddie had stumbled a few feet away from the steps of St. Cecilia's Church. On the ground, the mob circled him. He never got up.

Now, in a very bold move, Mayor Ed Rendell has fired three dispatchers and has relocated a few more to different districts. There were a reported 16 calls made to the 9-1-1 number and between 11 and 22 police cars were available in the two districts where the beating occurred. But due to the mistakes of the police dispatchers, the incident was not made a priority one, and therefore, the police cars that may have saved Eddie Polec's life, didn't arrive on the scene until it was too late.

No retaliation is expected from the Fox Chase teens.

Ursinus Birthday Card Unveiled

BY JIM MAYNARD
Special To The Grizzly

For those of you who have been wondering about the display in Wismer's Main Lobby, here is the answer to your questions. On Tuesday, November 22, Hudson B. (Pete) Scattergood, Vice-President of College Relations, dedicated the oversized birthday card in honor of Ursinus' 125th anniversary. On hand for the ceremony were several members of Ursinus student government, including Raquel Szlanic (Vice-President of USGA), Brian Riordan (President, Class of 1995), Heidi McMichael (Treasurer, USGA), Heather Kerlin (President, Class of 1997), and Clare Zerberkiewicz (President, Class of 1996) who each took part in the celebration.

The giant card is composed of real birthday cards, each one bearing an individual greeting from one of the many contributors to the college's Annual Fund. Each card, from alumni, parents, and friends, represents a gift given to the college this year.

The Annual Fund is an integral part of Ursinus' successful operation. Since student fees (for ex-

ample, tuition) account for only approximately 70-80% of the college's total operating costs, the college depends on Annual gifts, along with earnings from its endowments, to meet the demands of continued excellence. Annual gifts from alumni, parents, faculty, staff, grandparents, corporations, foundations, and friends of the college, ensure funding for scholarships, for recruiting top-quality faculty, and for maintaining the best in academic resources.

And now students, as well, have an opportunity to be a part of this Ursinus history. All are invited to take a moment and read the thoughts and feelings of those who have contributed to Ursinus College. To add your own voice to Ursinus' 125th anniversary, simply take a card and leave a message to be posted among the others. After this year is over, the cards will be posted in the Ursinusiana Room of the Myrin Library.

Following the dedication, Raquel Szlanic commented, "I think this is a neat way to get everyone involved in the history of the college. I hope everyone takes a minute to fill out a card and add to Ursinus' legacy."

Jeffrey Dahmer Dead

BY PHIL CAIAZZO
Of The Grizzly

Convicted killer Jeffrey Dahmer was found dead in a lavatory, which he and two other inmates were assigned to clean, with massive head injuries. He was reported to have been "beaten beyond recognition."

The man accused of this murder is Christopher Scarver, a 25-year-old inmate who lived in the same special management unit as Dahmer. Scarver is a convicted murderer who, during his trial, said he was the "son of God, born of a woman Mary." He was found sane and convicted to 50 years in prison.

The lack of security guards and video surveillance cameras in the vicinity of the murder scene is in question. The Columbian Correctional institute, built in 1986, is considered to be a state-of-the-art, maximum security prison, and how an incident of this nature could have happened is still under investigation.

The editors and writers of the news section would like to wish everyone good luck on their finals, a restful break, and a wonderful holiday season!!!

Opinions

CAMPUS MEMO

BY RICHARD P. RICHTER
President of the College

When I joined the faculty and staff of the College thirty years ago, some students were complaining about the strictness of the social rules of the College. As I prepare to leave office, some students are complaining about the strictness of the social rules of the College.

If you look through the history of the first one hundred years of the College by Calvin D. Yost, '30, you will find evidence of the chafing of students against the rules of the College in every era.

That the current distress over pledging by fraternities and sororities has historical antecedents may

not make you, today's students, feel better. But it may give you some perspective from which to understand the current situation better.

A residential college presumes now, as in the past, to have a beneficial impact not only on the minds of students but also on the way learning interweaves with the conduct of their lives. The goal is to cultivate an independent and responsible approach to the challenges of life.

The rational expression of this goal stands in almost absurd contrast to the pullulating, off-beat, sometimes frantic life led by students day by day--students of any era, not just the current one. In

trying to create a program for the cultivation of values for living, the College accents that contrast but somehow must accommodate it.

So, when we have arguments about pledging rules and the use of alcohol on campus, we engage in an age-old exercise inherent in the very mission of a residential college.

In conversation with students, when I make such an observation, it usually serves only to exacerbate their sense of frustration with the way the administration and faculty approach student life. They feel so immediately threatened by pledging study groups and deans that a call to take an objective look at themselves in an educational and

historical context appears simply to be another threat.

As the community thinks about the future of pledging and other aspects of student life, such as the use and abuse of alcohol, I guess the best advice I can give to one and all is to lighten up a little.

Fraternity brothers have told me that they are sure that the College is trying to destroy fraternities. The revisers of rules, driven by high ideals, have interpreted some silly behavior as impermissible, even though it never hurt anyone and even though it is still seen as fun by students.

To students, let me say that the College is not trying to destroy fraternities or sororities; try to

lighten up a little. To faculty and staff, let me say that some student behavior can be justified not on the basis of educational efficacy or social philosophy but on the basis of youth's sheer need to express the absurd; try to lighten up a little.

I don't mean to trivialize the important questions of personal danger that surround pledging activities. They have to be answered. But my reading of College history suggests that the current social issues of the campus can be dealt with more or less successfully by well-intentioned students, faculty, and staff who maintain a bit of good humor and objectivity. For student life at Ursinus, I do not think that this is the moment of Armageddon.

Lectures, Friendships, and 'Giving Up Shop'

BY DOUG PLITT
Assistant Opinions Editor

Several weeks ago I was talking with one of my professors after class. She said she was going to the Olin auditorium to see one of the candidates for school president speak and answer questions. My professor asked me if I would like to tag along. I did, and we sat all the way in the back of the auditorium.

The speaker was Elizabeth Ivey. She told the audience about her background and then started talking about what colleges need to do in order to succeed as we approach the year 2000.

Effective advising was one thing.

This sounded reasonable to me, because I've had several advisors here at Ursinus and not all of them have been very effective. Not all of them expressed any genuine interest in me beyond signing my class schedules.

Another point she stressed was less lecturing. She felt that students learn more in classes where they can actively participate in the teaching process. This too sounded reasonable to me since I have had my share of lecture classes at this school. Lecture classes are boring. Lecture classes in big rooms with lots of students are especially boring. People fall asleep in those classes.

Elizabeth Ivey kept her speech short (I assume she did not want to lecture us). She answered questions next. At this point I noticed that I was one of two students in the auditorium. The faculty in attendance peppered her with questions. Most of them were pretty good questions. Some of them were stupid questions. Elizabeth Ivey took all questions, stupid and not stupid, in stride.

That day there was much talk of a "new generation" of students; students who have been brought up in a "different" society and need to be educated differently because of it. While this talk was going on I was wondering if any of these

people, the educators of the "new generation" were wondering why there were no students in the auditorium. This was a publicized event. The entire campus was invited. Then I wondered if I would have been there if it weren't for my professor inviting me. Probably not. Does the "new generation" not care who is running things? It's possible, but I doubt it.

After Elizabeth Ivey was done, I talked with the professor who invited me to the Olin auditorium. She asked me what I thought was wrong with the school. This was the first time in my four years at Ursinus that a non-student asked me what I thought was wrong with this school. None of my advisors ever asked me that. No lecture professor ever looked out at an auditorium full of comatose students and asked, "Why are you all sleeping?" A lot of the time professors seem content to just ramble on and assume that those who aren't paying attention are those who do not wish to be educated. Do any of these professors ever think that listening to a droning voice for fifty minutes and trying to write down everything that this droning voice is saying is an incredibly boring experience?

Bravo to less lecturing.

When I was in high school there were a few teachers who all of the students loved. They actually seemed interested in what they were teaching, but more importantly, they were friends with the students.

I noticed that other teachers didn't socialize with these teachers as much as they socialized with each other. It was almost like a high school clique; the way these teachers included and excluded each other was infantile. The real shame was that the students suffered for it. Teachers wouldn't let themselves get too close to students because other teachers would think they were weird.

I'd really hate to think that this type of thing would happen on a college campus, but sometimes I'm not convinced it doesn't. There are professors here who actually are friends with their students. There are professors here who seem reluctant to be friends with students. I do not know for sure why this is.

Elizabeth Ivey said she didn't want a student-controlled curriculum. She said that she was open to student input, but she was not going to "give up shop" to students because she (and the professors) were ultimately more knowledgeable on matters of education. I wanted to tell her that there really is no "shop" to give up here at Ursinus. No professors are asking students what they think of Ursinus. No students are asking professors what they think of Ursinus. I wouldn't just go up to a PROFESSOR and ask, "Hey, what do you think of this school that you are teaching at?" Not many students would. But I would ask a FRIEND this question.

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What's Up In Wellness

BY NICOLE D'ORSANELO
Of The Grizzly

Thursday, December 1 was World AIDS Day. As you know, the virus that causes AIDS, HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is non-discriminating. It attacks men and women of all races, sexual preferences, and ages. It is a serious disease that destroys the immune system.

AIDS can be spread through sexual intercourse, needle sharing, or through the blood. The only ways to totally protect yourself are to abstain from sex with infected individuals, and avoid any type of contact with other people's blood.

High risk behaviors include unprotected sex and contact with blood. If your behavior has put you at risk, you should be tested for HIV. The test, performed on a blood sample, detects the presence of HIV antibodies. The presence of these antibodies indicates the presence of the virus. A negative test result indicates that no antibodies are present at the time of the test. However, if you have partaken in high risk activities within six months prior to the test, you may still be infected, even though the results of your test were negative. It takes about six months for the antibodies to develop, so you should be retested six months after the initial test. During this time, you should practice safe sex to insure that you will not infect anybody else. If there is a positive result, then HIV is present. Generally, there will be no visible symptoms of the virus in the beginning. It can take up to ten years for any symptoms of AIDS to arise. During this time, it is advised that you work with a counselor and doctor so that you make choices in the types of psychological and medical care you receive.

One out of five hundred college students in the U.S. are infected with HIV. Remember that your behavior choices determine your risk level and only you can protect yourself. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Shanahan at the Wellness Center.

The Holidays Mean More Than Just Christmas

BY ALICIA DARBY
Co-Features Editor

Amidst the stress and turmoil that is all too common at the end of the semester, we should remind ourselves of the holiday season. To many of us, the holidays mean Santa Claus, jingle bells, and Christmas trees. However, Christmas is not a universal celebration. In addition to Christmas, the Jewish holiday, Hanukkah, and the African-American cultural observance, Kwanzaa, occur during the holiday season.

Hanukkah is a Jewish religious holiday which commemorates the victory of Judah the Maccabee and his followers over the Syrian king, Antiochus IV. This king wanted to establish a "state church", in which all of his subjects would be forced to worship Zeus. This establishment would prohibit any expression of Judaism. The triumph of Judah was celebrated with an eight day festival.

Today, Hanukkah begins on the twenty-fifth day of the Jewish month of Kislev. As part of the observance, at dusk on each of the eight nights a candle is lit until all of the candles in a menorah are lit. This lighting is accompanied by a blessing and a brief statement about the meaning of the holiday.

In 1966, Maulana Karengo, the chair of black studies at California State University, Long Beach, created Kwanzaa, which is celebrated from December 26 until January 1. Its purpose is not to replace Christmas, but to focus on culture and

values.

As a part of the observance, the family lights candles in a seven-branch candle holder, known as a kinara. The kinara represents the people and continent of Africa. As the candle is lit, the family discusses one of the seven traditional principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. On the last evening of the celebration, people indulge in a large, lavish feast known as the Kwanzaa Karuma.

Christmas is the most significant holiday on the Christian calendar, for it celebrates the birth of their savior, Jesus Christ to the Virgin Mary. In AD 350, Pope Julius I set December 25 as the most probable date of this Nativity.

Many of the traditions and observances associated with Christmas, like gift giving and decorating, stem from secular ideas. The idea of a Santa Claus was derived from a real saint who lived in the fourth century, Saint Nicholas, who was noted for his generosity. Most notably, he gave some of his fortune to a poor family to use as a dowry so the three daughters could marry. It is rumored that he threw the money down the chimney and it got caught in a stocking hanging by the fire to dry. The stories of his actions soon spread, and any unexpected anonymous gift was assumed to be a gift from him.

Happy Holidays!

Green Tips ♪

FACT: If every American replaced 1 roll of toilet paper with a roll of recycled toilet paper, one million trees would be saved.

TIP: Use recycled toilet paper. It can be purchased in many grocery stores at the same price as regular toilet paper



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



11-19-94 at 10:00 p.m. Security entered a Reimert suite to look for a non-registered visitor. They found an alumnus who was intoxicated. After throwing beer on the security officer, he was taken to the security office and informed that he is banned from the campus until further notice.

11-19-94 at 11:00 p.m. Security advises three non-students that they could not enter Reimert without a host. Approximately fifteen minutes later, Security observed the trio coming out of a suite. They were escorted from campus and informed that next time they were found here, they will be arrested for trespassing.

11-20-94 at 12:45 a.m. Security responded to a Reimert suite and discovered extensive damage to the bathroom. No one knew that the damage had occurred. The residents of the suite will be charged and the matter has been referred to the Residence Life Office.

11-20-94 at 10:10 p.m. Security responded to Reimert Hall for a general fire alarm and discovered that a student had ignited lighter fluid, which triggered the alarm. The Collegeville Fire Marshall and the Residence Life Office are handling the investigation.

11-21-94 to 11-30-94. A number of students reported that they have been receiving harassing phone calls. From the content of these calls, it seems that the same person(s) have made the calls. It is also alleged that these are internal calls. The new phone system has the capability to trace and identify.

HARASSING PHONE CALLS ARE A MISDEMEANOR IN PENNSYLVANIA AND PROSECUTION WILL BE SOUGHT.

SGT. GRIZZ IS LOOKING A FEW TALENTED, TRUSTED AND RELIABLE STUDENTS. A VARIETY OF JOBS ARE AVAILABLE WITH THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT, SUCH AS TRAFFIC OFFICERS, DISPATCHERS, AND OLN AND REIMERT WORKERS. IF INTERESTED, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL SECURITY RECRUITER OR SEE OFFICER CYNDI ZERR FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

11-30-94 at 11:00 a.m. Security is informed that sometime on 11-29, unknown person(s) intentionally damaged a sink in a women's rest room in Wismer. Security is investigating the incident.

12-1-94 at 12:10 a.m. While closing an academic building, the Security Officer discovered recent graffiti in an elevator. The Officer was unable to remove the nasty remark. The vandal left initials. Security is investigating the vandalism.

SGT. GRIZZ WELCOMES OFFICER JAMES BILDSTEIN TO THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT. JIM IS A GRADUATE OF PERKIOMEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL. DURING HIGH SCHOOL, HE WORKED THREE SUMMERS WITH THE URSINUS COLLEGE SUMMER CREW. HE SPENT SIX YEARS WITH THE U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES. JIM IS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. HE IS THE COACH OF THE PERKIOMEN VALLEY J.V. BASKETBALL TEAM AND WAS AN ASSISTANT COACH FOR THEIR FOOTBALL TEAM. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS ONE CHILD. HE AND HIS WIFE ARE EXPECTING THEIR SECOND CHILD IN 1995.

THE SECURITY OFFICERS WOULD LIKE TO
WISH ALL A JOYOUS AND PEACEFUL
HOLIDAY SEASON.

ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT

The Life of a Doctor

BY LAURIE FALCONE
Of The Grizzly

Name: Nancy Lobby, class of 1984
Major(s): Chemistry/Physics
Activities: Physics Club, Astronomy Club, member of Kappa Delta Kappa
Present Job Title: Urology Resident at PCOM/Albert Einstein Medical Center

This is the second in a series of interviews the Career Planning and Placement Office is conducting with Ursinus alumni. These interviews will be spotlighted in *The Grizzly* to give students insight into life after college.

Nancy began by providing me with some background information about her profession. She is the first female to participate in this residency program. She estimates that there are only 75 females in the nation in her line of work. Dr. Lobby is specializing in surgery.

On a typical day, Nancy wakes up

for work at 6:00 a.m. She performs surgery, usually only in the morning. A couple of days each week, she sees patients in a clinical office. Dr. Lobby is done her work day around dinnertime. She also works most of the weekends in each month.

Nancy sees herself in a group practice in ten years. She also hopes to have all of her school loans paid off.

She had some special advice for students. Pressure yourself academically, but also have fun in order to preserve your sanity. A social life is an important part of education, too. She noted that many pre-med students study religiously, but could never find time to have fun. She reserved plenty of time for her work, but she also set time aside for relaxation and fun.

Would you be interested in finding out more about Nancy's career? Stop in Studio Cottage to get the information you need. The people there will be happy to help.

It's that time of year again. The Day of Bird has passed, and the next celebration fast-approachs. Yes, the smell of Yuletide Cheer once again wafts through the air. It's the time when we put aside all of our differences, hug our fellows, and say, "Hey man, I love you." Peace, Joy, Goodwill towards Man and whatnot.

Sparkling strands of lights and plastic fatmen are strewn about on lawns, and adorned evergreen trees fill living rooms everywhere, groaning under the weight of mile after silvery mile of tinsel. The light dusting of precipitation locked in a solid state (snow) gives rise to armies of pale rotund warriors, armed with broomsticks and corncob pipes, ready to do battle with hoards of unruly children. White missiles fill the air as the heroic Crusaders of Collegeville Elementary bombards the unwashed pagans of Trappe, Pa.

Any religious significance notwithstanding, it's traditionally the time of year to blow a lot of cash on gifts for loved ones. I don't know

about you, but I get tired of giving and receiving the same old things every year. CD's and clothes seem like generic gift cop-outs to me. So, once again with too much time on my hands, I came up with a list of 10 items that I, Fred, would find pretty cool to appear under my Christmas tree.

10. Anything Nerf
9. Anatomically correct Raggedy-Ann (or Andy)
8. Elvis
7. Beer. Or liquor. As long as it's free
6. A seat at O Chi's table
5. A Honda Motor Scooter, like the ones Devo used to ride.
4. A Viking Helmet (with horns, like the one Elmer Fudd wore. You can drink and look cool at the same time)
3. Hair
2. Guam
1. A Wismer-Catered Family Christmas Dinner so Santa

Claus stays far, far away from my house.

Well, this is my last column ever. I'm done school for good in one week. Looking back on my long and colorful collegiate career, I pause to reflect on the words of a fondly remembered Vice President, who in his infinite wisdom stated, "What a Waste it is to Lose One's Mind. Or Not to Have a Mind. How True that Is."

(Editors Note -- We'd like to thank Fred for his contributions to The Grizzly. He has added insight and humor to this publication, and the staff wishes him the best of luck!!)



The Java Trench: More Than Just Coffee

BY KRISTIN WALLIN
Special to The Grizzly

Around this time two years ago, I had a cup of coffee at the Java Trench, which was then located in Olin 104. I think it was hazelnut cream, but it could have been mocha...I really don't remember. What I do remember, though, was that no one else was there except me and the girl who was working there, and I wondered why. I guessed that there must have been something missing. What it was, I didn't know. And once my mug was empty, I never really thought about it again.

The next time I went for a cup of coffee, the "coffee house" had actually moved to a real house, Zwingli. This time I walked into an entirely different scene. The common room was so crowded that I had to sit on the floor. The lighting was dim and only a low murmur could be heard. I thought it was peculiar that not one single person was drinking cof-

fee. I leaned over to a kid I knew and asked, "What is going on in here?"

"Lit Soc," he whispered. "Okay," I thought, "what is Lit Soc?" Then I saw someone stand and say, "I'll go."
"Go where?" I wondered.

The kid proceeded to pull out some folded loose leaf paper from his pocket. He cleared his throat, chuckled a bit, and began reading from his paper.

He spoke about some kind of perverse sexual experience he had dreamed about once. As his story went on, the excitement in his voice increased and his emotions appeared to intensify. All the members of the audience focused their eyes intently upon him.

When he finally finished his reading, no one commented or critiqued. No one laughed, no one gave a dirty look. Instead, there was a short, sincere applause. As the time passed, others began to stand and

read. With each reading, I looked around the room and wondered what everyone was thinking.

I never asked anyone what they thought of the readings that night. I decided that it really didn't matter, because I had just witnessed one of the coolest things I had seen at this school. I knew that the Java Trench had certainly found that "something" it had lacked in Olin 104. It wasn't fancy flavored coffees, or espresso, or cappuccino. It wasn't cool mugs or fine desserts. The "something," I decided, was the Literary Society, and the coffee house had become its home.

On Wednesday nights, Zwingli hosts the most personal exhibition of art and talent on campus. Berman can't even beat it. It is in the Java Trench that students share their thoughts, their beliefs, and yes, even their dreams, by sharing their writing.

I wonder if anyone drinks coffee there anymore.

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Movie Mania: My Favorite Christmas Movies

BY COLIN TUCKER
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Welcome to the special holiday edition of *Movie Mania*, in which I will talk about my favorite Christmas movies. For the second issue in a row, I would like to begin with an apology. I told you last time that the quote "There is someone for everyone, even if you need a pickaxe, compass, and night goggles to find them" was identified by Jeff McCoach of Temple University, but I didn't tell you that the quote was from the superb Steve Martin film *L.A. Story*.

A Christmas Story- This film is based on the writings of Jean Sheperd, describing the life of a child in a Chicago suburb during the post-Depression era. It is like a Christmas version of the television show *The Wonder Years*, with the narrator describing his childhood as we see it in the film.

The movie describes the daily life of young Ralphie (Peter Billingsley), who wants a genuine Red Ryder Carbine Action Air Rifle. Countless adults

advise him not to get it, warning him that he will "shoot his eye out."

The portrayal of childhood is very believable and realistic. Ralphie often fantasized about being a cowboy in a sparkling silver suit, saving his family from Black Bart and his gang of bad guys. These scenes were very realistic, because most children fantasize about being a rock star, professional athlete, etc. The portrayals of Ralphie's parents Melinda Dillon and Darren McGavin were also convincing. Many scenes in the movie reminded me of my own childhood, especially when Ralphie accidentally slipped and said the "f-word" and, as a result, got his mouth washed out with soap.

Many neat comic touches enhance the movie, such as the world's ugliest lamp (watch and find out), the hounds next door that constantly wreak havoc in the neighborhood, and the father's constant fights with the furnace. This film is realistic and fun to watch; a nice, warm movie that should put you into the Christmas spirit. **Rating- 8 (Very Good)**

Scrooged- This film is a 1980's adaptation of Charles Dickens' perennial classic *A Christmas Carol*, a black comedy lampooning the network television business and the people in charge of it. Frank Cross (Bill Murray) is CEO of the IBC entertainment network, which is producing *Scrooge*, a television adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*. He is a nasty man without a shred of decency. The "Bob Cratchit" in this movie is Frank's secretary (Alfre Woodward) who is an overworked, underpaid single mother. Her youngest son has not spoken since he witnessed the murder of his father, and he represents Tiny Tim.

You all know the story. Cross is visited by three ghosts. The ghost of Christmas Past (David Johansen- you may know him as, Buster Poindexter, the singer of "Hot, Hot, Hot!") delves into his deprived childhood, the happy times in his life with his ex-wife, Claire (Karen Allen), and how his obsession with his power and his career impeded his social life. The ghost of Christmas Present (Carol Kane, who stole the show in this movie), a sugar plum fairy who constantly clobbers Frank with various

items such as toasters. After the ghost of Christmas Future reveals Frank's future, we encounter a drastic character change, which leads to a warm and happy ending.

The casting was excellent, with many cameo appearances. John Houseman, in his last film appearance before his death, is the avuncular host of the television production of *Scrooge*. Mary Lou Retton appears as the actor who plays Tiny Tim in the television production. Attention jazz buffs and Letterman fans: If you look closely, you will also notice Larry Carlton, David Sanborn, Miles Davis, and Paul Shaffer playing in a Salvation Army band.

Despite the opinions of many other critics that Bill Murray was miscast, I thought he was excellent as a mean and heartless person who undergoes a drastic character change. Although there are some moments of crassness in this movie, it still has a warm message in the end. I praise this film for its originality, putting a new twist on an old story. **Rating- 8 (Very Good)**

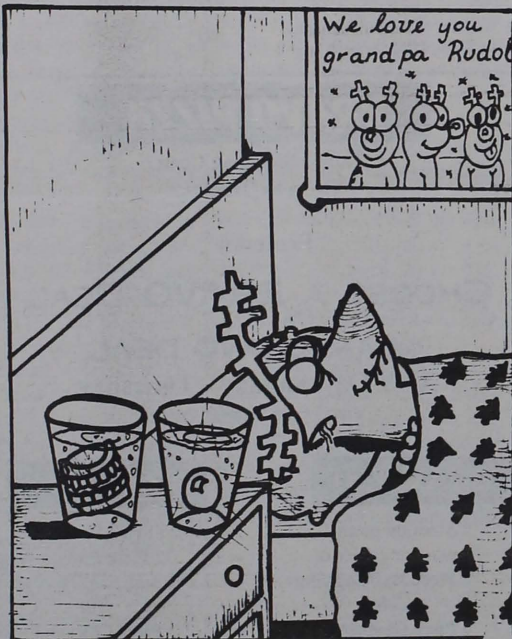
Other Christmas movies I would recommend are *Gremlins*, *The Muppet*

Christmas Carol, *Miracle on 34th Street* (the original), *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, and *It's A Wonderful Life*. Please note the deliberate omission of *Home Alone*. I still cannot comprehend how such a stupid movie can make so much money!

Movie quote of the week- Last issue's quote- "Are you saying that coconuts migrate?" was first identified by freshman Teresa Green. It was from *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. Many people responded by telephone or E-Mail, and I would like to thank everybody for reading this column. That was a pretty easy quote, especially considering that many people (myself included) have the movie script on E-mail. Ah- the benefits of the information superhighway! This week's quote is "With the shape I'm in, you can donate my body to science fiction!" Best of luck on finals, everyone, and have a wonderful vacation and a joyous holiday season.



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Happy Holidays!



Indigo Girls Delight Philly Fans

BY ALICIA DARBY
Co-Features Editor

On Saturday evening, I ventured to the Spectrum in Philadelphia with about thirty other Ursinus students to see the Indigo Girls in concert. Nobody was disappointed by the performance.

First, the opening act, Kate's Choice, was incredible. They are a British band with a sound similar to that of the Cranberries. Most of their act consisted of original material. One of their songs was a hilarious

tune written about a brother and sister who go to the kitchen to get breakfast, only to find their parents having sex on the kitchen floor. They closed with a powerful rendition of *Come Together* by the Beatles.

After an intermission that seemed too long to the devout Indigo Girls fans among us, it was time for the show. They opened with *Fugitive*. During a conversation with the crowd, they told us about the tiny clubs they used to play in and they invited us to be as loud and rowdy as

we wanted. They brought the crowd to their feet with such songs as *Galileo* and *Least Complicated*. As an encore, they performed an awesome cover of *Midnight Train to Georgia*. They closed the concert with their recent hit, *Closer to the Fine*.

Overall, it was a great concert. We invited the man who drove our bus to join us, and he enjoyed the show as much as we did. The Indigo Girls had a wonderful stage presence, and they loved to get the crowd involved.

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A PHILLY FAN

BY JOEL SCHOFER
Assistant Sports Editor

Those Eagles. Those poor Eagles. Things have gotten so bad for the men in green that an Eagles appearance in the playoffs is no longer a certainty, and because of their recent play I really don't feel like talking about this year anymore. So...

On to next year! If one thing is sure at this point in the season, it's that changes need to be made by next season. What should these changes be? That's what I'm here for. Position by position, here's what has to be done to improve the football team for the 1995 NFL season and years to come.

I'll start with the offense because that's where the most drastic changes need to be made, addressing the defensive and special teams' needs in my next article.

First, I'll discuss the most crucial offensive player on a football field, the quarterback. No, Randall Cunningham should not be traded, but the #1 priority in the upcoming draft is to select a quality quarterback who can eventually replace Cunningham.

Let this new quarterback learn the offensive system while serving as Randall's backup for two or three years. Then, thank Randall for his years of service and hand the new guy the ball.

As for the Eagles' current backup quarterbacks, tell Bubby Brister to take a hike and let Jay Fiedler bag groceries somewhere.

At running back, the Eagles need to make no personnel changes. If they re-sign Hershel Walker, they've got five strong backs, each with different strengths.

Walker and James Joseph block, plow head on into the opposing team, and catch passes out of the backfield. Brian O'Neill is a short yardage and blocking back and Vaughn Hebron and Charlie Garner provide speed and quickness as two capable scat backs, both with the ability to run outside and elude defenders.

With such diversity in the backfield, there isn't a facet of the game that the Eagles can't adapt to and utilize with their running backs.

The wide receivers are also pretty well set, except for two minor alterations.

First, Victor Bailey must see more playing time next year. He's an

above average receiver who, because of the offensive line's poor blocking, must ride the bench so that an extra tight end or running back can be used to strengthen the pass protection.

I think he merits equal playing time with Calvin Williams and Fred Barnett and would like to see more three wide receiver sets so that Bailey's apparent talent can be utilized.

Second, the Eagles have to draft someone who can serve as an adequate fourth wide receiver, preferably one who can also return punts.

If the Eagles start the 1995 season with any of the tight end's they have now, then they're in trouble. Mark Bavaro can still block, but his hands are no longer sticky enough to catch a Cunningham bullet. It's time to say goodbye to Bavaro.

That brings me to Maurice Johnson, who can't catch or block. In other words, he can't do anything a tight end is supposed to do. Why is he still on the team?

The Eagles have got to both draft a young tight end and sign an experienced free agent. I said

earlier that the #1 priority for the 1995 draft was to get a young quarterback, but if Penn State's All-American tight end Kyle Brady is available, then I can wait another year to draft a quarterback or just pick one up with a later pick. Brady is too much of a talent to pass up and would be a tremendous force for years to come.

The offensive line is one place in need of slight remodeling. All season the opponent's left defensive end has had the privilege of entering the Eagles' backfield through the revolving door known as Broderick Thompson. Not after this season!

Hopefully the Eagles will correct the mistake they made when they moved Antone Davis from right tackle to left guard by moving him back once and for all. Then, to plug the suddenly gaping hole at left guard, a free agent signing is necessary.

What if they don't move Antone back to right tackle? They then have to sign a free agent to play right tackle, but hopefully they'll move him because it's easier to sign a quality guard in the NFL than it is to sign a tackle.

Drafting a right tackle or left guard is not out of the question, but obtaining a quarterback and tight end is of higher priority. By the time the Eagles get their third pick in the draft there may not be a suitable tackle or guard and the Eagles can't forget about the defensive holes they need to plug.

Also, keep David Alexander around, but begin grooming Joe Panos as his successor. Panos has performed admirably in a reserve role when called upon this season, and Alexander is beginning to show signs that he is intimidated by the bigger defensive linemen in the league. Michael Dean Perry can attest to that.

Basically, I've got the Eagles signing two offensive free agents, a tight end and either a left guard or a right tackle, drafting a tight end or quarterback first and then a fourth wide receiver with a later pick, resigning Walker, and waving goodbye to Thompson, Bavaro, Johnson, and Brister.

Next time, I'll discuss the changes necessary on the defense and special teams. Until then, go Eagles!

INTRAMURAL UPDATE

BY MEGAN SHERMAN
Of The Grizzly

Thanks to the success of the Halloween predicted race this year, there was a big turnout of faculty and students who participated in the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot. 1ST place winners were Linda Marchetti of the faculty/staff division and Matt Quail in the student division. Second Place winners were Lisa Tremper Barnes for the faculty/staff, and Jessica Morin for the student division. First place winner Matt Quail predicted exactly what his actual race time would be! Both first place winners received

\$15 gift certificates to the Little Professor Bookcenter. Drawings were held for \$5 gift certificates to the Little Professor Bookstore and to TCBY. All Turkey Trot participants were eligible for other drawings. Congratulations, winners, and thank you, participants, for another exciting race!

Volleyball is entering its 4th week, and there are men's and women's leagues. There are six men's teams, and as of now, Phil Landis' team leads with a 6-0 record. There are two women's teams also, and play has also started between these two groups. Stay tuned for more details.

As the fall semester comes to a close, Intramurals is planning several exciting activities for the spring semester. This year Intramurals will sponsor the annual Schick Superhoops 3-on-3 basketball tournament to be held in January. There will be men's and women's divisions. Top teams will advance to the Regional Championship Tournament to play against other winning teams from schools in the region. This year the championship will be played at Kutztown University. Registration begins now in Helfferich #29, or see T.J. Coyle for details. Teams should consist of at least four players.

Intramurals is also planning ping pong and pool tournaments for next semester. The games will be played in Wismer game room. These events will be co-sponsored with student activities, and some awesome prizes are anticipated! Look for more details and registration dates after winter break.

Thanks to everyone who participated in Intramural sports this semester and to those who helped out. Have a good winter vacation, and we hope to see you all next semester!

**We Still
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CHUCK'S WAGON

BY CHARLIE WEINGROFF
Sports Editor

All right, here we go with the last Wagon of the semester. As I'm sure you can see by now, this is a rather long effort. Here's why. It was brought to my attention by a member of the faculty that he was perturbed by not seeing more about Ursinus sports in the Wagon. I think he was more bothered by not seeing anything at all on UC sports because as every athlete or coach in the school would agree, they do not want their abilities critiqued by me in the context of this column, nor do I want to do so. We have 5 winter sports at this school, and as sports editor I have thus far received no articles on the sports except for one, but that was required by the author's journalism class. Point being, if there is an audience for school sports, and I'm sure there is, please submit articles on game summaries or whatever you want.

Also week in and week out, I make a concerted effort to include people's names in the Wagon. This week we will see an abundance of names so as to more involve students at this school. Is that cool with you, Geno? Okay, enough with this garbage, and let the Wagon ride for the last time this semester.

Read no further before you stop and look into your pockets. What I need you to do is check to see if you have any extra clues in there. Because if you do, please wrap them up in green and white and give them to Fred Luck so he can send them to the New York Jets. The Jets certainly could have used them

against the Dolphins two Sundays ago. When the quarterback gets the snap, Coach Pete Spurrio usually wants his linebackers and his D-Line to run through the ball. The thing is one out of the Jets front 7 rushed the passer while Dan Marino solidified himself as the best quarterback to ever grace Third Earth, as the Thundercats called it. For those of you under a rock, Dan Marino, with 30-some seconds left and down 24-21, faked spiking the ball and threw the go ahead touchdown to Mark Ingram. Right after Aaron Glenn, the cornerback with 2 first names, got spun around like a top. I said that's why he's the best, of course referring to Marino. Better than Montana. Better than Starr, Namath, Staubach, Tomlinson, or even Paramewaran. Even better than Ron Sermarini who led Toms River North over Kyle Dean's Overbrook (as I think you know from 2 weeks back) and Matt Miller's Cherokee, 28-16 to win the South Jersey Group IV state championship. Dan Marino is God and if you don't agree, then you're wrong.

I'm all pumped up right now because I don't know if I've ever had the pleasure of boasting the Dolphins and ripping the Feables in the same Wagon. When a team takes 10 seconds to decide to call a time out and then decides to punt, that team has got to find a way into the Wagon. I was really sold on the Feables. I thought they were a decent team. I think they will still make the playoffs, but get rolled. Seriously though, if Reggie White, Joyner, Simmons, etc. were still in Philthy, and if somehow the Eagles

won 13 out of 12 games, these uneducated Philly fans would still cry. You all think that if Brian Katits or Jimmy Johnson comes in to coach, the team is 5 or 6 wins better. How about.....no? The Eagles are at the top of the middle of the pack or at the bottom of the upper level teams, whoever the coach is.

To the Eagles' fat Vaughn Johnson: Is it 12 or 13 minutes that you can run the mile in? Get in that training room and use those stretchers with Brian Suth.

To the NBA, where I've got a lot to say: tear down the Nets. The Nets have arguably the best power forward in the game. I think he's the best player overall in the game because he could probably be an all-star at any position including the point. They also have arguably the best point guard in the game. But to complement Derrick Coleman and Kenny Anderson, punk general manager Willis Reed has assembled a surrounding cast of leftovers from the Camden County Sanitation Department's garbage routes. Butch Beard, the new coach, demands his team wear Armani suits to away games. Listen here, Butch, no amount of clothing is going to help your team. What the Nets need to do is get out of their lease at the Meadowlands, and disperse their players to other teams. They are absolutely hopeless. It's not fare to DC and Kenny. I have more fingers than #1 pick Yinka Dare has minutes. That kind of front office assembling such horrendous players must be stopped.

Starting next year, the NBA finals will feature the Orlando Magic (we

already know that) and the Dallas Mavericks until the next century. Yes, the Dallas Mavericks. What they have assembled in Dallas is nothing short of perfect. They have inside presence with druggie Roy Tarpley, Popeye Jones, and a host of other stiffes. They just take up space because the triumvirate of Jason Kidd, Jimmy Jackson, and Jamal Mashburn are awesome. They fit the prototypes that every NBA team needs: a penetrating point guard in the mold of Ken Covone, a slashing small forward who can play inside and out a la Jeff Lehrman, and an all-world scorer at the 2 guard like Scott Mangini. The Mavs really have something special and will be a team to watch for the rest of the season.

Some time over break, watch the Seattle SuperSonics run off like 13 straight wins once they realize that Earvin Johnson is good. He's not Magic, but he is 6'11" and can play center. That's something the Sonics haven't had in a while, a more than one-dimensional "player" at center. Michael Cage, now gone, should be in gerry-curl commercials, Sam Perkins should be at small forward, Harley Rubin should be gettin' the hell outta dat area, and Bill Cartwright should get that gray spot out of his beard already. You watch this other Earvin Johnson; he got game.

Hey Chris Webber, whose Bullets have 1 win in his first 5 games there, AHH HAA! Yeah, I'd rather play in Washington where the stadium is named after an airplane, than in Golden State and win a championship. Okay, and Jack Clark was real happy to have do

run-downs in Coaching class.

To the Sixers' Willie Burton: How's it feel to have thousands of Sixer fans think you're a savior when you actually stink up the Spectrum, rivalling the stench of Shawn Bradley?

Last week's trivia question asked for 3 professionally trained athletes whose actions should not be imitated in any way or form in the home that have legally wrestled with illegal objects. There were more than 3, and so credit goes out to more than one. Tom Birchler, Mike Fabrizio, who was quoted as saying his high school was a tight end at Penn State (you ask him about that one), and Jim Barsky. The answers are "Mr. Wonderful," Paul Orndorff, who used a cast legally, Greg "The Hammer" Valentine, who used a shin guard to further cinch in his figure four leg-lock, Iron Mike Sharpe still wears a loaded arm band, and BlackJack Mulligan wore a loaded glove. Ace Cowboy Bob Orton never legally used his cast. For this week's World Wrestling Federation Trivia Question of the Week: Who are the now 3 wrestlers to ever hold all 3 championship belts?

That's all for this week. I don't know what the likes of Mike Cheeseburger Man Galella and Pat Mulvihill, who are probably reading their last Wagon at this campus, Bernard Lehrman or Dom Covone, that clown at the date auction who reads the Wagon because it's there, or the vast masses of Wagoners are going to do for 5 weeks without the Wagon. But I do know this. The pleasure was all yours.