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College -- A place to keep warm between high school and an early marriage.

- George Gobel

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Ursinus College and the U.S. News and World Report Rating System

BY JAYSON BLOCKSIDGE
News Editor

College and University rating systems are often perceived as important guidelines for prospective students and their parents in choosing the appropriate academic institutions. On Wednesday, January 18 in Wismer Parent's Lounge, Vice-President of College Relations, Hudson B. Scattergood, and Director of College Commincations, Sally Widman, along with Ursinus faculty explored the issue of the college rating system. Among the concerns of Ursinus faculty was the nature by which these ratings were calculated and the validity of the image portrayed by such a system. In particular, Scattergood described and analyzed the Carnegie rating system reported annually in U.S. News and World Report and considered how it applied to the 1994 academic

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classifies colleges into four main groups. These four groups are National Universities, Regional Colleges and Universities, National Liberal Arts Colleges and Regional Liberal Arts Colleges. The last group includes specialized institutions that award more than half their degrees in busi-

ness, engineering, or the arts. Ursinus College is classified as a National Liberal Arts college rather than a Regional one because it emphasizes and awards more than 40% of its degrees in the Liberal Arts

Out of 160 schools scored (data was not available on three schools) Ursinus College was ranked number 87, putting Ursinus College near the top of the Third Quartile. The process that computes rank has evolved over the last twelve years. Initially, U.S. News and World Report relied heavily on a popularity poll based on the subjective ranking of schools by Presidents, Deans and Directors of Admissions. Presently, academic reputation only fulfills 25% of the judging criteria. This method of relying on subjective evaluations has often been criticized for its obvious potential to be biased. Pressure for greater quantitative data and less subjectivity has created a variety of other important criteria.

Student Selectivity, which accounts for 25% of the overall score consists of average SAT scores, high school rank, and acceptance rate and yield.

Faculty Resources (10%) reflects the percentage of terminal degrees held by their faculty, average salary, student/faculty ratio, full-time faculty ratio, and class size -- classes of fewer than 20 students compare favorably with those classes with 50 or more. Financial Resources (20%) includes total Education Expenses Per Student (instruction, student services, administration and academic support from IPEDS) and spending per student.

Student Satisfaction and Alumni Satisfaction comprise the remaining 30% of the total. While these statistics carry greater scientific and analytical weight, the data is subject to vary over time.

Even though Ursinus was ranked relatively high, faculty were concerned not only about the disparities in the rating system itself, but also of the physical layout of the information in U.S. News and World Report. First of all, Ursinus faculty are dismayed by the influence that the subjective evaluations of academic reputation has on the rating system. Our academic reputation has remained stable over the last three years relative to the number of colleges listed as National Liberal Arts schools (in 1992 there were 141, and 163 in 1994). The problem is that our academic reputation is poor (109) and this factor greatly influ-

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Ursinus Concludes "The Next Step" Campaign

Final Tally Exceeds Goal by \$600,000

FROM COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS

When Ursinus College closed the books on its "Next Step" Campaign earlier this month, the final tally was \$39,679,691, well surpassing the original goal of \$39 million. "The Next Step," launched in June of 1992, is the largest campaign in the College's 125-year history, surpassing the combined total of all previous campaigns.

"It is wonderful to arrive at Ursinus at such a triumphant moment in its history," said John Strassburger, who became president of Ursinus on Jan. 1. Strassburger succeeded Richard P. Richter, who had been at the helm of the institution since 1976. Richter is now President Emeritus of the College.

"I extend my enthusiastic congratulations and thanks to all the campaign leaders who made the Next Step a success," Strassburger said. "I am especially grateful to Dr. Thomas G. Davis and John E.F. Corson, co-chairs of the campaign, for their concerted efforts, and to Dick Richter for his decisive, insightful direction of this campaign." Both Davis and Corson are members and officers of the Ursinus

Board of Directors. Davis is its vice- president; Corson its secretary and treasurer. Corson became a co-chair of the campaign last year after Davis moved to England.

The \$39.6 million total includes nine gifts of over \$1 million. Among these are a grant of \$5.37 million from the F.W. Olin Hall, the College's new humanities building; \$1 million in two grants from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute for programs and renovations in the biology department, and seven other gifts toward endowment and capital projects from alumni and friends of the College.

Alumni contributed \$14.8 million of the total, while foundations gave \$9.8 million, and other individuals, organizations and corporations gave over \$15 million. Members of the Ursinus Board of Directors and other key campaign leaders contributed \$7.5 million of the total, exceeding their target of \$6 million, or 15 percent of the \$39 million

Of the total, \$24.7 million is actually in hand, with the balance pending in the form of pledges. Volunteers for the Next Step campaign raised funds for several build-

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THE NEXT STEP

Campaign Total: \$39,679,691

Thank you for your contributions

4,000 Casualties in Japanese Earthquake

BY PHIL CAIAZZO
Of the Grizzly

Mother nature strikes again, this time in Kobe, Japan, where the death toll from a recent earthquake has reached more than 4,000. In addition, National police said that 966 people were missing and 6,366 are injured.

Many families were left homeless by this natural disaster. Some people were even afraid to go inside buildings or shelters because of the 600 plus after-shocks that could be felt.

The powerful earthquake, which hit 7.2 on the Richter Scale, destroyed buildings, stores, and homes seemingly at random. Some structures remained standing with minor damages, but most were toppled to the ground and completely destroyed. Scientists had come together to develop ways to prevent buildings and freeways from collapsing during an earthquake and engineers tried to strengthen new buildings and freeways and then wrapped them in powerful composites to keep them from breaking anart

But in Kobe it was not enough as elevated sections of expressways collapsed, sections of the "bullet train" lines cracked, and high rise

structures crumbled. "It is possible to build structures that are earth-quake proof and safe, however, they would be extraordinarily expensive," says scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey.

One reason for Japan's misfortune is because it is located where three of the Earth's tectonic plates meet, making it particularly vulnerable to earthquakes. Japan is located on the Eurasian Plate where there is slight movement. This plate is considered fixed relative to other plates. The Philippine Plate, which is drifting northwest at a rate of about 7 cm a year, is located just south of Japan, and the Pacific Plate which is drifting northwest at about 10 cm a year and is sliding under the Philippine Plate and Asian land mass.

Earthquakes are caused by intense pressures that build up beneath the surface as parts of the earth rise and other parts fall. Scientists said that the earthquake in Kobe was a strike-slip earthquake; two of the tectonic plates that are butting up against one another along the fault line slip horizontally.

The magnitude of this destruction has warranted humanitarian aid from the United States and some European countries.

News

Newt Confronts Ethics Issues

BY MICHAEL MCCUEN
Of the Grizzly

The newly elected Republican house speaker, Newt Gingrich of Georgia, has only been in office a few weeks, but those few weeks have already brought controversy.

In part, this controversy follows Gingrich's signing a \$4.5 million dollar book advance. Although the deal is not illegal, many Democrats are up in arms over the ethical issues surrounding such a deal. In heated controversy, some people have called for Gingrich to give up on the deal. Newt countered this ethics debate by questioning the \$1,000 cattle investment made by Hillary Clinton, which brought her a profit of one-hundred thousand dollars. "I know there are important democrats in this city who would have automatically turned down 4.5 million," he said, "They'd have said 'I can make too much in cattle futures."

Despite such controversy, Gingrich appears to be the savior of the Republican party. After forty years of Democratic control, the Congress now belongs to the Republicans. Gingrich promises changes that he believes will have a positive effect on every American. "I am a genuine revolutionary. They (the capital bureaucracy) are genuine reactionaries. We are going to change the world," he said.

While the book deal controversy will soon become a thing of the past, Newt will be in the future. He plans real change; and these attempts at change should contribute to making the next few years very interesting.

Politics Department Update

- -- Dr. Stern has been temporarily released from his teaching duties due to a research grant he has received from the Earheart Foundation in Ann Arbor Michigan. He will be studying Plato's Statesman.
- -- Dr. Hood is on sabbatical, researching the political party system of Taiwan. Due to his absence, Dr. Stern is currently Acting Chairman of the politics department
- -- Former state representative from the 149th district, Ellen Harley is teaching the "Women in Politics."
- -- The pre-law society is cooperating with District Attorney Michael Morino to organize a visit to the Norristown Courtroom to witness a trial. For more information, contact Gayle Gawlowski at extension 3215.
- -- The faculty hopes to organize a political science journal consisting of student's research papers that will eventually be student run. Contact Dr. Stern, at extension 2449.

Global Perspectives

International

The Japanese are still trying to recover from the earthquake that rocked Kobe, a city of 1.4 million people. The city, Japan's sixth largest, is a major comercial area. The earthquake registered 7.2 on the Richter scale, and became the strongest earthquake to strike Japan since the great Tokyo earthquake of 1923.

The war-ravaged Chechnya region, still embroiled in a war which has claimed thousands of lives, has now become the site of a cease fire. The cease-fire began Wednesday eighteenth of January, and it has been somewhat successful, although officials have expressed concern over just how long it will hold.

National

One year has passed since the deadly earthquake that destroyed much of Nothridge, California. The Northridge quake caused over twenty billion dollars in damages thus far, although reports state costs could go even higher.

The nation readies itself for the start of the O.J. Simpson trial on Monday. This trial will mark the culmination of months and months of media onslaught unlike anything witnessed by the American people. There is no word on just how long the trial may last, but no doubt coverage of the event will be unprecedented.

(Compiled by Mike McCuen from the New York Times)

Ratings System

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ences our total ranking. Other schools in the Centennial Conference have much better academic reputations. For example, Franklin and Marshall College is ranked highest in name recognition at 32. In addition, Ursinus falls well below their closest competitors, Dickinson, Gettysburg, and Muhlenburg (40, 53, and 99 respectively). What this means, for example, is that even though Ursinus scored better than Dickinson in average SAT scores, holds a greater percentage of students graduating within the top ten percent of their high school, is more selective when accepting applications, and spends less money per student, Dickinson is placed in the second quartile while Ursinus falls into the third. Administration and faculty have therefore realized the importance of placing a premium on bettering our reputation.

The ranking chart, in U.S. News and World Report, is listed in alphabetical order for each quartile. In effect, therefore, there is no way of distinguishing, at a glance, between those who are at the top of the quartile and those at the bottom. Ursinus College (87) deserves to be listed at the top of the list, but since the names are listed alphabetically, it falls close to the bottom. Dickinson, on the other hand, due to the nature of the chart, appears to have a higher standing than its data would indicates. For casual observers, this layout might greatly influence their perception of a particular

Does this rating system really affect a student's decision to attend a certain college? A few students responded to this question by admitting that they have never seen the rating system before. Others said that they reviewed the ratings in U.S. News and World Report with their parents as a partial consideration for their final decision. One student said that she did not trust the rating system because she was not particularly convinced that the data was quantitative and accurate. It relied too heavily on subjectivity, she commented. When asked how they became informed about Ursinus College, most answered through brochures, friends and family, and guidance counselors. One student suggested that in order to attract a greater number and variety of students, it is essential for Ursinus representatives to attend college fairs in many different states.

Ursinus administration and faculty members learned the importance of academic reputation on our standing in national polls. Academic reputation is important for recruitment purposes and obtaining endowment funds. The college should move, therefore, towards strengthening its reputation and finding other ways to advertise its name such as through popular magazines, college fairs, and tele-

The Grizzly appreciates the efforts of Hudson B. Scattergood and Margot Kelley in supplying much of the information for this article.

News The Next Step

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ing projects and endowment objectives including academic programs, faculty professorships, student life programs, and scholarships.

The campaign took in a total of \$6,235, 699 in annual fund gifts, which are spent in the year they are given for college operations. Nearly 5 percent of the college operating budget now comes from annual gifts. Another \$878,420 was given for other operating support.

According to Hudson B. Scattergood, Ursinus Vice-President for College Relations, The Next Step strategy was to raise \$34 million of the total by bringing in 143 gifts of \$25,000 or more. In fact, the campaign attracted 132 such major gifts for a total of \$35.1 million.

"I fervently believe there are not many other worthwhile activities that are as important as the work Ursinus does," said Dr. Davis in kicking off the campaign in June of 1992. "The mission of the College is to prepare students 'to live creatively and usefully and to provide leadership for their society.' What could be more important than to play a role in their preparation?"

"The Next Step" follows the "Patterns for the Future" campaign of the 1980s, during which Ursinus raised more than \$21 million for projects including campus renovations, professorial chairs, scholarship endowment and faculty devel-

Local Bank Robber Brought Up on Federal Charges

BY JAYSON BLOCKSIDGE News Editor

The man responsible for the string of bank robberies beginning last Halloween has been turned over to federal prosecutors. Local law enforcers in West Norriton and Norristown dropped charges last week against Wiljen Serrano, 26, of Philadelphia. He committed four bank robberies, accumulating more than \$6,500.

The local charges were dropped because bank robbery is a violation of federal law. Banks are insured through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., or FDIC, and therefore the crime was a direct offense against the federal government. The U.S. Assistant Attorney Robert Reed said Serrano has been charged with four federal counts of armed bank robbery. Each count carries a maximum sentence of 25 years in federal

Serrano is also facing federal firearms charges. Witnesses claim that Serrano used a weapon during the robbery. Serrano has stated that he used a BB gun rather than a real gun. Depending on whether he used the BB gun or a real one, he could be facing from 5 to 25 years in

federal prison.

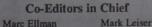
West Norriton and Norristown police captured Serrano on December 16 in Norristown after he allegedly robbed the Progress Federal Savings Bank at 1930 W. Main St. in West Norriton. The string of robberies began on Halloween when he entered the Phoenixville Federal Savings Collegeville branch at 70 Second Ave. He got away with

The second robbery occurred on November 28, at the Jeffersonville branch of Progress Federal Savings Bank. On this occasion, he fled with \$1,210. As he fled, a dye pack (false money laden with explosives) exploded in his hand.

On his third and fourth attempts he returned to the Collegeville and Jeffersonville branches respectively. He stole \$1,875 and \$2,225 on these two tries.

Serrano and his as vet unidentified accomplice allegedly used the money to purchase drugs in Philadelphia. Serrano was positively identified in photo-lineups by tellers from both banks. He has been committed to Montgomery County prison where he awaits to be taken into custody by federal marshals.

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ANNOUNCING A FILM SERIES. ALL ABOUT...

BEATLES

As part of Dr. Price's Liberal Studies Seminar, A Magical Mystery Tour With The Beatles, he will be showing a series of Beatles' movies in Olin Auditorium. They will start around 8:00 P.M. All students, faculty and staff are invited. Before each film, Dr. Price will give a brief lecture. The dates are:

Thursday January 26th Thursday February 9th

Thursday February 23rd Thursday March 16th

Thursday March 30th Wednesday April 12th (Olin 108) Imagine: John Lennon

BackBeat The Beatles' First U.S. Visit and A Hard Day's Night

Magical Mystery Tour and Yellow Submarine

Let It Be and The Rutles

NEXT WEEK: Announcement about Vietnam Films

Videotapes Make College Courses a Laugh

VIENNA, Va.—College students struggling with difficult introductory courses now can laugh their way through their classes using innovative videotape study aids created by Cerebellum Corp.

The one-of-a-kind college course video supplements review tough finance, accounting, and microeconomics concepts in easy-to-understand format. The coursework, sometimes bland and hard to grasp in quickly moving classroom lectures, is simplified and hilariously presented by professional comedians, knows as The Standard Deviants™.

"When I was in college, some classes were boring and too many study aids read just like text books," Chip Paucek, Cerebellum's cofounder explains. "We want students to enjoy their coursework as much as the rest of their college experiences."

"The Wild and Wacky World of Basic Finance," "The Stirring and Provocative World of Basic Accounting," and "The Illustrious Yet Elusive World of Microeconomics," at \$19.99 each, offer cheaper and, at the same time, more effective alternatives to other kinds of study aids, including personal tutors.

"These videos present material in a novel format, utilizing the amazing power of laughter, while truly maintaining the integrity and importance of the subject matter," Paucek says.

George Washington University finance professor Dr. Mark Eppli--one of many professors who helped write the scripts--agrees Cerebellum's videotapes can help all students more firmly grasp complex concepts.

"Students really learn something when they've done it, heard it, or looked at it twice," Eppli said. "The finance video hammers home the points that are really important."

Among the seven Cerebellum videotapes in production for 1995 are "The High Stakes World of Basic Statistics" and "The Sub-Atomic World of Basic Physics."

These videotapes, along with many other study aids and various books, are available at The Little Professor Book Center in the Trappe Shopping Center.



ROVING REPORTER

What was the most memorable part of your holiday break?

Nicole Hobbs, junior

When we gave my mom her Christmas gift.

Greg Urban, freshman

Going to the international terminal of the airport for the first time to pick someone up, and having to walk a mile after parking at the wrong terminal.

Chuck Blackledge, junior

When I impressed my girlfriend's family.

Raquel Szlanic, junior

I had some time to think about the future and decide what I needed to do this semester to facilitate my dreams. Also, I got to see Marc when I got back.

Jill Schnader. sophomore

Going skiing and figuring out how to get off the lift without killing myself.

Colleen Holland, junior

Seeing The Jungle Book with my four year old cousin.

TOP TEN REASONS TO WRITE FOR THE FEATURES SECTION

- 10. Mark & Marc, 'Nuff said
- 9. Get a sneak preview of Sgt. Grizz
- 8. Fonts, smiley faces and "wing-dings"
- 7. Get your name in the Staff box
- 6. Free pizza every Sunday night
- 5. Free soda to go with #6
- 4. Get to make fun of the Movie Maniac
- 3. The Roving Reporter question makes a great pick-up line.
- 2. The really cool Features Editors
- 1. Why not?

Green Tips

<u>FACT:</u> Most scientists agree that increased amounts of carbon dioxide will contribute to global warming.

TIP: Plant a tree. Each tree removes between 25 and 45 pounds of carbon dioxide each year.

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



1-16-95 at 2:15 P.M. Security was dispatched along with the Collegeville Fire and Police Departments to Ritter Gym. Unknown persons had pulled the fire alarm and fled. The matter is under investigation by the Collegeville Police Department.

1-16-95 at 6:20 P.M. Security received a report that sometime between 12-16-94 and 1-16-95, someone removed video equipment from Ritter Hall. The Collegeville Police were called and are investigating the theft.

1-17-95 at 2:00 A.M. Security received a report that a general fire alarm had been activated at a Main Street House. While at the house, Security discovered a keg, which was confiscated. A resident also became belligerent with a Collegeville Police Officer and charges may be filed.

1-19-95 at 10:30 P.M. Security and the Duty Dean responded to an illegal party at a Main Street House (over 30 people in attendance). The matter will be handled by the Residence Life Office.

1-19-95 at 12:10 A.M. Security receives a call about a fight at Reimert Hall. Security and the Collegeville Police determined that three non-registered visitors had started a fight and fled to another house. These persons were identified and charges will be filed for assault and battery. Collegeville Police are handling the investigation.

DIVERSITY WEEK JANUARY 29 FEBRUARY 4

SATURDAY, JAN. 28
-Schindler's List

SUNDAY, JAN. 29
-The Color Purple

MONDAY, JAN. 30:

-Self-Help Crafts of the World Handmade items whose profits go to Third World countries.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31:

-Workshop with Suzi Maresco 6:30 P.M.
Dealing with different issues on Ursinus' Campus

-8 P.M. The Joy Luck Club

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1:

-Workshop with Todd McKinney 6:30 P.M.
Working with and getting to know different types of people

THURSDAY, FEB. 2:
-Diversity Dinner 6:00 P.M.
Sign up in SAO

FRIDAY, FEB. 3:

-Annenberg Center's "Oleanna" 6:00 P.M.
David Mamet's production dealing with gender and sexual issues

SATURDAY, FEB. 4:
-Trip to South Street

Servant-Leadership **Program Comes to Ursinus**

BY MARC ELLMAN Co-Editor in Chief

Student leaders were taught that a good leader leads from a desire to serve. On Saturday, forty of the campus student leaders were introduced to the philosophy of servantleadership an, idea proposed by Robert K. Greenleaf.

According to Greenleaf, the primary aims of the program are for students to "gain a deeper understanding of servant-leadership" and to "continue or consider beginning a journey of connecting servantleadership ideas to [their] situa-

"I'm not here to teach you anything. I am here to facilitate and guide our learning," said Richard Smith, the program facilitator. Smith is a Program Director for the Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant-Leadership in Indianapolis.

The students were lead in exercises in both small and large groups where they had to reflect upon times when they served others and times when they were served by others. Each small group also had to decide upon the five main characteristics of a successful leader and present their ideas to the group.

Smith presented ideas on the importance of servant-leadership in institutions and the important steps in the life of Greenleaf that led him to design the program.

"If a good society is to be built, one that is more just and more caring, and where the less able and more able serve one another with unlimited liability, then the best way is to raise the performance as servant of institutions, and sanction natural servants to serve and lead," said Greenleaf.

WIN A FREE T-SHIRT!!

The Beardwood Chemical Society is sponsoring a t-shirt design contest. The purpose of the t-shirt is to promote chemistry and the Chemistry Department on the Ursinus campus. Students should submit their design on 8 1/2 x 11" paper and drop it off in the Chemistry Department office on the third floor of Pfahler. The deadline is February 14th. The artist of the winning design will receive a free t-shirt. All students are encouraged to participate.

St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia Scholarships

Features

Attention sophomores! Are you seriously thinking of spending your junior year abroad? If so, then why not consider Scotland? Jamie Burkhart is currently spending her junior year at the University of Edinburgh, having won a scholarship from the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia. Once again, this organization is awarding five \$10,000 scholarships to college sophomores in the greater Philadelphia area. This award will be adequate to cover tuition and most of the expenses incurred at the Universities of Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow or St. Andrew's.

The competition is open to all sophomores who are strong academically, and who are involved in extracurricular activities and organizations. Anyone who is interested in applying should see Dr. Price in the Chemistry Department, Pfahler 309, as soon as possible for more information. Applicants will be interviewed by a faculty committee and the winning candidate will then be interviewed in Philadelphia by the Scholarship Committee of the St. Andrew's Society, together with candidates from other colleges and universitites.

A chance to spend a year in Scotland is an oportunity not to be missed. These are very prestigious scholarships. You may be a potential winner!

Introducing.....

Classified Ads

Classifieds Policy

- Personal Ads are \$2.00 for the first 30 words; 10 cents each additional word. Ads must be prepaid in cash and may be placed in the ad box located outside The Grizzly office (Bomberger 3rd floor).
- All other ads are \$5.00 for the first 30 words; 20 cents each additional word.
- The deadline for all ads is Friday by noon.
- · The Editors reserve the right to refuse ads.
- For information call The Grizzly at (610)489-4111 x.2448.

HELP WANTED

Immediate. Opening: Receptionist needed for busy tax office. Job will include answering the phone and various light office duties. Morning, afternoon and early evening hours available. This temporary position will run through April 15th. Call Ann @ 610-539-1868

PERSONALS

Hey Nish - BZZZZZZZZ!!

Colin, How about those Dolphins?

Dan, Have I told you lately that I love you...

Ian-your friend and mine

Raq, you're the best Big/Little Sis in the whole wide world. Love, your Big/Little Bro.

Happy Birthday Rover! Love, Mom and Dad

Things may come to those who wait, but only those things left by those who hustle.

Jason, you'll always be my big studly man! Love, your hot sexy babe

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Love, your favorite Features goddesses

SOFKA!

Chuck- Free refills??

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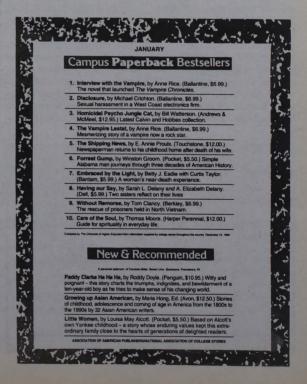
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Movie Mania

BY COLIN THEKER

Arts and Entertainment Editor

Hello and welcome back! Here are the best and worst movies I saw over break

Disclosure- This movie is based on the excellent book by Jurassic Park author Michael Chricton, who also created the unbelievably good television show ER

Tom Sanders (Michael Douglas) works for a big computer company and is expecting a promotion. However, one of his old girlfriends, Meredith Johnson (Demi Moore), receives the position. The next day, when Tom goes to Meredith's office for an "informal business meeting." Tom is sexually harassed by Meredith. As a result, a debate begins regarding power, about whether or not there is a setup to

have Tom fired, and about who harassed whom. Tom is "taken out of the loop" at the office, and is all but fired, so this problem must be settled.

Despite mixed critical reviews, I was very pleased with the movie. It definitely does justice to the book, which was supposedly based on a true story. The acting was great, but I wouldn't expect anything less from Michael Douglas and Demi Moore, who are both high caliber actors. Barry Levinson also does a good job directing, making the most out of the well-designed sets and locations. It seems that he is still able to make a good movie, despite his last two movies Toys, and Jimmy Hollywood, which were both turkeys. This is a great movie to see with a date, because you can engage in quite a debate over the subject matter in the movie.

I would definitely recommend it to any of you who have not seen the movie. Rating-9 (Excellent)

Dumb and Dumber-This movie was the low point of the Christmas season's films, I still haven't figured out how the movie grossed \$80 million so far, and is expected to make \$100 million. I really enjoyed Jim Carrey's two other movies Ace Ventura: Pet Detective and The Mask, but this movie will not allow Carrey to score a hat trick.

In the very weak plot, chauffeur Lloyd Christmas (Carrey) falls in love with Mary Swanson (the lovely Lauren Holly of Picket Fences), whom he is taking to the airport. She drops a ransom payment for kidnappers, but Lloyd thinks that she simply left her briefcase behind and retrieves it. He and his equally

witless cohort Harry Dunn (Jeff Daniels) followher to Aspen (which Harry thinks is in California, while Lloyd is convinced that it is in France) so Lloyd can personally return the briefcase to the love of his life. The result is a crosscountry romp

I thought Ace Ventura was funny and stupid at the same time, but this movie crossed the line too often into "just plain stupid" territory. Although some jokes, like the hot sauce scene, were funny, most of the jokes were stupid and disgusting, often resorting to "toilet humor."They even stole jokes from other movies, such as a Kung Fu parody from Wayne's World 2 and the tongue-stuck-to-a-cold metal pole joke from A Christmas Story.

The faults in this movie do not lie with Carrey, who does his usual facial contortions and funny noises, but with the weak plot and generally unfunny jokes. In brief, there many better things to spend \$6 on than this movie. Rating- 3 (Poor)

Movie quote of the week- For the first time in Movie Mania's short history, I will award the quote to two people. The last quote from December, "With the shape I'm in. you can donate my body to science fiction!" was from Back to School. Nisha Buch first said the quote was from a Rodney Dangerfield movie, which allowed Carolyn McNamara to succesfully identify the movie. I hope this dazzling display of teamwork will serve as an example to the rest of you future leaders at this distinguished institution, of higher learning. This week's quote is "Sam, you are a kind man. Someday people will write songs about

An afternoon with Picasso and Moore

BY AMY K. DAVENPORT Of The Grizzly

The Berman Museum of Art is currently displaying a selection of donated paintings, as well as works on paper and sculpture from the museum's permanent collection. The works are located in the upper gallery, and will be on display through Sunday, April 16.

The exhibit is entitled "The Collection Revealed: Recent Gifts" and contains a variety of artists and artistic periods. Some works include: La Poisie, a suite of eleven lithographs on Japanese nacre pa-

per by British artist Henry Moore, four pieces from French artist Pierre Joseph Redonte's grand paper edition of Les Liliacees, and Spanish artist Pablo Picasso's lithograph entitled Dove of Peace. These works were donated by Muriel and Philip Berman, Betty U. Musser, and Harvey S. Shipley Miller respectively.

Over 30 recent gifts are on display which is only a small part of the museum's permanent collection of approximately 3,000 works. This exhibit is in honor of the museum's fifth anniversary which was celebrated in October of 1994.

Thirdgill Kicks Off This Semester's Comedy

BY JASON KINDT Of The Grizzly

The Campus Activities Board's Spring programming got off to a strong start when Troy Thirdgill entertained a large crowd in Wismer Lower Lounge last Thursday night.

Thirdgill has appeared on "In Living Color," and "Martin," and is currently touring the country with his comedy routine. The overall impression was that Thirdgill is one on the funniest comedians on the college circuit today, although a few

people may have been surprised by some of his crude observations.

The crowd could easily relate to Thirdgill's humor due to his accurate depictions of men and women involved in relationships.

Thirdgill was the kickoff event to an exciting new semester of campus programming. This year CAB is only inviting one comedian to campus each month so that money is available to co-sponsor events with other organizations on campus throughout the year.

CAB also wants to diversify their programming by bringing entertainment to Ursinus that is relevant to the themes of Black History, Women's History, Diversity, and Campus Unity which will climax with a spring fling celebration on April 29th.

CAB is always open to hear new ideas and to support any campuswide entertainment. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the next CAB meeting on Tuesday

Culture Corner

Tues. Jan. 24- Sat. April 8- Stone Echoes- Original Prints by Francoise Gilot- Berman Museum Main Gallery

Wed. Jan. 25, 8 p.m.- Rick Margitza, jazz saxophonist- Bomberger Auditorium

Fri. Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.- An evening with Andrei Codrescu-Olin Auditorium

Wed. Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m.- Cherrie Moraga, Ethnic American Writer-Olin Auditorium

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A & E

Star Trek: Voyager Launches

BY COLIN TUCKER
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Last Monday, Star Trek: Voyager, the third television spinoff of the original Star Trek, premiered with a promising two hour show entitled "Caretaker".

The premise behind the show is that the starship *Voyager* is out hunting for a ship of members of the Maquis, a group of renegades that left the Federation because they opposed its actions. The *Voyager* and the Maquis ship both encounter an anomaly in space that sends them 75,000 light years away from Federation space. In order for them to get home, they would need to travel for 75 years at maximum warp speeds. As a result, the Federation and Maquis personnel decide to work together to find a way home.

I was very pleased with the acting and character depth of the new crew. Kate Mulgrew plays Captain Kathryn Janeway, the first female captain to take the spotlight in a Star Trek series. I do not think it really is that big a deal, but many critics are asking questions like, "How will a female captain react to this situation?" and "Can she handle a starship?" Frankly, I am really sick of hearing it. Mulgrew does an excellent job as Captain Janeway. She seems like a very competent and understanding leader, like any other captain in Starfleet, male or

Other crew members that seemed particularly interesting were Chakotay (Robert Beltran), the Native American first officer, B'Ellana Torres (Roxanne Biggs-Dawson), the half-human, halfKlingon chief engineer, who is ashamed of her Klingon half, and Doc Zimmerman (Robert Picardo), the emergency holographic medical program, which has been activated due to the death of the ship's doctor.

The ship itself is fascinating. It is much smaller than the Enterprise on Star Trek: The Next Generation, with a crew of 141. However, it has a more advanced warp drive that can hold high speeds for a long period of time, as well as many other neat little capabilities. For comparison's sake, if the Enterprise is a Lincoln Town Car, then the Voyager is a Ferrari 355.

The show was very enjoyable, and it shows a lot of potential, because of the likable characters and good acting. The chemistry between the crew members is much better than that of Star Trek: The Next Generation during its first couple of seasons, and of

Deep Space Nine, where Commander Sisko, the commanding officer of Deep Space Nine, seems to have about as much personality as some of the sculptures on our campus.

It was a good idea to go back to the traveling starship idea, because the idea of a space station sitting in one place just doesn't work. Deep Space Nine is essentially a bunch of people arguing in a building. Voyager also shows potential because the crew are in an unexplored area, and therefore, the slate is wiped clean. There will be no Romulans or Cardassians. As on the original Star Trek, everything they discover will be new.

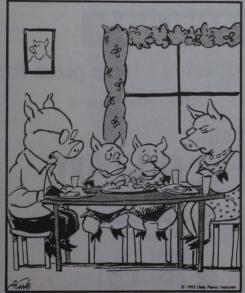
The only criticisms I have are that some aspects of the show seemed a bit contrived, like when the *Voyager* passed through the wave, the first officer and chief

engineer died, and the people on the Maquis ship just happened to be a first officer and chief engineer, who neatly replaced the dead officers. Also, the Kazon, the enemy race that they encountered, seemed as if they were just stuck there in order to be enemies, because we do not know where they came from, and how they ended up where they did

Overall though, I was very pleased with the new show, much more so than I was with the premiere of *Deep Space Nine*. The success of this show is almost inevitable, with the devotion of Trekkers. If they watch *DS9*, they will definitely watch this. As Robert Beltran, the actor who plays first officer Chakotay put it, "We're really going to really have to suck to fail." *Voyager* did not suck.



CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"Now Margaret, you know I didn't mean anything by it . . . after all, we ALL eat like pigs."

Off Beat

By Dominic Bui



"Grandma found something she didn't expect on her first visit to Metropolis."

Opinions

Support Your Coffee House

BY THOMAS EPLER

Opinions Editor

The Java Trench, Ursinus' student-established and run coffee house, is open for its sixth consecutive semester of business. Spurred by the success of groups that enjoy meeting there, the officers and staff have been working feverishly to achieve its recent reopening.

Interestingly, the operation has shifted gears considerably since its conception in 1992. Originally intended only to serve coffee and discussion as an alternative to the "Reimert scene," the coffee house has in fact become a central concern to several dozen student leaders and their campus social life.

Eighteen residents manage the house and answer directly to the program's charter. Interviews screen applicants and attempt to determine the student's commitment to the liberal arts on campus. However, participation is not lim-

ited to English and other liberal arts majors. In fact, students from nearly every discipline, including the life sciences and psychology, manage the program. Chris Wirtalla, a senior Economics and Business Administration major who serves as the Trench's treasurer, finds the coffee house and its "upstairs" to be an invaluable asset to the quality of his and others' college experiences.

The going is not always easy. Java Trench employees, under the work-study program, have traditionally received seventy percent of their pay from subsidized federal grants. Because Ursinus' funds have been exhausted, the leaders and residents of the Trench's home, Zwingli Hall, have undertaken to run the operation voluntarily. This measure has re-ignited the spirit of volunteerism and community that characterizes the original mission of "cooperatively pursuing the liberal arts tradition on campus."

Java Trench afficiandos have spread out across the land, and continue to correspond with current ones via e-mail and the telephone. Alumni accomplishments include admission to the Harvard School of Law, the pressing of an acclaimed CD, and competitive positions in service, industry, and education. Interesting people continue to frequent the Biology Club and Literary Society meetings, as well as the Womens' Discussion Group and the Sunday Night Musicians Series.

Prices for a cup of coffee and a danish are extremely reasonable, and the support that the campus provides for this vital contribution to the campus culture allows it to flourish. I endorse a visit by appone who has not yet made the pilgrimage; truly, the time and energy expended to make the trip will be more than compensated for by intellectual food for a hungry mind.

Not-So-Super Super Bowl

BY AMY K. DAVENPORT Of The Grizzly

In less than one week football fans across the nation will gear up for Super Bowl XXIX. Friends and family will gather around the television ready to cheer, boo, or even hiss depending on the performance of their favorite team. In all of my years in a pro-football family I have never been able to fully delight in the fun of a Super Bowl Sunday party. The reason is pretty simple. For as long as I can remember, Super Bowl weekend has coincided with my birthday.

In past years I coped rather well with the coinciding events. As a kid my birthday party was always held the weekend before the BIG GAME. This safeguarded me from the possible childhood disaster of having only two kids at my party when I had invited 20.

The last straw, so-to-speak, happened in 1991. On Sunday, January 27th, 1991, my sixteenth birthday went from sweet to sour. The most vivid memory I have of my "sweet" sixteenth is that of my father racing around that morning preparing for Super Bowl XXV—the Washington Redskins versus the Buffalo Bills. The morning passed with not even so much as a "Happy Birthday." When I pointed this oversight out to my Dad he responded by saying, "Oh yeah, Happy Birthday Aim. Gooo Redskins—TOUCHDOWN." At this point, I retreated upstairs to watch "Sixteen Candles" and sulk.

In the years since, I haven't had to share the day of my birthday with the Super Bowl (only the weekend of my birthday). Nevertheless, if the NFL still insists on holding the Super Bowl on the last weekend of January, I can anticipate my 27th birthday being overshadowed by Super Bowl XXXVI in the year 2002. Oh well, one thing is for sure -- next time I'll be prepared. How does a neighborhood power outage sound?

Alumnus Expresses Concern Over Oversight

Editor's Note: The following letter was addressed to Athletic Director Davidson, and additionally forwarded to Brian Thomas, the Office of the President, and The Grizzly.

Dear Dr. Davidson:

As I entered Helfferich Hall yesterday afternoon, I saw that the new gymnasium floor had been installed. I walked in through the gym doors that I walked through so many times as an Ursinus student. As I looked around the gym I became quite despondent. I noticed that after six years the cross-country championship banner had not been updated to include the 1988 team.

Is there a particular reason for this? Why have other banners been updated to include championship teams of the 1990s? Doesn't the college recognize this championship?

As I talk to other alumni, I fondly remember my days at Ursinus as an athlete. I often brag to other students that I was part of the 1988 MAC Championship Team. I also look forward to the day when I can bring my children to the campus to show them the trophies and the banner that proclaims our successful 1988 campaign. However, at this point that day will never come without the updating of the banner.

Please contact me regarding this matter. As an athlete, Ursinus College was a great four-year experience for me. I only hope that I can remember it that way.

Yours Truly,

Neil A. Schafer, '91

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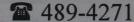
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Men's B-Ball Snaps Two-Game Skid

Ursinus (1-4, 5-10) snapped a two-game losing skid and won its first Centennial Conference game of the season, 66-57, at Dickinson (5-11, 1-5) on Jan. 21. Bernie Rogers led the Bears with 17 points.

Rogers made the difference down the stretch. He scored nine of his points in the finals 4:20.

Dickinson cut the Bears' lead to six, 58-51, with 1:48 to play, but Rogers hit five of six free throws

in the final moments to preserve the win. Ursinus had led 33-32 at the intermission.

Jay Moran added 14 points and six rebounds for the Bears, while Craig Andrews contributed 10 points.

Nate Brought led the Red Devils with a game-best 16 points and nine rebounds

The win was the third in five games for Ursinus. Rogers, Moran and Andrews have been the key performers in the recent upswing. Moran has averaged 17.2 points and 7.2 rebounds per game over the last five outings. Rogers has increased his scoring to 14.2 points per game during the period, while dishing out 4.8 assists per game. Andrews has scored 10.2 points per game over that stretch

The Bears are idle until Thursday when they hosts CC Eastern Division foe Swarthmore at 7:30 p.m.

Bears Ready For Conference Showdown With Muhlenberg

The wrestling team is set for its Centennial Conference showdown with Muhlenberg, Wednesday evening at 7:00 in Helfferich Hall. The Bears (7-3) defeated Gettysburg, 19-15, in conference action on Jan. 21. Defending conference champion and NCAA Division III qualifier Mike Ortman, a 158-pounder, was one of six Bears to win bouts in the match. Ortman decisioned Jake Dell, 4-1. Ortman is now 10-1 on the season. His only loss was a controversial 2-1 decision to Rick Koss of Rutgers-

The wrestling team is set for its camden. Koss was awarded a stallentennial Conference showdown ith Muhlenberg. Wednesday match on Jan. 14.

Other winners for Ursinus against Gettysburg were Gino Cerulli, who posted a 13-5 major decision over James Binnall; Darren Torsone was a 7-5 winner over Dave Nichols at 126 pounds; Casey O'Donnell, a 150-pounder, decisioned Troy Dell 3-2; Mark Parks returned to action at 167 and edged Chris Clifford 8-7; and Wayne Dudley was an 11-5 winner over Karl Nitsche at 177 pounds.

Gymnasts Off to a "Raging" Start

BY KIM MILLER Of The Grizzly

With 3 meets already under their belt, the women's gymnastic team is well on the road to success. Boasting a 3-2 record and exciting matchups, the season is certainly looking up for these 21 talented women who have set their sights on the Division III National Championships in March.

After coming back early over Christmas break, the team headed to the Naval Academy for their first meet of the season. Competing in front of midshipmen in uniform must have had a positive effect on the girls, as they won by a landslide, defeating Navy 161.4 to 147.3. A good meet was had by Kristen Cornell, Carrie Luka, Monica Jushchyshyn and Jen Courtney, scoring high in each of their events.

Their next competition came Thursday night at U. of Penn, where the girls competed against Penn and West Chester. The Lady Bears suffered a disappointing loss by 1.5 points, but were also missing key competitors due to injuries. Strong performances were had by Rachelle Pecovsky, "attacking" the beam, Jen Courtney slinking her way through floor, Kim Miller, who had a personal high on beam, and Kristen Cornell with a great allaround meet.

Ursinus gymnastics is HOME this Wednesday night, Jan. 25, v. West Chester, U. of Penn, and Temple, at 6:30 in Hellferich. Come out and watch some exciting competition as the Lady Bears seek their 4th win of the season.







Super Bowl XXIX

San Francisco 49ers vs. San Diego Chargers

When: Sunday, January 29, 1995 -- 6:00 p.m.
Where: Joe Robbie Stadium -- Miami, Florida
TV Coverage: WPVI-TV, Channel 6
Vegas Line - San Francisco by 19 1/2

Grizzly Staff Predictions

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Bears Win Triangular Meet

Host Freedom Classic Wednesday

The gymnastics team got strong nerformances from Kristen Cornell. Jen Courtney and Carrie Luka and defeated Rhode Island (159.35-158.35) and Navy (159.35-141.6) on Jan. 21.

Cornell was second in the allaround with a 32.7. Courtney tied for third with a 32.55.

highlighted by a 9.15 on the floor

exercise. Luka also turned in a 9.15 the all-around with a 34.50. Her on floor. The All-

American also had an 8.05 on beam, while Courtney scored a team-high

Courtney Gilbert turned in an 8.8 for the Bears on the floor exercise, while Megan Brown had a 28.7 in the all-around

Rhode Island's Jenna Daum won

9.2 on the floor exercise was the meet's top individual score.

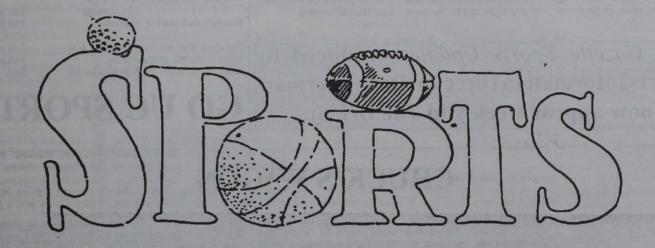
The Bears will host the Freedom Classic Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Penn, Temple and West Chester will come to Helfferich Hall to decide the best of Philadel-

Aqua Bears Swept By Gettysburg

Host Gettysburg swept Ursinus in a Centennial Conference swim meet on Jan. 21. The Bullets took the women's meet 144-60. Bridget Cauley was the lone gold medalist for the women with a 2:16.31 in the 200 butterfly. Cauley easily outdistanced the field by more than five

Gettysburg was a 162-31 winner in the men's meet. The Bears' top performance was turned in by Mike Alvino. He placed second in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:19.41.

The Bears host Swarthmore Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



A PHILLY FAN

BY JOEL SCHOFER Assistant Sports Editor

Well, here we are with another edition of "A Philly Fan" and you know what that means. It means that this disheartened philly fan actually has to write about Philadelphia's teams.

Why am I so "disheartened"? Step back and take a good, hard look at the state of the three teams I focus on, exempting the fourth because, as you loyal readers know, hockey doesn't deserve the attention it just got.

We've got one team that is limping its way through a season, one that is on strike and may not even play a season, and one whose management is in disarray.

Every time I pick up the sports section of my favorite local paper all I read about is by how much the basketball team lost the night before, how badly the Eagles need a coach and, even more importantly, a general manager, and what kind of tricks the lawyers involved in the baseball negotiations are pulling! This is truly a dark age in Philadelphia sports, hence comments need

Yes, the Sixers are still dragging themselves out onto the court to play basketball, minus a few of their more important players.

Jeff Malone, their starting shooting guard and most consistent scorer, hasn't played for 20 games or so; and Willie Burton, a potent scorer from the small forward position, is still only playing with one and a half

What good has come of this? Well, two things have arisen. First, coach and general manager John Lucas has realized that his team is going nowhere fast and consequently is giving the younger players more playing time. B.J. Tyler, Derrick Alston, and Greg Graham are getting to show exactly what they can do so that, next year, we won't be able to say

that we don't know what the younger players can do.

Second, can you say "lottery pick?" Yes, this miraculous stretch of bad play has allowed the Sixers to once again put themselves in the running for a lottery pick. Speaking of lottery picks...

Did you know that last week Shawn Bradley played the 82nd game of his NBA career. In other words, he now has an entire NBA season under his belt. What were his stats for this first season? He averaged 9.5 points, 6.7 rebounds, and 27.7 minutes per game. I'll give it a C-, but the boy is still a stick and my patience is wearing

The Phillies made a miraculous signing over our glorious winter break. Gregg Jefferies! Oh! Just what we needed! Another player who can hit but has no position and couldn't play defense if his life depended on it!

I give Lee Thomas credit for

going out and signing a big name free agent, but where is he going to play? He can't play first base because Dave Hollins is already penciled in there. "Hey, why not put him in left field?" they say. Great! Now our outfield will catch half of the balls they should instead of the usual two-thirds!

Ahhhhh, who knows? None of this might make a difference anyway! We could be watching a team of scabs anyway, but I know I won't be watching. I've seen enough of people like Glenn Wilson and Luis Aquayo to last a lifetime.

And now for the Eagles, who are now without both a head coach and general manager.

Right now, I don't care about the head coaching position nearly as much as I care about filling the general manager position. The draft is quickly approaching and I'll be damned if owner Jeffrey Lurie is picking players for my favorite

The best part is that there seems to be a dearth of candidates for the job. I've heard John Wooten's and Tom Flores' names mentioned, but I've got to admit that neither of these guys really excites me.

As for the whole Vermeil fiasco, I can't really comment. I don't know enough about the guy to judge him. Besides, I still can't get straight who demanded what from whom and I'd rather put it behind me.

Unfortunately, it seems like that's what all three teams would like to do with their recent past, put it behind them and look toward brighter days. Because the Sixers still have more than half a season to play, the baseball strike isn't nearly over, and the Eagles still don't have any solid candidates for either of the two jobs, I see nothing but clouds ahead.

Lady Bears Are Ranked For The **First Time**

The women's basketball team, through Jan. 15, with an average of off to its best start since fivewoman basketball was instituted in 1969-70, has been ranked for the first time in the history of the program. The Bears, 10-2 overall and 6-0 in the Centennial Conference, were ranked fourth in the NCAA Division III Mid-Atlantic Region through games of Jan. 15.

A large reason for the Bears' success has been the play of Ellen Cosgrove. Cosgrove was the second leading scorer in the nation,

25.8 points per game. Her average now stands at 25.2 points per game.

Cosgrove scored a game-high 24 points and grabbed nine rebounds as Ursinus defeated Dickinson, 67-63, on Jan. 21 in a rematch of last year's Centennial Conference championship game. The win was the Bears' 10th straight over a Division III opponent, and was their 33rd in their last 37 home games.

Cosgrove, however, has not been the only bright spot for the Bears. Kristen Baldini was named to the Centennial Conference and ECAC Division III South Honor Rolls for her career-high 18-point performance at F&M on Jan. 14. Ursinus won the contest 77-65. Baldini is averaging 10.3 points per game, while Laura Coulter is scoring at a 10.0 points per game clip.

The women host Swarthmore Tuesday night at 7:30, and Muhlenberg Saturday afternoon at 2:00. They travel to Western Maryland Thursday evening.

The Gazette Sports Update, produced by Sports Information Director Dave Sherman. will now appear weekly in The Grizzly.

This Week in UC **Sports**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 Women's Basketball vs. Swarthmore 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 Men's Basketball vs. Swarthmore 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Wrestling vs. Muhlenburg

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 Women's Basketball @ Western Maryland 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 Gymnastics @ Cortland State 1:00 p.m. Wrestling vs. Susquehanna & Leb Val

1:00 p.m. @Lycoming Women's Basketball vs. Muhlenburg 2:00 p.m.

Men's and Women's Swimming vs. F & M 2:00 p.m. Men's Basketball @ Muhlenburg 4:00 p.m. Men's and Women's Track @ Widener Inv.

GO UC SPORTS!

CHUCK'S WAGON

BY CHARLIE WEINGROFF Sports Editor

Well, well. Let me return to these gracious pages of The Grizzly with a little story. Sometime over break, John Noone and I were being trainers at a basketball practice. I don't remember the date, but it surely was not one of the 5 off-days during the entire break. So during this practice, I turned to John, and I said, "Noone, in my first Wagon when we get back, I'm going to categorically prove to every reader with factual evidence that Dan Marino is the best there is, the best there was, and the best there ever will be."

Of course, I was going to bury Joe Montana. But with the turn of events in the playoffs, that basically amounted to an old-fashioned highway robbery rip-off; I'm not going to do that. My apologies to John Noone, but all anyone needs to know is that Marino is better. Rings mean great team; numbers mean great player.

So instead of that, I have something else cooked up for the NFL. Now I've never played organized football in my life, but I do know this: the players are supposed to decide the outcome of the game, not the referees. And you all better believe I'm complaining about the Dolphins. True, Pete Stoyanovich is

Ray Finkel, Stoyanovich-Finkel, Finkel-Stoyanovich. He missed a chip shot for him. And yeah, the Dolphins went 3-and-out with 4 minutes to go and couldn't stop the Chargers. But the last time I checked, when a player's knee or knees go down, the ball is spotted where the player is holding the ball. But ripoff point 1 is that Bernie Parmalee, who was called for a safety early in the third quarter against the Chargers, had the ball up around his neck, which was beyond the goal line, when his knees went down in the end zone. If I'm wrong about that ruling, I'm sure I'll hear about it, but I don't think I am.

Ripoff point 2: Natrone Means' size 22EEE right shoe was about, hmm..., 8 feet out of bounds when he scored his first touchdown. Ripoff point 3: When the Dolphins got the ball back with 30 some seconds, Irving Fryar cleanly caught a pass, but it was called incomplete. You can say the Means' TD was balanced out but an equally horrendous call on a Shawn Jefferson TD pass. But the Chargers should never have had the safety or the Means run. You get it?

Bad, no wait, atrocious calls change the game far too radically. There is absolutely no reason that instant replay should not be used in football. Those 4 plays I just mentioned all had major time and score implications in the Chargers-Dolphins game. And each play was so clearly wrong, a group of blind men could have gotten it right. But hey, the Chargers are a good team. They went into Pittsburgh and won, and they're going to the Super Bowl. It's pretty tough, even for the Dolphins, to beat the Chargers...and the

Gino ripoff point: Take nothing away from Deion Sanders, who is the best player in the NFL, but he had at least 2 flagrant pass interference calls on Michael Irvin go uncalled. And what a surprise, the way the game panned out, those calls changed the game radically. Yeah, Moran, Gino, DanTom, your Cowboys got ripped off too. They probably would have lost anyway, as will the Chargers, with or without the refs. Niners 450 - Chargers 2 (two

To Eagles Owner Jeff Lurie: Since you seem to know everything, then why don't you coach?

Let me say this about the turn of events in major league baseball. Shfdjasrhuewrydfifjeeg. Thatishow you spell the sound of puke. This whole salary cap and replacement players manure is just that, manure right out of the backside of a Budweiser Clydesdale. Hell, with 800 numbers and open tryouts, I just may try out. I can see it now. You go into Tom's Bar and you see a couple of fat messes [Chip Vagnoni has the complete definition of a mess]. These messes can't even fit into Rawlings uniforms, much less play ball. But it's these guys who are going to be playing. As I write, I'm watching CNN Sports Saturday, and they're showing a group of boardcertified clowns trying out for the Blue Jays, who can't even play pepper. They've got a 600-pounder out there, a guy with no legs, Phil Niekro, a bearded lady, and a dancing bear. One guy is in center field; I mean ONE guy in ALL of center field. I've got three words for this: Hor-Ren-Dous. Major League Baseball with replacement players is going to 3-ring Gdhfuewhrweewdsd. More puke.

To the Phillies' Gregg Jefferies: You can't play 3rd, short, or 2nd. You're not very good at 1st. No one thinks you can play left. Why don't you coach the Eagles?

Hockey started last Friday night. I liked getting to see the Rangers raise the flags, but I'm just not excited. The players got absolutely crushed with their labor deal. The owners took everything including the kitchen sink and the right to each player's first born. A shortened schedule will be better, but that also means that the best teams won't necessarily make the playoffs. That's simply not what I need to see.

I'm running a little short on space here, so I'll just play some word association with the NBA. Afterall nothing really spectacular has happened. Magic - World Champions Shaquille O'Neal - Unstoppable Knicks - Toast. Shawn Bradley Give the money back. Chris Webbe - Sudden Impact. Timberwolves -Please stop. Dennis Rodman - Rainbow Bright. Scottie Pippen - Wipe those tears away. Jerry Krause Slim Fast, Very Fast.

A few hours after last semester's last Wagon came out, I got a phone call. And on the other line was none other than Mr. Frankie Pettolina. Mr. Pettolina swiftly notified me that Pedro Morales, Bret "The Hitman" Hart, and most recently Diesel are the only three men to ever hold all three championship belts. In the tradition of the Royal Rumble, which was completed just last Sunday, comes this week's World Wrestling Federation Trivia Question of the Week: What wrestler bowed out of a Royal Rumble because he allegedly ate too much the night before? That's all for this week, and because nothing has changed, the pleasure was all yours.





