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# The Grizzly

*Presidency—  
A place where priorities are set  
and goals determined.*  
- Richard Milhous Nixon

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## The Inauguration of President John Strassburger

**by Joanna Doyle**  
Of The Grizzly

The Inauguration of President John Strassburger was more than a celebration of the 11th president of Ursinus College. It was a celebration of the pride and spirit of the entire Ursinus community.

Ursinus faculty, students, and alumni joined representatives from more than 50 different colleges and academic organizations for the ceremony, which took place on Friday, Nov. 6, in Helfferich Hall.

The afternoon began with a lively pre-ceremony concert by the Ursinus College Jazz Ensemble. The traditional sounds of bagpipes announced the beginning of the ceremony as faculty, alumni and honored guests processed through the gym.

School Chaplain, Rev. Dr. M. Scott Landis greeted the audience and invoked a prayer for the success of the new president and the future of the college. Dr. William Heefner, president of the board of directors then offered welcoming remarks. He spoke of the Founder's Day tradition and the importance of the inauguration as a new chapter in Ursinus' history.

Dr. Carol K. Haas, chair of the presidential search committee, officially presented John Strassburger as the new president. Dr. Haas talked about the president's devotion to scholarly learning. She said while Strassburger is not an alumnus, he

has quickly become part of the Ursinus community and will be an asset to the college by bringing an outside point of view and a fresh

Tilghman, for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Each speaker offered his or her personal congratulations and best wishes, but Tilghman

servng the American tradition of liberal education. He said, "Colleges *must* be a proving ground for differing ideas, even if they are un-

ovation from the audience. In his inaugural address, President Strassburger discussed the goal of maintaining and improving the proud history of liberal education and successful alumni at Ursinus College. Strassburger stressed service, technology, and expanded academic opportunities as vital elements of what he called "the world of learning." He emphasized the importance of creating a campus that is "a community of scholars" through honor codes, academic integrity, and mutual respect. Most importantly, Strassburger said we must be sure "that by our very existence, we are making humanity better." The president's remarks drew the second standing ovation of the afternoon.

Finally, representatives for the students, administration, staff, the United Church of Christ, the Board of Directors, Alumni, and the liberal education community responded to Strassburger's address. Each speaker welcomed Strassburger to the college and the community and offered his or her thoughts for Ursinus' future under the new president.

The Jazz Ensemble, College Choir, and Meistersingers led the singing of the Ursinus Alma Mater while President Strassburger and guests processed out of Helfferich Hall. The inaugural ceremony ended as Ursinus College proudly turned another page in its history.



President John Strassburger

Keynote Speaker Richard Ekman

perspective on liberal education.

To conclude opening remarks, a series of speakers greeted the new president, and each presented a different perspective on how Strassburger's Inauguration will impact the future of Ursinus College. Dr. William Akin spoke on behalf of the faculty; Dr. Gerald Patton, for the Middle States Association; Dr. Carole Spahr, for the community; and Hon. Richard A.

echoed all their sentiments when he said, "I know [President Strassburger] will be a great credit to this college."

After receiving the honorary degree of Doctor in Humane Letters from President Strassburger, Dr. Richard Ekman, secretary of the Andrew M. Mellon Foundation gave the keynote address. His speech emphasized the importance of pre-

popular," and stressed classical learning as an integral part of the college curriculum. While he talked about colleges and universities as "fragile institutions," he said, "Ursinus College will surely prosper under the leadership of John Strassburger."

Dr. John Strassburger was officially sworn in as the 11th president of Ursinus College to a standing

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congratulates  
President  
Strassburger!*

**Tuesday, November 7**



# Colloquium Report

by Kristen Schumann  
Of The Grizzly

On Friday, Nov. 3, Inauguration Day events were kicked off with a display of student knowledge and achievement. At the Undergraduate Research Colloquium, the students of Ursinus College educated peers, faculty, parents, and visitors in a variety of fields. In all, 73 students participated, presenting information on topics ranging from studies abroad to prison literacy to salamanders and bacteria. Faculty served as mentors and moderators for the event, which proved to be a great success. Indeed, the colloquium was an invaluable learning experience for all involved and an excellent way to celebrate the accomplishments of the Ursinus students.

Planning for the colloquium began in June of this year and continued into October. A committee of eight faculty members, headed by biology professor, Dr. Peter F. Small, arranged the affair. Every division of the college was represented by professors such as Dr. Margot Kelley, Dr. Patricia Gross,

and Dr. Jeff Neslen. A notice was presented to the student body, and the committee received a wide response from those who participated in internships on and off campus.

Olin Hall was the center of activity from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. as students gave presentations in nearly every room on every floor. Dean Akin welcomed all, commending everyone on "achievements achieved outside the traditional classroom." A panel of three recent Ursinus graduates addressed the audience concerning their experiences in graduate school and what they had gained at Ursinus. The building was then opened to the students to take their places as instructors and performers

Sophomore Monica Jushchysyn remarked, "I think the Student Colloquium is very important, to see what others are doing and that there are opportunities for research. I think something like this should be done more often." It was a morning of learning and acclamation, proving that student achievement can provide knowledge not only to the student, but also to the rest of the community.

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# Dilemma after Dark

by Melissa Forbes  
Of The Grizzly

So, what's the problem now? Parking spaces seem to become a much sought after commodity after the sun goes down. This, of course, is due to the Ursinus evening student program. The only thing many Ursinus day students know about these evening students is that they occupy the parking lot. Hopefully, if we have a little knowledge about these night time students, then we won't think losing a parking space is such a bad thing after all.

Because of having a new president at Ursinus this year, many aspects of the Ursinus community have been looked at with a new perspective. The evening student program is no exception. There are about 1100 students who take part

in Ursinus' evening student program. Most of the students are community members from the Collegeville area who wish to attain a degree so that they can help themselves advance at their place of work. The Ursinus reputation for excellence draws these students here to receive the best education possible.

A series of meetings were held to discuss the ways the evening student program could best contribute to the "mission, image, and finances" of Ursinus College. Some Ursinus faculty members (those not involved in the teaching of the evening students) thought that the evening student program was not of equal quality to the day time program at Ursinus. These faculty members thought that the program would turn away prospective students, because it tarnished the image of the college and did not coincide with

the images of other small liberal arts colleges that did not have evening school programs.

Yet everyone involved in the evening student program feels that it is nothing but an asset to the Ursinus community. The program, in itself, is a way to involve all kinds of people in the Ursinus community. Anyone who is motivated enough to go back to school as an adult should be able to attend whatever college he or she wants. The evening program is still under discussion at the moment, but as Jan Lange, the director of continuing education, stated, "The goal of all Ursinus students is the same: to receive an excellent education." Maybe, with a little patience everyone will see the evening students as the asset they truly are to the Ursinus community.

# The Truth About the Honor Code

by Heidi McMichael  
Special to The Grizzly

As a member of the Academic Honor Code Committee, I would like to respond to Captain Jack's ignorant, poorly researched, and untrue article in the October 31 issue of *The Grizzly* regarding the possibility of an honor code here at Ursinus. Captain Jack inferred that students must turn in anyone they see cheating. This is not true. The honor code will not be designed to enforce this. The committee recognizes the fact that cheating occurs. Our goal is to reduce these occurrences and to encourage students and professors to respect each other by being truthful. Sounds like "Little Miss Morals?" Maybe, but it is also rational and mature. Surely we can all take responsibility for ourselves at this stage in the game.

Captain Jack also had the misguided idea that professors would not be allowed to proctor their exams. Absolutely untrue! Currently, some professors feel comfortable doing this and others do not. This is a personal preference of the professors and also may depend on the format of the test (essay vs. multiple choice). There will be no specification by the committee about this issue. We hope that by instituting the honor code, professors will be

more likely to feel able to leave the room during exams, but again it is up to the individual. So, where did Captain Jack get his information? Who knows, maybe he should have asked someone on the committee.

Captain Jack is right about one thing, almost. The honor code is being supported by President Strassburger. The president is not, however, imposing any kind of regulations or rules on the student body. His only request was that a committee be selected from the USGA to examine the possibility of an honor code here at UC. The resulting committee is made up of six students - males and females, Greeks and non-Greeks. Our purpose is to review the academic honor codes of similar colleges and universities in order to create one of our own. Once the committee has a draft of our honor code, it will be available to students, faculty, and administration. We expect and welcome challenges at that time.

What Captain Jack failed to uncover is that this isn't a case of the administration putting one over on the student body. There is a student committee that is coming up with a working paper (not a final, set-in-stone document). This student committee was elected by the USGA. Captain Jack must be aware that USGA officers are elected by the student body and that meetings are

open to the entire campus! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to make Ursinus a better place, but Captain Jack is resorting to childish comparisons and ridiculous rumors instead of confronting the real issue: What will the UC Academic Honor Code contain?

What the committee envisions is an Academic Honor Board made up of faculty and students (similar to the J-board) that will handle cases of academic infractions. There will be specific penalties for specific violations. For example, cheating on a test may result in the failure of that test. If it is a second offense, the Board may decide to give the student a tougher penalty, such as failing the course. Not all cases will be referred directly to the Academic Board. Students and professors will have the option of working out a suitable solution and simply asking the board for approval. This ensures that the students will be treated fairly by their professors. It also relieves the professor of the responsibility of penalizing a student if he or she feels uncomfortable with that role.

Please remember that the contents of the Honor Code are not by any means finalized! What is included here is simply intended to give the student body a sense of where the committee is right now.

## Canned Food Drive A Success

by Beatrice May

Opinions Editor

Members of the planning committee of the Ursinus Canned Food Drive would like to thank all the volunteers and Student Activities office staff that helped make the drive a great success.

As shoppers made their way into the Clemens and ACME supermarkets, volunteers distributed flyers and encouraged donations for the drive sponsored by Student Activities and the Ursinus Parent Committee.

Most shoppers donated one or

two cans to the cause, while others extended a bag load of goods. No matter how large a donation was given, volunteers for the drive welcomed each and every effort with open arms.

*We would like to extend kudos to all those who helped with the drive for the tremendous effort they put forth.*

The Salvation Army Center of Norristown, who is the recipient of the goods accumulated from this drive, will certainly welcome

Ursinus' donation, especially as we near the holiday season.

Each year this center helps provide food baskets for over 300 families in the Norristown area. A large donation such as this will assist them in their efforts.

Again we would like to extend kudos to all those who helped with the drive for the tremendous effort they put forth. We would also like to thank Clemens and ACME supermarkets, Collegeville Flag Company, and Hertz Penske Trucking Company for their gracious support of our project.

*Congratulations on a job well done!*

## Rabin Assassinated

by Colin Tucker

Layout/Design Coordinator

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated on Saturday by an Israeli law student Yigal Amir, plunging Israel and the rest of the world into mourning.

Former foreign minister Shimon Peres is now the acting caretaker of Israel.

On Sunday, Rabin's coffin, draped in the Israeli flag, was carried by generals from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, where it will lie in state before the Knesset.

The long line of mourners was led by his wife Lea, and his son Yuval.

Rabin was shot twice in the back and stomach on Saturday night by the Israeli student who supported Jewish settlement on Palestinian land, according to security sources.

Police said Yigal Amir admitted

to the shooting and told them he had planned twice before to kill Rabin and would also have killed Peres if he had had the chance.

"I acted alone on God's orders and I have no regrets," the radio quoted Amir as telling police.

Rabin was responsible for making many advances in the peace process between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

He was one of the architects of the 1993 Israeli-PLO peace accords, which signaled the end of a half-century of war between the two groups.

Rabin was reviled by many right-wing Israelis and settlers for agreeing to transfer authority to Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We accompany a great friend, a great leader, a great Jew, a great fighter, a man who brought peace to new heights," Peres told a ruling Labor party meeting.

## Canada Remains Unified

by Colin Tucker

Layout/Design Coordinator

Thanks to a razor-thin margin of victory for English-speaking Canadians, Canada is still a single nation.

In a vote of 50.6 percent for unity supporters to 49.4 percent for separatists, the French-speaking province of Quebec chose not to separate from the rest of Canada on Monday.

"I'm happy there are enough who want to stay in Canada," said 70-year old James Stanners, who burst into tears and started singing the national anthem in a Calgary, Alberta tavern after he heard the results announced on television.

Of Quebec's five million eligible voters, turnout for the referendum was a record 93 percent. Twenty-five percent of the Canadian population lives in Quebec.

Many Canadians agree that the extremely thin margin of victory for unity meant that the Canadian government must take measures to change the way the country is run, and must recognize Quebec as a distinct society.

"The closeness of the No vote tonight should serve as a wake-up call to all of us," said Preston Manning, leader of the right wing Reform Party.

As a result of the referendum's outcome, Quebec premier Jacques Parizeau announced his resignation on Tuesday. Parizeau said he decided long ago to step down if the separatists lost the referendum. After Monday's vote, Parizeau said it was time for a younger generation to carry on the fight.

Bitter after the defeat, Parizeau told supporters: "We are beaten, it is true. But by what? Money and the ethnic vote." Parizeau was referring to ethnic minorities in Quebec, who overwhelmingly voted for unity. Ethnic groups called Parizeau a racist, and even some of his own supporters criticized him for his remarks. Parizeau then said he regretted the choice of words.

Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien must now find ways to appease the people of Quebec—half of who voted to separate—by devising ways to give Quebec greater autonomy that would still be acceptable to the rest of the country.

"If they want Quebec to stay in the federation, they must deliver on constitutional changes giving Quebec more autonomy," said Alain Gagnon, a political scientist and director of Quebec studies at McGill University.

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## Enough is Enough

To the editors of *The Grizzly*,

Okay, I would just like to say three simple words, "Get off it!"

The debate that has raged on in *The Grizzly* over homosexuality would be better than this.

Is there no other news in this world? Even O.J. Simpson reports would be better than this.

Dr. Nagy and his supporters have their opinions. Everyone else has their own opinions.

My suggestion is wise up. You can't force your beliefs on other people. They will end up resenting you for it. Grow up!

Thank you,  
**Caroline Kurtz**  
Class of 1998

Friends:

Though I do not wish to engage in an extended acrimonious debate with Dr. Nagy, I would like to set the record straight on a few points:

1. I did not call Dr. Nagy a "narrow-minded bigot."

He rightly points out that since I have no "psychic insight" into the number of right ways to love he thinks there are, I can't conclude that he thinks there is only one--so I will not draw that conclusion.

I stand by the statement that it is bigotry to advocate discrimination against people on the basis of sexual orientation -- just as much as it is bigotry to advocate discrimination on the basis of race, sex, ethnicity, or religion. At this time, I have no reason to believe Dr. Nagy advocates that.

2. I said that the biggest thing that

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causes unhappiness in the lives of gay people is prejudice and discrimination directed at them by bigots. I did not say that this is the **only** thing that could create unhappiness for a gay person.

People have problems of a variety of sorts, regardless of sexual orientation.

3. Obviously in the United States, gay men are disproportionately afflicted with A.I.D.S., and that is a tragedy.

But why argue that they should change their basic sexual orientation, which essentially cannot be changed?

Argue instead against promiscuity and unsafe sexual practices. Note that in other parts of the world, A.I.D.S. is as prevalent in the heterosexual as the homosexual population.

Note, too, that in the U.S. the category of people least likely to be affected by A.I.D.S. is exclusively homosexual women.

If A.I.D.S.-avoidance is a reason to eschew a particular sexual "lifestyle," wouldn't all heterosexual women be better off becoming lesbians?

4. I did not say that "most adult homosexuals lack the ability to control their behavior."

We all have little control over the objects of our sexual desire. I suppose that all of us are capable of controlling sexual behavior and living a celibate "lifestyle." But why?

Physical intimacy and giving of mutual pleasure with someone you love is one of life's great joys. Why should it be available only to those deemed sexually correct?

5. I certainly do not agree that adul-

terers and pedophiles have no ability to control their behavior. And I consider those acts wrong for reasons other than the nature of the sexual desire involved.

But finally, what is the point of debating whether or not it would be a wise decision for a person to choose to be gay? That just is not how it works.

Gay people simply are, and have always been with us.

What I am arguing is that no one should be denied civil rights on the basis of sexual orientation. Nor should people be shamed and made to feel "wrong" because of it.

Sincerely,  
**Gina Oboler**  
Anthropology & Sociology

## Homosexuality, It Doesn't Have to Last Forever

by **Kimiko Trott**

Special To The Grizzly

Over the last five years I have developed close friendships with two women who have made the transition from a homosexual lifestyle to a heterosexual one. I want to share how this has affected my views, as this is a perspective I have not yet seen or heard on campus.

Both women were seriously involved with other women; they did not just have one homosexual experience, deny it and start living a heterosexual life. Each was a part of a deeply emotional and intimate relationship over a long period of time.

They each, however, came to a point of dissatisfaction with the way they were living and sought change. The process was not quick, easy, or painless, but eventually they overcame their desires for other women.

One reason this process was so difficult is the response of society to people who "come out."

I know it is true that many Christians, myself included, sugar-coat our own sins, while being repulsed by the sins of others.

Our society tolerates lying, stealing, pride, and sexual immorality (heterosexual of course) and condemns homosexuality.

People who have same-sex attractions are human just like anyone else, and we all have sins that are equally disgusting in God's eyes.

The Bible calls homosexuality "wicked", but God does not stop there.

In I Corinthians 6:9 it says, "Do you not know that the wicked will

not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God."

Is there any of us on this campus that have never fallen into any of these categories? We are all sinners.

Captain Jack was right; none of us is worthy to inherit the kingdom of God.

There is no class system for sinners; we are all equally low. Yet, there is forgiveness offered free to each of us, regardless of our sin. If we realize we are wrong, confess that, and ask God to forgive us through his son Jesus, then we are forgiven.

However, forgiveness does not erase temptations or struggles with sin. In fact, there is nothing we ourselves can do to escape temptation. It is only through the power of God that we can be freed from temptation.

God gives us the choice to respond. Will we resist or give in? For instance, when I am attracted to a man, I make a decision whether or not I am going to entertain lustful thoughts or engage in sexually immoral activity with him. We all make this decision, regardless of who we are attracted to.

While people with homosexual tendencies may have temptations that they have not chosen themselves, they do not have to be slaves to these temptations all their lives. Therapists who counsel homosexuals who want to change, have often found

that there are common factors in their backgrounds. An alarming number of homosexual women have been sexually abused; those who were not abused often have poor parental relationships. There is also a high percentage of gay men who have disconnected relationships with their fathers or male role models.

The process of overcoming same-sex temptations is not easy. People with these temptations need to face the childhood deficits in their lives.

It is helpful for any sinner to understand how or why certain sin patterns develop, so we can begin taking the necessary steps toward overcoming these patterns.

For someone with homosexual temptations, this means asking God for forgiveness, addressing what happened when you were a child, and developing healthy same-sex relationships.

There are counselors and organizations across the country whose objectives are to offer guidance and support to people who want out of the closet, and out of the lifestyle. The closest group, located in Philadelphia, is Harvest Ministries.

Homosexual behavior was making my friends miserable and they tried to stop by themselves, but it was a cycle they could not break alone. They called a counselling hotline and started going for counseling. The counselors helped them address their past and start a new. Asking God for forgiveness was an integral part of this process.

Counselors and support groups deserve a lot of credit, but without a relationship with Jesus Christ, complete, true healing cannot be found.

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## There Is More Than One Christian View

by Anne-Marie McMahon  
Of The Grizzly

The argument on homosexuality over the past several weeks has been heated, to say the least.

Is it right? Is it wrong? Who is close-minded?

Two writers last week bypassed all of this debate by giving a very simple answer: "Homosexuality is wrong because the Bible says so."

When I read the articles by Todd Brenneman and Jennifer Rupprecht, I was strangely reminded of being a child and asking my mother one too many questions, whereupon she would wield her maternal power and answer, "Why? Because I said so, that's why!" That answer was always extremely frustrating to me, and it continues to be so today.

I grew up Christian, and my Christianity was much like the way I played Monopoly - I made up a whole lot of rules and rejected the ones I didn't like. This made both of those experiences more fun and more rewarding for me.

There are a lot of other Christians who are much like this, picking and choosing according to their own discretion, filtering the Bible through 20th century eyes and realizing its shortcomings and the bias of its age, but also realizing its good points.

In my experience of Christianity, I only know a few people who believe that everything in the Bible is the Word of God and follow it as the letter of the law.

I know even fewer Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to Heaven -- and to be perfectly

honest, these people scare me. They scare me because I feel they have taken leave of their senses in a most complete and disturbing manner.

They seem to have left the determination of right and wrong up to the ancient authors of the Bible, abandoning their own rational thought processes along the way.

I know the argument against this already, that the true author is God, who knows everything, but I would just like to ask of those people who asserted they knew the "truth of the Christian view of homosexuality": what makes you think you have the "Christian" truth when you follow the Bible so literally?

*"What makes you think you have the 'Christian' truth when you follow the Bible so literally?"*

So many different Christian groups think their way is the only way of being Christian, that only they have this elusive thing called truth.

Many are unwilling to be sure of their salvation, because after all they are just humans and God will be the final judge of all.

Some of them separate themselves from the rest of society, feeling this is the way to maintain a pure faith.

Some of them believe in "faith and not works," some of them in "faith plus works."

Some believe in saints and some do not.

Some only use certain versions or

books of the Bible as their faith document, and many others, as mentioned before, take some of the Bible to heart and take the rest with a grain of salt.

Everyone knows about these variations. So why, then, are you trying to categorize the "Christian view" in only one way?

If you believe there is only one true Christian view, then a lot of Christians somewhere are wrong, and I am not convinced that it is not you!

Wouldn't it be terrible to live out your lives condemning people right and left for their sins, and then go to Heaven and find out, from the Almighty Herself, that you took a couple of things the wrong way in the Bible. She will claim that the Word got a little mixed up in transmission from God to man, and in translation from language to language, and in manipulation by human social norms. But you wonder how it could be corrected after two thousand years, while you go inside and say hello to all the people that you damned to Hell?

Basically, I have a problem when members of one Christian group say that they are the only true Christians because they follow God's Word the way He means it to be followed.

This does a great disservice to many other Christians who take a more open-minded and open-hearted view of their religion.

My Christian friends who believe that homosexuals and Hindus alike are loved and accepted by God are not any less Christian than the authors of last week's articles, and in my mind, they are truly following in Christ's footsteps.

## A Parent's View

I read *The Grizzly* from cover to cover (I do skip some sports, sometimes - sorry Charlie) and would like to say "Bravo" to the students of Ursinus and to Mark and Marc for providing the forum of self expression. The subject matter of that expression really doesn't matter. The passion, maturity, and articulate style which comes across from students who care about issues does matter. In a world that deals us a new absurdity every day, it is uplifting and heartening to witness the brave and caring students of Ursinus.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Lehrman

## A Big Thank You!

To My Ursinus Friends:

In the course of my six year membership in the Ursinus family, I've been privileged to know many folks. For that, I feel fortunate. Never have I felt a kinship with the campus body more keenly than during my recent illness. The flowers, get well wishes, and baskets of goodies returned me to my friends with warmth in my heart and a deep appreciation for the bond that cements our relationship -- caring one for the other.

To each of you who paused to sign a card, inquire about my health, or donate to a basket, THANK YOU (regrettably, two wholly inadequate words). The pneumonia crisis is past, but there is still a distance to travel toward total recovery. Your thoughtfulness has been my most stalwart ally and your kindness a mighty fortress in my battle -- and shall remain so during the "mopping-up" campaign ahead.

So, to those I see each day on my rounds and to those whose workplaces are off the beaten path, allow me to express my deepest expression of gratitude for your support.

May God bless you all.

Cyndi Zerr  
Security Officer



## The Cave

Well, well, well. It looks as though the faculty has some dissent in the ranks. Dr. Nagy and Dr. Oboler have each chosen their respective sides as have many other faculty members and students.

Do we side with closed-mindedness and the religious militia, or do we open our minds and find respect for those who are not mainstream?

It's very interesting how people at this school are divided on this issue. I think that the majority are for free speech, free thought, and the freedom to love who we choose, but in spite of that, there is still a strong

anti-homosexual sentiment from many people.

Whatever any of your personal feelings are, you are entitled to having them. That even goes for Dr. Nagy.

The problem with what Dr. Nagy has written is that there is such an air of self-righteousness and conceit to them that he has succeeded in offending too many people.

I don't recall hearing of any apologies from Dr. Oboler to Dr. Nagy, so where does he get off assuming that she was planning to give one?

By the way, Dr. Nagy, I accept your apology, in advance, for let-

ting your delusional, self-righteous attitude overwhelm you, and I furthermore accept, in advance, your apology for offending the readers of this paper and the members of the Ursinus Community. I respect that your department has a place here at this school, and I hope that your comments don't influence too many potential financial contributors to turn their donations elsewhere. For the sake of the students, anyway.

That all being said, I'd like to change the tide a little and welcome John Strassburger as the "official" President of Ursinus College. There

are many festivities planned to commemorate this occasion, which will have already taken place by the time you read this, and I wish President Strassburger good luck and good fortune here at Ursinus.

I'd also like to congratulate the Ursinus Pro-theatre members on a wonderful performance of *The Tempest*. All of the actors were very good at their respective roles, and the show was very well done. (personal note\* Way to go, Ariell!)

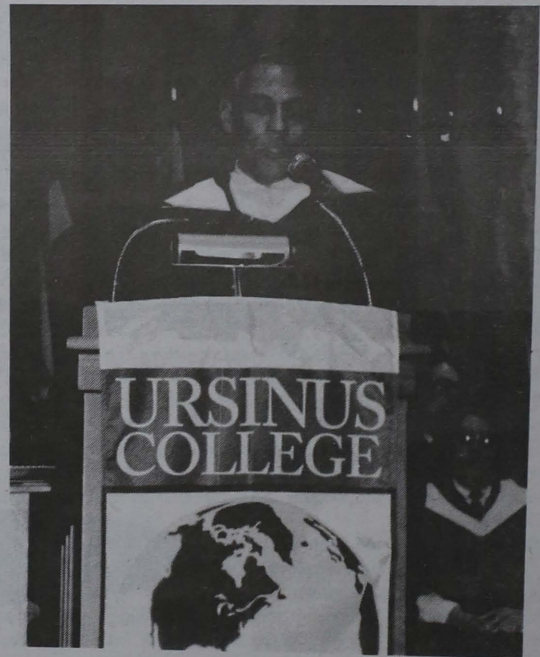
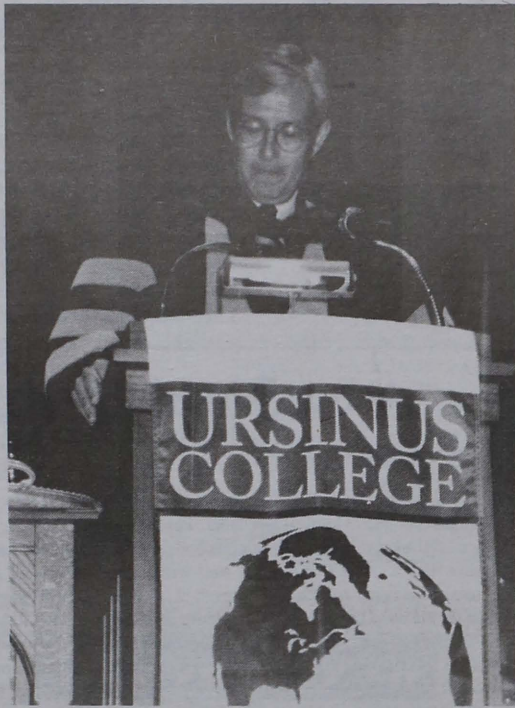
Personally, I'd like to see more artistic activities, such as this, around our campus. Issues such as the Pro-

theatre and the installation of our new President, as well as discussions of things like the honor code or pledging policies are all very beneficial to our campus, and to us as students. These ideas and activities help us learn how to grow closer as a community, and to foster friendships and positive environments.

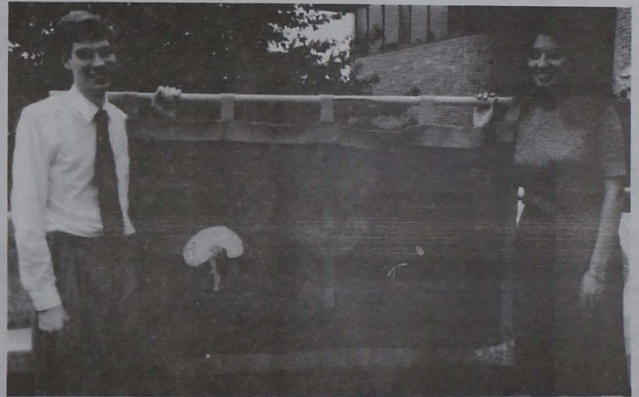
We have to excuse detriments, such as Dr. Nagy's antagonist articles, as minor attempts to set back the sense of community that should exist here on our campus.

-Captain Jack

# INAUGURATION DAY







*Photos by Jennifer Courtney, Kristen Schumann, and Vicky Wilkins*

## U.S.G.A. Minutes

Tuesday, October 31, 1995

Raquel called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm

- I. Escape Velocity Dance Club
  - USGA voted on Dana's constitution
  - the constitution was passed
- II. 24 hour building
  - people who are interested, 4 teachers and 5 students needed
  - will examine Library and Olin for possible 24 hour building
- III. House Planning Committee
  - look at Residential Village and come up with "dreams" of what housing could be like in the future
- IV. Ruby Report
  - had 2 meetings so far
  - the President will find a way to pay \$13000 debt
  - will go to AFAC for \$5000
- V. Common Hour
  - Wednesdays 12:00 - 1:30, NO CLASSES are scheduled for this time
- VI. Security
  - Security survey will be given out with the Quality of Life Survey, please get theseback!
  - Sgt. Grizz will be back with all student incidents listed
- VII. Honor Code
  - group of 6 students are working on it
  - have been looking at other schools' honor codes
  - trying to get set penalties so everyone is treated fairly
- VIII. Parking Committee
  - 3 students needed to examine parking conditions on campus
- IX. J-board Revamping Committee
  - 5 students, Mike Woodruff

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine A. Sofka  
USGA Secretary

## ROVING REPORTER

Is Ursinus a good representation of the real world?

**Lea Herdman, junior**

I think it's so small and secluded, you don't know what's going on outside of here unless you look for it. It's just an extension of high school.

**Sormeh Ghaffari, senior**

I think UC us far from being the real world, since everyone is in his/her own little world and is concerned about trivial aspects of campus life.

**Sonnja Espinal, senior**

We at Ursinus are living in a world of procrastination, getting drunk and Greek Life, and this is definitely not what the real world is about.

**Karen Rodemich, sophomore**

No, because the atmosphere is contained. We are pampered here in our own little community.

**Lauren Newkirk, sophomore**

I can't name one college that truly represents the real world. Even the large universities are only microcosms and Ursinus is even less because of the diversity.

## Making Ursinus Whole

by Christy Kenny

Of The Grizzly

Bringing together the parts of a whole... sounds like an abstract job description, but that is exactly what Rick DiFeliciano plans to do as Ursinus works to reach a 'unification' of all aspects of the Ursinus student experience.

Effective July 1, 1996, DiFeliciano will become Vice President for Enrollment Services of Ursinus College. Within this new position, he hopes to continue to strive towards making the college a better place for students to live and learn.

Already the college is making steps toward this goal. The administration is working to bring together all aspects of student life, observing the strong correlation between academics, extracurriculars, social life, as well as administrative aspects of the student experience.

DiFeliciano sees the size of Ursinus as a definite advantage, saying that, "We are a small, residential, liberal arts college. This gives



Rick DiFeliciano

us a unique capacity to pull together the lives of our students and dis-

cover what it is that makes Ursinus College a positive life experience for a student."

In order to improve upon the experiences of students, DiFeliciano hopes to find the focal point of the lives of students and unite all aspects of the student to this focal point. By unifying different administrative, academic, and student life departments, DiFeliciano hopes that students will be seen more as whole individuals rather than has separate social, academic, and extracurricular identities.

DiFeliciano has already proven himself to be an excellent administrator and recruiter, as many Ursinus students may know from their pre-enrollment experiences. He has made a commitment to work for the betterment of the Ursinus community as a whole and will surely continue to achieve his goals for the college.

## And the Verdict is...

by Heather Kerlin

Special to The Grizzly

Esteemed author, Philip E. Johnson, will address faculty and students in Pfahler 108 at the Biology Common Hour on Wednesday, November 15. Johnson, a Berkeley law professor and Harvard graduate, is a one man jury in the case against Darwinian naturalism. What is his verdict? Johnson is sure to provoke insightful thoughts in scientists and non-scientists alike when he critiques such issues as the theory of evolution, modernism, post-modernism, and public morality.

An intrigued audience has praised Johnson for his book, *Darwin on Trial*, which has sold more than 100,000 copies! Johnson's book has drawn response from many highly respected scientists, including Stephen Jay Gould in the pages of *Scientific American*. Johnson's latest publication, *Reason in the Balance*, expands his critique of Darwinism from science to law and education.

The Biology department, the department of Philosophy, and Ursinus Christian Fellowship unite to sponsor this exciting hour of lecture, discussion, and debate. All Ursinus students, faculty, and staff are in-

vited to step away from the "cultural battlefield" and toward "genuine cultural dialogue," to address these social and scientific philosophies that flood conversations everywhere.

What is the verdict in this case against Darwinism? I encourage you to begin thinking about the philosophies that guide your own life, whether they are Darwinian or not, and take a moment to question your own beliefs. Take part in this momentous discussion between scholars of all disciplines and formulate your own verdict in the case against Darwinism.

## NEW ADDITIONS IN ZACK'S

by Denelle Godek

Of The Grizzly

Many new additions have been incorporated in Zack's, thanks to customer's comments. These additions include the return of some old favorites, and the presentation of totally new services.

Perhaps the most exciting addition is the implementation of an additional Meal Deal Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, and one Meal Deal on Saturday and Sunday for lunch and dinner. One important thing to note is that

the Saturday and Sunday Meal Deals still cannot be purchased with a cash equivalency.

Zack's staff hopes that you have been enjoying the return of bag chips and dips, and they look forward to bringing you bottled water some time in the near future. Another bonus that was never featured at Zack's before to watch for: Free Refills on Drinks.

Another exciting feature of delivery service—for every five deliveries made to you, you receive a free pizza. When you receive your delivery, make sure you get a coupon

from the driver. Collect five of these coupons and receive a free 16" pizza!!

The Dining Service would also like to welcome Michael Lynch. He is the new pastry chef and will be bringing his culinary expertise to life in Baker's Junction and upstairs in Wismer. They hope you enjoy his sweet treats as much as they do.

Please—continue to write comment cards. The Dining Staff is listening, and they are trying to implement as many suggestions as possible.

## Newsday Crossword

**OUT OF THE KITCHEN** by Norma Steinberg  
Edited by Stanley Newman

**ACROSS**

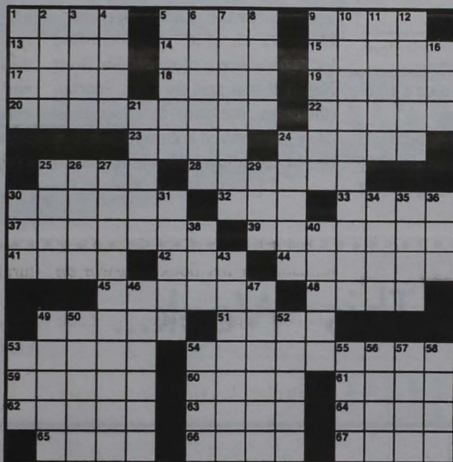
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- 5 Crow sounds
- 9 Bank adjuncts: Abbr.
- 13 Bates or Arkin
- 14 Solo for 25 Down
- 15 Take pictures
- 17 Thin board
- 18 Fancy dance
- 19 Columnist Hopper
- 20 Schedule
- 22 Indian, for one
- 23 Wallach and Whitney
- 24 Trolleys
- 25 Medicinal portion
- 28 Spider's creation
- 30 In existence
- 32 Never: Ger.
- 33 Like summer coffee
- 37 Brings to a tie
- 39 Snookums, e.g.
- 41 Unlit
- 42 Body of water
- 44 Argument
- 45 From do to do
- 48 List-ending abbr.
- 49 Tote
- 51 Against
- 53 "Things could be \_"
- 54 Big variety
- 59 Swears
- 60 Actress Lena
- 61 1994 Jodie Foster film
- 62 Send payment

- 63 Author Kesey et al.
- 64 *Exodus* author
- 65 NFL team
- 66 Advantage
- 67 Option for Hamlet

**DOWN**

- 1 Sloop pole
- 2 "That's \_ know"
- 3 "Just the facts, \_"
- 4 Feed the kitty
- 5 Intriguing group?
- 6 Arafat's language
- 7 *Music Man* composer Meredith

- 8 Price reduction
- 9 On land
- 10 Presidential advisors
- 11 Computer-phone link
- 12 Fizzy drinks
- 16 Beachgoer's quest
- 21 Adolescence
- 24 Bird sound
- 25 Opera singer
- 26 Concluded
- 27 Critical test
- 29 Marceau character
- 30 Conducted
- 31 Like some winds
- 34 Pedro's house
- 35 Actor Jannings
- 36 \_ Moines, IA
- 38 Often-split veggie
- 40 Plural pronoun
- 43 Took advantage (of)
- 46 Comes to a head
- 47 Finale
- 49 Quilt, for one
- 50 Fragrance
- 52 Stressed out
- 53 Armed conflict
- 54 Heeded the alarm
- 55 "... some kind of \_?"
- 56 Roman emperor
- 57 Silver-tongued
- 58 Word in an ultimatum



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## "Trick or Treaters" Say: Thank You

Dear Grizzly Editors :

We wanted to publicly thank the students of the "Quad" for the grate night of "Trick or Treating."

We had a good time. We loved your decorations. We loved meeting each of you. We had fun dressing up. We loved talking to you. Barney liked singing to some of you!! And best of all, we got lots of candy!!!

See ya next year!!!

Sincerely,

- Crystal Gallagher - "a farmer"
- Joshua Gallagher - "a conehead"
- Colleen Gallagher - "Barney"
- Michelle Breidegam - "a farmer"
- Kori Recke - "a teeny-weeny witch"

P.S. Kori wants to give a special thanks to the girls who let her use their room to "change" in.



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IN A PRIVATE MOMENT, THE CITIZEN MAKES FINAL ASSESSMENTS OF THE CANDIDATES...



## CHAOS

by Brian Shuster



"Well, yes, I DID the homework assignment, but then, um, well, then I ate it."

## ◆◆◆◆◆ Movie Mania ◆◆◆◆◆

by Colin Tucker

Master of His Domain

*Mallrats* is the second film from writer and director Kevin Smith, who is also known for the hilarious *Clerks*, which was made for the paltry sum of \$27,000 (Keep in mind that is just \$5,000 more than it costs to attend and live at this highly esteemed institution of higher learning). On the contrary, *Mallrats* has a whopping \$6 million budget (Still pennies in the movie business, since several movie budgets have surpassed \$100 million), a star—the tempestuous Shannen Doherty, and, what's this, a plot!

The movie concerns Brodie (Jason Lee) and T.S. (Jeremy London), two brothers that were just dumped by their girlfriends, and vent their frustrations by going to, lo and behold, the mall! Upon en-

tering the mall, Brodie says "I love the smell of commerce in the morning!"

While Brodie and T.S. are coolin' out at the mall, Brodie tries to get his ex Rene (Doherty) back from the snobby proprietor of a men's store in the mall, T.S. notices a live "Dating Game" rip-off to be hosted by his ex-girlfriend's father (Michael Rooker). His ex is the girl that is asking three bachelors questions.

The dynamic duo of Jay and Silent Bob (Played by Smith himself) reappear in this film for some of the funniest moments in the movie. The two of them want to cause mischief by taking apart the stage where the "dating game" is taking place, and all they need to do is pull out one screw to start a chain reaction and collapse the entire stage (Note the reference to the "weakness" of the Death Star

in *Return of the Jedi*). Their attempts to collapse the stage are played out like a Road Runner cartoon that are quite hilarious. Silent Bob is also trying throughout the movie to use

Next Week...

**Ace Ventura:  
When Nature Calls**

Starring Jim Carrey

the Jedi mind trick to levitate a cigarette.

Although I was laughing out loud at many parts of this movie (My friends can tell you I will laugh at just

about anything, with some exceptions like *Billy Madison*) it was not as funny as *Clerks*. While *Clerks* had a spontaneous, realistic "you are there" feeling to it, *Mallrats* was more of a routine comedy, often relying on crude, vulgar humor (such as a carpet outlet in the mall named "Rug Munchers") and sight gags to get a laugh. It was still very funny nonetheless, and if you like "stupid funny" humor and are in the right kind of mood, I would recommend this movie. **Rating- 7 (Good)**

**Movie quote of the week:** Last week's quote, "You're going to regret this for the rest of your life—both seconds of it!" was identified by sophomore biology major Brett Nath. It was said by John Spartan (the man Stallone) in *Demolition Man*. I received a complaint from one of my fellow Hobsonites that all

of my quotes were from "boy movies." I am faced with a double-edged sword (sorry about the Pol. 310 expression) because a certain someone who graduated (thank God!) who seemed to have a different complaint each week about my column went ballistic when I said in a previous column that action movies do not appeal to women, which, by the way, is a proven fact, according to box office receipts. I don't want to get myself in hot water by saying that movies like *Demolition Man* are "boy movies" and movies like *Sleepless in Seattle* are "girl movies" (even though I enjoyed *Sleepless in Seattle*, and, the last time I checked, I am not female). I will just go on with the usual quotes and hope not to encounter any more controversy. Without further digression, this week's quote is "Illinois Nazis... I hate Illinois Nazis!"

## Coming To Ursinus This Week...



Lisa Jones, author of the best-seller "Bulletproof Diva: Tales of Race, Sex, and Hair" and an award-winning columnist, will speak in Olin Auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. The program, sponsored by the Ursinus Ethnic American Writers Series, and supported by a grant from the CoreStates Financial Corporation, is free and open to the public.

In "Bulletproof Diva," her critically acclaimed book of essays, and "Skin Trade," her monthly column on race and the politics of style, Jones takes on issues of racism, sexism and classism with brilliance, razor-sharp wit and style. And it's in her hip, uproarious style that Jones offers audiences a raw, razor-sharp look at what it means to be black and female at the end of the 20th Century.



Jeffrey Brillhart will perform as part of the Heefner Organ Recital Series on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m. in Bomberger Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

Currently the director of music and fine arts at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Brillhart is responsible for the church's 16 choral and handbell ensembles, an art and drama program and a concert series.

Brillhart conducts the church's 80-voice Youth Chorale and 130-voice Senior Choir which performs regularly with professional orchestras. He is also director of the Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, a semi-professional chorus that specializes in the music of the baroque and 20th century.



## Field Hockey

# Snell Cup Comes Home

**West Chester** — The Ursinus field hockey team regained the Eleanor Frost Snell Cup for the first time since 1991 with a 2-1 win over host West Chester on Oct. 31. The game was tied, 1-1, after two overtime periods and was decided in the second round of penalty strokes.

With Ursinus up 3-2 in the first round, and West Chester down to its last stroke, Mary Melnich scored

for the hosts to force a second round of strokes.

That's when Ursinus goalkeeper Barb Golley slammed the door. Golley, who had 15 saves, denied four of the Golden Rams' five strokes and enabled Ursinus to earn the victory on goals by Amy Minnich and Jill Grau, who had also scored in the first round of strokes.

The Bears (10-6) took a 1-0 lead

when Judie Marcus scored off an assist from Minnich 15:03 before the intermission. That goal stood up until Katie Coll scored an unassisted goal for West Chester (7-11) with just 4:06 to play in regulation.

The win snapped a three-game losing streak for the Bears and strengthened their ECAC playoff chances. Ursinus was to learn yesterday if it had received a bid.

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## Soccer

# Season Ends With Win

**Collegeville** — Kurt Bonewitz scored three goals and assisted on another, and John Derderian scored twice, to lead host Ursinus (4-5, 10-8) to an 8-0 season-ending win over Western Maryland (1-8, 6-10-2) in a Centennial Conference match on Oct. 31.

Bonewitz was one of six Ursinus seniors playing in his final game. The hat trick was the first of his career.

Matt Finnegan put the Bears on the board with 26:43 left in the first half. His goal was assisted by Vince Milano. Bonewitz the first of his goals, off an assist from Joe Pisoni

with 6:47 later. Two goals by Derderian, and another by Bonewitz, gave the Bears a 5-0 lead at the intermission.

Chuck Moore and Mike McHinney added second-half goals before Bonewitz concluded the scoring with 27:56 to play.

Ursinus outshot Western Maryland 20-10. Scott King and Paul Norris combined for the shutout.

With the win, Ursinus finished the season 8-0 at home. However, the Bears were not selected for the ECAC Division III South Tournament.

Go UC  
Sports!!

# A PHILLY FAN

by Joel Schofer

Assistant Sports Editor

This past Friday night the 76ers and the rest of the NBA began their quest for the NBA championship, and you know what that means. It means it's time for my 76ers review.

I'll begin with the starters, Shawn Bradley at center, Richard Dumas at small forward, Clarence Weatherspoon at power forward, Vernon Maxwell at point guard, and Jerry Stackhouse at shooting guard.

Bradley is, once again, a real question mark. (Go figure, huh?) During this year's preseason he officially negated last season's strong finish and great expectations. His rebounding and scoring ability apparently were only visiting for a short while and have since taken up residence elsewhere.

This season is big for Shawn. I mean HUGE!!! If he doesn't average double digits in scoring and at least nine rebounds a game this sea-

son, he's never going to do it and he will truly become the fans' scapegoat for all of the Sixers problems.

Dumas has demonstrated during the preseason that he can in fact still score and be a very productive player. He's also demonstrated by averaging 12.1 rebounds a game that he is the likely host of Bradley's departed rebounding ability, but don't expect it to hang around very long.

What he has not demonstrated is an ability to go 82 games without succumbing to the temptation of substance abuse. Whether he can do this or not remains to be seen.

Clarence Weatherspoon has once again survived the annual trade rumors and will be the mainstay in the Sixers frontcourt. As usual, he's good for 17-20 points and 8-10 rebounds a night.

There was a time when I used to think that he would blossom into a Charles Barkley type player, but no longer. About 18 points and nine rebounds is the typical night for Clarence and all that anyone should expect from this solid but unspec-

tacular player.

Stackhouse has left no doubts as to his talent and will be a strong competitor for Rookie of the Year honors and an institution at two guard for years to come. 18-20 points a game is not an unreasonable expectation and may be, if anything, a little bit of an underestimation.

Vernon Maxwell. Well...he can still shoot, and proof of that need only be seen in his 10 three pointers in one of the preseason games. Unfortunately, though, he's not the shooting guard. He's the point guard, and one from which you can't expect more than average distribution of the ball.

The Sixers bench will be their Achilles heel, for aside from veteran Jeff Malone and backup center/power forward Sharone Wright, the Sixers have nothing but inexperience and CBA All-Stars.

Malone will come off the bench to score. With the speed of a 34 year old he really can't play defense, but, hey, he's willing to shoot, and shoot he does.

Wright is the current backup cen-

ter and power forward, but although he's not starting, he should see a considerable amount of playing time, at least 30 minutes a game. He's big, young, highly skilled, and with some seasoning could turn out to the starting power forward for years to come. As for the rest of the bench...

At forward, Derrick Alston is...well...a warm, serviceable body, which isn't bad for a second round pick. There are too many second round picks filling it up in the CBA for me to complain about Alston.

Scott Williams is, unfortunately, making way too much money for someone with the inability to move laterally due to his bum knee. Tim Perry is, unfortunately, still on the team.

Elmer Bennett is the backup point guard and has the quickness to run the up-tempo offense coach John Lucas wants to run, but he also has the inexperience to make you wonder if he can really do it.

Greg Graham is still on the team and all I can ask myself is why? Maybe he's going to help the kids

that wipe the sweat off of the floor after someone with actual basketball skills falls on the court? Let's hope so.

That just about wraps up the Sixers roster and leaves them in a familiar position, holding a lottery pick. The Sixers will once again fail to reach the playoffs, but this time they'll do it in an exciting fashion.

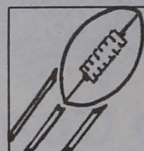
Weatherspoon, Wright, Dumas, Bradley, and Stackhouse will provide a glimpse of the bright future ahead, but a lack of depth will do this team in.

One of three things is bound to happen. Either Bradley will cease to develop as a player, Dumas will run into trouble again, or one of the starters will have a serious injury. Hell, Vernon Maxwell's already got two bad ankles after two games. In any case...

The Sixers are looking at 38 wins and a middle lottery pick, but are continually improving. What they truly need is a point guard before they can solidify their grasp on a playoff spot.



## Football Team Avoids Centennial Cellar



### Football

Allentown, Pa. — Mark Parks rushed 16 times for a career-best 101 yards and a touchdown as Ursinus (3-7) edged host Muhlenberg (0-8-1) 17-10 in a Centennial Conference game on Nov. 4. Parks' one-yard run with 4:16 to play in the first half, gave the Bears' the lead for good, 10-3.

Ursinus increased its lead to 17-3 when quarterback Chris Orlando scored from a yard out with 24 seconds left in the third quarter. The score came two plays after Eric Lieberman recovered a fumbled punt at the Bears' 18-yard line.

Muhlenberg pulled to within seven, 17-10, when Ryan Simunovich connected with Mike Kern on a 68-yard pass play with 14:13 left in the game. The touchdown pass was just the third allowed by Ursinus this season.

Ursinus entered the game ranked eighth in the nation in passing defense with an efficiency rating of 69.2. They lowered that rating to 66.5 after holding the Mules to just 6-of-36 passing with three interceptions.

The Bears also entered the Muhlenberg game tied for 16th in turnover margin. They were

plus three in turnovers against the Mules.

Muhlenberg took a 3-0 lead on Mark Mogavero's 34-yard field goal midway through the first quarter. Mark McGonagle's 21-yard field goal tied the game with 4:02 to play in the opening period.

The win kept the Bears out of last place in the conference. But it was a costly victory. Rob Gorelick (knee) and Dan Steigerwalt (shoulder) were both injured and likely will miss this Saturday's season finale at Dickinson.

### How they scored...

Ursinus	3	7	7	0	17
Muhlenberg	3	0	0	7	10

- M 1st Mark Mogavero, 34-FG 7:46
- U 1st Mark McGonagle, 21-FG 4:02
- U 2nd Mark Parks, 1-run (Mark McGonagle kick) 4:16
- U 3rd Chris Orlando, 1-run (Mark McGonagle kick) :24
- M 4th Mike Kern, 68-pass from Ryan Simunovich (Mark Mogavero kick) 14:13

Attn: 3,530

## CHUCK'S WAGON

by Charlie Weingroff  
Sports Editor

I guess it's about time for 2 things. One is that I must admit that the Cincinnati Reds were, in fact, not in the World Series. If you believe a lie long enough, it just may become the truth. But I must break down and admit that my team, the Reds, was squashed by the mighty Braves. Hey, I thought it would be funny.

The other thing it's time for is the Braves to win the World Cup. After plowing through the preliminary rounds against international powers such as Macedonia and Nimbria, the Braves made it to the finals against the Cleveland Indians.

The Braves have been the best team in baseball for the last five years. Every year, they have proved to be the best organization in any pro sport. The Braves have had a phenomenal core of players that were a part of the hor-ren-dous years of the late 80s stick around for the dominant years. Steve Avery and Tom Glavine both had over 5 ERA and 15 loss seasons. Mark Lemke and Kent Merker have been around forever. Mark Wohlers has definitely filled the bill of breakout year after in years past walking the ballpark and the continent. The Braves simply reload every year, dumping the likes of Ron Gant, Greg Olson, Terry Pendleton, and

Charlie Liebrandt for the powder puffs of Ryan Klesko, Javy Lopez, Chipper, and Greg Maddux. The Braves ability to put an awesome team on the field every year should have equated to more than one championship. It hasn't, and it certainly is about time that they have 1. But remember, the best team doesn't always win.

The Indians, top to bottom, were better than the Braves this year. Winning 100 games in this shortened season is nothing short of remarkable. As is 800 million homers in 144 games. Olie's interception against Catholic was remarkable. But it was finally the Braves' time, and they finally have the championship they were built for.

The San Francisco 49ers are in big big trouble. At full strength, for them to beat the Cowboys, the Niners would have to play their best game. That isn't as hard for the Niners as it is for everyone else, but it is pretty hard. William Floyd is done for the year and next and maybe forever. He was supposed to have slimmed down 20 some pounds and carry the load at running back. Now all he'll be doing for the next 2 years is straight leg raises and hip patterns. This Derek Loville character is better suited to narrating children stories than NFL RB. I think the Niners still have Ricky Ervins who would fit in perfectly in the Niner offense, but he's still busy playing

hide and go seek, and I sure's hell haven't found him yet.

Every time Steve Young plays, he runs the risk of damaging his BYU law school educated brain because the O-Line there is below average. They have elevated from formal culprits, with the removal of Bart Oates, to turnstiles. Exactly when Steve Young returns from injury due to lack of protection is also a small mystery.

The Niners counted on Pope Marquez the 1st to replace Deion, but Deion is not replaceable. With this bad calculation the Niners are still an upper echelon team, but have a lot of work to do.

The NBA season started Friday night, and I am quite pleased. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the box scores Saturday morning on the way to Muhlenburg, and they brought some questions to my attention. Where is Shawn Respert, and why didn't he play? Why didn't David Vaughn play for the Magic? Why was JR Rider 1 of 2 with 2 points? Rider is a clown, true, but one of the best 2 guards in the NBA. Oh, he's on the Timberwolves. They don't like good players. Why are the expansion teams better than the Nets? They are. Why are there many teams better than the Warriors? There are. Hmhmhmhm.

My pick for the NBA championship is the same as last year. The Orlando Magic will repeat as NBA

champions. Just like the Reds will next year. Seriously, I think the Magic will do the job. The Bulls will probably have a better record, because of the Matt Geiger Air Show performed on Shaq's thumb that will keep him out until X-Mas. But with the addition of the Informer Jon Konkac, the elusive David Vaughn, and Shaq's backup at LSU, Geert Hammink, I don't think the Magic lose that much defensively. True, none of these fine gentleman can be counted on for 12-15 easy dunks a game, but no one in the Atlantic can even hang with a Shaqlless Magic. They will have to win on the road in Chicago, though. It'll happen. The NBA title will be decided in the East championship. Count on it.

The Hornets are another team I like. Enough shots to go around has always been a problem for Charlotte because of 2 dominant post players in LJ and Alonzo. But the ridding of Alonzo will leave Larry Johnson all the post up layups he wants. Kendall Gill, Kahlid Rheeves, Scotty Burrell, Glen Rice, and Del Curry can all shoot the lights out. At least I will have the touch every night. They have a 3 headed monster at center with Hacker Geiger, Robert Parrish, and George Zidek, who is good. The Hornets surely did not get shafted in trading Zo.

I'll round out the East playoffs

with the Knicks, Pacers, Bullets, Bucks, Heat, and TRN Mariners.

Once again the Seattle SuperSonics have the most talent, 1-12, in the NBA. They'll probably get 60 wins again. Coach George Karl has too many guns, and 50-60 wins shows good coaching. Players collapse in the playoffs, not coaches. They will win the West.

I'm ready to give up on the Suns watch, this will be their year. They finally have a center whose religion does not prohibit post play in Hod Rod Williams. I wonder why they call him Hot Rod. His name's John. Just like every year, the Spurs, Jazz, and Rockets will all be on par with the Suns and Sonics. Add the Kings, Lakers, and the Clip, and there's your playoff teams.

The most important thing is that Mavs won't make the playoffs again. will be in the lottery, and will join the Magic in the NBA Finals for the next 10 years. Tim Duncan in the middle after trading up? They've got to tank it first because they are a playoff caliber team.

Last week Ashok snagged a pretty easy question. He was first to tell me that Cobb County, Georgia was the Big Boss Man's legal jurisdiction. For the next World Wrestling Federation Trivia Question of the Week: What were Bob Orton's Roddy Piper's bodyguard, 3 nicknames? That's all for this week and the pleasure was all yours.