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*"It's still true, no matter how old you are--when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together."
- Robert Fulghum*

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Clark Speaks at Unity House

by **Maria DeGracia**
of The Grizzly

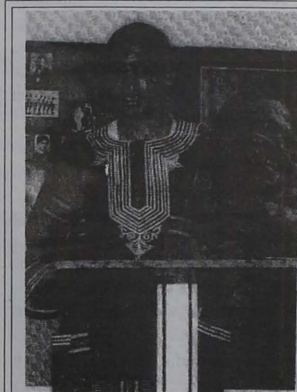
Each week, S.U.N. (Sankofa Unioja Nai -back to our roots with unity and purpose) has been sponsoring an event in recognition of Black History Month. Wednesday February 11, Adam Clark, a graduate student from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, gave a lecture to Ursinus students in Unity House about "Afro-centrality and the Struggle to Decolonize the Black Mind."

Clark was a student at Colgate College where he studied under the tutelage of Reverend Charles Rice, a new faculty addition to

the Ursinus Community as College Chaplain. Clark was known as a deep thinker and Reverend Rice, who introduced Clark, stated that he was glad to enlist the services of Clark now, "before we would have to pay him \$20,000 dollars" for his thoughts.

The lecture began with an introduction to the black history in America, as well as its influences throughout the world. He pointed out that many do not know of the scientific, theological, and intellectual influences Africa had upon European culture and expansion.

The original subject of the lecture (Continued on pg.2)



Clark gives suggestions on how to celebrate Black History Month throughout the year while at the Unity House.

History Candidate Gives Lecture

by **Brian Berg**
of The Grizzly

Last Thursday afternoon, the History department welcomed Daniel W. Aldridge III to Ursinus to give a lecture about Franklin D. Roosevelt and the origins of the United Nations. Mr. Aldridge is one of several candidates that the history department is currently evaluating to fill an opening in the department. If selected for the position, Aldridge would most likely be teaching in the areas of American History and African - American Studies.

The lecture was essentially an oral presentation of Aldridge's doctoral dissertation, and explored why former American president Franklin D. Roosevelt made the creation of the United Nations a central aim of the United States following the end of World War II.

Aldridge took the audience, which was comprised mainly of History department staff and some students, through the experiences of Roosevelt's life, and demonstrated how they shaped his attitudes about forming the United Nations. Aldridge lectured on a wide range of points, from Roosevelt's desire for international security, to examining Roosevelt's attitudes on race.

"By 20th century standards, Roosevelt was a racist," said Aldridge "He [Roosevelt] felt that white people and white countries were superior to non-white people and countries." Aldridge then went on to say, "Roosevelt's racism was tempered, he believed in a sort of

evolution and felt that non-whites could rise to the level of whites."

Aldridge was very animated during the lecture, slipping into different characters from Roosevelt to Churchill. He kept the audience engaged. "I felt that he was very enthusiastic, and that the lecture was well organized and easy to follow," commented junior Amanda Hektor. "The energy that he had was very good for teaching."

Dr. Nicholas Berry, a professor of politics echoed Hektor's sentiments, "The talk was geared toward the students," Berry added. "All of the main points were explained so that the students were able to understand." With positive reactions like these, it is evident that Aldridge's lecture was effective, to both faculty and students alike.

African Cultural Exhibit Displayed

by **Jennifer Heil**
of The Grizzly

As many may have noticed, the display case in Wismer Lobby is no longer bare. It has been decorated to celebrate Black History month.

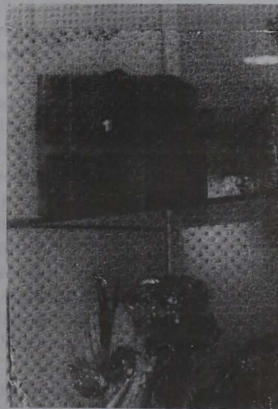
The memorabilia, which will remain in the display throughout the month, was donated by the members of S.U.N., Paulette Patton, the Director of Student Multicultural Services, and the Ursinus College Chaplain's Office.

Ms. Patton stated, "We wanted to heighten students awareness of African cultures as

well as celebrate Black History Month."

Objects on display include African Dolls, jewelry, and musical instruments as well as many other significant African artifacts.

The Student Activities Office is responsible for maintaining the case itself. Any other group(s) wishing to display memorabilia may contact Todd McKinney, Director of Student Activities, at ext. 2257.



Cultural items (right) on display at Wismer for Black History Month.

Thompson Lectures at Unity House

by **Fran Shaughnessy**
Of The Grizzly

On Wednesday, February third, Craig Thompson lectured at the Unity House concerning Black History month.

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Pilgrim Resigns After Over Two Decades

by **Teresa Green**
Copy Editor

Dr. John Pilgrim, Vice-President of Finance and Planning and Professor of Economics, will be resigning at the end of the month from his current duties in order to take a new job at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi.

Dr. Pilgrim will be assuming the

role of Vice-President of Business Affairs and Professor of Economics at Millsaps College where he will undertake the same type of duties which he was responsible for here. These include dealing with the financial areas of the college including the physical plant, personnel, the food service, the book store, and investments.

Pilgrim, who has been at Ursinus since 1974, says he is looking forward to his new career opportunity. "It's time for a change of scenery, a chance for a new challenge." Although he is looking forward to his new position, there are a lot of things at Ursinus he will miss.

"Of course I'll miss all the faculty and staff who are friends of

mine. I'll miss the students I've been able to teach every semester. I'll miss the campus . . . It is a beautiful campus. And of course, I'll miss Philadelphia. I love Philadelphia."

Dr. Pilgrim will be missed too. His expertise and talents have been a valuable asset to the college, and it is hoped that he will have continued success in his new position.

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by Katrina Milton
of The Grizzly

International News

Russia has been accused by the UN of helping Iraq build biological weapons. The Russian Mission denies any wrong doing and said that, "equipment for the development of such weapons was delivered to Iraq mainly from Western Europe - the Germans, Austrians, and Swiss in particular." The U.S. is looking into the matter.

National News

Terry Nichols, the conspirators in the Oklahoma City bombing, is asking for a new trial. He claims that the government did not disclose to his defense team "tens of thousands" of witness statements. His defense team also issued documents arguing that Nichols should not spend more than six years in prison vs. the prosecution's sentence for life without parole.

In the lawsuit against Oprah Winfrey, lead plaintiff Paul Engler

said that Oprah's show about mad cow disease was very costly for those in the cow industry that week. He went on to say that the show was bias and many things said were not true. Oprah Winfrey testified that the show done in April of 1996 was fair, unbiased, and accurate.

A Senate bill that would ban Internet pornography in schools and libraries was deemed as unworkable and unconstitutional at a congressional hearing. They said that it is pushing the boundaries of the First Amendment. Because of this, they have come up with an idea to allow schools and libraries to pay for a new Internet service that will make this bill possible.

Wayne Martin Rabb of Northern High School in Baltimore was gunned down after a cafeteria fight went to far. The fight between Rabb and the Bella Vista Boys gang started over a thrown milk carton, they beat Rabb unconscious. It continued a week later when Rabb approached

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the gang and they gunned him down in cold blood.

City News

On Tuesday at the Uptown School Complex in Atlantic City, more than a dozen children and adults were attacked and bitten by three pit bulls. Kashard Smith, 19, of Atlantic City, was arrested for not leashing his dogs. The dogs have been taken to the Atlantic County Animal Shelter in Pleasantville, NJ.

Local News

Each time that the KKK gathers at a corner to distribute literature, a group called the Unity Coalition collects money from people who have pledged for each minute that the KKK are there. Project Lemonade, which the KKK project is called, collected \$1,000 on January 31 as a result. The Unity Coalition says that as a whole they don't want to take this money, but until the KKK stops what they are doing, they will not stop collecting money.

A deputy of the Montgomery County Sheriff Department was arrested after he pulled his gun out on a repossession worker. Shawn Funk, employee of A-1 Towing Co. of Allentown, attempted to reposes deputy T. Anthony Ellis' 1995 Plymouth Grand Voyager, before Ellis threaten to shoot him. Ellis was allowed to go home after his arraignment, accompanied by two other deputies who confiscated his gun and badge.

The Bank of Pennsylvania in Douglass Montgomery Township was robbed Thursday morning. They reported that two assailants, one with a Spanish accent, held the bank up in broad daylight. Police said that they will be reviewing surveillance tapes from the bank and enhancing the images to help identify and capture the robbers.

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Thompson serves as a Legal Councilor for the Council of Economic and Business Opportunities, Inc., which is located in Baltimore, Maryland. He has a dual degree in Political Science and African American Studies from the University of Maryland School of Law.

The theme of Thompson's lecture was "28 Days Is Not Enough, How To Celebrate Black History Throughout The Year". He discussed how people should be involved in Black History not just for a month but year round. Thompson thought that people should look at Black History month as a time to educate all.

Tarka Tiggett, President of S.U.N. and the coordinator of the nights activities, first heard Thompson speak at a Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education where she experienced his interactive style. Thompson is the president and founder of Grand Vision Communications, Inc., which is an educational consulting firm that focuses on motivational speaking.

Tiggett believes that Thompson's lecture last week was insightful and explained "He taught facts that [she] did not know about Black History." Tiggett said that, "[she] learned more about self-pride and the lecture was down-to-earth."

Clifton Richie, a junior, was another member of the audience. He believed that the lecture was a positive experience. Richie stated, "The presentation was a reminder of how much you have given to society and to the world and how strong of a person you are. It was an inspiration to black students because it taught that, even though we haven't been here long, look at what we have done in so short a time."

Craig Thompson is one of the several lecturers in the Black History month program that is sponsored by S.U.N., the Chaplain's Office, the Office of Multicultural Service, and the Ursinus Arts & Lectures Series. These lectures are offered to all students in order to teach them more about Black History.

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ture was to be "Perspectives on Black Nationalism"; however, Clark wanted to address the minds of the students in order to help pave the way to end the cycle of internal oppression of the black mind, which calls for freeing the mind of the impression of being enslaved to European culture. Clark stated, "Africa should be to African thinkers as Greece is to European thinkers." Clark also wants to provide information because "If we have enough material resources that will free us from the negative stereotypes that cause the misunderstandings with in and between races, then what?"

Clark pointed out that the meaning of Afro-centricity is not an ideology, but an "approach to knowledge" through the examination and acknowledgment of the positive aspects of one's culture, particularly that of the black race. Afro-centricity is the total combination of thoughts and principles so each person can be culturally grounded and emotionally sound. Melissa Barber, freshman and S.U.N. member, "did not know much about Afro-centricity, but it was interesting that we need to get away from the ideology [centricism]." Clark challenged the African-American students to "recenter and reorganize [their] minds to the truth of history

among one's people in connection to American History."

Tarika Tiggett, President of S.U.N., found the lecture to be thought provoking and informative. Reverend Rice found Clarks lecture to be especially "engaging in the questioning and answering period."

Marion Carvalho, observer at Clarks lecture, said, "I think that the lecture series was excellent and brought up some good points. I think it requires America as a whole to examine this indepth . . . Just as it takes a village to raise a child, so does it take an entire village to move a village forward."

Barber feels, "this month has engaged students in the thinking process, but there has been a low turnout for the lectures." She states "As an African-American, the lectures have made me more aware of where I should be as a student."

Overall, Clark wants to help "define reality and put it in the hands of the African people." He offers readings by Molefi Asante, Afro-centricity, and the Autobiography of Malcolm X, along with the personal task of delving into one's own history as well as one's cultural history.

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Sex Scandal Continues

by Ryan Costello
Special to the Grizzly

Clinton, not Kenneth Starr, is to blame for this "sex scandal."

Two weeks ago in a *Grizzly* article the well-respected Dr. Berry suggested that the Clinton sex scandal was the product of a right-wing conspiracy generated by a hostile, partisan independent counsel, thus resulting in, ar. I love this phrase, "Democracy under Seige." With all due respect, were we to dry this assertion out we could very well fertilize all the Ursinus athletic fields.

Proclaiming that "the constitutional system is being perverted," Dr. Berry conveniently ignores that our President may very well be perverted. And, as any liberal slant will include, his premise was based not on the illegitimacy of the independent counsel as an investigative institution, but rather on the foundation that Kenneth Starr is on a blind, reckless crusade to "get" the President. Indeed, Starr is clearly a Republican, but one must keep in mind that Janet Reno, Clinton's Attorney General, was the one who decided on Starr. Nowhere

in Berry's article was it suggested that maybe, just perhaps, Clinton was the one who acted in a blind, reckless manner.

This scandal really is a case study on the changing moral climate and cultural attitudes of our entire country. In recent CNN polls, over half of the country believes Clinton did in fact have sexual encounters with Monica Lewinsky. Yet approximately 70% of Americans consider the President to be doing a satisfactory job running the country. In all fairness to Clinton, there are very legitimate reasons for approving his leadership, as our country is clearly headed down the right path.

Even so, I would argue, there are serious issues to consider. Reaching well beyond Dr. Berry's convenient yet misleading characterization that the Independent Counsel is a "fourth unelected branch of government" (somehow overlooking, or forgetting, his dear liberal media), Clinton, age 49, may have had sex with a 21 year-old woman in the

White House.

The perspective I would underscore to Ursinus students and faculty is the following: what if Clinton was humping your 21 year-old sister/daughter. You'd probably be pretty pissed. You might have even considered voting for Dole in retrospect (though surely not Perot, I hope).

"If Clinton did have sex with Lewinsky, we as Americans should not accept it."

Hell, I'd be pissed if Newt Gingrich was humping my 21 year-old sister (if I had one), and I happen to think Newt is cool.

Undoubtedly, in the coming weeks, we will hear story after story about Starr and his right-wing agenda, the credibility of Monica Lewinsky, and the leaks to the press. Keep in mind though, much of this hoopla is a cloud. And what, you ask, could this be an attempt to cloud?

It's obvious. Clinton will create more significant news about more insignificant things (the Iraq "crisis," while serious, can hardly be considered a "crisis") to skirt the issue.

The bottom line is this: if Clinton did

have sex with Lewinsky, we as Americans should not accept it. In the words of another politics professor, Dr. Hood, "If he did do it, and I say if, I think he should have the decency to resign".

Even as a staunch Republican I hope he didn't do it, simply because it is an embarrassment to this entire country. But if Clinton did do it, then he really should resign.

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Ursinus Greek Life Equals Ursinus Social Life

by Karen Rudloff
Special to The Grizzly

To set the record straight, I am not against any of the fraternities or sororities on the Ursinus campus, but they play a much larger role in campus life than I had hoped for when I chose this college.

For example, on any given Thursday, Friday or Saturday night, fraternities and sororities have parties planned, and alternative campus activities are a rarity. This is a difficulty for those who have no desire to party. It seems that the only way for a student to kill the boredom of Collegeville is to either party with the Greeks or have a car on campus. But since the college discourages first-year students from having cars on campus, that leaves only one viable option: party with the Greeks.

Ursinus College sends the message: "Find a group of people who share the same interests, and solve your own problems." Do

Greeks have such a great domination that the college purposely tries to hide their impact on the social scene?

When scrutinizing the college decision, I concerned myself with the impact Greek fraternities and sororities had on the various campuses I was considering. I have never really wanted to become a Greek, so I turned down many schools because their Greek life incorporated a larger part of campus student's lives and social activities than I desired. I took to heart what students and faculty members had to say about Greek life. At Ursinus College, for example, I took two student-led tours, one faculty-led tour, and interviewed with a faculty member. From all these interactions, I secured the impression that Greeks played a very minor and relaxed part of campus life at Ursinus College.

Many of you can imagine the shock I sustained my first few weeks of school when I realized that Greek life dominated Ursinus activities. So much so that if Ursinus did not have a Greek

community, it would not have an existing social life.

Appalled that I had never been informed of this great presence the Greeks had, I thought back to the question I had first asked when considering Ursinus College last year: "I heard Greeks do not embody a large percentage of

"... the Greeks play a larger part in campus life than necessary at Ursinus College."

students, and I also heard the same concerning social life. Is this true?"

I believe I have the right to question why the college was not straight with me from the beginning. Maybe it is because they believe that the impact is really not that great. A prime example of this occurs in both the *Student Handbook* and the *Ursinus College Catalog*. Both sources give less than a paragraph to the fraternities and sororities on

campus, but give page upon page of other various campus activities that I have yet to encounter.

Greek domination is visible the most during the rush season. Because of the huge impact Greek life has on campus, numerous students, myself included, have decided to rush. Rushing consists of weekends filled with drinking and Greek dances or parties, and one can rush without pledging a certain Greek organization. I cannot deny falling into the trap, since I attended many of the dances and parties that the various fraternities and sororities have held.

The problem is growing now when many of the students pledge their respective fraternity or sorority. All at once, the people I have become great friends with will sit at assigned tables with their Greek mates, while I, and others who have decided not to pledge, search for places to eat at a distance.

But why must the sorority girls only sit with the sisters, and the fraternity boys only sit with the

brothers, at "their" tables? Would the non-Greek students at Ursinus College look at them any differently because of their unselfish act? Highly unlikely, but these organizations seem to think so.

Unfortunately, the Greeks play a larger part in campus life than necessary at Ursinus College. The real problem is that the administrators made sure I came here through a lie. I probably would not have chosen this college if I had known the truth about fraternities and sororities and their impact on social life.

Honestly, I do not mind the Greeks at Ursinus College. They provide me with weekend nights full of excitement, but it angers me to see the impact and power they hold over the heads of faculty and non-Greek students.

I hope that sometime in the near future, the higher-ups, aka the president and his close advisors, realize this problem and stop all future applicants to Ursinus College from choosing this school under false pretenses.

Opinions

Faces in the Crowd

How significant of a role does pledging play in the life of today's college student?

by **Maria DeGracia**

Opinions Editor



"I suppose it's significant to those who feel they need to belong to a group, but as for individuals, I think it has no significance whatsoever."

-Carrie Fuller—Sophomore Ursinus Student



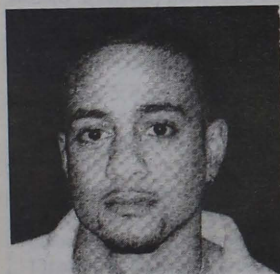
"It's annoying to watch people try that hard to stand out while being that conformist."

-Jared Rakes—Senior Ursinus Student



"We think it's rather silly, but others are entitled to what they want. . . We didn't do it our freshman year, and we don't feel we need to belong to a group now. We have our own friends and we don't need a group."

-Laura Siciliano and Erin Martino—Sophomore Ursinus Students



"I guess it develops a kinship between a group of people as they experience the same things that no body else can [not pledging with them]. The negative aspect is that I think public humiliation does not build a common bound. . . and you're separated within the sorority or fraternity among those who pledged with who."

-Cliff Richie—Sophomore Ursinus Student



"It has a huge role in how the students fit in. . . Sororities or Fraternities have a huge role in campus life. Its like a home away from home, a family away from home."

-Waliyyah Muhsin—Freshman Ursinus Student

" . . . depends on what frat [or sorority], and pledging basically serves to build some of the best friendships in your life. . . it comes down to— if my pledge master needs something, I'll do it, and vice versa."Evan Zoog—"The reason [for pledging] is that you do it for yourself. . . I saw something that I wanted and I knew that I had what it takes to be a part of what I liked, and that I had something to offer."

Is the Bookstore a Rip Off?

by Teresa Green

of The Grizzly

As most everyone knows, a new bookstore is in the works. For those of us graduating, here is one more "perk" we will not be able to benefit from. When I found out about the new bookstore I wondered why exactly they were only now deciding to build it. The answer is quite simple. According to President Strassburger, "The occupancy permit expires. It (the bookstore) was approved only as a temporary structure, which is why it does not have plumbing. Also, we're not meeting laws like the Americans with Disabilities Act which is why the elevator is being added into Wismer."

All of these improvements will be great but will the students actually benefit? I decided to find out if there were any changes in the works as to how prices of books, which is what most everyone uses the bookstore for, would be handled.

Most everyone knows how expensive it is to purchase books for classes. I added up the amount of money I've spent on books in the last 4 years and I came to a grand total of \$2,373.75! Then I added up how much I've received from sell-backs and found it only totaled \$315.25. I found this to be far from the promised 50% book value the bookstore claims to offer to students who sell back needed books.

I don't know if any of you have ever dealt with the managers in the bookstore but I'll never forget one comment that was made to me by the previous manager. When I asked her why I was only getting \$13.75 back after I spent over \$400 that semester she replied with an emphatic "Do you actually think we make money selling books? As a matter of fact, we lose money selling these books. I can't even

cover my overhead costs!" At the time I was taking micro-economics and decided she just didn't understand what an overhead cost was.

When I was approached to do this article I figured the current manager, Beth, would give me the same kind of illogical answers that were previously voiced. However, I found the new manager's purpose in being a manager is to make the customer, in our case the students, happy. Beth feels that the new bookstore is much needed on campus. She believes that "bookstores should be sources of school pride, as well as sources for neat stuff you can't get anywhere else. This bookstore needs more space and modern facilities to accomplish these goals."

After talking with Beth for quite some time I came to an understanding of how the prices are determined on both the selling of books and the buying back of books. Although the pricing structure is quite complicated for this article, the basis is that the company she works for, Follett, has a contract with Ursinus in which pricing issues are determined. That means that prices are supposed to be set using the guidelines set forth in the contract. Although it could be easy, especially in the case of buy backs, for the bookstore to not follow the rules, there are more important factors influencing the amount of money we have to spend on our books.

Perhaps the most important factor is the professors. They are the ones responsible for placing orders and so it is they who, inadvertently, determine whether or not we will be able to sell our book back and how much we will have to pay.

This occurs when professors do not get their book orders in by the specified date, or when they decide to "test" a book. In the first scenario, if a professor does not reply to the bookstore that they

want to continue using the same book, and the bookstore is still able to buy the book from us because the distributor has other schools that need it, then we will only receive from 0%-30% of the value of the book. The bookstore then ships these books to the distributor. What usually ends up happening is soon after these books are shipped out, they receive the order from the professor saying that is the book they want to use for the following semester, which forces the bookstore to buy again, the very same books they just shipped out. This causes both the price we receive in buy-backs to be lower and the price we have to pay for the books themselves to be higher.

The second scenario is when professors "test" new books or automatically upgrade to the newest edition without even seeing the book. The bookstore usually can not buy these books back which causes the consumer to have to eat the cost of these books.

How can this problem be solved? One way is through better negotiating between the bookstore and the school. Another is through better communication between the bookstore and the professors. And Beth is on top of both of these solutions. She's trying to make it mandatory that any book that will be used for the following semester will receive a buy-back price of 50% it's "new book" selling price. As for the professors, she has put together a faculty communication care package which will ensure that all professors are notified well in advance of book order dates and the implications caused by not adhering to these dates.

All in all it seems that the bookstore is in for a sweeping change. Not only is a new facility being built, but if the management currently in place is allowed to remain there, the changes that are planned internally, as well as externally, will only benefit the students.

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
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Lou's Movie Reviews

R.S.V.P to *The Wedding Singer*

Lou Nemphos

of The Grizzly

The Wedding Singer: Adam Sandler gives the best performance of his career as a sweet, charismatic charmer in the romantic comedy *The Wedding Singer*.

The year is 1985, and no one rocks the mic like Robbie Hart (Sandler), wedding singer extraordinaire. He knows the songs, he knows the people, and if there's a problem, he knows how to fix it. Unfortunately, Robbie runs into a problem he can't fix. After his fiancée Linda (Angela Featherstone) leaves him standing at the altar, Robbie becomes bitter, thrashes through a wedding with painfully funny renditions of "Holiday" and "Love Stinks," and then is relegated to performing at Bar Mitzvahs.

Love is the farthest thing from his mind until he befriends Julia (Drew Barrymore), a waitress where he works. She is preparing her own wedding, and who better to ask for help than Robbie. She thinks she's in love with her fiancé, Glen (Matthew Glave), a two-timing, junk bond broker who dresses like Sonny Crockett and drives a Delorean. Did I mention this is set in 1985? The "what was I thinking?" decade is

well represented in the film where break dancing, "Dynasty," and Michael Jackson are all the rage. Not to give anything away, you'll be leaving the theater thinking true love really does exist.

The Wedding Singer shows a slightly different side of Adam Sandler as his outrageousness is somewhat restrained. He's more like the nice guy than the class clown and when the story becomes tedious, Sandler single-handedly carries the movie. Don't worry, *The Wedding Singer* is still funny. There are some great, uncredited cameos by Steve Buscemi, Jon Lovitz, and Billy Idol.

It's hard not to laugh at all the gags poking fun at the 1980s, including dated references to Boy George, compact discs, and a florist saying, "your love will last forever, like Donald and Ivana, Woody and Mia, and Burt and Loni." The soundtrack nostalgically brings back the 1980s along with the incredibly tacky and gaudy costumes by Mona May (she did the costumes for *Clueless*).

Overall, *The Wedding Singer* is a fun and sometimes painful look at love, and the 1980s. R.S.V.P. at a theater near you.

RATING: (Out of 4 stars):

*** (3 stars)

"A 20-page cardboard book with a line on each page and a picture to go with it. It's a fable, that's all. The music almost gives you this feeling of flight, and I really love singing the part at the end, which is about rising above anybody's comments about what you do and still giving your love away. You know -- not becoming bitter and reclusive, not condemning the whole world because of the actions of a few." Vedder about *Yield*

Lou Nemphos

of The Grizzly

Pearl Jam has released a new album that has some wondering if the band that helped shape the grunge generation has decided to *Yield* to a sunnier disposition.

The album *Yield* has a distinct flavor that has never been associated with Pearl Jam. The characters Pearl Jam have grown up, and their sound has matured, as well.

There is stronger emphasis on

Pearl Jam Yields

guitar solos, and more melodic, chilling methods of communicating that the world could be a better place.

Lead singer, Eddie Vedder, although exhausted from talking about the changes that brought *Yield* into existence, is confident that the band is now living up to their potential and is proud of the way the whole band has come together. On their previous four albums, rhythm tracks were

laid down by the rest of the band, and Vedder was ultimately responsible for lyrics. This time, all members contributed.

Vedder says that he finds himself in a position where it is tough to complain. He is married, has fought hard to play his music, and has gained plenty of wisdom along the way. He finally realizes that he deserves to play his music and have it heard.

Pearl Jam will be at the East Center Friday, Aug. 28.

What's Happening Around You

Jennifer Heil

of The Grizzly

As pledging activities move into their first full week in Collegeville, many students are left wondering what to do. The administration has planned a few worthwhile intellectual pursuits for the non-Greek Grizzlies.

The first and most plentiful of these activities would be the campus' month-long celebration of

Black History Month. Events scheduled for this week include two speeches to take place this Wednesday, February 18.

The first speech, presented by State Representative Anthony Williams, will take place at noon during the Wednesday common hour in Wismer Lower Lounge. The speech is entitled "Race, Politics and the American Landscape."

The second speech will be presented by Leon Bass at 7:30 p.m. in Olin Auditorium. His topic will be "Racism, Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust: An African American Perspective."

Students looking to give to a good cause may donate blood this week at the blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross. Samples will be collected this

Wednesday and Thursday, February 18 and 19th, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Ritter Center. Appointments will last approximately 45 minutes. Interested donors may register during lunch and dinner through February 18.

The college will also be presenting activities honoring alcohol awareness week, which runs from February 15-21. The first presenta-

tion will be Monday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Wismer Lower Lounge. Other events are TBA.

Open Mic Night, a new feature on the U.C. campus will be held this Tuesday night, February 17, at 6:30 p.m. in Zack's. It is a chance for budding poets, storytellers and singers to showcase their talents.

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Bears Fall Short of Third Title

by Jude Blessington

The Ursinus College wrestling team was going for the threepat at Centennial Conference Championships hosted by Swarthmore on Saturday. In a tournament that turned into a two team battle by the time finals started, Western Maryland downed the Bears 104-87, denying them their third straight conference championship.

Ursinus was faced with obstacles from the outset. Returning Centennial Conference Champion in the 126 pound weight class, sophomore Bucky Johnson, missed weight by one tenth of a pound and was shut down for the day. Heavyweight Andy Bauer, who had been in the sport for all of nine days, was battling inexperience and the flu.

However, there were a series of bright spots during the day. Freshman Josh Moyer was crowned conference champion in the 134 pound bracket and was given the Outstanding Wrestler Award for his performance in the tournament. Junior Donny Asper also took top honors in his weight class, repeating as the best of the 158-pounders.

"I wanted to make sure I got the title back because it was mine," Asper said. "I didn't want to give it up."

Bauer also received special recognition by the conference. He was presented with the Excellence in Sportsmanship Award for the way in which he carried himself throughout the tournament. Bauer, a junior who hadn't wrestled a day in his life until February 6, went out and beat Western Maryland's heavyweight, the number one seed entering the tournament.

"I just wanted to do something to help the team," said Bauer. "I knew that match was big because we would be battling Western Maryland for the conference title."

Here's how the Bears fared in each weight class:

118-Kochersperger, 3rd overall.
126-Johnson .1pounds over.
134-Moyer took 1st by fall.
142-Tobias, 2nd place finish.
150-DeGour took fourth.
158-Asper defended title.
167-McElhane finished 2nd.
177-Flud finished 2nd.
190-Rodkey finished 3rd.
Hwt-Bauer finished 4th.
Overall: 2nd to WM, 104-87.

Athletic Honor Roll: Mullan Hopeful for National Bid

by Jude Blessington

Sports Editor

Consistency. Webster defines it as an agreement with what has been previously done. Ursinus gymnastics can define it in six fewer words: Angela Mullan.

Mullan, a junior exercise and sports science major from Elkton, MD, has been a believer in consistency for the fourteen years she has been in gymnastics. Her teammates have been a believer in her ability to be consistent all season.

"I practice real hard during the week so that in a meet there's a consistency, that (my teammates) know at the time that I won't fall," Mullan said.

"That's also an added stress on myself, but it can lift me up to think that that's who I am."

The lift must be extraordinary for Mullan, because up to this point in the season, she has shown no signs of stress. As physically and emotionally draining as competition can get, she has yet to let it wear her down.

"I have this drive," she said before succumbing to the involuntary smile that began to expand across her face. It seemed to be her natural reaction to the thought of success created through relentless work.

The reflection was a brief one for Mullan as she returned to the naming of the major factors that have been accounting for her stellar performances all year.

"I think hard work, but also a lot of prayer is important. I pray a lot when I compete," Mullan said.

For someone who is looked upon as a constant for the gymnastics team, Mullan knows she can never pray enough. Even as the most consistent Ursinus gymnast, she still falls once in a while. It's times like these that it takes an inner strength to get back up and salvage a routine, especially since her reaction to a mistake can have a profound effect on team morale.

"(My teammates) usually don't get down when I have a bad performance, but it all depends on how I carry myself," Mullan said. "If I come off an event being down, it does pull down the team."

Mullan recalled last week's

meet at Rhode Island College in which she fell in her first event.

"I was down (emotionally) after I fell, and I felt really bad because it hurt the team. In past meets I had been doing pretty well, so when I got down on myself I was angry that I wasn't up," Mullan said.

"By the time I got to the second

"A lot of preparing involves visualizing the perfect routine in your mind before you go out there."

Ursinus gymnast,
Angela Mullan

event I cleared it out of my head and made sure I didn't think about it for the next three events."

Mullan's good habits did not form overnight, but have been developed through years of training. The result today is the strong mental attitude that she continues to display in practice as well as in the meets.

"If you fall in practice, you always practice getting back up and finishing," Mullan said.

While the repetition can get extremely frustrating when trying to perfect a routine, Mullan is aware that more is at stake than just pride in completing a flawed event.

"A lot of gymnastics is based on getting huge deductions if you fall, but there's still an opportunity to pick up the other things that you need for a certain score," Mullan said.

"If I fall in the beginning of a routine, I have so many other parts that I can make it up in. I still have another chance to do the best that I can to get some kind of decent score. You just have to keep going."

Mullan's hard work is not limited to athletics. In four of five semesters at Ursinus, she has made dean's list, and currently she carries a 3.4 grade point average. But whether it was in academics or sports, Mullan has only known hard work for as long as she can remember.

"I was in gymnastics and ballet when I was six or seven, but after a while my parents wanted me to choose one."

After making gymnastics her choice, she wasn't rewarded with anything easy. There were never leagues in grade school in which she could compete. While most kids played a school-sanctioned sport, Mullan was an independent athlete, seeking out clubs and gyms in which she could practice her art.

Once in high school, it was more of the same story.

"I had to join private clubs," Mullan said. "I would go right from school five days a week for three and a half hours at a time."

Take into account the fact that the gym was 30 minutes away from her house in the opposite direction of school, and it is easy to get an appreciation for Mullan's dedication.

Her preparation for the sport on the collegiate level consists of pre-season lifting and running programs. There is also conditioning work and other gymnastics oriented exercises such as pull-ups and leg lifts.

All of this is geared toward making nationals for Mullan, but she also has another aiming point: a score of 36 in the all around competition.

"I've been getting around 35.8 or 35.9. I'm right there, but I want to hit 36."

As a team, Mullan believes that the gymnasts are all in sync with each other, in that no one has their sights set lower than nationals.

"Overall, we're just a very hard working team... but everybody has one goal in mind, nationals. It takes everyday, coming in and giving your team the best that you can."

As long as that happens, Mullan is confident of the Bears' chance of making nationals. There is an especially satisfying trend that aids that confidence. The team score has gone up in every meet so far this season, and it is no surprise that Mullan has had the top all around performance for Ursinus in each of those meets.

"A lot of preparing involves visualizing the perfect routine in your mind before you go out there," Mullan said.

"You have to be very focused on what you're doing in order to succeed."

Ursinus Swimmers Gear Up for Championships

by Stephanie Restine

of the Grizzly

Once again, team size proved to be the key factor in the conclusion of the Bears' most recent swim meet against Swarthmore College on Saturday, February 7. Both the men's and women's teams lost with scores of 126 to 65 and 124 to 65, respectively.

College swimming depends not only on the individual talent of the athletes, but also on the number of swimmers. In order to take advantage of all the possible points, all three lanes allotted to the team must be filled. In this particular meet, the Ursinus men were only able to fill 16 of the 33 lanes available to each team, while Swarthmore occupied 28.

One team member commented, "When we compete against a big team, we may win individually, but still cannot compete team wise. In meets like this, we are just looking for improvements in technique and good overall performances."

Regardless of the team score, many swimmers achieved individual success. Particularly notable first place finishes were contributed by Dan Jones in the 100 backstroke (1:00.12) and Geoff Mills in the 100 butterfly (1:00.14). Freshman Chris Calderelli squeaked out a close victory in the 50 freestyle (:23.67).

For the women, senior Cristin Veit continued to dominate the short-distance freestyle events, winning the 50 free (:27.44) and the 100 free (:58.58), while junior Kelly Donohue triumphed in the lengthier 500 free (5:38.22). The relay team of Krista Mauer, Erin Kupstas, Juliette Van de Geer, and Mandy Minger prevailed in the 200 freestyle relay (2:05.84).

The Bears are now in preparatory training for the Centennial Conference Championship meet that will occur on February 20-22 at Franklin and Marshall. Representing the UC women are Veit, Donohue, Lynn Knothe, Suzanne Alexander, and Faith Tate. Competing for the men are Jones, Mills, Calderelli, Dave Myers, Jason Forsell, and Russ Whelan.

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Ursinus Women Moving Their Way to the Centennial Conference Playoffs

by **Jacqueline Colvin**

Sports Editor

The Ursinus women's basketball team so far this year has made an overall improvement in their record and their team play. The Bears have won their last four conference games, and even upset Muhlenberg, the defending Centennial Conference Champs, 65-63. Junior, Jennifer Mahoney, a starting guard for the Bears, believes, "Our team has improved so much throughout this season. If we keep up our hard work, we will go to the playoffs."

That is the big question: Will the Bears go to the Centennial Conference playoffs?

The answer to this question depends on their performance in their league games this week. Junior Kelly McCarthy said, "We definitely have a chance to go to the finals. The top two teams go to the tournament and we are tied for second place now. If we beat Swarthmore, Washington, and Muhlenberg, we are a shoe-in for the play-offs. The games we play this week will decide our fate."

Adding to their victories, Ursinus significantly defeated Bryn Mawr on Tuesday night. The Lady Bears were in the lead for the entirety of the game. Bryn Mawr did not put up much of a challenge and were defeated by over 40 points. Every

member of the Ursinus team contributed to the final score, 65-23.

In the past few weeks, the victorious Lady Bears have been driven by one force, Kelly McCarthy. As the team leader, McCarthy lead the Bears against Bryn Mawr with 18 points and 3 blocks. McCarthy has lead the Lady Bears for the past five games with the highest percentage in points per game. McCarthy, the center for the Bears, was recently named Centennial Conference Women's Basketball player of the week for the period ending February 8.

McCarthy has been playing basketball since the third grade, yet attributes her success this season not to her experience and talent, but to her team's hard work. McCarthy is very humble in saying, "My teammates, especially Dede Boies, have been getting me the ball inside at the right times. I am simply executing the plays."

McCarthy repeatedly shifted the focus from herself to the team as a whole. She said, "We have been playing really well together. Everyone is so pumped for every game, and it really shows."

McCarthy transferred here to Ursinus from Rutgers in the middle of her freshman year, not getting a chance to really know all the plays or even the other members of the team. Last year McCarthy sprained her ankle, and was set back by that

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injury. But this year is different.

"This is the first year I really got to click with the team," McCarthy said. "When we are on the court, everyone is there to help each other out. It's all starting to click."

But aside from the improving team, McCarthy's individual play is more than refined. McCarthy scored a career high 26 points and blocked the potential game-winning shot at the buzzer when Ursinus defeated Haverford 66-65. Shooting 61.8 percent from the floor, grabbing 11 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 blocks, and a steal in the past week, it is no wonder McCarthy was named Centennial Conference player of the Week.

McCarthy believes that, "With hard work, anything can happen." She speaks for the whole team with that phrase. The Bears are now tied for second in the Eastern Division of the Centennial Conference. Before thinking of the playoffs, the team has to successfully defeat their upcoming opponents. After they accomplish that, Centennial Conference champs here we come!

Cornish Honored

by **Dave Sherman**

Special to the Grizzly

Ursinus women's basketball coach Lisa Cornish will have her jersey number 41 retired by Villanova University in a pre-game ceremony before the Wildcats play Connecticut on Feb. 24.

Cornish is the Wildcats' third all-time leading scorer with 1,634 points. She scored a career-high 40 points in a win over Bloomsburg on Feb. 22, 1979. That's the second highest single-game total in Villanova history.

A 1982 graduate, Cornish still holds 12 Villanova records, including 222 career blocked shots, 495 career free throw attempts, and a career field goal percentage of 56.7.

"Lisa is the most consistent offensive player I have ever coached," said Wildcat coach Harry Perretta. "It is amazing to me that she shot 57 percent from the field for her career. She is by far the best post player I have ever coached."

Cornish was named the Big Five Player of the Year in 1979. She guided the Wildcats to a 29-4 record and a berth in the AIAW Final Four in 1982.

Cornish is a member of the Norristown High School, Villanova University, and Big Five Halls of Fame. Currently in her 12th season as Ursinus head coach, Cornish has posted a 171-121 record. She led the Bears to their first ever women's conference championship and a berth in the NCAA playoffs in 1995.

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"We've been in the pool since October," remarked junior Forsell, "Champs is the culmination of all of our work. During the regular season, our record reflected the team's lack of depth. But at Championships, we have the chance to compete on an individual basis to see how we really stack up."

Mills agreed. "At Champs, we can see our time improvements from year to year. It's hard to get that kind of motivation in the 6 or 7 meets of the regular season."

Special congratulations are in order for Ursinus senior Dave Myers. Although his swimming career did not commence until college, Myers was able to qualify for Championships in the final meet of his senior year. This will be his first trip to the conference meet. Best of luck to all of the Ursinus swimmers.

THE SCOREBOARD

(for the week of February 8-14)

Women's Basketball

This week's record: 2-1
Overall: 11-11 (9-6)
Most recent score: Ursinus 72, Swarthmore 59.
Kelly McCarthy had a career-high 31 points against Swarthmore.

Men's Basketball

This week's record: 0-2
Overall: 7-14 (3-7)
Most recent score: Washington 91, Ursinus 74.
Rich Barrett had a career-high 35 points against Washington.

Swimming

This week's record: 0-1
Most recent score: Swarthmore 126, Ursinus 65 (men)
Swarthmore 124, Ursinus 65 (women)
Seniors Veit and Mills win in 50 free and 100 butterfly

Gymnastics

This week's record: 0-1
Most recent score: Cortland 173.325, Ursinus 173.050
Mullan scored a 35.925 in the all-around competition. Leahy added a 33.625 in her all-around debut.

Wrestling

This week's results: Second place in the conference championships, W. Maryland 104, Ursinus 87. Asper (158) and Moyer (137) won individual conference titles.

Upcoming Events

Women's Basketball:
Washington 2/17
@Immaculata 2/19
Muhlenberg 2/21

Men's basketball:
@Gettysburg 2/18
@Muhlenberg 2/21

Swimming:
Conference Championships
@ F&M 2/20-22

Gymnastics:
@West Chester 2/18
(at Penn)
@Navy 2/20

Wrestling:
NCAA Regionals:
@ Ursinus 2/20-21

Jamie Hurvitz

of The Grizzly

The Women's Gymnastics Team Peaks Despite a Competitive Loss

On February 7, the Women's Gymnastics team hosted their second home meet of the season against Cortland. The Bears gave a valiant effort, but they lost by the unbelievably close score of 173.325 to 173.050.

Junior co-captain Kerrie McKinney expressed her satisfaction and hope for the team's future. "Our performance was solid today. Even with a few falls we scored our highest team score, which is really exciting. I'm looking forward to seeing what we can put together for our upcoming meets in order to qualify for Nationals."

Continuing on her winning streak was junior Angela Mullen who led UC, placing first in the all around. Mullen blew away her competition with a score of 35.925.

Following closely in her teammate's footsteps, was sopho-

more Cindy Leahy. Leahy scored 33.625 in her all around debut. Following the meet, the gymnasts voted and awarded Leahy with the "best routine of the evening" for her beam performance.

Senior Allyson Smith earned first place on vault with a high score of 9.325. Not only did she beat her previous vault scores, but Smith also dazzled the audience with a floor exercise that combined both style and grace.

Sophomore Sarah LaVigne stuck a steady beam routine and provided a hyped floor display. Senior Monica Jushchyshyn also performed well, earning one of UC's highest scores on bars. Junior Najah DiPaolo-Brown had an energetic showing on both the bars and floor exercise.

Also making important contributions were senior Courtney Gil-

bert and freshman Lauren McNamee, who both competed on bars. Senior co-captain Megan Brown performed well on beam. Sophomore Molly Jennings cheered on the Bears from the sidelines. Jennings hopes to make her debut floor performance in the near future.

This meet demonstrated the Bears' increasing performance level. Assistant coach, ED Nyman commented, "I am excited about the team's improvement so far this year. Not only are we rich in talent, but also in intensity and attitude. The ECAC's should be a great meet for the girls to secure a spot at Nationals."

Adding to the team's morale was the great spectator turnout. The gymnasts would like to thank all of UC's fans for creating such an energetic atmosphere.