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"I would sooner fail than not to be among the greatest."

-John Keats

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Financial Aid: Who Here Gets It?

by **Jamie Chambers**
of The Grizzly

Just recently a student on campus raised a very interesting question: Is financial aid fairly distributed to the families that need it the most?

First, it is important to know that almost 90% of Ursinus College students receive some form of financial aid, according to Tracey Long, Assistant Director of Student Financial Services. She said, "Most of our students receive scholarships, loans, grants or a combination of all three." But although the percentage may raise an eyebrow or two, it is quite similar and accurate with other private colleges and universities in the state of Pennsylvania. Long, who had recently been selected a private representative for the Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators for the 1998-99 academic year, mentioned that it is hard to pin-point exact figures when it comes to financial aid, but private schools offer a fair amount to students in need.

Financial aid for students attending small private schools is determined by certain categories, such as the student and parents' income, assets, savings, taxes and home worth. With this in mind,

you would think that the less money a family has the more financial aid they would receive. Right? Well, this is not always necessarily true. For example, Mrs. Karen Reeves, a parent of a junior student at Ursinus College, recently decided to further her education and enroll in a nearby community college. She said, "Up until this point, I think that the Financial Aid Department has been pretty fair in determining the amount of aid my daughter [junior student] has received."

But with the newly added costs of day care (about \$4500) and the community college in her life, Ursinus College was not able to accommodate her family's needs. When Mrs. Reeves confronted financial aid about the issue, their response centered on the idea that it is a parent's obligation and duty to pay for their child's college education, no matter what the sacrifices may be. Reeves commented by saying, "The whole situation has been pretty unreasonable. What is the difference if I am in school, or if another sibling is in school? My family deserves more financial aid. They don't even consider the amount we pay for childcare. Isn't that a form of a private school?"

Jaime Reilly, a former student, agrees that perhaps there should be a more logical way in deterring financial aid. She states, "It was hard

for my family to generate enough funds for me to attend school. It seems as though they give you just enough to survive. Something should be done."

On the other hand, Erin Martino, a junior who receives no form of financial aid, believes that it was her choice to attend this school and pay full amount. "We all received financial aid packets and knew how much we would be getting in aid. However, I do believe that if your needs change, then the school should reconsider and adjust your package appropriately."

Whatever your case or situation may be financially, the question still remains, "Are you receiving the right amount of financial aid?" Mrs. Reeves just received a letter stating that her request for more financial aid has been denied, but the school hopes that this will not effect the future of her child at Ursinus. With only one more year left, Reeves believes that she will be able to provide the necessary funds for her daughter to graduate from Ursinus. "I only want what's best for her, and I will do anything, no matter what sacrifices I have to make, to guarantee that she gets it," Reeves said. And how could she or any other loving parent disagree?

President Pleased with Success of Roundtable:

"The College is doing somethings very well."

by **Peter Corsey**
of The Grizzly

Although the elections have passed, Ursinus College has its own Democratic process. It is called the Roundtable. The Roundtable is a group of 40+ faculty administrators and students. They all work together towards a common goal: student achievement at Ursinus.

The first meeting of the Roundtable was to focus on ways to better foster student achievement on campus. A very unique process was used in this meeting. The entire Roundtable was split up into smaller groups of six or seven people. The job of these groups was to come up with ideas and discuss them. After ideas were discussed, the members then switched and went to another group in order to find out what ideas other groups had thought of. This process seemed to go very well. The transitions were smooth and much was accomplished.

"I was very pleased at the spirit of creativity and the enthusiasm of the participants," said President Strassburger about the meeting. He also added, "Faculty and students eagerly agreed we (the college) doing some things very well and now we have an opportunity to build on our strengths."

The Roundtable members were also very pleased with the final outcome of the meeting. It was very interesting to see the cooperation between all of the members throughout the meeting. Everyone worked together as a team. None of the ideas, whether they came from a student, faculty member or administrator, were looked upon as "bad ideas." Everyone's ideas had the same weight and effect. There was also a feeling of equality and not domination by some of the more distinguished members of the Roundtable.

Dean Annette Lucas had this to say about the meeting: "It's the

first time in many years when students and faculty got together in a formal setting and discussed the future of the college." She also commented that she thought the ideas were looked at very fairly and students' ideas were given as much weight as faculty members' ideas.

Many ideas came about during the meeting. The ideas ranged from giving laptop computers to all incoming students, to creating more special interest housing on campus. All of the ideas were written down and will be transferred to a draft copy. The copies will then be brought to a committee. The committee will then evaluate and discuss the ideas and take steps in order to accomplish the more refined and feasible ideas.

Though there were many ideas given, many of them cost much money. There were questions on how feasible, financially, some of these ideas were. Win Guilmette, a Financial Administrator replied with optimistic answers to these questions saying that, "Funding is not necessarily the primary constraint on our ability to do the many things we discussed." He added, "The way we think about what we do is often the primary constraint."

Who knows what will come of these ideas after the meetings have all taken place? Everyone will have to wait and see. As far as the President is concerned, he said, "We should know in the next two months which of the ideas we can implement for next year and which ones will need refinement or further examination."

Upperclassman Mentors

by **Chris Ciunci**
of the Grizzly

What kinds of problems do freshmen have? How do freshmen deal with problems they do have? These are the issues that U.C. Peer Pals will deal with as part of the Mentors as Upperclassman Program. This program is designed to help freshmen deal with the problems they will have during their first year in college.

For entering freshmen, college is a whole, new world. We all remember what it was like to suddenly be away from that comfort zone of friends and family that we enjoyed during high

school. Anxiety for incoming freshmen might begin when one finds out that he/she does not get along with his/her roommate or that he/she is having trouble meeting new friends. These are all common problems and upperclassman mentors may be able to help out in these situations.

It is recommended that freshman meet with their upperclass mentor once a week for at least 30 minutes, in person, by telephone, or even on email. This way, if a student encounters a problem during the week they will be able to talk to their mentor and take care of it before it gets to be too big.

If a student is having problems with

their friends or people they know, their mentor usually will be able to give good advice because they are not in the students' circle of friends.

"I think the program is a great idea," said sophomore Brian Skellan. "It should limit the problems of first year students and help students adjust easier to college life."

Organizers of the program hope that it will be easier for freshman to talk and get advise about problems if they have contact with a mentor who can relate to them, but is not directly affected.

Most of the freshmen interviewed said they have adjusted fairly well so

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On The Collegiate Level...

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941) life at Ursinus would change drastically and the experience had by the students is one not matched in history since their time.

The nation is filled with apathetic college students and Northwestern University has their fair share of them. Adam Tesler, a junior Speech major, had planned a 50-car demonstration in protest of NU's parking policies. When Tesler was the only student to show up in support of his cause, University Police soon ticketed him. His protest was abruptly ended when he quickly moved his car.

Can you picture students at Ursinus getting credit for learning about alcohol? Well, at Penn

State students are receiving one credit for a new Alcohol Awareness class. This class fulfills their general education requirement for Health. The class was first offered one year ago. Since then, enrollment has tripled and currently has 370 students.

The email system at Ursinus may be annoying but Stanford University is definitely having problems with their system. During October, hackers broke into the security system and stole 4,500 email passwords from students and staff. The hackers were believed to be working from Sweden and Canada. They gained access to the school's computer system because of a flaw in Stanford computer security. The school is currently making an effort to install software that will prevent further break-ins.

Kutztown University has a new vending machine in their town but this one does not serve food to humans. It is a 24-hour bait vending machine located in a shopping center near the university. The machine serves worms that are replaced every two weeks. University students say that the machine is a convenient way to get food for their reptile pets.

When it comes to laundry prices, we should count our blessings. Indiana University's laundry prices have doubled since last year in order to pay for campus events. For instance, Indiana University's RHA hosted a Halloween Dance that cost \$5,000, all of which was paid for by laundry money. Even though the students enjoyed the dance and other activities, they were not happy with the increase in laundry prices.

It's a bad sign when the security office is overflowing with bikes. The campus security at the University of Denver is stealing students' bikes that are not locked up. It's a program called "Lock It or Lose It." It is designed to teach students to lock up their bicycles. Instead of coming back to their bike, they will find a pamphlet. In the pamphlet is an address where they can pick up their bike and it also scolds them for not locking it up.

Streaking at the nation's colleges has risen significantly in the past decade. At Rice University in Houston, Texas a group called that Baker 13 streaks around campus once a month. Even at Princeton University in New Jersey there is an event called the Nude Olympics, a mix of

athletics, snow, and nakedness? Is there any chance of getting anything like that at Ursine? Probably not.

Libraries are for studying, right? Not according to Yale University. In 1996, an issue of the Yale Daily News told its freshmen students to think of the library "first as a place of study, but second as a kinky haven of intercourse." Yale is not the only college that feels this way about the library. According to Head Librarian George Shipman at the University of Oregon, their library attracts flashers, masturbators, and people surfing the net for porn.

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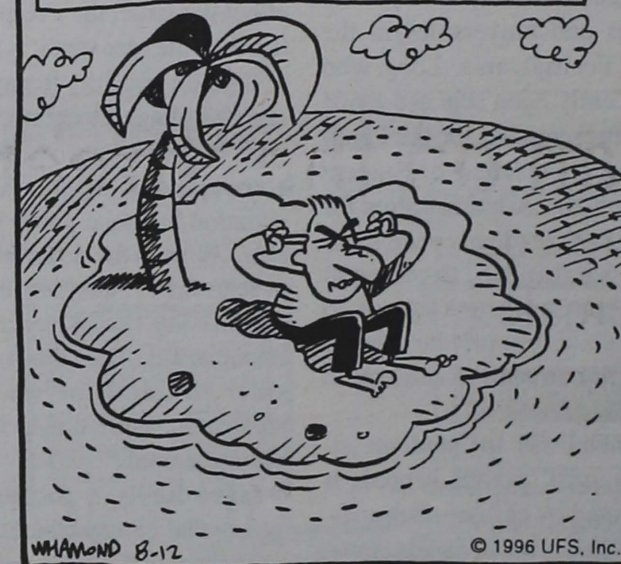
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far but said they think that it would still be nice to know that there is someone to talk to if they needed it.

"At first I was very homesick being so far from home, now it is getting better since I am starting to adjust, the mentors program sounds like a great idea," said freshman Brian Walsh. "I actually did talk to a couple upperclassman when I needed it and found it helped a lot, so I do support the idea of mentors."

Whether it is a confrontation with a roommate or if one is just not sure if he/she belongs here, the person will now have the option of going to an upperclassman to discuss his/her problems.

USING MIND OVER MATTER AS A LAST RESORT, LEWIS TRIES TO MAKE ORANGE JUICE FROM CONCENTRATE...



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Letter to the Editor:

I am writing in response to an article printed in the October 13th edition of *The Grizzly* entitled "Wisner Lower Library?" I apologize for this delayed response, however, this is the first opportunity I had to take the time to respond.

The author of this article, Luther Owens, argued that Wisner Lower Lounge, "Ursinus' recreation center," is nothing more than an extra campus library. Owens also included a great number of supporting quotes from Ursinus' students along with some comments in defense of the lounge from Todd McKinney, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Student Activities.

What Owens does not realize is that Wisner Lower Lounge is not a recreation center, as he calls it in his article, but it is a student center. There is a huge difference between

a student center and a recreation center. Wisner Lower Lounge is not supposed to have entertainment every night of the week. It is meant to be an area where students can do almost whatever they want. On most weeknights there are student organizations holding meetings in WLL, and on every night of the week you can find students studying, sleeping, eating, watching television on the big screen, playing in the game room, or talking with friends.

Again, the lounge was created to be an area for students to do **WHAT-EVER** they want. The Campus Activities Board along with other student organizations oftentimes reserve the student center for various entertaining events, however, this does not mean that it is all entertainment all the time. Many students come to the lounge because they do not like the dead silence of the library and think they will not be able to

study in their dorm rooms.

If it's the volume (or the lack thereof) in the lounge that is off-putting, then students can ask the Campus Center Manager on duty to turn on the television, the radio, or show a movie provided by the Campus Activities Board. During the day, if students want to play in the game room or watch television between classes, they need only go into the Student Activities Office and ask to do so.

I understand that there are complaints about the movies provided, but as Assistant Dean McKinney said in Owens' article, there is a budget to think about. I doubt that the campus would like to lose the hypnotists, comedians, mentalists, ventriloquists, musicians, and many other entertainment events that the Campus Activities Board provides just so they can see some newer releases every other week.

I also understand the complaints that the campus community has with the gameroom. However, it is very difficult for any college campus to contract a video game vendor. These vendors have to deal with all kinds of damage to their equipment such as food spills and kicking and tipping of machines, in addition to the normal wear and tear the video games undergo. I might also add that the gameroom has a good number of regular customers.

During finals there are study breaks provided for all students in the WLL, and as a Campus Center Manager, I know that each manager must co-ordinate at least one campus wide activity each semester. As I mentioned above, the Campus Activities Board, the Ursinus Student Government Association, the Residence Hall Association, and many other groups on campus provide activities in the lounge quite frequently throughout the semester.

The lounge also is equipped with a full sound system, along with other entertainment equipment for campus use.

If a student (ANY student) has an idea for a campus activity, come down to the Student Activities Office or call extension 2257 (409-3608, off campus) and leave a message for Todd McKinney, Sean Clayton, or Kelly Knapp. You can also suggest ideas to campus organizations during their regular meeting times.

Wisner Lower Lounge is not a morgue, nor is it a secondary library, however, it is not a recreation center, either; it is a student center - a place for students to unwind or be entertained AND a place for them to study or hold meetings.

Sincerely,
Mary Marcopul
-Campus Center

Manager

Man on the Street: Is there equality between male and female athletes at Ursinus?

by Diane Johnson

Special to the Grizzly

"From my experience I think there is no bias between men and women. Our coach expects the same type of commitment and holds both men and women to the same standards."

--Barry Kephard

Senior, cross-country/track

"Both male and female athletes on this campus are treated with respect. Each team is supported by the Ursinus community equally."

--Heidi Rhodes

Sophomore, field hockey

"I think they are definitely treated unequally. No one really shows any interest in female sports. An example is that hardly any body even knows the field hockey team is Division I. If the football team was Division I everyone would know."

--Greg Klein

Senior, basketball

"I don't think that female athletes are given the same attention as male athletes as far as recognition. The guys teams always have more fans at their games despite the fact that some of the girls teams are better."

--Nikki DiMascio

Sophomore, volleyball/women's basketball

"Yes I think both are treated equally. I'm pretty sure there is a conscious effort because there are just as many female teams as there is male. Also both male and female athletes receive the same benefits in the training room."

--Jude Blessington

Senior, football

"I think they are treated somewhat differently. There is not enough exposure of female athletics. Men's sports teams are more known and more fans support them at their games."

--Terri Savidge

Junior, women's soccer

by Richard Barrett

Special to the Grizzly

Have you ever accidentally bumped into somebody who was lifting weights, while trying to maneuver through a tightly crowded weight room? It can be very inconvenient. Or maybe you are having trouble finding a place where you can run indoors or play basketball with your friends during the cold winter months? Worry no more, because these will be problems of the past, once the building of a new athletic facility takes place.

Hoping to break ground around August of 1999, the new facility is looking to broaden the intramural program, help with the scheduling of indoor practices, alleviate weight room troubles, and overall it should stimulate the athletic program. As of right now, the 55,000 square foot facility could be built in numerous spots around Hellferich Hall. "The architects will be here to decide that this week," explained Athletic Director Bill Akin. As for the money, half of the \$10 million dollar budget has already been raised. "The rest," explained Akin, "should be accounted for by the time the project is complete."

You could be saying to yourself,

New Athletic Facility

for \$10 million dollars, why doesn't the college build something that it doesn't already have? Maybe you believe that Hellferich Hall adequately satisfies the needs of all athletes. The general consensus around campus is that students are looking forward to the new facility, and see it as a benefit to the campus. "For now, we should make the most of what we have," said senior James Riley, "but when the new facility is complete, it should give athletics as well as the students, a boost."

Calls to a depleted weight training room are being answered with a 6,000 square foot fitness center in the new building. Compare this to the present 600 square foot weight room, and you can see the difference. Plans also call for four basketball courts surrounded by an indoor 200 meter track. "It will be used as an auxiliary gym and a training facility," said Brian Thomas, Head Baseball Coach and Grounds Manager. "The main sporting events will still take place in Hellferich."

It is believed that the new athletic facility will help more students get involved in athletics through intramural activities. With Ritter Gym out of the way, the majority of intramurals will take place in the new facility. With more courts and more overall

space, a greater number of students will have the chance to compete. At such a small school participation in any activity is vital to the well being of the college.

About the only area in which it will be difficult for the new facility to solve a problem, is in the conflicting practice schedules of sports teams. "That still should remain a bit of a problem," Thomas said. "Since so many teams need practice time in the winter, you will still have to rotate times, in order to fit everyone." This negative aspect doesn't seem so bad when you consider that this is the way the current system works and athletes have always been dealing with it.

What isn't there to like about the new facility? I think it not only will give athletic teams the chance to perform at a higher level, but it also will be good for the campus. It will bring students together through activities such as intramurals, and give students a place to go with friends to hang out and get physically fit, all at the same time.

A Reflection: Mid-term Elections

once again Bill Clinton "pulls one over"
the eyes of the American people

by Chris Cocca
of the Grizzly

To some, the mid-term election last week was a vindication for our embattled president. I heard one TV news correspondent mention something to the effect of: "The president must be popping champagne and smiling widely tonight," and it was easy for me to visualize a euphoric White House, with Bill Clinton, perhaps chomping heartily on a newly lit cigar, laughing off once more another failed threat to his Epicurean regime.

Yes, this image was easy to see, and although the setting was the White House, the man I saw there smiling widely and popping champagne was far from presidential, closer indeed to a teen age delinquent, celebrating his triumphant act of "pulling one over" on everybody yet again. Although I have been since told repeatedly that I should be happy that we as a nation are moving on, I just couldn't seem to shake the notion that if all a president has to celebrate is the fact that his people are either too amoral or too apathetic to care about his reprehensible behavior, the quality of both his legacy and leadership remain largely in question.

Last week, to paraphrase, I said that it seemed to that, as a nation,

we've let our leaders forget that ultimately, their power stems not from empty rhetoric and belt-way spin, but rather from the vote of a people who deserve, as long as they demand, just and honest service. The fact of the matter is, we have become jaded and lazy people, taking for granted the corruption of politics in general and the immorality of William Jefferson Clinton in specific. In the wake of six years of concentrated scandal, controversy, and investigation, we are now content to give up our right to be ruled honestly and justly by simply accepting things as the way they are.

This is the aftermath of the Clinton scandal. It's implications are far-reaching and give us a glimpse of the future of our nation, which has been skewed by the indelible mark this man's rule has left on its recent past. The Lewinsky ordeal is an appropriate microcosm of Clinton's scandal-ridden presidency in general, the true legacy of which is obvious as voters have stopped demanding, and in so doing have perhaps ceased deserving, their right to an upright and honest ruler.

Even though Congress has received no clear mandate to go ahead with impeachment proceedings, some prudent members of Congress recognize that this in no way relieves them of their enormous responsibility to find the truth and take the

proper recourse regarding it. Even though Republicans lost a few seats, there remain in our government members of both parties for whom this matter is not yet resolved. Things are still very much up in the air, and perhaps that is the most important thing to remember from this year's election.

November 3rd came and went, and the balance of power between the parties has remained almost identical to every Congress since the mid-term elections of 1994.

While committed Clintonites might take some relief in the fact that a Republican landslide was avoided and that Democratic voters seem to have been able to separate their party from its president, the fact that the Republicans have maintained control of both houses for the longest time since the 1920's means something. In the very least it means that the nation doesn't trust either party enough to truly stack the deck in either's favor, electing a Republican Congress to keep a wayward Democratic President in check. Nothing could more accurately embody that sad and sorry morality of the 90's, as we, rather than chastise wrong-doing or seek to purge it from our civil service, opt instead for accepting the unacceptable under the guise of soft and flowery bipartisan rhetoric.

U.S Policy Makers: Look Before You Leap

by Chris Cocca
of the Grizzly

Yet another chapter in the ongoing "crisis" between Iraq and the international community was written earlier this week, when Iraq announced that it would no longer cooperate with UNSCOM, the team of United Nations weapons inspectors, in their monitoring efforts. While Iraq's continued defiance of the United Nations weapons inspections is nothing new, there is one unique facet of this situation that once again exposes the blunders of American foreign policy to the rest of the world.

On the surface, the American response is the same as it has always been, President Clinton immediately criticized Saddam Hussein and condemned Iraq's actions, and Secre-

tary of Defense William Cohen was shipped off to the Middle East to meet with the leaders of the Persian Gulf. However, one piece of the usual U.S rhetoric is conspicuously absent: the open threats by American officials of U.S. military retaliation against Iraq.

Why the sudden change in policy? The ranking Democrat on the House International Relations Committee, Lee Hamilton offered this response "Saddam's not going to buckle anymore just because the secretary of state gives a speech saying we're going to use force" (Philadelphia Inquirer, Nov. 6, 1998). Rep. Hamilton continued "The option of the use of force is very important...but it's all in how it is done. [Iraq and other nations] know very well if the use of force is credible or not credible. Our task is to persuade them. If it is not

credible, it really is not much of a tool."

What Rep. Hamilton and many other U.S. foreign policy makers are running into is what can be called the "crying wolf" effect. In the old fable, a boy shouted that a wolf was attacking him, and when all of the townspeople came running to help, they found that there was no wolf, and that the boy was just playing a trick. The boy did this several times and every time, the townspeople would come to save the boy and find no wolf. Finally, a real wolf does come and attack the boy, but when he shouts for help, the townspeople think that it is just another trick and the boy is eaten.

The United States is very much like that little boy who cried "wolf" so often. What policy makers need to do is to look before they leap. If the

Gerchak's Slant: Cashing In on the Past

by Andrew Gerchak
Special to the Grizzly

I called my old boss yesterday and asked him if he could pay me for the work I did last summer at the pool. "Didn't you get paid before?" he asked.

"Yeah," I said, "but I'm broke now."

"So," he said after a pause, "you want me to pay you now for work you were paid for three months ago?"

"That's about the gist of it."

Why did he hang up? I just can't figure it out. Cashing in on the past seems to work for everyone else, why not me? Why can't I remind people of what I had done before and get paid again without doing anything new?

Fleetwood Mac, Culture Club, and a host of others that have passed their prime showed up on stage in recent years. They had no problem collecting some cash for playing the songs that made them famous in the first place. Who needs to do new work to get paid?

Some bands just aren't as intelligent. Let's look at Black Sabbath. After kicking Ozzy Osbourne out of the band, their pockets dried up. Now they've welcomed back the gold-plated rock-monster and prepared for a tour and a new CD. But wait, instead of just putting live tracks of their classics on the album, they've recorded two new songs. What are they thinking?

The same thing happened with The Eagles. When Hell froze over a couple of years ago they started the reunion craze, but they also wrote and released two new songs.

At least they didn't make the same mistake as Kiss. Here's a band that sold out shows across the country playing their classics while spitting blood and having things explode on stage. Then they blew the whole deal by returning to the studio for an all new album. Why didn't they just ride the crest of their past success for as long as possible?

Haven't these guys ever heard of J.R. Bob Dobbs? It's all about Total Slack: maximum results through minimum effort. That's what I'm talking

about. United States had thought out what the implications of constant military threats as a foreign policy tool would be in the long run, they would have realized that it was the wrong way to go. Foreign policy and diplomacy are give and take relationships. A more feasible strategy would be to sit down with Iraq and tie compli-

about.

Now it's my turn. I've got the master plan. I'm going to get a band together and splash adds all over the place announcing a worldwide tour of The Jimi Hendrix Experience. Never mind that Hendrix is dead, the people will still show up. I mean, if people are willing to pay to hear producers play with the voices of such deceased artists as John Lennon and Jim Morrison, they won't have a problem with Jimi not showing up.

We'll slap together some trite and repetitive material, stamp it with an old, familiar name and make millions. We'll peddle our trash to disillusioned baby-boomers, and adolescents and college students who are sure that the grass was greener in the seventies. They'll come to our shows in their new, yellow Volkswagen Beetles wearing tie-dyed Grateful Dead shirts, even though they can't name two of the band's members.

If you don't believe that my scheme will work, look at those fine fellows behind the 1998 Godzilla. That skyscraper-high behemoth wasn't The King of the Monsters that stomped Tokyo several dozen times and still parades through marathons on The Sci-Fi Channel. It was the T-Rex from Jurassic Park on steroids tearing through the set of Independence Day.

They could have made the monster/disaster movie under a different name, but then it wouldn't have drawn such a large audience. They could have kept true to the time-tested form of the old Japanese beast, but then we wouldn't be privileged to the fresh, cutting edge monster.

Maybe for their next masterpiece they'll give The Lone Ranger a few dozen machine guns, a stogie, a steady barrage of monosyllabic catch phrases, and a nymphomaniac ex-Cowboy cheerleader for a sidekick.

Yeah, the new, gritty anti-hero Lone Ranger with a soundtrack from the Blondie reunion...now that's some good stuff.

ance with UNSCOM inspections to a limited or partial lifting of the economic sanctions that Iraq wants to be stopped. In this arrangement, Iraq is much more likely to cooperate, anti-US sentiment in Iraq will most likely decrease, and both countries will ultimately get what they want out of the situation.

Betting, Off-Track and On-Campus

by Jimmy Reilly
of The Grizzly

At colleges all over the country, students are betting on sports, cards, lotteries and casino games. According to NCAA studies, 6 to 8 percent of college students, a higher percentage than any other group, are believed to be compulsive gamblers.

The first U.S. review of teenage gambling was done a decade ago by Durwood Jacobs, Clinical Psychology Professor at Loma Linda University and Vice-President of the National Council on Problem Gambling.

"Our initial findings were that four to six percent of high school age youngsters, average age 16, were pathological gamblers at the time we surveyed them," Jacobs said. "At the time, the prevalence rate for adult problem gamblers was about 1.5 percent. So kids were showing prevalence of probable pathological gambling over three times that of adults."

A Philadelphia sports bookie who wished to remain anonymous told *The Grizzly*, "About 75% of my intake comes from college students, and they bet heavily."

Steve Burgess, age 19 and member of Gamblers Anonymous, said, "I thought I was invincible. I mean the first week I betted I won \$300. This was easy money, well, at least I thought. A month later I lost \$1200. I didn't know what to do so I went to my parents. Now I go to a Gamblers Anonymous three times a week."

Ursinus students say they can understand how gambling could potentially become a problem on a college campus.

"I bet on a few football games, and gambling could easily become a problem for college students," said sophomore Drew Owens. "But I know I can stop when I want."

Mike Sullivan, another sophomore, said, "I see gambling as a recreational thing. It's fun to put a few dollars on

a football game. If you know your limits you can't get hurt. You have to tell yourself enough is enough."

One Ursinus student, who asked to be anonymous, wishes he knew when to say "enough is enough."

"This football season alone I have already lost over \$1000," he said. "I always tell myself the next game is a lock -- there is no way I can lose this game. But guess what happens. I lose more money. But I am not giving up until I win all or most of my money back. One of these weekends my luck will change."

Listed below are 10 behaviors compulsive gamblers experience. If you can answer yes to five or more it may be a warning sign that you have a problem:

1. Being preoccupied with gambling: reliving past gambling experiences, handicapping or planning the next venture, or thinking of ways to get money with which to gamble
2. Needing to gamble with increasing amounts of money in order to achieve the desired excitement
3. Has repeated unsuccessful efforts to control, cut back, or stop gambling
4. Restlessness or irritability when attempting to cut down or stop gambling
5. Gambling as a way of escaping from problems or of overcoming negative emotions (e.g. feelings of helplessness, guilt, anxiety, depression)
6. Chasing losses, returning to do more gambling the day after a big loss
7. Lying to family members, therapists, or others to conceal the extent of involvement with gambling
8. Committing illegal acts such as forgery or theft, to finance gambling
9. Jeopardizing or losing a significant relationship, job, or educational or career opportunity because of gambling
10. Relying on others to provide money to relieve a desperate financial situation caused by gambling

by Joshua Moyer
of The Grizzly

Around Halloween, students of all ages have a tendency to take part in random acts of mischief and petty vandalism. This is no less true on the Ursinus College campus. However, some people think it was taken too far this year.

As students or faculty may have noticed, the statue of an old lady sitting on the bench outside of Corson Hall was kidnapped Halloween weekend. It has not seen the light of day since.

The campus hasn't exactly been buzzing about the issue - many students have not even noticed the statue's absence. *The Grizzly*, however, took notice and set out to find out how, why, and by whom the statue was taken.

Those students who have noticed are puzzled about the statue's mysterious disappearance. No particular suspects were identified, but a variety of possibilities were mentioned. Erin Greene, a sophomore, was shocked upon learning about the kidnapping of what she called "Ursinus' grandmother." Greene suggested looking outside the stu-

KIDNAPPED?

Grizzly uncovers the surprising truth about missing Corson statue

dent body to find the perpetrator.

"I bet it was someone in the administration," Greene said. "They were probably tired of seeing her get vandalized by students and took her away to safety."

Senior Sarah Welsh also thought that the student body was not involved. "Maybe it was a disgruntled employee. Ursinus' very own 'Groundskeeper Willie.'"

"It was probably someone with a serious grudge against old people ... or a grudge against bad art." -senior Donnie Asper

Fellow senior Donnie Asper attempted to place a motive rather than a suspect, and agreed that whoever stole the statue must have been a disturbed individual.

"It was probably someone with a serious grudge against old people...or a grudge against bad art," Asper said.

Though other possibilities were offered, the most common suspicion is that the culprit was looking for a decoration or a trophy. Eric Neelens and Devon Plum, both

sophomores, suggested that the statue is probably at this moment decorating a suite in Riemert or one of the main street houses.

Few students seemed to doubt that the statue's disappearance was linked to some kind of Halloween mischief. Chris Haring, another sophomore, said he concluded that the thief must have been a group, not an individual. He said that no single person could have pulled off such a stunt. He called the kidnapers a "group of hoodlums, a band of thieves," and pointed out that the statue's kidnapers must have gone to much trouble to take such a large, heavy object. "Whoever did that pulled off the best Halloween prank ever."

Despite all the speculation, *The Grizzly* has been able to discover the location of the statue, and found that Erin Green deserves to be called Ursinus' premier detective, for it was indeed an act of the faculty.

In an attempt to prevent the statue from being vandalized over the Halloween weekend, Berman Museum took the old lady, along with the statues of three young adults that sit outside Corson Hall, into the museum for the weekend. Due to previous acts of vandalism aimed at the old lady statue, it was decided that Berman would become the permanent home of "Ursinus' grandmother."

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War Years Classes Dedicate "Promise-Anthem"

by Danielle Milewski

of The Grizzly

An important piece of history became part of Wismer Center this weekend. Members of the classes of 1942-1949 attended a ceremony last Saturday in which they dedicated a bas-relief sculpture located in the Wismer Center lobby. "Promise-Anthem," by sculptor George R. Anthonisen remembers events at Ursinus and throughout the world during World War II.

The unveiling ceremony, titled "A Time to Remember, Commemorate, and Dedicate," began in Bomberger Auditorium, where alumni spoke of their recollections of life during World War II.

William Heefner, class of '42, and former president of the Ursinus Board of Directors, spoke about his memories of December 7, 1941, the day of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Others remembered events that took place on the Ursinus campus, such as the arrival of the Naval units.

Phyllis Parsons, class of '45, remembered most clearly the broadcast of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

"It was a worrisome time for all of us," she said.

Excerpts from the Ursinus Alumni Journal were also read, which included letters written by soldiers in the war.

For one alum, the ceremony meant remembering family. John Christ, class of '51, is the brother-in-law of Denton Herber, class of '42, who died in the war. Christ said that he doesn't want the sculpture to become "a passing in the night." He said he hopes that everyone who sees it will recognize its meaning.

In Wismer Center lobby, where the work is displayed, Henry Pfeiffer, a member of the War Memorial Committee presented the sculpture to senior Brian Ebersole, a senior representing current Ursinus students.

The unveiling of the memorial was followed by a reception in Berman Museum. A dinner was also held for the alumni in Wismer Lower Lounge.

Throughout the evening, alumni shared their thoughts on the war.

Class of '49 alum, Edie Reinhart, said that she remembered the impact that Ursinus

thing to Ursinus that would remind people of the special experience of their classes during those years.

The 24-by-9-foot "Promise-Anthem" consists of two panels. The Promise panel depicts life at Ursinus immediately before and during World War II. The scenes include buildings on campus and students gathered to study or re-



"Anthem"

Depicts images from World War II: (clockwise from bottom right), Pearl Harbor; a burning synagogue; a dead American soldier; troops attacking; the homefront worker; the Iwo Jima flag raising; the reuniting of a family. Photo by Stephen Barth



"Promise"

Depicts student life at Ursinus during and just before the war years: (clockwise from center top), Pfahler Hall; students on the steps of the former Freeland Hall; students studying a globe depicting the European and Asian theaters of war; a young male and female student of the times; the scene at the Collegeville train station from which men left for war. Photo by Stephen Barth

"Promise-Anthem" by Sculptor George R. Anthonisen

had on the war but added, "The war was so removed [from the Ursinus students]."

During the 50th reunions of each class, alumni have dedicated themselves to a fund-raising campaign. Through these efforts, the War Years classes have raised over \$3.2 million, which have been put to use in numerous projects including the renovations of Wismer Center. They have also gone toward an Academic Chair in memory of Philosophy Professor Dr. Charles Mattern.

In addition to these projects, however, the War Years alumni said they wanted to give some-

lax.

One scene is of the Collegeville train station on February 18, 1943. This is where most of the campus said goodbye to 31 men who left for war at 6:30 a.m. that day.

The second panel, "Anthem," shows scenes of World War II. These include the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the Iwo Jima flag raising.

Parsons said she hopes the artwork will give students an idea of what happened during the war.

"I hope they learn, or recognize enough through it, that it doesn't happen again," she said.

Remembering War Years Life at Ursinus

by Stephanie Duncan

of The Grizzly

On Saturday, Nov. 7, Ursinus alumni of the War Years classes, 1942-1949, gathered to pay tribute to a time when unity was the main component of life keeping them together.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941) life at

and grow from the history they become a part of when they attend Ursinus College.

Before the US entered World War II, students here did not understand the reality of what was really happening. However, when 31 Ursinus men left for war at 6:30 a.m. on Feb. 18, 1943, the reality set in for everyone. Most the student body came out to bid the men farewell.

"The known was left behind: family, friends, comfort, and stability," said J. Robert Wilson, '47. "The Unknown lay before us."

After the farewell to many Ursinus men, life at Ursinus attempted to regain normalcy. The work was the same as it always was: due. And Ursinus students were told that the one way they could help their friends and families was by not worrying but by being good students. Academic life changed very little with the start of the war. It was perhaps the only experience of stability at the time for many students.

That changed with the arrival of the Navy V-12. The men sent here were sent by command. They lived in Brodbeck, picked up their uniforms in Phaler basement and were then taught the language and the life of an officer. The Navy left after seven semesters.

The War Years committee met in March of 1996 and decided that their class gift would be the gift of the value

of unity, not of war. They met with artist George R. Anthonisen, and began work on what the sculpture should look like and the message it should send. Anthonisen sees his "Promise Anthem" as a source of inspiration for current and future members of the Ursinus community. "It acts as a point of reference for all Ursinus students."

The alumni also share this vision of the message the sculpture is meant to send about recognizing the past, as expressed by William Heefner, class of '42:

"To remember is to have a past, to have a past is to have a history, and to have a history is to be human,"

Ursinus would change drastically and the experience had by the students is one not matched in history since their time.

Ursinus students during those years were not unlike the students of other colleges and universities; they were scared, saddened, and met with the challenge of a lifetime. Many young men answered the call of their country. Some answered with their lives.

It has been the goal of the War Years classes to translate their experience to younger generations of Ursinus students. Their goal is not to glorify war. Rather, they hope that future Ursinus students will learn from their experiences

"Eden Cinema" At Ursinus

by James Rossiter
of The Grizzly

The highly anticipated *Eden Cinema*, the delicate autobiography of Marguerite Duras, is going to be presented to the Ursinus community on Wednesday, November 11 through the 14th at 7:30pm. The general admission is \$5.00 and \$3.00 for students or seniors. The play is directed by Lane Savadove, and focuses on a girl coming of age in 1930 Cambodia.

Ursinus student, Tim Noone is very excited about the play, he comments, "If it's anything like the first play then it will be worth the time and the three bucks to go and see." One similarity this play shares with the last one, *Sophistry*, is that Nathan Rosen will be back in action. He plays a wealthy landowner, who totally fails in his attempts of sweeping the leading lady off of her feet. Nathan explains, "this particular play is very dissimilar from *Sophistry*, but this one is just as interesting. I am happy I could land an important role."

The lineup of actresses and actors include, Thomas Lipshultz (Colonel), Jodie Poth (Older Suzanne), Sue Fialkowski (Suzanne), Leah Miller (Mother), Jeff Church (Joseph), and Nathan Rosen (Mr. Jo) have

been working day and night trying to perfect the right on-stage chemistry to convey an enjoyable product for the audience members. Actress, Sue Fialkowski comments, "The group of actors and actresses seem to be getting along well and that can only mean positive things in terms of the final product."

Ursinus sophomore Michael Sullivan comments, "The first one was filled with tales of sex, drinking, and teacher-student relationships—I can't wait to see what's next." Michael echoes many student's sentiments regarding the content of the next school play and is indeed eager to see the upcoming one.

Come out and join the Ursinus community for a few hours of quality entertainment this upcoming week. As a reminder, the show starts on Wednesday, the 11 through Saturday the 14th. Tickets are \$5.00 for non-Ursinus students. For reservations, call 610-409-3604.

Want to see your article here? Be a Writer for The Grizzly. There are meetings every Tuesday night at 6pm, 3rd floor of Bomberger. See you there.

Waiting for the World to Catch Up

by John Paulston

Special to the Grizzly

Practically every student at Ursinus College goes about his or her daily life without knowing that maybe, just maybe, there is a star-in-the-making roaming around with them. In this case, it takes the form of the lead singer, tenor saxophonist and a principal songwriter for one of the most promising bands to rise up from Philadelphia since the Hooters...okay, maybe not the Hooters, but somebody good.

Jim Brett is a senior Communication Studies major. For three and a half years, he has participated in the Ursinus College Jazz Ensemble and he has even been the general manager of our ill-supported, but quickly recovering WVOU.

Brett has lived a double life, though. Once his weekly classes are finished he heads to West Chester to practice with the ska band, the Upstanders. In addition, many of those weekends are spent out of town, playing shows. He told me that the Upstanders frequent clubs, halls and bars in Baltimore, New York City, Connecticut, Boston and Delaware, as well as in the Philadelphia area. When Monday morning comes around, Brett sleepily makes it back for his daily life as a fairly anonymous college student.

Sure, there are more "college bands" than any statistics student would care to count, but from what

this writer sees, the Upstanders are different. On stage, they display an energy unsurpassed by any local band, highlighted by a blazing horn section, a tight groove and most importantly, excellent songwriting. In a recent interview, I asked Jim Brett what makes the Upstanders different from the thousands of ska bands that are in the music industry today.

"We just spend a ton of time writing songs," he said. "I mean, we don't just sing and play on top of a few chords, we actually write and structure the music, so it's coherent."

Another aspect of the band that sets them apart from the rest of the ska world is its penchant for not always sounding "ska."

"I think there are a lot of bands that just take cues from other ska bands that are playing today. Our influences are too varied for that." Brett said, "As a rundown, we love the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, the Skatalites, tons of jazz, soul, early R&B, rock & roll, folk, showtunes. Certain band members have even been made fun of a little for liking Oasis and Billy Joel. Hey, our trombone player is into Rob Zom-

bie."

The Upstanders have released a demo cassette, a 7" record and have been included on several compilations. After nearly four years in existence, the band is set to release their first full-length album. Appropriately titled, *Waiting For the World to Catch Up*, an advance copy of the eleven track CD displays a superb combination of pop ("Into Our Cars and Stomachs," "Priceless"), delicate traditional ska ("Blue Light Dark," "Radioflier"), modern ska ("Red Carpet"), raw swing ("Jack Frost's Dream," "Ventriloquy"), and cathartic rhythm & blues ("Good Blackout").

It's an album that is good enough to please nearly any listener of popular music, not just ska.

The CD can be ordered by writing The Upstanders at P.O. Box 616 / Westtown, PA / 19395. Or email the Upstanders at talktaya@erols.com. Visit their website - www.geocities.com/SunsetStrip/Club/3468.

So, if the passage of time yields a world that has indeed caught up to the Upstanders, Ursinus students of today can look back and say, "Hey, I sorta knew that Brett guy."

What's on tap at Ursinus

November 11

12:00 p.m. Common Hour:
Middle States Discussion
Pfahler 108
Careers: INROADS
Unity House
6:30 SASA Speaker: Dr. Rohas
Raja
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RA Application Meeting
Olin 104
7:30 Arts: proTheatre
presents "Eden Cinema"
Ritter Center

November 12

7:00 p.m. Film Society:
"Miller's Crossing"
Pfahler Auditorium
7:30 Arts: proTheatre

presents "Eden Cinema"

Ritter Center
8:00 Robert Channing, Mental-
ist
Wisner Lower Lounge

November 13

7:30 p.m. Arts: proTheatre
presents "Eden Cinema"
Ritter Center
8:00 Movie: "Seven Years in
Tibet"
Wisner Lower Lounge

November 14

7:30 p.m. Arts: proTheatre
presents "Eden Cinema"
Ritter Center
8:00 Movie: "Amistad"
Wisner Lower Lounge

November 15

2:00 p.m. Lecture: Phyllis
Kornfeld speaks on inmate art
Berman Museum, Upper
Gallery
3:00 Arts: Open Reception
"Art from Within: Inmate
Expressions From Graterford
Prison"
Berman Museum, Upper
Gallery
4:00 Arts: Heefner Organ
Recital by Alan Morrison
Bomberger Auditorium
8:00 Movie: "The Man in the
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Lou's Movie Reviews

Loud Rings True to Life

by Lou Nemphos

A&E editor

Living Out Loud: Sometimes realizing the truth can be painful. As much as we try to avoid it, it always catches up to us in the end. Take for instance Judith (Holly Hunter). After 16 years, her cheating husband dumps the forty-something socialite for a pretty young thing and Judith sees clearly for the first time. She realizes she tailored her life to his. She learned how to order wine, cater parties and dumped her friends because their husbands didn't make enough money. Now, she wants to put the past behind her and get on with her own life. Unfortunately, her life was her husband's, so she finds herself with little to go on.

Enter Pat (Danny DeVito), a dumpy elevator man who, for the most part, is invisible to Judith and the other tenants of the ritzy apartment complex he works at. His wife kicked him out after 25 years due to gambling debts and much more, and to top it off his daughter is dying of cancer. His only refuge is in his brother, who repeatedly offers him a job at his bar, but Pat gracefully declines. Pat wants to keep his independence, the only thing he has left.

Judith and Pat have a brief encounter on the elevator one night and begin talking. With seemingly nothing in common, they find comfort in sharing stories of their grief, something both are experts on. Due to their vulnerability and solitude, they appear to be two peas in a pod. Great, you're thinking, another cliched chick flick where opposites attract and everyone lives happily ever after. Not necessarily. Screenwriter and first time director Richard LaGravenese

(He adapted *The Bridges of Madison County*, and *Beloved*) is too smart for that. LaGravenese focuses more on character development and dialogue than making the picture sugary sweet with a cherry on top. He's happy with all the pieces of the puzzle not fitting together, which is reflective of real life. Sometimes the pieces just don't fit.

Lack of options brings them together, but their dreams keep them apart. They spend evenings at Jaspers, an Upper West Side jazz club emceed by the soulfully elegant Liz Bailey (the surprisingly excellent Queen Latifah). She croons beautifully about love, but somehow can't sing her blues away. The three form a friendship, and take comfort in the company of one another.

The tension between Pat and Judith builds, and I'll leave it at that, but the end is congruent with the rest of the film. It makes sense.

The structure of the film (three central characters trying to survive) is reminiscent of the highly overrated fantasy *As Good as It Gets*, and I'll stand by my convictions by saying this is a much superior film. The characters in *Living Out Loud* are real, along with their actions, interactions and their dialogue. The acting is superb all around, as I would warrant Hunter, DeVito and, yes, even Queen Latifah Oscar nominations.

Other than an awkwardly placed choreographed dance routine in a lesbian after hours club (Don't ask, because I can't tell you) the movie is extremely strong.

Overall, *Living Out Loud* is one of the most pleasant surprises in years. It wisely breaks the number one Hollywood convention and gives us something that is real.

RATING: (Out of 4 stars)



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Ursinus Film Society

This Week's film comes from the directors of *Fargo* and the *Big Lebowski*
The Coen Brothers' classic *Miller's Crossing* starring Gabriel Byrne.
Thursday November 12th 7:00pm in
Pfahler Auditorium.

Around UC

by Stephanie Restine

of The Grizzly

Cross Country

On Saturday, October 31, the Ursinus Cross Country team traveled to the Western Maryland Golf Club to compete against all opposing members of the Centennial Conference in the Annual Championship Meet. The men placed seventh with 197 points, while the women finished tenth, tallying 309 points.

Leading the men was junior Spencer Shelly, crossing the line in 25th place with a time of 27:52.25. Seniors Dan Tavares and Barry Keppard followed in quick procession with times of 28:07.81 and 28:49.76, respectively. Teammates sophomore Michael Keeper, junior Carlos Ciruelos, freshman Glen Digwood, and junior Greg Weber also contributed to the Ursinus

effort with some personal bests.

For the women, senior Erica Heil continued to dominate as the top finisher for Ursinus, clocking in at 60th place with a time of 22:00.53. Following with times of 22:39.70 and 22:52.14 were freshmen Bridget Baines and Jamie Johnston. Grizzlies also striving for championship status were sophomore Laura Libert, freshman Mariana Morris, and sophomore Dorothy Wong.

Weber commented, "Although a lot of people ran their personal bests or close to it, we would have liked to have done better in the team standings. We have Regionals coming up, and we're looking forward to peaking at that meet."

The Cross Country Team will vie for position in the Regional Championship Meet on Saturday, November 14 in Allentown.

Swimming Takes First Plunge

On Saturday, November 7, the Ursinus Swim Team competed in their first official meet of the season against Centennial Conference opponent Washington. Unable to hold on to an early lead, the men lost a nail-biter, 111 to 86. The women were also unable to overcome the Washington team, losing 147-51.

For the women, senior Kelly Donohue, a key returning swimmer for the Grizzlies, took second place in both the 500 freestyle and 400 individual medley. Combining strength and stamina, freshman Lindsay Glah claimed second prize in the 100 butterfly, while classmate Victoria Brarrucco also took second honors in the 1,000 freestyle.

In the men's competition, senior Geoff Mills, showing no ill effects

from the off-season, took top honors in the 400 individual medley with a time of 4:23.25. Clocking in with a time of 1:00.41, senior Dan Jones dominated the 100 backstroke for the Bears. Jones along with relay teammates freshmen Peter Druckenmiller and Ryan Michaleski, and sophomore Chris Calderelli defeated the Washington 200 medley relay team (1:46.66.)

Senior Russ Whelan commented, "I thought the freshmen swam really well. Matt Vernon and Ryan Michaleski had lifetime bests. They all showed a lot of heart, and they deserve a great deal of credit. The rest of the season is looking very promising."

Both men and women's swimming have their next meet on Sunday, November 15 against Catholic University. Come out and support the team in their seasonal home opener.

Volleyball

Although losing their final conference match of the season to Muhlenberg on October 28, Ursinus Volleyball managed to win 14 matches on the season, breaking a team record. The Bears lost to the Mules in four games, 15-9, 15-6, 11-15, and 15-7.

In the loss, the Grizzlies continued to play consistently. In her final game for Ursinus, senior Co-Captain Tracy DiSanto had eight digs and seven kills. Continuing to excel offensively was junior Jody Smith with 11 set assists.

For the defense, freshman Katie Shearer led the Bears with four blocks and three block assists. Juniors Colleen Reasor and Rebecca Dickerson also contributed to the Grizzlies' effort, tallying up six digs apiece.

As the season concludes for volleyball, the Bears finished eighth in the Centennial Conference (3-7) with an overall record of 14-15.

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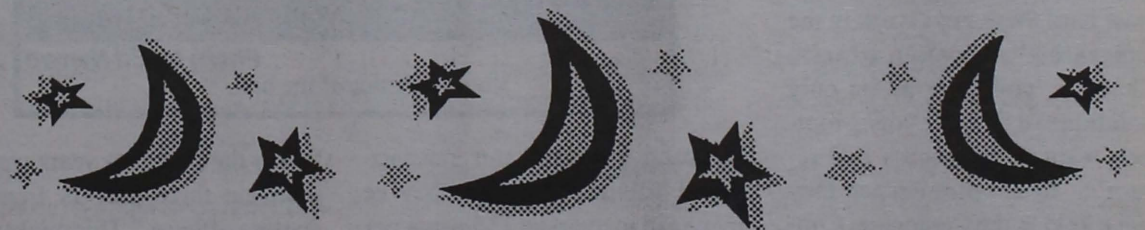
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UC Field Hockey Finishes Strong

by Nicole Erdosy

of The Grizzly

The Ursinus women's field hockey team ended their season with a 1-0 win against Colgate to bring their record to 3-13. Despite their losing record, the Lady Bears kept a positive attitude throughout the season. The team will now reflect on the season that recently passed and will look forward to working hard for next year.

"The beginning of the season was rough," said sophomore defender Diane Johnson. Diane continued to explain that with all the freshmen, it was tough to play together. The 1998 field hockey team presented many young, talented members. Of the 24 members, 10 were freshmen. "The freshmen came with a lot of talent and skill. But they had to learn to adjust and play at a Division I

level."

At times, the Ursinus team fielded all freshmen and sophomores against juniors and seniors of the opposing team. Freshman Susan Patton explained that their competition was made up of recruits that were probably paid to play there. That was a "clear advantage" for the other teams. Most Division I schools are able to offer incentives to some of the best players in the country, unlike Ursinus who is unable to administer athletic scholarships.

However, the Lady Bears showed they were able to give the more experienced teams a good game by going into overtime and sometimes double overtime. Unfortunately for the team, these games ended up in a number of losses. "It was disappointing," explained Johnson. "We would play so tough the entire game, and lose it in overtime."

The hockey team ended the season strong, winning their last 3 out

of 4 games. Their wins included Mammoth, West Chester, and their last game of the season, Colgate. Junior Lauren Flanagan was recently elected Captain for the 1999 season. She said that the last three wins are "a good indicator of what's to come. We went out with a bang, and we are fired up to come out the same way next year."

After getting the experience of Division I play, the freshmen are ready to put it to use in hopes for a winning season next year. Patton commented, "I anticipate next year, and I think the outlook is good. I definitely can see the banner in Helderich sometime in the future."

It is possible to go from worst to first. Remember the Phillies when they went to the World Series? In relation to the Patriot League, last season, Fairfield was seeded last, this year they were seeded first. "You never know," said Patton. "I think that we'll be a huge contender in the league next year," added Flanagan.

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Bears' Future: Contenders or Pretenders?

by Luther Owens

of The Grizzly

Imagine having to sacrifice most of your free time during the Spring semester and a great deal of your summer working hard just so you can be successful for three or four months out of the year. For example, imagine having to give up eating all that marvelous junk food. What if you had to cut back on some of your time and extracurricular activities at the parties or had to get up on weekends and run or lift weights instead of lying in bed with a big bowl of cereal watching cartoons or wrestling? This is exactly the message football coach Paul Gunther has given to his young team. "Hard work will be the key to this young team's success in the future. With all the guys coming back, it's all about how hard these guys work in the off-season." According to Coach Gunther, hard work is the only solution to the Bear's young football team getting better and returning to the prominence they once held in the Centennial Conference.

This has been a rather dismal season for the Bears. With one

game left, Ursinus has so far posted a (3-6)(2-4) record and has no chance of contending for the Centennial Conference Championship. The Bears' main problem this season

outing while their opponents manage 22 per game. This may be a problem now, but Coach Gunther and the rest of his staff feels that it will only get better in the future.

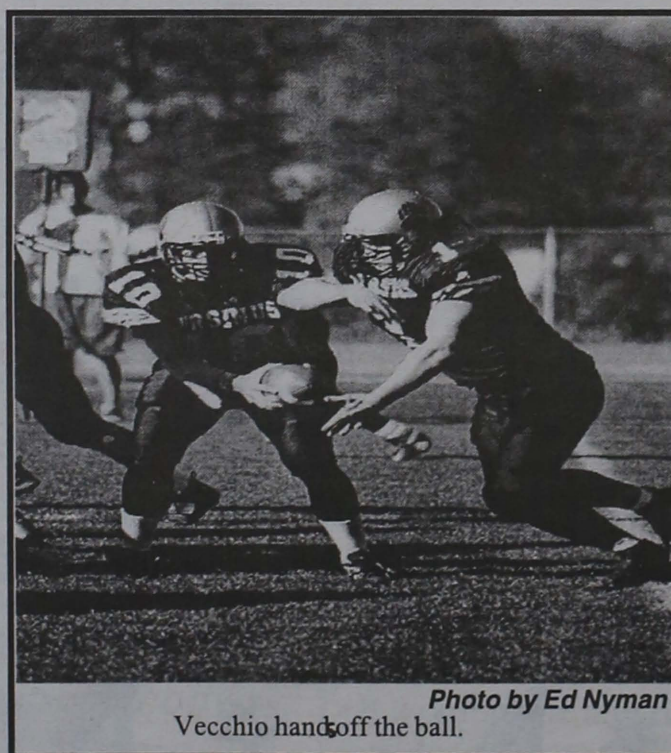


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Vecchio hands off the ball.

has been its young and inexperienced offense. Although they've managed to average 235 yards per game, the Bears haven't been able to march the ball into the end zone. The Bears only score 13 points an

"Over the next two years we only graduate three players from our starting offense." This might mean that all of those die-hard fans out there can look forward to the Bears offense making great strides in the

future.

It's hard to find many positives on a team that's 3-6, but Ursinus' defense has been just that, positive. In almost every game this season, the Bears defense has given them a decent shot at winning games. The offense just hasn't been able to get things going on a consistent basis. Coach Gunther realizes how valuable his defense has been and he applauds them for it. "Our defense has done a really solid job this season. The defense will be the cornerstone for what we are trying to do next year."

In the future, if the Bears get its young players ready and pull its offense up to the level of the defense, we could get a Conference Championship here within the next two years. Although this seems plausible, (being that they have so many young players getting valuable time) Coach Gunther thinks it is all irrelevant if the

players don't work hard in the off-season. "About 75 to 80 percent of our players are freshmen and sophomores. As a result many people expect us to contend for a title within the next few years. However, none of that will happen if the guys don't work hard in the off-season, but I think they will." With that in mind, we leave it up to the men of Ursinus football to give us a chance to root them on to another Centennial Conference title very soon.



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Hurley running the football.

NCAA Sets to Control Wrestling Tragedies

by Andrew Gerchak
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College wrestlers across the country spent an evening in early October stripped down and lined up, waiting for the chance to urinate in small plastic tubes, step on scales, and be pinched with mechanical devices on specific locations of their bodies. This scene was a direct response to the three weight loss related fatalities last season. The NCAA has implemented new rules and regulations to prevent future tragedies.

"When people die as a result of any sport, you need to take a hard look at what's going on," said Ursinus Head Wrestling Coach, Bill Racich.

Dr. Bill Akin, Athletic Director at Ursinus, applauds the actions. "The NCAA is not really known for its concern for the health of its athletes," he said, "but this is a legitimate effort."

Among these changes is the process of scientifically determining a safe weight class for each individual athlete. Wrestlers are now required to undergo urinalysis, to ensure that the athletes are properly hydrated at the time of the weight check, and skin fold check, to calculate body fat percentage. These results are then placed into an elaborate formula to determine the lowest weight at which the athlete is allowed to compete.

The tests are then run again

the first week of December. The weight the wrestler qualifies for at that date will be his weight class for the duration of the season. This eliminates wrestlers dropping weight classes near the end of the season, and encourages the athletes to attempt to maintain a constant weight near their weight class.

Pam Chlad, Head Athletic Trainer and Associate Professor of ESS, explained that similar steps were taken at Ursinus in the past. "We had traditionally measured skin fold and tried to get people to manage their weights the right way, but other school's weren't following the same standards," she said. "Now it puts everybody on an even playing field."

"With these regulations," Chlad said, "the NCAA states that to safely lose body weight, it has to be fat loss. By checking the skin folds we can calculate if they're losing lean body mass or they're losing body fat, which is preferable."

Senior wrestler, Eric Trimmer, sees the benefit of the changes. "Wrestlers are going to compete at more healthy and effective weight classes."

Josh Moyer, a sophomore member of the team, agrees. "I think it's a good system. If the NCAA sticks with it and enforces the rules, it could change the sport for the better."

Racich voiced his opinion, saying that the NCAA is, "trying to make the sport better for the student-athlete."

Tina Wailgum, Athletic

Trainer and Associate Professor of ESS, does not believe that the Ursinus wrestling program will be affected much by the new regulations. "I think, for the majority of Ursinus wrestlers, it's not going to have a large impact," she said. "But I think it will put an end to the one or two that might practice unsafe means of losing body weight. It will make each individual wrestler maintain their health and strength throughout the season."

Chlad agreed, and added, "I don't think we've had people go down the drastic amounts of weight that other schools have had."

That is due in part to Coach Racich's active participation in his wrestlers' weight control. "My staff and I have always concentrated on educating our athletes about ideal body composition and proper weight management," he said. Referring to the body tests, he said, "We've been using similar techniques for years without being forced to."

However, Racich does recognize the reason for the concern. "Throughout my coaching and athletic life, I've come across people who are excessive in anything they do. It's just a frame of mind," he said. "In those few cases, there was a problem that needed to be looked at."

The Ursinus wrestling team was subjected to two separate sets of tests on two consecutive evenings, a sore subject to some of the wrestlers. "I felt it was a little monotonous," Moyer said. "To have them done on Thursday and know I was

good, and then to have to go through the whole ordeal again on Friday was pretty draining."

However, Trimmer mentioned that he did not mind the double testing, saying, "I think it's good to check the accuracy of the tests."

Why were the tests done twice? Why couldn't Ursinus wrestlers rest October 1, knowing that they were on track for being certified at the desired weight class? "Through a miscommunication between the athletic training staff and the head wrestling coach," Wailgum said, "Coach Racich didn't realize that we were willing to do these tests, that we wanted to do them. Being the organized person that he is, he wanted to make sure that it was taken care of."

Racich acknowledges the lack of communication. "The NCAA window of opportunity for certification was limited, and I really wasn't informed as to what the training room was planning," he explained, "so I did the prudent thing, the best thing for my wrestlers, and went to a medical agency and hired a neutral, unbiased certified trainer to fulfill the NCAA requirements."

Wailgum said that by the time both the training staff and Coach Racich were going to duplicate the tests, it was too late. "But then we thought that it's never a bad idea to have more than one set of data. It's a nice way of seeing how reliable and objective the tests are, especially if the results are reproduced."

Pam Chlad was aware that some of the athletes were upset with the

training staff for having to undergo the tests a second night. "We did not intend it to be some kind of competition, or that we were trying to punish the team," she explained. "The second tests, which we conducted, were strictly a means of seeing what we needed to do in order to accomplish our future goals."

Wailgum believes that the changes are a step in the right direction, but can't stop here. "The bottom line is that we have to initiate this at a high school level and at the grass roots level, and educate everybody that you can't take a large individual and try to gain an advantage by having him suck down to a lower weight class," she said.

Although immediate action was taken midway through the season last year, and these changes were put into play for this year, such extreme problems related to weight loss are anything but common. The thirty-three day period last winter, during which the three wrestlers died, were the first weight loss related fatalities since wrestling became an official NCAA sport in the mid 1920's. "The changes are probably positive," Eric Trimmer said, "but the fear is exaggerated by those outside the sport."

Contemplating what these changes will mean for our program, Pam Chlad said, "I think it's advantageous for Ursinus. Wrestlers will be less likely to suffer illness and injury, and they'll also be happier." She concluded, "I think we'll be a better wrestling team."

Men's Basketball Prepares For Tough Schedule

by Diane Johnson
of The Grizzly

As Fall sports wind down, the Ursinus men's basketball team gears up for another season. The Bears return this year from a 9-14 record last season. Senior Greg Klein commented, "Our record from last year doesn't matter. It doesn't mean anything this year. We have a lot of freshman who will contribute to the team's success and its obvious returning players have been working hard

in the off-season."

The Bears compete in the Eastern Division of the Centennial Conference against colleges such as: Haverford, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore, Western Maryland, Dickinson, Johns Hopkins and Washington. Their competitive roster also includes teams such as Catholic University and Lebanon Valley College who are ranked in the top twenty in the nation for Division III.

The Bears open their season this Saturday with a scrimmage against Holy Family College. "I think we've

improved since last season. We have the ability and talent to compete for the conference championship," remarks sophomore guard Michael Sullivan. The team hopes to concentrate on defense and find out what they need to improve on before their regular season conference play that begins December 2, against Dickinson College.

The team's attitude seems energetic with a somewhat youthful arrogance according to Greg Klein. Sophomore women's basketball player Kate Maxwell said, "From what I've seen from their practices

the men's basketball team has really improved since last season. I think they have the ability to surprise some teams this year."

Without the return of James Rossitier, Jim Reilly, Rob Bishop and Drew Owens, the team's morale is still optimistic. Michael Sullivan commented, "With the talent of the strong freshman class, I can see an improvement in the team from top to bottom."

The Bears will compete in the Ramapo tournament on November 21-22 in New Jersey. Following the tournament play they face

Widener University Tuesday, November 24 on their home court. From a pre-season outlook, Muhlenberg appears to be one of the Bears most challenging opponents in the Centennial Conference. But the Bears are determined to play hard and learn from the scrimmage versus Holy Family this Saturday. Greg Klein remarked, "We have the ability to win the conference championship and make it to the tournament. We just need to play hard and consistent as a team all season so we can make it happen."

Ursinus Athletes Honored

by Erny Hoke

Sports Editor

This week some Ursinus athletes were honored in the Centennial Conference Honor Roll as well as being named to All-Conference and League Teams.

Ten Ursinus athletes were named to the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll this semester. To earn this honor, one must be a sophomore, junior, or senior; be a starter or key-reserve; and carry at least a 3.40 cumulative grade point average.

The following seniors received this honor: Kevin Bailey (Foot-

ball), Erica Heil (Cross Country), Carrie Haslbeck (Cross Country), Barry Keppard (Cross Country), Lauren Wagman (Volleyball), and Thomas Regan (Men's Soccer).

Juniors: Spencer Shelly (Cross Country), Andy Perri (Men's Soccer), and Stacy Denney (Women's Soccer) also received honor roll status.

The only Ursinus sophomore to be named was Jennifer Pilcicki (Volleyball).

Three Ursinus athletes were recently named to Conference and League honors. Sophomore Susie Russo for field hockey, senior Dede Boies and sophomore Molly Walsh for women's soccer.

Russo was recently named to the All-Patriot League Second Team in field hockey.

Russo was tied for the team lead in points with seven, and goals with three.

Boies was named to the All-Centennial Conference Women's Soccer Second Team, as Walsh received an honorable mention.

Boies finished the season with 13 goals and 28 points, placing her third and fourth respectively in the Conference.

Boies and Walsh are the first Ursinus women's soccer players to receive this honor, as they led UC to a 8-9 record.

The Ursinus College Baseball Team is selling team hats for each sport. They are great gift items. See Coach Thomas in Helfferich Hall now, before they sell out. Cost of hats are \$15.00 and all proceeds help the baseball team.

Week 11 NFL Picks

Kyle's Picks

(55-33)

(8-6)

Overall Results

Last Week's Results

Brian's Picks

(50-38)

(10-4)

Sunday, November 15th

New England
NY Jets
Tennessee
Washington
Minnesota
Miami
San Francisco
St. Louis
Baltimore
Seattle
Dallas
Green Bay
Jacksonville
Chicago

New England at Buffalo
NY Jets at Indianapolis
Pittsburgh at Tennessee
Philadelphia at Washington
Cincinnati at Minnesota
Miami at Carolina
San Francisco at Atlanta
St. Louis at New Orleans
Baltimore at San Diego
Seattle at Oakland
Dallas at Arizona
Green Bay at NY Giants
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville
Chicago at Detroit

Buffalo
NY Jets
Tennessee
Philadelphia
Minnesota
Carolina
Atlanta
New Orleans
San Diego
Seattle
Dallas
Green Bay
Jacksonville
Detroit

Monday, November 16th

Denver

Denver at Kansas City

Denver

Notes:

New England at Buffalo

Kyle: New England is in a must win situation--Bledsoe will not let them lose.

Brian: Bledsoe has not been playing good enough to lead the Pats past Flutie.

San Fran at Atlanta

Brian: The Falcons look good with Chandler, and if Young does not start San Fran has no chance of a win.

UC Soccer Finishes Season With Tough Loss

by Matt Klinger

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Ursinus' men's soccer team closed the season on a sour note this Saturday with a 5-1 loss to Muhlenberg. The game began by a lone goal from Ursinus freshman Steve Wilkes. From there, the Bears proved to be helpless against Muhlenberg.

Muhlenberg freshman Jeff Carroll felt the game was dull and unchallenging and that "it was over when it started."

After Wilkes' goal, Muhlenberg proceeded to destroy the Bears' defense and thwart the offense. According to Carroll, it was "all downhill from there."

The Bears must have taken this loss to heart, since no one from the team would comment on the outcome of the game.

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Saturday 11/14

Cross Country @ NCAA Regionals
Football vs. Dickinson 1 p.m.

Saturday 11/21

Cross Country @ NCAA Championships