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It's when you're safe at home that you wish you were having an adventure. When you're having an adventure, you wish you were safe at home.
-Thornton Wilder

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Vaccination for Meningitis a Success

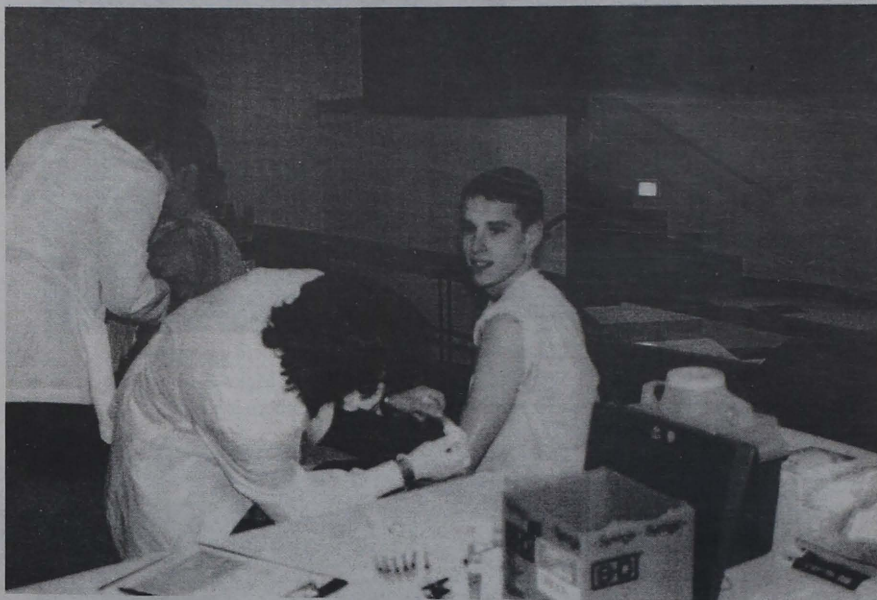
Kurt Miller
Special to *The Grizzly*

On Wednesday, February 26 you could have gone down to Wismer Center, gotten a cheese-steak at Zack's, eaten it in the Lower-Lounge, and then have gotten dead Meningitis spiracles injected into your bloodstream for \$75. This is because Ursinus College sponsored an immunization campaign last Wednesday to try and halt the slowly spreading and sometimes deadly disease of Meningitis.

Greg Quatrini, the event's supervisor, said that the event was a great success. "Very good turnout, I don't have any exact numbers, but I'd say about 25% of the student population was vaccinated."

You might ask yourself why the school suddenly sponsored such a campus wide drive for immunizations for meningitis when they haven't done so in the past. The answer is because the disease has been spreading around campuses across the East Coast. Georgia Tech had two cases diagnosed on their campus this

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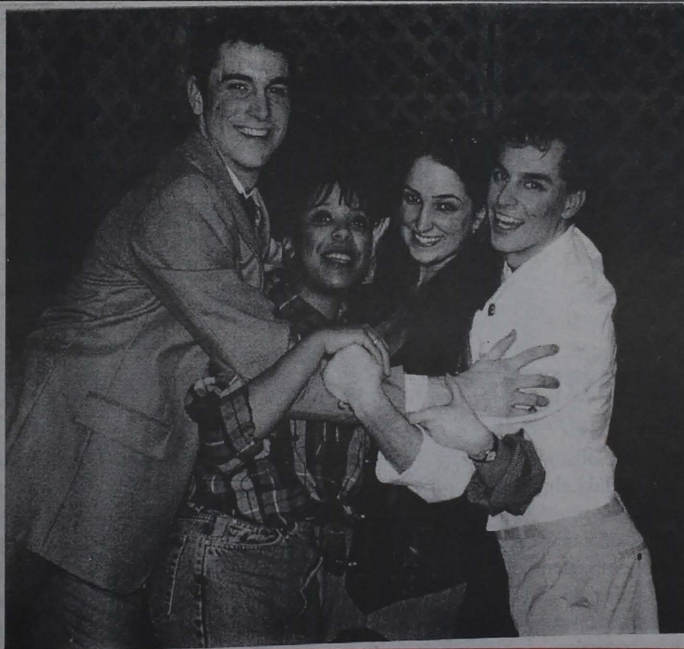


Kyle Goldwater being vaccinated for meningitis.

Staff Photo By Emy Hoke

Some of the Cast of CLOUD 9 poses after their performance on Thursday night.

Staff Photo By Sue Fialkowski



Dr. England to Speak on Social Crowds

Richard Barrett
Special to *The Grizzly*

Everyone remembers middle school and how students fell into certain groups just by the way they looked, acted, or dressed. This is one of the themes that will be discussed by Dr. Eileen England, associate professor of psychology, in her lecture entitled "Middle School Students and Their Social Crowds: The Importance of Nerds, Populars, and Druggies", on March 4, in Olin Auditorium at 4:15 p.m.

High school is the place where most of the social grouping has

already taken place, but Dr. England explains that it is in middle school where kids first learn to differentiate between social groups. "The middle school students start to form these groups as a way to find psychological support other than their parents, and also it helps them to learn to form social categories."

One might think that putting people into social categories is just the same as stereotyping them. Dr. England, however, says, "it only

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Basket Bingo



The Ursinus Student Government Association (USGA) recently held a community service project, Basket Bingo, in which they raised money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Participants played 20 games of bingo for Longenberger baskets.

Staff Photos By Emy Hoke



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Middle States Presents Findings

Kate Buchert

Staff Writer

Ursinus entered the final phase of the Middle States Association of the Commission of Higher Education reaccreditation process this past week as a team of visitors from regional colleges and universities met with members of the Ursinus community. The team, who was present on campus from Sunday, February 21, through Wednesday, February 24, held two meetings to discuss MSA's assessment of Ursinus.

On Tuesday, February 23, the faculty and administration had the opportunity to meet with the Visiting Team. On Wednesday, February 24, the entire campus was invited to a meeting held in Pfahler Auditorium. Daniel F. Sullivan, president of St. Lawrence University, gave a brief debriefing which will go into the MSA's final report on Ursinus. Sullivan remarked that there is an "electricity and determined focus" at Ursinus and that this is a college that "helps students transform themselves."

He observed that there is "a campaign to foster student achievement with the faculty as coach-mentors." Some of the challenges facing Ursinus are based on the fact that the "pace of change is rapid." These changes

have caused some stress for the faculty, and Sullivan added that "there is a sense that implementation was without consultation." More communication is needed between the faculty and staff. Despite that, Sullivan pointed out that the faculty is committed and supportive of student achievement. There was also a concern over the lack of recreational facilities and financial planning. All in all, the team was "inspired by what Ursinus has done so far."

In addition to Daniel Sullivan, the team was composed of: Susan M. Donovan, vice president for student development and dean of students at Loyola College; Ellen F. Falduto, chief information and planning officer at Hartwick College; Lucie Lapovsky, vice president for finance at Goucher College; Murray J. Levith, professor of English at Skidmore College; Kenneth L. Schick, professor of physics at Union College; and Michael B. Poliakoff, deputy secretary for post secondary and higher education, Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Meningitis Vaccination A Success

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school year; Boston University had one, as did Lehigh. Meningitis has a 13% mortality rate and 50% of the people who contact it will have permanent neurological and physical damage that ranges from deafness to amputation of extremities.

In 1997 the American College Health Association recommended vaccinations be made available to students because Meningitis thrives in college living conditions. These conditions include cluster living, binge drinking, utensil sharing, physical intimacy, and passive smoking.

During the 80's the military was having similar problems with the spread of meningitis and instituted a similar campaign that was very successful in reducing the number of infections.

Those vaccinated on Wednesday were held for fifteen minutes to see if they had an adverse reaction to the shot, and then released to resume life as normal. Ursinus student Coleman Barry remarked:

"It didn't hurt more than any other shot, and my arm wasn't sore at all. Tetanus shots are a lot worse."

There were some students who complained of slight discomfort though. "I didn't feel right all day." Said Joseph Demarco, "My arm was a little sore and I felt out of it. But I'm on other medication too right now so that might be the reason."

After all was said and done, the students who participated may have been left a little light in the pocket and sore in the arm, but were given some peace of mind in return.

Dr. England to Speak on Social Crowds

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becomes a stereotype if it's misused." She believes that the making of these social categories are in fact a good thing, and that they are, "a positive sign of decision making." When middle school kids look at social crowds, they either say, I do want to be like them, or I don't want to be like them. "An athlete will look at a druggie, and say I don't want to be like them, and vice versa. But if somebody exaggerates the differences by saying something like, 'I really don't want to be like them because they are so

bad,' then it could get that person into trouble."

Sophomore Drew Owens took notice of this when he was in school. "I was an athlete and a good student," Owens said, "and having the variety of social crowds gave me the options of choosing which ones fit me best. I saw that the bad crowd didn't agree with me or my goals as a young person, so I decided to choose friends in a different direction."

A final point that Dr. England will be making in her lecture is that social categories are based on degrees. For instance she says that drug use is not all or none when it comes to grouping social

crowds. "It's the belief that the majority of druggies smoke, whereas most athletes don't smoke, and the smart kids definitely don't." She went on to say that, "These categories are all based on varying degrees because, for example, although it's believed that most athletes don't smoke or do drugs, there are some who do."

There are people out there who think that social crowds and cliques have a bad influence on young kids and teach them to follow not lead. However Dr. England will challenge this view with her evidence that social crowds are in fact helpful for kids in a time that important decisions need to be made.

Ursinus Alum Named Principal of Vanguard Group

John A. Romano, '98, has been appointed a Principal of The Vanguard Group. He reports to Barbara L. Grozinski, Principal, Individual Investor Group.

Mr. Romano, 40, joined Vanguard as an Operations Support Manager in 1988. He was promoted to Senior Manager of Mail Operations in 1993. Four years later, Mr. Romano moved to Vanguard's Individual Investor Group in the IRA Processing area. As Principal, he is responsible for the processing of all IRA new account and asset

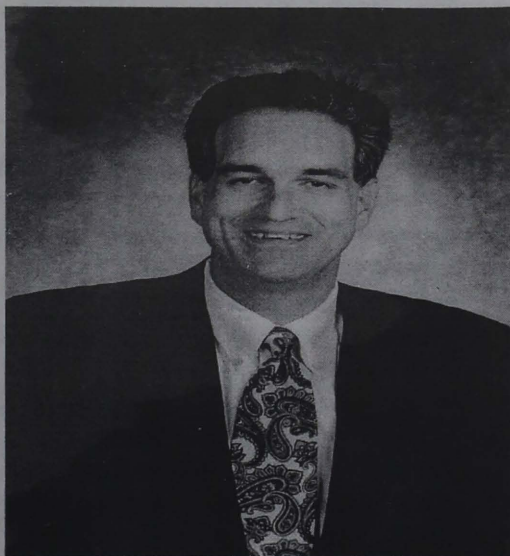
transfer requests.

A native of Berwyn,

received a Certificate of Data Processing from Norristown, Pennsylvania's Maxwell Institute in 1977.

Mr. Romano and his wife reside in Audubon.

The Vanguard Group, headquartered in Valley Forge, is the nation's second largest mutual fund firm and a leading provider of company sponsored retirement plan services. Vanguard serves 12 million clients and manages more than \$450 billion, including more



Pennsylvania, Mr. Romano earned an associate's degree from Delaware County Community College in 1992, and a B.S. in Business Management from Ursinus College in 1998. He

than \$130 billion in participant-directed defined contribution retirement plans. Vanguard offers 101 funds to U.S. investors and 20 additional funds in foreign markets.



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OOPS..We Goofed!

We inadvertently printed the incorrect article written by Tarika Tiggett about the Stuart Sister's performance in the 2/16/99 issue.

The two men's basketball pictures on the front and back page of last week's issue were taken by Kim Inglott.

The photos of Cloud Nine in last week's issue were taken by Sue Fialkowski.

GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER!

*Airband 1999 is quickly approaching. Start getting your friends together and plan your big debut! This year's Airband proceeds will benefit Chris Jacobs and Hospital Hugs. Deadline for registering your act is **MARCH 25TH.***

If you have any questions contact Ali Yeager or Jamie DiBlassio

Dean's Office Recognizes Resident Scholars

The Academic and Student Affairs Offices have begun a new program designed to recognize the academic achievement of the residential students. The "Dean's Office Academic Excellence Award" recognizes the five residence hall areas that have received the highest cumulative grade point averages for the fall semester of the current academic year.

Winners were:

Wicks Senior Honors House (GPA 3.48),
Isenberg Biology Research House (GPA 3.31)
Reimert 200, 201, and 210 (GPA 3.12)
Broadbeck 3 and Wilkinson 309-312 (GPA 3.07)
Paisley 3 (GPA 3.01)

Keep up the good work !

Ursinus Students Called to Aid Project for Peace

Judith E. Fryer
Information Services Librarian

Special to the Grizzly

Each summer Ursinus students and faculty study at Tohoku Gakuin University in Sendai, and TGU students and faculty study at Ursinus. I am pleased that I will be part of the group going to Japan this year.

One of the places the group always visits is Hiroshima. I was dreading that part of the trip. I know that war memorials are important, but they give me a helpless feeling. Recently, I discovered a way to turn the visit into a positive experience for me and the entire Ursinus community.

Part of the Peace Park at Hiroshima is a memorial to Sadako, a young girl who, as she was dying from leukemia as a result of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, began folding a thousand origami cranes as a wish for healing and peace. (You can read more about it on the Web at <http://www.ascusc.org/virtualgroup/mc1321/Allen/sadako.html>) Today people from all over the world bring

or send strings of 1,000 cranes to the monument as expressions of the hope for peace.

I plan to deliver 1,000 cranes in the name of Ursinus College. This will be our hope for the end of all war and preparation for war, including land mines, chemical and biological weapons, and all forms of aggression. If each person at Ursinus made one crane, we would have more than a thousand. If folding cranes is not within the scope of your manual dexterity skills, you can do the first easy folds and someone else will finish it—in that way you will still have participated.

To get the project started, I will be in Wismer Lower Lounge on Thursday, March 4 from 5:00 to 6:00. Drop in for a few minutes for help in making a crane (or several cranes). If you already know how to fold a crane, see me in the library for information on size and paper suggestions. In order to personalize your contribution, you may write your name and/or a message for peace on your crane, or you may leave it plain. Let's make this project tangible evidence of some serious thought.

Going Abroad?

Thinking about making some quick money?
Think again!

If someone offers you a free vacation and a big chunk of cash just for bringing back a suitcase or package no questions asked—Remember:

- Drug laws abroad are very strict.
- When you leave the U.S., you leave our laws behind.
- The police are waiting for you.
- The police are watching for American tourists carrying drugs.
- You will not be released on bail.
- You will be thrown in a crowded jail cell.
- You will not have access to a modern shower or toilet.
- You will be given food that is not fit to eat.
- When sick or injured, you may not get adequate medical care.
- You will not see your loved ones—your parents, your children, your friends—for a long, long time.
- You will be fined thousands of dollars.
- You will stay in jail for years and years.

You will be blamed for anything in your suitcase, no matter who puts it there. Ignorance is no excuse. If it's in your suitcase, it's your crime, and you will do the time.

This message is brought to you by the U.S. Department of State

Middle States Team Praises Ursinus Students

Andrew Gerchak

News Editor

The Middle States Visiting Team, consisting of six faculty members from regional schools and chaired by Daniel F. Sullivan, president of St. Lawrence University, toured Ursinus College from Sunday, Feb. 21, through Wednesday, Feb. 24.

For four days, they spoke with faculty, students, and administrators, and reviewed the material assembled by the college, including the Middle States Self-Study, the Student Handbook, the faculty handbook, the course catalogue, and Ursinus' publicity materials. The goal of this activity was to provide an accurate assessment of the college, pointing out both strengths and concerns.

The morning of the Middle States exit interviews, Dean Annette Lucas said she hoped to see a decent turnout from

students at the debriefing.

"Since we have involved students actively in this process, we do hope students come and hear what the results are," she said. "... If it were a standing crowd, that would be fun."

Although the auditorium was nearly filled to its seating capacity, there were only a few students among many faculty and administrators.

The presentation, conducted by Sullivan, described the "student-centered" aspect of Ursinus. "Students know they have a voice and a responsibility to take part," he said.

However, Sullivan added, "student government was noticeably absent from the Middle States process."

Little attention was given to some of the negative aspects of student life which some had complained were overemphasized in the college's self-study. In fact,

the only mention of the Greek system, whose portrayal in the self-study caused controversy in the student body, was positive. Sullivan said since the self-study was released the Greek leaders and the college's administration were cooperating with each other to find ways to eliminate some of negative aspects of Greek life.

Overall, the report commended students for their work and efforts on campus. Sullivan said the Visiting Team found Ursinus students to be "articulate, self-confident, and sure of purpose."

President John Strassburger was pleased with the impression the Visiting Team received from Ursinus' students.

"The praise for students and for the work students are doing here is as lofty a praise as I've ever heard at any accreditation report anywhere," Strassburger said. "It ought to make students feel really good about the education that they're getting, and I hope it does."

Ursinus Students Battle Against Sickness

Ryan Roberts

Special to the Grizzly

It's that time of year again to pull out the extra blankets and charge up the phone to call home. The common cold has struck us once again and it seems to have everyone's number. Everywhere you look people on the Ursinus campus, it seems people are dragging their books to class looking as if the 8 a.m. bus into Philadelphia accidentally ran them over on the way out.

"At this time of the year germs flourish. It's their flowering season," said Dr. Paul Doghramji of the Wellness Center.

There are more than 100 different viruses attacking your upper respiratory system with one thing in mind, making your life miserable. So how do we triumph over the attack of these miniscule pests? The following is advice from some Ursinus students who have been through it:

Although these remedies may sound tempting (and in some cases even reasonable) The Grizzly thought it might be wise to get some professional advice, just in case.

Doghramji, of the Wellness Center, said he has seen 20 patients per day on average in the last month with similar symptoms. He offered some advice on what can be done to prevent or lessen the effects of the common cold.

After a glance at Doghramji's suggestions, hopefully you will feel like the best informed cold killer in the business. Although many people whose cough and fever kept them in bed watching talk TV and soaps may feel like experts on the common cold, here are some suggestions from one official campus expert on what to do if you get stuck with the bug:

1. Stay away from others (remember you're the infected one)
2. Drink (water and other non-alcoholic liquids) and rest
3. Cover your mouth when coughing
4. Don't share your food or drinks with others
5. Stop smoking, or at least cut down
6. Eat healthy

Whatever remedy you chose: smoking, not smoking, eating healthy, using more drugs, calling mom or simply just sitting in your room reassuring yourself that your not sick, The Grizzly wishes the best to you and hope we can all beat the sickness.

"It's all mind over matter. If you tell yourself you feel bad you will feel bad." (Joe Conte, junior)

"You gotta kick back with some O.J. and a smoke." (Peter Hinkle, senior)

"Lot's of O.J., Sleep, and drugs." (Jay Wisnosky, junior)

"You have to eat right and drink a lot of fluids." (John Durr III, junior)

"Sleep, O.J. and my mom." (Amanda Brehm, sophomore)

"Stay away from the Wellness Center go to CVS instead." (Erin Martino, junior)

"Put off your 21st birthday for a week." (Laura Siciliano, junior)

"Jazz music and calisthenics is what works for me." (Christopher Lieberman, sophomore)

What's Up At Wellness

Travelers Be Cautious

As the time approaches for spring or summer break, many students are getting ready for that much anticipated trip abroad. Most will have a safe and enjoyable adventure. However, for some the trip will be a nightmare. One or more of the following ruins many vacations: drugs, alcohol, and disorderly behavior.

Each year, more than 2,500 American citizens are arrested abroad. Half of these include

arrests for drug related charges, including possession of very small amounts of illegal substances. A drug that may be legal in one country may not be legal in another. Some young people are victimized for not knowing the laws, customs, or standards or the country they are visiting.

Many also believe that they are immune to prosecution in foreign lands because of their American citizenship. It is es-

sential to know local laws before leaving for a foreign country.

Disorderly and reckless behavior is also to be avoided. In many countries, conduct that would not result in an arrest in the United States constitutes a violation of common law. It is crucial that young Americans be aware of these risks as they enjoy their time abroad. The truth is that Americans are expected to obey all laws, and those who break foreign laws sometimes face severe penalties.

March is Women's Health Issues Month

Throughout March there will be a display in the showcase of Wismer Lounge with information on STD's, eating disorders, Breast Cancer, and nutrition

Be sure to take time to read about these important health issues.

Lessons from Space Ghost

Joe Pope and
Dave Walker

Special to the Grizzly

"Open wide, Lady Liberty, because Space Ghost is coming to America - today! Americaners don't trust foreigners, especially when they don't live there. You know that part about the melting pond?"

"Yeah."

"It hasn't melted; that's a pant-load!"

"Hey, anybody got a magazine?"

As far as late night television is concerned, it's the best deal going. Space Ghost drags a reluctant Moltar, a bitter Zorak, and, at times, a confused Brak into the absurd waters of late night talk.

For those of you

who don't know, Space Ghost was originally a superhero from a 1960's cartoon show. Show after show, he fought against the evil forces of space: Moltar, Zorak, and Brak, to name a few. Now, his three former archenemies work as his producer, his musician, and the show's comic relief, respectively. Whereas the 1960's Space Ghost was once a serious figure to be reckoned with, today he is forced by Cartoon Network executives to run a degrading, comedic talk show, subject to the probing eyes of millions. And Space Ghost is certainly a talk show, complete with weekly guests; anyone from Denis Leary to Metallica can be found on the show. Who knows what might happen? Space Ghost might blast a guest he doesn't like into oblivion, Moltar could escape, or Brak might find himself pregnant.

Underneath the humor,

there is much to be learned from Space Ghost; from censorship to conformity to blatant idiocy, Space Ghost has it all. Watch as Space Ghost blasts Zorak whenever Zorak offers up an opposing viewpoint. Or maybe Space Ghost will condemn the show's guest to "the box" for not complying with his absurd rules. Sound like anyone we know? Think, Tad, think! Censorship, you ask? Most certainly! To have a real world example of censorship-it really doesn't take much brainpower-think back to Nazi Germany. We know some of you may find the example "trite," but it applies, and we just had to put it in our article somewhere. "Mmm... I'm in carbohydrate heaven."

And what of conformity? Look back up to the quotes at the top. They come from an episode in which Space Ghost decides to move to America, because "all

the successful superheroes are from there." Really, it's the only thing stopping him from being the next Superman. Way to conform, Tad. No "nilla puddin'" for you.

And finally, the show is full of blatant idiocy. For example... Well... There's really no need for an example. The whole show is based on blatant idiocy; just turn it on for two minutes, you'll see. Trust us. Are you getting enough oxygen? So what's the point of this article? Really, it's just a really big commercial for Space Ghost: Coast to Coast. It's a great show, and almost the only television worth watching. Check out channel 17, the Cartoon Network, Friday at 11:00 PM.

"Wow, Denis Leary! I saw all of your movies."

"Thank you."

"I didn't think they were very good. What'd you think?"

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Campus Rave Party, Anyone?

Buy a ticket, swing a sledgehammer...

Higher education: Meal ticket or soul food?

Chris Cocca
Opinions Editor

What is higher education ultimately about? Is a college degree just a meal ticket, or is there something inherently worthwhile in the pursuit of a so-called liberal education?

For some people, education is an end in and of itself, while for others, all study after high school is driven by some conception of monetary benefit. People from different backgrounds and of different temperaments are naturally motivated by different things, but as colleges open their doors to more and more freshman every year, a look at the true benefit in continuing education just might be in order.

It used to be that a college education almost guaranteed you with a well-paying "professional" job. In fact, in many places in previous decades, companies like Bethlehem Steel and Mack Truck offered well-paying, low-pressure jobs complete with ample paid vacation to people right out of high school. Another alternative in urban settings might have been working for city government.

Either way, many people found themselves in well-paid, if not glamorous, jobs without the "hassle" and expense of higher education. In this setting, where a high school graduate could make a decent living, imagine the possibilities for a man or woman with a college degree.

But somehow, between those days and now, with the loss of union power and the growing trend of corporate downsizing, a college education became and remains increasingly important in securing a good job and financial stability. The question

left for us today is this: As more and more of us graduate from colleges across the country every year, is the prestige of a college education diminishing?

While in the past college was something some people did, it is now almost universally understood as a prerequisite for nearly all high-paying professional jobs. Generally speaking, where in the past a high school diploma may have been enough for comfortable living, today a college degree is almost required.

With many more people earning college degrees than ever before, is there now or will there be in the near future a sort of "edu-

"The real benefit of a college education can never depreciate no matter the number of degrees floating around in the world"

cational inflation," where by the very number of college graduates entering the work force depreciates the value of the degree they worked so hard to earn? After all, it's not uncommon even today to find many grads earning minimum wage in dead-end jobs because of intense competition in their field, something their degree alone no longer readies them for. So as more and more qualified individuals enter the job market every year, competition for the dream job intensifies and degrees are worth less and less.

But is all this to say that colleges should strictly limit the number of students they admit or should impose even greater entrance requirements in order to ensure easy sailing for students who worked hard in high school, and who deserve to have their degree be worth more to a potential employer, than that of someone who

wasted his high school days and finally got his act together in college? I know a lot of undergrads at good schools that would say "yes," but because I believe education to be more vital to a person's life than even his paycheck, I whole-heartedly disagree.

A friend once posed the following logic to me: "As education becomes more readily available, people who don't 'really deserve' to go to college are nonetheless admitted with greater and greater frequency, thus cheapening the value of a college education." For as much practical sense as that might make, my visceral reaction was one of disgust and contempt for a bunch of elitist nonsense.

It seemed as though this friend so coveted his already "upper class" place in life, he expected colleges and universities to protect it because of his father's income and his own dedication in high school.

As the progeny of successful immigrants, this friend had a background and an upbringing that instilled in him an incredible success-driven work ethic, yet he remained paranoid that he'd lose his place in society to someone less deserving. That in itself puzzles me, as I'm sure his parents faced discrimination and scorn for taking the jobs "real Americans" thought they deserved.

But even more intriguing was this friend's implicit notion that the sole benefit of the college experience was proper job placement. It struck me that education is about more than that, and for this reason willfully denying it to anybody not only limits that person's earning potential, but also his chance to probe the underlying philosophies and notions of civilized society. It necessarily limits his or her exposure to and appreciation for knowledge of all kinds, and more importantly, an atmosphere in which the love of learning is nourished

and sustained.

While it's true that some people are perfectly happy and successful in occupations that don't require a college degree, and that institutions of higher education don't have a monopoly on knowledge, it's also true that the real benefit of a college education can never depreciate no matter the number of degrees floating around in the world.

There can be no price tag placed on liberal education, the yield of which must be able to be measured through something other than dollar signs. Money is earned and spent, but the quest for knowledge, wisdom, and dare I say "Truth", remain the driving forces behind all the worthwhile advances of the human experience.

None of this is to say that we should socialize our universities or expect everyone to want to

attend, but rather that we should not worry about the economic impact of increasing enrollment. It may be that with greater competition, hard workers will have to work even harder to catch an employer's attention and land a good job, and so be it.

In this way too we see the extension of education returning practical benefits back to the society that supports it, as a competitive atmosphere stimulates greater success. Whatever one's motivations for going to college are, the end result is a benefit to both self and community. Whether you view this education as a meal ticket or true soul food, don't squander it. Use the resources around you to better yourself now and you'll no doubt thank yourself later.

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Dan Quayle: Eight years later, what has changed?

Joe Pope

Special to the Grizzly

Sometime within the last two weeks, I was privileged to be flipping through the channels and discover the gem that is Dan Quayle on C-Span. I personally was a little stunned. I thought Quayle had been put into a home for the politically retarded. Parole, it seems, comes early this electoral season. Once I had conquered my initial shock of being privy to old Danny Boy, I listened to what he had to say.

After those grossly enveloping three seconds were over, I decided to cut out the proper politeness by listening, and instead decided to see Danforth for what he really is. On his big push for the Republican nomination, Quayle mercilessly ripped into potential Democratic nominee, Vice President Al Gore. But, there's is

something to be said about Danforth. When he speaks, he has all the charm and bravado and grace of a syphilitic elephant waiting to be neutered. He shook and stuttered, obviously not fully being able to remember the speech that someone had written for him. He constantly panned the audience when he got nervous, which was often. It was quite comedic, as he possessed the look of a little boy on a stage, whose mommy was in the front row mouthing the words to him. I bet he was the same way back in the second grade spelling bee. Now, I know that some people have problems dealing with the public or with making speeches. That's fine. But, when you want to be the president of the United States and you can't even communicate your ideas like a properly intelligent human being, you must be diluting yourself. Okay, so if Quayle wants to go on national television and reveal himself for the fool he is, it's his prerogative. I just want you all to consider something for a moment. This man would have

become President of the most powerful country on the surface of the planet had George Bush died at the wrong moment. Please take this opportunity to offer prayers of thanks to the appropriate high body...

Like I was saying, if he wants to make himself the fool to the world, okay. But, he was totally off the wall with the way he attempted to blast Gore for his role in the Clinton scandal. You remember the Clinton scandal, don't you? You know, it was that media circus where the Republicans tried to punish the American voter for electing Clinton not once but twice. Anyway, Quayle said something meaningless about how Gore is a bad leader because he stuck by Clinton in this affair, while remaining distant from the whole thing. Well, which is it, Danforth, was he there supporting Clinton or not? Please make up your mind, if you truly have a complete one to make up. So, allow me to clarify. Dan Quayle is incompetent. Although I'd hate to see a GOP victory in 2000, I will give them some advice. If

you are planning on clinging onto any shred of hope for another Republican president within the next few years, do us all a favor and stay away from J. Danforth Quayle.

At this time, I'd like to share some of my all time favorite D.Q. quotes. The top ten are:

1) "The Holocaust was an obscene period in our nation's history. I mean in this century's history. But we all lived in this century. I didn't live in this century." (9/15/88)

2) "I believe we are on an irreversible trend toward more freedom and democracy - but that could change." (5/22/89)

3) "One word sums up probably the responsibility of any Vice President and that one word is 'to be prepared'." (6/12/89)

4) "We don't want to go back to tomorrow; we want to go forward."

5) "The future will be better tomorrow."

6) "We're going to have the best-educated American people in the world." (9/21/88)

7) "It isn't pollution that's

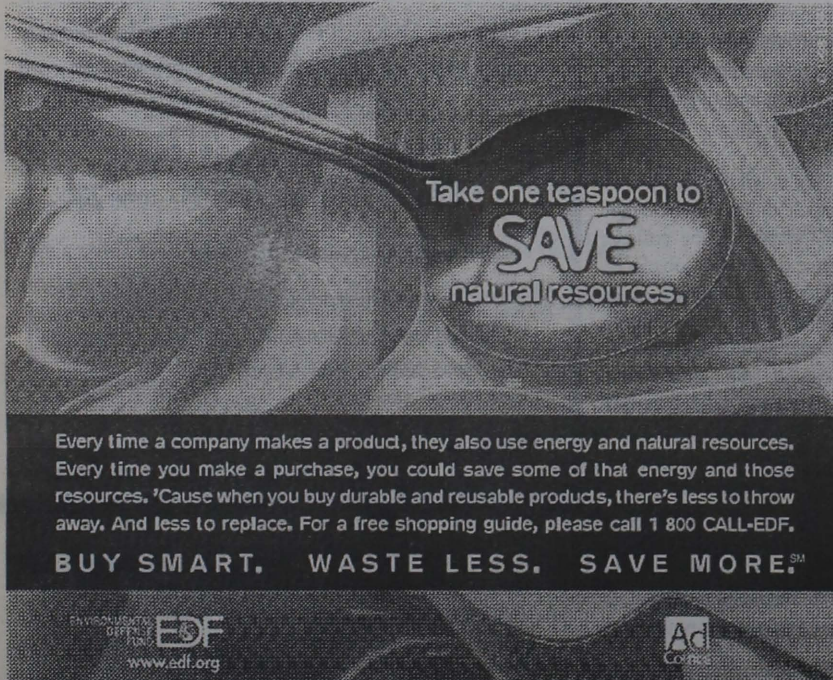
harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."

8) "I want to be Robin to Bush's Batman."

9) "Lookit, I've done it their way this far and now it's my turn. I'm my own handler. Any questions? Ask me... There's not going to be any more handler stories because I'm the handler... I'm Doctor Spin." Vice President Dan Quayle responding to press reports of his aides having to "potty train" him.

10) "This election is about who's going to be the next President of the United States!"

Although his verbal blunders are enjoyable, I do not want to imagine the mistakes he could make as president. All I can say is that if he does somehow win the office by some unholy alliance with Satan, the White House staff had better Scotch-Guard everything and get rid of all the sharp corners in the Oval Office.



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6 p.m. WPL

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8:30 p.m. Java Trench

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Lou's Movie Reviews

8 MM: "Reel" Interesting

Lou Nemphos
A & E Editor

8 MM: Director Joel Schumacher (he's the guy who gave the Bat suit nipples so it would be anatomically correct) turns down the volume on his loud direction in *8 MM*, a bleak film about the loss of self control and the limits in which the human conscience can endure.

The film stars Nicolas Cage as Tom Welles, a private detective who embodies the good in man. He's got a loving wife Amy (Catherine Keener) and a beautiful baby daughter. He is content, but not satisfied. He wants the absolute best for his family, so he chooses his cases on the basis of political power.

After an industrial czar passes away, his estate contacts Welles. Mrs. Christian, the surviving widow, asks Welles to investigate a roll of 8mm film found in her late husband's safe, a snuff film (for those of you who don't know, a snuff film is a film where they rape and actually kill someone, in this case a teenage girl). Welles quickly interjects that snuff films are "urban myths" and done with special effects, but he takes the case, attempting ladder climb to happiness.

Welles first discovers the identity of the "missing" girl and then has a somber, spine-chilling interaction with her mother (Amy Morton). His detective work leads him to Hollywood, the porn capital of the world. There he meets Max California (the wonderful Joaquin Phoenix) a porn store clerk who warns him, "You Dance with the Devil, the

Devil don't change. It changes you." But Tom thinks he's a big boy and can handle himself. Tom's wrong.

Max takes him on a downward spiral through the underground world of pornography, as Tom begins to spiral out of control. Max says, "One guy sees it and pukes, one guy sees it and falls in love." Schumacher and screenwriter Andrew Kevin Walker (he wrote *Seven*) make the pornographic images in the film sickening, not titillating, adding to Welles' inability to understand. He becomes an avenging angel out to rid the world of the scum that takes the virtue from our children.

The frightening conclusion Welles comes to is, sometimes there is no explanation to people's actions. Some people can be pure evil. During a confrontation with one of the villains, Machine, a leather clad masochist, the villain tells Welles, "I wasn't beaten, I wasn't molested by mommy, daddy didn't rape me—I do it because it like to."

8 MM asks you to deal with the moral dilemmas that plague our society. Have we become so desensitized to sex and violence that illegal acts are our only alternative to stimulation? And how much can our souls be accounted for?

The only problem with *8 MM* is the lack of character development, which never really explains Welles' motivation to serve justice.

Overall, *8 MM* is a bleak but thought-provoking thriller about the actions of simple men. This doesn't glamorize evil, it shows it in its true form. If you're squeamish or faint at heart, you should pass on *8 MM*. If not, strap yourself in for a hard to watch, but worthwhile journey.

RATING: (Out of 4 Stars) ***

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Church on Film

Jawbreaker is for Suckers

Jeff Church

A&E Editor

Breaking from the Oscar Watch this week, I turn to the extreme other end of the spectrum—deplorable high school films that depart from reality.

This film is desperate—the screenplay is awful, trite. Out of the thousands of screenplays that get rejected every year, this dismal screenplay has to get through.

Jawbreaker has an interesting premise and unusual allusions, but the writing falls far short of following through on these initial thoughts.

In Reagan High School a group of four senior girls are the most popular—they are emulated, worshipped. Courtney (Rose McGowan) is the ruthless leader of the group. She feels that fellow groupie Liz Purr (Charlotte Roldan) is encroaching on her despotic territory. Courtney and her friends kidnap Liz on her birthday. However, Courtney puts a jawbreaker in her mouth, and subsequently Liz dies by swallowing the large jawbreaker.

Hence the point-of-attack within the first twenty seconds of the movie (I knew what was going to happen at the end of the movie by three and a half minutes into it). The nerdy Fern Mayo (Julie Evans Greet) witnesses the girls trying to cover up the murder, so Courtney decides to make Fern her "creation" by giving her a makeover and making her popular (*She's All That*, also a deplorable film, has the same type of theme).

However, this film brings some inter-

esting allusions into the mind-numbing fray. When Courtney gives Fern a makeover, a fantasy sequence ensues in which Fern is Frankenstein's monster and Courtney is Victor Frankenstein, the creator. Of course, as in the novel, the creation, Fern, rebels against her creator, and eventually gets her caught for the crime.

Courtney's character also parallels to some extent Satan from Milton's *Paradise Lost*. But hey, this movie is so poorly written by Daren Stein that I am so surprised when some sort of intelligent dialogue comes along that I force myself to compare this poor film to great works of art in the hope that I can find some redeeming quality.

No such luck—films about high school students recently have departed so far from the truth that the cartoonish results seem like cardboard cutouts of films. In this film, director Stein includes shots of students worshipping the cool people. That never happened at my school. Whatever happened to self-reliance and self-esteem? Ralph Waldo Emerson and Simone de Beauvoir would just shake their heads, groaning.

Jawbreaker is just another film in the great series of sensational female-skin-shows. *Jawbreaker's* one aim is—money. Director / writer Stein's one aim is—money (definitely not cinematic art).

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Grizzly Wrestlers to take Trenton State by Storm

Brandon Bailey

Special to The Grizzly

Five of Ursinus' Grizzly wrestlers will compete in one of the greatest competitions in collegiate athletics: the national wrestling championships. This year's Division III competition will take place at The College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State) on Friday and Saturday, March 5th and 6th. The Ursinus squad is headed by two returning national qualifiers, senior captain Donny Asper (30-4) and junior transfer Bob Onorato (18-5). Also going along for the trip are senior captain Nate McElhane (31-11) and sophomores Josh Moyer (38-7), and Jason Flor (21-10). This is the largest group Ursinus has ever sent to the national tournament. The Bears are looking to improve on last year's team score of 1/2 point, which resulted in a last place finish.

"Last year out in Iowa, I was so lonely," said Asper, the lone Ursinus representative at last year's tournament. "Some schools had every guy on their team out there. Being with teammates makes the tournament easier to get through. I'm glad I get to share this experience with this group of guys."

Asper wants to cap this season off the right way, he recorded his 100th win earlier, now it's time for the real prize, a national title.

Though Donny leads the Bears, he isn't the only threat to bring home hardware. Junior Bob Onorato was given a cordial invitation to the 1997 nationals after winning the East Region as a freshman. After failing to draw a wildcard bid last year the Elizabethtown transfer is chomping at the bit to hit the mats and make a statement.

He's looking to silence the critics, especially his former coach Steve Cappoferri.

"[Coach Cappoferri] didn't even put my name up on the [wildcard] board last year after regionals," Onorato commented. "Yet he nominated a freshman ahead of me. Paybacks suck, and I owe a lot of people."

This is the type of attitude that has produced national champions, which is very conceivable for Onorato. He beat 134-pound national champ

Dusty Rhodes of Wartburg College (IA), not to mention a host of other nationally ranked wrestlers. Onorato may be one of the best wrestlers in Division III, ranked or unranked.

Another Bear wrestler that has played his hand with many nationally ranked foes is super sophomore Josh Moyer. Already this year he has beaten three opponents while they were ranked and has lost only one match to an unranked wrestler. However, Josh feels comfortable with his medaling chances.

"I am confident that if I am on and 100% percent I can beat anyone in the country," Josh commented. "On the other hand, I have a very tough weight class and there are five kids at nationals who have beaten me already, as opposed to three I have beaten."

Moyer does feel that he may have one problem, his weight. He must make

weight for two consecutive days.

"Two day weigh-ins may be a factor; I have not wrestled well this year on two-day weigh-in tournaments," Josh explained. "I am going to focus on the first day because if I don't win, there won't be a second to worry about."

The two time Outstanding wrestler of the Centennial Conference may not consider third at the Lebanon Valley tourney, or a 5-1 record at the Florida duals which featured the best wrestlers in the nation, "doing well." However, this is the type of performance he'll need to be able to stand

on the podium with the other seven best wrestlers in the nation. If he continues his torrid pace, he may be wrestling for the national title.

Two-time academic All-American Nate McElhane is making his first trip to nationals after narrowly missing his shot during his sophomore year. He's on a quest, not only for the sought after national title, but also for 100 career wins. He is currently at 95 and can reach the goal if he wins the tournament outright, or gets knocked into the consolation bracket and takes third. He, like Moyer is getting hot at the right time.

"I plan on taking the momentum not only from the last tournament (conferences), but also the last part of the season," McElhane said. "I have won the last 10 matches, and 18 of the last 19 matches."

Nate also feels that the training he is undergoing with Lehigh Univer-

sity wrestlers is aiding him in accomplish a dream saying.

"The Lehigh training can only be beneficial," he said. "There are many talented people that have different wrestling styles, I can see how my style meshes with better competition, just like it will be at nationals."

If Nate controls the match, and dictates the tempo, there are few people in the nation that can hang with him. His endless reserve of energy may propel him to the top of the heap in Division III.

Former PA state qualifier Jason Flor

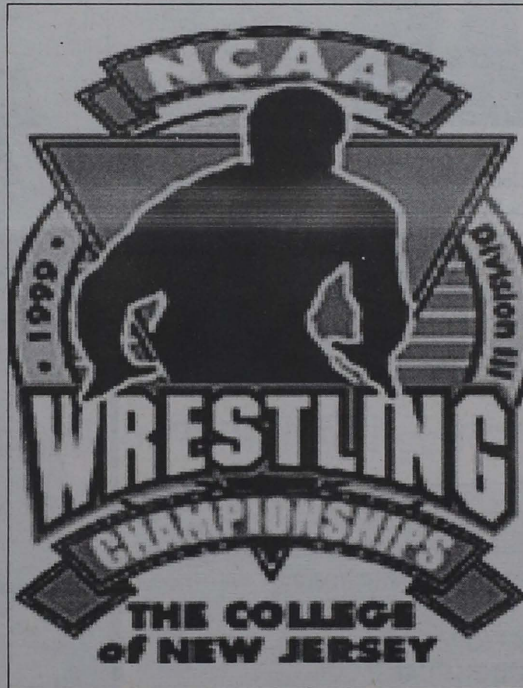
rounds out the group of UC grapplers taking the trip to Trenton State. It seems that Flor too has come into his own at the right time. In conference finals, he took his revenge on Vinnie Pedalino of Western Maryland after losing to him twice before. In the finals, he beat Pedalino 10-8 in overtime. Flor feels that the rigorous schedule the Bears faced this year has him ready saying.

"This year's schedule has helped me greatly," he said. "It got me a lot of experience and made me a whole lot tougher. Case in point: in the beginning of the year I lost to Pedalino 11-3 and at the end of the season I beat him 10-8."

If Flor wrestles to his ability and constantly attacks his opponent, he will have a nice mantle-piece.

To preview the D-III nationals you can visit the web page at: <http://www.tcnj.edu/~colrel/WRESHOME.html>. I will also have extensive UC results on the sports page at <http://acad.ursinus.edu/~brbailey/sports.html>.

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Positive Outlook for New Field Hockey Coach

Kim Inglot
Sports Editor

After over twenty years under former U.S. Olympic Coach Vonnie Gros, the Ursinus field hockey team has a new head coach.

The Athletic Department named Laura Knorr-Moliken as the new head field hockey coach for the Bears. She is just the fourth coach in Ursinus hockey history.

Knorr-Moliken, who wanted to coach at Ursinus because of its tradition and standard, wants to continue the model of excellence that the Bears have kept thus far.

"Ursinus was struggling but the standard was still there," Knorr-Moliken said.

The new coach wants to maintain Gros' tradition by hardly changing the current program.

"The presentation might be different but the concepts and

theories might be the same," explained Knorr-Moliken. Field hockey is the only sport at Ursinus that is Division I



and Knorr-Moliken is looking for more respect for the Bears at that level.

"The strength of our schedule will allow us to compete with the big boys," she said. "It helps in maintaining our Division I status and we'll get respect that we're good."

Knorr-Moliken is looking

forward to earning that respect.

"I have a positive outlook for the season," she said.

But, for now Knorr-Moliken will focus on getting acquainted with her new team.

"We'll have a few meetings," Knorr-Moliken explained. "But, it won't be a lot."

Knorr-Moliken currently coaches at the high school level at William Penn in Newcastle, Delaware. She has played on three national teams at Old Dominion University and was on the U.S. National Team.

Gros recently retired from the position of head field hockey coach after being in that position for x years. She led the Bears to the ECAC and Patriot League playoffs as well as led the U.S. team to its only medal in the sport.

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