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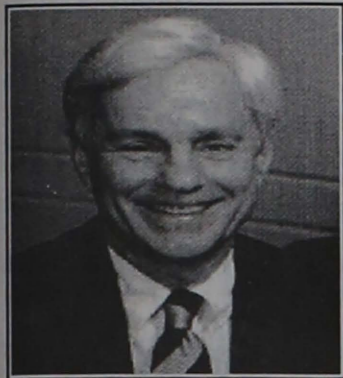
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Sarah Napolitano
Grizzly A&E Editor

On Friday, April 6, more than 600 people piled into Wismer to see Airband, one of the most popular events at Ursinus College.

Airband has been going on at Ursinus for 18 years. Proceeds from the event were given to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Announcers senior Jon Crooker and sophomore Joe Pursley were surprised by the successful turnout.

"I have never seen this many people in Wismer. Well, not willingly anyway," Pursley and Crooker exclaimed.

The first Airband act, which consisted of professors Ed Gildea, Lynne Edwards, Dean of Students Debbie Nolan, Resident Life Director Stephanie McNulty, Coco Minardi, Anthony Lobo, Krista Hirschmann, Robert Dawley, Dominic Scudera, William Akin and Paulette Patton doing a hysterical hoedown to a Dixie Chicks song that left everyone in stitches.

The Tau Sigma Gamma Sorority was next up with their contribution to Airband—Madonna Throughout the Years. Each member of Tau Sigma was a different song and style of Madonna. From the Material Girl to the Cowgirl, Tau Sigma had them all.

Upsilon Phi Delta pumped up the crowd next with their Cultural Dance Invasion, including types of music from around the world and a very talented belly dancer.

"Quad", featuring sophomores Bryon Coleman, Harry Michel, and David Morris, and freshman Jerrell Smith, blew the audience's mind with their amazing dance skills.

Ursinus gymnast "Super Stars" showed us what they could do while flipping and dancing to old



Airband 2001 featured a variety of entertaining acts, performed by Ursinus faculty, administrators, and students. Photos by Joe Laskas.

school rap.

Freshman Airband competitors "The Lone RangerZ" shook the stage with their hysterical '80s rock band parody.

Phi Psi switched it up with a boy bands tribute by dressing as the boy bands themselves.

The Interservice Christian Fellowship did a moving addition that featured the Vertical Horizon song "Everything You Want".

At this point in the program it was announced that the goal amount of money had been reached

for President Strassburger to kiss a pig, but due to hoof-and-mouth disease, he had to kiss a UC student with a pig costume on instead.

Next up, "Case to the Ex" performed an amazing dance routine to Hip-Hop music that left the audience screaming for more.

The Barry Keppard Memorial Dance Troup (sophomore Dan Barford, junior Gil Cook, and seniors Bret Pasch, Shawn Witt and Mike Keeper) left the audience screaming but for a slightly differ-

ent reason.

Emerging on stage in bathrobes they danced to "Mr. Earl" by the Flamingos, but then changed the tone somewhat when they threw off their bathrobes to reveal Speedos that would be wedged into thongs to Sisqo's "Thong Song".

Omega Chi then performed "I Will Follow Him" from the movie Sister Act.

The RA Staff finished it off with "The Devil Went Down to Geor-

gia", featuring senior Dana Delle Donne as the devil.

Winners were then announced with "Quad" coming in third place, "The Barry Keppard Memorial Dance Troup" coming in second, and "Case to the Ex" coming in first.

The event raised \$10,000 to be given to the Breast Cancer Foundation, and \$1,000 for the Joseph DeLaurentis memorial fund which was accepted by the brothers of Delta Pi.

CAB, RHA, USGA and class officer elections to be held

Krista Bailey
Special to the Grizzly

Campus-wide elections will be held on Thursday, April 26 to vote on officers for USGA, CAB, RHA.

Additional elections will be held to vote for officers of each class.

Anyone who wishes to run for office must pick up an election packet from the Student Activities Office.

The completed packet is due by Wednesday, April 18. All candidates must give a speech on April 23 at 8 p.m. in Olin Auditorium.

If you are interested in running for an office, the following descriptions may help you to decide which office is best for you.

Freshmen and sophomore class officers plan fund-raisers and social events for their class, work with USGA, and are an important part of Activities Fee Allocation Committee (AFAC).

In addition to the activities of freshmen and sophomore year, the junior class also helps with Graduation and other events for the Senior Class.

Senior class officers plan the Senior Halloween party, work on the Senior class gift drive, and help to select the speakers for Commencement and Baccalaureate.

USGA provides students with the opportunity to get involved in a number of diverse ways.

USGA meetings provide a forum for people to have their voices heard.

USGA works in conjunction with other organizations on campus and helps to maintain several student-faculty committees.

Some big events for USGA include Battle of the Bands at Oktoberfest and Basket Bingo, a fund-raiser for the Make-A-Wish foundation.

USGA officers are an integral part of the organization and take a very active role in all USGA events.

"Student government has been one of the best decisions I've made on this campus and do not regret any of my four years of involvement," USGA president senior Andy Haines said.

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) addresses the voices of

students who have concerns involving residence life on campus.

"RHA does things in the residence halls to make being a resident student more user-friendly," RHA Vice President Dana DelleDonne said.

These events include beach volleyball and a spring barbecue.

RHA was the organization responsible for the new kitchen in BWC and the cashless laundry system.

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) is responsible for planning all the activities that add life to our campus.

These events include, but are not limited to, movies, musicians, comedians, hypnotists, and off-campus trips.

All three organizations are open to all Ursinus students.

All these organizations provide a any student with the opportunity to become involved on campus, as either a member or an officer.

On April 26 you have the opportunity to have your voice heard in the selection of the leaders of each of these organizations.

Religion Forum engages students in faith-based discussion

Chaim Popkave
Special to the Grizzly

The Ursinus College chapter of the Upsilon Phi Delta sorority held its annual religion forum Thursday April 5 in Wismer Parents' Lounge on the Ursinus College campus.

Questions of a religious and philosophical nature were addressed at the forum, including, "Do you believe in an afterlife?", "What is your view of heaven?", and "How do your beliefs affect what you consider important in this life?"

On the topic of whether or not an afterlife existed, everyone at the forum seemed to agree that there is something after death.

"My mind won't let me comprehend the nonexistence of an afterlife ... I cannot think of not existing," said Christine Maurer, who says she was raised as a Christian.

While it was apparent that ev-

eryone at the forum believed in the existence of an afterlife, most held slightly different beliefs as to what the afterlife would be like.

"You're with God and it's perfect," said Kelly Tessena.

Tessena told the forum that she pictures heaven with a lot of trees and flowers and she thinks that God, Jesus, and any of her deceased friends will be there.

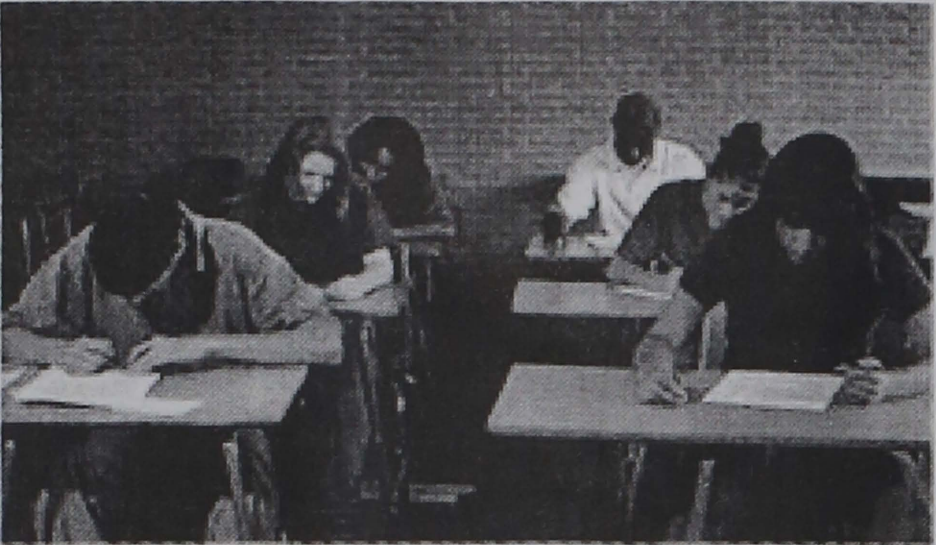
Maria Rivera expressed her Catholic view of the afterlife that there is a purgatory people enter after death where they will be forgiven for their sins.

"I know that if you realize that what you have done is wrong, and that you ask God for forgiveness, and you're sincere, then at that moment when you die, He will allow you to enter purgatory," said Rivera.

Once in purgatory, people will contemplate what they have done with their lives, according to Rivera.

The Big Test:

Debate over the effectiveness, importance, and possible bias of the SATs is back in the national spotlight. What are students and experts saying? And where does Ursinus stand? **By Dan Reimold**



In remarks made at the American Council on Education's annual conference this past Feb. 18, University of California President Richard Atkinson stole the national spotlight with his call to eliminate SAT testing as a required component of the college admissions process.

"Applicants for higher education should be assessed on the basis of their achievements in high school," Atkinson said, "not

took the SAT in 1926.

In 1934, Harvard University President James Bryant Conant and Assistant Deans Wilbur Bender and Henry Chauncey introduced the SAT as a mandatory portion of the school's scholarship selection process.

By 1941, the test was a compulsory part of the University's general admissions requirements.

An adapted SAT, called the Army-Navy qualification test, was

Role in admissions

Many high school students deem the SAT as the single greatest factor in the college admissions process, a make-or-break event carrying far more influence than it should.

As Ursinus College freshman Chris Keller argues, "It's not fair to place so much weight on a test taken for four hours on a single Saturday morning."

Mamta Patel, a sophomore at

afraid I wouldn't score high enough to get into the school I wanted to go to."

What truly is the SAT's role in college admissions? How much weight does it actually carry, in comparison to other factors?

As a number of accredited sources are quick to point out, not as much as students might think.

"There are a handful of extremely selective colleges and universities—not more than 20—that can afford to reject more than half of their applicants, and for these schools scores are very important," Ursinus College Vice President for Enrollment Richard DiFeliciano said. "But for the other 3,000 colleges and universities in the country, scores are a secondary credential."

The National Center for Fair and Open Testing (FairTest), an advocacy organization working to

versity Testing Reform Advocate Christina Perez said. "Many other [institutions] have chosen to systematically exempt students who meet modest grade-point average or class rank criteria."

Ursinus began offering select applicants the option of withholding standardized test scores last year.

As director of admissions Paul Cramer relates, "Freshman applicants who are ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school or who have a 3.5 GPA or better at a school that does not rank, are welcome to waive their standardized test scores from consideration in their application review."

The University of Texas also admits students in the top 10 percent of high school classes, without regard to SAT scores.

The University of Florida admits the top 20 percent. Atkinson's University of California has a similar admissions policy, in place for the top 4 percent.

Closer to home, Centennial Conference schools Muhlenberg and Dickinson have also instituted SAT-optional admissions policies.

Washington Post Writers Group columnist George Will is wary of such an approach when dealing with students from high schools with vastly different curriculums.

"Colleges can say they will focus on achievement rather than aptitude by treating alike the top 10 percent of their high school classes," Will writes. "But this route to diversity requires colleges to embrace the obvious fiction that all high schools are equally demanding."

Maryland University management professor Edwin Locke concurs with Will.

"The SAT is a better predictor than high school grades," Locke said, "because different high schools have different grading standards."

Yet, research at Ursinus conducted prior to implementing the

score-withholding option found a student's relative success in college correlated most closely to high school performance, not SAT scores.

"Students who had the top 10 percent ranking or the 3.5 GPA had, on average, a 3.3 GPA in their coursework at Ursinus," Cramer said. "The score on the SAT had little to no impact on that GPA."

As more colleges recognize standardized test scores are not the single most important predictor of a student's comparative collegiate achievement, what are schools looking for in a qualified candidate?

At Ursinus, as with many schools across the country, the list is varied and subject to change with each and every applicant.

"The most important factor in our admission decision is the strength of the high school curriculum," Cramer said. "Grades in those courses are the next most important factor, followed by standardized test scores."

Paying the Price

Even while holding less influence on a student's chances for admission, standardized tests such as the SAT have never been more nerve-racking and, in some cases, expensive for so many high school students and parents nationwide.

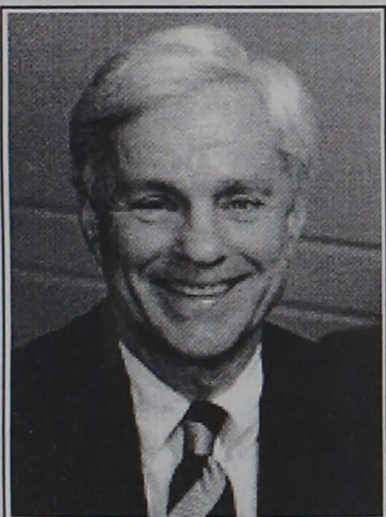
High school students hoping to gain an edge and improve their scores purchase a myriad of preparation materials, including book and computer-related help manuals, and sign-up for rigorous SAT-prep courses.

"We are caught up in the educational equivalent of a nuclear arms race," University of California President Richard Atkinson said. "We know that this overemphasis on test scores hurts all involved, especially stu-

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"Applicants for higher education should be assessed on the basis of their achievements in high school, not how they rate on an ill-defined measure of aptitude or intelligence."

---Dr. Richard C. Atkinson,
University of California President



how they rate on an ill-defined measure of aptitude or intelligence."

Atkinson's words have single-handedly reenergized an age-old debate over the effectiveness, necessity, and possible bias of the 75-year-old test.

In the weeks following his speech, scores of pundits and critics alike have engaged in a spirited back-and-forth coast-to-coast applauding or denouncing his controversial proposal.

Some want to scrap the SAT outright. Others want to see it given less importance. Still others want to retain it at all costs.

No matter what the outcome of the continuing dialogue dictates, one thing appears certain.

As Atkinson said in his speech's closing, "Change is long overdue."

History

The Scholastic Aptitude Test was originally developed in the early nineteen twenties by Carl Brigham, a Princeton psychology professor and researcher in the relatively new movement of IQ testing.

The first high school students

given in 1944 to over 300,000 people across the United States.

"That's a big event," Nicholas Lemann, SAT expert and author of "The Big Test", related in an interview on PBS' "Frontline". "It's complicated to give a high stakes test under secure conditions to hundreds of thousands of people at sites all across America. So, this...was the first time that the people...in charge of the SAT were able to show that they could give it on a mass basis."

In 1948, Conant became chairman of the board of the newly established Educational Testing Service (ETS), an organization familiar to students nationwide today as the supplier of the SAT.

Conant's one-time assistant, Henry Chauncey, was named the testing agency's first president.

Through ETS, the Scholastic Aptitude Test was administered to approximately 500,000 high school students in 1957.

By the time Chauncey retired as president in 1970, the number had risen to 1.5 million.

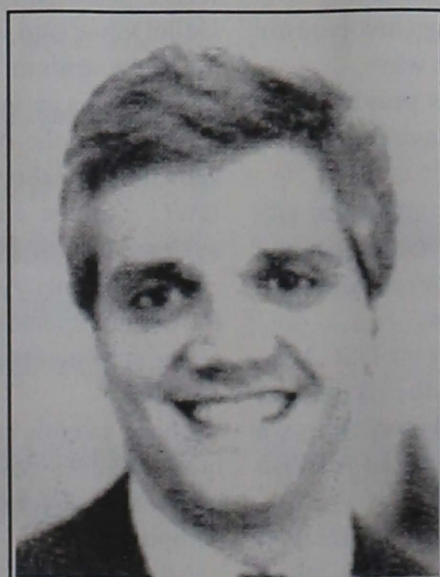
Currently, the test identified by ETS now only by the letters SAT, is given annually to over 2.5 million students across the country.

Penn State University, recalls the do-or-die mentality associated with the SAT.

"I was really nervous and scared because I knew the SAT's would play a major role in what school I would go to," Patel related. "I was

end the abuses, misuses and flaws of standardized testing, agrees.

"At least 383 colleges, about one-fifth of all those granting bachelor degrees, do not use SAT scores to choose significant portions of their entering classes," FairTest's Uni-



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---Richard DiFeliciano,
Ursinus College Vice President for Enrollment

Redefining the SATs

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dents."
On the Internet, a quick keyword search reveals roughly 5,000 websites offering a wide range of prep products available at the click of a mouse, all for a price.

"Your future depends on your SAT scores. Perhaps no other single event influences the future of your education more than this fateful test!" A daunting pronouncement on one test prep company's website reads, following with the question, "So why not make sure you pick the best SAT test prep software?"

"I will say that I see a great irony in the preparation business," DiFeliciano said. "That is, stratospheric SAT scores are not as important in the admission process as parents and applicants think they are, and the 'market' for this business is in large part a fabrication."

A study conducted by independent researcher Derek Briggs of more than 14,000 students who paid for coaching prior to taking the SAT, revealed the gain in overall scores was no more than 20 points on the 1,600-point test.

While this gain is viewed as relatively minor, test preparation across America has become a major, multimillion-dollar industry.

Over 200,000 students sign up for test prep courses each year, according to Briggs, paying from \$700 to \$3,000 to receive classroom instruction. Private tutoring sessions can run as high as approximately \$450 an hour.

Beyond the dollar signs, students are also spending increasing amounts of time, in and out of class, preparing for the test.

George Will considers this trend a blessing, not a drawback, to a student's overall achievement.

"The SAT is faulted for increasing student's 'stress,'" Will writes. "But that means the SAT is an effective incentive for diligence...given that the undemanding nature of most college admission policies encourages high schoolers' sloth."

hypotenuse, or any other triviality with no real bearing on college success."

University of Delaware sophomore Sarah Wright remembers the all-encompassing nature of the SAT.

"We used to study it in English part of every day for the four weeks leading up to it," Wright related. "Then, I would go home and study analogies and math problems at night. It got to the point where I was so stressed about the SAT, I wasn't keeping up with my schoolwork."

Is bias present?

Apart from expenses, trivialities, and level of importance, critics of the SAT contend the test's greatest failure lay in its bias along racial, cultural, and class lines, as well as failing to accurately present the aptitude of students who are poor standardized test takers.

Marlyand professor Edwin Locke feels there is no inherent bias and that the very nature of the test ensures that the possibility for bias doesn't exist.

"The SAT is race-blind, gender-blind, age-blind, sexual orientation-blind, and country of origin blind," Locke said. "Scoring of the SAT is not a matter of whether your teacher likes you...because it is strictly objective."

Objective or not, test scores historically find students of different ethnicities and races grouped together, achieving various levels of success.

On average, SAT scores for Asian students are higher than scores for white students, which in turn are higher than non-Asian minority students, including African-Americans.

While critics contend that the numbers, in this case students' test scores, simply don't lie, experts point out there is a human side to every student that can't be ignored when evaluating test scores.

As Richard Rothstein wrote in The New York Times, March 28,

responsibility or anything else related to a student's possible achievement in college, because no one understands what the students' scores mean.

"Of course, minorities are concerned about the fact that, on average, their children score lower than white and Asian American students," Atkinson said. "The real basis of their concern, however, is that they have no way of knowing what the SAT measures and, therefore, have no basis for assessing its fairness or helping their children acquire the skills to do better."

In an opinion article for Time magazine, columnist Jack White states that the fact that blacks haven't done as well on the SAT historically is the very reason why he opposes the test's elimination.

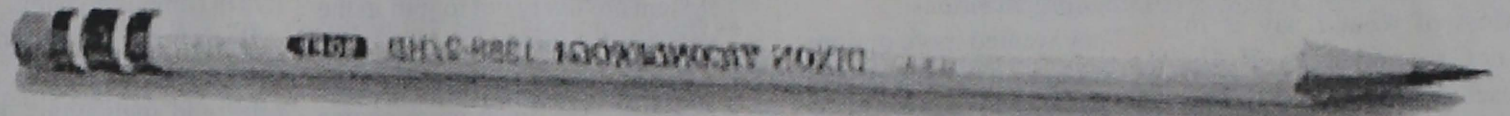
"If I had my way, the University of California would keep using the SAT until black students catch up with whites, Asians, and immigrants from the Caribbean," White wrote. "It's a matter of ethnic pride."

Ursinus' DiFeliciano sees the test's possible bias less along ethnic lines and more in conjunction with income level.



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---Paul Cramer,
Ursinus College Director of Admissions



dents, this assessment test measures English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning skills.

Another alternative, the Bial-Dale test, developed by Harvard doctoral student Deborah Bial, employs group activities, personal interviews, and Lego building blocks to identify students, according to Bial, possessing skills not found on standardized tests such as the SAT.

It was first given to a select number of students in New York City in October 1999.

Further research needs to be conducted to measure the test's success in predicting a student's collegiate achievement.

A last alternative, written by Yale psychologist Robert Sternberg, engages students in tasks designed to measure creativity and practicality.

Portions of the test ask students to design a company logo or decide how to approach someone to ask for a letter of recommendation.

The test is being given to approximately 1,400 students this spring.

Even with alternatives in development and a growing trend to place less emphasis on tests and

more on individual achievement, most experts and critics agree the SAT will continue to be popular in the near future.

And for some, including Ursinus' Cramer, the amount of students taking the test is the SAT's single greatest benefit.

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University of Wisconsin student Matt Lynch believes that however flawed, the SAT is still necessary, apart from high school grades, to garner a complete picture of a prospective student.

"The SAT may be frivolous and unsuccessful in its goal of showing likely collegiate success," Lynch said. "But the goal itself is important- admissions officers need some way to judge candidates beyond non-uniform high school grades; some way to determine whether or not their applicants will succeed in a college setting."



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Washington Post Writers Group Columnist

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It isn't students working too hard in preparation for the test that bothers many SAT critics, but the frivolity of the material they spend their time slaving away on.

"Obviously, the SAT authors are not college students," University of Wisconsin student Matt Lynch said. "If they were, they would not ask the definition of juxtaposition, the length of the

"White students have higher average SAT scores than blacks. Yet a Harvard School of Public Health team found that white college students were three times as likely to engage in binge drinking. In itself, propensity for alcoholism should not disqualify youths for college, but it is not entirely irrelevant. Higher SAT scores don't predict responsibility."

University of California President Richard Atkinson argues that the test isn't a helpful predictor of

"The data I've seen suggests that the SAT is not culturally or racially biased. However, the test outcomes if analyzed by region are directly correlated to average family income by region," DiFeliciano said. "The SAT, in my view, appears to reward students who in their young lives have had better access to information and resources."

Apart from access, class, race, and ethnicity, some students feel the SAT doesn't accurately mea-

Alternatives

What format changes in the current test are being debated? What other forms of tests are students taking?

Even while many are in agreement something needs to be done, California's Atkinson related, there is "no consensus on what to do or where to start."

The most popular SAT alternative is the ACT, often pronounced A-C-T. Created in 1959 and now given annually to 1.8 million stu-

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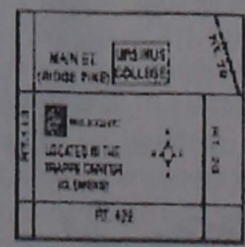
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Student Opinion

Thursday April 12, 2001

Dispelling the rumors: National Greeks respond

Geoffrey Brace
Grizzly Guest Opinion

After reading *The Grizzly* last week, I realized there are still some rumors around campus about the National Greeks.

I think it is necessary to respond to these rumors and allow those students relatively untouched by the whole thing to have two sides to the story.

Most of what I say is in direct response to Kelly Tessena's opinion piece "National Greek organizations not what campus needs."

Just to make the record clear, I vehemently disagree, and not just out of self-interest.

The first question Ms. Tessena tries to address is that of number of fraternities and sororities.

Her claim is if too many Greek organizations come on campus, then membership in the organizations will drop, and they will therefore become ineffective.

I must say, I have never heard the argument too many options will hurt everybody.

Options create competition, which I argue is good for the consumer (New Members) and the producer (Fraternity or Sorority).

Phi Kappa Sigma member argues national organizations at Ursinus are viable options for students uncomfortable with local Greek system.

The very reason these three Greek organizations want a start at Ursinus is because they do not feel comfortable in the current Greek organizations.

They wanted more options. The current Greeks and those of the new organizations can both get the 30 members of which Ms. Tessena speaks.

The only difference is that ALL groups, not just the locals, will have to work hard to recruit members.

Also, I wish to ask how many local fraternities or sororities actually have 30 members.

I believe only one fraternity exceeds that number, and I know that some sororities do not.

Does this mean we should create a system, which allows for expanded membership by eliminating current Greek organizations?

Clearly the answer is no. The answer has to be the same when talking of refusing to allow other Greek organizations on campus.

The people who created these organizations did so because they

wanted some different options than the ones already in place.

Given this, those who would normally be drawn in by the current system are likely not to join in the new organizations.

Rather they, perspective new members, are given more choice and the students not normally interested in the current structure can themselves join a Greek organization with which they align.

Basically, the message I get from the editorial is that we can either join the current Greeks or not join at all.

This is unacceptable and even goes against the American concept of Freedom of Association.

All I am asking here is to be given that American principle.

Ms. Tessena continues her editorial by attacking national Greeks simply because of the national part of their name.

The arguments that the three national organizations on campus promote leadership, scholarship and community service is beyond valid, they are facts.

Yes, we understand the rhetoric of an organization promoting these values and that this rhetoric could be just that, rhetoric.

But Ms. Tessena neglects the heritage these groups have.

Since 1850, Phi Kappa Sigma has been academically rigorous, maintained social integrity, and shown and acted upon that commitment to community service.

Yes the colony at Ursinus could stray from those values, but then the national offices would, and I say would to mean they will, revoke that affiliation to Phi Kap, the same way Alpha Phi Omega had their charter revoked.

The final arguments Ms. Tessena gives are about accountability. Let me state this now.

As residents of Ursinus College,

all members of the national organizations will be subject to the same rules and living codes as the local Greeks and non-Greeks. We will live in campus housing.

Everybody living on Ursinus Campus is subject to the same rules and regulations, regardless of affiliation.

This would be like saying the College Democrats and the College Republicans are not subject to the same living rules as those not associated with those groups, simply because they are charters of the national organization.

Clearly, they live by those rules, despite a strong connection to the national organizations.

Also, I do not want to hear the hypocrisy of somebody claiming the college cannot control those off campus activities during new member education, because I know the local Greeks stray off campus and go to alumni residence to avoid the campus regulations.

Yes, the nationals will have off campus visitors.

Yes, as a part of the chartering process we will go to other institutions.

But we are doing so under state and federal hazing laws, and national organizational regulations, which all members have sworn to keep.

If any charter hazes, they lose their charter.

Rather than having just the college controlling us, we will also be subject to the national organization after the college is finished with us.

Ms. Tessena misses the benefits of these organizations.

Phi Kap will have tutors for those students who do not meet the minimum GPA and study groups will meet on a regular basis.

Also, ALL rushes are dry. ALL

new member education is dry.

We will not serve alcohol at social events, and no member not of age will consume at those parties.

We have strict regulations on all social gathers, including sign-in sheets and limits on guests. These are national regulations to which we must adhere.

To find out more, visit www.pks.org.

Ms. Tessena also misses the impact events we propose.

Rather than an hourly commitment, Phi Kap will do impact events, educating the campus, community and region on the effects of, say, alcohol or maybe we would even adopt a highway, tutor young kids, volunteer for a retirement community, etc.

Phi Kap is also committed to leadership, training all leaders and members to be the best leaders they can be.

To suggest that our organization would say one thing and do another, simply to disguise the ultimate goals is neglecting Phi Kap's heritage and is also an insult to somebody like myself who wholeheartedly believes in these values.

As an alumnus of Phi Kap, if I see that the UC chapter has strayed from those values, I would have the responsibility, as a Brother, of taking that to the national offices and either fixing the problem or having the charter revoked.

Finally, Ms. Tessena attacks the non-Greeks on this campus.

She claims that the independents are to blame for the inability to distinguish the current Greeks.

In effect, she claims it is the narrow-mindedness and the ignorance of those non-Greeks that does not allow for a good system.

Ms. Tessena is doing the same thing to the national Greeks at UC that she accuses the non-Greeks

"The very reason these three Greek organizations want a start at Ursinus is because some students do not feel comfortable in the current Greek organizations. They wanted more options."

on this campus of doing.

She is lumping all national Greeks together from different colleges and different backgrounds and saying in spite of the different letters, they will all do the same thing.

The colleges will not control them, they will break the laws and they will do nothing but become destructive to the local Greeks.

Not all colleges are the same, therefore the Greek Life at colleges are not going to be the same.

What has happened at Seton Hall or Drexel as a result of national Greeks will not happen with Phi Kappa Sigma at Ursinus Colleges.

I believe wholeheartedly in the values of Phi Kappa Sigma.

So do the other 20 plus men committed to joining.

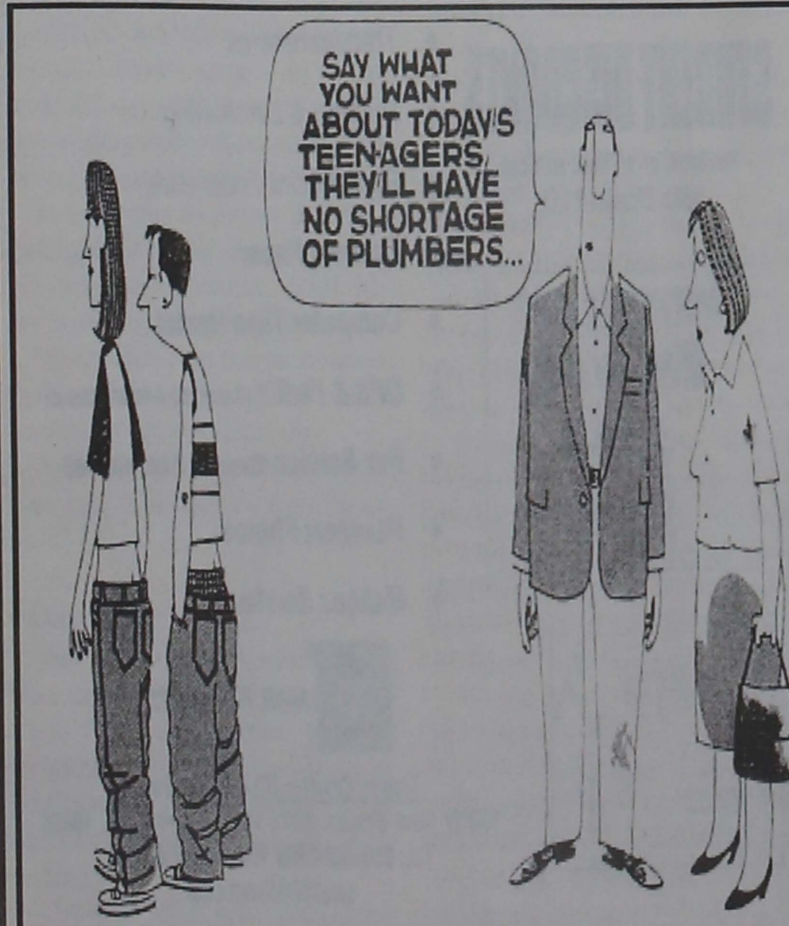
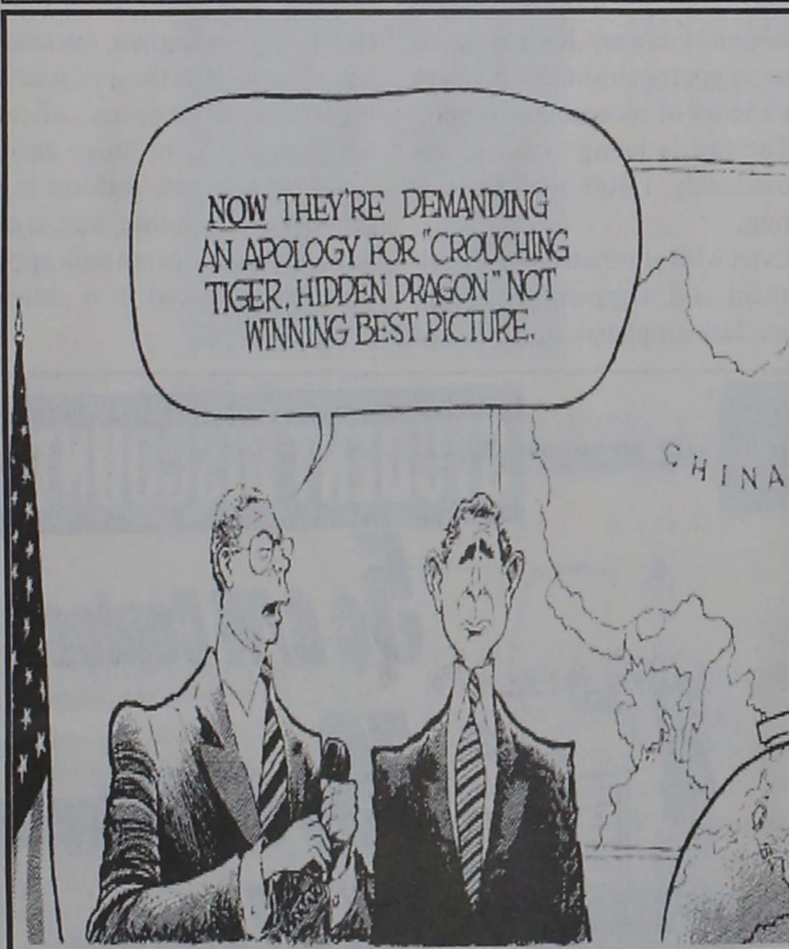
Thankfully the faculty of Ursinus has given us the chance to do some very positive things for ourselves and for the college.

We bent over backwards to visit Greek Presidents Council after we heard of the tradition of approaching them.

At this point I do not know what else we have to do to prove ourselves.

Hopefully time will allow us to demonstrate these values to the campus community at large.

CARTOON CORNER



Heather Lang
Grizzly Guest Opinion

As a senior, who will not be here at Ursinus next year, I was ambivalent towards the new Greek proposals.

However, their approval has brought to mind some questions that I seriously would like answered.

First, according to school policy the second step in attaining school

approval is to gain the approval of USGA (the Ursinus Student Government Association).

However, as last week's article confirmed, they were turned down by USGA.

That is correct, turned down. Turned down numerous times by USGA, which is an organization that is made up of a diverse group of both Greeks and non-Greeks and created to be the representa-

tive for the entire student body.

If they were turned down in one step of the process, why were they still permitted to continue?

Does the student body have no vote?

And if not, then why have this step in the first place?!

My second question is: why is it that last year, when a student group proposed the addition of a national fraternity to Ursinus, were they

turned down?

Why have the rules suddenly changed this year?

As I said before, I am graduating, and will not be affected by the changes.

It should be interesting, however, to see how this situation pans out in the future.

After all, APO was a national fraternity, and we all know how administration feels about them.

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Purpose of nationals: To build up, not destroy, existing Greek life on campus

Greg Striano and Joseph Pope
Grizzly Guest Opinion

Many rumors and misconceptions have been prevalent throughout campus recently in regards to the nature, intent, and purpose of the three new national Greek organizations.

Since the groups have been proposed on campus, we have encountered a great deal of opposition and hostility.

Speaking for Phi Kappa Sigma, our brotherhood is not seeking to disable the abilities and actions of those within the local Greek system.

Instead, we are expecting to work within that existing system as well as to help improve its image.

There are several benefits to participating in national Greek life. In Phi Kappa Sigma, not only is there the feeling of brotherhood within our local chapter, but there is also a feeling of communal bonding with brothers, both past and present, from all other Phi Kap chapters. In our rich 150 year history, the brotherhood has survived through the Civil and the World Wars.

Phi Kappa Sigma grew up along side of this country, and we feel that few organizations could offer their members such a cultural and historical tradition.

With regards to the material benefits of national participation, Phi Kappa Sigma offers its members an introduction into a larger, international network.

Our brothers have opportunities such as career networking, access to scholarships, and provided leadership training, to name a few.

After reading *The Grizzly* Guest Opinion by Kelly Tessena, we noticed a few errors as well as several misconceptions in her argument that we would like to correct and to clarify.

Taken in the order that they were presented in Ms. Tessena's piece, first, not all three national Greek organizations were rejected by USGA. Kappa Alpha Psi was passed.

Both Phi Kappa Sigma and Sigma Sigma Sigma lost by only one vote each out of a voting body of approximately thirty USGA members, which is roughly only two percent (2%) of the entire

student body.

In addition, the composition of the present voting members at said USGA meeting consisted of a roughly half-Greek, half-independent population.

Such a ratio of Greek to non-Greek is not representative of the Ursinus community as a whole, since Greeks approximately comprise only one third of the entire student body.

Therefore, the rejection by USGA cannot be held as an unquestionably accurate representation of student opinion.

Ms. Tessena then asks "How many fraternities and sororities does this campus actually need?"

If one were to examine the ideas upon which the current organizations were founded, the overwhelming majority of them would seem similar to a great extent.

Could some of these organizations consolidate into one based on Ms. Tessena's arguments?

The answer is no.

The existing organizations would argue that they are as different from one another as the national organizations are different from them.

We agree with this argument, as well as recognize that each organization has its individual identity and attracts those individuals most suited towards them.

Therefore, by having these new national organizations on campus, we will not be drawing from the membership of other organizations, but will instead attract our own specific membership most geared towards our principles and interests.

The students' access to their freedom of association should not be restricted because others are worried that their own unique membership roster will falter.

In fact, since approximately two-thirds of the campus community is independent, we see a vast potential membership pool that could be introduced to our organizations.

With several hundred students that are not as yet affiliated, the worry that there will be a grand competition over the scarce resource of potential members is unjustified.

Ms. Tessena then states that all Greek organizations in general outwardly support "high ideals and have a no-hazing policy", even

"We (Phi Kappa Sigma members) do not feel that our existence is a threat to the current system ... We seek to promote the well-being of the school and all its community members, and want to build up what already exists, rather than to destroy any of the current institutions."

though some of these organizations engage in activities contradictory to such statements.

She argues, "there's no guarantee that any organization will actually follow through with what they say they will do."

The only organizations that we can really know anything about are the ones that already exist on campus."

However, how are we to know whether or not the groups already on campus participate in activities that they are outwardly against?

Furthermore, how can Ms. Tessena automatically assume that the national Greek organizations will engage in activities such as hazing if she is unwilling to allow us to prove our high standards via our actions?

The Ursinus College chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma holds itself to the highest standards of academics and gentlemanly behavior.

Not only must we abide by the school's regulations on Greek activities, just as all local organizations currently do, we also have to closely follow the guidelines set out by our national organization.

These national guidelines are more rigorous and demanding than the local policies.

Next, Ms. Tessena argues that there is a greater risk of hazing with national organizations than with local ones, and that Ursinus might not face the risk of a lawsuit should hazing occur (since national organizations have their own insurance).

In fact, this statement could not be further from the truth. The insurance that Phi Kappa Sigma possesses is a financial obligation taken on personally by the brothers.

In the event of a mishap, especially one that is in discord with the principles and rules of the organization, the insurance protects the national organization from lawsuit as well as the chapter members. Ursinus College would still be susceptible to such a suit.

In the same vein, Ms. Tessena

seems concerned about the specifics regarding the pledging by national organizations.

First, our chapter will not now nor ever engage in hazing.

Second, our brothers are subject to the same punishments (i.e. expulsion) as any other Ursinus Greek if illegal activities occur, such as hazing.

Our brothers take primary responsibility for all actions of the organization.

We participate in traditions, have a history, and associate with alumni just as all other Greek organizations do.

Our brotherhood has an everlasting commitment both to itself and to the campus community to not engage in any activities that would shame our organization, our school, or ourselves.

To assume that we are somehow 'above the law' is simply unfounded.

Phi Kappa Sigma in no way meant to insult the current Greeks by not making a proposal to the Greek Presidents' Council.

Since the GPC is not a voting body, the administration informed us that the only steps required were to go before USGA, SASC, and the faculty.

After our USGA meeting, two men representing Phi Kappa Sigma and two ladies representing Sigma Sigma Sigma went and conversed with GPC about the current situation between the local and national organizations, and attempted to alleviate all concerns and answer all questions.

We were in no way attempting to circumvent the "accepted procedure" and the national organizations were not given any "special treatment".

Regarding that "accepted procedure," GPC came into existence after the establishment of the vast majority of the current existing Greek organizations on campus.

Therefore, how can a relatively new GPC be a part of a long-

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Why I wanted to bring Tri Sigma to Ursinus College

Patricia Quinn
Grizzly Guest Opinion

This isn't an article in response to last weeks opinion piece.

This isn't an article trying to explain what Tri Sigma is all about.

This is an article about me and why I found it so important to bring Sigma Sigma Sigma to Ursinus' campus and how it happened.

Almost three years ago, I came to Ursinus with many hopes and dreams in mind.

One was possibly becoming a "sister" in one of the sororities. I knew little about the Greek organizations that Ursinus had to offer, and therefore rushed. I received bids.

However, when it came time to make my decisions, I declined. This is not a "slap to any or all of the organizations."

This is not an "insult" to any of the sororities. For my own personal reasons, I did not find what

Tri Sigma sorority founder relates experience and ultimate goal of establishing national Greek organization at UC.

I was looking for.

Just as many women each year choose ONE sorority over the others, I am choosing ONE, Tri Sigma, over the others. Sigma Sigma Sigma is everything I was looking for and more.

I am sure, in fact I know that many of you in one of the six current sororities or fraternities can say the same about your organizations, and that is great.

I respect your decisions and do not question them. Can you say the same?

Having one of my initial dreams not yet a reality, I decided to take action.

I had done numerous amounts of research on Tri Sigma. Many of my friends were at one time, or are currently involved with this organization on other campuses. I liked the idea that their principles are

rooted in community service, leadership, and scholarship.

I also liked their stand against ANY type of hazing. And who could object to the many benefits you receive from being part of a National organization? When I sent out e-mails and flyers about the interest meeting, I highlighted these facets in hopes of getting a caliber of women who held these ideals to be very important within their lives.

I had no idea what kind of numbers to expect. I was hoping against hope to get 15 women at the meeting.

I was astounded when 30 showed up with enthusiastic interest. The following weeks 10-15 more women either called me or e-mailed me with interest.

I am still having women contact me today about information re-

garding Tri Sigma! The fact that 40 women showed serious interest speaks volumes to me.

This tells me that there is a desire to have a National Sorority, particularly Tri Sigma on campus. I knew after that interest meeting that my dream was in fact going to become a reality.

Although we hit many bumps in the road on the way, all 40 women stayed strong.

Because of these bumps we fought harder.

We knew that the faculty would have the final say. Each one of us spoke to faculty members day in and day out. I can't tell you how many lunch meetings I had over the past two months!

The response I was receiving from these faculty members was refreshing.

I had such support behind me

standing, procedural tradition?

While we meant no offense to the members of the existing Greek community, we were not required to seek GPC's approval in order to exist as an organization according to Ursinus College guidelines.

We are not looking to create or continue hostilities with the local Greeks.

The defensiveness expressed in Ms. Tessena's conclusion is not needed.

We do not feel that our existence is a threat to the current system.

And, while the argument that

anything that jeopardizes the current organizations is a matter of opinion, we would like to emphasize that our brotherhood is not one of those sources of jeopardy.

We seek to promote the well being of the school and all its community members, and want to build up what already exists, rather than to destroy any of the current institutions.

We have freely exercised our right of association, and now we seek to cooperate with the current organizations in our shared goal of bettering the Ursinus College community.

(along with the help of about 40 other women) brought Tri Sigma to Ursinus.

Firstly, I did this for myself. Second, I did this for the 40 women who showed interest.

I'd had many people tell me before this venture that they felt something was missing from this campus.

Something they wanted and were looking for but was just not available to them.

Finally, and what I feel to be the most important reason of all, I did this for future Ursinus women.

I wanted there to be another option available to them, one that I initially did not have.

My dream is now a reality. All the hard work has paid off. I look forward to making Tri Sigma what myself and forty other women want it to be.

I look forward to reaping the benefits of a National sorority.

I look forward to building the foundation of Tri Sigma here at Ursinus College.

Tri Sigma sorority members respond to controversy

"Being in a Greek organization is something that people choose to do. Who gives anyone the right to bash someone's decision? No one."

Those passionate words written in *The Grizzly* (Issue 17, Feb. 27) by Phi Alpha Si sorority member Jenn Prendiville are the exact same messages Tri Sigma hopes to inspire in response to the controversy over national organizations.

Since the unanimous vote by the faculty, the future sisters of Tri Sigma have faced hostility, rumors, gossip, and even personal insults as a result of creating an organization of women who share a sense of belonging, common values, and strong principles.

Before you judge our organization, have the same respect for us we have for you and find out the facts. The goals of Tri Sigma are simple; the sorority "places high emphasis on scholastic achievement, career development, personal growth and leadership."

We seek to "develop social con-

science through community service, impress realization of individual and group rights, provide support in uncertain times, foster interest in self-development, discover hidden talents and abilities, develop leadership skills, and emphasize consideration for others."

Each woman interested in Tri Sigma felt these principles were a reflection of her personal values and respected what Tri Sigma stands for.

Our goal is to provide an organization that benefits women in future classes and yet, the campus has misunderstood Tri Sigma.

Contrary to popular misconceptions, the Ursinus administration will have the same control over nationals that they have over locals, and in fact, we are monitored more closely by the national standards.

We will follow the same rules as the current Greeks and must answer to the national guidelines in the form of monthly reports, visits from other chapters, and a week-long review by a national representative every year.

The same housing, rushing, and pledging rules bind us.

In fact, Tri Sigma has its own very strict regulations by which each chapter must abide to exist on any college campus.

Some of these rules include required participation in national and local community service projects, the use of sorority funds, and the hazing process.

Hazing, defined by Tri Sigma, is any act that would negatively impact one's mental, emotional, and physical well-being.

Some of our rules will include no sleep deprivation, no interference with academic performance, or no humiliating public displays seen on other college campuses.

If we violate these rules, the national organization dissolves our chapter, no question.

Most importantly, we believe each Greek organization has its own traditions and ours are simply slightly different, not better.

As for the advent of nationals taking members away from local Greeks, membership should not be a competition.

An increase or decrease in membership is a reflection of people choosing to join an organization that demonstrates the person they want to become and the group with which they feel most comfortable.

Each organization attracts a certain type of person, as Ursinus currently supports over a dozen Greek organizations.

Forty women on this campus have joined together to share the incredible memories and experiences that define one's college experience.

We have the right to associate with the women we choose and the freedom of choice to join an organization that fits our needs.

We begin the chapter process with interaction with GPC and USGA and the approval of SASC and the faculty, and it is time the campus acknowledged the diversity on campus and promoted tolerance instead of petty rivalry.

The Ursinus College web page states "The best colleges put you in a position to succeed by giving you opportunities to think and do

for yourself.

Most of us came here because Ursinus is a selective, private college dedicated to the idea that the "combination of responsibility, support and high expectations is the best formula for achievement."

We all come to Ursinus hoping that with the right combination of challenge and support, we will accomplish great things and leave Ursinus College with a sense of pride.

Tri Sigma, like every other Greek organization, will provide growth and fellowship morally, academically, and socially to help us enter the real world to live the life we envision.

We cannot be denied the opportunity to possess the privileges you already enjoy.

Bringing nationals on campus will not break a tradition of locals; it will continue a tradition of emphasis on the individual and respect for all.

For over two months, forty women have fought for Tri Sigma against intense opposition, dedicated to its principles and the dream

of forming an organization that would hold meaning and value for each individual.

These battles have already made us sisters in every sense of the word and as your classmates, we ask for your respect.

Despite prank phone calls, nasty e-mails, party un-invites, and an IM message telling us we would be "shunned by the current Greek community," we have stood our ground and sought to defend ourselves with simply the truth about Tri Sigma.

We hope for unity instead of controversy, cooperation instead of segregation on this campus.

The day Tri Sigma was approved was a great moment for many of us and we know this campus is composed of mature individuals who can understand our reasons and give us a chance.

As the Tri Sigma motto states "Ever forward" and we hope you will move forward with us to build a stronger Greek community.

--- Quinn Dinsmore,
Megan Hemperly and
Adrienne Dareff Moore

Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity: The brotherhood of gentlemen

Whether our experiences with fraternities and sororities have been positive or negative, there is no denying they can be constructive and productive partners in helping students meet the academic, service, and social goals of the college.

It is with this positive model of fraternal organizations in mind that our group of young men, in conjunction with the national office of Phi Kappa Sigma and the Leadership Development/Student Activities Office of Ursinus College, have realized our dream of founding a new colony of Phi Kappa Sigma at Ursinus College.

Emphasizing academic achievement and a strong and abiding commitment to service, Phi Kappa Sigma strives to be an institution of higher learning in its own right and an enclave within the Ursinus community that complements and implements the larger goals of the college.

The men who affiliate themselves with Phi Kappa Sigma will come to understand the true meaning of loyalty, friendship, to-

getherness, and cooperation as they pursue excellence in academic scholarship, community service, and leadership, bringing an awareness of the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, sexual assault, bigotry, and other issues to their brothers and to the entire Ursinus community.

The main purpose of a social fraternity should be to bring men together who believe in a common set of values, pushing them to excel as they continually raise standards of excellence and achievement.

A key component of Phi Kappa Sigma is the social interaction within the fraternity, the campus, and the community as a whole.

While at Ursinus, each member's mission will be to improve the colony, the institution, and the community.

This commitment to excellence will not end with graduation, for learning and contributing are lifelong processes.

The motto of Phi Kappa Sigma, *Equal To The Stars In Endurance*, is at the heart of the

fraternity's mission to be an enduring and transforming influence on each member.

It is the sincere hope of the men who wish to live these ideals that the following precepts become the cornerstones of the Ursinus Colony of Phi Kappa Sigma:

The Pursuit of the Highest Academic Standards.

In order to receive the official badge of membership, a member must attain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and must be in good academic and social standing at the institution.

If a man wishing to affiliate with Phi Kappa Sigma does not meet the GPA requirement, then he will be assigned two academic peer mentors from the brotherhood who will assist him in the pursuit of the academic standards of the fraternity.

Service and Leadership.

The colony will perform at least four mandatory "Impact Events" each semester.

These events must involve ser-

vice to others and must tend to the improvement of the brotherhood, the institution, and the community.

All "Impact Events" will be in line with and address issues associated with the educational mission and the culture of the college, and will foster the interaction of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the surrounding community.

Commitment to Student Life.

The colony will seek to establish consistent dialogue among students, faculty, and staff regarding issues that affect the college.

Members will strive to become citizen-leaders who help produce solutions, in the hope that the membership can establish and maintain forums in which any and all issues that affect the quality of the undergraduate experience are addressed, actively working with the USGA and the Dean of Students Office.

In addition to upholding these cornerstone ideas, the fraternity will actively and energetically seek to disassociate themselves from the "culture of alcohol" that tarnishes so many Greek organiza-

tions.

An abiding sense of personal responsibility shall be instilled in each member, as will a respect for college policy regarding alcohol and the laws of the Borough of Collegeville and the State of Pennsylvania.

No fraternity function will be planned or implemented around the use of alcohol, nor will colony funds be used toward the purchase of alcohol.

In 1850 when Phi Kappa Sigma was founded, and for one hundred and fifty years since, alcohol has not figured into the operation of the fraternity.

As stated in the "Personal Conduct" section of the membership manual of Phi Kappa Sigma: "Phi Kappa Sigma is a brotherhood of gentlemen. One of the basic tenets of the Fraternity is that brothers conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all times. Members should be gentlemen at all times, particularly in conduct, manners, dress, morals, and speech. Ungentlemanly activity should be avoided, so as not to bring shame

to oneself, one's Chapter, or the Fraternity. Keep in mind, you are a part of a large organization, therefore, everything you do reflects not only on you and your Chapter, but on Phi Kappa Sigma as a whole."

The Ursinus College colony of Phi Kappa Sigma will promote enlightened interaction among people; therefore, the social aspects of the fraternity will not be linked in any way to the consumption of alcohol.

Finally, the Ursinus colony of Phi Kappa Sigma will serve as a constant reminder that participation in a social fraternity can be an intellectual and academically challenging experience, an experience providing students the opportunity to develop and hone positive leadership skills and a sense of civic-mindedness.

Our brotherhood is honored to serve and enhance our community.

---Greg Striano, Alain Fernandes,
Geoffrey Brace, Andrew Petersen,
Joseph Pope

Why AOL Instant Messenger will be the demise of society

Christina Abreu
Grizzly Guest Opinion

It seems as though we are becoming lazier and lazier every day.

How hard is it really to pick up a pen and write a letter or dial a phone number?

Sure there are benefits to Instant Messenger, but I am frankly annoyed and disturbed by this online service.

Today everything is about computers and the Internet, and I'm tired of it.

Frankly, if things keep going the way they are, we will be putting an end to the United States Postal Service and mail, as we know it.

We need to stand up from our computer screens and go out and buy stamps and calling cards. If not, Instant Messenger will be the demise of society.

Instant Messenger has some serious disadvantages.

Forexample, if you have a slower connection rate than the person you are chatting with, you have to deal with a delay of a few seconds, which is extremely frustrating.

This may cause a violent temper, loud bursts of anger, or threatening blows to the computer screen.

You must also consider embarrassing moments that the service may provide.

You may think you're talking to your best friend about last night's party and drunken rage, because his screen name is signed on, but indeed it may be his mother or even his little sister.

What horror.

Now your best friend's mom knows that you can't fight the temptation of beer goggles.

There is also a problem merely connecting to the service.

There are peak times during the day when everyone wants to sign

on and you may be faced with rejection.

What if you had scheduled a time to chat with a loved one and they feel that you are rejecting their conversation?

Now, this person is mad at you and frankly the situation is totally out of your control.

Many times people sign on and instead of chatting, as is the purpose of the service they put up an away message.

These away messages are usually humorous or useless notes regarding your location.

Why sign on if your going to put up an away message?

The answer is simple.

When you sign on, everyone who has you on your buddy list knows that you are signed on and available.

With the away message, you are able to avoid talking to certain people.

However, when you take that away message off to speak to someone worthy of your time, you are bombarded with messages from all your buddies.

What if you are in the middle of completing a homework assignment?

You are now faced with several people who you cannot avoid without seeming rude.

IM may be free and accessible, but it is impersonal, annoying, and a threat to genuine communication as we know it.

Despite the fact that I use this service myself, I find it frustrating because of the errors in typing and the speed.

Simply put, more people should use more personal ways of communication such as the phone or standard mail.

The Post Office needs our help, and as citizens of this country we should not let them down.

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Berman exhibit 'Zelda: By Herself' on display until Apr. 19

Paintings explore Fitzgerald apart from role as schizophrenic wife of novelist F. Scott.

Sarah Napolitan
A&E Editor

On Friday, March 16th in Berman Upper Gallery, a new exhibit was opened to the public and to Ursinus College students and staff entitled *Zelda: By Herself*.

The exhibit features Zelda Fitzgerald, wife of author F. Scott Fitzgerald who wrote "The Great Gatsby" and other novels.

Zelda Fitzgerald was born in 1900 and was a painter up until she met and married F. Scott.

Together they moved to France and were friends with the likes of Picasso, Ernest Hemmingway, and Gertrude

Stein.

Zelda was a famous ballet dancer, story writer, and artist until she had a nervous collapse and was diagnosed as schizophrenic at the age of 36.

During this time she was often quoted as saying, "Parfois La Folie est La Sagesse", or, sometimes madness is wisdom.

After being hospitalized, she spent her remaining 12 years in a hospital painting colorful scenes from "Alice In Wonderland" and making paper dolls for her grandchildren.

Her paintings in the exhibit that do not involve stories or childhood fantasies are landscapes that are dreamlike with figures that float above the earth and are wrapped

in color.

The figures all are given large but shapely feet by Zelda because she considered dancing as one of her great loves, and because of these feet all her characters appear to be floating and dancing gracefully across her landscapes.

The exhibit also features beautiful paintings of flowers that Zelda would give away as gifts to family and friends.

In 1948, Zelda died in a fire that had broken out at the hospital, and left many beautiful paintings behind that appear in the Upper Gallery.

The exhibit will be held until April 19th, 2001, and is a wonderful combination of many subjects done by this talented artist.



Puppetfee, by Zelda Fitzgerald, is one of the pieces featured in a Berman exhibit, which can be seen through Apr. 19. Photo courtesy of Berman Museum.

'Along Came a Spider' ending leaves a lot to be desired

Billy Smuck
Daily Nebraskan, NU

(U-WIRE)---It's hard to believe that the same person who wrote "Along Came A Spider" also wrote the last 30 minutes of it.

The film is based on the first in a series of novels by James Patterson and is a prequel to "Kiss The Girls" (1997).

It might help to mention that Marc Moses wrote the adapted screenplay with a new ending, which explains why such a cleverly developed

story had such a laughable ending. Morgan Freeman plays Dr. Alex Cross, a detective and expert criminal profiler, who has withdrawn from his work after losing his partner in a sting operation that got out of control.

Depressed and blaming himself, he tells his wife, "forgiving yourself is the one thing a person cannot do."

Cross's depression doesn't keep him away from his job for too long, though, once he's chosen by prolific kidnapper Gary Soneji as his contact person and so-called "publicist."

Soneji, who has recently kidnapped Sen. Hank Rose's daughter Megan while murdering two others in the process, is out to make a name for himself among the ranks of notorious criminals.

His clever plan is to make the kidnapping more than what it appears on the surface, as Cross says: "He didn't just kidnap a girl, he's playing a game."

The game gets national coverage, and Cross's job is to play it while keeping the media informed.

Soneji's motivation is publicity, and the girl will only be kept alive as long as he continues to make

headlines.

Monica Potter plays the humiliated secret agent Jezzie Flannigan, who is outsmarted and made a fool by Soneji when he makes off with the senator's daughter.

Cross and Flannigan team up to beat Soneji at his own game and are caught in a tangled web of complicated subplots, that are at first very engaging and suspenseful.

The story builds up from there and then steadily plummets into the absurd because of a deteriorated ending that leaves no smile unturned.

This is a promising thriller that has a strong premise and an entertaining follow through for the first 75 minutes.

Unlike many detective films however, the bad guy gets a significant amount of screen time.

The director, Lee Tamihori, shows both sides of this story and is effective for the most part.

The mystery isn't about who the bad guy is or where he's hiding but what he's going to do next and just how interesting the game is going to become.

Unfortunately, the ending just doesn't do justice to an otherwise

promising film.

In fact the last quarter of the movie is so ridiculous that it damages any recommended rating the first half has otherwise earned.

Despite what the film lacks, Freeman rises above the film and delivers a convincing performance.

He is certainly one of the greatest actors around today. Monica Potter gives a decent performance.

It's nothing to write home about, with the exception that she looks and sounds a lot like Julia Roberts - deliberate? Who knows?

The Buzz

Padraic Maroney
Grizzly A+E Writer

Summer X-men

"X-men 2" preparation is underway and it seems that the rumors of Gambit being in the movie are not true.

It seems that the makers don't want to add any other character romances into the film since they have the Jean Grey love triangle with Wolverine and Cyclops.

So they have opted to put Beast in his place.

All of the actors and director, Bryan Singer, are already in place to return.

Looks like the sequel could be out as early as next summer.

Houston to be Bond girl

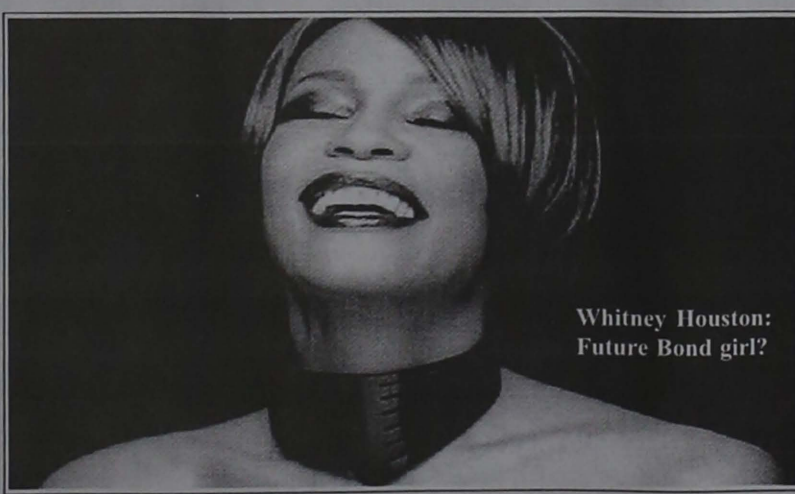
Whitney Houston has been offered the role of the next Bond girl and seems to be interested in the role.

Currently, Houston is waiting approval from the franchise's executive producer says a England newspaper.

Bow Wow for the Kids

Lil Bow Wow will be making a stop in Philadelphia on June 8th. Lil's tour is going to consist of mostly weekend matinee shows, so that kids can go to his concert. Once he finishes the tour he is going to work on his next album.

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Whitney Houston: Future Bond girl?

Smash mouth Album

Smash Mouth has picked the winning title in the contest for fans to name their new album.

The album, which is going to be self-titled, is scheduled for release in June.

Smash mouth as the title was submitted by 2 eligible contestants.

'Creek' Cliffhanger

It seems that one of the Creekers aren't graduating. Pacey will not be graduating in the season finale when the rest of his friends do.

Also watch out as two cast members are still unsure about coming back, which could mean a major cliff-hanger.

Meredith Monroe (Andie) will be doing a one episode stint to graduate also.

That will be her last episode.

'Making the Band' again

Did Lou Perlman learn anything

out of songs.

Pee Wee's return!

A movie that you never thought would happen: Pee Wee's return.

Paul "Pee Wee Herman" Ruebens has said that he is halfway through writing the script for next movie in the series.

Judd may be Catwoman

After "Batman Returns" Michelle Pfeiffer was working on making a spin-off movie based on her character.

But the movie was never made due to a lack of a script that everyone could agree upon.

But it seems that Ashley Judd had no problem with making the film because she has recently signed on for the movie.

Though she will not have the persona (of Selina Kyle, like Pfeiffer in "Batman Returns") in the film.

after 'NSync and Backstreet Boys sued and left him?

It appears not, as I hear that in the upcoming season of "Making the Band," O-Town joins the fan club against Lou Perlman after a financial situation arises.

Also, Jacob (the dreadlocked one) is going to consider leaving the band after he keeps getting out



Season 2 of ABC's "Making the Band" debuts this month with the continuing saga of O-Town.

The Department of Religion and Philosophy, The Office of the Chaplain and Ursinus Hillel (Jewish Student Organization) welcome

Dr. Joel Hecker

speaking on

"Connecting to the Divine: Topics in (Jewish) Mysticism"

Monday, April 16

5 p.m in Olin 107

Dr. Hecker received his Ph.D. in Jewish mysticism from New York University and is currently a professor at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, PA.

High School varsity boys' tennis and varsity girls' lacrosse coaches are needed for this spring season at the Kimberton Waldorf School

near Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

Any interested student contact Ed Matthews, Athletic Director, at (610) 933-8697 (Home phone) or (610) 933-3635 (Work phone).

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Grizzly Sports News

Thursday April 12, 2001

Women's LAX remains undefeated, in first place

Sue Patton
Grizzly Sports Writer

The Ursinus women's lacrosse team continued their undefeated season this past week, adding two more wins in the conference against Swarthmore (10-8) and Dickinson (19-11).

Ursinus also beat Rowan University at home on Thursday.

The ladies played an especially physical game against Rowan. Tensions between the two teams were evident. The Bears jumped

out to a 4-1 lead within the first ten minutes and maintained a close lead for most of the first half. By halftime, Rowan managed to top the Bears by one goal.

The ladies gathered themselves during half time and came up with two quick goals at the beginning of the second half to put them ahead by one. The rest of the half resembled the first, continuing as a physically and mentally challenging game. The Bears held a three-goal lead for only a few minutes

until Rowan caught up, and time expired with a tie score of 12 each.

Overtime consisted of two, three-minute halves despite which team scored first. It was Rowan who put up the first goal and held the ball from Ursinus until time expired in the first half of overtime.

During the second overtime, the Bears became very nervous. They were unable to steal the ball from Rowan's game of keep-away. With just under a minute left to play, freshman attack player, Emily

Durkin, made an interception at mid-field and the goalie saved her shot on goal.

As the Rowan goalie attempted to clear the ball to one of her teammates with 48 seconds left on the clock, junior mid-fielder Sue Patton intercepted the ball on the clear and scored an unassisted goal to keep the Bears in the game.

The Bears gained possession of the ball off the draw and Durkin scored only 14 seconds after Patton's goal, off an assist from

junior co-captain, Jamie Matty. The clock expired as the Bears held tight onto their lead. Rowan desperately tried to tie the game again. But to no avail, the Bears dug out the win.

"I really feel that our tough defense kept us in the game," junior defender, Abby Ross said. "We remained calm and collected, even when we were down by a goal. That enabled us to gain possession, and pull out the win."

Also scoring for the Bears were

junior attack player, Leigh Voigt and junior co-captain and mid-fielder Erin Fitzgerald. They both contributed three goals each. Matty and junior Diane Elia both supplied one, while Matty added seven assists. Aside from her game winner, Durkin also compiled four additional goals.

The Bears hope to continue their season at home on Thursday at home, against Washington College at 4 p.m.

Grizzly Sports News in Brief: Baseball, Softball, Golf, Track and Field, Tennis and Lacrosse

- Baseball -

The Bears are now 6-2 in the Centennial Conference and 12-11 overall after weekend victories over Gettysburg and Swarthmore Colleges.

Gettysburg went down to the Bears, 4-3, 3-0 in Saturday's doubleheader. A sacrifice fly by junior Ryan Smith brought in the tying run in the first game. Freshman Eric Shipe brought in sophomore Mike Gizzi with a suicide bunt to put Ursinus in the win. Freshman Mike Lombardo earned the win in the second game, with four strikeouts. He allowed only three hits.

The Bears were able to reclaim the game despite Swarthmore's 5-0 lead in the second inning. Senior Brian Carney had a two-run single in the bottom of the second.

Senior Mark Toto hammered a grand slam in the bottom of the sixth inning, to lead 8-6. Senior Richie Barrett, Gizzi, and Smith all contributed to the final 12-9 score.

Barrett was the first to score for the Bears against Franklin and Marshall College, with a home run in the fourth inning.

Toto then tripled and scored in the ninth. The final score was 6-2 in favor of the Diplomats.

On Tuesday, the Bears earned a 6-3 win from Muhlenberg College.

Barrett was 4-for-4 from the plate with two doubles, bringing in two runs. Barrett also stole three bases.

Gizzi had three RBIs off of two hits, and Smith also added two hits.

Sophomore pitcher Rob Albert earned the win, allowing one run. Freshman Scott Barr earned the save, allowing one hit in two innings.

The men are now 13-10 overall, and 7-2 in the Centennial Conference and one-half a game behind the first place team, Johns Hopkins.

- Men's Golf -

The men finished in fourth place at the Franklin and Marshall Invitational on Monday, April 9 with a score of 311.

Last Friday, April 6 the men competed against 17 other teams in the Moravian Spring Invitational. The team took eighth place with a score of 331.

Senior Dave Fisher was a top scorer, finishing with an 82 for the course.

On Thursday, April 5, the men finished in 11th place out of 18

with a score of 341 in the Elizabethtown Blue Jay Classic.

- Women's Golf -

On Monday, the women's golf team traveled to the Muhlenberg College Spring Invitational.

The team placed fifth overall, behind Gettysburg and Muhlenberg Colleges, Lehigh University, and Mount St. Mary's College, who finished first.

Senior Marissa Pappas had Ursinus' best score, completing the course with a 119. She placed 15th overall for individuals.

Freshman Julia Campbell shot a 124 to finish 18th, while senior Erin Greene and junior Kim Forys both finished with a 135.

- Men's Lacrosse -

This past week's scheduled game against Neumann College at home was postponed due to unfavorable weather conditions.

The Neumann game has been rescheduled to be played on Saturday, April 21.

The men are currently 1-3 in the Centennial Conference.

- Women's Lacrosse -

The Bears held their undefeated title after defeating Franklin and Marshall College 13-12 in overtime sudden death.

Junior Erin Fitzgerald scored 2:35 into overtime off a free position shot.

The women led the game at halftime, 7-3.

After the second half, F&M started to catch up and tied the game with about two minutes left in the game.

Junior Jaime Matty scored the tying goal with 58 seconds left.

Freshman Emily Durkin scored five goals and had two assists in the game.

Matty and Fitzgerald each had three goals apiece.

Freshman Rebecca Mannion contributed six saves for the win. "This team just refuses to lose," Head Coach Carrie Reilly said.

The Bears are now ranked first in the Centennial Conference after the win and are the only undefeated team in the league.

- Softball -

Last Thursday, April 5, the Ursinus College softball team split a doubleheader with Albright, winning the first game, 6-3, but losing the second game 2-0.

Sophomore Denise Bozenksi earned the win for the Bears. She allowed just six hits in the game.

Sophomore Jess Troutman scored three runs for the Bears.

Juniors Jen Baci and Sarah Smith each had two hits in the first game.

In the second game, senior Kelly Meyer allowed only four hits in the loss.

Freshman Jamie Ruhling was two-for-three from the plate.

The women traveled to Washington College on Tuesday for a doubleheader.

The Bears lost the first game, 7-5, with Baci bringing in two runs. Senior Courtney Quinones and junior Sue Sobolewski each had two hits.

Sobolewski was 3-for-4 in the second game, with two runs scoring.

Sophomore Jenn Prendiville had two hits and two RBIs and sophomore Kim Paulus was 2-for-2.

The Bears finished the game with a 10-1 victory over Washington.

Meyer earned only one run off of six hits from the mound.

The women are now 17-7 overall and 5-1 in the Centennial Conference.

- Men's Tennis -

Last week, the men traveled to Washington College in Maryland to bring home a 0-7 loss.

The Bears came close to earning a win against Western Maryland College on Saturday.

The third team doubles match of junior Kevin Nelsen and freshman Trevor Mohr won, yet did not record any team points since two doubles matches must be won in order to score.

The men are currently in last place in the Centennial Conference with five consecutive team losses.

- Women's Tennis -

The women traveled to Washington College last Wednesday.

They were defeated 0-9, though many matches were close.

The women met up with Western Maryland College on Saturday, this time winning their third team doubles match of seniors Shannon and Meghann Kissel, 8-0. Meghann won her singles match 6-0, 6-0, while Shannon won 6-3, 6-0.

The women are currently ranked last in the Centennial Conference, with a 0-6 record.

- Track and Field -

Seniors Yori Adegunwa and Brian Penderghest, and sophomore John Mohr were winners in men's action at the Muhlenberg Invita-

tional held on Friday, April 6.

Adegunwa captured the 400 meter dash (49.36). Penderghest won the 1,500 meter run (4:09.09).

Mohr won the shot put, with a throw of 41' 3/4".

The men's 4x400 team came up big finishing in second place.

Adegunwa almost came back

on the last leg to win the heat for the Bears, with their final time being 3:27.11.

In women's action, junior Eboni Woodard won the triple jump (31'4.5") and finished second in the long jump (15'8 3/4").

The rainy weather played a factor in the outcome of field events.

Editors Note:

This section was compiled by Lauren Cyrsky, with the help of staff writers Sue Patton and Kate Gallagher.

Many team members also assisted in contributing information. Thanks guys!

Upcoming Sports Events...

Women's Lacrosse

Saturday, April 14 *CNJ*

- 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17 *BRYNMAWR*

- 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 19

CABRINI

- 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 21 at *Western Maryland*

- 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24

at *Haverford*

- 4 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse

Thursday, April 12

at *Delaware County Community College*

- 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 14

F&M

- 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18

at *Cabrini*

- 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 21

NEUMANN

- 1:30 p.m.

Softball

Saturday, April 14 - *F&M* (doubleheader)

- 1 p.m.

Monday, April 16 - *Eastern*

(doubleheader)

- 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17 - at *Haverford*

(doubleheader)

- 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18

SCRANTON

- 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 19 - *ALVERNIA*

(doubleheader)

- 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 21

GETTYSBURG (doubleheader)

- 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24 - at *Muhlenberg*

(doubleheader)

- 6 p.m.

Women's Golf

Friday, April 20 at *Gettysburg*

- 12 p.m.

Baseball

Thursday, April 12

Muhlenberg

- 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 14

at *Washington* (doubleheader)

- 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17

HAVERFORD

- 3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 20

at *Haverford*

- 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 21

JOHNS HOPKINS (doubleheader)

- 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24 - at *Drew*

- 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25

ALBRIGHT

- 3:30 p.m.

Track & Field

Saturday, April 14 at *Bucknell*

Invitational

- 11 a.m.

Men's and Women's Tennis

Wednesday, April 18 at *Muhlenberg*

(men)

- 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 19 at *Muhlenberg*

(women)

- 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 21 at *Johns Hopkins*

- 1 p.m.

Men's Golf

Thursday, April 12 at *Susquehanna*

Invitational

- 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18

at *Widener*

- 1 p.m.