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Doug Farah Pays a Visit to Ursinus

Susan Fialkowski
Special to the Grizzly

Sheltered in the bubble of Ursinus and America, we very infrequently get the chance to gain a glimpse of how the rest of the world lives. While we enjoy the highest standard of living, 1.2 billion people live in extreme poverty.

Recently, a visitor to our campus reminded us of this dichotomy. Doug Farah, the West African Bureau Chief for the Washington Post has been reporting on developing countries in Africa and Latin America for 17 years. During an informal discussion, a dinner, and a talk on the evening of March 13, he shared his experiences as both a reporter and a person.

Since March 2000, Farah has worked for the Washington Post in West Africa. As the Bureau Chief, he is in charge of covering the news. While there, Farah has encountered the dark side of humanity.

Recently, he has reported on the child soldiers embroiled against their will in the Sierra Leone civil war. Rebel groups drug and brain-wash children to become a part of their bloody fighting. After having the symbols of the opposition groups scarred into their chests, they are never able to forget about the past even after they escape from the violence.

Occasionally, Farah's reporting has direct implications for our own situation in the United States. He is the reporter who broke the story about the connection of funding of Al Qaeda with the trade of diamonds with rebel groups in Sierra Leone.

At first, the United States government did not believe Farah. His diligence and professionalism in pursuing the story eventually caused the U.S. to begin its own investigation, climaxing in a Senate investigation.

Born in Bolivia to missionaries, Farah has always had a strong affinity to other countries. After receiving a degree in Journalism and Latin American Studies from the University of Kansas, he joined UPI as the bureau chief for El Salvador during the civil war in that country. He then became a freelance reporter for the Washington Post, Boston Globe and other publications.

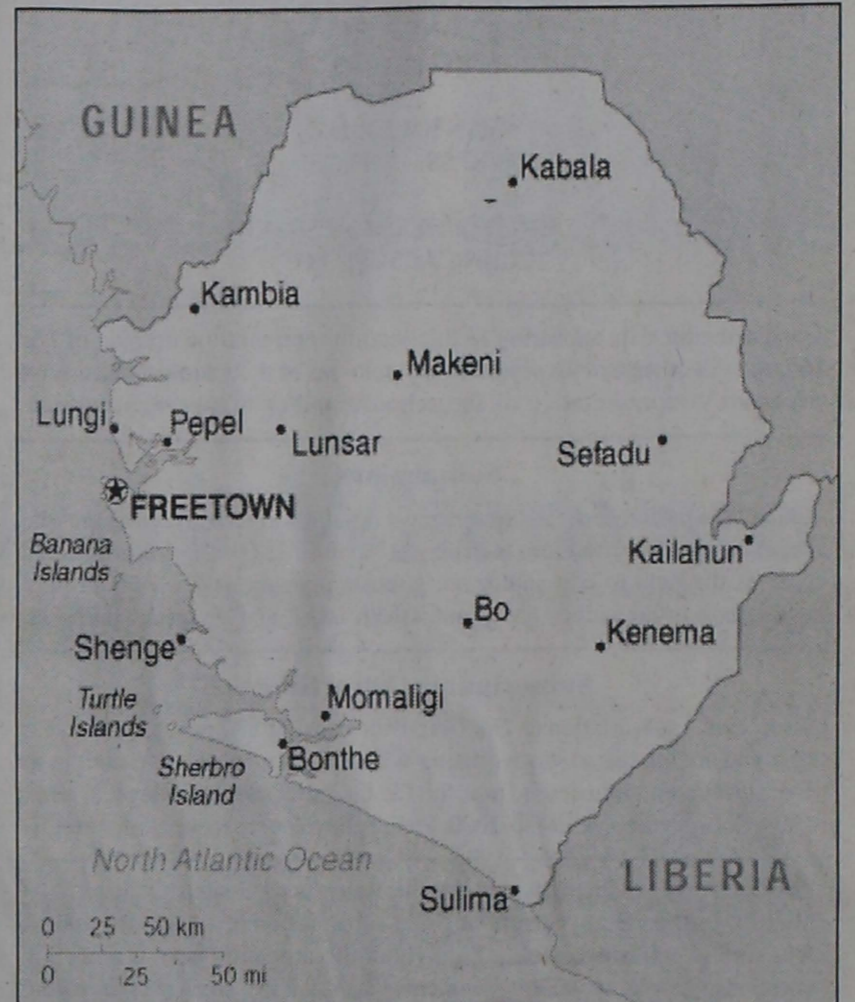
The Washington Post hired Farah in 1990 to cover the drug war in Colombia. His next job was as the Bureau Chief for Central America and the Caribbean, which included covering Haiti and Cuba. His previous assignment, before becoming the West African Bureau chief, was as an investigational reporter looking at organized crime and the drug trade.

Frequently risking his own life, Farah has been committed to showing the American public the news of other countries. Very often, he is touched by the events he covers and says that it is almost impossible to maintain neutrality in the face of evil.

Ursinus students were certainly affected by his stories. Sophomore Quinn Dinsmore said, "As a future journalist, it's incredible to speak to someone who can tell you about covering stories around the world with such honesty. The sacrifices he has made to break stories have placed his life in danger, but his work has changed policies and brought attention to human suffering."

UC was privileged to welcome Farah, who is currently in the United States due to threats on his life in Africa. He is also extending his visit due to the imminent birth of his third child.

He will be returning to his assignment as soon as possible. You can follow his stories on www.washingtonpost.com, the website of the Washington Post. He will also be quoted in next month's National Geographic article on the diamond trade.



Mysterious Rash Hits School Children Across the Country

Katie Peterson
Grizzly Staff Writer

The rash that infected school children in at least seven states remains a mystery. Although the rash caused several school districts to momentarily close, and alarmed many parents and students, it seems to be more of an annoyance than a serious health problem.

Students in Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, Oregon and Washington have complained of a red, itchy rash, infecting their face, arms, legs and body.

"For something like this to occur almost simultaneously in different parts of the country is, to my knowledge, unprecedented," said Dr. Norman Sykes, who examined about 30 suburban Philadelphia students who came down with the rash this month.

Although a school district in Washington found abnormally high levels of dust, dandruff and skin particles, test results came back negative for environmental causes in all seven states. The rash continues to be a mystery.

Many health officials believe the rash may be caused by a new or yet to be identified virus. Sykes, a dermatologist who examined many of the Quakertown, PA students, believes the rash is either a mutation of a childhood illness known as fifth disease, or a new virus still unknown to science.

Fifth disease initially produces cold-like symptoms and a low fever, followed by the outbreak of a rash. Similar to the mystery rash, children with fifth disease exhibit a "slapped cheek" appearance with rashes on their trunk, arms and legs. Sykes, who is also a professor at Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia, did find DNA evidence of fifth disease, but also had several students test negative for the disease as well.

Quakertown outbreak. Dr. Suzanne Jenkins, an epidemiologist, who works with the Virginia Department of Health, believes a virus that lives in the gastrointestinal tract causes the rash. She believes that children coughing or not washing their hands could have spread the virus. Jenkins believes that the virus is simply unidentified and remains mysterious.

Tests continue in many of the states affected by this rash. The Center for Disease Control plans to interview dermatologists, pediatricians and nurses who examined the affected children. "There are some CDC dermatologists and other CDC personnel who are looking at the various rashes to see if there are some commonalities," said agency spokeswoman Rhonda Smith.

Until more tests and research are completed, the rash remains a mystery to all, especially those infected.

Ursinus Students in "Who's Who List"

Sarah Yemane
Special to the Grizzly

The 2002 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* will include the names of forty students from Ursinus College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

The annual directory, compiled by campus nominating committees and *Who's Who* editor, recognizes these students based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

The elite group consists of students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934. Those named this year from Ursinus College are:

- Jeffrey Adler**, son of Roy and Christine Adler of Glenmoore, PA, biology
- Krista Bailey**, daughter of Greg and Wendy Bailey of Allamuchy, NJ, communications studies and theater and psychology
- Bridget Baines**, daughter of John and Patricia Baines of Trucksville, PA, psychology
- Zachary Ballard**, son of John and Ann Ballard of Mount Airy, MD, philosophy and politics
- Rosanna Bitar**, daughter of Nabic and Nuha Bitar of Collegeville, PA, business and international relations
- Branden Brooks**, son of Bart and Tina Brooks of Wilmington, DE, philosophy and religion
- David Brown**, son of David and Wendy Brown of Emmaus, PA, politics and history
- Kristie Bruno**, daughter of Francis Bruno and the late Patricia Bruno of Norristown, PA, psychology
- Matthew Bunczk**, son of Joseph and Celeste Bunczk of Norristown, PA, French

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Xanax Abuse

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Xanax is a tranquilizer. Its generic name is alprazolam. It is in the class of medications called benzodiazepines. Also in this class are medications like Valium, Ativan, and Klonopin.

All medications in this class "cause a dose-related central nervous system (CNS) depressant activity varying from mild impairment of task performance to hypnosis," as quoted from the Physician Desk Reference (PDR). When used in the proper setting, these effects can be very helpful in treating psychiatric problems, like anxiety, panic, and insomnia. Because of its CNS depressant activ-

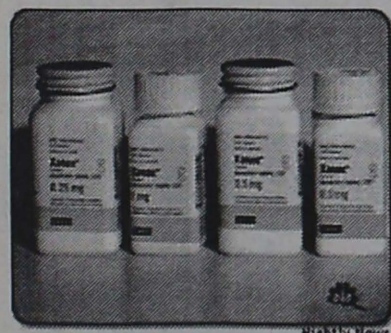
ity, these medications are also used to rescue patients who are having seizures.

ance), so that falls when one has taken the drug can cause serious injury. Xanax can cause mania or hypomania (a distinct period of seriously abnormally and persistently elevated, expansive, or irritable mood, lasting at least 1 week) in those who are depressed.

It can also have serious drug interactions when combined with other medications, prescription or otherwise. Xanax is a respiratory suppressant when taken excessively; overdoses can kill simply by stopping one's automatic ability to breathe. Most importantly, all the above negative effects of Xanax are greatly enhanced when combined with alcohol and/or some illegal drugs.

Again quoting the PDR, "all benzodiazepines produce additive CNS depressant effects when co-administered with other psychotropic medications, anticonvulsants, antihistaminics, ethanol and other drugs which themselves produce CNS depression."

Xanax can have side effects. Some include, drowsiness, light-headedness, depression, headache, confusion, insomnia, dry mouth, and constipation. The drug is highly addictive, meaning that there serious harm can come upon the user when abruptly withdrawn, or even reduced. Withdrawal problems include seizures, insomnia, lightheadedness, abnormal involuntary movement, headache, muscular twitching, impaired coordination, anxiety/panic attack, fatigue, tiredness, and irritability.



Highly News

Finally, the FDA has put Xanax in the category of "scheduled substances." They only do this to medications that are either habit forming, and/or have the potential for abuse.

After the ISU straightened out the situation, the Russians were allowed to keep their gold medals and the Canadians were awarded gold medals as well—an unprecedented occurrence in Olympic history.

Quinn Dinsmore
Grizzly Staff Writer

A nice apartment. A job in their field with a decent salary. A support system to balance their independence in the "real world." Ursinus students with these aspirations heard what life is really like after the first year out of college. Graduates from the Class of 2001 returned to their alma mater to tell students what to expect in the years ahead.

Christen Piraino, Christy Barilotti, Christine Moran, and Karen Rudloff answered questions and discussed their careers at the "Real World" lecture.

Piraino, working in clinical research, believes Career Services was an invaluable resource. She shared her belief that living at home saves money and keeps one's options open. She remarked, "I was lucky to find a job but I thought I was going to graduate school. Your plans change but Ursinus gives you a great background."

Moran also ended up in a career

she never expected but stressed the importance of interviews and presenting oneself like a resume every day. Working for NYLife, she also advised, "Don't stick to the job you think you were created for. Don't limit yourself."

Rudloff, employed at an environmental services lab, agreed, saying "You don't need to know exactly what you want to do. It's ok to get some job experience and then move on."

Other advice from the panel included researching benefits, looking into the history of a company, and managing time. All the women on the panel discussed the change in perspective that occurs when a graduate enters the workforce.

Barilotti confessed, "My last semester at Ursinus I almost went crazy. I was so worried about the future, the same way I get when the bills come in every month. But enjoy what you have. Don't think so far ahead or you'll miss what to focus on now."

To prepare for the future, the women suggested working in one's

field before graduation and taking advantage of every opportunity, even if it is not exactly what a student thinks he or she will want as a job. Barilotti said, "The only thing you can do is try everything. You'll never know what will help you."

Career Services set up the panel in an effort to help current students benefit from the experience of others. Maria Beazley, the Internship Coordinator, believes the transition from college can be a "difficult process filled with unexpected obstacles and challenges."

This type of workshop is a great opportunity to learn from others' experiences. It is an open forum giving students the chance to ask the questions most important to them."

Beazley advises current students to talk with others about the social transition as well as the financial challenges like budgeting money, insurance, financial benefits provided by employers like 401K plans, and paying back student loans.

Other post-graduation topics,

including renting an apartment, buying a car, and adjusting to work schedule versus a school schedule were also discussed at the panel organized by Carla Ring of Career Services.

Students attending the lecture believed they gained an inside look into life after graduation. Christine Lacey remarked, "I'm glad I was because I feel like it gave a realistic look into life after college, especially for someone in the science field. I appreciated what they said about applying for everything because you never know what might turn up. I'm so worried about not knowing exactly what I want to do but from what I got from the panel it's ok to float for awhile."

The panel told their old classmates that the real world is not a place to be afraid even if it is never quite what one expects. Barilotti explained, "It hurts if the dream job isn't right there. But you learn to move on and become happy in a new career. That's what life after college is all about."

Controversy in the World of Figure Skating

Katie Lambert
Grizzly Staff Writer

Last week, in the pairs' ice skating event in the Winter Olympics, the Russian couple of Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze came in first place and received the gold medal. The big controversy over the matter was that the Canadian couple of Jamie Sale and David Pelletier skated a perfect performance, while the Russians' act had a few very visible flaws.

The French judge for the ice skating competition, Marie-Reine Le Gougne, admitted that she had been pressured to place the Russians first in a trade-off deal to later give the French ice dancers a medal. Since the incident occurred, Le Gougne has received many insults from people, including heavy criticisms from spectators after a 45-minute trial, held with the International Skating Union (ISU) in Salt Lake City last week.

After the ISU straightened out

the situation, the Russians were allowed to keep their gold medals and the Canadians were awarded gold medals as well—an unprecedented occurrence in Olympic history.

A ceremony was held on Friday



Gary Hershorn / Reuters

to honor all four winners of the gold, placing Sale and Pelletier on the platform next to Berezhnaya and Sikharulidze. The Russian anthem was played, followed by "O Canada", the Canadian national anthem.

After a week of bitterness and tears among the Canadian skaters

for their hard work that initially did not end in reward, the ISU president Ottavio Cinquanta awarded Sale and Pelletier their duplicate gold medals at the celebratory ceremony.

The awkwardness between the two pairs was ended in friendly conversation and handshakes among the four winners as they stood on the medals podium for the celebration. Jamie Sale commented on the finale of the controversy with, "We were just kind of laughing, saying, 'This is so funny, we'll never experience this again.' It was a moment to be the four of us."

Since the second pair of gold medals was awarded to the Canadian couple, many people have mocked the issue, calling figure skating many things—except for a sport. Ron Borges, NBC Sports columnist, believes that a sport consists of "a winner and a loser. It doesn't have two champions crowned at the highest level of

competition. It has one." Others have shared this reaction, stating that since this occurrence of giving two sets of medals sets a dangerous precedent. They believe it makes a mockery of the competition and that the judging will be very biased in this manner from now on.

Many people have said that in the future judges should not be chosen until the last possible moment so that no deals can be struck in advance between two parties. Sharon Begley, reporter for *Newsweek* magazine, mentioned "straying judges should be banned, but their federation should also be sanctioned by being denied judging spots in the next major competition."

Obviously, heavier measures will have to be taken in the figure skating and ice dancing competitions in terms of judging if it is to be fair and unbiased in the future. How many gold medals will have to be duplicated before the Olympic committee realizes the cheaters they have on their hands?

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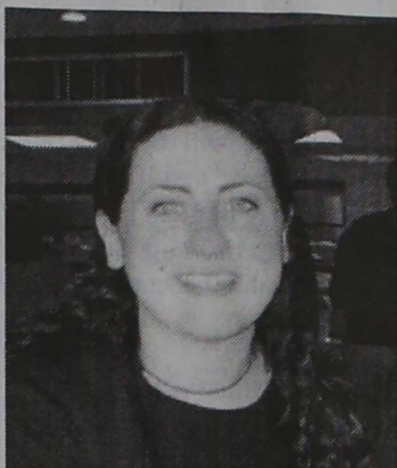
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Did you watch the Olympics? Why or why not?

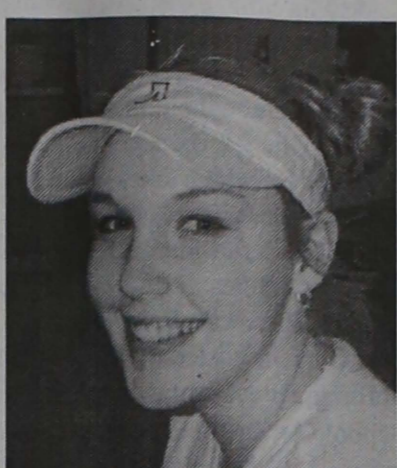
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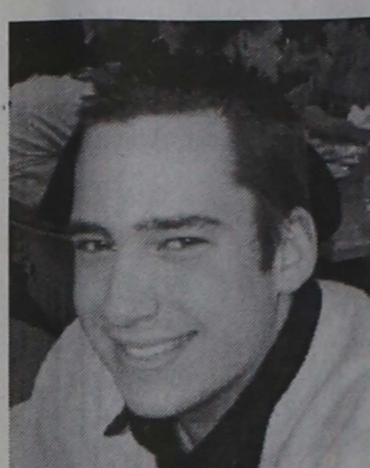
No, I have too much work to do.
Faith Lockner '02



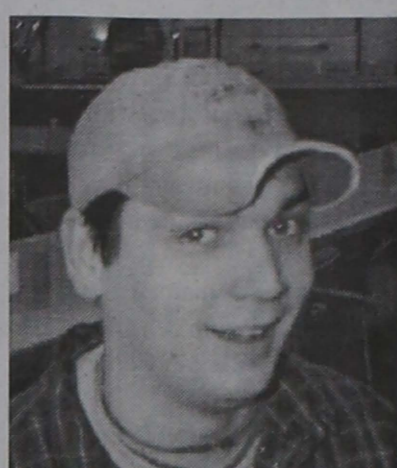
When were they?
Laura McCann '04



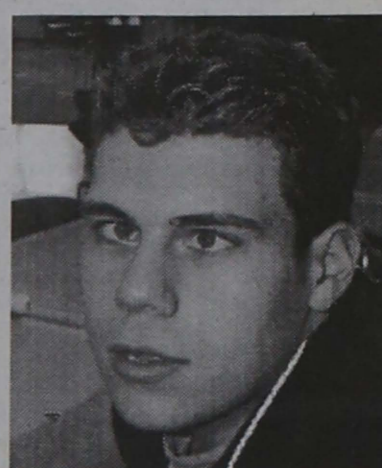
I watch the Pairs Figure Skating.
I've always loved watching that.
Kristen Torkelson '05



No, I was busy with New Member
Education.
Seth Ratajaski '04



I didn't watch because I don't
watch TV.
Kris Morrison '02



I watch speed skating because of
their suits.
Chuck, the mystery man '05

Spring Break Dissappointing for some students

Jaime Matty
Special to the Grizzly

Spring break is just around the corner, and for the 6th year in a row I will be spending it in St. Petersburg, Florida.

My spring "break" consists of lacrosse practice three times a day, some pool time here and there, and a day at the beach or perhaps Disney (which I am a little tired of). I really wouldn't classify it as spring break, it's more like spring training. So if you are not a spring athlete doing spring training during break, what will you be doing?

So far I have found that some people are going to places like Cancun, Miami Beach, and Daytona Beach. These cities are known for partying, clubbing, beaches, drinking, and getting no sleep. Many people go for this option to get a fun-filled week of craziness and not so memorable nights. Warm weather is a given, and students can find cheap pack-

ages for an all-inclusive week at many travel agencies. People that I have talked to that have actually spent a week in Cancun say that it was probably the most fun they have ever had. Sounds like fun to me, but it's something that I'll never get to experience.

Other students opt to take vacations to quieter, more low-key places like Disney World or Colorado. Disney World provides hours of stuff to do without all of the partying. There are many parks and fun stuff to do, however Disney can be a bit expensive for a college student.

Colorado provides awesome places to ski and a relaxing atmosphere. During the week students can go to the slopes, and still catch up on rest to get them through the rest of the semester. Although it's not bathing suit weather, it's still a top spring break destination.

Finally, we have the people who

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really can't afford to go on spring break, or just have no desire to do so. Spending break at home can be very relaxing if you don't have a job. If you work, it's a good time to make some extra cash. Being at home over spring break sets you free of the hassles of going to the airport, spending money, and getting sunburned!

This year I have never been so excited to go on spring break. Although it is not quite a break from lacrosse it is a break from class and work, which is much needed. And even though I won't really be doing any relaxing; practicing three times a day will pay off in the long run.

Italy for a Semester

Amy Scarantino
Special to the Grizzly

I spent the last semester in Italy. I had been there for only eleven days when the attacks on this great nation that I am truly blessed enough to call home occurred. Myself, and the twenty-five others in the Ursinus Florence program were astounded, shocked, hurt, and generally terrified. Several people on this campus, myself included, lost friends and family members that day, which will live long in our hearts and memories.

After a while the fear died down and I decided that it was best to put the pain in check and try to enjoy my time there, as I know I have not the resources to return. To quote an e-mail that a friend sent to me while I was away, "I don't want you to be the only person that I've ever known that said that studying abroad wasn't the best time of their life." I can honestly say that it was. Despite fear and loss, we all made the best of it. The Italian people were really great about everything, and a nun came up to me on the street and told me that she was praying for my family and my homeland. It helped to think that we weren't alone. We persevered despite ourselves.

I don't think that any of us really knew what to expect when we returned home. Reports were that for the most part, life was how it

always had been, just a bit more red white and blue.

There is a lake behind my house, and every year at Christmas time a tree made entirely of lights is put on a float and anchored into the center of the lake. Crossing the bridge on the way home from the airport I saw that there was no tree on the lake this year, but an American flag flying proudly under spotlight in its stead. At home the small flag which I have had stuck into a flowerless flowerpot on the front porch since I was nine (which was always found to be "tacky" by my sister, I might add), had suddenly reproduced and given birth to four more flags; a large one hanging from our side porch awning, and one on each of the car antennae, mine included.

Tom next door has five flags... but he drives a Mitsubishi, whereas my sister and I have Chevrolets, so it's ok, it balances out. Marnie across the street drives a Ford, but only has one flag hanging... but she's really old... so it's ok. The Johnson's have seven flags hanging, and their son is overseas, which apparently makes up for their ethnicity. At Roadrunner gasoline in Trenton there was a large sign hanging for several weeks proclaiming, "We are from India, please buy gas!"

I don't get it. The one thing that

I kept hearing over and over while I was in Italy was that everyone was so united. "It's so beautiful to see everyone working together. There are flags on every house, it's just beautiful."

But how many flags are on your house? Do you have more than me? Do I have more pride in our great nation because I had at least one before September?

Oh, but I am told that I don't understand... I wasn't there. I didn't see it as it happen live on television. I didn't witness firsthand everything that has happened here. I couldn't possibly understand. I am less American for having been on the other side of the ocean desperately trying to call my family and friends. I suppose being from Hamilton Township and living two blocks from the post office where the Anthrax letters were mailed helped my case a little. My mailman had Anthrax, did yours? I get mail in plastic baggies all of the time.

It disturbs me that in this time, in this day, we are still segregated. This country is just as factious as it was before, we are just getting better at hiding it behind stars and stripes. Life has become a competition to see who cares more, who is more patriotic...

Whether you like it or not, we all bleed red.

Sprinklers! Where are they!?

Cornota Harkins
Grizzly Editor-in-Chief

Would you stay in a hotel if they told you that there was no system of sprinklers in case of a fire? Maybe. Would you stay at that same hotel if they then informed you that the smoke detectors might not work if there was a fire? Probably not.

The fact is that you may already be sleeping in that same situation every night, except that there's no mint on your pillow. If you live in Reimert, I'm talking about you.

A few weeks ago there was a fire in Reimert 306 and the smoke alarm/detector never sounded to warn the residents of Reimert that there was a fire in one of its rooms. A light fell onto a mattress and the clothing and sheets on the mattress began smoldering, the mattress eventually burst into flames. Residents of the suite reported that when they finally realized what was going on the smoke was so thick that it almost made them vomit. So there really was no rational reason that the alarm shouldn't have sounded. The danger posed was a serious one.

Although the alarms in Reimert never sounded to alert residents, an alarm did sound in the campus safety office. Safety called the RA on duty who told them that she didn't hear the alarm, and was in the room adjacent to the fire at the time. She went over to check it out when she and the residents discovered the fire. A fire company came to the scene and extinguished the flames. Luckily, no one was hurt.

However, that is not always the case. In January of 2001 three students were killed, and 62 were injured when a fire broke out in Seton Hall's Bolland Hall Dorm. Between 1990 and 1997 there were been 11 deadly campus fires. Each blaze killed an average of two people. This may seem kind of far away from you right now. But those people were special to someone who knew them. They are not just figures. They are someone's brother, girlfriend, and roommate to the people who knew them.

Each year 66 students are injured in dormitory, fraternity, and sorority house fires. Students in Reimert are very lucky that they

don't have to be figured into those same numbers.

Even though no one was hurt the potential exists now, much greater than before, that our campus could easily have a deadly campus fire. Most of our dorms do not have a sprinkler system that would have extinguished such fires. And furthermore it is a monstrously frightening thought that our only line of defense may not function properly, or at all.

According to the National Fire Protection Agency 72 percent of the dorms, fraternity, and sorority houses that suffer fires are not equipped with sprinkler systems. Reimert, the Quad, and BWC are all dorms that fit into those descriptions.

Current regulations are that dormitory buildings on college campuses only need to have sprinkler systems if they were built after 1991. That leaves our campus almost completely out of such safety regulations. Many campuses don't install the sprinkler systems for two reasons. The first is that those buildings built before 1991 have working smoke detectors. We already know that may not be true in Reimert.

The second reason is money. It costs about \$25,000 to retrofit a 70 student floor with sprinklers. Although some may think that cost is a little high, it is proven that such sprinklers cut the risk of death and property damage by two-thirds.

Campus officials in Pennsylvania reported that it would cost about \$400 million to retrofit the colleges and universities within the state. State Representative Michael McGeehan, of Philadelphia, sponsored a bill that was passed on May 7, 2001 concerning fire safety on college campuses. The bill mandates that all college dorms must be retrofitted with sprinkler systems within the next five years.

The bill also provides \$125 million dollars in low interest loans to Pennsylvania colleges and universities to assist with the cost of the retrofitting.

The latest information that I could find on that bill was that it still had to go before the senate to be approved. However upon the creation of the bill 14 Pennsylvania state universities including Penn

State, The University of Pittsburgh, and Carnegie Mellon (a private institution) were already beginning to retrofit all of their campus dormitories.

My point is that I am upset about our lack of sprinklers, and that the fire alarm in Reimert never sounded. I think that the school should have informed us that this occurred. It is something very serious, and very embarrassing for the college. I understand that these retrofit systems are expensive. However, my life is worth it.

Earlier this year my house (Todd Hall) was filled with smoke. The alarm did sound and woke my housemates and me. We all got outside of the house to see that there was smoke pouring out of our chimney. When the RD from next door and Campus Safety arrived they told us it was fine, and to go back in. We refused, saying that there was smoke pouring from the chimney. We were told that since it was only the chimney that it might be usual for smoke to be coming out of it. My roommates kindly informed these people that since we have no fireplace, we really don't think that smoke is supposed to come out of the chimney.

We repeatedly asked both the RD and the Safety officer to call the fire company. They refused. Finally we were about to walk down to the fire station ourselves when we were told that they were calling the fire station. They never actually did. After standing on my lawn for about an hour in the cold we were sent back into our house. That is disappointing and frightening. In high school my best friend's house burnt to the ground after the halls had filled with smoke. When it comes to fire it's no joke. From the time we are little we are taught that fire is a serious thing, and it's better to be safe than sorry if you see smoke.

I don't feel so safe from the threat of fire on our campus anymore. I am glad that the smoke alarm in my house went off. But everyone else is not so lucky.

Installing sprinklers may be expensive for the college; but to my family and loved ones my life is priceless.

Experience the Beauty of Spring at The Philadelphia Flower Show

Sarah Ewald
Grizzly A&E Editor

It's that time of year when Spring is in the air. The days get longer and warmer, and the flowers are in bloom.

Flowers in bloom? Where?

At the Philadelphia Flower Show 2002 held from March 3 through March 10 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

During this special week in Philadelphia flowers of every type and variety will be in full bloom within the walls of the Convention Center.

The Flower Show is an annual event for Philadelphia, and a huge one at that.

The Flower Show is considered to be a world premier indoor Flower Show due to the exceptional talent and design of the creators, often known as the exhibitors, of the event.

There are over 52 major exhibitors at the event and three central feature displays.

These exhibitors spend a great deal of time carefully handling and growing the flowers so that they will come into bloom just in time for the event.

The flowers displayed at the Flower Show are fooled into an early winter and then forced into bloom for early March.

Some of the major exhibitors at the event are, Robertson's Flowers with the display, "Here Comes the Bride, the Groom, and

the Bridesmaids." This event features a live bridal show, with models clad in wedding gowns who will parade along a runway surrounded by extraordinary arrangements that change daily.

Another major exhibitor is Designs in Bloom, entitled "On Sacred Ground...A Celtic Celebration."

There exhibit features the ruins of a monastery covered in fog. This setting is the backdrop for a mythic Celtic wedding decorated by daffodils, roses, hundreds of shamrock plants, heather, hombean, and birch. A spectacle



not to be missed!

There are also the central feature displays.

One of these is by J. Cugliotta Landscape/Nursery Inc. with their display, "A Garden for the Senses circa 1850."

This display is full of Victorian charm by creating a Victorian summer residence with parlors and five attached gardens.

Some of the flowers to decorate the re-created Victorian home are lavender, hydrangea,



delphiniums, red, white, and blue petunias, apple trees, and daffodils. Don't miss the kitchen of herbs and vegetables.

Another of the central features is the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD), entitled, "Do you see what I see?"

The AIFD's display was done by 31 designers and 100 members who aided in building this huge exhibit.

The display features an Old World museum setting with colonnades, a piazza, and house. Chandeliers, decorated with garlands of lemon leaves, rosemary, and boxwood hang from the archways. There is also an iron sculpture which is decorated with flowers that rotate to syncopated music and light.

The exhibits aren't the only thing the Flower Show has to of-

fer. There will also be special events scheduled throughout the week.

One of the events is a Garden Tea, which takes place in a room decorated by exquisite flowers, and guest can dine on delicious food and fine teas.

There will also be culinary presentations hosted by Joseph E. Shilling, Director of the Culinary School, Art Institute of Philadelphia.

There is no need to just stop at going to The Philadelphia Flower Show. Philadelphia is a hotbed of fun and excitement, so while you're down there, why not make a day of it.

Lots of restaurants, shops, and museums are offering special deals for the week of the Flower Show. Places like the King of Prussia Mall, The Reading Terminal Market, Shops at Liberty Place, the Manayunk Brewery, and a lot more places all have coupons that you can download off of www.philafloowershow.com.

Tickets for the Philadelphia Flower Show are on sale now at the above website. The cost to order them in advance is adults: \$18, children (2-12): \$10.

But you don't have to order your tickets now. Tickets are sold everyday of the Flower Show starting an hour before it opens going until an hour before it closes. But remember, if you're going to wait until the day of to buy your tickets the price will be Sunday (opening day): \$24, Weekends: \$22, Weekdays: \$20, and Children (2-

12): \$10.

The hours of that the Flower Show will be open are Sunday, March 3 and 10, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; and Saturday, March 9, 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m. And the

best times to go are weekday evenings.

So if you're looking for something new to do or just want a day out on the town, get yourself down to The Philadelphia Flower Show!



Behind The Scenes Entertainment

Gosford Park; Don't Waste a Sunny Day Walking in This Park

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Grizzly A&E Editor

"Gosford Park" is a movie receiving a great deal of buzz, but do not waste your \$8.00 on this movie.

Directed by the legendary Robert Altman, who won the Golden Globe this year for his direction in "Gosford Park", is a film about a party with some crime involved.

Eileen Atkins, Bob Balaban, Alan Bates, Charles Dance, Stephen Fry, Michael Gambon, Richard E. Grant, Derek Jacobi, Kelly Macdonald, Helen Mirren, Jeremy Northam, Clive Owen, Ryan Phillippe, Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith, and Emily Watson star in the mostly English cast with some famous American actors.

The movie is your classic English murder mystery. There are guests and servants all involved and all are suspects in the murder.

This film is more a comedy than a dramatic film. Altman gives the audience a comedy about selfishness, greed, arrogance, eccentricity, and class utilization.

"Gosford Park" begins in November 1932 when guests are

invited to the house for a shooting party for the weekend.

Each guest that arrives has their own servants, such as

valets, maids, grooms, and servers, except for two guests. With all of the guests and the servants there are many characters to watch

in this film and it does get very confusing at times.

As the film begins, Altman shows you something about each

character in the film. He mostly concentrates on the guests, but he does reveal some information about some of the servants.

Before the murder happens, Altman makes sure the audience knows information about every person who may be a suspect later on in the film.

When the murder does occur, the film has many characters among the guests and servants who may be the murderer.

A detective and policeman show up to investigate the murder.

The detective is your typical detective who misses key information, which is always picked up by the policeman. At first it is funny, but after a while it gets old and you start to lose attention.

At the end of the film you figure out who committed the murder and why they did. However, the murder victim is first poisoned by one person and then is stabbed by a second person. The second person thinks he or she really killed the murder victim, but he or she did not. The film never tells you if they charge anyone with the crime.

After I saw this movie, I was very upset that I wasted my \$8.00 on this product. It was a waste of my time; I even fell asleep during the film. I have never fallen asleep in a movie theater before, but Altman put me to sleep.

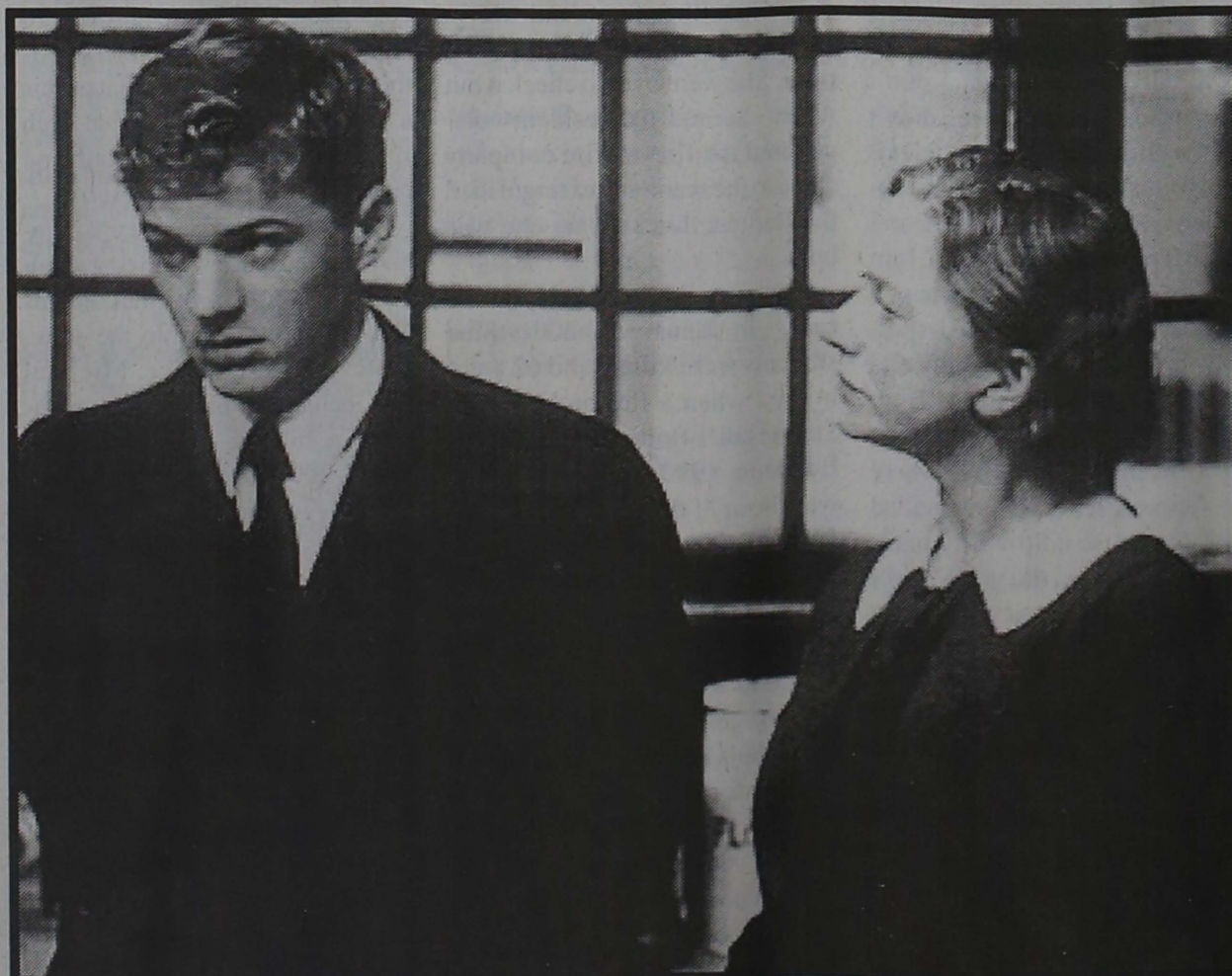
First there are too many characters to keep track in the movie.

Some people think that Altman gives you enough information to distinguish the characters, but at the end I was still confused with some character's faces. I did not even know any of the characters' names let alone their faces.

I do not understand why this film was nominated for best film for the Oscars this year. Maybe I missed something when I fell asleep, but the other two hours were boring and did not keep my attention.

I thought maybe the reason I did not like the film was because of my age, but my mother felt it was one of the most boring films she has ever seen.

There are many other movies out there right now, which will entertain you. It was just too much information and bored me to sleep.



Ryan Phillippe and Helen Mirren in "Gosford Park"

"Marisol:" A Different But Successful Performance At Ursinus College

Ann Antanavage
Grizzly Editor-in-Chief

care of her. The angels are revolting against God because "God has become senile."

The next day there is a news story that Marisol Perez was beaten to death on the subway, but Marisol knows she's not dead!

This was just one strange occurrence before the revolt of the angels. The days and hours before the revolt are full of other strange happenings: the moon disappears, and rainwater burns people.

After the revolt, all of the buildings and most of the people disappear from the city, and Marisol

is left to try to find her way and her friends.

Marisol finds a strange man with extensive burns all over him, Nathan Rosen, and a deranged woman in furs that is looking for her tickets for Les Miserables, Dianaleigh Dabkowski.

Finally, Marisol finds Lenny, played by Drew Petersen, who is Marisol's best friend's brother.

Lenny gives birth to a child in the strange world of the revolting heavens unfortunately the child dies. June, Marisol's best friend, played by Alexis Howell, is found

"Marisol," by Jose Rivera, is the story of a girl from the Bronx, who is experiencing a revolution of the heavens.

The play begins in the subway, where you see Marisol, played by Arrie Callahan, narrowly escape from being beaten to death by a "man with a golf club," or Adam Berzins.

Later that night, Marisol is visited by her guardian angel, Syreeta Dixon. Her angel tells Marisol that she can no longer take



The cast of "Marisol"



Bums lying around in "Marisol"

and helps them bury the child in the city sidewalk.

The play ended very dramatically with Marisol being shot in front of her friends by the deranged woman in the furs.

This production, was amazing! The set, lighting, acting, and everything was fabulous.

The theater was set-up like a horseshoe, which made it very different from any other Ursinus College productions in the last couple years.

This set-up was a positive and a negative because sometimes it was difficult to see some of the actors and what they were doing

on stage.

Although the setting added more than it distracted to "Marisol."

The opening on the subway, with the actors shaking as if they were actually on a train and leaning every time the cars stopped and started, was convincing. As was the slow motion scene where Marisol is shot.

Arrie Callahan and Alexis Howell both gave stunning performances in "Marisol." Their New York accents sounded very authentic.

Drew Petersen also gave

a great performance. He was very funny, and at some points he was so funny that it was amazing he did not laugh at himself.

The overall production was touching and thought provoking. I loved the way it made me think about those closest to me and how they are always there for me, just like Marisol, June, and Lenny stuck together in the disorder of the revolting angels.

"Marisol" was a fabulous triumph for the Ursinus College Theater. I was certainly glad I did not miss this production.

Just For Fun Entertainment

"The Wizard of Oz:" Uncovering a Classic

Ann Antanavage
Grizzly Editor-in-Chief

Recently I watched *The Wizard of Oz* for the first time. Yes, that's right I said the first time! I am twenty years old and I have just seen the 1939 version of *The Wizard of Oz*. My literature and film class is looking at the film and the book and the adaptation differences.

Well, I headed to the library and then to the viewing room to watch the film.

Can I just tell you how ridiculous I felt? This is definitely a children's film. Everyone in my Literature and Film class reminisced about how they thought the flying monkeys were scary and how the wicked witch was actually frightening, when they were younger. And there I was watching a sad excuse for special effects...

Did you ever notice that you can see the string that makes the lions tail move? Granted the film was made in the 1930's, and children do find it very entertaining and have great memories from watching it, but being twenty and seeing it for the first time, just did not have the same affect on me.

I suppose it can still be held in the ranks of a classic, however, because of the fame it has received in the past. Everyone in this country has heard of *The Wizard of Oz*, and practically everyone has seen it! (Apparently, I am an anomaly!)

So *The Wizard of Oz* should remain on its pedestal despite looking somewhat thrown together and not refined or edited much as a film. (Did you see Dorothy trip at the Emerald City? And did you notice the reference the Wicked Witch of the West makes to a scene that was cut? There is also an extensive list of inconsistencies on www.lmdb.com)

So to all of those college students who have not seen *The Wizard of Oz* yet, please don't watch it unless you have too.

It is not the most entertaining movie and chances are you already heard what happens and watching the movie will only drag out the plot and bore you.

The Olympic Flame Carriers; Just as Important as the Athletes

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Grizzly Writer

The 2002 Olympics began with the lighting of the celebrated torch. That flame traveled miles and miles (13,500 to be exact) across American soil in the torch relay.

In order to carry the flame, one must be nominated. Both famous and not-so-famous people were privileged enough to take part in the relay. Here is a quick list of famous torch carriers that took part in Salt Lake City 2002 Winter Olympics.

Muhammed Ali lit the flame, which arrived in Salt Lake on February 8th. Ali lit the torch from the cauldron at Centennial Olympic Park where the Olympics took place in Atlanta in 1996.

Joe Torres, coach of the New York Yankees, carried the flame. Torres has been a major success to the Yankees, winning several MLB Championships.

Also in New York, **Lyz Glick**, widow of Jeremy Glick, one of the heroes aboard United Flight 93 on September 11th carried the flame. **Rudy Giuliani**, former Mayor of New York City, carried the torch while being cheered and praised for his excellent leadership during the September 11th attacks.

Bill

Johnson, who won a gold medal in the 1984 Sarajevo Winter Olympics for downhill racing, carried the torch. Johnson suffered brain damage and memory loss after a crash before the U.S. Championships. He hoped to participate in Salt Lake 2002.

In

Detroit, singer **Aretha Franklin** carried the torch as her fans watched and cheered her on. Tennis star **Serena Williams** carried the flame in Miami. **Michelle Kwan**, one of the athletes participating in the 2002



Winter Olympics, was a part of the relay. Kwan was one of the many athletes participating in the 2002 Olympics to carry the torch.

Nsync member **Lance Bass** carried the flame amidst hun-

dreds of fans young and old cheering him on.

The Olympic Games create an opportunity for all cultures to combine and the Torch Relay leading up to the 2002 Games in Salt Lake was no exception.

Some Hot Tips For An Exciting and Safe Spring Break in Sunny Mexico

Ernesto Mesinas
Special to the Grizzly

I have worked hard, studied hard, and experienced cool and hot weather conditions. It is enough of this way of living! I refuse to continue. I want to be a wild child and feel the sunny sun on my skin. I want to party day and night, and, yes sir, I want to go "where the girls are pretty and the sand is green" if you know what I mean. That's right, spring break is here!

It is time to pack your belongings and run to the beautiful beaches of Cancun, Mexico. As some of you know, Cancun has been earning its status as one of the best party beaches for college students. But whether you choose Cancun or anywhere else in the world, be sure to enjoy your vacation and have fun while staying safe and observing the local customs and

laws.

Cancun is a very fairly large city, with a population of nearly 800,000 inhabitants. Approximately 3 million Americans travel there each year, including as many as 120,000 teenagers and young adults, spending spring break, which begins in mid-February and runs about two months.

There are some things that you should know before you leave campus: make copies of your school ID, driver's license, and, most importantly, update your passport. Leave copies with your parents just in case you lose your personal belongings or luggage. Leave things like unnecessary credit cards and expensive jewelry at home. Bring travelers' checks, not cash.

The Mexican government requires that all USA citizens present proof of citizenship and a photo identification for entry into Mexico. A USA passport is recommended,

but other USA citizenship documents such as a certified copy of a birth certificate are accepted. A visa is not required for a tourist for up to 180 days. A tourist card, also known as a FM-T, is available from the Mexican consulate (111 South Independence Mall East, Suite 310 the Bourse Building Philadelphia) and most airlines serving Mexico.

Remember in many areas in Mexico the tap water is unsafe and should be avoided. Be aware that many restaurants and hotels serve tap water; ice made from tap water is also unsafe. Bottled water and beverages are fine.

Do not think you can handle the sun for too long in Cancun. Wear a strong sunscreen when you sunbathe. Do not fool yourself into thinking you will not burn quickly. You should lie in the sun for only 30 minutes your first day and gradually increase your time.

The spicy south of North America incorporates both a FIESTA and SIESTA into your vacation, as Cancun's lively culture offers festivals, natural beauty, historical sites, and savory food. Furthermore, Cancun is a friendly place that swings from early evening to dawn. Si Senor, the whole town rocks with salsa music, reggae, hip-pop, mariachi, jazz, classical, disco and rock roll. For those who wish to explore other cultures and beliefs, such as anthropology and sociology majors, visit the Parque De Las Palapas on Friday night, starting at 7:30 pm. Here you will network with locals and enjoy music and the good news—it's free.

Now if you are serious about your intellectual experiences overseas, take in an evening of dance and music with the Folkloric Ballet dinner show at the convention center (Blvd Kukulkan Km 9, phone

number (98) 83-0199). The dinner is a typical Mexican buffet (pss, do not forget your Tupperware). The evening begins at 7:00 pm, tickets prices start at \$35 US.

As I said, Cancun has something to offer for every one, especially for those who want to explore a different culture and yet still want to have some fun. Go wild at the COCOBONG located at Kukulkan km 95 across the street from DADYO. This place has no chairs and everyone dances on the spot or on top of the tables and bar. Now if you are in the mood for disco, CHRISTINE is the place to go. Located in the Krystal Hotel on the Blvd Kukulkan, this club is the grand dame of the disco scene and puts on an incredible light show. BUT BEWARE!!! If you party too hard while you are Cancun, remember you are subject to the laws of Mexico. An arrest or a serious accident in Cancun can not

only ruin your spring break, but can also result in a difficult legal or medical situation. Sometimes a great expense to you or parents. Mexican laws can impose heavy penalties for violation. My advice is to register with the US embassy or consulate, which takes only a few minutes and may be invaluable in case of an emergency. The consular agent in Cancun is located at the plaza Caracol two third level, No 320-323, Boulevard Kukulkan Km 8.5, zona hotelera. Phone (98) 02-72 in Cancun (011-52 99, 21-5011) from the USA. The US consular officials in Mexico can visit you if you are arrested and provide you with information about the Mexican legal system and furnish a list of Mexican attorneys, but they cannot arrange for Mexican officials to release you.

So, enjoy, have nice trip, and eat the worm! But also be careful and safe! Hasta la vista!

Greek Corner Meet the New Members

Alpha Sigma Nu

Katie Bergan
Allison Rainey
Noelle Bolentino
Amanda Morello
Joyce Anne Koubouralis
Linsey Allger
Kelly Sullivan
Cassie Stewart
Brandi Salenetri
Kristin Bell
Kristin Katona
Ashley Willow
Sarah Kessler
Margaret Sperow
Molly Alberts
Keri Ferrar
Jacqueline Slakoper

Omega Chi

Eden Swick
Erin Skinner
Heather Frazier
Emily Diloia
Jennifer Johnson
Jennifer Bolton
Emily Livesey
Lauren Allen
Katie Lehman
Oksana Yaworski

Delta Pi Sigma

Travis Roop
Brice Shirbach
Mike Lombardo
James Castan
Danny Matthews
Brendan Kelly
Lorid Haxihui

Tau Sigma Gamma

Aubrey Andre
Nicole Beck
Lauren Brophy
Lauren Carrescia
Jen Cohen
Denise Cook
Monica Delaney
Jenna Ellsworth
Melissa Fean
Alex Hendershot
Lynn Juesinski
Johanna Nash
Catrina Patrick
Kelly McCloskey
Heather Kaczor
Kyle Kauffman
Jill Wueschinski
Maureen Smeltz
Janine Wenclewicz
Jamie Ruhling

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Candace Thomas
Jackie Roberts
Tosheja Walker
Monique Spencer
Alissa White
Sebrina Edwans
Danielle Williams
Desiree Lassiter
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Jasmyn Blueford
Tia Larese
Felicia McNeil
Brandi Carey
Cedria McMillian

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Kevin Kresse
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Jeremy Barnett
Sean Howard
Scott Roecsh
Anthony Russo
Keith Cohen
Dan LeSage

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Omar Adam Almallah
Seth Ratajski
Ryan Curley
Samit Patel
Nick Peacock
Pete Shoemaker

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Sarah Gowell
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Aivazian Says "Bye, Bye, Bye" To The Division I Competition at UPenn



Lindsey Fund
Grizzly Sports Writer

After a heightened mid-season, the Ursinus gymnastics' team looked unbeatable. But as their regular season meets are coming to a close, the team has felt what it's like to be on the other end of a meet, with four consecutive losses. Their last win came against West Chester on February 5.

Of course they are competing against Division I schools such as

Central Michigan and Temple University. So the competition is a little bit tougher. But through it all, Ursinus is still providing the headlines.

Ursinus Coach Jeff Schepers calls her a specialist in what she does. A senior and co-captain of the 2001-02 gymnastics team, Casey Aivazian set the school-record for the floor exercise with a 9.6 against Temple and University of Pennsylvania, then later broke it with a

9.725 just one week later against Central Michigan and Pittsburgh.

"She's a major contributor to this team," said Schepers. "Each meet she keeps inching her way up."

On Aivazian's only event, the floor exercise, she upgraded her first tumbling pass to acquire the maximum "bonus points" that she needed. Schepers talked to her at the end of last year, and the result has been everything he expected. This year's upgraded routine to

N'Sync's "Bye, Bye, Bye" may be the key to making her an All-American.

"She just knows how to work the crowds," said Schepers. "And the judges. She gets 100% involvement."

As for the rest of the team, they have been consistently scoring a team score of 182.0 or higher. It has placed them as the number one team in Division III, and Schepers doesn't believe that

they've hit their peak yet, which he says is all going according to plan. Their last regular season meet was last Saturday at Rutgers. From there, Ursinus will host the Eastern College Athletic Conference Meet.

"The Floyd Lewis Bates Athletic Center is going to put Ursinus on the map," said Schepers. "Hosting this event will allow other schools to see this place, and get a feel for Ursinus athletics."

Cheeks' Trailblazers Kick Sixers Into Gutter

Joseph Summers
Grizzly Sports Writer

It was a happy homecoming for Maurice Cheeks in his first return from Philadelphia since he left the 76'ers last year.

Cheeks, the all-time steals leader in Sixers history, won his first game in Philadelphia as the new Head Coach of the Portland Trailblazers. The former Sixer player and assistant coach of seven years enjoyed his team's 88-83 victory on Monday night.

"It's not just another game," said Cheeks. "It's special to me and my team knows it's special." Although it was exciting for Phila-

delphia fans to greet a loved ex-Sixer, it was equally discouraging to see their team squander a nine point lead in the fourth quarter to lose their second straight game. The loss put the Sixers one game under .500 at 27-28, one game out of the eighth and final playoff spot in the East with 27 games left.

Although the Sixers received excellent efforts from point guard Eric Snow (18 pts, 10 assists) and big men Derrick Coleman and Dikembe Mutombo who both had double-doubles in points and rebounds, they were unable to pull out the victory.

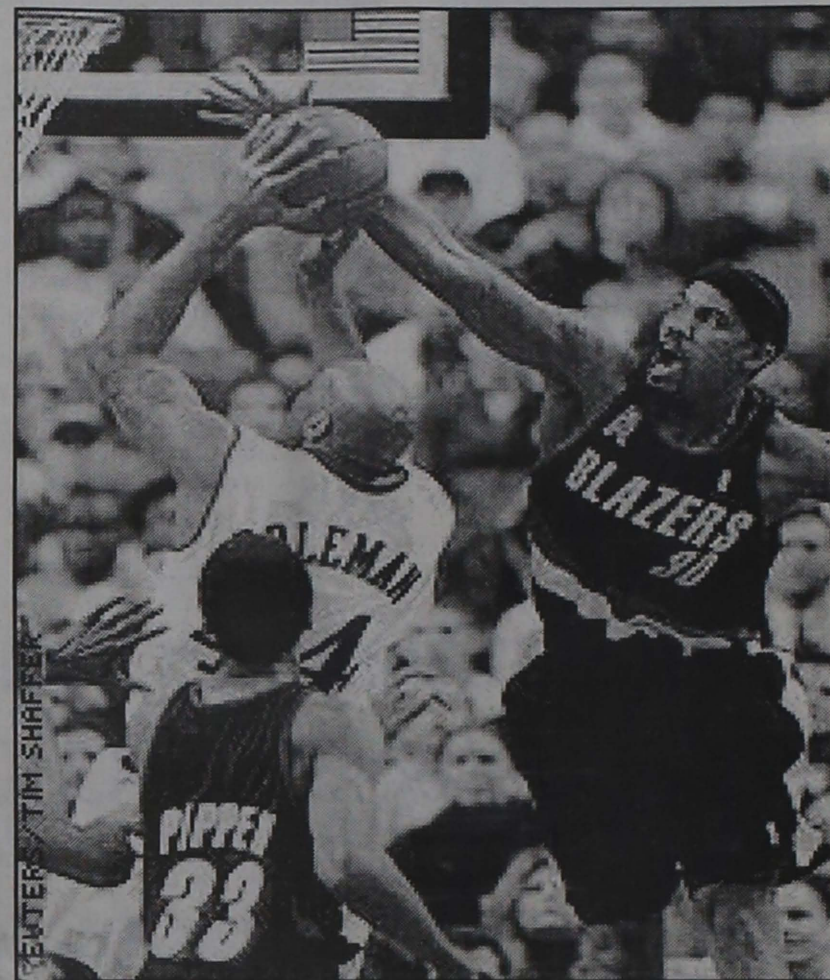
All-Star guard Allen Iverson was quick to point fingers at his team-

mates, specifically bench players. "We just aren't playing hard out there," said Iverson. "Some guys don't even know the plays, especially at crucial points in the game. There's just no excuse for that."

The Sixers, who were playing hard and winning ugly just a few weeks ago, are now simply playing ugly and losing. They are currently one game out of the playoff race and are four and six in their last 10. Will the team that won the Eastern Conference Championship not even make the playoffs this year? They won't if they keep playing like they are.

Currently the Sixers show about as much cohesion as a group of

strangers playing pickup ball on 80th Street in Avalon, and their captain (Iverson) is quick to come up with lame excuses for poor individual and team performances. Whether it is the gym being too cold as he complained it was after his 9-27 shooting performance after a Valentine's Day to Utah, or his teammate not knowing the plays, Iverson has to stop making excuses, step it up as captain and bring his team together. If he doesn't, the Sixers are going to miss the playoffs for the first time in four years.



Men's Basketball Falls Short at F&M

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The Men's Basketball team took to the road in the Centennial Basketball playoffs last Wednesday night but fell short 56-70. The hot shooting of Jackiem Wright, who was 3-4 on three-point baskets and scored 13

points, led the Diplomats. The Diplomats came out firing, scoring the games first 8 points from which Ursinus could never recover. The Bear's shot a dismal 28% from the floor, but were led by the two big men, Steve Erfle who had 15 points to go along with 9 rebound, and Dan Luciano who scored 15 points respectively.

Track Teams results from the Haverford

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Haverford Indoor Track & Field Championships was held on Friday and Saturday, February 22 and 23, 2002.

The men's team placed 8th overall as a team with 25 points and the women's team placed 3rd overall as a team with a total score of 80.5 points. Ending their season well.

Some highlights from Friday include:

Aklecia McVoy who broke a school record with her performance in the 55H Trials, where her time was 9.08.

Jackie Kram also broke a school record with her performance in the 55m Trials, where her time was 7.4.

Rich Watson, Adam Keagy, Joel McElwee, and Evan Diblassio broke another school

record with their time 1:35.07 in the 4x200m Relay.

In the Triple Jump Finals, Whitney Daniels and Eboni Woodard received third and second places, respectively.

Katie Dougherty gained a fourth place win in the 1500m finals with

a time of 4:48.28. Saturday was littered with wins and triumphs as well:

School records were broken by Mariana Morris, Jackie Kram,

Kram broke another school record and came in fourth in the 200m Dash Finals.

Mariana Morris, Kacie Meyer, Krista Smith, and Katie Dougherty broke the old school record of 10:24.0 with a time of 10:06.49 in the 4x800m Relay. The men also broke a school record on their 4x800m Relay with a time of 3:34.09.

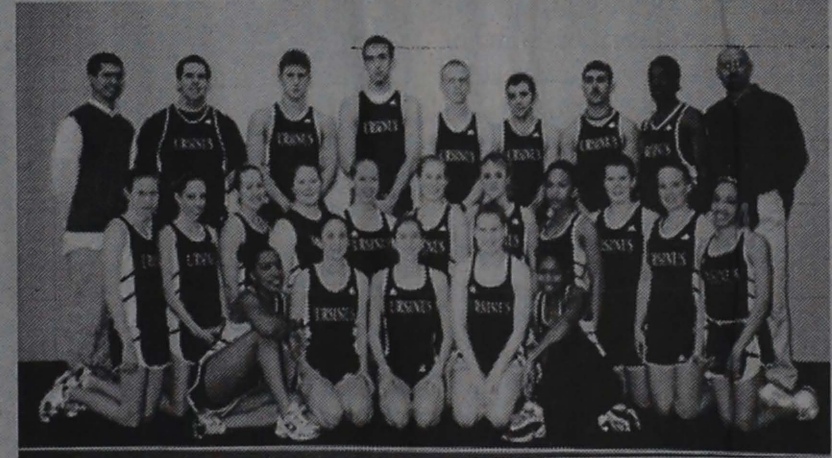
Tonya Tiggett came in third in the 55m Hurdles Finals with her time of 9.11.

Whitney Daniels came in fourth in the Long Jump Finals.

Rich Watson came in second for the 400m finals with his time of 51.40.

Aklecia McVoy and Jackie Kram both placed fourth in the High Jump Finals and 55m Dash Finals, respectively.

Congratulations, everyone, on a great job!



The Track Team

ond places, respectively.

Katie Dougherty gained a fourth place win in the 1500m finals with

Tonya Tiggett, and Kacie Meyer in the 4x400m Relay where the women also came in fourth.

Men's Rugby Team Admitted to Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union

Josh Rucci
Special to the Grizzly

Last Thursday evening, February 22nd, the Ursinus Men's Rugby team was admitted to the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union.

The EPRU is a regional division of USA Rugby, the official sanctioning body for all rugby in the United States. The official Men's Rugby team will be playing in Division III competition.

Following the footsteps of the Women's team, the men are ready

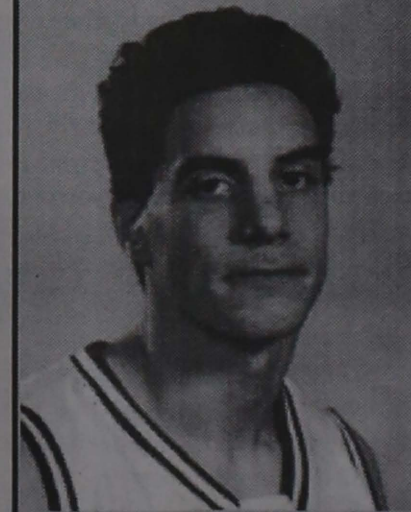


This Will Soon be our Ursinus Men's Team

for their inaugural season here at Ursinus. Games will be played this spring home and away, with home games on the various playing fields.

The Men's team are always looking for players to join. No experience is necessary to join the team. If interested in playing rugby for Ursinus College simply contact Josh Rucci at jorucci@ursinus.edu and show up for practices. Good luck men, and remember to support your local hooker!

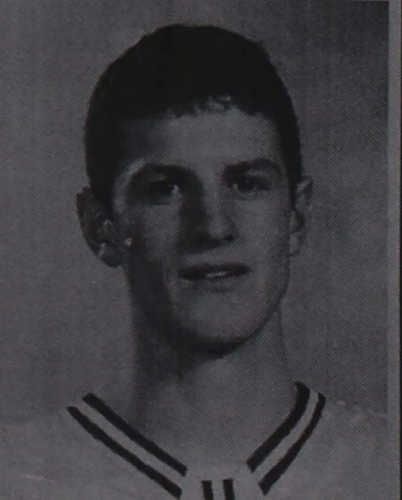
Kings of the Court



Junior Dan Luciano was named to the first team for Centennial Conference Basketball earlier this week. Luciano leads the conference in double-doubles and rebounding. He is also second in the conference for scoring and sixth in field goal percentage. Congratulations!

Sophomore Dennis Stanton was also given an honorable mention to the Centennial Conference Team. Stanton is currently averaging 15.1 points per game. Among the team, he is the leading three-point shooter, with 57 goals this season.

(info from UC Website)



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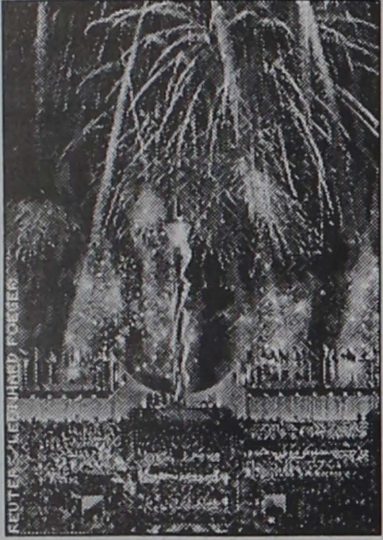
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2002 Winter Olympics Comes to a Close With Drug Charges on XC Skiers

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The 2002 Winter Olympics, a seventeen-day athletic extravaganza, have come to an end. The last week has certainly been full of amazing performances, as well as surprising results.



The total medal count finalized as follows: Germany leads with 35, 12 Gold-16 Silver-7 Bronze; USA follows right behind, with 34, 10-13-11; Norway finishes with 23, 11-7-5; Canada leaves with 17, 6-3-8. Rounding out the top five is Russia, who leaves the games with 16 total medals, 5-7-4.

This is the United States highest medal count in Winter Olympic history. In Nagano, USA returned with 13 medals, where-as we leave Salt Lake City with more than twice that amount, 34 medals in all. They captured the final medal of the games on Sunday afternoon, with a silver medal in the hockey competition versus Canada. "We would have loved to win, but if we couldn't, there's nobody better to do it," U.S. forward Jeremy Roenick said. "We were playing hockey's creators."

Canada hadn't won gold since 1952, but after a 5-2 victory in these games, they are now the

leading team in hockey's history, with 12 medals. "No other team had more pressure than ours," said defenseman Al MacInnis. "Everybody in Canada was watching with the same intensity that we played the game with. It's amazing the way a sport can bring the

country together."

In women's figure skating, the USA took home two medals. The favored Michelle Kwan, was first after the short program, but due to a fall in the long, won bronze. Her sixteen-year-old teammate, Sara Hughes won gold. Hughes, who



was fourth after the short program, skated the performance of a lifetime in the long program. Russia's Irina Slutskaya took home the silver.

On Saturday, the men's bobsled competition was held, in which the USA made history. The USA had not won a medal in men's bobsled in forty-six years, but on Saturday, they won both silver and bronze in the four-man bobsled. "That was amazing!" Hays shouted. "We've got a 46-year monkey off our back. I can't think of a better way for it to end - two medals." Germany's team, led by Andre Lang, took home the gold.

With any major competition, performance-enhancing drugs are often an issue. On Sunday, Olympic officials were forced to deal with three cross-country skiers for using darbepoetin, which boosts the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to muscles. Russia's

Lazutina was forced to give up her medal in the 30-kilometer race, but was allowed to keep the silver medals she won in 15k freestyle and 10k combined event.

Spain's Muehlegg was forced to give up his medal in the 50k classical race, but was allowed to keep his gold medals from the 30k freestyle and 10k pursuit events. A third skier, Danilova, from Russia, was disqualified from the 30k race, which she finished eighth. She was also allowed to keep the two previous medals she won. All athletes had tested negative during the earlier competitions, thus the reason those medals still stand. They were all asked to leave the Olympics and were unable to attend the closing ceremonies.

The 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympics have been filled with amazing performances and surprising results. The next winter games, will take place in Turin, Italy in 2006.

UC Swimmers "Turn Up the Heat" in the Water at the 2002 C C Championship Meet

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Grizzly Sports Writer

Despite the frigid temperatures at the Kunkel Aquatic Center at Franklin and Marshall College last weekend, the Ursinus College Golden Bears swim teams heated up the competition with some seasonal and personal best individual and relay times at the Centennial Conference Championship Meet held Friday, February 22nd through Sunday, February 24, 2002.

Leading the way on Friday was UC Captain Lindsey Glah, and sprinters Jenny Nolan and Alex Beatty. Glah swam an impressive 500-yard freestyle in the preliminary morning events, capturing 15th place, with a guaranteed spot at Friday night's Consolation Finals competition. Bettering her time by almost two seconds that evening, Glah came out with a 14th place finish in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:24.99. In the shortest event of the weekend, Jenny Nolan sprinted her way to finishing 13th in the 50-yard freestyle in Preliminary competition.

Returning that evening in the Consolation Finals competition, Nolan went on to capture 11th place in a time of 25.96. Alex Beatty also came out on top in the same event, placing sixth in the Preliminary round, coming back with a seventh place finish later that day in the Finals competition. Freshman Heather Trefsgar, Lauren Schroeder, and seniors Victoria Barucco and Shanna Beaulieu shared the 500-yard bought with Glah, finishing 38th, 39th, 31st and 40th, respectively.

Jen Tate, Abbey Smith and Jasmine Precopio helped out UC in the 50-yard freestyle with 27th, thirtieth, and 33rd place finishes, while Ryan Griffiths proved his endurance in the men's 500-yard freestyle, finishing 21st in a seasonal best time of 5:27.90. In relay action in the Finals and Consolation Finals competition on Friday, a

team of Nolan, Tate, Smith, and Barucco sprinted to an eight place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay, while a team of Schroeder, Precopio, Trefsgar, and Beaulieu took 15th in the same event. In the men's 200-yard freestyle relay, a squad of Beatty, Steve Rote, Isa Muqattesh, and Griffiths teamed up to finish in a time of 1:35.50. In the last relay event of the evening, the 400-yard medley relay, a team of Nolan, Denise Jaskelwicz, Glah, and Tate out-touched Bryn-Mawr for a seventh place finish, while a team of Trefsgar, Lauren Carrescia, Barucco, and Smith, captured fifteenth. Rote, Dan Augelli, Muqattesh, and Beatty finished seventh in the same event.

Saturday's Preliminary competition truly accentuated a strong Ursinus team. UC women's captain Jaskelwicz swam a competitive 100-yard breaststroke in a seasonal best time of 1:12.90, placing 10th in the preliminary round, holding a spot in the Consolation finals. That evening, Jaskelwicz went on to take 12th, with a time of 1:13.34.

Fellow teammate Smith also proved well in the same event, taking sixteenth in both the Preliminary and Consolation Finals rounds, posting her personal best time of 1:14.56. Carrescia and sophomore Alyssa White each had impressive 100-yard breaststroke swims, capturing 22nd and 29th place, respectively.

Junior standout swimmer Dan "Beldar" Augelli showed the Centennial Conference what he was made of when he placed fourth in the Preliminary round of the 100-yard breaststroke in a personal best time of 1:02.11, coming back with a fifth place finish in the Finals round in a time of 1:02.75. Freshman Rote also swam the 100-yard breaststroke, placing 13th in both the Preliminary and Consolation Finals competition. Glah came back strong in the 100-yard butterfly, placing 15th in both the Preliminary and Consolation Finals rounds. In the 100-yard back-

stroke, Nolan swam a fast race, placing eight in the Preliminary round in a time of 1:03.42. Freshman teammate Trefsgar joined Nolan in the Saturday night competition, placing 14th in the Preliminary round in personal best time of 1:04.89. Nolan held on to her eight place finish in the Finals round, while Trefsgar rolled back to take a 16th place finish in the Consolation Finals. Senior Barucco also placed a personal best time in the 100-yard backstroke to keep UC on track.

In relay events of the Finals competition, a 200-yard medley team of Nolan, Jaskelwicz, Glah, and Tate took eight, while a team of Trefsgar, Carrescia, Precopio, and Smith placed fifteenth. In the 800-yard freestyle relay, a team of Trefsgar, Tate, Glah, and Barucco placed eighth, while a team of Schroeder, Precopio, Carrescia, and Beaulieu placed sixteenth. In the men's relay events, a 200-yard medley relay team of Rote, Augelli, Muqattesh, and Beatty placed seventh, while the 800-yard freestyle squad of Beatty, Rote, Augelli, and Griffiths, placed sixth with a time of 7:49.30.

During the last day of competition, freshman Trefsgar started what was to be a streak of fast swims by the UC team by taking 16 in the 200-yard backstroke during the Preliminary round, later going on to capture 14th place that evening in the Consolation Finals round with a personal best time of 2:21.13. Victoria Barucco posted a personal best time in the same event, placing 23rd, while freestyler Lauren Schroeder took her chances with a new event, posting an impressive time of 2:35.00. Alex Beatty, UC's lone sprinting male, swam a fast 100-yard freestyle, placing ninth in both the Preliminary and Consolation Finals rounds in a time of 49.30. In the 200-yard butterfly, Muqattesh shaved 15 seconds off of his time to place nineteenth in a personal best time of 2:29.45. In the women's 200-yard butterfly, Glah placed 11th,

earning a spot in the Consolation Finals that evening where she went on to post a personal best time, and tenth place finish, with a time of 2:18.50. Precopio placed 22nd in the same event.

The 200-yard breaststroke was an exciting event for the UC swimmers, as they sent five swimmers of men and women combined. On the men's side, Augelli placed fifth in both the Preliminary and Finals rounds in a personal best time of 2:18.11, while Griffiths placed 13th in the Preliminary and Consolation Finals rounds.

Jaskelwicz had the fast feet for Ursinus, placing seventh in both the Preliminary and Finals rounds. Carrescia and White each had impressive swims, capturing 21st and 25th place respectively. In the longest even of the weekend, the 1650-yard freestyle, Shanna Beaulieu endured the 65 fast laps for a 21st place finish in a personal best time of 20:29.81, 15 seconds faster than her previous record.

Rote lead the men's team through the race, taking fourteenth in a personal best time of 19:34.06. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Beatty, Rote, Augelli, and Griffiths rounded out the scoring for the men with a seventh place finish, while the team of Schroeder, Precopio, Beaulieu, and Barucco did so for the women with a 15th place finish in a time of 4:09.86.

"It's so exciting to see everyone's times drop," commented freshman Lauren Schroeder, "especially after such a long and physically demanding season. It's like everyone deserved to be there, and to swim well."

Both the UC men's and women's team will rest up for the next two weeks, and then begin optional off-season training to get ready for the 2002-2003 swimming season. The UC swim teams are under the coaching instruction of Peter Thompson and Assistant coach Karen Beyeler.

Special Announcement

Senior Captain Denise Jaskelwicz placed 7th in the 200-yd Breaststroke at Championships this weekend. Other Ursinus swimmers who placed among the top ten at the meet were sophomore Jenny Nolan at 8th in the 100-yd backstroke, Freshman Alex Beatty placed 9th in the 100-yd freestyle, and Junior Dan Augelli placed 4th in the 100-yd breaststroke. Congratulations Bears' Swimming!

Sports Schedule

Friday, March 1, Wrestling at NCAA Championships

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