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Ursinus to Take its Place in the Future

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Many students may have noticed the huge white tents in front of Berman several weekends ago and wondered what the college was celebrating. Ursinus kicked off a comprehensive fundraiser Homecoming week called "Taking Our Place: A Campaign for Ursinus College."

The chair of the campaign, James Wilkes, launched TOP with a huge white-tent gala October 24.

As the first comprehensive fundraiser launched by Ursinus in nine years, this fundraiser will hopefully raise \$115 million by October 2006. The last two moneymakers instigated by the college funded the renovation of Pflafer and the construction of the Floy Lewis Bakes Fieldhouse.

What will this campaign fund?
As a comprehensive fundraiser,

the money gleaned from the campaign will finance many projects around campus: \$38.5 million will go towards constructing and renovating buildings; \$62.5 million will fund increasing endowments; \$14 million will support current operations.

The majority of the funds slated for developing edifices will be used to construct the new performing arts center; the building is spearheading the college's effort to increase opportunities in the arts. The college says a broader curriculum including more emphasis on dance, music, art, and theatre is needed to attract more of the best students and to allow current students access to the subjects in which they are interested. In addition to these changes, three new chairs in the arts will be created.

The remaining \$13.5 million for buildings will be utilized to renovate Bomberger and add on to Berman Museum. Bomberger is currently not handicap-accessible; this problem will be attended to using TOP funds. The building will also receive an air-conditioning system, new wiring, and up-to-date technology.

Berman will be expanded in order to house the increasing college art collection. The second campaign objective, increasing endowments, will be used to enrich campus life and develop programs. Opportunities in the Summer Fellows and Study Abroad Programs will be enhanced; funds available for scholarships and grants will also be increased. Life around campus will be enhanced as the college has a larger amount of

funds to draw from; this will create a greater opportunity to invite a variety of individuals to speak and entertain the students.

The third campaign objective, supporting current operations, will increase the amount of money available for normal operations. Funds will also go towards attracting and maintaining the best faculty.

Who will provide the money?

Hudson Scattergood, Vice President of College Relations, says about 90% of the money will come from individual alumni and friends of Ursinus. At the campaign launch, Chair Jim Wilkes announced that the campaign was already well on its way, having raised \$55 million from board members and other alumni.

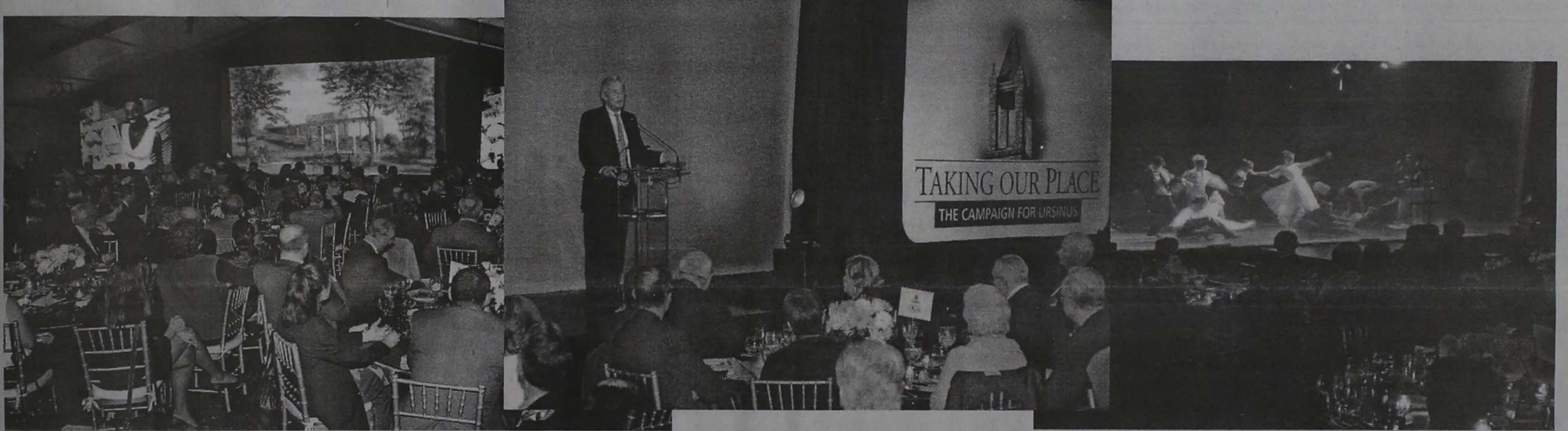
What events can students expect from this fundraiser?

Mr. Scattergood tells of an exciting activity coming up: "Right after the students return from Christmas break, the final girder of the performing arts center should be ready to put into place. Before we put it up, we're allowing all the students to sign the girder." Mr. Scattergood also hinted that many more fun activities are in store for the students.

In spring of 2005, the performing arts center will be opened in a week of festivities. Wynton Marsalis will perform onstage, as well as many alumni who specialize in theatre and music; students will also have an opportunity to perform on the new stage. A committee is presently forming to ar-

range the plans for the opening. A video will soon be televised on campus detailing the specifics of the fundraiser; updates and photos of the process will be loaded on the college website in the near future.

President John Strassburger closes: "We are truly in a transforming moment in the history of Ursinus College... Reaching our goal will further our ability to assure students, that, regardless of personal or financial circumstances, they will be able to afford to enroll at Ursinus, and can take advantage equally of technology, special programs like summer research and study abroad, and a scholarly faculty dedicated to undergraduate teaching."



During the TOP gala, the celebration featured speakers highlighting the proposed plans as well as performances by dance and choir students on October 25 in the lawn behind Berman.

Sticks and Stones: Hate Speech on Campus

Katherine Jones
Grizzly News Writer

Friday, October 10th was National Coming Out Day and the Gay-Straight Alliance did their best to make it an eventful one, with a table in front of Wismer and slogans preaching diversity and equality written in chalk around campus.

However, someone countered their slogans with slogans of hate and ignorance. There are still no leads as to whom may have committed these acts.

"I kill faggots" and "Gays go to hell", were just a few of the many insults scribbled in chalk outside of several Main Street houses and on campus walkways.

"A lot of people simply did not know that it happened," said GSA Secretary April Eakin. "For GSA members and supporters it felt like a punch to the stomach. We had tried so hard to spread a positive message with the chalk, and the same medium was being used to promote discrimination, violence and hate."

Sophomore GSA member Nickie Tamny states, "I think apathy towards such blatant message of hate is unacceptable."

When various members of the GSA were asked how well they thought the situation was handled by the administration and staff, there were mixed reactions.

GSA President, and Junior Amy Hollaman explained, "Saturday morning an RA called Campus

Safety and reported the chalkings. He was told that they would be cleaned up, but nothing was done... I was pleased to eventually see an email from President Strassburger, yet I was surprised the response wasn't until about a week later. The hate chalk should have been addressed immediately to show the student body that the college will not tolerate this behavior."

In addition, President Strassburger's email did not say anything specific about the incident; it vaguely alluded to the matter by using the concept of accepting respect for others in the Ursinus community.

An excerpt from the e-mail explains, "In the past few weeks several people on campus have engaged in activities indicating that they have lost sight of what the college stands for... All of us must not only respect one another; we must show that respect at all times, in what we say, and how we act, and in what we do," urged President Strassburger. Dean Nolan was contacted for this article but had not responded by deadline.

Sexuality seems to still be a subject of much controversy and anxiety among Ursinus students according to GSA members like Junior Christina Straub, a heterosexual member of the GSA.

"Yes, homosexuality is a controversial issue but that does not give anyone the right to chalk 'Homo's

Suck' and 'I kill faggots'. Yes, it was only chalk, but it's a hate crime. To say you are going to kill a group of people because of their sexual orientation is a hate crime. If these chalkings are a foreshadowing of events to come, this campus is in trouble!"

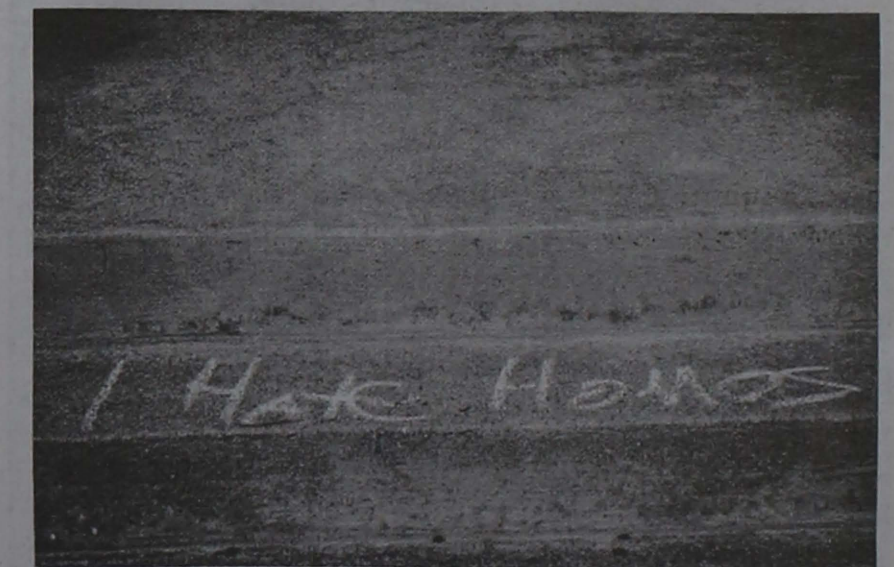
Hollaman added, "Here the tolerance is the problem. The majority of people on campus, students and faculty, were tolerating this discrimination. So, yes, I think sexual tolerance is a problem. We tolerate those that hate and discriminate."

Eakin stresses, "People still think it's completely acceptable to mock gays and lesbians. It happens all the time, and there is rarely a voice in the crowd protesting those kinds

of jokes. Somehow it's still socially acceptable to act like someone who is gay is less of a person."

The Gay Straight Alliance is not discouraged from spreading their message of awareness and tolerance. "Although they may not be members, many students join GSA's support for equality and diversity and were surprised that people on this campus would write such hateful things," imparts Straub.

Tamny adds, "I guess all the GSA wanted was a reaction from people, to bring to the surface issues which are typically 'hush, hush' and avoided, we were trying to spread a message of tolerance and acceptance, and I suppose positive or negative we got a reac-



One of several hate slogans written around campus.

tion." GSA is sponsoring a forum to discuss the issue at 5:30 today in the Wicks Common Room. All interested students are urged to attend.

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"It's Getting Hot in Here:" Mohr Conspiracy Theories

Trevor Mohr
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The sudden increase in temperature two weeks ago and again this week has turned North Hall into Collegeville's most expensive hot-box. Unable to study, many students resorted to shedding layers of clothing despite calendars marking the October/November date.

Several phone calls flooded the already overburdened physical plant in response to the humid atmosphere in the new dorm. Typically, the "cold pipes" which cool the room are meant to stay on until October 15th, but just a few days before the deadline the sweet sound of dripping water ceased to be heard.

As an avid room studier, I found the sweat on my brow unacceptable and called the physical plant to complain. I left a message because at four in the afternoon no one was available to listen to my reasoning. I believe an overheated room is not conducive to a proper learning environment; therefore, the cold pipes should be "re-chilled" to satisfy my student needs. I never received a call back.

"I try to keep everyone on my floor happy and satisfied with their living environment," says RA Julie Micklos. Unfortunately, this mat-

ter was out of the control of any student representative.

When asked to comment about the week of sauna treatment, senior resident of North Pat Lafferty said, "It's so hot in here! I can't stand it. I'm sweating just sitting here looking at people's away messages."

The untimely warmth occurred at a time when semester stress had reached a fever pitch. Papers, speeches, and volumes of reading awaited students in their hot rooms. Many of whom looked to venture outside their rooms to escape the heat instead. Half bare and sweating, the gym proved to be an unlikely haven, while others sought the cool atmosphere of attending class. The week of heat was a burden to many, and hopefully will never occur in the spring when the cold pipes spew their frigid mist again.

To the relief of this reporter, a chill engulfed the Mid-Atlantic region shortly after the rise in temperature inconvenienced residents. The cold pipes have produced their last drip of moisture for the fall season, and hopefully will soon provide the warmth coveted by students during the frigid winter months.

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Students Bug Out after Insect Invasion

Nicole Beck
Grizzly News Writer

They are creepy, crawly, slimy, icky, annoying little creatures. Unfortunately Halloween is not the topic of this article. We have been invaded since school started with pesky bugs, ants and mice all over campus.

Students throughout campus have had the opportunity to kill one or more of these annoying bugs. I have had the unfortunate luck of living in part of a house that does not have a foundation; underlying meaning... I am infested with mice, spiders, crickets, flies, ants, and many other crawling things that only receive an "aahhh!" whenever I notice them in the room.

Other students on campus have had similar problems with the bugs that they were willing to share with me.

One story came from Melanie Brown, a resident of Olevian Hall. In a cabinet atop the refrigerator that stored snacks and other foods, Melanie found that her tasty cakes had been completely eaten through with ants sitting in the spot where the delicious chocolate once laid.

A more comedic view of the bee problem on campus came from Mrs. Herman, freshman Tommy Herman's mother. We sat together watching the alumni baseball game on Sunday when close to a dozen bees surrounded the on-lookers in the bleachers. She started laughing and told us not to

swat any of them.

"They only have two weeks left to live," she stated, "this is when they become 'kamikaze dive bombers' so look out! They'll attack all of us if we get them mad enough."

Senior Joe Spanier talked about a sunny day in the cafeteria that changed his eating habits. "I saw two small cockroaches in Wismer by the quesadilla grill. I was told by another student there was one I did not see in the wire basket. The people at the salad bar came around to help, but I had already killed the cockroaches. It makes me not want to eat there anymore and question how many more cockroaches live in the rest of the building or in the kitchen."

I contacted Emine Ozkan, the general manger of Wood's Dining Service, about the possible bug problem in Wismer. She sent an email stating, "As in many school settings, Ursinus has the job of balancing environmental concerns and sensitivities to chemical allergies with the desire to successfully exterminate unwanted insects. Ursinus does contract out an exterminator, who is responsible for monitoring the situation and treats any problem that arises appropriately."

We have been able to control the bug problem using a chemical free approach until recently when we found it necessary to treat using chemicals. We have been treating

the problem aggressively and will continue to do so until the problem is resolved."

Why is Ursinus being overtaken by bugs, not only in our housing areas but in our cafeteria? Is there no other way to stop this disgusting crusade against us? In an informal conversation with President Straussburger, we discussed several of the bug issues plaguing students on campus. He made it very clear that this is not a new problem here on campus and that even though it seems to be getting worse from year to year it is actually getting better.

There has been an increase of time spent on getting rid of some of our bug problems, but there is not a whole lot the school can do. I understand that you must be thinking in your head that we should just spray the school, especially when we are not here in the summer, right?

Well, it is not as simple as that. First, there are always students on campus through out the year so it limits the places where the school is able to spray. Second, when and if the school does spray they need to be mindful of students whom may be sensitive to the toxins they are spreading. Did you realize it takes at least 4 weeks for the fumes of bug spray to dissipate completely into the air? Allergic students would then have to stay away from the area, whether it

was the cafeteria, or their room for at least a month. The school is not about to displace students for a few little bugs.

Physical Plant has been very helpful to students with bug problems. When the mice in my room were eating my food I called to complain and they arrived the next morning. Unfortunately the workers only use the old fashion wooden traps. If you are sensitive to the killing and trapping of animals you may want to ask your RA to purchase some more humane traps.

We live in a bug's world and should not expect them to accommodate our daily lives. Just remember a few simple things and hopefully your room will become less like a mating den and more like a clean living place.

First, remember to keep all food in tight plastic containers. This will help keep the scent from mice and will keep ants from wondering around.

Second, try not to eat in your room.

Finally, remember to vacuum. This should not been done on the two times a year your parents come to visit. If you continuously vacuum your room you will find a significant decrease of uninvited critters.

Bugs, mice, spiders, ants, etc. will always be around. We just need to learn to deal with them one bug at a time!

Election Day: Mud Slinging and Politics

Bart Brooks
Grizzly News Writer

With the extremely bloody political battle between Mayor Street and Sam Katz, one has to wonder about the tactics used. Both Street and Katz's main strategies of winning their election consisted of dragging the other contestant's name through the mud. It seems to be a nasty little trend in elections.

Not that the image of politicians is entirely clean in the first place; the style of winning elections certainly does not help. This vicious style of mud-slinging continues to perpetuate the negative image of politicians, rather than promote a positive one.

For example, Katz's slogan for his campaign is "We can do better." The advertisements supporting his campaign feature mostly people estranged against Street. But at the end of each advertisement, most people would not be

able to determine how Katz felt about certain issues. The same usually goes with Street.

Voters don't learn what the campaigner is rallying for... voters learn what the "other guy" has not done (say, built schools or paved roads) or did poorly (increased taxes, etc...).

The worst part about it all is that if someone runs for what they believe in, they lose the advantage in appearance. That person might believe in something, but by contrast, the other campaigner looks pristine because no mud has been flung in his/her direction.

It might also be a cause for poor voter turnout because if the people running for office look lousy, then who'd want to ever vote for them?

Stay tuned for election results next week.



Ursinus students working the polls: Joe Calhoun is at left talking with Ursinus faculty Karin Sconzert and Tim Morton (with back to camera).

A Look Back at October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Meg Gallagher
Grizzly News Writer

The month of October has come to an end, known for its hayrides, changing leaves, pumpkins and Halloween. But another event is commemorated in October - the fight against breast cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, cancer occurs when damaged DNA within a cell does not repair itself. That cell continues to grow and divide, and usually produces a tumor.

In breast cancer, these damaged cells originate and form a malignant tumor in the breast. These cancerous cells may metastasize, or spread through the bloodstream or lymph vessels and take over other tissues in the body.

Although men can be affected, women are, by far, the majority of breast cancer sufferers. In fact, other than non-melanoma skin cancers, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women.

There are currently over 2 mil-

lion women living in the United States who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. The American Cancer Society estimates that, this year alone, 211,300 new cases will be found in women, and 1,300 cases in men.

Although the number of reported cases has risen about 2 percent each year, death rates from breast cancer have been steadily decreasing. This trend is thought to be due to increasing public knowledge, earlier detection and better treatment methods.

The earlier breast cancer is discovered, the more easily it can be cured. It is recommended that every woman take measures for early detection, including monthly home breast examinations, yearly breast examinations by a physician, and yearly mammograms after age 40.

Certain women are more likely to develop the disease than others.

The higher-risk group includes those who had their first period before age 12, don't have children or did not have children until after age 30, went through menopause at a late age, or have a strong family history of breast cancer.

Although women cannot control the genes they inherit, many studies indicate that healthy lifestyle choices can decrease the likelihood of developing cancer. Obesity is linked to breast cancer. Therefore, guidelines issued by the American Cancer Society recommend at least 4 hours of vigorous physical activity a week and watching calorie intake to maintain a healthy weight.

The ACS also suggests a diet high in fruits and vegetables, as well as restricting alcohol consumption to one drink a day. Breastfeeding has also been shown to decrease the risk of breast cancer.

Recent research is disproving many of the myths that have long existed. For instance, a June 2002 study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* found no increased rate of breast cancer in women who have taken the pill for any length of time. Other studies are dispelling rumors that hair dye, or deodorant and anti-perspirant cause breast cancer.

New techniques and drugs are constantly being studied in the fight against breast cancer. Among the latest possible developments is a vaccine made from tumor protein that has been applied to subjects who already have had cancer. Scientists hope that this vaccine will trigger the immune system to fight cancer cells in the hopes of preventing relapses. Another study was stopped two years early when a drug called letrozole appeared to cut the chances of breast cancer recurrence in half.

OCD: Harmless Passions or Medical Disorder?

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When I was younger, I would always have to tie my right shoe-lace first. When I would wake up for high school, I would have to turn on the shower and let the hot water run while I brushed my teeth, washed my face, and picked out my outfit for the day, in that exact order. Otherwise, my day was off to a bad start, which, I'd often conclude, would lead to an entire day of bad happenings. I just thought it was superstition. A few years later, I saw a special on television with Marc Summers regarding obsessive-compulsive disorder. He mentioned habits similar to those I had when I was younger. At first I thought it was ridiculous because it seemed like everything anyone does could be considered a disorder that needed

a prescribed drug. However, I began to hear more about the disorder, describing many as "clean freaks" who can't leave the house for fear of germs surrounding them, or as people who must have their CDs ordered chronologically and alphabetically. A friend of mine recently told me that her older sister was diagnosed with OCD when she was 12. She showed signs of the disorder at the age of 8, about 13 years ago, but at that time there was no clinical definition for her actions. At that age, she would hide from her mother so that she wouldn't send her to school because she feared a tornado would hit. Also, she always had to step with her right foot first. If she didn't do so, she would retrace her steps and start over.

She took very long showers because she was not convinced that she washed out all of the shampoo. The girl also had to transfer to a private school because her previous public school did not know how to handle her actions. Today she is taking Ritalin and Prozac to help curb these symptoms. If she does not take these medications, she is noticeably anxious and absent-minded.

After hearing about the seriousness of her symptoms, I realized that OCD is not just another set of actions for which doctors have termed a disorder and manufactured a prescribed medicine. It is a serious disorder that affects the life of 1 in 50 adults in the United States and should be recognized as such.

Obsess Much? Struggling with OCD, the Disorder

Dana D. Yancey
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Can you imagine straightening your bed six times every morning to make sure every wrinkle is smoothed, or refolding every pair of jeans you own repeatedly to ensure an immaculate presentation that no one will ever see? Or maybe you can imagine washing a glass exactly three times before you can even think about drinking out of it. No?

For me, this incessant behavior has become a major part of my lifestyle. Many may joke about the situation, but one of the biggest obstacles that I have to overcome is not merely living with the fact that I have obsessive-compulsive disorder, but living in an integrated environment that doesn't exactly cater to the needs of someone with OCD. Upon changing my living habits to reside in such a diverse environment, I must now learn to peacefully live with two other human beings who have completely different lifestyles from my own. Though this is a skill that I

have not yet mastered, I continually work diligently at it to fully enjoy the "college experience."

But, to understand why this is such a difficult process for me, you would have to understand my life prior to being propelled into this one.

Preceding my college arrival, my life was on a set daily regimen. For the last two years, I have gone through the exact same processes day in and day out to ensure order and "security" in my life. Any slight interference with my pre-organized, pre-planned, pre-calculated lifestyle would send my whole world into a state of confusion. I was content with the order and safety that I felt, although it drove those around me insane.

But my "insanity" didn't just stop with extreme organization; the issue was much deeper than that. It was the way I went about ensuring order: the repetitious cleaning, the aggravated manner in which I made others around me keep things in

order, the persistent desire to organize things that weren't even of my concern, and the constant checking and double-checking of tasks that I was 100% positive that I just completed. All of this constituted a larger problem: my disorder. My only option was to take the prescribed medication and hope that eventually the symptoms would become less demanding.

After two years of battling this disorder, I can safely say that I have truly made a turn in the direction of "normal" adolescent life. However, although I am not as high-strung as before, I still exhibit a few characteristics of obsessive behavior. There are still minor details that completely work my last nerve and I still live day-to-day by a schedule, but to a much lesser degree. I now hope that I can continue to live with my two roommates without any obsessive interference.

Rush Limbaugh: Another Conservative Hypocrite

Rebecca Cohen
Grizzly Staff Writer

Rush Limbaugh, a man currently the center of media attention, is an extreme right-wing conservative talk show host. He is under investigation for illegally buying and abusing prescription painkillers. He admitted on-air that he does have a drug problem and checked himself into rehab for thirty days, after his housekeeper went to the police and told them she had been selling him painkillers.

Limbaugh has made numerous comments about drugs on-air, such as, "The laws are good because we know what happens to people in societies and neighborhoods which become consumed by them. So, if people are violating the law by doing drugs, they ought to be accused and they ought to be convicted and they ought to be sent up." Does he feel that he does not warrant the same treatment?

Rush Limbaugh did not check himself into rehab because he realized he had a problem. He did it after the police were investigating him and the press was all over the story. By his own prior statements, one would think that he intends on going to prison, not rehab. But, this is not the case. He expects his fans to remain loyal to him.

Limbaugh is quoted as saying, "When you strip it all away, Jerry

Garcia destroyed his life on drugs. And yet, he's being honored, like some godlike figure. Our priorities are out of whack, folks." But yet, in his radio broadcast on October 10th, when he admitted to abusing painkillers, he said, "I ask now for your prayers. I look forward to resuming our excursion into broadcast excellence together." Hypocritical, no?

Drug addiction is a very serious problem and those individuals who are victims of it should seek the help they desperately need. However, one of the things Limbaugh is noted for saying is that drug users should receive punishment for their "crimes." Limbaugh's lawyer met with police in order to strike a deal—basically, Limbaugh wants to complete rehab without receiving any real punishment himself.

A person has a right to believe in whatever ideals he wished, but he should subscribe to them. Limbaugh is also quoted as saying on October 5, 1995, "Too many whites are getting away with drug use. The answer is to go out and find the ones who are getting away with it, convict them, and send them up the river, too." Maybe it is time the country listens to Rush Limbaugh and gives him the punishment he said men like him deserve.

Pot Smoking Equals Lower Stamina?

Ellen Calhoun
Grizzly Staff Writer

Believe it or not, the munchies and dry mouth may not be the only side effects of marijuana use. According to recent scientific research, smoking pot may affect sexual stamina and fertility in males.

A study at the State University of New York in Buffalo earlier this month looked at the swimming patterns of sperm of men who smoked pot, revealing that, "The sperm from marijuana smokers were moving too fast too early," according to Lani Burkman who was a leading author of the study. "To attach itself to the egg, the sperm has to swim like mad—that's hyper-activation—and they have to be vigorous at the right time," Burkman said. "Smoking marijuana messes up the natural regulatory system."

I spoke with the senior researcher at a small pharmaceutical firm who said she has never heard anything about this. She said that in all her years of research and study, she has never known of any sexual side effects from pot smoking.

All of the students I talked to about this didn't know much of this either. In fairness, however, I don't know how many current college students who are looking into what may affect their fertility. The article stated that pot smoking should be avoided for both males and females trying to conceive. So, what relevance does pot smoking and sexual side effects have on current college students? Stamina, of course! Other studies as well as rumor and hearsay lead many to believe that smoking pot decreases male stamina.

All of the students who offered input on this theory said they'd like to remain anonymous for obvious reasons. The first was a girl who said that she thinks pot smoking enhances sensations and makes any activity, including the obvious, all the more enjoyable. She said, too, that in her experience, she has never known it to affect male stamina. In fact, the study surprised her. Two guys I talked to had mixed feelings on the matter. One said that he's known it to decrease his stamina, but not significantly. The other said he doesn't think it affects it at all.

So, what can we conclude from such mixed statements and lack of evidence? A couple people I mentioned the issue to said that they would not be opposed to taking part in experimentation to find out just how male stamina is affected.

In the meantime, as students, we should be aware that the effects of marijuana are not all known and continuously being discovered. Who knows what they'll find out? While this new study can't say much for certain, we should make ourselves aware that there are possibilities of side effects that we don't know from smoking pot. Consider yourself warned.

Registering Online: An Extreme Inconvenience

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Expecting this new idea of registering online to be easier and more efficient, on Tuesday night at 10 PM, I calmly sat down to my laptop and followed the directions with which my advisor provided me. I went on the Ursinus website, entered my pin and waited and waited and waited and then—bam, nothing happened. A page popped up on my screen that read, "Error." Frustrated, I tried again and again and again, until I finally gave

up. Though we can't blame Ursinus entirely for wanting to make the college more technologically advanced, I feel as though registering online wasn't the best idea, especially having students in the same class register at the same time.

Last semester was the first time Ursinus tried to get students to register online. Unfortunately, they found this approach to be unsuccessful and inconvenient. Wasn't this approach supposed to be more convenient for students? With so many students eager to be the first ones to sign up for their classes, it was virtually impossible for students to get online to register in less than an hour. In fact, an incident that occurred this semester was a problem with the server when it went down. No students were able to register, leaving them with no choice but to wake up early the next morning, after having been up all night, and head down to the Registrars' office.

With all of these problems with registering online, it seems to me that Ursinus is not ready to make these technological advances. Though it is nice to keep up with the times, some things are just done better the old fashion way. To my understanding and to my own personal experience, I did not find the old way of registering a bad idea—rather, it worked better. I also feel that most people will agree with me and say that they would rather take the walk to the Registrar then experience the frustration of error messages and blocked servers online. Therefore, as the old saying goes, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Finding Ways to Cope with the Parting of a Pet

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Many college students have grown up with family pets that have become part of the family. Now, as these students become adults, they must accept that the pets will not live into the students' twenties. Losing a pet can be a painful and emotional event, but there are ways to deal with the hurt and to assure that a pet's memory lives.

When an owner parts with a pet, painful emotions bury the strong and loving bonds that a person shares with his pet. The grief can be difficult to deal with. Kay Cox is a psychologist who specializes in helping pet owners come to terms with their loss. She says that owners are often in denial and may feel anger, guilt, and depression. One important thing to do, she says, is to re-pattern daily routines and behavior without a pet. "But," she says, "remember to spend some time comforting each other. Think back on all the memories you have built up."

Another way to deal with the

loss of a pet is to honor its life and memory. There are numerous pet cemeteries in the United States. One such burial ground is Key Lore Pet Rest Gardens in Michigan. They offer a website, www.petrest.com, which includes information concerning burial ceremonies, granite memorial markers and caskets.

Burial containers range in price from \$125- \$650, depending on the style and the size (height and weight) of the pet; the larger the pet, the more expensive the container. Owners also have the option of cremating their pets, and

urns are available to store the remains.

Pet cemeteries do charge a fee for land plots, but according to www.petrest.com, "Most pet cemeteries were started by caring people—not to make a fortune, but provide a service to other pet owners."

A more unconventional way to relieve some pain of losing a pet is to talk with a pet psychic. Charlene Boyd, an animal communicator, has received information from pets just as they are ready to die. "Most pets tell me that when their time

die comes, they ask that their passing is made as easy as possible." Moreover, Boyd says, "I can help you [owner] at this most difficult and emotional of times by obtaining clear, objective information from your pet about his thoughts and wishes."

Junior Ryan Matty has dealt with the loss of a pet. "I was seven. It was Christmas Day and the only pet I ever had died, so I was pretty upset," he said. As an adult with a cat in bad health and old age, Matty contemplates how he may deal with the loss this time around. "I guess I'll be able to deal with it a little better, as long as it's not Christmas Day." In regards to speaking with a counselor, he said, "I might go."

Boyd reminds owners that memories of a pet and the love they've shared will transcend time. Moreover, psychologist Cox reassures her clients when she states, "Animals, like humans, don't die, their energy simply changes forms."



A Welsh Corgi picture taken from www.pwcca.org

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Newlyweds: Is Jessica That Dumb?

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"Is this chicken or is this fish? I know it's tuna but it says *Chicken of the Sea*." "I'm 23, which is almost 25, which is like mid-twenties." "Do we have like a mop?" "I don't eat buffalo." "Baby, I made an 'uh-oh.'" "I'm spoiled. I'm so spoiled."

I'm sure most of you have caught at least five minutes of MTV's *Newlyweds* at some point this past semester. I'm also sure that most of you were thinking, "What the hell is wrong with this girl?"

Married in October of 2002, Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson agreed to have the first year of their marriage taped six months after they tied the knot. The couple decided they would be followed everywhere, with the exception of the bedroom and the bathroom. Airing on September 10, 2003, the public got their first peek at the couple's new life together, and, at the same time, got an idea of just how dumb Jessica Simpson is. From her inability to throw away a vase of dead flowers without spilling everything all over the floor to passing up an offer for a buffalo

wing because she doesn't eat buffalo, Jessica has spent the last three months painting a very bad image of herself.

"I just don't understand how someone can be that dumb!" exclaims Ursinus senior Jill



Wong, "I don't understand how any guy would want to put up with a wife that childish, no matter how attractive she is."

This seems to be the general consensus of most people who have seen the show. During one episode when Jessica was in one of her daily snits, Nick turned to his brother Drew and said, "It's moments like this I'm glad I don't

have a gun, 'cause I would shoot myself." Her stupidity is almost unfathomable. A couple of innocent questions here and there are one thing, but if she's not confused by the brand of her tuna or the fact that the couple owns a mop, she's

even perform daily activities," says Ursinus senior TJ Shaughnessy. "I think if I had a wife who's that hot, though, I'd put up with anything. But I still think she's a crybaby and the only reason the show's good is because she sucks so much. It's just like how the only reason *The Osbournes* was good was because Ozzy was so clueless it was funny."

It will be interesting to see the events of the next season. The season finale for this year ended with a romantic getaway to San Diego. When Nick told Jess of his plans to take her away for the weekend, she reacted with, "I can't find my passport, I think someone stole it." Moments later she found it right where she left it; in her purse, and soon after she was told she didn't need it. The entire vacation consisted of comments such as, "What?" "Huh?" "Baby, I don't get it," and "Wait, where are we going?" Personally, if I were Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey were my husband, I'd learn to keep my mouth shut, because it's only a matter of time before Nick grows tired of her routine.

"I think Jessica Simpson is an idiot, and the show is only funny because she's such a ditz and can't

house too much and watches too many sports. For a first year of marriage that was aired for the entire world to see, it seems as if the couple is going to have a rocky future ahead of them. Fortunately for us, the couple has agreed to sign on for another season of *Newlyweds*.

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Poet Comes To U.C.

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Did you ever hear of "The Man That Invented Urinal Mints," or how about the "Poem After Bouncing the Rent Check and Waking with a Hangover, While Searching for My Car Keys Twenty Minutes Before A Very Important Interview?" Well if you haven't, you missed your chance to meet a brilliant and comical poet on October 30th here at Ursinus. Charles Rafferty definitely offered a very different sort of poetry reading. His laugh out loud poems about life and the world that we live in awed and inspired the crowd that gathered to listen to him articulate his prize winning poems in the Ursinus Bookstore.

Charles Rafferty, 36, was thrust into the poetry spotlight with his award winning book of poems, *The Man on the Tower*. This book caused him to be awarded the Arkansas Poetry Award in 1995. He also has several chapbooks out, as well as poetry printed in an array of journals and magazines. He has received the

Robinson Jeffers Tor House Prize for Poetry, the Brodine/Brodinsky Poetry Prize, and a grant from the Connecticut Commission on the Arts. He currently works as an editor for a technology consulting firm. He has most recently published another book of poems entitled *Where the Glories of April Lead*.

At this exclusive reading in the Ursinus College Bookstore, Rafferty's passion for poetry, as well as his comical take on life were felt in the eyes and ears of every member of the audience, who hung on to his every word. The expression that he conveyed through his poems kept the audience captivated and they felt his connection with each colorful character he portrayed. So if you are looking for a good laugh, or even in-depth, thought provoking prose, check out America's newest up and coming author. Trust me, you won't be disappointed.

Career Corner: Careers in Criminology and Investigation

There has been a surge of interest in forensics and criminology careers across the country. High profile crime scenes shared so vividly in the news media leaves the public with a heightened awareness of crime scene investigation. Any night of the week you can turn on the television and get your fix of law enforcement or crime scene investigation programming. Forensic experts, also called criminalists, apply scientific principles and practice to the physical evidence of a crime (or suspected crime) in an attempt to assist in the solving of the crime. They often work in laboratories but must also travel to the scenes of crimes to gather the physical evidence: fingerprints, shoeprints, carpet fibers, bloodstains, bits of paper. Additionally, they may also photograph and catalog the scene. Forensic experts in the lab use all the tools of scientific inquiry in their work that can be applied to hairs, fibers, dust, tissue samples, and other physical evidence. They run DNA matches and examine handwriting samples. Sometimes they testify in court as expert witnesses or to reconstruct the scene for further analysis or during court proceedings. Investigative personnel work at the federal, state and local levels.

On the federal level, opportunities exist with the FBI, Secret Service, Drug Enforcement Agency and more. Even the US Fish and Wildlife Service employs criminal investigators. At a state level, non-uniformed investigators are hired to work in areas of narcotics, organized crime and client fraud. Cities and counties hire investigative personnel to work in the district attorney's office, auditing bureaus, and consumer affairs departments. If you are looking for a career filled with excitement and intrigue... a career in criminology may be for you. The Career Services office invites you to join us as we welcome UC alumni and friends of the college to CSI Ursinus- a career panel of criminology experts. The panel will feature an FBI agent, a forensic DNA analyst, an investigator for the medical examiner's office and a narcotics investigator. CSI Ursinus will be held Tuesday, November 11th at 4:30 in Olin 107

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"We had been given, in our heavens, our simplest dreams." These few words written in the first few pages of *The Lovely Bones*, by Alice Sebold, is enough to conjure up images of what our own heavens will look like.

For Susie Salmon, the main character in the novel, her heaven consists of swing sets, peppermint ice cream, fashion magazines instead of textbooks, and fields of puppies. Anything that she wants is placed before her, except for the one thing that she wants most: to be back on earth with her family and friends.

The novel is told from fourteen

Book Review: The Lovely Bones



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year old Susie's perspective. It is set in 1970s Southeastern Pennsylvania, very close to where we all attend school. Susie is telling the story from heaven, after she was brutally raped and murdered one winter night by her neighbor. In the weeks following her death, Susie watches from a gazebo in heaven as her family desperately tries to cling to the hope that Susie may be found alive, after she had gone missing. After her death was confirmed, Susie sees her mother take comfort in the arms of another man, who happens to be the detective working on Susie's case. Her father begins a desperate search to find his daughter's killer. Her younger sister Lindsay acts amazingly strong in her family's time of

need, but misses Susie more than she would ever let on. And her four year old brother struggles to understand the meaning of "gone." The novel is very tactfully written. Even when describing a scene as horrific as Susie's rape and murder, Sebold is never vulgar. Despite the serious material of the novel, the writing is almost always light, and often humorous. Eight years go by as the novel progresses, yet in her heaven Susie remains 14. In these years as she watches from heaven, Susie never gives up hope that her murderer will be caught.

While reading the novel, it is helpful to keep in mind that her murder occurred during the early 1970s, before DNA testing and other means were as readily available to

solve murders. The reader and Susie are both aware of what really happened the night of her murder, and anxiously hope throughout the novel that Susie's family will find out the same. The novel makes you experience a plethora of emotions, running the gamut from laughing out loud, to sobbing tears. It is one of those novels that you feel you actually become a part of, and when you have read the last page, you almost feel as if something has been taken away from you. It is a page turner, and I would highly recommend *The Lovely Bones* to any reader. The novel is available at Ursinus library, so you don't even have to travel far to experience this breathtaking tale!

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Former U.S. Congressmen Bill Clinger and Mike Barnes will visit Ursinus College as part of the Congress to Campus program on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 18 and 19.

The International Film Festival will feature the French film *La Fille sur le Pont (Girl on the Bridge)* on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Olin Auditorium. The film will have English subtitles, and light refreshments and conversation will follow in Olin 104.

The Grizzly meets every Monday at 6:00 pm in WLL. Feel Free to Stop by if you would like to write or take pictures for the newspaper.

Stewart Goetz, professor of philosophy and religion, will present a Baden Faculty Lecture on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 4:15 p.m. in Olin 108. His topic will be "Is Free Will an Empirical Issue?" Refreshments will be served at 3:45 p.m. in Olin 104.

Career Services will present a panel of professionals who work in the field of criminology on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 4:30 p.m. in Olin 107.

Centennial Conference Field Hockey championships will be held on Ursinus' hockey field on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 8 and 9. On Nov. 8, Ursinus will face Johns Hopkins at 11 a.m. McDaniel will take on Gettysburg 60 minutes after the conclusion of the first game. On Nov. 9, The Centennial Conference Championship game will be held at noon.

Wish your favorite athlete Good Luck in the Grizzly Classifieds. E-mail grizzly@ursinus.edu for info!

London Living: Getting Around

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Culture shock: cars drive on the opposite side of the road in England. This might seem like a minor, mundane detail but it's one that could cost you your life! Two of three pedestrian accidents in London involve a foreigner. "Look Right" signs at pedestrian crossings remind tourists of safe street-crossing practices.

Knowing which way to look isn't the only thing I've had to get used to. In the States, we are pampered with 24-hour neon convenience. Wawa and Walmart, staples in midnight American consumer diets, are non-existent in the UK. Even in London, there are no superstores or 24-hour mini-marts, and a very small percentage of the population owns a car. Therefore, you have to commute everywhere - to the market, to class, to the gym. London has worked out a massive web of public transportation

that has evolved into a cultural icon, a symbol of British pride. Red double-decker buses and a colourful maze of Underground (aka Tube) lines criss-cross the city. The London Transport Museum is a fun place to celebrate hands-on the history of London's public transportation system. And it has one of the best gift shops in the city. You buy boxer shorts that say "Mind the Gap", a double-decker tea cozy or *Poems on the Underground*,

an anthology of works inspired by Tube transportation.

There is a lot of literature associated with London Transport. *The Metro*, a free newspaper distributed daily at Tube stops, is a favourite amongst commuters, if you're lucky enough to get your hands on one. The Poems on the Underground project (headed by a King's College professor) has pasted poesy in trains, buses and on the walls of Tube stations for

the enlightenment of passengers avoiding eye contact with each other. Americans often have a hard time following the unofficial "no eye contact, no talking, no loud music unless you are drunk" code of conduct.

If public transportation just isn't your bag baby, hop on a bike. Good old-fashioned

leg-powered bicycles are making a comeback thanks to a campaign by the London Transport to convince commuters that it's a safe

and affordable option. Motorcycles and mopeds are also a quite popular excuse to wear futuristic jumpuits or at least colourful helmets.

If you must drive yourself, opt for a MiniCooper or SmartCar. Both are easy to find parking spots for and cute to boot.

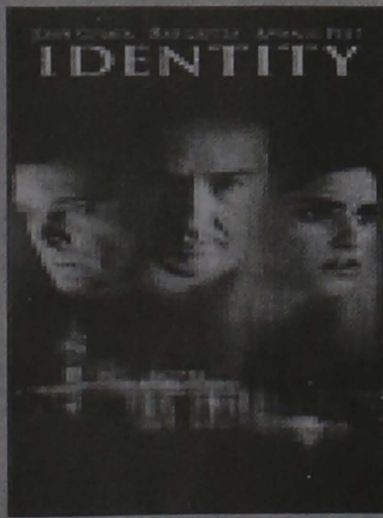
So look right, then left, and cross on over to the English side.



Movie Review: Identity: The Secret Lies Within

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John Cusack leads an extremely brilliant cast in the 2003 hit *Identity* including Ray Liotta, Amanda Peete, Clea Duvall, and Jake Busey. These are just some of the stars of this horror mystery directed by



as one by one the ten are dying. They quickly comprehend that, if they want to survive this night, they will have to reveal the mysterious secret that has brought them all together on this fateful night. This thriller has its share of gore, but more of the scares come from the well written suspense. All throughout the movie, the viewers are misled to different conclusions. My favorite aspect of the film is that just as soon as you think you've got it figured out, one big twist explains the entire unknown. I would absolutely recommend this film to any movie lovers out there. It is released on video and DVD, so head to Blockbuster as soon as you are free from work. Also, round up a good group of friends to watch it with, they might need to walk you to the bathroom when it's over.

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Meet Dr. Kozusko: The New Shakespeare Professor

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A large poster of Shakespeare hangs on a wall that is surrounded by others for plays performed by The Bedlam Faction in an office that appears to be occupied by a person still moving in. The office's inhabitant is a young professor with a laid back attitude, who casually sips coffee out of a silver-aluminum mug. Ursinus, get ready to make Shakespeare fun!

When Shakespeare wrote for the stage, he wanted his dialogue to be acted out. Dr. Kozusko takes that to heart, and uses acting to make Shakespeare's plays come alive in the classroom. And why not, seeing as he has the experience! A few years ago Dr. Kozusko and a few friends who have had acting experience formed a company called The Bedlam Faction in Austin, Texas. What set his company apart from others was that there was no director. The cast members were involved in the decision making even if they were not a part of the company. He describes it as "a more vibrant kind of theater," a theater that audiences responded to. They have done seven plays, *Volpone* by Ben Johnson being the first.

Now that he is a professor here at Ursinus, acting has entered his classroom. In his *Fools and Folly*

class, a Renaissance English course offered on campus, he has students spend about 20 minutes a day reading out loud and sometimes acting. Kozusko feels that the text really comes alive when you speak it and works even better when it is performed. He says, "The poetry is lovely on the page, but works even better on the stage." Senior, Fallon Szarko, is glad to have a Shakespeare professor back on campus. She says her *Fools and Folly* class has enjoyed acting out the literature they've read so far, and that's mainly because Dr. Kozusko is "very enthusiastic." She went on to say that his expertise in the areas he is teaching really helps to make the material clearer. "The fact that he's well versed in other plays makes me want to read more," Fallon adds. Senior Christine Ginty agrees; "he seems to genuinely enjoy teaching."

In fact, it was the students that drew Dr. Kozusko to Ursinus. He was really impressed by the quality of Ursinus students. He noticed that they are able to make objective evaluations. "Ursinus students seem to have a bit more confidence," he said. He surmised this is because they have been taught to believe in their own voice. Kozusko also noted that there is a close relationship between faculty and students. "The connection here seems to be especially vibrant," he stated. He also liked that because

a lot of professors in the English department usually have their doors open, students come right in and have academic or social conversations at any time.

The faculty also made an impression on Dr. Kozusko. The professors here appeared to be friendly, competent, and able to hold a conversation, which can't always be said for other English departments across the nation. "You look around at English departments across the nation, people who are supposedly tops in skills with the language, and they cannot have a conversation," he pointed out.

Aside from the fabulous faculty and diligent students, the move was made easier because for the past three years Dr. Kozusko has been living in Texas for tax purposes, but residing in England and teaching for the University of Georgia at Oxford. While in England he taught Shakespearean Literature, especially Shakespeare in performance, writing classes, and Intro to British Literature. And although he is enjoying making Pennsylvania his new home, there are things that he misses from England. One of them is being able to walk anywhere. The grocery store was only four blocks away, and if you wanted to venture further, London was only an hour away by bus.

But Dr. Kozusko is here now, and has plans for our school. While teaching at Ursinus, he would like to expand the already-existing con-

nection between the English and Theater departments. "I would like to make performance a part of literature study, and literature study a part of performance," he says. This would involve not just the plays of Shakespeare, but also those of his contemporaries. Also in his plans, are working with the study abroad program. But for right now he is concentrating on settling "into a long and happy career here."



Perceptions of Greeks in the Media, UC

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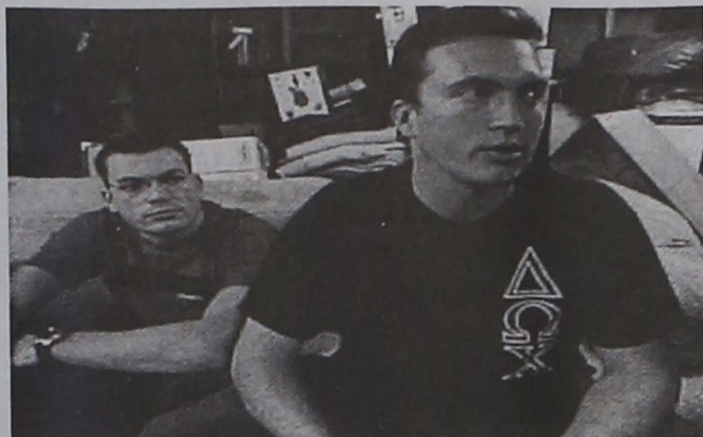
Here at Ursinus College the Greek system is alive and flourishing. With one-third of the college community involved in a Greek organization it is understandable to wonder if what you see on television is what you get here at Ursinus.

Impressions are key when students begin the rush period, and hopefully new eligible members are not receiving crucial information from what they see on television.

With new reality shows hitting prime time like *Fraternity/Sorority Life* on MTV and good classic movies like *Animal House* and *Old School*, it becomes questionable as to what is actually real.

With the new hit shows on MTV, a camera crew follows around a select few members of a pledge class at different schools. So far seasons of these shows have depicted life as a local sorority girl,

local Greek life, and currently a local fraternity and sorority that focus on diversity. Comparing the topics of these shows to life here at



Ursinus there are several similarities.

First, we currently have two national sororities and two national fraternities on campus.

Second, this school was founded by local Greek organizations with seven local fraternities and six lo-

cal sororities, one of which centers their organization on diversity. As you can see organizations here on campus mimic television in whom they are, just not what they are about.

If future rushes are planning on moving into a nice home with two new cars at their disposal they have a rude awakening coming. What you see is not reality. Each organization has different methods of delivering their core message during new member education, and none of those methods can be

found on television.

Many students on campus came to college thinking that Greek life would be exactly what they saw with their favorite movie *Animal*

House and new release *Old School*. Toga parties and Freedom Festivals sometimes rear their heads at Ursinus night life but are not as frequent as one might assume. The fraternities in these movies enjoy constant drinking and endless women: "Bluto: My advice to you is to start drinking heavily. Otter: Better listen to him, Flounder. He's pre-med" (*Animal House*).

Now some may agree that these movies parallel our fraternity brothers here on campus, but I would like to give them the benefit of the

doubt.

Greeks on campus strive hard to complete community service hours. A fact not many skeptics know is that Greeks are no longer required by the school to complete those hours, however, each organization still does.

New Member Education, formerly known as pledging, is another part of Greek life that is in constant spotlight.

Many of you may recall an infamous scene from *Old School* that depicts a pledge task which tried to teach the pledges to trust their brothers: "At this point, you might be asking yourself, 'why am I holding this 30lb. Cinder block in my hands? You might also ask yourself, 'why does this cinder block have a long piece of string tied to it? And finally, why is the

other end of this string tied securely to your penis."

Extremely funny as it may seem, please do not expect the same fate if you decide to join in on the Greek life here at Ursinus. It is a confusing time full of unsure images of Greek organizations during rushing. To fully understand what lies before you the best advice is to talk to current members of the fraternity or sorority. Learn what each organization is about instead of following incorrect assumptions. Also remember that just because it is on television does not mean it is true.

Pictures of Delta Omega Chi Fraternity at University of California, Santa Cruz courtesy of MTV.com

Greek Life Fifty Years Ago

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The Greek life of fifty years ago might not be as completely unrecognizable to Greeks today as one might think. Many of the sororities and fraternities around then are still active today, but some of the activities and traditions of old might seem quaint. There were no Saturday night parties crammed into a small Main Street house or Reimert suite then. The process of rushing and pledging was quite different, and hazing was an accepted form of initiation.

The Greek organizations on campus in the year 1953-54 included the sororities Kappa Delta Kappa, who held an annual Christmas luncheon and dinner dance.

Tau Sigma Gamma had an annual luncheon and theater party over Christmas break. A formal dance and a trip to the beach in

the spring finished off their social year.

Alpha Sigma Nu was the only sorority on campus to have a chorus, and the girls had the highest collected scholastic average of all the Greek organizations on campus. Every year the girls combined with the guys of Beta Sigma Lambda to hold Easter and Christmas parties to the children at the "preventorium" (where mothers with tuberculosis were separated from their children as to not infect them).

Phi Alpha Psi, the oldest sorority on campus, had an annual homecoming luncheon at the Collegeville Inn. Every Easter, the girls packed baskets and entertained orphan children at the Christ Home. A post-New Year's Dance at the Plymouth Meeting Country Club was one highlight of their social year, and an annual trip to the

shore was a nice treat at the end of a long academic year.

Omega Chi held an annual alumni luncheon, a dinner before the Lorelei at the Lakeside, and visited a play in New York City.

The brothers of Sigma Rho Lambda organized camping trips in the Poconos, various parties and stags, and formal dances.

Delta Pi Sigma had the "cleanest" form of initiation, requiring all pledges to clean the campus grounds. Beta Sigma Gamma combined with Alpha Sigma Nu in their semi-annual parties for the children as well as arranging several stags and trips for its members.

Delta Mu Sigma (Demas), the oldest fraternity on campus, brought alarm clocks to chapel (scheduled to ring during sermons). They held a dinner dance on the last day of spring semester exams.

Alpha Phi Epsilon liked to quote

that it had "outstanding members" who had incredible "athletic prowess". They held a "Dixieland Jamboree" in November of 1953.

The brothers of Zeta Chi, however, were the real athletic stars. Both the football and track captains in 1953 claimed membership in ZX. Also, this fraternity held the notorious designation as the harshest initiators on campus, molasses and feathers being only one part of their pledging rites. ZX held their "Football Finale" on the same day as the "Dixieland Jamboree". At the annual interfraternity track meet, the brothers of ZX emerged triumphant with the brothers of APE running a close second.

Old Timer's Day (otherwise known as homecoming) marked the official start of the social season for the fraternities. Homecoming in 1954 wasn't until October 24! The fraternities would hold

a cocktail party after the football game but before the homecoming dance. These parties often took place on locations near campus, such as banquet halls.

Rushing took place at the end of October. Sorority rush events often took place at the homes of their faculty members, while fraternity events took place at local establishments. First-semester freshmen were not eligible for rushing. Sororities and fraternities celebrated engagements (of which there were many) and welcome back parties for members returning from military service. Trips to the shore provided a wonderful time for ladies to "knit all day" and "play bridge all night".

In the spring of 1954, Ursinus sororities adapted a new rushing system. For the second rush of the year, the Greek ladies adapted the rules set by the National Pan-Hel-

lenic Council. Sororities were now expected to hold many more rush parties and rush as many girls as they chose. Eligible ladies rushing more than one sorority would submit a form to the Dean of Women indicating their preferences, and bids were administered based on those forms and the needs of the sorority.

Greek life at Ursinus suffered serious setbacks during the Prohibition and World War II (when all fraternity activity was placed on hold), but it has flourished in the years since.

Anti-hazing legislation and changes in the rushing season have occurred in the past fifty years changing some aspects of the Greek experience, but traditions such as formals, shore trips, and off-campus parties have survived intact.

Rushing: Is It For You?

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Grizzly Guide Writer

When I first came to Ursinus, I intended on joining a sorority. I had heard about it from friends and acquaintances, and I thought that it would be something that I would want to be part of.

Here at UC, there were many sororities to choose from and at first, I did not know where to even start.

I had heard a number of falsehoods about all of the sororities including sexual tendencies associated with them, what happened during pledging, and the stereotypes of Greek organizations.

That is why I decided to rush.

Rushing is probably one of the best ways to understand Greek life. You get to meet the brothers/sisters, find out what they are all about, and in the end, you decide if Greek life is for you.

You can rush just one or rush them all. You reap the best benefits if you rush them all because you can find out which one is best suited for you.

Rushing is a lot of fun. You meet a lot of people and make a lot of friends. You will come out of rushing with life altering experiences and some funny stories to tell your kids.

From my experiences, alcohol is a factor in the equation but you will find that there is more to Greek life than just drinking and partying.

Fraternities and Sororities are first and foremost about the bond you make between the brothers/sisters you pledge with and those already part of the organization.

For most students, those people become your life long friends and most importantly, a great support system.

Although I decided not to pledge, I am not alienated from Greek life. I can still go to the parties, and I have many friends that are in Greek

organizations.

Students need to always remember that Greeks make up only 20 percent of the student body.

Ursinus is a close knit community and whether or not you join a fraternity/sorority you will always be able to make friends. You will not know what you are missing out on, if anything, unless you go out there and find out.

What do you think about RUSHING???
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Despite Loss, UC Football Team Remains Hopeful

Ray Baker
Grizzly Sports Writer

As the losers of three of their last four games, the Ursinus bears were looking to make a big splash by knocking off the conference leading Johns Hopkins down in Baltimore, Md. About 1400 people filed into Hopkins' Homewood field to watch the contest. The game got underway with seesaw scoring. The Bluejays of Johns Hopkins scored first with Ursinus kicking a field goal bringing them within four points.

From there Hopkins would run off 42 points before Ursinus scored again. The game was not pretty for Ursinus statistically but did provide optimism for the future. Freshman led the team in all sorts of statistical categories.

Freshman safety Andrew Amaro led the team with 11 tackles. Second in tackles were fellow fresh-

men Eric Rembert and Nate Wagner.

Offensively the team was led by freshman RB David Ashworth who had 54 yards on seven carries. All-Conference RB Gary Sheffield was held to a quiet day amassing only 18 yards on nine carries. In making his second start of the season, Dave Kupstow completed 13 of 24 passes for 75 yards on the day. Although Kupstow threw two interceptions, much of the offense agreed that the line was effective throughout the game.

Sophomore Wide Out Randy Taylor commented, "The offense was rather effective but just couldn't get the job done in the red zone".

Freshman TE/QB Adam Parcell agreed, saying "That's been the story for the last few weeks [not

scoring in the red zone]". Parcell would go on to say that he thinks in two years this team can "compete in and win these types of game[s]" with more experience.

Sophomore Justin Ellis agreed. He remarked, "In two years this team can compete for the conference title, assuming we all continue to believe and work hard". As for this year, though, Ellis says, "This is the first time someone actually beat us".

As one may note throughout the article, many of the quotes and stats are from sophomores and freshmen. This is due to the overwhelming number of freshmen and sophomores that make valuable contributions to the team. With the exception of captains Tom Reilly, Eric Shipe, and Gary Sheffield the Bears are fueled mostly by under-

classmen.

Unfortunately the Bears are now losers are four of their last five, and the youth that makes the future so promising is going through their growing pains. The inexperienced Bears are now waiting to pick up their first conference win of the season and in the last two years.

With the meat of the conference schedule behind them, The Bears look to run the table and finish the year at .500, which is a strong possibility. The Bears will welcome conference foe Franklin and Marshall to Patterson field for the home finale of the season. The game is set for a 1:00 p.m. kickoff.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 8th

UC Field Hockey vs. Johns Hopkins
Time TBA
(Centennial Conference Playoffs)

UC Football vs. Franklin & Marshall,
1:00 p.m.

UC Women's Soccer vs. Muhlenberg,
Time TBA
(First Semifinal)

UC CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

UC XC Competes in Centennial Conference Championship

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On Saturday, the Ursinus Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams competed in the 11th Annual Centennial Conference Cross Country Championships. This year's meet was hosted by Muhlenberg College at DeSales University. Nine members from the men's teams competed in the 8000-meter varsity race and five members from the women's team competed in the 6000-meter varsity race.

To most people Saturday was a beautiful day when it comes to weather, but for a runner it wasn't the most ideal day. Temperatures were in the low 70s with pretty much no wind at all. Most runners would have preferred it being a bit cooler; maybe in the mid to high 50s. Other than the unusually warm November weather, the footing also added to the unappealing race conditions. The Centennial Conference Varsity Races were the third and fourth races of the day. The Mid Atlantic Conference also held their championships on Saturday before the Centennial Conference. Both 8000-

meter and 6000-meter courses were muddy and contained areas that had standing water.

For the 11th consecutive year, the Haverford Men took the Centennial Conference Team Title and for the first time in conference history an individual not from Haverford or Franklin & Marshall won the Centennial Conference Individual Title. Junior Lang Reynolds from Swarthmore won the 8000 meter varsity race in a time of 26:45. Despite finishing in 9th, the Ursinus Men showed prom-

ise and showed that the future will be bright. Freshmen Chris DeLeon paced the men with a 29:56 finish. Sophomore Joe Szymanski wasn't far behind with a finish of 30:23. Freshman Luke Sullivan was third for the Ursinus Men with a time of 31:08. Sophomore Eric Wickersham and freshman Jeff Teigler were next with times of 31:32 and 31:54 respectively. Freshman Larry Barr, junior Aziz Shaikh, and freshman Travis High rounded out the men with times of 35:35, 39:02, and 43:51 respec-

tively. For the 4th consecutive year, the Dickinson Women took the Centennial Conference Team Title.

Individually, Dickinson Senior Callie Bradley became the third woman in conference history to win consecutive Centennial Conference Individual Titles. Despite finishing in 10th, the Ursinus Women also showed promise of a bright future. Freshman Lynne Erickson paced the women with a time of 26:33. Senior Kacie Meyer was second for the team with a finish of 31:03. Freshman Maureen McCarthy and sophomore Liz Goudie weren't far behind with times of 32:40 and 33:10 respectively. Freshman Misa Gareau rounded out the women with a finish of 36:25.

The nucleus of both teams will be around for the next couple years. The future looks bright. The Ursinus Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams will be competing at the NCAA Division III Mid Atlantic Regional hosted by Dickinson on November 15th.

Centennial Conference Cross Country Results

Men	Women
Haverford 31	Dickinson 23
Dickinson 60	Haverford 55
Swarthmore 89	Gettysburg 75
Muhlenberg 104	Swarthmore 117
Gettysburg 125	Johns Hopkins 148
Johns Hopkins 158	Muhlenberg 154
McDaniel 180	Bryn Mawr 227
Franklin & Marshall 228	McDaniel 228
Ursinus 242	Franklin & Marshall 231
	Ursinus 298

UC XC Holds 18th Annual Bear Pack Run 5K

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Grizzly Sports Writer

On Saturday October 25, the Ursinus Cross Country Program hosted its annual homecoming race, the Bear Pack Run. This is a road race with competitors that range from local runners to Ursinus alumni to select XC athletes.

Six men and one woman represented the Ursinus Cross Country Teams in the field of 74 runners.

For the third consecutive year, Ursinus alumni Brian Penderghest won the overall title with a time of 16:25. Freshman Chris DeLeon, sophomore Joe Szymanski, and freshman Luke Sullivan paced the Ursinus men with overall finishes of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th with times of

16:35, 16:50, and 18:01 respectively. Freshman Larry Barr was next with a 16th place finish in a time of 19:54. Junior Aziz Shaikh was next with a 21st place finish in a time of 20:56.

Freshman Travis High rounded out the Ursinus men with a 33rd place finish in a time of 23:10.

Freshman Lynne Erickson was the first woman to cross finish line with an overall finish of 15th place in a time of 19:54. This race has been a homecoming tradition and will continue on into the future.

Hope to see you next year at the 19th Annual Bear Pack Run.

Bear Pack Run Results

1. Brian Penderghest	16:25	11. Sean Lovison	19:32
2. Chris DeLeon	16:35	12. Pat Ryan	19:37
3. Joe Szymanski	16:50	13. Pete Conte	19:38
4. Luke Sullivan	18:01	14. Bruce Albert	19:40
5. Robert Perozze	18:04	15. Lynne Erickson	19:54
6. Tom Kershner	18:13	16. Larry Barr	19:54
7. Ben Crowl	18:23	17. Lauren DeLuca	20:25
8. Jeff Najarian	19:14	18. Vincent Perozze	20:41
9. Doug Symonds	19:14	19. Carlos Ciruelos	20:52
10. Dennis Mellish	19:29	20. Sean Peck	20:55

Athletic Profile: Katie Dougherty

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Senior All American, Katie Dougherty, is leaving her impressions on track fields everywhere. Starting this season with a win at the Brian Dennis Memorial Invitational, things couldn't be any better.

A Wilmington, DE native, Katie has been competing in cross country races since High school and has continued competing here at Ursinus. Katie is satisfied with the UC athletic department and facilities, saying that the athletic department is terrific and very supportive. Also the indoor track has been a huge benefit, allowing training and running during the cold winter months.

Winning medals does not come easy. Katie's practices include runs ranging from 70 to 80 minutes, working out on the track, hill runs or tempo runs and also getting in some 45 to 50 minute runs for the rest of the week. Katie goal is to run about 45 to 50 miles a week.

"I love competing, and I love the entire racing experience. After working out and training for weeks and weeks prior to a race, it's great to show all the hard work I put in," Katie said. Hard work exactly, but very rewarding when she brings home a medal.

Recently, Katie competed in the Mid Atlantic Collegiate Classic where she was awarded the silver medal for completing the 5K run. Finishing with a time of 19:27, Dougherty led the way before Lebanon Valley's Heather Rishel passed her for the 1st place win.

Currently Katie holds the Centennial Conference record in the 5K and 10K run. She has qualifies for two NCAA cross country championships, two NCAA outdoor track championships, and

Senior Katie Dougherty: "Cross Country should be enjoyable."

one NCAA indoor track championship.

When Katie is not on the track she is conquering her academics. Balancing school work and cross-country has not been too difficult for her. Katie said, "I think that being a member of a sports team has helped me learn to better manage my time. Having practice every day forces me to get my worked finished when I have the free time." She has two majors, Biology and Environmental Studies. After graduation Katie plans on attending graduate school and pursuing a career in Wildlife Policy.

Look forward to seeing Katie work her magic at the Centennial Conference in November. A recommendation from Katie for aspiring cross-country competitors: "Just has fun! Cross-country should be enjoyable."

UC SOCCER UPDATES

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Women's Soccer

This season has been a record-setting one for the Ursinus women's soccer team. This year marks the first time the Bears have finished the season with winning record (10-5-3), since the inception of a women's soccer program at Ursinus in 1996.

Led by first-year head coach Jeff Ykoruk, the Bears have broken the school record for wins in a season (10) and conference wins in a season (5). The Ursinus team has also reached the Centennial Conference playoffs for the first time in program history.

Although the Bears dropped the

last two games of the season, they hope to return to winning form for the playoffs this weekend. In their last regular season game, the Bears fell to the Muhlenberg College, 1-0. Muhlenberg scored the only goal of the game in the 10th minute. Senior Cara Goldberg made six saves, but the Bears were unable to convert on any of their scoring chances.

The Bears will have a quick chance for vindication against Muhlenberg. They take on the Mules again this Saturday, November 8th in their Centennial Conference playoff game. The Bears are seeded fourth.

Ursinus will be without leading

scorer Aubrey Andre who is out for the rest of the season with an injury. However, the team hopes to rally together to knock off top-seeded Muhlenberg and continue the record-breaking season.

Win or lose though, the future is bright for the Ursinus College women's soccer program. The starting lineup features six freshmen and one sophomore that have the ability to carry Ursinus to more record-breaking seasons down the road.

Men's Soccer

The Ursinus Men's soccer team's season came to an end

Saturday after a well-earned win on Wednesday and a hard fought loss on Saturday. On Wednesday the men took on a strong Swarthmore team that was 3-4 in the conference and 5-10-2 overall. This game figured to be tough and physical from the get go. Both teams came out strong, not wanting to lose this centennial conference match-up.

The game progressed as keeper Brian Berkowitz fended off a barrage of shots culminating in him hurting his finger and being taken off in the 20th minute. Freshman Adam Ebling then came in and provided a strong performance throughout the rest of the game. In the 29th minute Freshman Chris

Hood scored his team leading 9th goal of the season off of a free kick that was placed perfectly in the right corner of the net. From that point on Swarthmore lost its composure and couldn't get anything going. Neither team was able to adequately control the ball, thus play was fast and direct. The half ended with Ursinus up 1-0.

As the game entered the second half play continued to be the same as it was in the first, fast and direct. Finally, in the 59th minute amongst fouls and frustration, sophomore Tommy Hanlin scored off of a breakaway that was started when he stole the ball from a defender. The game ended with the Bears coming out on top 2-0 for their first

conference win of the season.

On Saturday the team lost a tough game to conference champions Muhlenberg. Muhlenberg ended with a perfect 9-0 record in conference play. Throughout the game Ursinus had trouble controlling the ball and dealing with the overall play of the Mules. Senior Dennis Ondrejik played valiantly in his final game at Ursinus. He will be missed. The game ended with Ursinus losing 6-0.

The next few years look to be promising however with a strong core of freshman and sophomores that will lead the way for the incoming recruits and the second year coach. Ursinus ended the season with a record of 5-11-2.

2003-04 76'ers: A Preview

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The Philadelphia 76ers started their season with a record of 1-2. Their most recent loss was to the Golden State Warriors, 104-90. Mike Dunleavy scored 32 for the Warriors and Calbert Cheaney added 20 to lead the Warriors in their 60% shooting from the field. Both scored more than the Sixers' high scorer, Allen Iverson, who had 19 on 7 for 17 shooting. The Sixers could use all-star forward Glenn Robinson who plays his first game with his new team on Monday against the Portland Trailblazers, after serving a 3 game suspension.

The team's first loss of the season came Halloween night at the hands of the Western powerhouse Sacramento Kings, 100-89. Iverson scored 27 to lead the team in points while Derrick Coleman crashed the boards for 10 rebounds in the losing effort. The story of this game was the Sixers lack of a deep threat attack, going 0-7 from 3-point range. The Kings countered with a 6 for 11, 54.5% 3-point percentage. The Sixers were never really in this game. Their only lead of the game was 2-1, while the Kings held leads as big as 16 points.

The Sixers opened their season at home in the Wachovia Center against the Miami Heat. The Sixers dominated, winning by 15 for a final score of 89-74. In the winning effort Allen Iverson scored 26 while racking up 11 assists and 5 rebounds. In the search for a second scorer, the Sixers found a third and a fourth when Kenny Thomas scored 15 to go along with his 7 rebounds. Willie Green, a rookie out of Detroit Mercy High School, added 8 points and John Salmons scored 10 to prop the offense while Iverson missed 10 straight shots. Dwyane Wade led the Heat with 18.

The 76ers enter the season with somewhat of a new look. Head Coach Randy Ayers replaces Hall of Famer Larry Brown, who

transferred to the Pistons after 6 seasons in Philadelphia. Ayers was his assistant all 6 years.

In addition to the loss of one of the NBA's most legendary coaches, the Sixers lost their 2nd leading scorer and rebounder, Keith Van Horn. However, the Sixers more than compensated for the loss of Van Horn with the additions of Glenn Robinson from Atlanta and Marc Jackson from Minnesota in the 4-team trade that sent Van Horn to the Knicks. They also acquired ex-Creighton star Kyle Korver through the NBA draft. Korver holds the highest field goal percentage in college basketball history.

A few weeks ago the team resigned their starting backcourt of Iverson and Snow to multi-year contracts.

The team needs to respond to the demands of Coach Ayers, who wants Iverson to play more at the point and attempt more 3-pointers than last year. Robinson needs to step up and put more effort into his game, since he was not a fan favorite in Milwaukee and Atlanta, with his previous 2 teams.

The most significant progress the team made in the off-season was Iverson participating on Team USA. Playing with the games biggest names, Iverson learned team skills as well as a bigger leadership role. Iverson is maturing and growing and is becoming more coachable. Iverson and coach Brown had their run-ins, but Iverson plans on starting fresh with Coach Ayers. "I'm willing to do anything to help win a championship," said Iverson. "If (Ayers) tells me to play center, I'll look at him like he's crazy, but I'll do it." If the pieces fall into place, the Sixers should finish 2nd in the Atlantic Division and 3rd in Eastern Conference behind the New Jersey Nets and Detroit Pistons. The Sixers could very well be in the NBA Finals this year. The East will be shaky without a team truly dominating the Conference. Expect a Conference Finals bow out to the Nets this year after finishing 3rd in the regular season.

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The Philadelphia Eagles are playing better on the field, but are not yet back in playoff caliber form. The NFL playoffs are not played in November, so it's difficult to say if the Birds are officially playoff bound. After the Eagles lost the first two games of the regular season, the fans began to doubt the abilities of the players, coaches, and front office decision makers. The Eagles followed those losses with a win in Buffalo, and then the first win at the new Lincoln Financial Field against the Washington Redskins. The team went on a two-week road trip to play the Dallas Cowboys and the New York Giants. The surprise team of the year for the NFL is the Cowboys as they currently lead the NFC East division with 6 wins and two losses. They surprised the Eagles as well when they beat the Birds 23-21. The team was able to bounce back from that loss and win the next game against the Giants. The team returned to the Linc to play the New York Jets and earned its fourth win of the season. After the team's most recent win against the Atlanta Falcons (23-16) the Birds have a boost of confidence throughout the locker room. The current record is five wins and three losses, which is good enough for second place in the NFC East division.

In addition to the team pulling themselves together, the Birds have had many outstanding individual performances this year. For instance, running back/special teams return man Brian Westbrook is doing exceptionally well. The second year NFLer out of Villanova University shows some resemblance to Barry Sanders in his size (5'8" 200lbs) and his speed (4.340 yard dash). Two weeks ago Westbrook was named the NFL special teams player of the week after he returned a punt 68 yards for a game winning touchdown against the division rival New York Giants. He currently holds the number ten spot on the list of total

yards on punt returns with 175 yards amassed, and he is ranked second in yards per return with a 14.6-yard average. That is a hefty accomplishment considering Westbrook has been injured on and off throughout this season with a hip contusion and high ankle sprain.

On defensive, the most spectacular performance is coming from first year Eagle MLB Mark Simoneau. Simoneau has filled the defensive middle with his speed and instincts. For the month of October, he was named the NFC defensive player of the month with his fifty-nine tackles, two sacks, and one forced fumble. Despite being undersized (6'0" 235 lbs) for a middle linebacker, Simoneau finds a way to make an impact on every play.

Offensively the Birds have not been able to establish a receiving game so far. In the win against the

Falcons WR Freddie Mitchell was the first Eagles wide receiver to catch a pass for a touchdown. Rookie Tight End L.J. Smith is proving to be very versatile to the game plan also. Arguably no other team in the NFL has as good of a running back rotation as the Eagles. Westbrook provides the speed to cut around towards the sidelines, Correll Buckhalter has the size and strength to hit the gaps between the offensive lineman, and Duce Staley is a valuable receiver in the screen play that Head Coach Andy Reid loves to run in the Eagles West Coast offense. Westbrook and Buckhalter are tied for fourth in the NFC for rushing touchdowns with four each. Donovan McNabb has been struggling with his mobility and his soft touch when throwing the ball. However, he claims that his right ankle that he fractured last season is not bothering him this season.

The bone bruise on his throwing hand thumb is causing inaccuracy in his passing game.

Injuries, like those with McNabb and Westbrook, have plagued the Eagles for the entire season. Pro Bowl free safety Brian Dawkins is sidelined with a Lis Franc sprain in his foot. However, the best defensive back in pro football has started to go through reps during practice at the Novacare Complex with teammates. First round draft pick, Jerome McDougle (brother of Stocker McDougle, offensive lineman for the Detroit Lions), is expected to suit up and play this Monday night against the Green Bay Packers. Pro Bowl defensive backs Bobby Taylor and Troy Vincent have incurred injuries as well. As long as the remaining starters can stay healthy for the rest of the season, the Eagles should be a threat to opponents.

Eagles Finally Pulling It Together

Women's Rugby Team Makes History

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On Saturday, November 1, 2003 the Ursinus Women's Rugby Team made history. They took a team to the playoffs for the first time in the eight years that the college has had a team!

After a strong season with a 4-1 record, these Lady Bears were ready for the big time. Practicing almost every day of the week, they had donated enough sweat and blood to compete against anyone.

In the words of the coach, "Not all women can play rugby, for it is a game that requires dedication, hard work, community, labor, and intense emotions. You ladies have promoted these attributes throughout the semester. I think what your team has accomplished this semester alone, speaks volumes of what this team and each person is capable of."

Coach Fred Neukum generously volunteered 10 hours a week to coach the Lady Bears. He believed in them and felt confident they were ready for the big game.

After some motivational words from the coach, the girls jogged onto the field that day with their hearts strong and their minds tough. And it was as a team that the girls jogged onto the field that day with their hearts strong and their minds tough. Everyone knew needed to be done and they were ready to do it.

The girls dominated the first half, almost scoring twice. Their opponent, Susquehanna, had shut out every team this season with an average of 20 points a half. At the end of the first half Susquehanna sustained only one try and the Lady Bears came back to fight even

harder the second half. In the end, they jogged off the field as more of a team than anyone had ever thought they could become.

Proud of their accomplishments, the girls look forward to another strong spring season!

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