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Take Notice of New Member Education Standards

Quinn Dinsmore
Special to Grizzly

Loud singing and huge groups wearing Greek letters can only mean one thing at Ursinus – new member education is underway.

Seven sororities gave out formal bids last Wednesday after nine fraternities delivered invitations to join their brotherhood early last week.

Potential new members attended various events to get to know the organizations' members before making the decision to go Greek.

Formal new member education began Friday and continues through the month of February. As the Greek organizations teach rituals and pass on traditions, few students fully understand Ursinus and state hazing rules.

To be eligible to "pledge" under the Ursinus policy, a new member must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and attend a new member orientation meeting re-

viewing guidelines and expectations. Presidents and New Member educators from every sorority and fraternity also attended a training session upon return from winter break and signed a contract to abide by Ursinus regulations.

One member of the administration frequently present at those meetings is Dean of Students Debbie Nolan. Nolan said of new member education in the past, "I believe it is important to have a period of NME so new members can learn the values and traditions of a group, while also developing stronger relationships with the members."

Ursinus has created a policy that fosters that relationship development while preventing hazing in any form.

According to Austin Duckett, the Greek advisor on campus, the policies and guidelines are designed

to help protect innocent students from physical and mental injury.

"Students from hundreds of different campuses have died in the past and still continue to be heavily assaulted today," Duckett explained of the detrimental effects of hazing. "There is such a distinct and clear difference between educating your new members and participating in acts of blatant stupidity."

Duckett made it clear that violations of hazing policies and guidelines are unacceptable. He stated, "The fraternity and sorority members that choose to conduct activities focused on hazing will be dealt with swiftly and will ultimately jeopardize their college careers."

During this bonding period, strict state laws must also be followed in addition to Ursinus guidelines. According to the Pennsylvania

criminal statute, hazing is defined as "any action or situation, which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation into an organization recognized by an institution of higher learning." Hazing can include:

- Brutality of a physical nature
- Required eating
- Drinking
- Drug use
- Forced exercises
- Exposure to elements
- Sleep deprivation
- Exclusion from social contact
- Activities that subject new member to extreme embarrassment or public ridicule

Any violation of the hazing code is a third degree misdemeanor and students face suspension or expulsion in addition to criminal charges.

Ursinus policy upholds these state laws as well as requiring all organizations to submit detailed plans of their new member events to the Student Activities Office.

Among some of the other Ursinus conditions are: no alcohol during new member events, no required eating, no strenuous activity, and no loud singing or chanting in public. Pledges may not be dropped anywhere or subjected to public displays of humiliation. New member activities must end every weekend by 5:30 and run only two days a week from noon until midnight.

Duckett stressed that the focus of February should be on the education of new members. He advised Greeks to "build a foundation of knowledge about their organization in the minds of the people that actually want to join them. The goal of New Member Educa-

tion is to assimilate new members into an organization by using methods of education based on the total positive experience."

The month of February has meant new member education at Ursinus for decades, but this period involves adherence to the hazing policies as well as rich traditions. Duckett believes new member education is an important and valuable time for many facets of college life, if the rules are followed.

He explained, "New member education helps to focus and reinforce the original ideals and concepts each organization was founded on. The Ursinus community encompasses many different important components that make it what it is today. Greek Life is a very unique and special part of this community."

View From the Left: The Unpredictable Democratic Primaries

Bart Brooks
Grizzly News Writer

After the Iowa Caucus, there were eight candidates running. After the New Hampshire primary, there were seven. Dick Gephardt has all but dropped out of this race after suffering severe losses in Iowa and New Hampshire. The other bottom three, despite falling very short, losers Joe Lieberman, Dennis Kucinich and Al Sharpton are still running.

John Kerry, on the other hand, continues his Cinderella run in this unpredictable race to become Democratic nominee for president. Kerry amassed 38.6% of the vote, handily defeating runner up Howard Dean (with 26.2% of the vote).

John Edwards, who came in second during the Iowa Caucus, came in fourth behind Wesley Clark.

Now that Kerry is in the saddle as the frontrunner, he's already drawn sharp criticism from other candidates: especially from Howard Dean.

"If you want a president who is going to get results, I suggest that you look at somebody who did get results in my state," said Dean, referring to Kerry's inability to pass any of the 11 bills he's introduced in the Senate.

Kerry responded with, "One of the things you need to know as a president is how things work in Congress, if you want to get things

done."

With attention on Kerry as the candidates begin migrating to other states for upcoming primaries, expect some reshuffling. If Lieberman, Sharpton, or Kucinich all get shut out completely, that opens up the field for Kerry, Dean, Edwards, and Clark. Soon it will eventually boil down to just one candidate, but that's a ways off.

The winner of these primaries will most likely be the Democrats go-to guy when it's time to pick a candidate.

Or, of course, the primaries could get even more unpredictable and Kerry may find himself at last place. That doesn't seem to be happening, though, as he continues to come out strong in polls and the like.

In a way, the amount of support seen throughout the primaries is a warm-up for the presidential election. The amount of support and momentum a candidate gets based on the state is a huge indicator of things to come. Sure, Kerry may have won Iowa and New Hampshire, but that might not mean much if his support was lukewarm.

The best way to judge this sort of thing is when the candidates come closer to home. The primaries will roll through New York on March 2, Pennsylvania on April 27, and New Jersey on June 8.

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John Kerry and Howard Dean, taken from CNN.com

Myrin Library Update: Media Services Re-opens

A campus-wide email was sent out by Charlie Jamison, Myrin Library Director, informing everyone about the re-opening of the Media Services Department on Thursday, January 29, 2004 at 5 pm.

As quoted from the email, "We are still moving back in, so our services are still somewhat limited, but we will do our best to meet your needs."

Keep with *The Grizzly* for continuing Myrin Library updates!

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New Member Education: Yes or No?

Brandie Salenetri
Grizzly Staff Writer

To join or not to join? This is a question that has faced most of the Ursinus students at some point.

With the start of New Member Education (NME), many students may be having their doubts. With a negative portrayal of Greeks in television and movies, it's difficult to distinguish fact from fiction.

Movies such as *Old School* and *Animal House* portray Greeks as people who are only concerned with partying and hook-ups. If you look at the diverse Greek life on campus, you would see a very different picture.

With Greeks accounting for one third of the Ursinus student body, many non-Greeks may be pondering why students participate in New Member Education. Aside from a great social life, there are many reasons why joining a fraternity or sorority is a good decision.

Rushing and NME is the time to meet many types of people. By attending rushes at each sorority or fraternity, you are able to sample the many different organizations

and their members.

Informal rushing may seem like an intimidating time to meet current members, but many members are willing to answer questions that the rushes have regarding NME.

Accompanying rushing season is a variety of rumors spread throughout campus regarding what each organization does. Keep in mind that many of the seemingly delicious details that are spread often hold no truth at all.

Each organization has time-honored traditions that teach the new members about the organization and the reasons that it was founded.

After NME is over, you have a special family on campus. With many students far from their hometowns, Greek life provides a family unit right outside your dorm room. Knowing that everyone in your organization has participated in NME provides a special bond that might be otherwise nonexistent.

Not only do you meet friends who will be able to share all of your

experiences during college and after, but you also develop an extensive network that can help your career. Because many of Ursinus' origins go back nearly 100 years, as a Greek you have brothers and sisters already in many fields of employment who are willing to help after graduation.

With the job market we are facing today, knowing that alumni are offering their support can make a huge difference.

On job resumes, participation in a Greek organization may also help your chances of landing a job. Working actively within a group shows that you are a team player who works well with others.

If you maintain a high GPA while being Greek, it also shows your future employer that you have time management skills—enough time to join organizations and expand your circle of friends as well as take your work seriously.

Greeks are not only concerned with having a good time, but also

with helping in the community. All of the Greek organizations on campus do community service. They organize events ranging from food, clothing, and blood drives to helping out at nursing homes and women's shelters. Ursinus Greeks are making a difference in the community.

Many Greeks on campus are also involved in other organizations on campus. Greeks hold important positions as student officers, as RA's, and as members of the SERV team.

Although joining a Greek organization may not be ideal for everyone on campus, it is important to keep an open mind instead of adding to the stereotypes surrounding Greeks.

With the negative images surrounding many Greek organizations, it is easy to typecast the members. Remember: it's often easier and more interesting to believe rumors than to take time to understand the truth.

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**Max and Erma's:
New Hotspot in Town**

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Special to *The Grizzly*

If you're looking for a bite to eat after the movies at Oaks, or if you're just tired of Rocco's, I suggest Max and Erma's. Located off 422 in Oaks, Max and Erma's is the new hotspot in the area.

On a Thursday night at 6:30, I walked in and the waiting area was crowded. After I squeezed my way up to the hostess stand to put my name in she told me it would be 40-45 minutes.

If you should go and the estimated wait time scares you, don't fret. As a former hostess you always round up so that you don't have angry customers in your face as soon as the second hand strikes the predicted hour.

So we waited near the bar. It was unusually quiet for a bar. The music was on low and the chatter of customers primarily filled the air. The decor was friendly with Philadelphia sports memorabilia adorning the walls. My friend and I waited about 30 minutes before our name was called.

We sat down in non-smoking at a table for four. Our waitress, Molly, shortly arrived and took our drink orders, two Diet Coke's. We looked over the large menu. It took us a while, but we decided to split the Crab, Spinach, and Artichoke Dip as an appetizer. Molly came back with our drinks and took our order. My friend, Carrie, ordered the Barbeque Chicken Salad, and I decided to try the Portabella Garden Grill accompanied by a side of fresh fruit.

About fifteen minutes later our appetizer came out. It was garnished with diced red tomatoes and served with tortilla chips. The chips were a bit oily but the dip was great. I could really taste the crab which means that they didn't skimp on the expensive ingredient. Also, there weren't huge chunks of artichoke that some places throw in because they are too lazy to slice it down.

Although Molly was busy with three other tables, she kept on top of our drinks and cleared our plates. My sandwich arrived on a poppy seed bun with a side of garlic butter for the bun and a cup of fresh fruit. I tried the fruit first. I wanted to see if it was fresh or if it tasted like it was a week old. It was fresh and the grapes and apples were still crunchy.

I moved onto my hefty sandwich. I passed on the garlic butter because I didn't want to mess with the taste of the grill. The bun was a little less than fresh but the burger and mushrooms were delicious. The portabellas were grilled just right. Carrie's salad was huge with lots of greens and a large piece of sliced chargrilled chicken drizzled with barbeque sauce. Carrie let me try a piece of her chicken. It was thick and tender and the barbeque sauce complemented it well.

After Molly dropped off our entrees she asked if we wanted to order fresh baked cookies that would be hot, gooey, and fresh by the time we were done with our dinner. We passed thinking it was

just another chocolate chip cookie and we knew what they tasted like already.

As we were finishing up our meals the table across from ours was served a tray of ooey-gooey chocolate chip cookies with glasses of milk. We immediately regretted our earlier decision. Molly tried to snag a tray from the back but she said it might get her in some trouble. We appreciated her effort, though! Carrie and I resorted to the Chocolate Cake.

Although we were disappointed about the cookies we knew we couldn't go wrong with anything that was chocolate. We were right. The cake was three layers tall. The cake layer was soft and the fudge layer was thick but not too rich.

Molly alerted us to the sundae bar where we could add toppings to our liking. Carrie is a fan of whipped cream and peanut butter and she scooped some on the side. So yummy! Although next time I go I'm definitely ordering the chocolate chip cookies.

And believe me I've thought about just going back for the cookies but it might be hard to pass up the good food. Stop by next time you're shopping at Target or before seeing a movie at Oaks. You could even take out! It won't hurt your wallet either. For two entrees, two drinks, an appetizer, dessert, and tip the bill came to 40 dollars.

There's something for everyone at Max and Erma's. What a delicious, extensive menu!

Is Blackboard Worth the Fuss?

Dana Yancey
Grizzly Staff Writer

From the thought of a professor screeching his nails against it to get your attention to simply staring blankly at it while taking what seems to be an endless amount of scribble, just the thought of a blackboard to any student is enough to invoke a plethora of negative emotions.

However, Ursinus students aren't just any students, and at Ursinus a blackboard isn't just a blackboard. If you are a member of the Ursinus community—well, at least an *in-tune* member—you are most likely familiar with the term "blackboard" circulating around campus. Although you may not use it much, or even know its use, you do know that "blackboard" is more than just a visual aid in a lecture.

Blackboard, not to be confused with the tangible writing tablet, is one of the most useful and frequently used tools outside of the classroom for an Ursinus student, particularly for first-year students. Even over the summer before college began, we were prompted by the school to browse the newly-constructed addition to the Ursinus College interactive learning experience.

Through Blackboard, we were able to interact with our new classmates through discussion boards and to become better acquainted with the system that would shortly become a major aid in all of our classes. And it seems that ever since then, the first-year students have had almost daily contact with the new program.

Why wouldn't we? Aside from

the necessity to use Blackboard to get our homework assignments and syllabi for our classes, Blackboard serves as a brilliant informational tool that attempts to keep students on an organized path.

On Blackboard, the student has access to all course information, personal information, any information concerning the clubs and organizations to which he is a member, and even a direct connection to Outlook Mail and Campus Web.

Although Blackboard is a newly-implemented program and some of the upper-class students may not have much need for it as a course requirement, its use is still encouraged as an organizational aid.

Aside from the information that Blackboard provides, it also allows you to set up a personal phone directory, a day planner, a task reminder, and even customize a homepage with a daily horoscope.

On the other hand, Blackboard isn't always a student's best friend. There will be times where you will have to print out nearly a whole book from "Course Documents" or a 20-page syllabus from one of your classes. It sometimes comes to the point that you curse the day that a program was even started that allowed professors to assign an assignment which they did not have to copy.

Sometimes it only seems to make your work load that much harder and your trips to Computing Services for ink that much more frequent.

Many people may have their reservations about the necessity of Blackboard. But if they took the time to explore the program intended to help us, exceed at Ursinus, then they would understand not only the need for such a program, but also the desire to have one as well.

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GRIZZLY GUIDE

Fashion Highlights and Disasters at the 2004 Golden Globes

Kelly Gray
Grizzly Guide Editor

Every year at this time, people cannot wait to hear who won a Golden Globe because it usually predicts who will win the Oscar. However, some people just want to see which celebrity wore Chanel or Valentino or which celebrity just looked horrible. With *Friends* and *Sex and the City* coming to an end this year, many were looking to see what the stars would be wearing this year.

Every year the stars come to the Golden Globes looking fantastic or just dreadful. This year, many of our favorite stars dressed exceptionally well and won some Golden Globes too. Sarah Jessica Parker, who is filming the last episode of *Sex and the City*, dazzled the red carpet in a custom-made knee length gown from Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel couture. With gray velvet and chiffon, she sparkled on the carpet. Another winner who impressed on the red carpet was Charlize Theron. Theron, currently starring in *Monster*, astonished the crowd in a Christian Dior gown made of chiffon. The yellow chiffon dress glistened on the carpet.

Also, some of the best dressed on the red carpet was Jennifer Aniston in Valentino, Kim Cattrall in vintage Valentino, Kristin Davis in Prada, Debra Messing in Isaac Mizhari, Uma Thurman in Versace, and Renee Zellweger in Carolina Herrera. Of course we cannot forget about the men who took their time to look great for the night. Some of the outstanding looking males of the night were Jude Law, Tom Cruise, Keanu Reeves, Bill Murray, Matt LeBlanc, and Sean Hayes.

Though we love those stars that look incredible the night of the event, there are always those celebrities who look like disasters on the red carpet. Nicole Kidman showed up in a flashy sequin dress with nude fabric. Another disappointment on the red carpet was the newly single Jennifer Lopez. Lopez bombed at the Golden Globes in a Michael Kors dress made of orange chiffon and pleated. Diane Keaton, who was won a Golden Globe for her role in *Something's Gotta Give*, exploded onto the red carpet in all white attire. Her outfit consisted of white gloves, white shoes, a white long

jacket, and white pants. The white disaster stood out amongst all of the other stars. Action star Jennifer Garner showed up on the red carpet in a Zach Posen gown. The gown was white on the top and transformed into a light purple color on the bottom that looked like a curtain.

Each year most of the male celebrities look nice and clean cut in their suits, but this year there was one male star that stood out and made a catastrophe on the red carpet. Nominated star Johnny Depp wore a brown suit with a brown hat and uncombed hair. Depp is known for dressing nicely all the time, but for this event it would have been nice to look good for his fans.

This year's Golden Globes has its surprises, but nothing surprises the audience more than what the stars wear to the show. Hopefully, the stars will dress better for this year's upcoming 2004 Oscar ceremony.

The 76th Annual Academy Awards will be held on Sunday, February 29, 2004 at 8pm on ABC. Host: Billy Crystal

BIG FISH

"Discover an adventure as big as life itself."

Monica Delaney
Grizzly Staff Writer

"Has it ever occurred to you that maybe you're not too big? Maybe this place is just too small?" Well, director Tim Burton begs of you to consider it. His past work has provided us with *Edward Scissorhands*, *Pee-wee's Big Adventure* and *Beetlejuice*. However, his imaginative film *Big Fish* is hands down the most brilliant film made in celebration of life and storytelling. Whether it's the beautiful, fulfilling visuals or the enduring, loving plot, one would be hard pressed to find an unsatisfied audience member. While the pace is slow at times, it never drags and is only unhurried because it needs to be.

The story revolves around a dying father, Edward Bloom (Albert Finney), and his son Will (Billy Crudup). Will has never fully connected to his father because of their different outlooks on storytelling. Will's wife's pregnancy has inspired him to gain more knowledge of his dad's life by putting together the stories he has heard over the years. Will ends up re-creating his father's mysterious life in a sequence of legends and myths inspired by the realities that he knows. Through these stories, the son begins to understand his father's amazing

path. "The symbolism about the big fish said so much. It was such a great picture, and I would absolutely recommend it to a film fan," said junior Aubrey Andre.

"From the previews I completely got the wrong idea of what the



movie was about, but as soon as it started until the second it ended I was completely glued to the screen. It's an amazing story about a son's search for the truth in his dad's life, and in it are these stories that just draw the audience into the movie more and more. By the end of the movie I was in full sobs but so happy I had seen the movie because it really is an experience not like any other," said an enthusiastic Jo Nash.

Rolling Stone magazine said in its review, "This marvel of a movie lives up to its buzz as an Oscar contender by finding a provocative subtext for Burton's flair for fables." Their review went on to say, "The tension inherent in this fable of a father with his head in the clouds and a son with his feet on the ground brings out a bracing maturity in Burton and gives the film its haunting gravity. As the son learns to talk to his father on the father's terms and still see him clearly, *Big Fish* takes on the transformative power of art."

The award winning cast acts tremendously throughout. The screenplay based on Daniel Wallace's novel *A Big Fish: The Novel of Mythical Proportions* helped make the acting look effortless. Along with Finney and Crudup, the sensational Ewan McGregor and the timeless Jessica Lange portray a family with tangible love. This movie will tug at your heart and urge you to believe in fairytales. You may leave crying, but you will certainly leave inspired. Go see *Big Fish* and, like the previews told you, "discover an adventure as big as life itself."

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FRIENDS

The Beginning of the End

Johanna Nash
Grizzly Staff Writer

Well ladies and gentlemen; it seems the countdown to the series finale of the hit sitcom *Friends* has officially begun. It's a sad time for fans; however a small plus for me is I now have my own column to follow up with each new and final episode! Since this is a new and temporary addition to the Grizzly, I figured I should start with an overview about what has been happening so far this season. Personally, I feel the show is going out with a bang, because this has been one of the best seasons so far.

The season opened with the cast still in Barbados attending Ross' paleontologist convention. Charlie and Joey have broken up, which opened the door for Ross to sneak on in. This further allowed the awaited kiss to occur between Rachel and Joey. Mike came to tell Phoebe he still loved her and ruins David's plans for proposing to her. Finally, Monica's dealing with her hair that just becomes frizzier with each passing day. The gang heads back to New York where Joey and Rachel decide they have to tell Ross about what's going on between them. Before they have a chance though, Ross walks in on them kissing in their apartment. The secret is out! In an attempt to act like everything is ok, Ross throws a Mexican dinner party for Joey, Rachel, and Charlie with, of course, pitchers of Margaritas which Ross manages to consume all on his own. By the end of the night, Ross is wasted, Charlie has left and Rachel and Joey agree that since Ross isn't ok with what's going on between them, they might not be able to continue dating.

Meanwhile, Chandler and Monica have started the adoption

process and get together with a family who had adopted themselves to go over all the details. Chandler manages to slip to their son that he is in fact adopted and there is also no Santa Claus. This is clearly not the best foot to start off on. In this episode, we also get to see Phoebe's brother's triplets that she gave birth to four years before.

The season has continued to turn every situation into a comical experience. For Emma's (Ross and Rachel's daughter) first birthday, Rachel insists everyone get together to celebrate, but the baby sleeps the entire time and the spe-

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cially designed cake turns out to be phallic shaped. Keeping up with the long list of celebrity cameos, Rachel's sister, played by Christina Applegate, stops by to attempt being a nanny for Emma, but when she pierces her ears, she loses the job rather quickly. In the meantime, Joey decides he wants to write a recommendation letter for the adoption agency Chandler and Monica are working with. Wanting to sound smart, he uses the thesaurus on the computer to replace all the words. Without running it by Monica and Chandler, he mails it, but it's ok because they reply by saying it was a cute idea having a "kid" write a letter for them. And one of the moments many of us have been waiting for finally occurs. Mike and Phoebe are engaged. After many mishaps and "almost-proposals" it seems as though the happy couple will be planning a wedding in the closing episodes!

Ross is up for a grant but it

figures one of the judges is Charlie's ex-boyfriend (another cameo, this time by Greg Kinnear) who says he'll only give the grant to Ross if he breaks up with Charlie. It's also time for one last Thanksgiving bash in the infamous apartment. After much hesitation, Monica agrees to make a huge dinner, but everyone shows up hours late and Joey gets his head stuck in the door. It seems they can never have a "proper" holiday; something always goes wrong.

As the season continues, Chandler and Monica meet the woman who may be carrying their baby. After much talking, she decides she wants them to be the parents of her child; Reverend Monica and Dr. Chandler. After the truth comes out, there's a brief moment of fear that they won't get the baby, but luckily Chandler saves the day and now the happy couple is awaiting their very first baby. And what goes better with a baby than a brand new house! It's almost time to say goodbye to the apartment because Monica and Chandler have found a home in West Chester they want to make an offer on.

There's no better way to wrap up this summary of the last season of *Friends* than the quote Ursinus junior Monica Delaney: "The day the season ends will be like attending a funeral for a loved one. Ten years of watching are winding down beautifully this season. I'm so sad that Monica and Chandler are moving, I feel like I've spent so much time in that apartment. And I can't wait to watch Phoebe settle down and get married. It will feel great to end knowing everyone is ok!" That's it for now. Stay tuned for more detailed and specific summaries of the up and coming final episodes!

THE THRIFTY COLLEGIAN:

Bargain-hunting on a Student Budget

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Our parents have been telling us this for years, but it is true: today's "hot" fashions are little more than recycled designs from *Vogues* past. I chuckle when my father recalls his youthful days in Levi's flares, and I roll on the ground laughing when my mother recalls the skimpy (and unflattering) tube tops of shore vacations gone by. It is not quite so funny, however, when my own wardrobe contains the same two pieces (albeit new and re-touched) some thirty years later.

Because clothing trends are so predictably circular (and keeping up with these trends requires a budget not befitting the average college student) many students have resorted to thrift shops. With \$10 in cash and a bit of detective skill, I have seen said students obtain a clean and unique outfit in very good condition, often with a matching purse and accessory.

Thrift stores carry more than clothing, however. Items such as hats, vintage purses, lace gloves, shoes, and fine jewelry can be found at many donation-based thrift shops. Depending on the size of the store, they may carry wood furniture, sofas, tables, and lamps. Wall decorations abound, and kitchen supplies are plentiful. Promotional merchandise from years past is sure to bring a smile, especially when one contemplates the absolute marketing genius of a Bob's Big Boy Kitchen Utensil Holder (*Ugh, I don't feel like cooking tonight...where's my spatula...oh, I know what I'll*

do- I'll just go to Bob's Big Boy for dinner!).

I have tried to learn as much as possible from the Thrift Store Gods and Goddesses that I have met over the years (the ones who can outfit themselves and look stylish with \$10). My favorite finds at various thrift shops over the years include illustrated oil company maps from the 1950's-1970's (now a collector's item), a knee-length vintage coat with a rabbit fur collar, and a \$3 formal dress in excellent condition that formed the basis for my devil costume this past Halloween. I have also found belts, books, toys, and knick-knacks of every sort for the home. Collectors of antiques or promotional memorabilia have been known to get lucky in a thrift shop, paying \$3 for an item that would retail in an antique shop for \$40. I wish I had a story of an "incredible find" to relate, but I'm still searching...

To enjoy "thrifting", you must enjoy the thrill of the hunt. It could take hours and several fruitless missions until you find those perfect condition Transformer dolls. Then again, children's encyclopedias with pictures appropriate for a collage project can be had very cheaply at nearly any thrift shop. In general, a full belly, a relaxed mind, and a bottle of anti-bacterial hand lotion are necessary for a successful thrifting experience. I say the lotion because to have the most productive trip you MUST touch the items. You have to move through them like a squirrel searching for nuts, moving the stacks of

books to see the bottom one and feeling your way through the sweaters to see that hidden cashmere beauty in the back. When you look carefully for nothing in particular the most interesting things seem to find you.

If the whole idea of digging through what is basically someone else's "Trash" has you appalled and disgusted, you are not alone. Thrift shops have long served the needy and cost-conscious populations, giving them a less-than-desirable reputation in our consumer-it-all culture, but even people of greater means can find enjoyment in a well-organized, high-quality thrift shop. If you have trouble wearing secondhand clothing (although I have found new clothing in thrift shops, tags still on), you might still enjoy the home goods sections of different thrift shops for the one-of-a-kind merchandise that they offer.

*Every week in the "Thrifty Collegian" I will review a different secondhand shop within driving distance of Collegeville. I will provide you with information such as business hours, type of secondhand shop (i.e. donation-based, consignment, for-profit, antiques market, flea market, etc.) types and quality of items carried, average prices, and a few of the highlights from each store in case you decide for yourself that you would like to experience first-hand the bargain-finding joy of a successful thrifting trip.

SUPER BOWL XXXVIII: A Battle Until the Bitter End

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Picture Courtesy of ESPN.com

Super Bowl XXXVIII began as everyone had anticipated.

It was a game of two defensive powerhouses going head to head with minimal scoring involved.

The Panthers maintained a dominant defensive line against the Patriots impeccable secondary team. However, going into the game, the offenses of the two teams were the complete opposite.

Tom Brady, a sixth round quarterback draft pick from Michigan is getting Hall of Fame attention with one Super Bowl ring already under his belt at the age of 26. The other a completely different story, as Panthers quarterback Jake Delhomme who two years ago was playing in the Arena Football League, began to show his confidence and stamina at the beginning of the season.

The Patriots started the game able to drive the field but unable to put points on the board.

Jake Delhomme began the game 1 for 9 passing and the Panthers offense was going nowhere.

The first big shocker came when Adam Vinatieri missed an easy 31 yard field goal on a 4th and 9 from the Panthers 13 yard line. Then the Panthers struck again, and the Patriots tried to cap a 17 play drive only to have the field goal blocked.

These were two punishing blows for the Patriots who could depend on their kicker in any type of situation; Super Bowl XXXVI should ring a bell.

It was not until five minutes and twenty seconds left in the second quarter that Tom Brady found Deion Branch for a five-yard touchdown.

The two teams set a Super Bowl record for the longest time without a score.

The next five minutes of the game would be nothing like the previous 25 minutes. On the next drive the Panthers offense struck

back. Carolina would cap an 11 play drive when Jake Delhomme fired a 39 yard touchdown pass to outstanding wide receiver Steve Smith.

At this point in the game, there was one minute and seven seconds left in the game. The Patriots quarterback took his team down the field in true Tom Brady fashion as he has done so many times before. The drive ended with Tom Brady firing another five-yard touchdown pass to David Givens.

With 18 seconds left in the game it seemed the two teams would go into halftime with the score 14 to 7 with New England in the lead.

A squib kick by the Patriots was taken by Panthers running back Stephen Davis for 12 yards to the Panthers 47 yard line. The next play, Stephen Davis busted up the middle for 21 yards, a run that could not have come at a better time for the Panthers.

Panther's kicker John Kasay came to the field and nailed a 50 yard field goal to end the half, with a score of 14-10, the question now, which team would have the momentum going into the 3rd quarter.

The third quarter began and ended as the first quarter did, with a 0-0 score.

The Patriots would be the team to first strike in the 2nd half when Antowain Smith ran for a two-yard touchdown.

The Panthers would immediately answer back with the flashy and colorful running back Deshaun Foster who somehow scrambled for a 33 yard score and a diving touchdown.

The Panthers decided to go for the two point conversion but came up short. The score at this time was 21-16 in favor of the Patriots.

In the following drive, the Patriots were unable to convert and had to give the Panthers the ball back.

With about seven and a half minutes left in the game, Jake Delhomme threw two incomplete passes in a row. The very next play he found Muhsin Muhammad on a streak down the left sideline.

The Patriots secondary broke down on the play, something that was a rare occurrence this season. Muhammad snatched the ball and scored on a record setting 85 yard bomb, the longest in Super Bowl history.

The next 12 play drive ended with Tom Brady hitting Mike Vrabel for a one-yard touchdown. The Patriots proceeded to go for a fancy two point conversion that was successful. The Score at this point in the game was 28 to 22 Patriots.

With two minutes and fifty-one seconds left in Super Bowl

XXXVIII, Delhomme came onto the field determined to drive the Panthers down the field for the Super Bowl winning touchdown, something every quarterback dreams of.

The first play was an 18 yard penalty against Carolina and the Panthers offense found 81 yards of green turf ahead of them for a victory.

After a few completed passes and a 31 yard bomb to Ricky Proehl, a touchdown seemed within reach.

With about a minute and half remaining Delhomme found Proehl again for a 12 yard score. The extra point was good and the Panthers found themselves up 29-28 with a minute eight left to play.

The next kickoff I feel by John Kasay was the biggest mistake a Panther made all game. The ball sailed out of bounds and Panther fans watched in disbelief as they knew Tom Brady was going to have only one minute to drive down the field from their own 60 yard line.

All Brady had to do was get them into field goal range.

With everyone focused on this last drive to win the game Brady took the field with poise and confidence. Brady marched his team down the field hitting three different receivers and found themselves in a 1st and 10 on the Panthers 23 yard line with nine seconds left in the game.

Adam Vinatieri walked onto the field as he did two years earlier when he kicked the game winning field goal in the Super Bowl to beat the Rams. Would the Panthers suffer the same fate?

The ball was snapped, it was a good snap and a good hold, and Vinatieri split the uprights.

For the Patriots fans it was a sweet déjà vu, and for Panther fans it was utter disbelief. The Patriots were world champions for the second time in 3 years.

Delhomme ended up 16-33 with three TD's and 323 yards passing. Brady threw for 364 yards and also threw three touchdowns.

This was the first time in Bowl history that both quarterbacks threw for three TD's.

Perhaps the most surprising part of this game was not the battle of the quarterbacks, rather the impressive job the New England Patriots offensive line did against the powerful defensive line of the Panthers. Pro Bowlers Mike Rucker and Kris Jenkins barely breathed on Tom Brady and Julius Peppers was nowhere to be found.

The game will go down as one of the best and most surprising Super Bowl games in history.

Men's Lacrosse: 2004 Season Outlook

Glenn Carter
Men's Lacrosse Coach

The 2003 Ursinus Bears had an impressive inaugural season posting a record of 6-8. Many programs would be happy with a couple wins in their first season, but not the Bears. The Bears went undefeated out of conference and came up a little short in close battles with conference foes Muhlenberg (9-8 overtime), Swarthmore (4-2) and Haverford (13-7). The only lopsided defeats came against all nationally ranked programs.

In 2004, the Bears are looking to gain national attention. In addition to playing in the toughest conference in all of Division III, the Bears have added #5 nationally ranked Whittier College, ECAC South Region Champs Villa Julie, and Commonwealth Coast Champs Gordon College.

The Bears are still very young sporting only one senior and three juniors. The Bears captain Dan McGovern is the only senior in the bunch and he will be relied on heavily for leadership. "Dan McGovern is one of the best leaders I have ever had the joy of being around," states Coach Carter. "He takes his duties as captain very seriously, we would not be this far ahead in only our second year without him." However, Coach Carter doesn't feel that McGovern will be alone when it comes to team leadership. "We have three mature juniors and some exceptional sophomores that learned valuable lessons in their first year of Centennial Conference action."

Depth will be a major help for the Bears in '04. The Bears went from no depth in 2003 to a deep bench for 2004. This has allowed Coach Carter to move sophomore and leading scorer Nick Shriver (24g, 24a) back to his natural position at midfield where he will wreak havoc on the opponent's defensive midfielders.

Joining Shriver in the midfield will be junior Terry Reilly (16,10) who exploded for five goals and

two assists in the Bears season finale.

Junior Lefty James Lawson (18,10) is the fastest player on the team and possesses a rocket shot.

Sophomore Eduardo Ramos (16,8) is a big strong midday that can play at both ends. Sophomore Jay Hobson (12,5) has the ability to be a major contributor if he adds more consistency to his game.

Captain Pete Shoemaker will handle the majority of face offs.

Upperclassmen John Cooper, Brian Guiliani will also vie for time.

The Bears have some outstanding freshmen midfielders that will be asked to make immediate contributions.

Gavin Goane and Matt Davis will most likely be on one of the first two midfield lines, while John Cooper and Kyle Leppert showed in the fall that they can't be kept on the sideline.

Seth Bakes and Tim Killeen demonstrated excellent defensive midday skills in the fall and will serve in that role this season.

Sean Tillman, Eric Fitch, Ryan Studdert ran together in the fall and should make some noise with experience. Ursinus soccer player Dave Kiefer along with "T" Johnson, and Damien Canosa have the ability to vie for plenty of playing time also.

The attack will be led by sophomore Carlo Fusco (25g, 9a in 12 games). Fusco looks to explode this year and garner national attention.

"Fusco has the ability and work ethic to be one of the best in all of division 3" states Coach Carter.

Fusco will be helped with the addition of two outstanding freshmen, Mike Stein and Anthony Tori. Stein will play crease attack.

Stein is quick with excellent hand eye co-ordination. His small stature allows him to hide and pop open for excellent looks at the cage.

Rounding out the starting attack will be big lefty Anthony Tori. Tori is deceptively quick for a 200 pounder and is probably the best feeder on the team.

"This kid loves to set up his teammates for scoring opportunities, but can also take it to the cage himself and finish," says Coach Carter.

When this young attack unit gets going they will be extremely tough on opposing defenses. Nick Shriver and Sean Tillman will fill in on attack when necessary.

The defense will be led by senior captain Dan McGovern.

Joining McGovern will be 2003 defensive MVP Joey Bauer. Bauer is probably the Bears best "D" man. He has the ability to throw checks on the move without losing position.

Rounding out the starting unit will be T.J. Mann.

T.J. has the ability to be one of the conference top defensemen once he adds consistency on and off the field. Owen Weaver a converted midfielder will be the fourth defenseman.

At the long stick midfield position freshman Andrew Pepin and sophomore Mike DeLaurentis will handle these duties.

Pepin is a fast ground ball machine while DeLaurentis brings experience and a good understanding of all of the defenses.

Freshmen Blaine McEvoy and Jon Pometto will also challenge for time.

Three freshmen have been battling it out for the starting job between the pipes. Austin Wisner, Joe Wasserkrug and Matt Orlando all have very similar abilities, but Orlando has the edge going into the preseason.

"I have confidence in all of these goalies, however Matt possesses the most athleticism and has done the best job communicating to the defense," says Carter.

UC SPORTS SCHEDULE

2/05/04 - 2/11/04

Thursday, February 5th

Women's Basketball at Albright, 7:00pm

Saturday, February 7th

Men's Basketball vs F&M, 1:00pm

Women's Basketball vs F&M, 3:00pm

Swimming vs Bryn Mawr (women only), 12:00pm

Track - Frank Colden Invitational (Ursinus)

Sunday, February 8th

Gymnastics at Penn with Temple, 1:00pm

Tuesday, February 10th

Women's Basketball vs Bryn Mawr, 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 11th

Men's Basketball vs Gettysburg, 7:30pm

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