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Ursinus College Commencement Only One Month Away

Special to Grizzly

COLLEGEVILLE, Pa. - Ursinus College commencement ceremonies will be Saturday, May 15, at 10 a.m. The commencement speaker will be Peter Gomes, the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Harvard University.

The baccalaureate service will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, May 14 in Bomberger Hall. An address will be given by Rabbi David M. Ackerman, who has been the spiritual leader of Tiferet Bet Israel Synagogue in Blue Bell, PA since 1992.

Both Ackerman and Gomes will receive honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees conferred by Ursinus College President John Strassburger. No tickets are required for the outdoor, tented ceremony.

Ursinus will graduate approxi-

mately 333 students earning bachelor's of science and bachelor's of arts degrees, as well as 40 students from the Center for Continuous Learning. Valedictorians will be Ryan A. McLeod of Kennett Square, Pa., and Katherine Ellsmore Northrup of Parkersburg, W. Va. Salutatorians will be Quinn Carolyn Dinsmore of Elizabethtown, Pa., and Jacqueline Anne Carrick of Haddonfield, N.J.

Rev. Gomes is a graduate of Bates College and Harvard Divinity School and he holds honorary degrees from 14 colleges and universities including Wooster, Trinity, Knox, Colby, Duke, Hebrew Union College and the University of the South. He is an Honorary Fellow of Emmanuel College, the University of Cambridge, England and was named Clergy of the Year in 1998 by *Religion in American*

Life. He is the author of best-selling books, *The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Heart and Mind* and *Biblical Wisdom for Daily Living*. He serves as a trustee of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, The Roxbury Latin School, and of Bates College.

Rabbi Ackerman is a graduate of Princeton University and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York. He has taught classes in ethics, Jewish law and Jewish Studies at the Women's League Institute, Hadassah retreats and communal leadership conferences. His articles have appeared in *Conservative Judaism*, *Proceedings of the Eleventh World Congress of Jewish Studies* and *The Proceedings of the Rabbinical Assembly* (1993). He serves on the Chancellor's Rabbinical Cabinet of Jewish Theological Seminary

and is a member of the board of Camp Ramah in the Poconos and the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

Also receiving honorary degrees from Ursinus College will be:

Joseph Cropsey, who holds an A.B., M.A., and Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University. He taught at City College of New York, New School for Social Research, Harvard University and University of Chicago where he is currently the Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus. He is the author of numerous articles and books. He will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters.

Bernard Poussot, an executive vice president of Wyeth and President of Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. Prior to joining Wyeth in 1986, he was director of marketing worldwide for Seale in Chicago. He began his career with Laboratoires

Merck Sharp & Dohme in Paris. He graduated from the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce in Paris and fulfilled his civil servant obligation as Secretary General to the Governor of Casablanca-Morocco in charge of Economic Affairs. He serves on the boards of the World Affairs Council, the Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, the Opera Company of Philadelphia and the French American Chamber of Commerce. He will receive a Doctor of Science.

Salome Thomas-El, who was born and raised in Philadelphia and has been a teacher in the Philadelphia School District since 1987. He received international recognition as the innovative teacher who coached a team of students from the Vaux Middle School to become eight-time national chess champions. He studied in Cambridge and London, England and is

currently a doctoral candidate at Lehigh University. He received the "Making a Difference" Award from KYW-CBS Television and the Marcus A. Foster Award as the outstanding School District Administrator in Philadelphia. He was named "A Future Black History Maker" by the Philadelphia Daily News and received the University of Pennsylvania's distinguished "Martin Luther King Award." He is the author of *I Choose to Stay*. He will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters.

Ursinus College is a highly selective, independent coeducational liberal arts college located on a scenic, wooded 168-acre campus, 28 miles from Center City Philadelphia. The college is one of only 8 percent of U.S. Colleges to possess a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Its web site is located at www.ursinus.edu.

Meet This Year's Valedictorians

Noelle Bolletino
Features Co-Editor

At commencement on May 15, Ursinus College will graduate 333 seniors. Only two among them will be this year's valedictorians.

The two being recognized for their outstanding accomplishments, hard work ethic, and contributions to the Ursinus community are Ryan A. McLeod of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, and Katherine Ellsmore Northrup of Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Ryan, a Latin and English double major, and Katherine or "Kelly," a mathematics and classics double major, have both managed to come away from Ursinus with an impressive 4.0 GPA. Not only are their GPAs impressive but they also contributed to the Ursinus community through various organizations, committees, and campus jobs.

Ryan is a member of numerous organizations. He partakes in Phi Beta Kappa, Club and Key society, Phi Sigma Iota (Language honors) and Sigma Tau Delta (English honors) to name a few. He has also held prestigious on-campus jobs such as Resident Advisor for Residence Life, a tour guide for the admissions office, and a tutor in the Classics department.

Kelly has also been a tour guide and she was a part of the America Reads program as a volunteer tutor.

Throughout the last four years at Ursinus, Kelly and Ryan feel they have had met both rewarding accomplishments and difficult challenges.

Ryan feels that he has met his most difficult challenge in being a member of the Residence Life

Team. He also feels that this has been the most rewarding. He states, "I think there are a lot of misconceptions about the program on campus, and trying to correct them has been a great challenge.

At the same time, however doing so—reaching residents through engaging programs—has rewarded all of my efforts."

Kelly explains that Ursinus has challenged her to grow as a person and to accept other people's opinions while engaging in scholarly debate. In the same respect, she feels that her most rewarding accomplishment was winning the St. Andrews Society Scholarship to study abroad in Scotland. She states, "I grew so much as a person during that year, and I am very proud and pleased to have had the opportunity to do this."

Behind every great Valedictorian there is a person or people who has helped them along the way and has acted behind the scenes to help them stride to meet their goals. For Ryan and Kelly they both felt that Professor Wickersham helped them a considerable amount along their way.

Ryan explains that Professor Wickersham has had a great deal of influence on him, and his stunning knowledge and robust sense of humor made his four years at Ursinus particularly enjoyable.

Likewise, Kelly regards Wickersham as the reason why she studied Classics at Ursinus and feels that he has made the ancient world come alive for her. She also adds that Dr. Jessup, Dr. Berman, and Dr. Neslen have taken tremendous interest in shaping her

mind and character.

So what can we expect of these two next? Where do they go from Ursinus? Kelly feels that though initially she wanted to become a pediatrician, she now feels that she will follow up with a master's degree in the Classics with a teaching certificate and eventually become a teacher.

With a new affirmed passion for the law, Ryan will be attending Duke University's School of Law in the fall. Though the two are both headed in different directions it is evident that they are heading down a clear path for which Ursinus has paved the way.

As the two leave Ursinus this May, they feel that they can offer some advice to those underclassmen that wish to stride for excellence. Kelly advises, "Figure out what it is you love and study that, regardless of how useful it seems in the real world. There will always be jobs for smart, well-educated people who are willing to work hard." Ryan felt similarly. He says, "Everyone is entirely capable of succeeding here. While it is true some people learn and do work more quickly, anyone who is willing to devote the requisite time can excel."

On a final note, both Kelly and Ryan feel what they will miss most about Ursinus is the friendships they've made with faculty and peers. They feel they will take those relationships with them wherever they go. Kelly and Ryan are with out a doubt two of Ursinus' finest.

Taking Our Place Campaign

Monica Delaney
Grizzly Staff Writer

"I go past the new building everyday, and I just get so excited," said Sally Widman, a faculty member here at Ursinus.

As we all know, she is talking about the new Performing Arts Center being constructed between Reimert and the Floy Lewis Bakes Fieldhouse. This new building is a part of the *Taking Our Place: The Campaign for Ursinus*, which involves a huge push for the arts at our school.

According to the most recent news sent to alumni, the progress on *Taking Our Place: the Campaign for Ursinus* continues with \$65,114,763 in gifts and pledges toward the \$115,000,000 goal. Alumni, trustees, parents, and friends of the College have given nearly \$2,000,000 each month since the October 2003 Campaign kickoff.

The first capital priority in the Campaign is to meet The Kresge Foundation's Challenge Grant goal of raising all the funds needed for the new \$25,300,000 Performing Arts Center by July 1, 2004. When the College succeeds, The Kresge Foundation will pay its \$1,000,000 grant toward the Performing Arts Center project.

Thus far, \$23,800,000 has been raised, leaving a balance of \$1.5 million to be committed in the coming weeks. Gifts of all sizes can be counted toward the Kresge Challenge and pledges may be paid over a period of up to five years.

What do the current students think about all of this money going toward the arts at our school? The overwhelming majority see it as not only a necessity, but a long-

overdue, amazing advancement.

Senior John Ciccetti said, "Arts are growing, people are changing. I think it's a good idea for Ursinus, being a liberal arts school. We need to support the arts, and therefore an increase in funding seems to be a natural step."

Junior Heather Kaczor agreed, "I think it's a fantastic idea because we need to expand as much as possible to continue being among the best in our league of schools." Yet, not everyone is so enthusiastic about this change. Senior Jamie Ruhling said, "I think that it is a shame this money and push is going towards something so new, whereas old solid majors that bring a lot of students to this school are being totally ignored."

Yet, one solid major, Communication Studies and Theatre, is being separated. Now, for people pursuing a communication focused major will graduate with a degree in Media Studies and Communications.

Also, the school has added two new majors for people in performing arts: Theater and Dance. Plenty of current communications majors have opinions on this.

Senior Brian Grzymkowski said, "Even though I'm graduating, I know having the new performing arts center and pushing for a stronger arts program will make it so communications and theatre studies can be separated which will probably strengthen both majors in the future."

Even the Biology majors feel impacted by this. Sophomore Debbie Jensen added, "I think the arts funding push is perfectly fine

because Ritter is in really bad shape. We science majors have Pfhler, which is beautiful. Thomas could use renovations, but overall I am glad that the arts are getting the attention they deserve."

Speaking of Ritter, Sally Widman ever-so-wittily commented, "Consider Ritter Off-Broadway, and the new performing arts center Broadway!"

According to College Communications, "The 55,000-square-foot building will include spaces for an academic program in theater arts, as well as two theaters: a larger, 350-seat proscenium theater and a studio workshop theater with a flexible stage and moveable seating. Additionally, the Performing Arts Center will house a large rehearsal studio, wardrobe workroom, scene shop and storage area."

Lauren Segal might speak for many students in saying, "It's nice to see this school pushing for students to be involved in something other than the sciences. Ursinus has a lot to offer all students, not just those who want to be bio majors."

Senior Brian Harrington agreed, "I think it is a great idea. It broadens a student liberal arts experience here at Ursinus. It gives the students more of an opportunity to expand their studies."

The overwhelming majority of students here are thrilled to see the changes taking place now, not only for what it does to them, but what it does to Ursinus College's future.

Silence Makes a Statement

Marlena McMahon-Purk

Grizzly Copy Editor

On Tuesday April 20, there will be sign-up sheets across from the tables inside Wismer for those who intend to join the GSA and its associates in the Day of Silence, which is on Wednesday, April 21. On that day, all participants will be silent from 8am until 5pm, and will be provided with stickers and fabric that read, "Day of Silence." In addition, several shirts will be made displaying themes surrounding the Day of Silence as well.

Be part of the first year of the Day of Silence at Ursinus College. On April 21, 2004. Participate in this altruistic event and become part of the college's history by helping to conserve freedom of speech. Say a lot by saying nothing—protect those who need your help. Ensure that no more names are added to the list of those who were victimized due to their sexual orientation.

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Hyped About Housing

Bart Brooks
Grizzly Staff Writer

Another semester begins to draw to a close, marking another season of students worrying whether or not they will get the room they want, with the roommate they want.

After the long chore of waiting in line and drawing a number in the room lottery, the anticipation of selecting that perfect room—and that endless waiting—begins again in earnest.

The worry and stress of students being able to live where they want often takes precedence over classes and work and such. Squatters are lucky. At least all they have to do is fill out a form and relax until the next semester begins.

Which begs the question—why do squatters even have to participate in the room lottery in the first place? They gobble up decent numbers that they don't need, and I'm sure some of them would like to avoid the whole process of drawing a number because of the nuisance that is the waiting.

Once it comes time to select rooms, it's easy for those who have good numbers. It's even better for their roommates. But for the unlucky duo who pick horrible numbers like 291 and 367, then it's a bit unfortunate. It wouldn't be so bad if some of the houses weren't in such a severe state of disrepair, or so far removed from campus it's ridiculous.

Generally, though, the room selection process isn't that bad. It's an easy way of picking rooms, and it could be worse. It's based on seniority and the luck of the

draw, and the housing coordinator is usually pretty accommodating to those who have special situations or to those who want to live with others.

The room lottery is usually a relatively painless affair, and despite the few drawbacks, it is a fair and efficient system of situating students in locations where they want to live. Although it doesn't always work out in the sense that everyone gets to live exactly where they want to, they have a decent shot of getting to live at a place that works out for them.

However, having said that, the major problem that arose last year is a cause for concern. Simply put—there wasn't enough room for everyone on campus. For an institution that guarantees 4 years on-campus residency, they could have ensured a better method of getting students to live on certain places. Instead, they had to convert several lounges into rooms, and in other cases, students did not know until the middle of last summer where they were being placed.

The uncertainty factor needs to be cut down, and there needs to be more room for students. At the same time, we shouldn't have to worry if we're going to be packed like sardines in places.

All in all, the housing situation, while stressful, usually goes fairly well for most. There are a few issues that need to be resolved, such as lack of housing and squatters actually drawing numbers, but on the whole, the system isn't difficult.

OPINIONS

Make a Statement with Silence

Marlena M. McMahon-Purk
Special to *The Grizzly*

Billy Jack Gaither, JR Warren, Matthew Shepard—these are only a few of the names of those who have been brutally killed simply because of their sexual orientation.

Because some misinformed souls took it upon themselves to judge others for their choice of lifestyle, murderers made victims out of the innocent.

Sadly, in a country that claims to be the "land of the free," these events continue to occur because there has not been enough standing against such instances.

In the United States, where freedom of speech is a right, it is imperative that all citizens take the initiative in maintaining this right for everyone—including LGBT (Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgendered) people. There is no reason that anyone should have to remain silent about the choices they've made. Every action possible needs to be taken to make sure that a member of an increasingly oppressed minority has a voice that can be heard.

The Day of Silence was founded

on the University of Virginia campus in 1996 to empower LGBT people using the silence that oppresses them.

According to www.dayofsilence.org, a website sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) and the United States Student Association (USSA), the Day of Silence "is a student-led day of action where those who support making anti-LGBT bias unacceptable in school take a day-long vow of silence to recognize and protest the discrimination and harassment—in effect, the silencing—experienced by LGBT students and their allies."

Thousands of students across the country—from high schools to colleges—have participated in this groundbreaking event for the past few years and the numbers only continue to grow.

The Day of Silence, which falls on Wednesday, April 21st, this year, persists in making people more aware of the inequality that LGBT people face and attempting to promote tolerance and acceptance.

This is a day about the elimination of discrimination, from side comments such as, "That's gay" to outright brutality against LGBT's.

What is Ursinus College doing to promote the Day of Silence? For the first year the college will be active in this project, the GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) has organized a committee to gain interest in and express the importance of this day of benevolence.

On Tuesday, the 20th of April, there will be sign-up sheets across from the tables inside Wismer for those who intend to join the GSA and its associates in the Day of Silence.

This coming Wednesday, April 21st, all participants will be silent from 8am until 5pm, and will be provided with stickers and fabric that read, "Day of Silence." In addition, several shirts will be made displaying themes surrounding the Day of Silence as well.

The charmingly-named "Love Statue" will be covered at the start of the day and will be uncovered at its close, during what is known as the "Breaking of the Silence," a

symbolic demonstration in which students show that LGBT people are no longer obligated to silence. Following the unveiling of the "Love Statue," all active students will migrate to the courtyard outside of Wismer and shout a phrase of protest against past discrimination and hostility against LGBT people.

Be a part of the first year of the Day of Silence at Ursinus College. On April 21st, 2004, show the Ursinus community that you care about equal rights for all. Participate in this event for humanity and become part of the college's history by helping to conserve freedom of speech. Say a lot by saying nothing—protect those who need your help. Ensure that no more names are added to the list of those who were victimized due to their sexual orientation.

For more information about this landmark event, e-mail Amy Hollaman or Dana Roach at amhollaman@ursinus.edu or daroach@ursinus.edu.

Class of 2004 Campaigns Hard!

Fallon Szarko
Special to *The Grizzly*

It's been four years of good times, great memories, friends who have changed our lives, and professors who have provided us with a foundation of tools and knowledge that will remain with us as the next steps of life begin. Ursinus has given us an experience we will never forget. Wouldn't you like the opportunity to give back to the college that has given you so much?

That opportunity is here! Through the Senior Class Gift Drive, members of the Class of 2004 have the chance to give back to Ursinus. The Senior Class Gift Drive will take place from April 19 to April 30. Members of our class will be around with pledge cards and also in front of Wismer.

Every senior who makes at least a \$20.04 pledge will be entered into a drawing to win prizes donated by local businesses. Community sponsors include: *Body Serene, Justin's Carriage House, Moody Monkey, Whitby Jewelers, Limerick Bowl, Bravo Pizza, Schuylkill Valley Sports, Clemens Market, Sonny's Cleaner, A Kneaded Touch, ColorBright, Walmart, Lou's*

Too, Sly Fox, Hess Gas Station, Hollywood Tans, Cissy's 4th Ave. Salon, Trappe Beer and Soda, Red Bull North America, Target, Lakeside Inn, Philadelphia Rock Gym, Tokyo Japanese Restaurant, Chili's Grill and Bar, Max & Erma's, LaFontana Ristorante & Lounge, Renae Charles Photography, Limerick Diner, The Pizza Stop, Sid's, Trappe Tavern, and 4 VIP seats to Commencement from the Alumni Office.

Last year, the Class of 2003 donated \$4,537 and they had a 42% participation rate. This year we are hoping to raise \$5,000 and have a 75% participation rate. Participation matters more than the amount that is given. Gifts to the Ursinus Fund increase the value and reputation of the Ursinus diplomas we will soon have on our walls. Every gift also counts toward *Taking Our Place: The Campaign for Ursinus*.

Gifts from alumni before us helped to make our Ursinus experience what it was. This year, each student's tuition was over \$8,000 lower because of the Ursinus Fund. Gifts to the Ursinus

Fund may also be specified to a specific group. For example you can make your pledge to: Bruins Club for sports, Friends of Music, Scholarship funds, ex: the Joey deLaurentis Memorial Fund, Friends of the Berman Museum, Friends of the Myrin Library.

If you would prefer, you can make your pledge to the area of *greatest need*, which is the Ursinus Fund. It is important to remember that you do not have to complete your pledge until **June 30, 2005**. More than the amount you give, it is the participation of our class that really matters!

The Alumni and Development Offices will be co-hosting a Senior Welcome at the Berman Museum of Art to celebrate the end of the Senior Class Gift Drive. The Senior Welcome will be held on Friday, April 30 from 5:30-7pm. This is where the drawing will take place for the prizes listed above. You must be present to win the raffle, so be sure to mark your calendar! Also, at the Senior Welcome, the Class of 2004 will present President Strassburger with a check for the amount raised during the Senior Class Gift Drive.

Class of 2004, let's take this opportunity to make our mark on Ursinus before saying goodbye. This is a way we can thank Ursinus for all of our memories. Please consider showing your appreciation through a pledge to the 2004 Senior Class Gift Drive.

If you have any questions, contact the Development office at x3588 or e-mail Kate Forberger at kforberger@ursinus.edu. You can also talk to the members of the Steering Committee, which include: John Cicchetti, Nikki Masi, Kristin Servent, Seth Ratajski, Travis Roop, Nina Simoncavage, Fallon Szarko, Jessica Holt, and Joe Calhoun. Seniors who have volunteered as campaigners are: Adams Berzins, Arrie Callahan, Clarissa Crain, Kelly Gray, Brian Grzymkowski, Andrew Holloway, Brad Laskowski, Katie McLaughlin, Julie Micklos, Meghan Rooney, Jenna-Lyn Ryckebusch, Brian Donnelly, and Andrew Spano. Thank you in advance for your support!

Higher Gas Prices = Economical Cars

J.D. Roadster
Grizzly Staff Writer

If you look around lately, you'll notice something—gas prices are up.

Way up. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be any relief in the near future. With summer quickly approaching, and along with the fair weather yet to come, there is sure to be another price hike to accommodate all the driving. But seeing prices like these can easily dissuade consumers and get you irritated enough to break out your Huff 10-speed and dust it off. So what should you do?

The first answer to this situation is to realize that, surprisingly, others have it much worse than you. For the week of April 5, 2004 the Weekly Petroleum Status Report stated that the average price per

gallon of gas in the US was \$1.96. This figure is a little high for what you've seen around here, but keep in mind that this is an average for the country.

For the purpose of this example, let's assume you drive a 2004 Ford Explorer V6, an average sports-utility vehicle. This SUV gets 15 mpg in the city, 21 on the highway and has a total tank capacity of 22.5 gal. After a little number crunching, you could hope for the best mileage total of 472.5 miles per tank of gas. The cost would be about \$44.10 for an entire tank.

That doesn't sound ideal in a perfect world, but here is the good news: the average price per gallon of gasoline in the U.K. is \$5.34 (in US dollars). That \$44 seems a lot cheaper now, does it? The UK

isn't alone; the rest of Europe is just as bad with an entire range of prices. Belgian gas is rather "cheap" these days with \$4.71 per gallon while the Netherlands is more expensive with \$5.58 per gallon.

Now, let's change the example around so you are still driving that Ford Explorer—but in the UK. Your needle is bouncing on "E" and you decide to fill up. Expect to see a charge of \$120.15 on your next credit card bill. Now, that \$44 is looking *really* good, right?

If you're still upset about the gas prices here, and you couldn't care less what it costs elsewhere there is a solution for you: In terms of exceptional gas mileage, my recommendation would be to purchase a new Toyota Prius. Its certainly

not one of the fastest rides you'll come across at 76 horsepower but it'll save you a ton on gas.

The mileage estimate for the Prius is 60 mpg in the city and 51 mpg on the highway. When you do some of the number crunching, driving the Explorer will cost you \$1,633.33 (based on an average 15,000 mile year) and the Prius will cost you \$534.54. That means you'll save over \$1,000 per year while driving the Prius.

If you're still confused by all these numbers and you're still confused, check out <http://www.toyota.com>, select the Prius and then click on the "Fuel Savings Calculator" and you can figure it out for yourself.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: *Houghton Kane*

Tia Larese
Features Editor

During his Spring Break from the Ursinus in Madrid program, Politics Professor Houghton Kane and his son decided to go to Granada. Twenty-four hours after their train departed Madrid, terrorists attacked the train station that they left from, killing over 190 people. While no one from the program was injured nor in Madrid at the time of the attacks, the attacks left a lasting impression on the Spanish city and the Ursinus students and faculty studying there. Kane commented that he was impressed "with the Madrid citizens and their courage and determination." He was in the similar mind-frame of one student who said in a recent paper, "I feel honored to be

a resident of Madrid for these three months."

However, this was not the first time Kane has showed his respect and passion for the Spanish culture. In 2000, he helped run the Ursinus in Seville program. Seville is one of his favorite cities. In the past, he has also studied in Mexico and learned Spanish with Cuban refugees in the 1960's.

On campus, he has also incorporated his love of Spanish into his other activities. As the advisor to the Leadership Studies Program, an organization that helps students to enhance their leadership abilities, he encourages students to lead and get involved in different service opportunities. Last year he took a group of students from the Leadership Studies Program

to volunteer in Cuba. Junior Casey McCullough, a leadership scholar who went on the trip, said "I'm glad I went to Cuba because it was an experience that not a lot of Americans have. I feel like I've become a little more cultured and a little more aware of who I am and how the world works because Houghton has afforded us these opportunities." Kane considers Cuba to be his favorite country (after the United States), because of his friends that live there, but also "Cuba's history, beauty and food."

Spanish aside, Houghton has made an immense impact on the Ursinus Campus. Junior Michelle Stranen, the Leadership Intern, said, "I believe that Houghton is truly dedicated to the achievements

of his students. He always has an open door policy. He is full of knowledge yet at the same time sincere and personable."

Kane's interest in politics and leadership began after watching Martin Luther King Jr. and President Kennedy. He graduated Houghton College in 1967 with a degree in history and then attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his Master's in politics. His interest in law developed soon after when he met law school graduates while serving in the army. "I admired the way they analyzed and organized arguments and wanted to learn to do the same." While going to law school at Temple, he decided to earn some extra money through teaching... at Ursinus. He fell in love with it

and decided to teach full-time. It gives him a "rush" to help students achieve their goals and he enjoys the people and the quality of the school.

With his background in law, Houghton became the advisor to the Pre-Legal Society. Pre-legal intern Heather Leshar said, "I've worked with Dr. Kane on organizing and promoting activities and have always found him to be generous with his time and energy, open to new ideas, and always willing to help students achieve their academic and personal goals."

When he's not at Ursinus he is normally spending time with family and friends (in the US and abroad), reading, playing the trombone, or portraying the Apostle Paul in different dramatic settings.

Religion has been an important influence on his life. He believes that "asking Jesus Christ to take charge of [his] life" has made all the difference. In addition, other major influences have been his family, as well as Alfredo and Olivia Massip, who introduced him to his love of Spanish.

While Kane may prefer to be traveling between Philadelphia, Seville, and Cuba enjoying the food and the people, the Ursinus community finds him to be a necessary figure assisting in student achievement and leadership. Whether as a professor, advisor, or mentor, he has led students into realizing their potential. Meanwhile, he simply considers himself as thankful, happy, and hopeful.

Chess Club Results

On Friday, April 2, 2004, the Myrin Library hosted the Ursinus College Chess Tournament. Frank Romascavage, president of the Chess club, directed the tournament. John Hanford finished first, with a score of 5 wins, winning a \$100 cash prize. Hanford was also elected to hold the seat of president of the club next year.

Joshua Frear, James Duffy, and Christopher Fratz tied for second with four wins each, splitting the \$50 second prize. Brian Hesselbach, Louis DeMark, Kate Blanchard, Tommy Richter, and James Foehrenbach tied for third with 3 wins each, splitting the \$25 third prize. Nick Dobkowski and Sam Wisniewski split the \$10 fourth prize. A total of \$185 in cash prizes was awarded to the winners.

Other participants included Brian Kennedy, Nathan Wagner, David Hamalian, Casey McCullough, Colin McDermott, Adam Slavin, Thomas Dixon, Jason Comcowich, and Alexis Witt.

This year's event continues a one-hundred year-old tradition of Chess tournaments at Ursinus College. Mr. Jamison, director of the Myrin Library, said that the library was happy to host the event and will gladly do so again in the future. For more information on the Chess club, e-mail chessclub@ursinus.edu.

GRIZZLY GUIDE: *Friends Funniest Episodes.*

Kelly Gray
Grizzly Guide Writer

As the television season draws to a close, unfortunately that means one of the best shows ever to air will come to an end. Over the past ten years, six different friends entered the lives of audiences and enriched them with laughter, joy, and fun. Each week, an audience over twenty million tune in to figure out what is going to happen to Rachel, Monica, Phoebe, Joey, Chandler, and Ross. The amazing acting by Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matt Le Blanc, Matthew Perry, and David Schwimmer has produced one of the greatest television shows of all time.

Throughout the past ten years, some of the best episodes of television were aired. Though many episodes are sentimental and make us cry, the best episodes are the funny ones. With

the help of some of the biggest fans of the show, a list of the funniest episode ends up at the chapel that Monica and Chandler go to.

7. The One With The Rumor-Season 7

In this episode, Brad Pitt guest stars as one of Monica's friends from high school. For this Thanksgiving episode, Rachel hits on Brad Pitt's character, not knowing that he went to high school with her. How does this mean turn out?

6. The One With The Unagi-Season 6

In this episode, Rachel and Phoebe start to take self defense classes and Ross wants to help them obtain unagi, which means sushi. Joey is in desperate need of money and goes around looking studies to do. This one study that pays great money requires identical twins. What does Joey do to participate in the study?

5. The One With Chandler In A Box-Season 4

In this episode, Chandler is trying to get Joey to forgive him for kissing his girlfriend. In order for Joey to forgive Chandler for his actions, he comes up with the idea for Chandler to sit in a box during Thanksgiving dinner. Monica invites Richard's son to dinner because he helped her with her eye. What happens to Monica's eye patch and Chandler in a box?

4. The One With The Jellyfish-Season 3

In this episode, the friends spend their last day at the beach. Ross and Rachel try to reconnect with their relationship. Rachel writes Ross an 18 page letter front and back about their relationship. Also, while sun tanning on the beach Monica gets stung by a jellyfish. How does Joey and Chandler help Monica out?

3. The One Where Everybody Finds Out-Season 5

In this episode, while Ross looks at ugly naked guy's apartment, Phoebe sees Monica and Chan-

dler making out through the window. Because Monica and Chandler won't tell their friends about their relationship, Phoebe and Rachel decide to play a game with them. Phoebe starts hitting on Chandler and tells him that she wants to have sex with him. What will happen and who will find out about Monica and Chandler?

2. The One When No One Is Ready-Season 3

In this episode, Ross has a banquet he has to attend and all of the friends are coming. When he gets to Monica and Rachel's apartment, no one is ready. Phoebe finally shows up ready, but gets humiliated on her dress. Joey and Chandler fight over the chair. Monica freaks out about a message from Richard because she does not know if its new or old. Rachel ends up updating her correspondents. Does everyone get ready eventually?

1. The One With Phoebe's Embryos-Season 4

Who's Who at Ursinus

Thirty-nine students from Ursinus College will be included in the 2004 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." These students were selected as national outstanding campus leaders, based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. The 2004 nominees join an elite group of students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations. The annual directory has honored students since it was first published in 1934.

Christina Abreu
Nadelle Ball
Mary Bechtel
Ryan Bown
Stephanie Bradberry
Maureen Brogan
Leslie Carter
Marie DiFelicianantonio
Quinn Dinsmore
Dean Edwards
Margaret Gallagher
Derese Getnet
Christine Ginty
Jennifer Guido
Florian Halili
Megan Hershey
Katie Higgins
Jon Ichter
Joel McElwee
Dawn McGinty
Katie McLaughlin
Ryan McLeod

Lauren McNamee
Hestia Mellert
Kacie Meyer
Julie Micklos
Lisa Minardi
Heather Nalesnik
Sarah Napolitan
Stephanie Perkins
John Ramsey
Seth Ratajski
Melanie Scriptunas
Dennis Stanton
Haley Turney
Nathan Uber
Sarah Ulmer
Catherine Welsh
Amy Williams

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"Guide To Getting It On!"

Mike Castiglione
Grizzly Staff Writer

One day I was walking down the street thinking to myself, "Why don't I go out and buy a sex guide!" Well, it sort of came to me like that.

Ursinus' own Dr. Edwards pointed me toward a book that mysteriously wound up on her desk titled, "Guide To Getting It On!" by Paul Joannides. It is a 782-page easy-to-read manual filled with little tidbits on everything from oral techniques to sex on the interstate.

If your parents conveniently forgot to talk with you about the birds and the bees, or you've locked yourself in your room during your college years, then this book is for you. It provides information that even porn stars didn't know.

Despite the ridiculous nature of the book and the knee-jerker illustrations, it actually delivers some interesting material. When first flipping through the contents, I was completely overwhelmed and had no idea where to start.

I immediately checked off about 15 chapters that I wanted to examine. Some of these chapter titles included, 'Nipples, Nipples, Nipples,' 'Fun With Your Fore-skin,' '30,000 Thrilling Vibrations,' and 'Gnarly Sex Germs,' among

others.

So let's just get to the good stuff, shall we? Some of us - wait, did I say us? I meant some of you fantasize about being intimate in certain outdoor settings. Well this book gives a couple of helpful pointers for those embarking on such a journey. For example, don't forget the bug repellent. It's also suggests that the woman wear a 1950's style sundress in order to skip that oh so painstaking part of removing clothing. And oh yeah, why not carry your condoms in a thermal cooler bag to keep them from freezing or frying!

All that cigarette smoking and Madden football starting to affect your stamina? No worries, mate. "Guide To Getting It On!" also preaches a few breathing techniques for the quick-winded. Learning the correct breathing rhythm is as essential in intimacy as it is in athletics. Try taking long, slow, deep breaths where you imagine pulling the air all the way into your groin. Don't ask me how, but apparently it is intense!

Can't quite send her flying into orbit? Don't underestimate the power of a pillow under the rear.

Even a slight change in the angle of the hips can generate a dramatic change in the experience. The book suggests searching for different size pillows for different positions. So go ahead and experiment.

Anyway, there are hundreds and hundreds of tidbits on technique, thought processes, and just random facts and thoughts. For \$20, apparently you can become a master of your domain. It actually is a fun read and I can't stress this enough-the pictures are almost worth the money all by themselves!

The editors of this book claim that it is as intelligent as any book ever written on sex, while at the same time enjoyable to read through. This newest edition has expanded on previous publications, with a bunch of new chapters and illustrations.

It has gotten great reviews, has won awards, been translated into 14 languages, and is assigned reading in college sex-ed courses all over the country. And most importantly, it has my endorsement!

So check it out at your local bookstore, or just borrow it from Dr. Edwards. She may be willing to part with it if you ask nicely!

Hey!
Looking for something light-hearted to see before the play on Thursday?
Come see the student-directed play:

"Rapidly Losing Interest"

Thursday, April 22
Bomberger Aud.
5:30pm & 7pm
(Lasts 45 minutes)

Softball Team Continues to Shut Down Opponents

Eden Swick
Grizzly Sports Writer

The Ursinus College Women's Softball team is starting their year off with a bang.

They are currently 19-4-1 (6-1 in the Centennial Conference), and, as Senior Jamie Ruhling optimistically states, "we have a lot of potential to win the Centennial Conference...I know the two other seniors (Kristen Galie and Denise Cook) would love to see that happen."

Erin Skinner adds her comments regarding the season in saying, "This year we have been doing well against our opponents. Last year we did not play to our potential but we have come out strong and are optimistic about our chances in the division."

Recently, the Lady Bears are flying high after two straight wins against Camden-Rutgers and Washington College.

Camden-Rutgers was a monumental win, because they are na-

tionally ranked 10th for Division III softball, and the Bears won the nail biter, 1-0.

In their most recent Centennial Conference game, Ursinus College swept Washington College, 3-1 and 4-2.

Erin Skinner allowed just two hits and struck out six to pick up her ninth win of the season.

After the early lead, thanks to the RBI single by Senior Captain, Jamie Ruhling, the Bears shut out Washington College, never letting them regain momentum.

In the nightcap, Ursinus banged out 13 hits en route to the win. Kristin Galie led the way with three hits including a double and a triple while Marci Logan, Denise Cook and Ellie Knise added two hits apiece.

Amanda Wilson added to the strength of the pitching game and the game win scattering six hits and fanning five.

This Ursinus team has certainly improved from last year, and their scores and record truly do reflect that there are no weak spots on the



Lady Bears' roster.

Ruhling shows her excitement in their trek to the Centennial Conference Championships by commenting how every person is vital to making that dream become a reality.

"Many players have stepped up and done a great job for the team. Sophomore Marci Logan has played incredibly on the field, as well as at the plate. Kelly Debow and Eileen Caldwell are a huge asset as they are interchangeable at both catching and 3rd base. Our pitching staff is stacked, no team would be able to break them down, and none have thus far."

An added bonus to their season was the honor of pitcher Erin Skinner being named Centennial Conference Pitcher of the Week.

She was 3-0 with three shut outs in the first week of April.

Skinner cinched the title by closing the week by blanking Rutgers-Camden, 1-0.

For the season, Skinner is a remarkable 11-1 with a 0.51 ERA and six shutouts.

Ursinus Outdoor Track and Field: Experience for a Young Team

Brian Grzymkowski
Grizzly Sports Writer

Despite the unpredictable weather and temperatures, the 2004 Ursinus Outdoor Track and Field Season is well underway.

They have participated in three meets thus far with a fourth one scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 16th and 17th at the Widener Invitational.

For about half the team, it is their first season competing at the college level.

In general, it is a relatively young team, consisting of only six juniors and five seniors.

There is a good deal of overlap between the indoor and outdoor track teams so many have been participating in the sport for the greater portion of the school year.

The team is also a bit smaller than it has been in previous years despite increasingly large fresh-

men classes.

Senior Kacie Meyer who specializes in the 400 hurdles shared an optimistic outlook on the future of the young team: "Even though we aren't the armies at Dickinson or Gettysburg, we do have strong performances in our runners, throwers, and jumpers... We have a lot of freshmen on the team, especially distance runners. All the new teammates this year offer promise for successful seasons to come."

Schools like Dickinson, Haverford, and Gettysburg stand out as tough teams to beat for Ursinus as they tend to have much larger track and field teams by comparison.

Larger teams are often able to provide more athletes for each event and frequently score more

points as a result of this.

This season also marks a rare instance when no home meets are scheduled.

The team will spend its time on the road traveling to events like the Penn Relays, Widener Invitational, and Haverford Invitational.

Home track meets are always a welcome change of pace as it offers parents, students, and faculty an opportunity to support their team at the Ursinus outdoor track.

Unfortunately, that last home experience won't be there for seniors Silburn Dehaney, Joel McElwee, Kacie Meyer, Katie Dougherty, and Jackie Kram.

This talented group has certainly left their mark at Ursinus as each has helped set a school record for their respective events.

Practice time has also been a

limiting factor in recent weeks.

Though the indoor track facility has been an incredible addition for Ursinus track and field athletes, the outdoor team has had to share its practice time with several other spring sports.

Despite some factors working against them, this year's outdoor track and field team is dedicated, offering a solid foundation for a new group of runners, jumpers, and throwers.

They have a skilled group of seniors and juniors to encourage them and learn from.

Hopefully with yet another large incoming freshmen class, the team will continue to see growth next year and the return of a home meet at Ursinus College.

Baseball Team Trying to be a Contender

Kyle Kauffman
Grizzly Sports Writer

Starting off the week of April 4th, the Ursinus College Baseball team had three games one of which was a doubleheader. Their standings thus far are 11-10-2, with a record of 6-5 in the Centennial Conference.

Ursinus began the week with a non conference game on Wednesday, April 7th versus Rowan (ranked 8th) away.

Ursinus scored their only run in the sixth inning on an RBI single hit by Ted Piotrowicz.

Eric Shipe and Ryan Regensburg also had two hits each for the Bears.

Rowan scored three runs in the last three innings to bring the game to 3-1 with Rowan in the lead.

Unfortunately, the Bears' efforts were not enough to come back.

The final score of the game was 7-1 with Rowan out doing the Ursinus Bears.

The Bears quickly put the loss earlier in the week behind them, they came out against Swarthmore on Friday, April 9th roaring and ready to go.

The offense was on and the defense was playing stronger than ever.

Senior Ryan Bown was in complete control, as he led the defense and pitched a complete game for the Bears while only giving up one hit.

In the meantime, he struck out a school record of 18 batters.

Tommy Herrmann led the offense for the Bears with four hits, two scored runs and an RBI.

With help from Matt Platco who added two hits and three RBI.

Not to mention Ryan Regensburg went 2-4 at bat for the day with two runs scored and an RBI, Jerry Rogers also added a pair of hits for the bears. Overall, it was a great success for the Bears who quickly shut up Swarthmore with a winning score of 13-0.

On Saturday, April 10th, the Bears were definitely feeling the momentum of the day before, they came out to play the Gettysburg Bullets in a doubleheader.

Not only did Ursinus sweep both games (7-5, 10-4), but they also improved 6-5 in the Centennial Conference.

In the opening game, the Bears used a five run fifth inning rally to eliminate the 3-1 Bullet lead and played strong to hang on and win the game 7-5.

Matt Platco and Bret Jenkins

together led the Bears' offense with three RBI and two RBI.

Ted Piotrowicz finished with a pair of hits, not to mention Scott Barr pitched a complete game to pick up the win for Ursinus.

In the second game, the guys were still pumped from their previous win that day against the Bullets.

They came out and exploded with six runs in the 2nd inning.

Tommy Herrmann and Ryan Regensburg each had three hits.

John Sheppard assisted the Bears with a three-run double.

Senior Mike Lombardo pitched all seven innings to pick up the win for the Bears.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 15th

Baseball at University of the Sciences, 3:30pm

Friday, April 16th

Baseball at Muhlenberg, 3:30pm

Outdoor Track at Widener Invitational, 4pm

Saturday, April 17th

Softball at Gettysburg, 1pm

Baseball at Washington (2), 1pm

Men's Lacrosse vs. Gettysburg, 1pm

Women's Lacrosse vs. Swarthmore, 1pm

Men's Tennis vs. McDaniel, 1pm

Women's Tennis at McDaniel, 1pm

Outdoor Track at Widener Invitational, 4pm

Sunday, April 18th

Softball at Swarthmore, 1pm

Monday, April 19th

Baseball at Elizabethtown, 3:30pm

Men's Golf at F&M Invitational

Tuesday, April 20th

Softball vs. Muhlenberg, 3pm

Baseball vs. Arcadia, 3:30pm

Women's Tennis at Muhlenberg, 3:30pm

Men's Golf - Ursinus Home Match

Wednesday, April 21st

Softball vs. Eastern, 3pm

Baseball vs. Widener, 3:30pm

Women's Lacrosse at Cabrini, 4pm

Grimmel, Furman Earn All-American Honors at NCGA Championships

UC Gymnastics Team
Special to the Grizzly

Though the Ursinus Gymnastics Team did not take their entire team to nationals this year, they had a strong showing, bringing home two All-American honors.

Junior Kristen Grimmel and Freshman Jessica Furman earned All-American honors at the National Collegiate Gymnastics Championships hosted by MIT on April 2nd-3rd.

Grimmel gathered her 6th career All-American title as she took third on vault with a 9.650 and 9.700 for a two-day total of 19.350.

She also finished 15th on floor with a total of 19.000.

Furman finished second on bars with scores of 9.550 and 9.750 for

a two-day total of 19.300 for her first career All-American honor.

Junior, Gillian Harnitchek also reached the finals on bars and finished 11th, with a 9.450 and a 9.200 for a total score of 18.650.

Sophomore, Megan Hollern scored a 9.400 on vault and Jessica Cowden finished her career as an Ursinus Gymbear scoring a 9.200 on bars and an 8.750 on beam in the preliminary rounds.

Cowden received All-American Academic honors, ending her four successful years here at Ursinus.

After a long season, the UC Gymnastics Team finished strong, ranking 4th in the nation.

Durkin Named CC Player of the Week

Ursinus College senior attacker Emily Durkin (Germantown, MD/Holy Cross) was named the Centennial Conference Women's Lacrosse Player of the Week.

Durkin scored 10 goals and handed out four assists in a 2-0 week for the Bears. She had six goals and two assists in the 14-5 triumph over Dickinson.

For the season, Durkin is fifth in the Conference in total points with 26 goals and 11 assists. Ursinus is 5-3 overall and 3-2 in CC play.

