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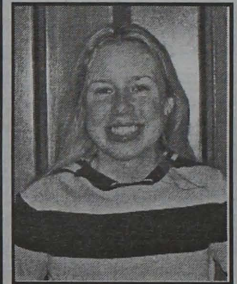
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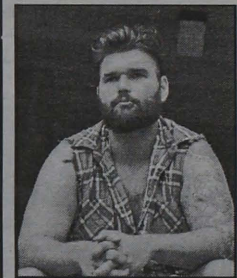
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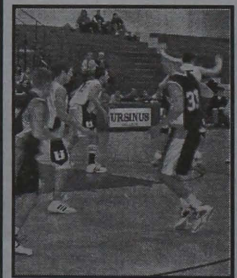
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Let It Snow?

Ashley Lynn McCaleb: scholar, daughter, friend...

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As the Ursinus Community returned for the start of the spring semester, students and professors alike were met with the unexpected news of the loss of one of their own. First-year student Ashley Lynn McCaleb passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2005 at the Phoenixville Hospital after a prolonged serious illness. A funeral service was held for Ashley at the Baptist Church of Phoenixville, where Ashley was a member.

You may have known her as the bright student in your Spanish class or the friendly girl in the commuters' lounge. Born in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania to Theresa McCaleb and the late Randall Rohrbach, Ashley's scholarly talent was obvious even in her teen years at the Phoenixville High School, where Ashley was a student-athlete. A member of the National Honor Society, Ashley also participated in both track and soccer. Interested in a career in medicine, Ashley chose Ursinus College for her undergraduate studies, hoping to one day become a doctor. According to Ashley's CIE professor, Ed Gildea, "Ashley was a bright student who was well liked in class."

An avid traveler, Ashley most loved going to the beach with her family and friends, participating in any water sports made available to her. "She even loved fishing," adds Gordon McCaleb, Ashley's maternal grandfather. He adds, "She really liked to go fishing with me."

While only a member of the Ursinus Community for a short time, Ashley's presence, friendship, and involvement will be truly missed by all who knew her.



I want to be *Made...* into an RA

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We're only a few days into the new semester and the heat is already on; Residence Life is actively looking for a few good RAs. They want it all – a full-time student in good standing who will serve as a "role model, counselor, friend, and resource." And Res Life wants to know if you're it. From the information sessions and e-mails, to the friendly nudge from your favorite RA telling you to "just think about it," the RAs and Res Life have certainly made their case known. Now, it's time for the infamously nerve-wracking application process.

Freshman Rob Ellison wants to be *Made* – if you've been completely out of the loop, Res Life's RA selection process is named after that MTV show. However, he's a bit apprehensive about the application road ahead. Ellison commented, "Yeah sure, I'm a little nervous... but it's also a really exciting time because you have a chance to make an impact on people's lives and the Ursinus community."

The four page application, which is due on February 4th, is complete with three recommendations and some tough questions like "Identify your significant strengths and areas for development. Indicate how you would expect these to help or hinder your performance as a RA." If all goes well, and Res Life likes what a candidate is about, they advance him or her to the next step starting February 19th, the Carousel Process – part of it was shown on the video that played outside of Wismer a few weeks ago.

First, RA wannabees have an interview. Next, all the applicants get together and do group activity, while Res

Life directors Natissa Kultan, Corinthian Ridgeway, and Steve Larson look on to see if you've got what they want. Corinthian encourages applicants to relax and not feel like they have to perform, "Sometimes the best leaders are the best followers. Don't feel like you have to take over." Next, applicants talk about what makes community. Perhaps they saved the hardest part for last – the final leg of Carousel is role-playing, having RA applicants act out what they would do in tough situations that might confront them if they get the position.

Steve Larson emphasized that all types are needed for the job, "Don't think you just have to be a 'ra ra!', in-your-face type of personality; we have all different types of people on campus and need all different types of RAs. We want to build a stronger sense of community... [and] if you want to be a part of that, then [being a RA] is for you." Larson, wearing his signature midriff accessory, joked to RA candidates that as an added plus, "We won't make you wear fanny packs."

The application alone seems like a lot of pressure. What about the job itself? The perks – a single room, the RA respect, the experience gained, the friendships, and the \$3750 salary – seem significant. BWC freshman RA Matt Sender offered, "You get to meet a lot of really nice, awesome people. One of the best rewards is the friendship. One of the drawbacks is having to deal with issues. But, it's part of the job." RA decision letters are mailed March 18th.

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Students take action at the Presidential Inauguration

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Last Thursday, 40 Ursinus students gathered to attend the Presidential Inauguration to send a silent, nonviolent message of protest. The Turn Your Back on Bush movement has attracted students from 30-40 campuses across the country, with Ursinus bringing the largest number of students, as well as people from more diverse backgrounds such as military families, religious communities, doctors, and normal American citizens. When Bush passed them on the parade route, these protesters simply turned their backs to the President.

Senior Sarah Kauffman has worked hard for this cause, taking on positions such as Campus Organizer, Field Director, and Spokesperson working alongside the founders of the movement during her winter break in Washington D.C. According to Sarah, the message of Turn Your Back on Bush is "that all of these citizens of the country are uniting in action to show that they withdraw their support of the Presidency. All of us choose instead to look to each other for support." Sarah sees the action as more of a "gesture" than a "protest" saying, "It's a very

clear message, one that can't be ignored, one that can be seen [by many people]."

several times on television. They have even received more attention than other groups

faculty donations, Dean of Students, Multicultural Services, and International Student Advising), missing classes for the day, and the chance that they may not even be granted access to the grounds. Some seats at the event are paid for (\$100-\$1000) and according to Sarah, there are more of these seats at the Presidential Inauguration than ever before, leaving less room for free seating. In the event that Turn Your Back on Bush was denied access to the grounds (although no Ursinus student was), they brought along signs that read: "Democracy: Access Denied" to emphasize their right to attend the Inauguration.

Sarah looks at Turn Your Back on Bush as "elegant, in a way" because it is "doing something rather than saying something." For her, the experience of working for the cause was "life-changing" and has given her "tools about how to organize, how to frame [language], and talk to the media." She hopes to continue pursuing this kind of work. After the inauguration, her energy will be focused on WeCAN (Care About the Nation) here at Ursinus.



Turn Your Back on Bush has received much positive media coverage from C-SPAN to NPR, the *NY Times* to the *Washington Post*. As the official spokesperson, Sarah has been quoted in many of these articles and has appeared

such as ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism), which have more resources and money.

The students who chose to participate went through many obstacles such as the cost of the bus ticket (lowered by

New Member Education returns

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In just a couple of weeks, singing will resound from Main Street houses. Huddles of identically-clad students will be seen milling around campus. Sororities and fraternities will come together, and tradition will live on. So begins the 2005 season of New Member Education, which, according to freshman Tarah Pearson, will be "the best three weeks that you never want to do again," a saying that is famous throughout the Greek community here at UC.

New member education is the three week period where new members are inducted into a Greek organization. Here at Ursinus, local frats and sororities as well as national organizations have spent weeks rushing, trying to provide information to their prospective members and attracting them with parties, dinners, and even trips to the city.

The upcoming weekend signals the start of formal rushing, where the parties and events are on an invite-only basis for those who have collected an informal bid from one or more organization. Then, the following week, at five thirty, organizations begin their induction process, hereafter called New Member Education.

A hefty set of rules and regulations concerning Pennsylvania hazing laws is put into effect, and the campus also sets up specific guidelines. New member prospects, even those considering a Greek organization but who aren't sure, must have attended an information session that reviews these guidelines.

Throughout New Member Education, commonly known here at UC as "pledging," Austin Duckett from the

Student Activities Office promises that the office is there to "enforce policy, serve as limit setters, and [be] overall a support staff."

Back to Pearson, who is considering going Greek. She speaks happily about rush, saying, "It's fun, finding where you fit in the best."

Senior Ryan Curley, president of the local fraternity Beta Sigma Lambda, speaks positively of the new member education experience: "I don't expect any problems because everyone takes a great deal of pride in the process, so no one in an organization would do anything to jeopardize the integrity of the next three weeks." He also talked about the meaning behind pledging, also mentioned by Duckett, saying, "As much as it's meant to be fun for both sides [new members and current members], it's also meant to bring people closer together because they shared a similar experience and take pride in that experience."

Shannon Berndtson, a senior in Tri Sigma, says about her feelings on New Member Education, "I think that some of the new people may be a little afraid thinking they are going to be tortured or they're going to hate it. That's a downside and I think people focus on that rather than the friendships that are created during that time."

Overall, one thing to remember if you are considering being a "New Member Educatee": it's not for everyone. Duckett agrees, "I encourage everyone to try new experiences. Sometimes, though, it's just not the right experience for some people." Shop around during the formal rushing, figure out what you want to do, and be sure to pose all sorts of questions to the current members in any organization you are considering.

New Member Education Timeline

February 4, 2005 - Formal Bids Accepted, Bomberger Auditorium; 12pm- Fraternities, 6pm - Sororities

**First day of New Member Education may begin if an organization wishes to schedule an event. The event must take place *after 5:30 p.m.*

February 27, 2005 - New Member Education Ends
All NME activities must be completed by 5:30 p.m. No exceptions!

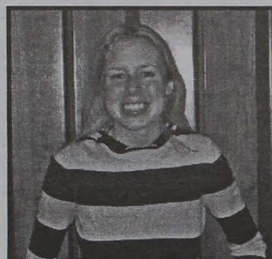
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The fatal blow



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We all have that friend to whom we go for advice regarding various vices, the friend whom we recognize as knowledgeable, a veritable "dictionary of sin." What makes this person so easy to talk to is that they may not only have been around the block, but that they're willing to give directions. To

the more reserved, these friends are labeled as "shameless," "obscene," or even worse, "liberal." But in this modern era of abstinence-only education and governmental prudence, these people, who have either learned through the harsh tutorial of experience or who have eagerly done their homework, are necessary for those who don't even know where the block is. So allow me to be your sexually educated neighbor, your obscene queen, the older sister you never had. Allow me to take pride in being "shameless" and fill you in on everything you missed out on in school or parental chats. Allow me to direct you to the corner of

pleasure and responsibility with medically accurate and confirmed directions. My name is Lane Taylor—where do you need to go?

While packing on the Sunday before break ended, I came across a book that I had bought several months ago entitled, *The Everything Great Sex Book*. While flipping through the pages, I came across a section devoted to oral sex, and I found myself reading up on vaginal and clitoral stimulation during this act. My eyes were immediately drawn to a sentence in boldface, which warned that air should not be blown into the vagina because it could cause a possibly fatal embolism. I was taken aback by this statement, but once the shock wore off, I was able to ponder its significance. An embolism is the abnormal appearance of air in the bloodstream which can, in a worst-case scenario, block an artery in the heart or lungs, causing a possible fatality. I researched this topic on WebMD.com in order to find possible causes of this occurrence, and found that pulmonary embolisms are most often caused by blood clots breaking off and traveling up the femoral artery, and can also be induced by air bubbles in the blood or other causes.

Unsatisfied with this answer, I set out to find out if this happening was indeed possible. My answer came from the Columbia University Health Q&A Web site, which informed another concerned cunnilingus-partaker that while such an occurrence is possible, it would need to involve

covering the entire vaginal opening—allowing no air to escape—and a large amount of air. This led me to conclude that while blowing air into the vagina can cause an embolism, it is *extremely* rare and unlikely. So what can we take from this experience? I think we can take forth the knowledge that while the information may be out there, it may take some cunning (no pun intended) and personal research to find everything that you personally need. Unfortunately, sexual health books and information are not written for the individual, but for the group, making the information broad and in some cases, as in this example, essential bits may be missing.

In our generation, when it comes to sexual responsibility, there is no room for gray areas and misinformation. However, it's out there. My hope would be that you can take from this column not only information of which you were unaware, but new ways to find it. I'm here to serve as a Sherpa on the road toward sexual health enlightenment and understanding, but I don't have all the information. So, when you have an issue or problem, ask. Compare information. And then, spread it around. Hopefully this will allow you to destroy myths and bring forth new, vital knowledge to yourself and others. Armed with new knowledge, you'll be able to then deliver a fatal blow to a misinformed society, and *not* to your girlfriend.

Myrin undergoes major changes

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Myrin library has always been a place where students could come to do research, to find books on an array of topics, and to study in a quiet ambiance. Now, the library is doing even more to make it a more comfortable study environment. Now that the flood damage has been cleaned up, Myrin is being renovated to adapt to students' everchanging individual needs and desires.

The main project that has been undertaken as part of the overall renovation of the library is the remodeling of the main floor. Previously, when students walked into the library, what they saw was a large reference and circulation desk, and stacks of books going all the way to the back of the library. That has all been changed. We are all aware of the coffee bar which has been installed near the entrance of Myrin. In addition, the circulation desk, which has remained unchanged since the mid-80s, has been replaced by a far more elegant model. The book stacks have been moved to the basement and replaced by two lounge areas, one at the front of library and one toward the back, and a set of tables which Charles Jamison, the library director, hopes to turn into a setup resembling a traditional reading room. According to Jamison, right now when students bring laptops and do work on these tables, they have to use the outlets on the surrounding pillars, which can lead to someone tripping over the wires. In order to eliminate this problem, Jamison intends to install two lamps on each table, amounting to a total of 16 lamps, each of which has two power outlets in its base. These mission style lamps will not only give students a place to plug in laptops, but will add elegance and style to the area.

In addition to these lamps, Jamison hopes to have two walnut book stacks, which will match all the other new wooden furniture, installed on either side of this central area, in order to really give students the sense of comfort of being in a reading room. Currently, on the outside of

this "reading room" are the computer stations. The stations will be replaced with furniture of the same new design as the rest of the main floor. This new furniture is to be installed within the next couple of days.

For students who prefer to study alone and in silence, there are some things to which to look forward. There are plans to completely transform the desks at the back of the main floor, to use dark walnut wood and to install a light in each carrel. Jamison also intends to create a quiet study area on the third floor, set aside just for those students who need complete silence.

If these renovations are not enough, Jamison hopes to set up a news media center in the basement. Myrin has over 40 international newspapers on display in the basement. Jamison hopes to have a television mounted in that area that will run C-SPAN with closed captioning all the time, so that students may watch or read the news. The whole idea, according to Jamison, is to create functional spaces which will make Myrin a place where students like to be, not that they feel they have to go to. So far this has been successful. What students may be unaware of is that there are sensors in the entrance to the library that count how many people go in and out. With only the few renovations that have been completed, the sensors show that approximately 2000 more people are coming to the library per week than prior to the renovations. Hopefully these renovations will continue to bring in more and more students.

Charles Jamison, who has renovated the library before, in the 80s, says that he will continue to inform the Ursinus College community of the newest additions to the library as he has been. "We really appreciate everybody's

patience," Jamison says, "and thanks to everyone who has helped along the way."

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15 Cabinet members during Bush's first term, 9 resigned. Of the 9 new picks, seven already work in the federal government. One of the outsiders was Johanns. Of all his picks, they are mostly male, with two Hispanics, two African-Americans and two Asian-Americans. The rest are white. Energy Secretary Spence Abraham, who resigned, was Arab-American, and there have been no plans to appoint another Arab-American to represent that minority group.

President Bush, after the election was called, promised to mend the rift between liberals and conservatives during his next term in office. The thing is that he doesn't need to do that. He already won his second term, and that will be his final term. He can do pretty much whatever he wants without worrying as much about approval ratings. This is indicated by the conservative team, already skilled in Washington politics that Bush wants to implement as his Cabinet. If Bush ever claims that he is mending the rift based on his choices for Cabinet members, then the claim that Fox News is "fair and balanced" will seem honest.

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Tsunami relief efforts taking shape at Ursinus

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On December 26, 2004, one of the most devastating natural disasters in recent history occurred in Southeast Asia. The tsunami, caused by a major underwater earthquake off the coast of Aceh, Indonesia, has claimed the lives of almost 200,000 people, with many more missing and/or presumed dead. In the aftermath of this horrible tragedy, a plethora of organizations have been banding together to provide support to Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Somalia, which were all devastated by the tsunami.

Ursinus College is taking its place among thousands of other organizations raising money for

such efforts. With three campus-wide meetings taking place within a mere 24 hours, the urgency of the situation is evident. After some debate, individual organizations on campus have decided to cooperate to hold one event every week for the rest of the semester in order to raise money for these efforts.

The first event will be *The Dating Game*, sponsored by the Class of 2008, on February 1. That Friday, February 4, USGA will be sponsoring a Midnight Breakfast in Wismer. Entrance for both events will be one dollar, and all proceeds will benefit the International Medical Corps, or IMC, one of the first and most prominent organizations to send aid to Southeast Asia.

In addition, Jell-O wrestling, Mr. Ursinus, a Toga Party, an on-campus Concert, and a Dance-a-thon are all in the planning stages. These events are each being sponsored by different organizations, with 11 more organizations willing to participate. The

Administration has also offered its overwhelming support, with Dean Nolan, Dean Levy, and President Strassburger all encouraging these zealous students.

All events to aid the tsunami relief efforts will be displaying a specific logo on their fliers and at the event to advertise that this is an urgent and worthy cause. Keep your eyes open for this symbol and all of the amazing events coming up this semester.

If your organization wishes to sponsor or co-sponsor an event, please contact the USGA. Amanda D'Amico is a member of the committee overseeing the tsunami relief efforts at Ursinus. You can reach her at amdamico@ursinus.edu.

Ursinus students make requests for The Facebook

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Computer technology is becoming increasingly more integrated into our society. Ursinus, for example, relies heavily upon the email and blackboard system. Students use the internet for class research as well as chatting services such as AOL Instant Messenger. But there is a new service that is sweeping across many of the nation's college campuses. Most refer to it as "The Facebook."

As if students do not have enough reasons to procrastinate, The Facebook is a Web site that offers an online social network for college students. It was created by a group of Harvard students as an online dating service for college students. The Facebook has since grown and is now used by millions of students at almost 300 colleges and universities. It is now a popular way for students to meet new people and stay in touch with friends all over the country. So how exactly does The Facebook work? First, a student's college or university must register with the network. Once the school is added, students can use their email account to gain access to the Web site. They can personalize their own accounts to include their name, school, interests, favorite books or movies, birthday reminders, and even the classes they are taking during the semester. It also includes features that allow you to post other friends on The Facebook.

Danielle Gerlach is a student at Carnegie Mellon University. She is also an avid user of The Facebook. "It keeps me well connected with my friends. Just by reading profiles and through the ability of messaging your friends you are able to stay in touch, even if they live halfway across the country.... There are no negatives to The Facebook. If you have a problem with sharing your information with people from your school you can, A: not join, or B: put whatever information you are comfortable in your profile." Gerlach explains that since she has registered at The Facebook, she has become a Facebook fanatic. "I login at least once a day if not more to see what is going on with friends at my university and across the nation."

The Facebook is a great way for students to enjoy a large social network, but students at Ursinus are

unable to enjoy this commodity because it is, unfortunately, one of the unregistered colleges. Although Ursinus is unregistered, there is a lot of buzz surrounding The Facebook. Many students would like to see the college gain access. Sophomore Gina Barbieri says, "I think Facebook has mostly a social benefit because you can connect with people from high school as well as see all the members of our campus, so it'd be a good way to get to know more people from Ursinus."

Chris Ahlberg, freshman, adds that having The Facebook would be awesome for Ursinus and hopes that the college can finally get it. "I freaking love Facebook! I've already emailed them asking them to add us."

Sophomore Christina Rosci has the same conviction about instilling The Facebook at Ursinus. She asserts, "Personally, I'd like to be a part of thefacebook.com because I could be in better contact with people from my high school and communicate easily with people from other colleges and universities with similar interests

as mine." Barbieri, Rosci, and Ahlberg have all tried to email The Facebook in order to get Ursinus on the list. Rosci also commented that she has written to the site, giving them a great deal of necessary information so as to include Ursinus in the Facebook system.

The request of a few students is not, however, enough to gain registration for The Facebook. Interested students should visit www.thefacebook.com. There they can request Ursinus to be added to the registrar. It seems unanimous that students want to keep up with the most recent online trends, and The Facebook appears to be a very popular one at the moment. Perhaps with enough email requests, Ursinus too can soon join the list of the many other colleges already partaking in the latest online craze.

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Nearing the end of our battles: Is Mother Nature trying to tell us something?

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Y'know, I give up on news sites for one lousy month, then come back to find out the world is ending. I mean, I heard something about an asteroid floating around out there, and there's apparently a 0.01% chance (which isn't half bad in a field of astronomic chances) that it will kill us all a few centuries after we're dead. But why wait 200 years when natural disasters clearly indicate a far sooner impending doom?

Bush's new Cabinet appointments may not be the wisest

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While doing some research for this article, I actually had pity for President Bush when it came to the decisions he had to make in regards to choosing who would serve in his Cabinet. He has all kinds of different groups and organizations coming after him, attempting to convince the President to install people friendly to their organization. Basically, he has an incredible amount of pressure to find the appropriate person for the job.

Unfortunately, the appropriate person can be the wrong person for the job: There have been some irresponsible choices made by President Bush in terms of deciding who would head what department. One of the two new appointments (as of this writing), Margaret Spellings, is somewhat of a mistake. She will become the Secretary of Education. Spellings, a Texan who came to Washington with Bush, helped draft the No Child Left Behind Act. There is far too much controversy over such a heated issue in the field of Education for such a small, minor name like Margaret Spellings. Spellings, although having been with Bush for quite some time, admitted that she likes to be under the radar.

Because of the No Child Left Behind Act, schools run the risk of being underfunded and transformed into a bureaucratic, corporate environment. A person of dynamic strength and vitality, one with vigor and an outside opinion, is what Bush should have been going for. Spellings enters this position, one laden with stress and fraught with uncertainty. It is unknown except to a few as to what sort of person Spellings is, or what she is capable of. She may be dynamic and strong, but if this were the case, perhaps the American public would have heard of her by now. All they know (and if this much) is that she was once a lobbyist for the Texan state board of education, and met Bush when he was running for governor. She has remained with him ever since. One thing is telling, though. She is responsible for public schools of this

See, apparently – and I'm not an expert on this, but it seems reasonable enough – a lot of really, really bad things are going to happen right before the world ends. And according to the Book of Revelations, one of the tell-tale signs of impending Apocalypse is funky weather. You can Google it and see. (Remember, Apocalypse has two p's.) Now, the human race and the Forces of Nature™ have supposedly been at odds for a few million/thousand years now, as Nature just can't seem to grasp that we like our summers sunny, our autumns blustery, and our ground to keep still. Floods

and hurricanes, droughts and volcanoes – all of these nuisances serve to remind us that there are some things you can't stop with tanks and fighter planes. It's a little disconcerting.

Without a doubt, these natural disasters which threaten the status quo of man over everything have been getting a lot of screen time lately. Most recently, of course, the level 9 tsunami in the Indian Ocean (equivalent in strength to 23,000 atomic bombs, according to the US Geological Survey) sent devastating tidal waves through the coasts of South Asia and Africa. Last year, our own Florida got pummeled by Bonnie, Charley, Frances, and Ivan. A volcano started spitting up magma a few months back. And there was a high-budget special effects movie about bad weather last summer. All these things seem to indicate something big in the works. That it's time to start Getting Scared. After all, why help fix problems that you couldn't prevent?

It's sad but true: rivers have been flooding, volcanoes have been erupting, and earthquakes have been decimating civilizations for thousands/millions of years. And sometimes – whether because of chance, global warming or because there's nothing else interesting in the news – they stir things up more than others. People need to stop worrying. Instead of waiting for the next meteor to hit or keeping their eyes peeled for Horsemen, they could donate a few dollars to a disaster relief fund, or take up environmental science, or buy an umbrella or something. Instead of concerning themselves with their own Impending Doom, they could consider those who weren't lucky enough to simply experience the tsunami vicariously through their television set. Just because we can't blow up the weather doesn't mean the weather harbors any ill will towards us.

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nation, yet she enrolled her daughters in private, Catholic schools. If the Secretary of Education does not have much faith in the public school system, then who will? However, I must give credit where credit is due. One of Bush's new appointments is the Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns, a figure who has an extensive past with the farming industry. He was governor of Nebraska, and was responsible for the raising of Ethanol plants (an alternative source of fuel). However, Johanns is a supporter of big businesses, corporate farming over private, individualized farmers. I can only foresee farming falling under the corporate sphere more and more while Johanns is Secretary.

As of this writing, these are the two that have been elected in Cabinet positions. The only truly marquee choice for any position is that of Condoleezza Rice, who is on the verge of taking over Colin Powell's spot for Secretary of State. Rice has been viewed by critics as one of the people who made America less secure since the War on Terror began. She is a highly conservative, determined woman, one who may take on a more militaristic stance than her predecessor.

For the rest of Bush's nominations, it appears the Cabinet will not change too much. Of the

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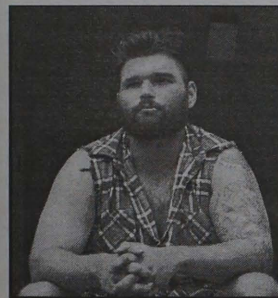
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A brave new year

'Tis the early morning of January 2nd, 2005: a new year, so what better time to start working on the new articles? (Correct answer: 45 minutes before they're due, just like everything else in college, but hey, I'm bored.)

The New Year, for me, lacked both chagrin and bliss. Upon the clock striking midnight, and verifying the established fact that no one desired a kiss from me, I did what any red-blooded American boy would do... hastened to the front yard in order to procure the infamy of being the first to smoke a Marlboro Red and drink a Pabst in

2005...which was soon accompanied with simultaneous urination. While a true All-American boy may have done all this while discharging a Smith & Wesson into the air, my parents, for some asinine reason, have decreed that I shalt not procure a handgun whilst dwelling in their abode. Speaking of whom, they also seem less than enamored when they find me tottering around the kitchen at four in the



GOODY

The Skipped Diploma: Musings of a Social Senior

morning, slurring out, "YO! Guesha wha ah dih tonight!" by way of explanation.

Which brings me to my main thought, if I ever truly come upon such a thing: I think I miss Ursinus (although they also infringe upon my second amendment rights, come to think of it). Unlike home, hallway lights are always on there. In college, no one (if they know what's good for them) dictates how late/how loud your TV/Stereo/Breaking Bottles is. Best of all, if you can't make it to your bed at school, for whatever reason, you can always crash on the nearest available couch, in your underwear, as no one's folks get up early for work the next day.

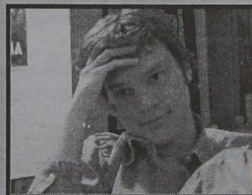
Thus I am rapidly approaching what is hopefully/regrettably my final semester of college...and I'm scared. In certain post-college scenarios, I have come to understand that things are different. Pants must be laundered, and "unripped," if you will. A baseball cap and sweatshirt are not substitutes for not showering. A hangover is not justification to skip work. (Although it just dawned on me: you're allowed twice as many absences as the class meets per week. Most employers require work five days a week, and permit two weeks vacation....perhaps this place really *is* preparing me for the real world!) Worst of all, it is unlikely at any point upon leaving college that you, your friends, and about fourteen hundred other similarly-like minded folk, all your age will be clustered on a single block.

Heart Felt Point: make sure to enjoy the upcoming spring semester, 'cause lets be honest, there aren't many places like UC. In fifteen or so short weeks, seniors will be released into the wild, forced to fend for themselves, just like captive animals that have been released into the wild, forced to fend for themselves (Com'n...it's break, I need to save all my good analogies for class work). And as horrifying as that sounds, think of the poor underclassman who must live with their parents for close to four months before the start of the fall semester...

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the grizzly

These are a few of my favorite things



CAM FURMAN
It's the Mind

Having found out somewhat late that I had an article due for the Grizzly, I didn't really have time to prepare a proper one. Instead, bowing to the pressures of people who claim that there is nothing that I like, this is a list of just that. These are things I like, proving that there is indeed a softer side of me. Obviously I'd like to keep that between ourselves though. By the way, I have tried very hard not to list friends, as inevitably I'll leave one out and somebody will get offended. It never fails. So with that in mind, enjoy this list arranged in no particular order:

Arrested Development, Jonathan Ross, Harmonicas (especially Bushmans), Caesar Salad, Black Books, Spiderbaby, Having a newspaper column, A good soup, Harpsichord, Oatmeal raisin cookie made by Cathy, Oscar Wilde, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Lucky, Used bookstores, Calamari, The Faces, 42, Formal dress, MST3K, Christopher Hitchens, Old people with stories to tell, Penguins, Bob Dylan, My i-River, Father Ted, Anyone who can link the previous pick with something earlier in the list, Peter Cook, Dr. John, When the reading assignments are short, P.G. Wodehouse, Dean Martin, Late night chats about good and evil with Josh, Cheese, Photography, Martin Freeman, Satire, Sherlock Holmes, Bobby Darin, The West Wing, The Hobo Chimp, Chess, Dinner with friends, Leon Redbone, Clementines, Peter Sellers, A nice glass, Finishing a paper, Diet Coke, Stephen Fry, The Monty Python lads individually and as a group, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, Ireland, Bart's Music in Boulder Colorado, Spike Milligan, A nice hat, The Rainforest Goats of St. Kitts, Cary Grant, Family, Alfred Hitchcock, Asti, The quiet Beatle, Golf, Harry Truman, Cranberry sauce from the can, My guitars, The fact that I'm almost done listing things, Andy Warhol, Torgo and the Master, Groucho Marx, Lacrosse, Patton, Woody Allen, Christopher Curley.

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INAUGURATION SPECIAL: An open letter to the Republican Party OR: Why you can't complain about Bill Clinton anymore

Dear GOP:

This is just a friendly little note to inform you of the fact that, as of January 20th, 2005, you aren't allowed to complain about Bill Clinton anymore. Your grace period has expired.

That's right: no more Clinton-bashing. No more amused snickers at the mention of a "vast right-wing conspiracy." No more mocking finger-wagging. And for the love of God, no more Monica Lewinsky/oral sex jokes. (Hilary jokes, provided they refer to her position as Senator, will still be permitted.)

Truth be told, Republican Party, it's not that the jokes aren't funny anymore. I mean, how anyone can resist a chuckle whenever someone mentions the word "blue dress" is beyond me. Even I must confess that I burst out into a veritable seizure of hysterics whenever you make a snide comment about what kind of foreplay they could have performed with a cigar. Sometimes, my laughter can only be stopped with a tranquilizer gun.

And trust me, I too feel your pain (insert lip-biting here. You get it? Ha, ha!) about the effects of his presidency. I know how upset you are about NAFTA; and I too felt the sting of the gun control laws he passed. Until the ban expired just recently, I had to keep my massive collection of assault rifles in my closet, far away from the prying eyes of the fuzz.

Republican Party, please don't take this the wrong way. It's not that your gift for liberal-bashing humor has evaporated. Nay, it has only intensified (that Mallard Fillmore cracks me up every time!). And it's not that your complaints aren't valid. Hell, the guy had to do *something* wrong to get impeached. It's just that... well, to be totally honest, the guy you chose to replace Clinton... well, he's not doing too good.

I mean, let's examine the two scandals side-by-side. Bill Clinton had an extramarital affair. He did some

inappropriate things in his office. He lied about it at first, and then came clean and confessed. He was impeached, but wasn't kicked out of office. Still, the legacy of his presidency is as stained as that aforementioned blue dress.

Your boy Dubya, on the other hand, followed up the darkest day in American history with the oh-so-brilliantly planned war in Iraq. He claimed it was about weapons, but pretty soon it became apparent there were no weapons. He claimed it was about terrorism, but soon it became apparent that the only terrorists there came there after the invasion

for the sole purpose of fighting U.S. soldiers. Now, it's about bringing freedom and democracy to those poor, oppressed, heavily-armed Iraqis, but, let's face it, that's a pretty desperate excuse. In fact, it's fast becoming blatantly obvious that your boy started this huge messy war (choose one of the following:) a) to slate Halliburton's lust for oil; b) to avenge poor old Daddy; c) out of misguided religious fervor; or d) he just simply made a big oopsie! And the public response to this atrocious behavior? Another four years for the



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Communism for Dummies

Great Crusader!

So you have no room to whine or moan anymore, ok? Don't even start with that "I-can't-believe-those-liberals-got-away-with-it" shtick ever again. You think Clinton got away with murder? Consider this: according to military figures, your boy is getting away with upwards of 1,300 murders. Clinton got impeached for his mistakes; Dubya got reelected.

So stop. Now.

Sincerely,

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Bears battling without Stanton

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At the halfway point of the Men's Basketball season, the Bears posted an overall record of 7-7 and a conference record of 4-4.

With the loss of record breaking senior Dennis Stanton to graduation, the Bears needed their returning players to step up big in order to have a successful season and make up for almost 40% of the offense that Stanton brought to the court.

The player that has stepped up the most this year has been junior guard and Co-captain Mike McGarvey. McGarvey has led the Bears in several categories this season, including points per game (18.1), assists per game (7.8) and steals (4.4). He was recently named Centennial Conference Player of the Week for the week of January 3rd-9th, a week in which he averaged 23.0 points and 9.5 assists along with breaking the Centennial Conference and program record for assists (434), a number which is still growing.

McGarvey is not the only player who has stepped up this year for the Bears. Junior Brian McEvily and Sophomore Will Furey have also been key players for the Bears this season.

McEvily, who in his previous two seasons averaged 3.1 points per game, contributes 14.6 points along with 3.6 rebounds. Meanwhile, Furey has been a presence in the post, averaging 11.6 points and 4.5 rebounds.

The Bears' remaining starters and key reserves also need to contribute if they hope to be a playoff team at the end of the year.

Sophomore Matt Fabian ranks third in the Centennial Conference in rebounding with 7.8 boards per game, and Junior Brett Jenkins adds 7.9 points per game at guard. Senior Co-captain Ted Piotrowicz and se-

nior guard Naquan Williams contribute not only with points and rebounds, but also as the catalysts and veteran leaders of the Bears team, something that Dennis Stanton did and both Piotrowicz and Williams have taken hold of.

The Bears have been in tough conference play all season. Their biggest win in Centennial Conference action this year has been against then #11 ranked Franklin and Marshall in which the Bears won 91-82. McGarvey did his part with 23 points and 12 assists in the game.

Will Furey contributed 17 points in the paint, while Matt Fabian also recorded a double-double with 14 points and 16 rebounds.

Their most heartbreaking loss this season was against Johns Hopkins, when Eric Tobak threw up a 35 ft. shot to end the game and take home the victory 70-69.

Their most recent game against Gettysburg was a tough one for which the Bears could never really get on track. Gettysburg trailed only once in the first half when Brian McEvily hit a 3-pointer and the Bears only lead 12-11. Gettysburg then showed excellent perimeter shooting scoring 15 points from behind the arc in the first half alone. The Bears were able to make a run in the second half, but the closest they got was 55-52.

Mike McGarvey paced the Bears with 17 points, 10 rebounds and two steals, which puts him eight away from the Centennial Conference record of 197 steals. Will Furey added 14 points, along with 10 from Brian McEvily. Matt Fabian pulled down 10 rebounds and Brett Jenkins scored nine in the loss.

The Bears need similar play the rest of the way to make the playoffs, but they'll also have to step up their defense if they wish to get more W's.

Dedication and attitude forms a true competitor

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It is said that attitude will reflect leadership, and in Division III sports, attitude plays an equal factor to skill in competition. Without a good attitude, team cohesion, and reciprocation from the leaders, a team will not succeed in achieving its goals set forth during preseason. For the 2004-05 season of the Ursinus swim team, gaining and maintaining a dedicated coach and improving the team stigma was the most important feat to overcome.

Nancy Herb, a graduate of the University of Delaware was selected to help the team achieve its goal by being named head coach of the men's and women's swim team in late August. Herb is a five-time American East conference champion, was a three-time team most valuable player, and was named Outstanding Senior Female Athlete of the Year at Delaware. This is her first time coaching at the collegiate level, but she has prior experience on her resume at Owen J. Roberts coaching the men's and women's varsity swim team for a year. Herb and senior captain, Lauren Carrescia, were equally anxious to start this season with high hopes and an intense program to get the team back on a winning track.

After completing seven of the ten meets scheduled for this season, the men and women have a total of four wins combined; last year the team had only three wins. More important are the individual improvements, the relationship between the team and coach, and the overall attitude of the team.

Senior Carla D'Olio explained how she was overwhelmed concerning the intensity of the practice sessions, but when she performed some of her best times at the first meet and was encouraged by Herb to try different races, D'Olio recognized the impact of the new leadership. D'Olio stated, "She [Herb] builds confidence in each competitor and we trust her as much as she believes in us. Each coach has a different philosophy and *this* philosophy is 'fitting' *this* team."

"It is a mutual respect and commitment to the team that she exemplifies, which is nothing we have experienced before being that this is our third coach in four years," Carrescia pointed out.

Both seniors said that Herb recognizes their Division III status, but understands that the dedication and heart is nothing short of a Division I athlete. She challenges her competitors and pushes them to their

limits.

Carrescia and D'Olio are disappointed that Herb could not have become a part of the team before this year, but they realize that they are lucky to have been a part of a new team that has the potential and talent to perform at an even higher level in the seasons to come. D'Olio concluded, "We [the team] have confidence in Coach and that she will return and continue building the team on her philosophy of commitment and dedication." That is just the attitude and leadership they have been desperately seeking.



UC Sports Schedule 01.27.2005-02.02.2005

Men's basketball

| Date | Opponent | Time |
|-----------|----------------|------------|
| Sat. 1/29 | at McDaniel | 3 p. m. |
| Wed. 2/2 | vs. Washington | 7:30 p. m. |

Women's basketball

| Date | Opponent | Time |
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| Sat. 1/29 | at McDaniel | 1 p. m. |
| Tue. 2/1 | at Washington | 6 p. m. |

Gymnastics

| Date | Opponent | Time |
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| Fri. 1/28 | UW-Oshkosh/Temple | 6 p.m. |

Wrestling

| Date | Opponent | Time |
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| Sat. 1/29 | vs. Gettysburg, Waynesburg, W&J | 12 p.m. |

Swimming

| Date | Opponent | Time |
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| Fri. 1/28 | vs. F&M | 5:30 p. m. |

Indoor Track

| Date | Opponent | Time |
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| Fri. 1/28 | at Muhlenberg Tri-Meet (DeSales, Ursinus) | TBA |

