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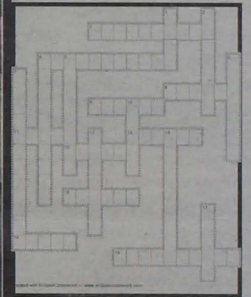
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Welcome back!

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The rebirth of Zack's

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Regardless of how fantastic or uneventful your summer may have been, there is a pleasant surprise that all of us can enjoy in Wismer Lower Lounge--the new Zack's and Jazzman's Café. Zack's has received a makeover. Wismer Lower Lounge experienced significant construction over the summer to allow Zack's to change and grow and to make room for the addition of a brand new Jazzman's. How do these exciting changes affect the students? What do these new changes mean?

The first change you'll notice when you walk into the eatery is the seating arrangements. There are beautiful, new tables and chairs whose addition adds color and atmosphere to Zack's. Booths were placed along the right side of the room and are perfect for dining with friends and classmates. The pool table remains in Zack's corner room if you ever feel inclined to play.

The dining kiosks were creatively rearranged and redesigned, producing a more modernized feel. An Italian-themed kiosk was added and features foods such as pasta, Stromboli, pizza, calzones, and breadsticks. Named "Pandinis," this kiosk boasts an "old world style" with "new world flavor." We also now have the option of Mexican food, which will be served daily by the "Mexi-Grill" section. Updates were made to the sub station (renamed the "Sub Connection") in the form of combo options.

Both the ordering and payment processes have been revamped and made simpler by electronic monitors placed at the drink station in the center of the food court. Here, you have the opportunity to check your account balance (flex and equivalency dollars), attain information about Dining Services, and pre-order your meal.

Dawn, a wonderfully warm dining services employee, compared the new ordering process to that of Wawa's, meaning that you can pick and choose what you would like on your subs. You now have the option of paying for your meal at the ordering station or at the register.

A favorite new feature of Wismer Lower Lounge is the new Jazzman's. The new Jazzman's in Wismer Lower Lounge functions primarily on flex dollars (much like the Jazzman's in the library), but will accept equivalency dollars during lunch. The Jazzman's in Wismer Lower Lounge will serve salads, breakfast sandwiches, and warmed pastries, along side the usual coffees, teas, and smoothies.

Marianne DiEgidio, director of both Zack's and Jazzman's, regarding cost, she mentioned that the price of beverages in Jazzman's has increased slightly, but other than that, costs are not expected to change significantly.

With the new culinary options available, dining this semester should be a much greater pleasure than it has been in the past. Bon Appetit!



A note from the News Editor

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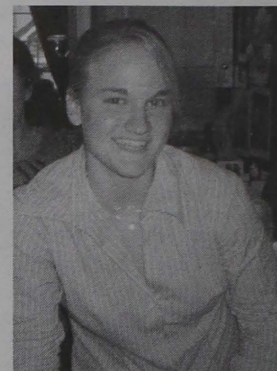
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Classes are just beginning, and as I sit at my desk listening to the rain pouring outside, I think about what the coming weeks and months will bring. A new year brings new possibilities, and I'm excited to see what will be happening on campus.

As the News Editor, I want to make it my number-one responsibility to report what students are doing both on- and off-campus. Throughout the year, students showcase their hard work and passions by participating in a variety of events. These are all things that I want to report.

That being said, I encourage you to stay in touch with me throughout the year. If you are participating in something that you would like to see in the newspaper, please let me know. I will do my very best to make sure everything gets covered. And as always, if you're interested in writing for the paper, we would love to have you on our staff.

On behalf of the rest of the editors, I wish you all a very successful year.



Internet outage on campus

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From the night of Wednesday, Aug. 23, until early Friday morning, Ursinus' Internet access was cut off when the fiber optic connection between campus and Philadelphia was severed. Students both on- and off-campus were effected by the service interruption. On-campus students could only access Ursinus' Web site and in-network emails, while off-campus students could not log onto Blackboard, the Ursinus Web site, or their e-mail. The outage occurred when a power line drooped onto the fiber optic cable, partially melting through the cable. Cogent, the service provider, and Synesys, the owners of the fiber optic cable, located the location of the damage and performed a temporary repair on Thursday night that restored internet access around 12 a.m. Friday. The internet was disrupted again Saturday morning from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. in order to conduct a full repair. Throughout the internet disruption, tech support kept the Ursinus community well-informed. No further problems are anticipated, but if problems are experienced, tech support should be contacted at extension 2244.

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR TENURE REVIEW

In accordance with the Ursinus College Faculty Handbook, student comments on teaching effectiveness and student-faculty interaction are invited at the time of a faculty member's review for tenure. Although student letters must be signed to be considered, student names may be withheld, upon request, when their comments are shared with the Promotion and Tenure Committee, and the faculty member.

This year, the following members of the faculty are being reviewed for tenure:

Dr. Francis Fritz, English
Dr. Rebecca Roberts, Biology
Dr. Xochitl Shuru, Modern Languages
Dr. Mohammed Yahdi, Mathematics and Computer Science

Your feedback is strongly encouraged and will assist the Committee in its review process. Letters should be sent to Dean Judith T. Levy, Office of the Dean by October 13, 2006.

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Changes to parking on campus

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"I think we really need more consistency."

When Kim Taylor, Director of Campus Safety at Ursinus College, was hired in Sept. 2005, she undertook the task of fixing the "parking problem" on campus.

In years past, while students have always been reassured that enough parking on campus was available, complaints were still made about the lack of spaces, particularly in the lots behind Main Street houses. Taylor spent last year talking with staff and students about the problems they were seeing and listening to suggestions that they had. Taylor created a parking committee, and, together, they redesigned the process of how permits are distributed and what they mean for students who are purchasing them. They are implementing the new

process at the beginning of this academic year.

There are now three different types of permits that can be issued to students. The red elliptical permit, which has become known as the "super sticker," will be issued to juniors and seniors living on Main Street, and is valid on all main campus and main street lots. The gold rectangular permit will be issued to all other upperclassmen and is valid on all main campus lots. Freshmen with extenuating

circumstances will be issued a silver triangular permit, but they will only be allowed to park in the lot behind the baseball field, in spots designated with green lines. All registered visitors will be issued a temporary pass and will be required to park in the west lot behind Reimert and the Kaleidoscope.

Taylor says that, in the past, students, particularly those living on Main Street, grew increasingly frustrated as they jockeyed for position when parking their cars. "We're going to introduce a seniority component to the process," she said. "We're trying to do things that are going to help you as a student."

Taylor says that as a basic rule of thumb, look to the left and right of your car after you park, and if your car is enclosed in white lines, then you are parked correctly. "We won't have any tolerance for parking on the grass," she said. She also reinforced the ruling made by the fire marshal that all campus driveways are considered fire lanes, and encouraged students to read the registration form that they've signed, so as to familiarize themselves with the rules.

Failure to comply with parking rules on campus has in the past, and will continue to result in tickets issued. Tolerance for excessive tickets is gone; three tickets will result in cars towed at the owner's expense or individual parking rights prohibited. Students can still appeal their tickets, but need to do so within ten days. Appeals are brought in front of a committee comprised of staff and students—none of whom are members of campus safety—who will make the final decision. "It's really helpful to have students, because they know the lots, and they're the ones who have to schlep across campus if they can't find a parking space," Taylor said.

Overall, Taylor is working with her committees and officers to make campus safety as friendly and approachable as possible. "Customer service is really important to us," she said.

The Campus Safety office is located to the left of Wismer, and is open 24 hours a day. There is someone working at the desk at all times, and there are anywhere from one to three officers on duty. They can be reached from any campus phone at extension 2737. Taylor can be reached through e-mail at ktaylor@ursinus.edu.

Class of 2010 moves in

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At 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2006, the class of 2010 began to arrive on the Ursinus College campus. They were greeted by the UC Ambassadors, who were ready to help them make their transition into college as smooth as possible.

First-year students registered in the field house as soon as they arrived on campus, and then returned to their cars to unload. Both freshmen centers had plans in place for unloading—cars formed a line leading up to the centers, and then were directed to the

building by on-duty members of facilities services and ambassadors. From there, everything was brought to respective rooms immediately.

"The football players were a big help bringing stuff up," said senior UC ambassador Laura Davis.

Most parents of first-year students filtered

out by 3:30 p.m., and the class of 2010 gathered in the Kaleidoscope auditorium for their first meeting together. Following the picnic that night (held in Wismer due to rain threats), students gathered again to attend a talk about date rape. Davis said that they tried to touch on all of the important issues that first-year students will face as creatively as possible. Similarly, during Hypnotic Intoxication the next evening, students watched their classmates be hypnotized into a seemingly drunken state, and were able to safely see the scary and deadly effects alcohol can have.

On Saturday morning, the annual trip to Philadelphia held a new twist. Instead of being bussed directly into the city as in years past, students were dropped off in Norristown and took the train the rest of the way. Once there, everyone split into groups and were

given packets containing lists of destinations, maps, and questions for them to think about. The basic goal of this design was to get people comfortable with getting in and out of the city without a car.

That night, following a candle-lit dinner, a well turned-out crowd filled Wismer Lower Lounge for a dance party. Davis said that

despite the fact that activity was constant, there was a good turnout for mostly every-

thing. Senior UC Ambassador Shannon Santillo-Herbert has a lot of confidence in the class of 2010. "They seem pretty cool," she said.

Anyone interested in being involved in the UC Ambassador program and orientation next year should contact Todd McKinney at tmckinney@ursinus.edu.



Sex at Ursinus



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Everything You Never Knew You Wanted to Know About Sex

As the fall semester begins, we as students experience both anxiety and relief; we are anxious about returning to classes and scholastic responsibility while we are relieved to be out of our parents' house and away from prying eyes. This sense of freedom is unique to our new friends, the freshmen, and a renewed sense of pleasure in liberation for the rest of us. Since pleasure has become a

strong possibility and reality in the absence of our parents, let's talk about sex. For the newcomers among us, it happens here about as frequently as a campus-wide e-mail is sent out and there are a lot of aspects about sex at Ursinus that unfortunately don't make their way into our mailboxes. So, let's start the semester off with a bang and a few tips on how to keep that word in your vocabulary.

The Wellness Center on campus plays a huge role in sexual health at Ursinus and provides a means of sustaining good sexual fitness. For those who don't know (as I didn't for most of my freshman year), the Wellness Center is located on campus in between and behind Reimert and Thomas Halls in a brick ranch-style house. Free condoms are provided in the main lobby and waiting room with no limitation on the amount one can take. Along with condoms, there are free pamphlets on how to use this method of latex birth control and there are pamphlets on sexually-transmitted infections. (If you are sexually active or planning on becoming sexually active, these pamphlets are a great resource on how to protect yourself and your partner from infection.) The Wellness Center is staffed with medical professionals with whom you can consult on sexual matters and who can aid in the decision of what birth control method is right for you. If you and your health professional decide that you or your partner would like to use birth control pills, the Wellness Center can both prescribe and provide the prescription. Gynecological appointments are available through Wellness, as well as counseling. If

you and your partner require emergency contraception (the Morning-after Pill), the Wellness Center can also prescribe and provide that prescription.

If you choose to go off-campus for matters concerning sexual health, there is a Planned Parenthood located in Collegeville on 2nd Avenue (In the complex across from the Acme/Eckerd/Annie Sez shopping center.) Planned Parenthood also provides free condoms, pamphlets, emergency contraception, and gynecological exams, as well as many other methods of birth control (Depo-Provera Shot, alternative forms of the pill, female condoms). Planned Parenthood is a medical facility that also provides on-site testing and diagnosis of HIV and sexually-transmitted infections. Planned Parenthood accepts some insurance plans and provides a sliding payment scale, which allows you to seek care even if the flow of money has stopped short of your dorm room. Both the Wellness Center and Planned Parenthood are completely confidential and available for student use.

Armed with exceptional resources and young adulthood, we are able to treat sexuality as a responsibility and a choice that we are each well-equipped to make. At Ursinus we have the freedom to "decline to comment" or to celebrate and enjoy our sexuality, whether it be through the privacy of our rooms or a campus newspaper. So treat this column as a celebration of Ursinus sexuality and a resource of ways to enjoy, increase, and understand it. I'm Lane Taylor, welcome back and stay tuned.

Getting to know Ursinus

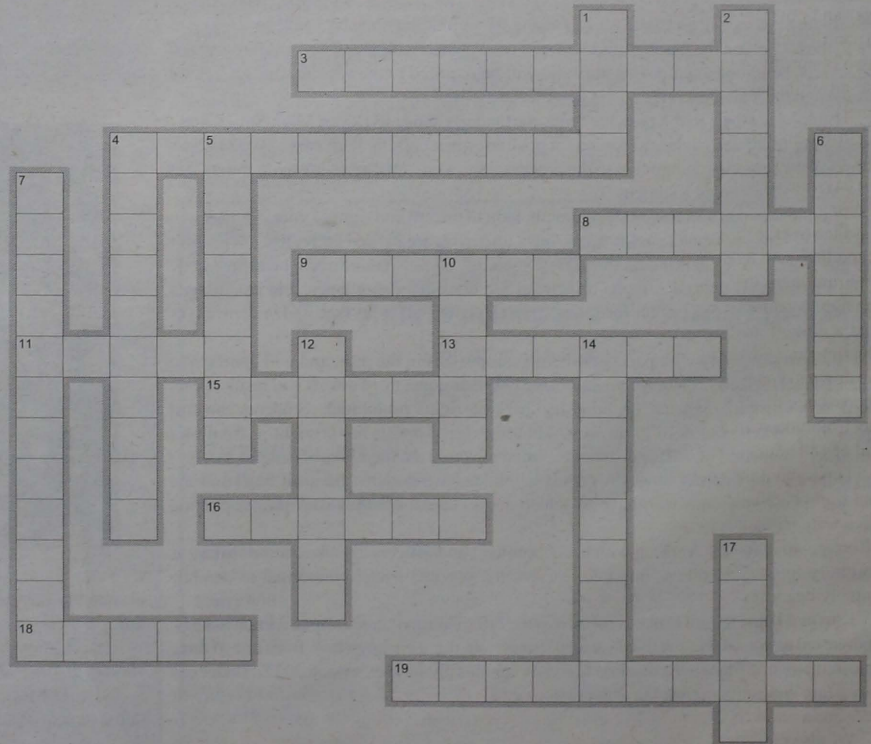
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Across

3. "Why can't we all just get along?"
4. Gino's specialty
8. Mock
9. Popular UC Dance genre
11. "S," to the Spartans
13. Trash talk
15. Bad luck room
16. Maybe they're crazy?
18. Give blood, play ____
19. The ____ Hooligans

Down

1. Our founder's nickname
2. Former home of Wellness
4. How large is our pool?
5. "Wait," to a Mexican
6. This house has its own sign
7. El jefe
10. What to eat?
12. Lip synch competition
14. Easily angered
17. Your home during finals week



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Local dining delights

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I know Wismer hasn't bored the freshmen yet, but for the rest of us, another semester of grilled chicken and pasta sounds depressing. But there's no need to go to extremes—there are plenty of quality dining options in Collegeville, especially if you have a car. Everybody knows about Wing Night at the Trappe, cheesesteak pizza at Rocco's, and that China Jade is delicious. But, there are tons of other convenient places to eat and drink in Collegeville within easy walking distance.

For great Italian, La Fontana (610-831-1900) is right down the street and offers deals such as \$12.00 gourmet entrees and \$3.00 margaritas on Fridays. Even closer is Marzella's (610-489-4946), which even offers breakfast specials on the weekends if you wake up too late for brunch.

For a quick snack, Tweet's Sweets (610-489-3837), which sits directly across from Wawa on Main Street, offers cases filled with bear claws, éclairs, chocolates, and cakes. The best part is that you can get yesterday's sticky buns or other day-old delights for a third off regular price, and even then, Krispy Kreme can't hold a candle to the taste. According to a sign in the window, the Philly Soft Pretzel Factory is coming soon on Main Street as well. Bravo Pizza (610-489-4271) inhabits the Trappe Shopping Center while The Pizza Stop (610-489-2265) resides in the Collegeville Shopping Center, if you're looking for

Experiencing the journey

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9,000 miles – the ultimate road trip – what a fantastic way to start off my summer vacation!

On Sunday, May 14, 2006, Kari Sears and I left Collegeville, Pa., marking the launch of "Experience the Journey," a five week trek across the country designed to view the problems different communities are facing with hunger and poverty.

The idea came to us in September of 2005. We quickly established three goals for the trip: The first was to talk about experiences we have had traveling in third world countries – hardships people were living in created by hunger and poverty, and visions we saw for the future. Our second goal was to acknowledge the distressing and growing problem of hunger and poverty in the United States by collecting canned food and distributing it to food pantries and missions that we visited along the way. The last goal was to raise money for two nonprofit organizations of our choice. I chose a mission in Honduras and Kari chose an orphanage in South Africa (both countries we had traveled to the previous summer).

In the months leading up to the trip, Kari and I spent hours raising money and arranging details for the trip. We had plenty of long days and sleepless nights; on any given day, one of us (or our mothers!) would want us to give up, but somehow we pulled everything together. On May 13, 2006, we held our kickoff event at Trinity UCC, located across the street from the Ursinus campus. We talked with people about our goals for the trip, and they sent us off with well wishes.

From there we went to New York City, where we delivered food to the West Side Campaign Against Hunger, a food pantry run out of a church on the West Side. We then visited a church in Rhode Island, stopped in Connecticut to attend my sister's college graduation, and then headed south for North Carolina. From there, we were nonstop; we drove down to Georgia, and then across to Texas and southern California. We drove up the west coast and then headed east from Washington through the Midwest; we made stops in Idaho, Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, Ohio, and finally made it back to Pennsylvania. We spent a total of 180 hours in the car.

Throughout this trip, I saw sights that a lot of people only dream about seeing – the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans; canyons in Arizona; energy fields in southern California; the Golden Gate Bridge; the giant Redwood forests; the coastal highway; Idaho potato fields; the Rocky Mountains; the St. Louis Arch; and the Great Lakes. If you ever have an opportunity to drive cross-country, I strongly encourage you to take it: we live in an absolutely beautiful country.

Kari and I also met a lot of different people on our trip. There were people who stood flabbergasted as we told our stories from trips abroad. We quickly realized how naïve some people actually are – they had no idea of the severe poverty people live in. These people, however, are well-intentioned. They listened to what we had to say, were willing to donate to our cause, and keep in touch with us to learn how they can help in the future.

We also met people who don't see the problems, refuse to acknowledge them, or are

something different than Rocco's but still craving a slice of pie.

If you're in the mood for something different than the usual, try the Bonjung Japanese Restaurant (610-489-7022) in Collegeville Station, next to Wawa. (Make sure that you make reservations first and don't wear jeans.) Bonjung is a great place to fulfill your sushi cravings and could provide the perfect setting for a romantic night out.

For a quick, tasty dinner option, take a few friends down to The Food Experience (610-409-0573) in the Redner's shopping center. There you can pick up delicious meals-to-go, heat them up, and have an instant gourmet dinner party. The dinners are freshly homemade and cost around \$5.00 per serving. But if you're looking for a less-active option, T.J.'s Pizza (610-489-0476) on Gravel Pike (at the intersection of 113 and 29) delivers on orders over \$10.00. If you join their pizza club, you can even earn points which count towards a free large cheese pizza.

If you have a car, The Collegeville Italian Deli and Bakery (610-489-1850) on Ridge Pike serves up the best tomato pie in town. If you've missed eating seafood since Harpoon Louie's closed, try Mile Hill Seafood (610-454-0406) also located on Ridge Pike. It offers a wide variety of fish dinners served with French fries and cole slaw for under \$10.00.

This is just a sampling of some of the many dining options available in Collegeville and Trappe. For more ideas on beating the Wismer boredom, visit the Amazon.com yellow pages and search more of the area's selections.

so caught up in their hopes and dreams that they don't care. Sometimes I believe these are the people who have the most to give – I have faith that humanity will turn itself around, and that we will eventually live in a world without poverty and hunger. This vision is still a long way off – but it's there.

Lastly, we met people who are truly making a difference; people who spend hours working with people less fortunate than them; people who have put their blood, sweat and tears into their passions; people who see a future of possibility and are willing to move forward in the hopes of achieving it; people who welcomed us with open arms, and made us feel like part of their families; people who inspired me to help others in ways I'll never be able to understand. To these people, I will forever be indebted.

Catch You in Career Services

Welcome to a great year filled with super programs and events from Career Services. We are ready to welcome all new and returning students as we look forward to a terrific year ahead. Included in this fall's programming schedule are workshops on resume writing, graduate school planning, and interviewing and job searching. Mark your calendar for a special program on October 23rd with authors Sheila Curran and Suzanne Greenwald for a presentation on their new book- Smart Moves for Liberal Arts Grads.

We're excited to launch a new series of career programs called A.T.E. @ Lunch--or Ask the Experts at Lunch--where you are invited to join alumni for lunch and informal career conversation on the various fields they represent. We are also bringing back one of our most requested programs on the fine art of dining etiquette.

Check out the Career Services Web site (www.ursinus.edu/career) for an awesome collection of resources and links. Once there, you can also log on to **UC CareerNet** to view current job postings and internships or find the link to **FOCUS**—an easy and fun to use tool that can help you identify your strengths and develop a successful career plan. And remember that practice makes perfect when it comes to the job or grad school interview—so schedule some time with **Perfect Interview**—a software program that helps you ace all your interviews.

Schedule an appointment to talk with a career counselor by stopping in our office in Olin Hall room 104, calling our extension at 2274 or emailing career@ursinus.edu. You can also take advantage of **Walk-in Wednesdays** when no appointment is necessary – just walk-in and get your questions answered.

If Instant Messaging is your thing—add us to your **buddy list!** Just add our screen name "UrsinusCareer" to your buddy list and you can ask for advice and information online!

Catch you in Career Services!

My summer with Rick

Mr. Sergeant and I did not see each other at all this summer, because as you may not know, we actually hate each other. We are like Simon (me) and Garfunkel (Dan). I have talent, and Dan has the voice of an angel and a bangin' Jew Fro. We will probably break up soon, but don't fret; we will surely release a reunion publication in a decade or two. But, anyway, on to my delightful story.

This summer, I was *born again*. Well, sort of. You see, I met the devil this summer, and we all know that the devil cannot exist without God. So, since I met the devil, I also found a belief in God.

And, I've got to say, it's wonderful. Now, I don't have to hold myself responsible for anything! But, back to the story. My father and I, for some strange reason, decided to make a trek



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DAN SERGEANT**
Communism for Dummies

down to Hell, aka Washington, D.C., in the middle of summer. I had decided that I wanted to see not only the tourist traps, but also some United States senators, who are kind of tourist traps, too, in a way. So, we embarked on a quest to find Pennsylvania's guardian angel, Arlen Specter. But his tools, I mean, his aides, told us that he was in a meeting. Always in a meeting. Dejected, we left Senator Specter's

office to see who else we could find. Passing Rick Santorum's office, we decided to stop by for the hell of it. His aide, seeing the very tourist-y camera around my neck asked, "Do you want a picture with the senator?" I said, "Sure!" So, we waited. I assume he was finishing his three-course meal of fetuses, kittens, and beluga whales, but we'll never really know. Eventually, he came out of a secret door, looking somewhat disoriented. Beluga whales are known for their nauseating effects, but they're just so delicious! Anyhow, Senator Santorum, or Rick, as I called him without his approval, was a large man, bigger than the television makes him seem. He was also a weathered man. Although, to be fair, any incumbent who is polling below 40% would be weathered. He had a cold, clammy hand shake that sent jolts of pure evil through my body. After a bit of small talk, he said, "So, are we doing a picture?" One of his aides took my camera and did his magic, but you wouldn't believe what happened when we had the pictures printed. Rick Santorum did not show up in the picture!

Ah, I'm just kidding. You Ursinians are so easy to fool when it comes to ghost stories. But, in all seriousness, his eyes "follow" you around the room. If I ever want to have nightmares, I just look at that picture. But, that picture also cheers me up, because it makes me think, "Man, Rick must be *really* desperate for votes!" And that, my friends, is a wonderful thought.

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Save the moderates!

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As you know (or at least, I hope you know), there is a very important round of elections coming up in a couple of months. As with any modern election, the lackluster Democrats are futilely attempting to define and unite themselves (I say this with all due respect; I am and probably always will be a registered Democrat). As was evident with the nomination of Ned Lamont and the ousting of Joe Lieberman in Connecticut's Senate primary election, Democrats are being punished for being "too close" to President Bush. In other words, they are being punished for being "bad" Democrats. Democrats claim to be "The Party of the People." But since when are "the people" all in agreement about every single political and social issue? This attempt to create a strictly unified party (and both parties are guilty of this) is *terrible* for American politics.

The average American would probably consider him or herself a "moderate." That can, of course, be modified with the addition of "liberal" or "conservative" on the end, but, either way, the average American does not have extreme political views. That's why we call them "extreme political views." So, why do we have so many insane bastards in the Senate and the House of Representatives? I argue that this is because our two-party system has failed us. Don't get me wrong, I'm not some kind of hippie "libertarian" or "green" voter. I vote Democrat. I think voting third-party is usually a waste of a vote. However, the two-party system does have its drawbacks.

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The Opinions Editor's opinions on opinions

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Opinions are interesting. Here's an opinion: that was a very lame opening line to an article. But, it makes a fair point. Opinions are vital to our everyday lives. We need opinions in order to make judgments, whether about what pair of undies to wear or what major to choose. We need opinions to carry on everyday conversation. We need opinions to prevent ourselves from being taken advantage of. In short, opinions make the rockin' world go 'round.

However, opinions are constantly under attack. After all, if our opinions are too strong, we are "closed minded." If our opinions are too controversial, we are "jerks." Although, in my experience, I have found that the people who throw these words around are, well, closed-minded jerks (I wonder if that makes me a closed-minded jerk for throwing those words around). Here's a scenario:

Person 1: I support gay marriage!

Person 2: I don't.

Person 1: You're a closed-minded jerk!

I think this illustrates my point. Just because someone believes in politically "liberal" causes does not mean that he or she is open-minded (please keep in mind that I support said politically "liberal" causes). But, I don't think there's anything wrong with that. "Closed-

minded" isn't necessarily a bad thing. It certainly *can* be a bad thing, for if you believe in something and you do not have good arguments to back it up, you are either stupid or "faithful," and faith can't really apply to issues like who to vote for in November, unless you think Jesus would vote Republican (I personally think he would vote Green, but I'm still voting Democrat). Here's another scenario.

Liberal: I hate George Bush!

Moderate: Why?

Liberal: Uhh... because he's stupid!

You see, hating George Bush is fine, but have good reasons! God knows they're out there. Don't feel like you have to say "I dislike George Bush" just because "hate is a strong word." Believing strongly in something is wonderful, and that should be expressed. These two pages of black and white goodness are where such beliefs find refuge.

The opinions section of any newspaper ought to be a place where *anyone* can express *any* opinion. An op-ed writer fills his palette with issues. Limiting him to those issues which will not offend anyone is like limiting Jackson Pollock to black and white, except for the fact that any halfway decent op-ed writer has infinitely more talent than that overrated hack. See? The greatness of an opinions page is that I can express

that opinion, even though there may be some artsy-fartsy people out there who will be offended. So, I urge you, especially if you have "unpopular" opinions, to write some articles and let your voice be heard.

So, to wrap this up, I welcome you to another wonderful year of Grizzliciousness, and I leave you with a quote from my favorite Founding Father, Thomas Jefferson:

"The press is the best instrument for enlightening the mind of man, and improving him as a rational, moral, and social being."

Have an opinion? Have something to say about the opinions of others? Simply want to be heard? Please send your questions, comments, compliments, and complaints to the Opinions Editor at maflyntz@ursinus.edu

Moderates (Cont'd from Pg. 6)

For instance, our primary election system fuels partisanship. In Pennsylvania, only Democrats can vote in the Democratic primary and only Republicans can vote in the Republican primary. Independents have absolutely no voice. Also consider the fact that it is usually the more extreme wings of the parties that come out to vote on primary election day (how many of you voted in the primaries? I'm not chastising; it is largely a waste of time. I'm just making a point). This combination is a recipe for extremist candidates. Of course, there are plenty of exceptions. For instance, Bob Casey, Jr. handily won the Pennsylvania Democratic Senate primary, but that is simply because people want a "safe bet" to kick Rick Santorum out.

Speaking of Bob Casey, I was originally rather upset at his nomination. After all, he is pro-life and anti-stem cell research, two things I consider big no-noes when considering political candidates. However, Bob Casey will likely be more able to work effectively with Republicans than a more "liberal" candidate. In other words, the election of moderates will, at least in theory, help put an end to the bitter partisanship that plagues modern politics. So, I think it is in the best interest of the nation (but perhaps not in the best interest of my own

left-of-center political views) to elect and re-elect moderates to Congress. This may seem somewhat un-democratic, for shouldn't we vote for those with whom we agree? Well, yes. I would prefer to be casting a vote for a pro-choice/pro-stem cell research candidate, but hell, the right to abortions can't be taken away by Congress, and stem cell research can make no advances until we get a less stubborn president, so why should I be worried? Plus, Casey will be able to deliver genuinely bipartisan results, something we should look for in candidates.

So, what exactly am I saying? I, with all my political clout and prestige, am endorsing moderate candidates of all parties. If you live in Pennsylvania, I urge you to vote for Bob Casey, a "conservative" Democrat; if you live in Rhode Island, I urge you to vote for Lincoln Chafee, a "liberal" Republican; if you live in Connecticut, I urge you to vote for Joe Lieberman, a truly independent Independent. The Democrat in me tells me that building a Democratic majority in Congress should be our top priority, but the "political scientist" (haha) in me tells me that building a *functional* Congress should be our top priority. Decide for yourselves, but whatever you decide, please make your decision heard by voting on Nov. 7.

The Back Row: Almost Famous

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Welcome back to the Back Row...where "good" movies and movies I and a few other demented minds consider good go to die. For those of you just joining us, *The Grizzly* lets me pick just about any flick I want to write about and then publish my subsequent ramblings. So it's more or less win-win. Many, many months ago I picked up a copy of this month's flick and re-watched it for the first time in a few years. I was blown away at just how powerful *Almost Famous* is and how well the characters connected.

Almost Famous follows 15-year-old William Miller (Patrick Fugit) as he reports for *Rolling Stone Magazine* on Stillwater, an up-and-coming band in the '70s. Along the way, he falls for charismatic groupie, Penny Lane (Kate Hudson), who is the frontman Russell's (Billy Crudup) girlfriend. Along the way lessons are learned, drugs are done, and no one remains the same.

Absolutely worth mentioning are the fantastic performances by literally everyone in the cast. Crudup and Jason Lee have great chemistry as bandmates and friends struggling to deal with the pressure of the spotlight, while Fugit delivers a very sincere naiveté towards the more shady dealings of the rock and roll world roaring around him. Even the smaller characters played by Frances McDormand, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, and, in a scene-stealing role, Jimmy Fallon, are all performed like they were born to perform them.

You may have noticed that I have not mentioned Kate Hudson yet, and with good reason: she absolutely steals this movie. She is charismatic and alluring, and from the first moment Fugit's character meets her, the viewer is as attracted to her as he is. Hudson never lapses into making her character a bubbly blond airhead; instead, she carries a real world weariness about her as if

the years of traveling from hotel to hotel, taking long trips on the tour bus, and just generally riding the coattails of a dream have taken their toll. It's a real shame; since this film Hudson has not acted in anything that she could sink her teeth into. (Let's be honest: *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days* isn't exactly *Citizen Kane*.)

Whenever I think about this film, one scene always stands out in my mind when I try to explain why I love it so much. After a long night of partying following which real tension is showing between the members, the band is riding silently on the tour bus, each deep in their own thoughts. As Elton John's Tiny Dancer comes onto the radio, the drummer absently mindedly begins singing along. Soon, everyone on the bus joins in one by one, singing with real feeling. As this is going on William, who has been missing school for months while following the band, turns to Penny and remarks, "I have to go home." She replies right back, "You are home." This scene perfectly sums up the spirit of the movie, how the power of music can heal wounds, break hearts, and lift you up higher than you can imagine.

For this week's movie recommendation, I have to go with *Dazed and Confused*. It's the only other film that comes close to capturing the spirit of the music at the time, particularly through its amazing soundtrack. Also, it boasts a great cast including Matthew McConaughey (another *How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days* alum), Jason London, and a young Ben Affleck. That's it for this week. You stay classy, Ursinus (apologies to *Anchorman*).

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Election projections

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The 2006 mid-term elections are only about two months away, so I think it is time to take out the ol' crystal ball and make some predictions, don't you?

Alright, let's start with the big one: the United States Senate. My prediction: Democrats will *not* regain control of the Senate. However, they will come mighty close. After the elections, I think there will be 50 Republicans, 48 Democrats, and two Independents. The Independents both lean Democrat, so it is fair to say there are 50 Democrats. However, as Vice President, Dick Cheney is also President of the Senate, meaning he has the all-important tie-breaking vote, thus giving power to the Republicans. Some specifics: the seats that will change party control are as follows. Pennsylvania Republican Sen. Rick Santorum will lose to Democrat Bob Casey. Ohio Republican Sen. Mike DeWine will lose to Democrat Sherrod Brown. Rhode Island Republican Sen. Lincoln Chafee will lose to Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse. Missouri Republican Sen. Jim Talent will lose to Democrat Claire McCaskill. Montana Republican Sen. Conrad Burns will lose to Democrat Jon Tester. Last, the odd ball: Connecticut. Senator Joe Lieberman, currently a Democrat, will run, and win, as an Independent, thus creating a nominal (not substantive) party change.

Next up, the United States House of Representatives. This is much harder to predict, because there is not nearly as much polling as there is for the Senate elections. However, as a junior Politics major, I feel that I am more than qualified to make this kind of blind assessment. My prediction: Republicans will retain control of the House, although the Democrats will make considerable gains. There are currently 232 Republicans, 202 Democrats, and one Independent in the House. I think after the elections, those numbers will look more like 220, 215, and zero, give or take a few. There will be a few exciting House elections close to home. Ursinus' district, Congressional District 6, will hold one of the most closely watched Congressional elections. In 2004, Republican Jim Gerlach edged out Democrat Lois Murphy, 51% to 49%. This November, Murphy is running again, and given the anti-Republican climate, I predict that she will win. District 7, encompassing parts of Chester and Delaware Counties, could be competitive. Republican incumbent Curt Weldon was once considered a shoe-in, but considering the political atmosphere, his opponent, Democrat Joe Sestak, has a somewhat decent chance of winning. I predict, however, that Weldon will hang on with a margin of victory under 5%. A similar situation is brewing in District 8, which is constituted mostly by Bucks County. Republican incumbent Mike Fitzpatrick is up against a bright, young Iraqi war veteran by the name of Patrick Murphy. I predict that Fitzpatrick will hang on, as well. However, should something "bad" happen to the Republicans in the next two months, those predictions could change.

Hold on to this article and be amazed on election night! Perhaps you can devise some sort of drinking game. For every prediction I got correct, you take a shot. (But only if you're over 21, of course.) Either way, have fun on election night.

Talent and experience lead Bears into 2006 season

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After two grueling weeks of shoulder pad banging and gold helmets flying around the practice fields of Collegeville, Pa., the Ursinus Bears football team finally gets to kickoff the 2006 campaign when the Crusaders of Susquehanna come to town this Saturday at 1 p.m.

With a plethora of talent returning from the 2005 squad, the Bears look to take the momentum from last year's wins at LaSalle, Gettysburg, Newport News, and Johns Hopkins and use them as fuel to ignite what should be an exciting season.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Bears return the entire front line with the exception of center Andrew Bonsall. Junior Jon Rinkus will assume the role as the new center for Ursinus, and the interior looks solid with senior Jeff Milligan and junior co-captain Keith Lynn playing guard. Senior Brandon Hasse and junior Carmen Gentile will start at tackle for the Bears come Sept. 2.

In the backfield, the Bears return shifty running back David Ashworth and fullback Josh Wissler, along with all-purpose back Jim Cannon. The one-two punch from Ashworth and Cannon should give

opposing defenses trouble all year. Wissler will provide huge openings for both Ashworth and Cannon to run through along with a stellar offensive line that could make running the ball a must for the Bears.

Senior Ted Wallingford takes over at quarterback for the Bears. Wallingford has great presence in the pocket and has the arm strength to throw the ball deep, something the Bears will be doing a lot of this season with the excellent group of receivers returning.

Josh Hannum will lead the way at receiver for the Bears, along with senior Mark Greim and juniors James Sproule, Mike Weyrauch and Brandon Evans. Evans suffered a knee injury during summer camp and will be sidelined for a few weeks, but look for him to return to the line-up and make an immediate impact.

Keith Mazonkey and Chris Sanna will split time at tight end for the Bears. Both have great blocking skills and superb hands. They will pose as a dual threat both in the run game and in the passing attack. With the

talent that the Bears possess at the skill positions on offense, they look to score early and often.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Bears expect to continue their dominance in the Centennial Conference. The black shirts are truly one of the best in the conference with their excellent schemes, speed, and ability to make open-field tackles. Co-captains Matt Duppel and Rob Gibson anchor a defense that will not only stop opposing offenses from scoring, but put points on the board themselves.



Mike Trio will compliment Gibson at defensive end, while the interior D-line looks just as solid. Mike Kimpel returns at defensive tackle along with senior Justin Traino. All four have the strength and speed to make big stops and cause havoc in the backfield.

Brian Hrynczyszyn leads the way at middle linebacker for the Bears and will be accompanied by senior Stephen Ordog at the linebacker spot. Junior Chris Carey and

senior Dan Duffy are solid back-ups who, when in the game, will assume similar roles as run stoppers and leaders of this defensive unit.

Along with Duppel in the defensive secondary will be junior Ryan VanWright. Van Wright is one of the best corners in the conference and has shown both his speed and intelligence on the field already this season with an interception for a touchdown against Delaware Valley this past weekend.

Joining Duppel and VanWright will be sophomores Billy Stole and Ryan Tole, transfer Chris Frank, senior Kieran Gorman, and sophomore DeVohn Butler. Butler led the team with 6.5 sacks last season and with his explosive style of play and speed, look for Butler to be in the offensive backfield even more this season.

The Bears defense is the anchor of an experienced team with great depth at most positions. Ursinus looks to make some noise in the Centennial Conference this season and has the talent to do so. If the offense puts some points on the board, the defense continues in unrelenting dominance, and the kicking game stays sound, look for Ursinus to be making some big plays and winning a lot of games this season.

Field hockey looks to continue dominance in CC

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The Centennial Conference and the Division III field hockey nation have all eyes on the Ursinus Bears field hockey team. The Bears return all but one of their starters from last year's final four team that dominated Centennial Conference opponents and are also coming off a trip overseas.

The 2006 Lady Bears' team is poised to make a strong return this fall with a roster that is big on both depth and experience. Once again the Bears are the favorite to take the conference title and should definitely push towards a national title in 2006.

While only one starter moved on in graduation, the team must still find a way to fill the void left by four-year starter Ashley Ettinger. Ettinger, in her senior year, tallied seven goals and 10 assists in 23 starts last season. Ettinger was named to the ECAC Division III All-Star first team, and she was also selected to the All-Region and All-CC first team after earning Centennial Conference (CC) Player of the Year honors. Certainly hers are some big shoes to fill, but the Bears will be up the challenge as they look to improve upon their 20-3 record from a year ago.

Laura Moliken enters her eighth season as head coach. Coach Moliken has led the Bears to back-to-back Centennial Conference titles. The Bears have dominated conference opponents under Coach Moliken's lead, posting a 30-0 record over the past three years.

Looking to continue their domination of opponents

on the offensive side of the field are top goal scorers from last season, junior Lindsay Cappa, and seniors Karen Wendler, Jess Rogers, and Molly Stevens. Wendler was selected to the 2005 ECAC Division III all-star team last season and looks to continue her dominance on the field for the Bears this year. Seniors Abby Loefflad and Allison Dout will anchor a powerful defense that surrendered a mere 33 goals last season.

The Ursinus field hockey team has all the tools and talent to take it to the next level, and that next level will be bringing a national title home to Collegeville. The Bears begin their defense of another conference championship Sept. 6 at Haverford. You can see the Bears in action Sept. 9 when they face Messiah on Snell Field.

