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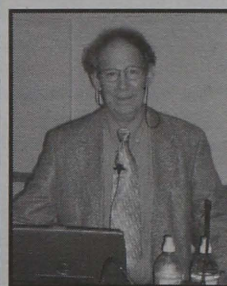
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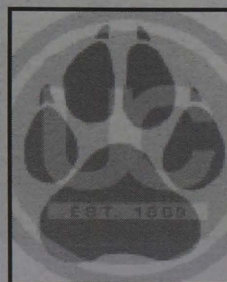
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Full auditorium discusses solutions to diversity issues at forum

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"We're all Ursinus students and if one group is attacked, we're all attacked."

At 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, senior USGA President, Vince Rossomando, called the group of students, faculty and staff gathered in Olin Auditorium to order for a continuation of the discussion that had begun the week before on issues of diversity at Ursinus.

"There were concerns on campus, not just recently, but throughout the year," Rossomando said to a full auditorium. He made it clear that this was the opportunity for everyone to have their voices heard.

Issues of racism and general intolerance on campus were raised after the Ursinus Men's Basketball team hosted an NCAA first round tournament game against Farmingdale State University.

Ursinus Athletic Director, Brian Thomas, described fans being enthusiastic throughout the evening until Ursinus fell behind. "In the heat of the moment, several fans led insulting, derogatory chants, including ethnic slurs, directed at FSU," Thomas said in a letter to the editor for the March 9 issue of the *Grizzly*.

President Strassburger was among the faculty in attendance and addressed the issues that surfaced at the basketball game in his opening remarks. "In every conceivable way, the incident at the basketball game was unfortunate; it put Ursinus in a bad light," he said to the crowd. "There's no need to insult other people that come to our campus as

guests."

When Rossomando opened the floor to students, many of their remarks addressed the issue of campus awareness; many students were upset that they hadn't been notified when one-inch swastikas were found drawn on four doors in one of the freshmen centers.

Dean of Students Debbie Nolan, Director of Residence Life Steve Larson, and Resident Director Leslie Stellwagon addressed this by assuring students that from an administrative perspective, this incident was handled responsibly and respectfully.

"I hope you believe us when we say that it wasn't swept under the rug," Stellwagon said.

Nolan apologized to students who felt that an e-mail should have been sent informing all Ursinus residents of what had happened.

Junior Evan Thornburg stood up and addressed her peers, saying that they need to stop blaming the administration for what students are and are not informed of on campus. "As a student body, what can we do to increase conversation?" she asked, even of her own friends. "We are our biggest source of communication."

Junior Julia Lickfield, President of Campus Activities Board, agreed. "It comes down to one thing—it's *our* responsibility to get the word out," she said. "Revolutions start with the smallest groups."

Although significant changes are dubious with the end of the semester drawing near, faculty, staff, administrators and the USGA executive board assured students that these issues wouldn't fizzle out over the summer. Members of the diversity committee, which had been inactive over the past few years, are making plans to execute changes on campus next year.

"We haven't been doing a very good job," admitted committee chair Matt Mizenko. "But we'll try to do a better job next year."

In the meantime, the administrators, staff, and executive board members encouraged students to speak up and speak out. Write opinion articles for the *Grizzly*; attend town hall meetings; talk with your RA or a faculty member that you're close with about issues that concern you. Everyone in attendance was in agreement that no one's voice should be silenced.

If you have an opinion that you would like to be voiced to the USGA, you can e-mail the organization at usga@ursinus.edu, or visit their Web site: <http://webpages.ursinus.edu/usga/>. You can also contact Rossomando at virossomando@ursinus.edu or Amanda D'Amico, who will be president in the 2006-2007 school year, at amdamico@ursinus.edu.

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Junior Jumpstart: Get a head start on grad school planning and your upcoming job search!

Many new graduates are not aware of all the possibilities that exist for people with their particular background, skills, and interests. Summer is a great time for juniors to research the possibilities through online resources and information interviews with friends, family and UC alumni.

After developing a clear sense of the types of jobs you would like to pursue, research industries and identify companies of interest to you. Learn about hiring trends/cycles for those industries; for example, large organizations in some industries (e.g., public accounting, information technology, consulting, and pharmaceutical) are able to predict their annual hiring needs and begin recruiting as early as September! Timing can be a critical factor—make sure that you are prepared when you return to school in the fall. Write a rough draft of your resume and have it critiqued by the Career Services Office. Become familiar with all the web-based tools on our Web page, which are all accessible during the summer. Get comfortable with UC CareerNet.

Although graduate school applications are due typically during the fall or spring semester of your senior year, you can work with advisors and obtain application information during the summer. Determine the degree (e.g., MS versus PhD) that will enable you to reach your career goals.

Begin to research programs. Use the Peterson's Graduate School Guides, www.Gradschool.com, and other related resources to help you locate schools that offer the program(s) you are interested in. If you plan on taking the GRE, consider using the summer to study and taking the exam before you return in the fall.

If you are a junior, it's not too early to start your preparation for next year's career activities! See your advisor or a counselor in the Career Services Office (610-409-3599 or career@ursinus.edu) for help.

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News in brief

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The Hamas-led Palestinian government announced last week the formation of a new security force made up of members of Palestinian militant groups. The new Hamas Interior Minister, Said Siyam, said the force would help the police enforce law and order. Mr. Siyam also put a leading militant, Jamal Abu Samhadana, in charge of Palestinian police and security forces. (BBC)

In this era of easy ad skipping with TiVo-like video recorders, television viewers could one day be forced to watch commercials with a system that prevents channel switching. Researchers of the Netherlands-based consumer electronics company, Royal Philips Electronics, have created a technology that could let broadcasters freeze a channel during a commercial, so viewers would be unable to avoid it. Royal Philips has recently applied for a patent with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. (MSNBC)

UN human rights experts have condemned Nepal's police forces for "excessive and deadly use of force" after three people were killed at anti-monarchy rallies. There was "indiscriminate firing" as at least 100,000 people defied a curfew to protest against King Gyanendra in the capital, Kathmandu. Doctors say at least 40 protesters were injured, some seriously. The king imposed direct rule in February 2005, saying the government had failed to defeat Nepal's Maoist rebellion. (BBC)

Antarctica's buried lakes are connected by a network of rivers far beneath the surface, say several UK scientists. It was thought the sub-glacial lakes had been completely sealed for millions of years, enabling unique species to evolve within them. In a recent issue of the journal "Nature," experts say international plans to drill into the lakes may now have

to be reviewed. Any attempts to drill into one body of water risks contaminating others. "What this paper shows is that not only could you contaminate a lake, you could contaminate the whole drainage system," lead author Duncan Wingham, of University College London, said last week. (BBC)

President Bush and Chinese President Hu Jintao held talks last week on nuclear proliferation and energy policy as they worked for closer U.S.-China ties. Outside the White House, activists protested human rights abuses by the Hu government. At least one protester managed to get inside to disrupt a ceremony. The two leaders' summit included discussions about North Korean nuclear weapons, Iranian nuclear weapons and China's growing demand for oil. The White House visit was Hu Jintao's first as president of the People's Republic of China. (NPR)

Google Inc., the most-used internet search engine, said first-quarter profits rose 60 percent, beating analysts' estimates, as the company took market share from Yahoo! Inc. and Microsoft's MSN. Google lured more users with new products, such as a finance site and online video store. About 60 percent of Internet searches were made through Google in February, up from 50 percent a year earlier. Those extra searches created enough revenue to compensate for an increase in spending on products, new offices, and hiring. (Bloomberg)

A cargo ship struck and killed an endangered whale and then dragged it, a state wildlife official said. The 35-foot long, 17,000-pound male sei whale was found recently, wrapped around the bow of the 800-foot container ship MSC Johannesburg. The whale had broken bones and internal injuries, indicating it was killed by the ship, which sailed from Boston to Baltimore last week, said Cindy Driscoll, Director of Fish and Wildlife health programs at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. (CNN)

A senior reflects on her Ursinus experience

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Shoulda, woulda, coulda. As a senior enduring the last few weeks of school, thoughts of my four years here have been running through my mind. Most seniors will read this and understand me when I say that these thoughts are inconceivable to anyone who is not graduating. The real world seems like a scary place, and although we are all mentally ready to go out into the world, there will be things in college that we should have done, would have done and could have done—and some didn't. Some seniors are throwing suggestions out there for all of you freshman, sophomores and juniors.

Bart Brooks said that one college experience he could not live without and would not have changed was his study abroad experience in London. "I can't stress it enough," he said. "Studying abroad is a richly rewarding experience, and by not going, you're really missing out."

Jennifer Knapp suggested joining a sorority or fraternity. "I would say that being in a sorority does change your life and you have bonds for life," she explained. "I also met a lot of new people that I don't know I would have met if I [weren't] in a sorority." Although I am not in a sorority and definitely not in a fraternity, I have seen many of my friends change for the better because of their sisterhood or brotherhood.

Darron Harley's advice was, "Get involved with as many organizations as possible and...stay busy, because that way you will never be bored. There is *always* something to do. If you think Ursinus is boring, that's because you're boring."

Another suggestion was to play sports, because your team will become a second family to you, even if your sport is intramural dodgeball. Sports are great exercise and really fun.

Kate O'Neill recommended, "You should go see speakers and presenters as much as possible because it gives you the chance to meet famous and intelligent people." There is never a lack of well-known presenters on campus.

I suggest that you have as much fun in college as possible. Go out whenever you have a free moment. Travel with your friends as much as possible, even if it is to the diner in Collegeville. Don't do work *all* the time. Go out and breathe.

Lastly, take as many classes as you can and don't just take required classes. Dabble in everything because you never know when some random piece of information or a talent

you learned will be needed. I took Tai Chi and now can throw an attacker to the ground long enough to run away.

Darron Harley expressed, "What I liked most about Ursinus is the closeness that you have with some people on campus. I feel that the friends I made here are lifetime friends. Our experience on this small campus has made us appreciate the bond we have." On that note, do what you like and have fun.

On behalf of the senior class, we wish you all good luck. Don't take your college experience for granted because it will pass you by before you know it. Thank you everyone: faculty, staff and students.

Annual student art show opens

COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS

Art majors and studio art students at Ursinus College are showcasing their work April 26 through May 13 in the Main and Upper Galleries of the Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art at Ursinus College and Ritter Art Studio Gallery. The exhibition and related events are free and open to the public.

The art presented by students includes painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, photography and the video arts. Student artists have been recognized for excellence in specific media with juried awards including cash, book and purchase prizes.

The Berman Museum of Art at Ursinus is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; noon to 4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; closed Mondays and college holidays. The museum is accessible to the physically disabled. Admission is free. For more information about this and other museum programs, please call the Berman Museum of Art at (610) 409-3500.

Crowding First Base



LANE TAYLOR
**Everything You Never
 Knew You Wanted to
 Know About Sex**

Sex is complicated. The potential emotional and physical consequences of sex complicate what should be one of the simpler biological functions. Because of this, many find comfort in sexual activity that doesn't carry the same physical significance as intercourse, such as outercourse (dry-humping). Those who are uncomfortable with that

amount of sexual activity can turn to an act much less complicated yet just as sexy: kissing. For millennia, humans have used kissing to experience passion and pleasure; however, our generation rarely takes the time to embrace all that kissing has to offer. Let's take this opportunity to retrace our steps on the metaphorical baseball diamond and linger

just a little longer at first base.

According to *The Everything Great Sex Book*, moisture is essential in a kiss. The authors suggest wetting your lips using your tongue before moving towards your partner. It is also important to move toward a kiss at a moderate speed; do not rush in. Slowly bringing yourself to your partner will make it clear that your focus is on him or her, not sexual activity. When you and your partner make first contact, the authors suggest stroking the inner lips of your partner with your lips before introducing your tongue into the kiss. Introducing the tongue too early may threaten the romance of the kiss; it is important to approach the kiss without expectation of further sexual activity.

When you decide it's appropriate to launch (figuratively speaking) your tongue into the mouth of your partner, do so at a slow, loving pace. Try kissing your partner as though you and your partner were experiencing your first kiss. (This can be a wonderful encounter for those of us who have incurred a first-kiss experience that we wish we hadn't.) The authors define "French kissing" as "probing" the mouth of your partner using your tongue. They suggest moving your tongue in an exploratory manner within your partner's mouth, making sure to take the care and time to fully experience the kiss. You can also use your tongue to tease your partner. Much like with intercourse, moving your tongue in and out of your partner's mouth

may further entice and excite him or her (*The Everything Great Sex Book*).

You can also excite your partner by exploring other erogenous zones above the waist and neckline, specifically the neck and ears. The ears are extremely sensitive and respond significantly to stimulation, and kissing and lightly sucking on the ears and areas surrounding the ears will arouse your partner. The authors also suggest whispering softly into the ear of your partner as another way to excite him or her. Listen and react in accordance with your partner's response; move your lips and tongue harder, faster, softer, or slower in unity with the wishes of your partner (whether or not he or she is expressing them with words). Use your instincts and knowledge of your partner while kissing his or her ears or neck. When in doubt, simply ask. It may interrupt the moment, but it will show your partner that you care and your focus is on his or her pleasure (*The Everything Great Sex Book*).

Though kissing may seem boring to more sexually experienced individuals, this is hardly the case. Kissing is one of the most intimate and romantic activities in which two people can engage. And in spite of our youthful rush to the finish line, or in this case, home base, it's important that every now and then we bend the rules of the game a little and crowd first base.

One last look back

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Working for the *Grizzly* after the previous editors in chief, who had two years of experience, was a challenge. We strove to devise new ways to build upon what they started, to expand the *Grizzly* and to raise its level of journalistic integrity. We worked as hard as possible to meet that challenge, and we hope this reflected in each and every issue over the past year.

We could not have done this without our industrious editors, whom we'd like to thank immensely. They were: Jon Gagas (news), Marlena McMahon-Purk (news), Cecily MacConchie (features), Heather Turnbach (opinions), Dave Marcheskie and Matt Pastor (sports), Ivy McDaniels (photography), Lauren Perotti and Jan Cohen (business). We would also like to extend our gratitude to our copy editors and our writers. Lastly, we'd like to thank Dr. Jaroff, who provided much help along the way. The *Grizzly* is the result of teamwork each and every week.

While we have been extremely pleased with the *Grizzly* this year, we would like to see more campus involvement. The *Grizzly* can, and should, be an excellent platform for student and faculty opinion. There is so much that this campus has to offer, and not enough makes it to the pages

of this paper—to no fault of our hard-working staff. The simple fact is that the *Grizzly* needs your help: you can contribute to the *Grizzly* by writing articles, by sending in pictures, by responding to events and articles and so forth.

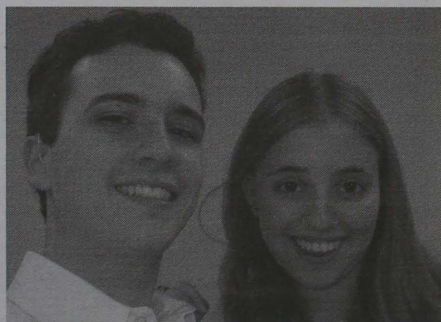
The students have every right to participate in this free-flow of ideas, and the faculty is more than welcome to use the *Grizzly* as a sounding board for what they perceive to be positive or negative changes to the campus. Faculty can also use the paper to raise awareness of what goes on in their department. Students and faculty tend to focus

exclusively on their own department and are unaware of what remarkable things are going on in other parts of the campus; and we'd like to see that change. We'd like to see Ursinus become more of truly integrated community than ever.

We strongly encourage all students and faculty to engage the *Grizzly*, to use it as a tool to express your thoughts and ideas, as well as to broaden awareness of events and occurrences on

campus. We are confident that our successors will continue to improve the *Grizzly*, but without your help they can only do so much.

I (Ali) will be going abroad to Florence in the fall, but will gladly be returning to the *Grizzly* staff in the spring. I look forward to reading the *Grizzly* while abroad and watching the future editors do my job. No, really, I have complete confidence that they will more than live up to the standards we have set this year.



I (Bart) am graduating, and will be leaving this campus. I have grown so close to so many people on this campus, and they have all affected my life in some way. The *Grizzly* has been a part of my four years on campus—a campus that really does feel like a community. I can only hope that the *Grizzly* continues to serve an important role in this community, and to even contribute to bringing this place even closer together. I'd like to end this by thanking Ali, who has been a wonderful co-editor, muse, and friend. I'll miss our Tuesday night dates.

Events, April 28 - May 5

Friday, April 28
 Music at Noon
 12 p.m., The Kaleidoscope Lenfest Theater
 Lecture: "Research and Action:
 How Can Research Make a Difference?"
 12 p.m., Pfahler Auditorium
 Stargazing
 9 p.m. - 12 p.m., Observatory, Pfahler Hall

Saturday, April 29
 Voices in Praise Spring Concert
 4 p.m., Kaleidoscope Lenfest Theater

Sunday, April 30
 Heefner Organ Recital: Maxine Thevenot
 4 p.m., Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

Monday, May 1
 Japan Table
 5:30 p.m., Wismer Faculty & Staff Dining Room

Student's artwork featured permanently in Myrin Library

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Well-known on campus for her artistic talent, Westfield, New Jersey-native and sophomore Kate Re was the first ever student to be commissioned to create and install a piece for Myrin Library's permanent collection. Called "Bamboo Forest" and commissioned by Myrin Library Director Charlie Jamison, the piece is painted on the reverse side of the doors by the circulation desk. If you're lucky, you'll happen to see the doors to the library offices open, and catch a glimpse of this lovely large-format piece, which Jamison proudly calls, "one of the jewels of the Library collection." Myrin Library owns about thirty student pieces, including pastels, oils, sculptures of all types, photographs, and more, all purchased at annual student shows.

Jamison, who is a photographer himself, first met Kate at last year's Student Art Exhibition at the Berman Museum and Ritter Art Studio (this year's Student Exhibition, incidentally, started April 26). Impressed by her style, Charlie comments that he immediately noticed the "gentle, textured fluidness" of Re's work, and was struck by "a bright, colorful energy [about her pieces]." In fact, at last year's show, he bought two pieces – one for Myrin's collection called "Old Glass Bottles," a life-size oil painting of a man, woman, and cello (Myrin, floor 2), and the other, "Fish Pond 1," a smaller oil, featuring blue flowers, thickly-painted onto the canvas, which Charlie keeps in his office.

So how did they decide on painting doors? Last year, two new doors were installed during the flood recovery project; one side of the doors was finished with a veneer, while the other was not. Jamison instantly thought that, "the unfinished sides would serve as a unique canvas for Kate's creativity so I asked her if she'd like to take on the project and paint the doors. Lucky for us she said yes." Kate comments, "Charlie has been wonderful in encouraging me with my art."

Kate created "Bamboo Forest" using a combination of oil and acrylic paints, and gold, copper, and variegated metal leaf. While in Japan through the Ursinus exchange program last summer, Kate learned about the use of metal leaf on wood in traditional Japanese art. Kate notes, "The Japanese used the gold leaf because traditionally there was no electricity, and the gold leaf reflected light into a room and brightened it up. I just think it looks pretty."

The Student Art Exhibition opened yesterday at the Berman Museum and in Ritter Art Studio. When you go, look for Kate's work, much of which involves collage (she's always experimenting stylistically). Fellow artist and friend comments, "Kate always makes working in the studio a pleasant environment, she's one of my favorite people – you always just want to work when she's there."

Please note that another article on Kate Re's "Bamboo Forest" can be found in the latest issue of the Myrin Library Newsletter.

Exploring the "Nature" of Suburban Sprawl



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"So, where is the actual 'town' section of Hamilton?" asked a friend from college, as we drove home from the train station. "Is there a place where you can just walk around?"

"Well..." I said, "I don't know if it exists." I laughed thinking about all the strip malls, chain restaurants, and CVSes we just passed. "I guess it's Mercer Street where they have the 25 mph speed limit that no one obeys. There's a

little sitting area with a fountain and the Cookie Cottage across the street. But no one really walks around there. No parking and too much traffic."

In Hamilton, few of the restaurants are independently owned and there are even fewer "mom and pop" shops. Of course, there's plenty of housing, crowded schools, and traffic galore. Only the new Barnes & Noble, the movie theatre, and the very few bars are open past 9 p.m. With everything development adds it seems that much more is lacking. Hamilton just barely succeeds in creating a sense of place that exists more than just within the confines of roads and our own treasured cars. Most people, when picturing Hamilton, would picture themselves driving through it. As for me, I sometimes picture "home" as being lost since I blame suburbia for my absolute lack of a sense of direction. My friend Pat lives quite literally in the center of a suburban maze and I rarely can remember the right route. More often, we use our cars and roads as a means to leave Hamilton for Princeton or New Hope or some other *place*, rather than to dwell near our homes.

When I was young, I gleaned from my parents' discontent that the suburbs were bad. I realized how they

valued open space, privacy, ownership of land. But, I never thought them noble since it was clear that any land they would own would be sold to a developer for the highest price. There are so many ways for anyone to be ignoble where money is at stake and so few ways for money to matter less. We struggle with this like everyone else. When I was 8, we moved a few miles to a more rural area where several acres cushioned us on all sides from the major highways and surrounding suburbia. I'm waiting for those boundaries to get smaller and smaller until we are hitched onto the side of yet another development. Or, if the market allows, maybe it will implode instead starting from the inside out with the selling of our land and the bulldozing of our home and gardens.

People speak of sprawl as a cancer. I used to see this pattern too: a corn field suddenly barren, then filled with identical houses in a maze of dead-end avenues with token trees and shrubs. These clones are unwelcome and they appear to multiply quickly; just a few streets up and the next patch of green is gone. Spreading like weeds, they seem under the surface of everything just waiting to pop up through the fertile ground. Like cancer, these houses bring complications, discomfort, and unhappiness. Sprawl feels like it is all about real estate and taxes, and never about comfort, practicality, and risks to the environment. It harbors an unsettling feeling that echoes in the lack of nature and the wastefulness of sprawl's spread. I still crave open space and mourn for lost fields and forests like so many others, but I now have a better understanding of sprawl's lasting troubles.

Suburban sprawl is not a cancer afflicting nature and our well-being. It is not something incurable, inevitable, and sudden. The spread of suburbia has been happening for decades; it was very much planned – though without sufficient insight into its future – and now, planners are working on new ideas for "smart growth," which in many places, are still unfortunately tied to old standards and ideals. Sprawl desperately needs to be demystified. The more recent conflicts surrounding suburbia have created stereotypes of developers and NIMBYs that will be difficult to work past. The fact is, developers are doing their jobs and following the rules of how to build low-density housing. In Hamilton, NJ, at least, open space has always seemed like

an issue politicians espouse to get into office and then never do anything about, but the problem does not necessarily lie in their interest or power. Instead the problem stems from out-dated methods and obsolete reasons for certain aspects of community planning. Sprawl is nothing more than a good idea that has never been updated or questioned at the right levels.

When people use the metaphor of cancer to describe sprawl, it evokes a hopelessness that becomes intimidating and depressing. It is true, there is little that even the most active citizens and volunteers can do to prevent a new Walmart from being built or a new gated community from taking over the small family farm. The conflicts are even more difficult because no one *likes* a protestor. Our insight would be better placed before plans for a new development have been established, but the community is not necessarily empowered to be involved in the decision making. There's a problem with Aldo Leopold's self explanatory idea of "extend[ing] social conscience from people to land" because people that have this social conscience have no way to act on it without protesting already solid plans and ideas. We feel powerless.

People are right to feel helpless, but perhaps their power is simply misplaced. This is a problem that needs to be approached edgewise and framed by the common needs of the community. Sprawl is an issue that affects everything in some way – a kind of top predator in the community above small businesses and family farms that it can't seem to consume fast enough.

It's been about 50 years since Aldo Leopold addressed our interactions with the land around us in his famous "Land Ethic," and still there is little "harmony" with our environment to speak of. If, as Leopold says, the conservation movement is an "embryo" and the development of a "land ethic" is the next evolutionary step, then our ethic can only get stronger and more undeniable. I believe it does exist, but acting on it has become quite complex. Decades ago, Leopold recognized the need to change our metaphors when dealing with land – sprawl is just one place to start. Let us stop picturing sprawl as a cancer: let's start showing our power by understanding its true purpose and finding out how to achieve that purpose using principles of sustainability.

The Left Side of the Hallway...is closed?

Well folks, my work as a journalist for the Grizzly has finally come to an end.

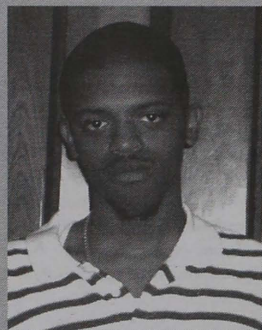
The fact that this is the last article you will read from me is good news. For a little more than a year I have been a contributor to this newspaper and have caused some *minor* disturbances on this campus. My desire was to make you, the reader, think about opinions unlike your own.

Admittedly, this column was written inconsistently and most of the time seemed very pessimistic. I have written about the segregated part scene, apathy of Ursinus students, assault weapons ban, and my most controversial article about being known because I am black.

These articles were written not to be controversial, but rather conversational. In order for collective ignorance to be eliminated there needs to be a mass discussion between people of all walks of life. This does not include the one guy in your fraternity or sorority who *doesn't* drink (if there is such a thing). I wanted you to talk to the person whom you would never think of talking to seriously.

People are not novelties. It is not "cool" enough to have a black friend who can dance, a gay friend who dresses well, or a disabled person who makes you look like a boy/girl scout by helping. Every human is unique. It is our differences that make this world a fantastic place. Imagine if the whole world were like you. This place would be boring (Face it; you are as cool as you think you are).

Ursinus prides itself on creating a diverse atmosphere.



DARRON HARLEY
The Left Side of the Hallway

While this campus could be more diverse, it could be a lot worse (like other schools in the Centennial Conference). It is appalling when a few people on campus attempt to ruin the ambitions of our school by trying to falter the spirits of others of campus. Hanging swastikas, using the N word, making racist chants at basketball games, and other acts of ignorance can be discouraging to the people who are trying to make a difference. But I am proud to say that it is not a discouragement, but an ENCOURAGEMENT.

I was happy to see students become outraged by acts of ignorance on campus. I was happy to see emails from students inquiring about how they could make a difference. It was good to see faculty become more aware and concerned about the campus' lives of their students. I am happy to be a part of something I hope grows into a campus-wide campaign for harmony.

I have learned a lot from Ursinus and the beautiful people that make up this community. Many people have shaped my wonderful experience here. From the best bridge class ever (BRIDGE 02) to the greatest class ever O-SIX, and even the oh-so-ambitious Class of 2009, I want to thank you all. The faculty, staff, and everybody who told me I could make it. The Omwake Boys (Bywne and Shiz) and the incomparable J-Sweetz have been a major blessing to me.

I pray that as I lay this column down that someone picks up where I left off. Who knows? This column may pick up somewhere else (Philadelphia Inquirer? NY Times? High Times? Anybody Please!).

Remember the Revolution must go on! It is up to all of us! (And now that I think about it, you are that cool). Love you All! I will truly miss you.

Unnecessary police watch

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Last month I attended the Ball at the Bellevue and had a wonderful time. It was a great event planned by the school and all who attended were very happy with the event. The entire night was exactly how I expected it should be until I came back to campus to find two police cars waiting for our return. One car was parked in the Kaleidoscope parking lot and the other in the Wismer lot. Why were they there? It was simply because there was a large gathering of students where alcohol may or may not be involved.

Coming back to find the police on campus waiting for us and watching for reasons to hassle students is a very disturbing feeling. There is also the assumption that Ursinus College is not protecting us from this harassment. Yes, some students misbehave and act completely immature, but that is by no means the majority of the campus.

I find it quite ironic that Ursinus prides itself on the smart, intelligent, responsible students, yet allows police officers on the campus grounds to keep an eye on us in addition to campus safety officers. Is this necessary? If so, why do we employ campus safety officers? If we need police in addition to campus safety, is it because campus safety is not effective?

Police have no legal right to come onto campus as it is private property, yet we often see them here on weekends and during large events. They harass students while walking on campus and down Main Street, which is mostly campus housing anyway.

Just a few weekends ago, a group of students were stopped by a police officer twice while walking down to the Collegeville Diner. He stopped them the first time because he claimed he could hear them from about two blocks away. That in itself is laughable. I am sure that the police officer was stopped somewhere with his windows down and heat off in the chilly weather listening for boisterous college students.

The second time they were stopped was because they came within five feet of La Fontana's infamous hippo. Even though they showed no intention of tipping the hippo, they were still stopped. This kind of treatment from police officers is unneeded and violates our rights to walk in Collegeville without being constantly harassed. Ursinus College wants to make the campus a walking campus, but offers no protection for those walking.

In addition, it is great that police officers are available in full force after a night of parties, but where are they when students get jumped or physically accosted? I have never seen a police officer lend a helping hand when I was being harassed by people in cars on the way down to WaWa. If I am with friends walking on Main Street, however, we would get more attention than necessary.

While Ursinus cannot do anything about the police patrolling Main Street, they could do something to protect students from unneeded harassment on campus. Collegeville police should only be allowed on campus if they are requested. There is no other reason for them to be there. That is why we have campus safety.

The organic obsession

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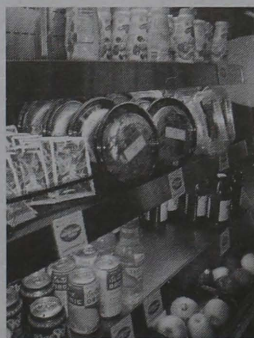
Over the past year, Zack's has undergone some fairly big renovations. The physical look of the signs and decorations has changed, some of the food offered has expanded, and part of the meal plan has changed too. The latest transformation that has occurred is the explosion of organic food on display.

In many ways this organic revolution is a good thing. I have discovered many foods that I had no idea could be organic; such as soda, lemonade, cookies, and candy. It is all very fascinating and even gives a 'fat kid' like me a curiosity in which to possibly try some of these organic things.

The price range is one issue, however. It seems that in order to be a little healthier you also need to have a little extra spending cash. Buying something like apple slices and an organic iced tea would bring me close to, or possibly over, my meal-spending limit of \$4.25 and I wouldn't even be getting a real meal. There are two complaints I have about that scenario.

The extra expense is not only an issue at Zack's. In many stores organic food is sold for a higher price than non-organic food. Do you think people just want us to all

die sooner of unhealthy food choices because we are poor? Eh, I have my theories but my guess is because higher quality costs more money. Such seems to be the story of our lives, so I cannot really complain about the painful price of organic food on campus.



What I can complain about, however, is the \$4.25 limit for our lunch and dinner meals at Zack's. In all honesty, when is having only \$4.25 going to be enough money to buy a decent meal? The only meal of the day that I think you can pull that price off with is breakfast and possibly in-between meal snacks. Considering the price of the combos in Zack's and the price of organic food, I do not see why our limit could not be raised to at least five dollars and twenty-five cents. It is true that if you want to eat in Zack's more often you can change your meal plan and have more bonus dollars, but it also means less meals in your week and bonus dollars can fly really fast if you are buying organic.

All in all, it seems that having all the organic choices in Zack's is a good idea and makes people more aware of the healthy choices we could make. Unfortunately, I am not sure how long the organic section will last. Many at Ursinus do not have the extra spending money to afford it, and with our current meal exchange limits there is not a lot of freedom given to choose organic on a daily basis.

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The earth day conspiracy

I think it is important to reiterate that the findings on global warming are far from conclusive, given the Earth Day celebration last Saturday and all the liberal propaganda that brought it forward. Until more research is done, it would be a waste of energy and resources to fight something that may not even exist. Global warming is like Big Foot. Should we spend our time fighting Big Foot when we're unsure of his existence? No way! We should provide grossly inadequate funding toward Big Foot research so that we can learn if Big Foot poses a threat now or will in the future. It's basic logic, really.

Some (i.e. liberal elitists) argue that the findings are conclusive. I had a conversation with Dr. Richard Wallace, the chairman of the Environmental Studies department, on this subject. It is useful to point out first, that almost every Environmental Studies major is a registered Democrat. The others voted for Nader, but I refuse to recognize their existence. Anyway, Dr. Wallace "informed" me that some Eskimos have had to change their lifestyles because of changing weather patterns. Apparently the warmer temperatures are affecting the availability of food. Their hunting and gathering schedules have been thrown off by global warming, or so Dr. Wallace says.

You know what I say to that? Boo-hoo for the Eskimos! Remember what happened to the Indian savages who couldn't keep up with the White man's industrial superiority? They died. If the Eskimos can't adapt, it's not my job to help them out and send them some of my stash of Pemican-so they don't starve to death. It's my Pemican! I earned it. It's a simple case of survival of the fittest. The

last time a global climate change occurred, Dennis Quaid showed his mastery over the forces of nature by walking from Washington DC to New York City in subzero temperatures. He adapted so that he and Jake Gyllenhal could survive. That is how real men handle global climate changes.

Plus, it's about damn time for the Eskimos to get in line with the march of technology. Who still lives in hunting and gathering societies, anyway?

Losers. That's who.

And are you going to tell me that 70 degree weather in January isn't awesome? I, personally, like to keep a nice, sun-baked glow all year round. That doesn't make me a metrosexual, it makes me confident. You're just jealous because you burn so easily, Whitey McPaleskin.

Let's say Dr. Wallace and his liberal tag-alongs are right and the polar ice cubes are melting. You still have a choice. You have to ask yourselves, "What is more important: your ability to feel like you have an enormous penis in your Hummer and your ability to wear shorts in February or the future of the major cities along the American coastline?"

Clearly, the former. The Constitution or something says that we have the right to pursue happiness. So, pursue your happiness! Drive big cars and go skinny dipping in the winter. Plus, those cities - Boston, New York, Seattle, New Orleans, San Francisco, to name a few - are all liberal havens. Let's drown 'em for Christ's sake!

So, drive your SUVs and turn on all your lights. Take 40-minute showers and throw your Coke can in the garbage. Go on, flush twice! And don't bother cutting apart those plastic six-pack holders. Whatever you do, don't let the vast left-wing conspiracy grab you, too.



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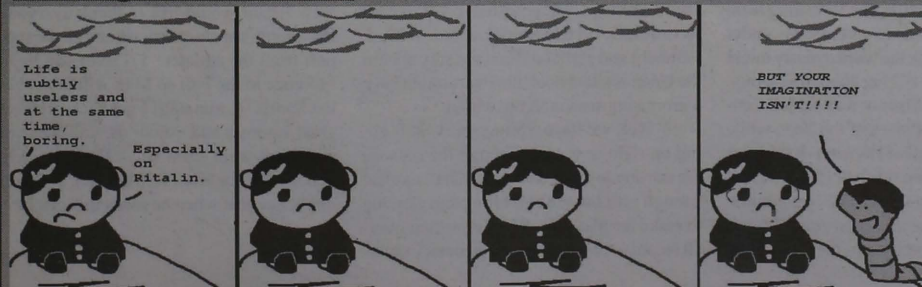
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The Back Row: Year end wrap up

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I was going to review *Almost Famous* this week, but since this is the last article of the year I put that on the back burner and decided to do something a little different this week. Relying on a tried and true movie cliché, I'm going with a montage, clipping and slapping together my favorite moments out of all the movies from every column I've written this year. So enjoy... or don't. No one is holding a gun to your head. That is *The Back Row*: non-pressuring you since 2005.

Assault on Precinct 13: John Carpenter's genius really shines in the scene where one of the trapped cops ventures outside after a salvo of shooting suddenly goes silent. Out of nowhere, he is shot dead in a genuine scare that no amount of cats jumping out of closets in modern horror movies can equal. I have to admit I yelled embarrassingly loud when I first saw this scene and of course, recommend it.

Mindhunters: Ever since *Heathers*, Christian Slater has annoyed me to no end with his smirk and halting laugh. So it is understandable that seeing him have his legs frozen off due to his character's overconfidence lends a good deal of catharsis. I felt a little guilty about how much I enjoyed it until I thought of the money I wasted on *Very Bad Things*. Problem solved.

Wet Hot American Summer: This was a tough one, given how very funny this movie is throughout. However, in honor of this montage, I give a nod to a fellow one. *WHAS* is the only movie that would dare to combine the training sequences from *Rocky III*, *Flashdance*, and many others into a sequence that left me in tears.

Shaun of the Dead: This is quick and simple. The continuous shot as Shaun wanders hung-over through the streets, oblivious to the scenes of zombie mayhem all around him is simply riotous.

Made: Few things are funnier to imagine than the Dustin Diamond-Vince Vaughn fight Vaughn's character tries to instigate after Scream gets let into a nightclub ahead of him. Although, based on his performance on "Celebrity Boxing" there's a good chance Diamond could hold his own.

Basketball: Running out of room, so from here on out they'll be short and sweet. The incredibly un-P.C. psyche out while playing the San Francisco Ferries gets me every time.

Swing Kids: Two words: "SWING HEIL!" Enough said.

Con Air: Dumping a body out of a plane has to be the greatest deus ex machina the action movie genre has ever given us.

Stripes: Bill Murray can lead the one hell of a military demonstration and, "That's the fact, JACK!"

Highlander: This should be self-explanatory if you read my column that week, but for one final appearance... "THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE, HIGHLANDER!" I think I finally got it out of my system.

Slap Shot: The fight that leads up into the stands after a fan throws his keys at one of the Hanson brothers, breaking his glasses and forcing him to punch everyone despite the fact that he's virtually blind, will always hold a special place in my heart.

That's it for this year. Thanks to everyone who gave me feedback and I'll see you right back here in the fall. Uhhh... San Dimas High School football rules!

Year in review, dynasties and disappointments

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As the 2005-2006 school year comes to a close, so does the athletics program here at Ursinus. 2006 surely brought a lot of great highlights and phenomenal play by Bears across campus. With championships won, upsets, nail-biters, and even defeat at the hands of Centennial Conference opponents, we can truly say this was a good year in sports for Ursinus.

The football team enjoyed its best season in over three years with a mark of 4-6 overall and a 2-4 record in conference play. The Bears ended a 20-game Centennial Conference losing streak when Vince Gallagher scored the game winning touchdown with under 20 seconds to play on Homecoming in torrential downpours all game. It was a mud bowl out there and Ursinus came out on top.

The following weekend Ursinus traveled down to Baltimore, Maryland to face unbeaten and 16th ranked John's Hopkins in another Centennial Conference showdown. The Bears pulled off the biggest upset this year by edging out the Blue Jays 21-17 ending their chances at an unblemished season.

Although the Bears failed to defeat Franklin and Marshall or Dickinson, their season was still a success and it left the door wide open for the 2006 Bears to make some noise in the Centennial Conference.

The Ursinus Field Hockey team enjoyed yet another championship season. They went undefeated in Centennial Conference action for the second straight season, repeating as conference champions and punching their ticket into the Division III Final Four before the season came to a close.

In a season that only saw Ursinus fall three times over the course of 23 games, the Bears will be only be losing once this off-season. Senior Ashley Ettinger is the lone senior on a team that sent three players (including Ettinger) to the ECAC Division III All-Star squad. Ettinger and Karen Wendler received first team honors, while Jess Lamina received second team honors.

On a squad that was dominated by underclassmen, there's no doubt the Bears will be headed back to the post season and possibly further than that in 2006.

The women's soccer team enjoyed a great season of their own in 2005. The Bears posted an overall record of 13-5-2 with a 7-2-1 Centennial Conference record, good enough for the fourth seed in the Centennial Conference playoffs.

In the opening round of the playoffs, the Bears won in an amazing shoot out versus Gettysburg and advanced to play

Dickinson in the semis, but eventually fell 1-0. Their 13 wins (a new record for wins in a season at Ursinus) was good enough to get them into the ECAC playoffs where they faced Carnegie Mellon and, although it was a hard fought game, fell 4-1.

It was one of the most successful seasons for the women's soccer team and the future looks bright.

The Men's Soccer team didn't share the same fate as their female counterparts. With a 3-15 overall record and a 0-9 Centennial Conference record, they might not have won on the field, but the leadership from the seniors clearly has made an impact on this young squad. With 29 underclassmen returning, the experience is there, we'll just have to see who will continue what this year's seniors started and carry it over to 2006.

The volleyball team just received a new member to the squad, head coach Diana McNamee. A graduate of Gettysburg and four-year letter winner, McNamee brings knowledge and experience to a Bears' volleyball team that is short in numbers. With McNamee at the head spot, the Bears look to feed off their seven wins of 2005 and improve upon it in 2006.

The Men's Basketball team has done it again! Centennial Conference Champions for the third time in four years! The Bears senior class of 2005 not only blessed us with their talent and phenomenal play, but they also brought home the most wins in a four year span, along with three conference titles.

Although their season ended early in the NCAA playoffs, the Hooligans still make home games the loudest in Centennial Conference action.

Mike McGarvey earned Centennial Conference Player of the Year for the second straight season, the Bears fourth honor in the past five seasons. Meanwhile, Nick Shattuck joined him on the Centennial Conference first team. Fellow seniors Brian McEvily, Will Furey, and Matt Fabian each received All-Centennial Conference honorable mentions as well.

Although the Bears lose their most talented group of players, the underclassmen have size and experience. Coach Small will not disappoint and the Bears will surely be in the hunt for a third consecutive Centennial Conference title in 2006.

As the Men's Basketball team enjoyed their second straight title, the Wrestling team won their fourth consecutive crown under Coach Racich! I think the word dynasty might come to mind when talking about this group.

Senior Eddie Murray was named Centennial Conference Player of the Year, while Mike Troutman led all of Division III this year with 23 falls. The team finished 15-1-1 overall this year. They demolished the competition in Centennial Conference action going 7-0 and blew away the competition in the Centennial

Conference playoffs by putting up 98 points. The second place team, McDaniel, could only amass 30.5 points.

The Women's Basketball team had a solid year as well just missing the playoff by a string thinner than dental floss. They finished the year with a 13-11 overall record and posting a potent 10-8 in the Centennial Conference. There is nothing but good news coming from this squad. Look for the Bears to be better next season as this team is still developing. Sophomore superstar, Sarah Hennessey, finished second on the team in points with 305 averaging 12.7 per game. Another youngster by the name of Jenna Whylings will have had her freshman year under her belt and look to improve inside the paint. Jenna was fourth on the team in points (119).

The squad is only losing one senior, Julia Tramontana, which means that Mary Kate Daley, Stephanie Cavalier, and Molly Guntli will all return for their senior year giving the Bears a strong nucleus of experience. Mary Kate Daley was named to the All-Centennial Conference Women's Basketball second team. This is her second All-CC honors. Daley also reached the 1,000-point mark for her career in a 53-52 win over Johns Hopkins on Feb. 11, finishing with a game-high 22 points.

Ursinus gymnastics were gym-nasty this year taking second place in the ECAC meet this season. Ursinus hosted the event and it was only fitting to have sophomore sensation, Bree Morrissey post a score of 37.775 to finish first in the all-around competition.

With second place, the Bears advanced to the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Division III Championships. Another special note, sophomore, Jessica Furman was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II At-Large team. Her honors will be announced in the issue of June 16.

In aquatic action, the Bears are still looking to find a stable coach to lead them to some conference victories. The Men's Swim team finished the season with an overall record of 2-8 and floundered in the conference with a record of 0-6.

The Women's swim team was led by a strong group of seniors, Valery Schartel, Caitlin McHugh, Chanelle Houston, and Laura Freitag. They posted a 4-7 overall record and a 1-6 Centennial record. If Mark Feinberg and Jeriland Blaxland stay aboard the Ursinus talent pool, the Bears might have a promising season in the winter.

Well we have Spring sports still going on right now, even though the seasons are starting to wind down. Baseball has had a tough year but are still biting and clawing to make the playoffs. Right now their overall record is 16-14, with a Centennial Confer-

ence record of 9-5. Pivotal games this weekend will decide the Bears playoff fate. A four game weekend against Johns Hopkins and McDaniel will prove to be the toughest test of the season. Hopefully team captain, Tommy Herrmann, can rally the boys for a four game sweep to build a fireball of momentum into the playoffs.

The Women's Lacrosse team beat Swarthmore last Saturday to gain bid into the playoffs this season. Head coach, Erin Fitzgerald, has entered the playoffs twice in her two year stint so far. Their record as of right now is 11-5 overall and 6-3 in the Centennial Conference. In the preseason, senior, Ashley Ettinger, was named an All-American. She is a two-time All-Centennial Conference (CC) choice, collecting first-team accolades last year. In 2005, Ettinger led the team with 45 goals and ten assists for a season-high 55 points. She registered three five-goal performances, including the win over Washington to record her 100th career goal. Unfortunately her final season was cut short by an injury to her leg.

The Men's Lacrosse team started out strong, outscoring their first two opponents 39-1. Since that point, the team has been on a bit of a slide. With the program still developing under head coach, Glenn C. Carter, they look to finish the season strong and bounce back bigger and stronger in 2007.

One team that has been building quite a dynasty is the Ursinus softball team. They are right now the powerhouse in the Centennial Conference with a 23-5 overall record and an 8-2 Centennial Conference record as of Tuesday, April 25. They will have no problem finding their way into the playoffs for the fifth consecutive year. Junior hurler, Mallory Greene, was named to the Centennial Conference Player of the Week helping the Bears to an 11 game winning streak with an ERA of 1.75. Lindsay Schmidt is leading the team in batting averages with .385 (started all 18 games).

Some final notes to point out are the Men's Tennis team who captured their first win over McDaniel last week and now have an overall record of 1-9 and 1-6 in the Centennial. The Women's Tennis team fairs a little better with an overall record of 3-12 and a 1-9 record in the CC.

Since this is the last issue of the Grizzly for the year, Dave Marcheskie and Matthew Pastor would like to thank everyone for reading our crazy articles and all the support from the athletes. I (Dave) will be in Florence in the Fall so Matt will take over the Sports section until I get back. Have a great summer and e-mail us with ideas of what you want from us. "Help me help you"...(Pastor loves Tom Cruise). I (Dave) might get beat when he reads this. Help.