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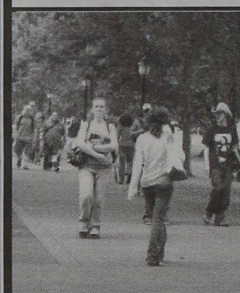
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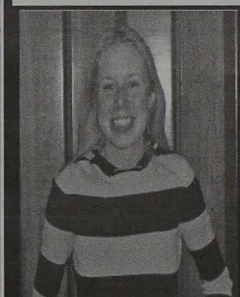


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New Ellen Priest exhibit at the Berman

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Through April 5, walking through the front doors of the Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art at Ursinus College will surround you with a saturation of color and jazz expression as Ellen Priest's "'Jazz Paintings' on Paper: Improvisations on *The Venezuelan Suite*" is now installed in the Main Gallery. The music that inspired this exhibition was composed by Edward Simon.

"It just hits you," said Lisa Tremper Hanover, Director of the museum, describing the color and vibrancy of the show.

Priest, who earned a Bachelor of Arts from Lawrence University in 1972 and a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School in 1977, had her first solo painting exhibition in 1979. Since 1990, her subject matter has focused on jazz. Her paintings are abstract, created using a combination of oil paint and a unique vinyl paint called Flashe, then by superimposing layers of paper. "I base each series of pictures on a single jazz composition," said Priest, in a brochure available for purchase at the museum. "I listen to the music many times, study the score, and take my forms from abstract-expressionist brush studies I paint while the music is playing. My compositional process is of 'choreographing' forms from the brush studies."

Hanover was introduced to Priest's work by Kathleen O'Dea, a friend to the museum and one of the sponsors of the exhibit, in late 2003, after O'Dea saw Priest's work displayed in conjunction with a performance by Dave Brubeck at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. "She was just blown away and sent me some information," said Hanover, describing O'Dea's reaction to Priest's work. "I was really impressed with the verve and the colors and the structure and the composition, and then linking it with an actual musician. That kind of collaborative approach is perfect for us."

Hanover describes Priest as one of the best living artists that they've ever worked with at the museum. "She's really articulate, she's really tall, very, very bright, very well read, interested in a lot of things, culturally, politically, literature, that kind of thing," said Hanover. "And I think that informs her work."

Priest initially chose Simon's music for this exhibit because of what she describes as being beautiful, having emotional range, warmth and intellectual rigor. "When I learned he was writing a suite of pieces based on Venezuelan folk rhythms and song forms, I jumped at the opportunity," said Priest. "And gratefully, he agreed to work with me."

The public will have the opportunity to see Priest's inspiration on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m., where the Edward Simon Ensemble will give the regional premiere performance of *The Venezuelan Suite*. Priest will also talk about her work during this event, which will take place in the Main Gallery.

Hanover explained that one of the things that makes Priest so unique is that she's not afraid to clash colors. Priest and Hanover decided to use the painting "Jazz: Edward Simon's 'Venezuelan Suite' #5" to advertise the show in an attempt to reach out to a community that has a narrow vision of jazz. "Using this piece is a way to communicate with a broader audience what people think of jazz," said Hanover. "This brings people in. Then they see depth."

Hanover explained that one of the reasons that this show will run through April is that it is being specifically used in curriculum for classes on campus, which is one of the missions of the museum. "But," Hanover continued, "both exhibits also have appeal to our external community."

The Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art is located on the Ursinus College Campus, at 601 E. Main St., in Collegeville. It is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4:30 p.m. For more information or to RSVP for the performance and gallery talk on Feb. 24, contact Suzanne Calvin at 610-409-3500 or scalvin@ursinus.edu.

What's going on with Exposure?

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At Exposure's potluck dinner late last semester, students of every color on campus sat down together for a communal meal. In light of a campus at which students of different races often choose not to commingle in the dining hall, Exposure's founder and President, Heather Saunders, believes the dinner was quite an achievement.

Heather, a senior, formed the group last October. After she was harassed on campus, she felt like she had no one to turn to, even though she knew that hers was not an isolated incident. With the help of the group's advisor, Education Professor Rebecca Skulnick, Heather created Exposure so she could talk about her experiences with people who cared, and, ultimately, to provide others with a chance to do the same.

The group is called Exposure for two reasons: not only does it give students and faculty a forum for exposing their experiences of harassment and discrimination—whether they're based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or gender—but it also exposes people of different backgrounds to each other. "Dialogue," says Heather, "is the most important thing the group brings. It's the opposite of stereotyping." She sees groups such as ALMA, SUN, and SASA as positive, but she saw a need for a group that brought people of different identities together as well. While campus organizations have held joint events in the past (last semester's breaking of the Ramadan and Yom Kippur fasts by the Muslim Student Association and Hillel, respectively, comes to mind), Exposure provides a single forum for the specific purpose of giving people of all religious traditions, races, and sexual identities a place to dialogue.

Plans for Exposure's activities this semester are still in the works, according to Heather; tentatively, she would like to hold bimonthly meetings, one for both students and faculty, and one for just students; and an event which gets every campus leader, including RAs, sports team captains, and presidents of clubs and Greek organizations talking about diversity issues under one roof. Every student at Ursinus, Heather reasons, is connected to at least one of these leaders, so an event on this scale has the potential to get the whole campus discussing diversity.

The kind of community the members of Exposure would like to see at Ursinus is perhaps best shown through one event from last November's Exposure Week. On this predominantly white campus, Heather says, black people usually say hi to each other; for them, their skin color is a sign of friendliness and openness. Knowing this, the members of Exposure decided to create a new visible symbol that communicated much the same thing by giving students bracelets with red, white, yellow, and black beads, the traditional colors used to describe race, and also, incidentally, the colors of Ursinus. People wearing the bracelets knew they could find a friendly greeting and a listening ear in each other. "We can change one mind at a time," Heather says. "I don't believe we can change the whole world tomorrow." But she's happy if she can create a more open environment at Ursinus while she's here.

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Uterus transplants could give women another chance

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Last week, a New York hospital announced its plans to research and eventually conduct the first uterus transplant in the United States. This procedure would give women who have undergone hysterectomies or who are otherwise infertile a chance to carry a fetus to term.

This New York team, which includes cancer specialists and gynecologic surgeons, is finding especially promising potential transplant candidates in women who were born without a uterus, women with endometriosis, and women whose hysterectomies were caused by non-cancerous tumors called fibroids.

Though the ethics committee at this New York hospital conditionally approved the procedure, there are a number of ethical problems with a uterus transplant surgery. First, most current transplants (not including the recent medical advances of face and hand transplants) are for life-saving organs, such as hearts or kidneys. A uterus is not a life-saving organ, and with other options such as adoption and surrogacy available for infertile women, is it ethical to potentially risk a woman's life (and perhaps, a fetus's life) in such a procedure? Also unique to uterus transplants is that while other transplanted organs, such as hearts or kidneys, become a permanent part of the recipient's body and require a lifetime regimen of anti-rejection drugs, a donated uterus would be removed after the recipient had carried a fetus to term.

Also adding to ethical concerns is the paucity of medical information on working with reproductive organs, transplanted or not. Uterus transplants have been attempted, with very little success, in rats, mice, monkeys, rabbits, and pigs. In the case of the pigs, the transplants were successful, and doctors managed to prevent rejection and even induced normal menstrual cycles. However, the pigs could not get pregnant in the transplanted uteruses, and the researchers have no idea why. Only Swedish researchers in 2002 managed to pro-

duce the world's first live births from a uterus transplant in mice, as published in the *Journal of Endocrinology*. There has been very little success—even in animal research—since then.

Though a uterus transplant has not yet been attempted in the United States, it has been attempted before. In Saudi Arabia in 2000, the first uterus transplant was performed. The 26-year-old recipient had undergone a hysterectomy when uncontrolled bleeding occurred after giving birth to her first child. The donor, a live 46-year-old woman, was undergoing surgery because of an ovarian condition. As part of her condition, her ovaries and her healthy uterus were removed. The uterus was then transplanted into the younger recipient, who had the uterus removed three months later, after blood clotting prevented blood flow to the transplanted organ.

Unlike larger blood vessels connected to an organ such as the human heart, the blood vessels that surround the uterus are very small. Some doctors feel that the blood vessels are so small that a transplant could not occur without significant life-threatening risks, such as blood clotting or sudden internal bleeding. The 26-year-old donor had only just become pregnant when her transplanted organ had to be removed, so doctors still fear the increased possibility of clots or bleeding as a transplanted uterus swells with pregnancy.

Doctors also fear that a regimen of anti-rejection drugs could cause birth defects in the potential children of transplanted uteruses. Thus far, anti-rejection drugs have only been associated with lower-risk birth abnormalities, such as low birth weight, but those associations occurred when a mother was taking the drugs as a result of a heart transplant, for example, and the effects of anti-rejection drugs on a uterus transplant pregnancy are still unknown.

Despite the serious risks and obvious ethical quandaries, uterus transplants are already in high demand. The 26-year-old Saudi Arabian recipient is hoping for another procedure, as are many women in the United States now after the announcement in New York.

What is Kaplan?

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Interested in attending medical school after graduating from Ursinus? What about graduate school, dental school, or even law school? If so, you are in luck. Our campus is currently offering test preparation courses through Kaplan, a leading company that helps students prepare for the entrance exams to post-graduate programs.

If you are interested in going to graduate school, a practice GRE test will be given on Saturday, Jan. 27. The test will be administered at 10 a.m. in Olin 108. For anyone who wants to take a practice MCAT, LSAT or GMAT test, you will have the option to do so on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 9:45 a.m. These tests will be given in Olin Auditorium.

But simply taking one practice exam is not enough for most students to succeed on the very difficult entrance exams. Thus, Kaplan offers preparation classes. The GRE prep course offered at Ursinus will meet on Saturdays, starting on Feb. 10, and will run until April 28. The class starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. Preparation classes for other tests are held at other college campuses in the area. All courses help students with the content of the test as well as test-taking strategy. Students will be given practice tests that will help build endurance. Kaplan believes that most students' scores will improve after taking a preparation course with them.

Kate Goddard, the Assistant Dean, informed students to, "Contact your advisor, Carla Rinde at Career Services, Greg Weight, or me in the dean's office if you have any questions about whether you should take a course such as this and when you should take it. If you have questions about fitting it into your sports schedule, or if you do not have the funding or time for this course and plan to take the GRE, Carla Rinde or I can also address those questions." You can call career services at extension 2274 or stop by the office in Bomberger 110.

Kaplan is also offering an informational session about how to develop a personal statement for graduate school. Held in Thomas 324 on Monday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m., students can learn what admissions officers are looking for and the important role the personal statement plays in the grad school admissions package. Students will learn that they can base essays on personal visions, goals or accomplishments. Expert writing tips and other advice will be given out at the hour-long meeting.

Brittany Perry, a junior biology major, is currently taking a Kaplan course in preparation to take the MCAT. Her class is held on Saturdays and Sundays. Even though she does not have as much free time on the weekends, she understands the importance of doing well on the test. "The Kaplan course forces you to prepare. Even though it's a big time commitment, I know I'll be ready to take the test in April."

Study abroad

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Study abroad is a central part of the Ursinus college experience. Many desire to take their learning experiences to a new level and expand not only their horizons, but their learning as well.

A new country can open up new ideas, places, languages, hopes, dreams, and careers that one never even dreamed. Obviously it's challenging to leave your home country for four months, and the admission process is competitive. Everyone must complete and submit the application provided by the college, and there is a separate application for programs not approved by the college.

There is also a choice in length of time spent in a given country. A student may choose to stay an entire academic year, one semester, or a smaller period of time abroad, such as the summer or winter interim. The maximum is two semesters abroad. The application for a semester and a year are the same and have the same deadline of Feb. 15. An additional application is due on April 1.

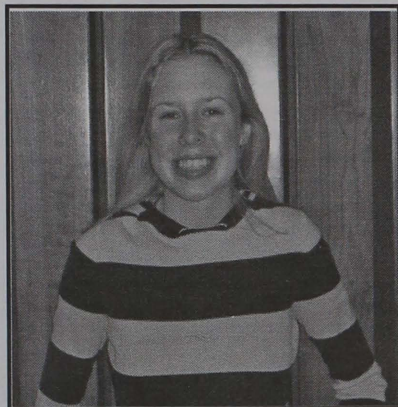
Participation in study abroad is competitive because of the limited number of students allowed to participate. Those placed on disciplinary probation are not eligible for study abroad. Those with a 3.0 or higher are preferred over all other applicants. Other factors to consider are the student's class year, previous international experience, and the faculty and staff recommendations that students must obtain.

There is special student funding for those who need financial aid. All students who wish to be considered for that funding must turn in their applications and separate funding applications by Feb. 15, regardless of the length of time they wish to study abroad. If an application is accepted, the process of studying abroad continues, including providing proof of health insurance, among other things. However, if not accepted, a student may appeal to the International Education Committee, explaining the reasons an application should be reconsidered. This must be done within the two weeks after the decision is made.

Once in the country of choice, students are responsible for their books, fees, supplies, airfare, and personal expenses. They must also take a class focusing on the culture of their host country, no matter what length of time spent in that country or program they are participating in.

There are plenty of reasons to study abroad, so go find yours.

Am I ready to have sex?



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Everything You Never Knew You Wanted to Know About Sex

“Am I ready to have sex?” is a question that is often silenced by the constant nagging of our inner voice shouting, “I’d really, really, like to have sex.” And because it is almost impossible to silence this voice, many find themselves in physical relationships in which they are not completely comfortable. When an individual is uncomfortable in a sexual situation, he or she is rarely able to enjoy the situation, making the couple’s intents at physical pleasure pretty pointless. So how are we able to determine when we’re ready to begin a sexual relationship? This article

contains several tips that will ensure that your first sexual relationship will be an enjoyable one.

First, if you or your partner are still using terms such as “wee-wee” and “hoo-hah,” you’re probably not ready to start having sex. If you are unable to say the words “penis” and “vagina” without laughing, you may want to consider waiting until the thought of these terms no longer makes you giggle. Though terminology troubles may appear to be insignificant, it is often a symptom of immaturity or ignorance. For instance, how many times have you rolled your eyes in class when someone started laughing after hearing that your reading assignment began on page 69? I’d imagine that reaction would seem pretty ridiculous, especially considering that you had the decency to control yourself and quietly smirk.

It is also important to determine whether you are choosing to engage in sexual activity because you want to or because somebody else wants you to. Many enter sexual situations in fear that they may lose their partners or because they feel it strange that they’re “the only ones who aren’t doing it.” To prevent these unfortunate situations, first determine whether or not you’re comfortable engaging in sex at this time in your life. Some choose to wait until they are older or find a steady partner, some choose to wait until marriage, and others enjoy casual sex at any age. All these options are legitimate and completely acceptable, as long as you are comfortable with the one that you choose. You should not feel forced to choose one over the other because of pressure coming from an outside source. You should be the only one in control of your sexuality, and the choices are yours to make and yours alone.

Once you have determined that the choice you have made is the one that you are most comfortable with, the next step is to acquire all necessary knowledge regarding sexual health and birth control. The moment that you

choose to become sexually active, you are taking responsibility for your sexual health and the health of your partner(s), meaning that the next responsible step is to understand and prepare for the possible consequences of sex. If you have been an avid reader of this column for the past two years, you are well equipped with knowledge. However, if you’re new to the fabulous Features section, Plannedparenthood.org has a wealth of accurate information regarding sexually transmitted infections and birth control. When looking for accurate information, avoid the Center for Disease Control’s Web site, as well as any website maintained by a “Crisis Pregnancy Center.” Both of these organizations are politically motivated; the CDC has been forced by the Bush administration to withhold information regarding sexual health, and Crisis Pregnancy Centers are organizations that misinform young adults because of their pro-life agenda. While Planned Parenthood is obviously fiercely pro-choice and not a place one can hope to find unbiased news, their site contains the largest amount of accurate sexual information that I have yet to come across.

Before making the decision to have sex, you may also want to talk with peers, family members, and counselors to get their opinions or to have a sounding board. Though the thought is frightening, parents are often a great place to turn if you feel comfortable and they have made themselves available to talk.

Entering a sexual relationship can be exciting and nerve-racking. However, you are in control of your choices and actions, and can determine whether your sexual experiences are positive or negative, so be sure to think your thoughts and preferences through before engaging in sexual activity. Once you have gained all the necessary insight and information, the experience that you and your partner share can only go up from there, and I mean that in every sense of the word.

Students raise awareness one “Arabian Night”

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In April of 1994, the world was shocked by the gruesome and barbarous images of the genocide in Rwanda. By the time the violence had subsided, the rotting corpses of about 800,000 Tutsi civilians (mostly children and women), were savagely butchered, lying throughout Rwanda. Since the genocide, lawmakers have pushed for the maximum sentence against perpetrators of crimes against humanity. Ashamed by their actions, many world leaders have taken a firm stand and have promised to never again allow such an event to repeat itself in history. It hasn’t been long since the world made this humanitarian pledge, yet it seems indifferent to the situation occurring in Darfur.

Last Friday, students, staff, and faculty were invited to take part in “Arabian Night,” a night celebrating diversity on campus while raising awareness about the diversity of religious backgrounds that comprise the Ursinus student body. This event was sponsored by the Arabic Language and Culture Club (ALC) in order to promote the Arabic culture and language on campus, as well as to raise awareness about a very good cause, the crisis in Sudan. In fact, members of the Student Anti-Genocide Coalition (STAND) on campus were present to sell candies and bracelets to raise money for Darfur, and let people know how they can get involved and make a difference in the current situation in Darfur.

As early as 2003, Sudanese government forces and

ethnic militia called “Janjaweed” have engaged in an armed conflict with two rebel groups called the Sudanese Liberation Army/Movement (SLA/SLM) and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM). As part of its operations against rebels, government forces have waged an efficient campaign of “ethnic cleansing” against civilian populations that are members of the same ethnic group as the rebels. Since then, the war has left two million dead and displaced many others.

STAND is a national student-run, anti-genocide coalition that has been on Ursinus’s campus since this spring semester, and focuses on genocide awareness and prevention. STAND formed out of the rapidly growing student movement to protect Darfur and works to unify this anti-genocide movement under one message by providing students with informational, educational, and organizational resources, empowering them through an extensive network of impassioned student activists that advocate a change in the world’s mentality towards genocide. There are 600 high school and college chapters nationwide, and some that are being formed internationally.

STAND has been planning many fundraising events, but its biggest event yet is the Darfur Fast, which is going to be a week-long event, during which students give up luxury items and donate time and/or money to help the cause. The proceeds of the event will be sent directly to Darfur with the help of a non-profit agency. Other events are being planned as well, such as a few guest speakers scheduled for a die-in, a car wash, and anything that will

get the word out about what is going on in Darfur and will mobilize as many students on campus and in the community as possible. Members of STAND really hope to get more legislation passed by Congress and implemented by the United States and the United Nations to help save more lives.

It is pleasant to see that some faculty members and groups of students really want to help with the effort of STAND to spread the word about the situation in Darfur. Dr. Houghton Kane and some other professors, including Dr. Walter Greason, will be creating soon, probably for next semester, a one-credit course in politics focusing specifically on Darfur; Ambassador Joe Melrose and Dr. Houghton Kane will be the main advisors for the course. STAND meets every other Thursday, from 4:30-5:20 p.m., and the Arabic Language and Culture Club (ALC) meets twice during the month; just look out for their e-mails in your inbox.

Any clubs that want to hold events with the STAND are encouraged to e-mail Laura Glace, at laglace@ursinus.edu, or any of its other officers. For more information about the Arabic Language and Culture Club and their upcoming activities (ALC), please e-mail Sean Donahoe, at sedonahoe@ursinus.edu, or any of its other officers. Please help make a difference in Darfur by visiting www.Darfurcores.org, which is a way for students to check-up on their representatives to see how they voted on Darfur-related legislation and what they have done to help the situation. Don’t stand by, stand up!

Nutrition tips for the UC student

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So, maybe there's a paper due tomorrow, and you figure 10 p.m. is a good time to start. What do you find yourself munching to keep your brain from throwing in the towel while your eyes are glued to the computer screen?

Or perhaps you're scrolling through a batch of e-mails proclaiming the latest of the upcoming rushes and campus-wide events. What are the treats (whether advertised or implied) that each event offers to entice potential visitors?

And maybe it's just the weekend, and you and your friends are getting tired of college campus food. What's the alternative you choose?

It's unlikely that any of these scenarios strike the average college student as encapsulating a conscious decision about the nutritional value of what they end up eating. Even on the occasions when they do, it is more likely to come across as a futile effort. With everything else that goes on in our busy lives, who has the time or energy to worry about their diet? Yet, the sad truth is that nutrition is unavoidable, particularly in the wake of the new year, as newly formed resolutions are bolstered by non-stop solicitations to try an endless wave of fad diets (reverse plan, anyone?) and gimmicky exercise equipment. And while exercise is certainly important to overall wellness, there's only so much physical activity that can atone for day after day of Ramen noodles and fast food.

Fortunately, as always, the Internet can explain to us almost anything, and nutrition is no exception. After all, if you need to park in front of your laptop for hours a day anyway, it can't hurt to spend a few extra minutes reading up on matters relating to your personal health. There are everything from government-sponsored recommendations to independent review sites out there, and a lot of the advice offered can come in handy. The problem, of course, is finding the time to weed through the endless junk and figure out what could, potentially, be useful. That is what this column will hopefully help to achieve, by suggesting Web sites that

give easy nutrition-related tips that are most relevant to full-time college students.

In the space left, a fun place to start might be the "Hungry Girl" site (<http://www.hungry-girl.com>), which, while not specifically targeted to students, has some great ideas and reviews that apply to just about anyone. The content is taken from a newsletter which the webmistress runs, meaning near-daily updates that range from comparative nutrition facts to recipes using fun, low-calorie ingredients that appear on the site. If you have time to sift through the archives, she has articles suggesting how to find healthy snack foods on a budget, and breakdowns of less heinous fast food options, both of which could be worth a look if you tend to eat out frequently. And while she does admit that her knowledge regarding nutrition is purely hobby-based (i.e., a heads-up to take anything related to medical health with a grain of salt), the reviews alone are worth the time it takes to read them!

UC to host Relay for Life again this spring

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This coming April, Ursinus will be hosting its 2nd annual Relay for Life. Run by the American Cancer Society (ACS), Relay for Life is an overnight community service project that brings people together to reach a common goal: saving lives. This year, the ACS expects cancer to take 559,650 American lives, while 1,444,920 more will be diagnosed. Relay for Life is one of the many projects geared at lowering these numbers. With much work left to be done, Ursinus College has set its goal to raise even more money than last year.

During the event, teams of students, faculty, and friends, take turns walking laps. For 24 straight hours, at least one member from each team will walk at all times. In remembrance of those who were taken by cancer, the Luminaria Ceremony, which takes place at night, lights up the field to honor those who have died, while giving encouragement to those who are currently fighting cancer. Meanwhile, music and entertainment is provided for the duration of the event.

Last March, Ursinus students, faculty, and friends raised \$39,000, a number large enough to name Ursinus the "Number One per capita college under 9,999 students." This award was presented to Students at a Youth Summit for colleges and high schools across the state of Pennsylvania. The Youth Summit was chaired by Ursinus junior Joseph Joyce, the initiator of Relay for Life at Ursinus, who was joined by Ursinus senior Jonelle Hedrick, sophomore Sara Beltrami, senior Stephen Ordog, and senior Anthony Natale.

This year, Relay continues to be student run by the Relay for Life Committee. Headed once again by Joseph Joyce and Anthony Natale, the committee has been meeting regularly to make the event even more fun than last year. Sophomore Courtney Fox, who is in charge of team recruitment, says that this year they are trying to get more Collegeville community participation. Local churches and restaurants, including Rocco's and Subway, are being asked to help with the event. Also, in hopes of attracting more students, the committee is requesting that each team follow the general theme of movies when picking team names and decorating tents. "Relay for Life is such a good event and it's so much fun. Not only is it raising money for the American Cancer Society, it brings the Ursinus College student body together," says Fox.

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Last week, Jan. 24, Ursinus held a Relay For Life kick-off, at which guest speakers gave inspirational speeches to encourage more participation. Information was also made available to interested students. Currently, there are 18 teams participating at this year's Relay for Life, which will be taking place Friday, April 20-21 (rain or shine) on Patterson Football Field.

On the State of the Union address

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The annual presidential pep-rally, officially known as The State of the Union Address, took place on Tuesday, Jan. 23. The mandatory report has evolved into a public display of American banter and showed few signs of straying from the ostentatious pattern established by presidents' speeches from years past.

President Bush's oration was typical of prior speeches, dealing briefly with a wide variety of issues while referencing the complex times America is working through. Confronted with low approval ratings and a Democratically-controlled congress, Mr. Bush stressed the need to come together across party lines to get legislation accomplished in order to improve the country. While the President attempted to bring both parties together, the first female Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi apparently agreed with President Bush, at least for one evening ordering fellow Democrats to avoid cat calls and express only minor disagreement.

President Bush did a sufficient job addressing the issues that confront America and explaining how he proposes to deal with current concerns. Some of the most significant domestic legislation President Bush will propose is balancing the budget within the next five years, protecting entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicaid, and creating temporary worker programs in order to ease border patrol while encouraging immigrants who come into America to do so legally.

The greatest domestic issue President Bush proposed was the idea of tax relief designed to ease the financial burden of health insurance. A program will be designed to allow more Americans to be insured and will have different amounts of relief for the individual and the families. The proposed program will allow for people to have private as opposed to some form of public health insurance.

Taking a slightly bolder stance on America's addiction to oil than the White House did last year, Mr. Bush urged the need to pass legislation to cut American oil consumption by 20% in the next ten years as well as continue efforts to better our alternative forms of energy such as bio-diesel, battery technology, clean coal, and nuclear energy. This is a step in the right direction, yet Democrats have already pointed out it is not enough and that the White House should push greater initiative in efforts to save our environment and protect our economic interest. Using less oil will lessen our dependency on the Middle East for oil and protect our financial interest from terrorist in oil rich nations.

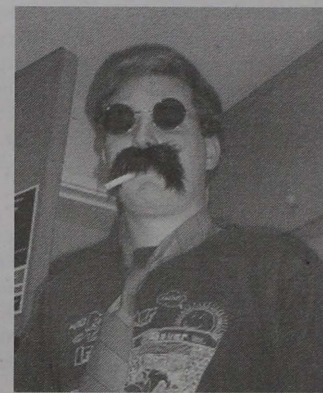
Regardless of issues that President Bush may desire to pursue, nothing is currently more important to the future of America than the war in Iraq. Americans are not naïve to this fact. In his speech, the President did an excellent job of explaining just why the success of the war reaches much farther than the unfortunate American lives that will continue to be lost. President Bush illustrated the consequences of America failing in Iraq that will include the creation of a safe haven state for terrorism as well as strengthening some of our greatest enemies in the Middle East. It is important that people understand the far-reaching consequences of what is going on in the Middle East and the President did an efficient job of informing those who watched the speech.

Due to Congress being controlled by the Democrats for the first time since President Bush has taken office and their disapproval of his past actions, it is likely that many of the things that will be proposed will not be accomplished. However, the sentiment expressed by both parties of coming together must be continued to avoid stagnation and promote better economic, social, and military reforms aimed to strengthen our union in the year to come.

Music is coming back!

I feel it necessary to explain my column title "Here Music." You see, I was going to call my column "Hear Music," but the folks over at Starbucks informed me that unless I want to pay them royalties, I best cease naming my column after their popular CD line. Hence the title is something more fitting, "Here Music." You see, this is the place where music is; it is Here (ok, so I try to be witty!).

Anyway, on to the review. This week I'll be looking at musical geniuses The Shins and their fantastic new release *Wincing the Night Away*. The New Mexican band formed in 1997 and hit big with their debut release *Oh, Inverted World*



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Here Music

in 2001 which was followed in 2003 with *Chutes Too Narrow*. Most of you have probably heard of The Shins from the movie *Garden State* which featured two of their songs, "New Slang" and "Caring is Creepy." When compared to their earlier works, one can definitely see the ways in which the band has grown lyrically and musically. On *Wincing*, the band

presents mature tracks that are reminiscent of bands ranging from The Beach Boys to The Smiths. Each song is crafted to showcase every musician. Take, for example, the opener, "Sleeping Lessons," which begins with a very atmospheric instrumentation accompanied by vocals, till about half way through when it builds to a rocking climax which sounds similar to "The Yeah Yeah Yeah Song" by The Flaming Lips. Each song is an elaborate blending of instruments and vocal harmonies. While I'd be hesitant to compare it to *Pet Sounds* by The Beach Boys, it does have a similar feel in that each song is unique and not just a repetition of the same thing. On some of the songs there are hints at inspiration from 60s surf rock, folk, and at times a Pink Floyd/Beatles use of effects.

Highlights on the album include "Sleeping Lessons," "Australia," "Sea Legs" which is reminiscent of The Smiths, and "Turn on Me" which has a Beach Boys-esque feel. "Turn on Me" is probably one of the best relationship songs I've heard in a long time, with lyrics like, "So affections fade away./ And do adults just learn to play/ The most ridiculous, repulsive games?" and "You can fake it for a while./ Bite your tongue and smile./ Like every mother does an ugly child./ But the stars are leaking out./ Like spittle from a cloud./ Amassed resentment counting ounce and pound." Or how about in "Sleeping Lessons" when James Mercer sings "Viscerate your fragile frame./ And spill it out in the ragged floor./ A thousand different versions of yourself," and "Just put yourself in my new shoes./ And see that I do what I do./ Because the old guard still offend, We got nothing left on which we depend"; one cannot help but contemplate the meaning of these lyrics. Especially the ending of "Sleeping Lessons" when he sings "Jump from a book./ And you're not obliged./ To swallow anything that you despise" which seems like an encouragement to choose life and make your own choices.

The ever-changing 2008 election

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If you had asked me three months ago who would be the next president, I would have said, without much, if any, hesitation, "John McCain." But, lately, I'm not so sure. While Senator McCain has surely done a swell job of shifting right in order to gain the support of Republican primary voters, his stubborn support of the Bush administration's flawed Iraq policy may get him into political trouble, even with the ever-conservative Republican primary voters.

So, what does this mean? Well, it means that the 2008 presidential election will be far more open than I had expected. And this belief seems to be spreading; quite a few lesser-known politicians have decided to jump into the race. For instance, on the Republican side, Representatives Ron Paul and Tom Tancredo have announced their intention to run, and on the Democratic side, Senators Joe Biden and Chris Dodd have decided to run.

It is unknown whether these candidates truly think they can win. I think that both Paul and Tancredo realize they have no real chance. I equate them to the Republican forms of Dennis Kucinich. They are one-issue candidates: Paul will likely campaign on his strong libertarian economic views, and Tancredo will campaign on his hard-line immigration views. And I think that Dodd is too unknown (plus, Americans haven't thrown their support behind a New England liberal since Kennedy), and Biden too slimy, to win

the Democrats' nod.

So, skipping over some other lesser known candidates (by my latest count, there are 21 candidates in the race, and unfortunately, as a Grizzly writer, I have word count limits to contend with), we're left with the "big names" of the race: Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John Edwards, and Bill Richardson for the Democrats, and Rudy Giuliani, John McCain (I'm not *completely* counting him out yet), Mitt Romney (although, his Mormonism and Americans' frightening lack of tolerance and understanding may not be the proper combination for a winning campaign) and Sam Brownback for the Republicans.

The Democratic race will be interesting, because three out of those four candidates are, in my opinion, absolutely wonderful candidates from the perspective of the average Democrat (Hillary's stubborn refusal to admit that she was wrong in voting for the Iraq War puts her out of the Democratic mainstream, in my opinion). But, the Republican race will be interesting for another reason: *none* of them are very good candidates, at least from the perspective of the *average* Republican. Giuliani is "too liberal," given his support for gay rights and abortion rights. McCain, who should have learned his lesson from his time in Vietnam, is only helping to get America further stuck in the developing quagmire of Iraq. This may have been acceptable in the past, but even Republicans are beginning to lose faith nowadays.

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“Children of Men” (2007)

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At the risk of sounding pretentious, Alfonso Cuarón's latest film “Children of Men” is nothing short of beautiful. The film commences with a two-minute continuous shot of good-guy government employee Theo Faron (Clive Owens) dismally buying a cup of java spiked with a shot of alcohol as he catches the latest news headline: ‘the youngest human being on Earth has died.’

In a world of government-administered suicide kits, illegal immigrant burnings, Guantanamo-times-ten prison camps, and random acts of violence, there seems to be nothing left for our protagonist to live for. Why all of the unrest? Due to reasons that the film thankfully never explores, women have become unable to bear children.

The lack of hope holds on Faron until he is abducted by a group of rebels, led by his estranged American ex Julian (Julianne Moore) who asks that Faron use his government connection to obtain travel papers for a young fugee (short for fugitive) who needs to escape past the British border. Faron reluctantly agrees and is suddenly caught up in a mission to help this mysterious young girl get out and onto a boat called the *Tomorrow*. On this boat is a group of supposed scientists known as the Human Project, working toward a cure for human infertility. Cruelly, Faron is later informed that the fugee is pregnant, the first pregnancy on Earth in eighteen years. Faron now is burdened with saving the world.

Despite the somewhat bizarre plot, which, in a recent interview with RottenTomatoes.com, Cuarón stated that he had some problems with at first, the film develops a soul, which, in this case, yields an experience, not a movie.

Some will dislike the gaps that Cuarón left in the film, such as the ‘big one’: what happens after the ending? Unanswered questions like this have left many critics disappointed with “Children,” but these questions, while interesting to think about are not important. “Children of Men” gets at the heart of what filmmaking is: showing rather than telling. This movie would not have been half as good if we knew what became of the young fugee or why humans were infertile. Instead, the film is reserved and lets the viewer decide on these issues. On another note, it is important to say that this movie is quite intense, but not in a gratuitous way. The human condition is graphically, but accurately depicted in “Children of Men.”

The film has already won awards and praise for its cinematography as well. Most, if not all, filming was done using handheld cameras. And then, there is the editing, done so very delicately. If for no other reason, see this film for its three, five and even *seven* minute takes done with such precision, intensity, and choreography that it is a miracle it all could be done all at once without screwing up and stopping.

If these reasons *still* aren't enough, see “Children of Men” to experience Michael Cane as an old stoner named Jasper. His character is one of the coolest to come about since that of Jack Sparrow, and that is saying something. This movie has it all: a good story, adventure, plenty of laughs, metaphors, motifs, tragedy, and above all, the idea that when the world seems at its ugliest, there is always a reason to hold on.

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What they say/what they mean

Are you tired of political doubletalk? Neither are we. It's a great form of entertainment that keeps respected journalists like us from developing crippling drug addictions to ease the pain of living in a world grown bloated with incompetence.

But sometimes the language our politicians use can be hard to decipher. (Fact: the language of our politicians comes from two sources: The King's English, and Pig Latin. It is known in scholarly circles as Pig's English, or, alternately, English for Swine). Fortunately, Cfd cares about you – and that's why we, a political science major and an English major, spent a total of *fifteen whole minutes* compiling this easy-to-use phrasebook for citizens wishing to understand just what the hell our government is talking about.

When they say, “If we continue to let illegal immigrants into this country, American culture will be swallowed up,” they mean “If we continue to let illegal immigrants into this country, we will be forced to re-evaluate our tenuous concept of ‘American culture’ to include a lot more than traditional WASP thinking, and if that happens, my racist friends and I will stop getting elected to Congress.”

When they say, “A troop surge will greatly alleviate problems in Iraq,” they mean “We are completely out of ideas.”

When they say, “A troop surge will hurt more than help the situation in Iraq,” they mean “We're out of ideas, too.”

When they say, “The government is best which governs least,” they mean “That's why I'm an anarchist.”

When they say, “Homosexuality should not be sanctified with the blessing of marriage,” they mean “Homosexuality is *only* OK between a married man and his

congressional page.”

When they say, “Hillary in '08!”, they mean “We've learned nothing from '04! Or '00, for that matter!”

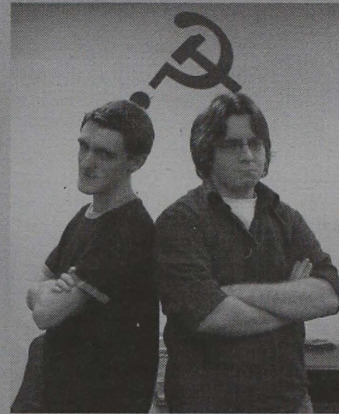
When they say, “I'm the decision-maker,” they mean “My struggle for relevancy is going poorly.”

When they say, “We need a congressional committee to look into the use of steroids in baseball,” they mean, “What war? Since when?”

When they say, “Liberal activist judges are taking away the rights of religious Americans,” they mean, “I see no hypocrisy at all in advocating war against a religious sect that seeks to establish a theocracy in a foreign country while simultaneously working to create one here in the United States. The difference is that I have the *correct* religion.”

When they say, “We will never forget the lessons of September 11,” they mean “We have completely forgotten the lessons of September 11 – and what's more, we don't care. We have squandered the national sentiment of goodwill that was borne out of our collective grief by turning what was once a country united by solemn reflection into a cultural wasteland of politicized bickering. We have crafted a Yeatsian nightmare, where the radical fringes of our society fire themselves into a frenzy while the voices of reason are either silenced by patriotic blowhardery or, worse, soothed into contented sleep by their own cowardice. But as long as we can continue, without consequence, to put loyalty to lobbyists ahead of loyalty to the country and line our pockets with the profits, and as long as our political system is so corrosive to the soul that no decent human being would ever dream of running for office, we will stay the course. After all, who's going to object? The 9-11 victims?”

Dan Sergeant and Matt Flyntz feel like the kids shooting spitballs in the back of the bus that's taking the world to hell. Tickets can be purchased from dasergeant@ursinus.edu and maflyntz@ursinus.edu. Last stop, ninth circle.



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Communism for Dummies

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Romney is having trouble explaining his rather liberal past (support of gay rights and gun control), and, as I mentioned before, he has the audacity to practice a faith other than mainstream Christianity. And Brownback represents the same type of conservatism that America is growing so sick of. What should the Republicans do, then?

I think I have the answer, and his name is Chuck Hagel. Senator Hagel has not announced any intention to run in 2008, but he is the most outspoken Republican critic of the Iraq War (he called the “surge” “the most dangerous foreign policy blunder since Vietnam”), and he has developed good conservative credentials. And not the phony kind that McCain and Romney are trying to develop. Oh, and he served in Vietnam, too. The Republicans would do well to give Hagel some fair consideration.

But, he's probably the most unpopular Republican Senator among Republicans with any significant power, which means he probably *won't* get fair consideration. Oh well.

My picks for the best (as in most-likely-to-win the general election) tickets for either side: Edwards-Obama or Edwards-Richardson for the Democrats, and Giuliani-Hagel for the Republicans. Giuliani, if chosen by the Republicans, will almost certainly win the general election, but that's a mighty big “if.” It should be interesting to see if the Republicans are willing to choose a liberal Republican and guarantee a win, or if they're going to be stubborn and pick a conservative and risk a loss. And it should be interesting to see how America handles the ridiculous “Is America ready for a woman/African American/Hispanic as president?” questions.

Sports

Swim sorrows

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On Saturday, Jan. 13 York's men and women swim teams swept Ursinus in the non-conference action. Both York teams combined to win 14 out of 22 events knocking the Bears out of the water. The women Spartans had a 113-90 victory over the Bears and the men won eight events to defeat Ursinus 113-60. York's Laura McCray won two individual events and swam a leg on the winning 400 medley relay while Ursinus' junior swimmer Kate Snyder and senior swimmer Caitlin Hanlon were each double winners for the Bears. Snyder kicked it off with a victory in the 200 free (2:05.71) and racked in another win during the 500 free with a time of 5:33.29. Hanlon won the 50 free with a season-best time of 27.12, and helped the Bears again winning in the 100 free (59.33). Freshman Emily Herman, craving a victory of her own, came in first in the 1,650 free in 19:26:67 pulling the only other victory for the Ursinus women.

Sophomore Andrew Piasecki stepped up for the Bears after the Spartans stole first in the first four events. Piasecki finished in the 400 IM with another team-high time of 4:31:61. He wasn't finished there; Piasecki also led a close race in the 200 breaststroke touching in 2:18:96. Senior Brandon Peer tailed closely behind followed by sophomore Robert Scheinfeld. Junior Clay Lewis and freshman Brad Garman joined forces with Peer and Scheinfeld in order to collect a final success in the 400 free relay with a time of 3:51:77 to end the meet.

The Bears were back in action on Saturday January 20th; however fell short of a victory once again. The Franklin & Marshall women's swim team won nine out of eleven events and posted a 135-65 win, while their men collected eight event wins recording a 119-56 victory and sweeping Ursinus in the Centennial Conference meet. Franklin & Marshall had one double winner on the women's team from Jenna Walters who won the 1650 free and the 100 free. Peter Fishler, Phil Rehders, and Matt Jaffee pulled through on the men's team each tallying two individual wins for the Diplomats.

On the Bears women's team freshman Elizabeth Gombosi was the only individual winner in the 100 breaststroke touching in 1:17:52. She was closely followed by sophomore Catharine Palchak and freshman LeighAnn Lombardi who snagged second and third place for the Bears. Snyder, Hanlon, sophomore Kim Stover, and freshman Lyndsay MacFeeters combined forces in the 200 free and managed to rack in the second victory of the day finishing with a time of 1:50:83. The UC men had a few victories themselves. Peer touched first in the 500 free in 5:21:65, and Piasecki coming up clutch again won first-place in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:02:60. Peer and Piasecki were joined by sophomore Ryan Kennedy and Garman to create a power team and win the 200 free in 1:36:07. The Ursinus Bears swim teams will be back in the pool on Saturday January 27th at 1pm to face Washington, another Centennial Conference opponent.

Tiger Woods or Roger Federer?

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How do you measure dominance? Perhaps, by wins, championships, and overall success. However, when you say a name, a single word, it embodies a cultural phenomenon. Tiger. Tiger Woods, this past Sunday won the Buick Invitational, the first event of the professional golf season. With this win Tiger has now earned his seventh straight PGA Tour victory, leaving him controlling the golf world. On Sunday another athlete emerged to compete against Tiger Woods' reign of dominance as the world's best and it's not Phil Mickelson.

Way down under, Roger Federer defeated Fernando Gonzalez in the final round of the Australian Open to win his 10th Grand Slam title. In 21 consecutive sets Roger defeated every opponent, one-by-one, in this two week tournament. Roger once again showed his brilliance and is the first to win a title on a major tournament without dropping a set since Bjorn Borg in 1980. Roger now has been undefeated for the last 36 official matches, which is a personal record.

Two worlds apart and two different personal endeavors make the question quite in-

teresting, which player is the more dominate athlete in the world? To answer that question, we must look at the tales of the tape. Tiger Woods was born on Dec. 30, 1975 in Orlando, Florida. Roger Federer was born six years later on August 8, 1981 in Basel, Switzerland. Both athletes are 6'1" and 185 pounds. After viewing Tiger's new commercial, he seems to be in tip-top shape and could challenge Federer in a race.

So let's talk on field success. Since becoming pro in 1996, Tiger Woods has an unprecedented 75 tournament victories (55 PGA Tour). Are you sitting, this might take a while. Woods' dominance consists of the 1997, 2001, 2002 and 2005 Masters Tournaments, 1999, 2000 and 2006 PGA Championships, 2000 and 2002 U.S. Open Championships, and 2000, 2005 and 2006 British Open Championships.

With his second Masters victory in 2001, Tiger became the first ever to hold all four professional major championships at the same time. Not to mention that Tiger is currently ranked the best golfer in the world and is the leading career money winner with over 68 million.

Swiss made craftsmanship is the key to Federer's dominance since he turned pro

Bears' basketball in postseason hunt

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With the regular season winding down, both the men's and women's basketball teams here at Ursinus find themselves right in the mix for a Centennial Conference playoff berth.

For the men's squad, the Bears find themselves at 10-2 in the Centennial Conference, good enough for second place with six games left to play. They just recently avenged an early loss to McDaniel in their conference opener by crushing the Green Terror 82-68 in Maryland. The Bears have won five consecutive games and seem to be on a roll. With Nick Shattuck and Will Furey leading the way on offense, the Bears look to continue their winning ways straight into the Centennial Conference playoffs in search of their third consecutive conference crown.

For the women's squad, the Bears find themselves at 8-4 in the Centennial Conference, good enough for fourth place with seven games left to play. The Bears struggled early in the season, but have come on strong down the stretch reeling off four consecutive conference victories including the most recent demolishing of Franklin and Marshall 56-27. Sarah Hennessey appears unstoppable when shooting behind the arc and was recently named Centennial Conference Player of the Week. Mary Kate Daley has continued her dominance on the court as she has done throughout her career, while Molly Guntli and Carolyn Konstanzer are huge threats un-

der the boards. If the Bears can continue on their current hot streak, they will be an easy lock for the postseason.

The men's and women's basketball teams have a double-header against Dickinson this Saturday starting at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The Bears can use everyone's support especially since this is a very pivotal part of the season for both teams with playoff implications on the line.

For the moment, both teams would be locked in for the playoffs should they start today, but things can change drastically with seven games left to play in the regular season. The Red Devil's women's basketball squad is in second place in the Centennial Conference at the moment so it is one of the biggest games of the season for the women's basketball team.

For the men's team, they are only one game behind Johns Hopkins for first place in the Centennial Conference and possible home court advantage throughout the Centennial Conference playoffs. So instead of lounging around Saturday afternoon and watching some television. Take a stroll down to Helderich Hall and be a Hooligan for a few hours and support our basketball program as they attempt to bring home Conference crowns this year.



down eventually. These two extraordinary men have charity foundations, clothing lines, top-dollar endorsements, universal fame, and unbelievable humility. As far as athletes go, these two men are the best as well as should be the best role models for youth.

Obviously, only time will tell who is the best athlete of all-time. As fans we should sit back and watch history in the making as we may never see this type of success and dominance in this lifetime. I guess we need an answer to the question. Inevitably everybody has their opinion. My answer of who is the best athlete is none other than Roger Woods and Tiger Federer.

In 1998, Federer has encompassed 46 single career titles, seven doubles titles and the aforementioned 10 Grand Slam titles. Federer became ranked the number one tennis player in the world on February 2nd, 2004. His streak has continued for a remarkable 186 consecutive weeks. By the end of February he will break Jimmy Conner's record for most weeks ranked number one as top-male athlete.

In 2004, Federer became the first man since Mats Wilander in 1988 to win three of four Grand Slam singles tournaments in the same year. In 2006, Federer repeated this feat and became the first man in the open era to win at least ten singles tournaments in three consecutive years.

The question is opposed again, who is the best? It is a tough question. Both athletes have unparalleled success in their respective sports. Both are on pace to be the best that ever played the game. Roger Federer chasing down tennis greats such as: Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi, and John MacEnroe. Tiger Woods in some aspects still live in the shadows of golf giants, Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer.

Tiger at 31 years of age has longevity in his sport while Federer at age 25 has many years left, but his limber nature will be sure to slow