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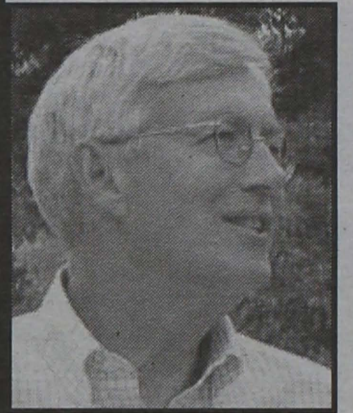
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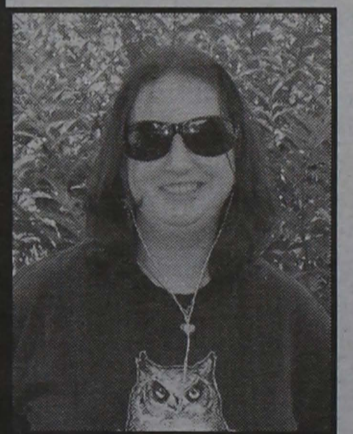
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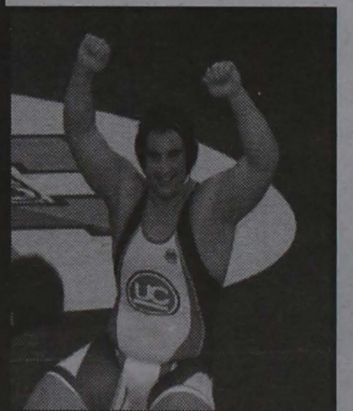
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President Strassburger's Message to Campus About NME

Since there has been so much discussion and considerable misinformation as well regarding the decision to suspend New Member Education, I feel compelled to provide some additional perspective. This issue strikes at the heart of the kind of community we are, and the kind we aspire to be.

For seven-score years Ursinus College has been dedicated to nurturing in every student the potential to achieve greatness. This principle requires appreciating the uniqueness of each student while recognizing all are equally worthy. It also requires unrelenting respect for the unimpeachable dignity of everyone who enrolls in this College.

These principles define the College throughout its history. They also require an unequivocal commitment to integrity. To respect everyone's dignity requires a bond of mutual trust. Violating that trust undermines the whole project of liberal education at Ursinus.

Let me add for all of us who work at Ursinus that the rewards of knowing and working with students, not just past, but present students as well, are immeasurable. As I have written in various national publications, it is easy for us to so admire students because the academic work they are producing now is better than almost anything that was being done sixty years ago. Moreover, senior dinners continue to leave me impressed with the maturity and purposefulness of Ursinus students.

A bedrock of mutual respect has marked our exchanges with students for the past dozen years, including those students who have chosen to disagree with the current decision to suspend New Member Education.

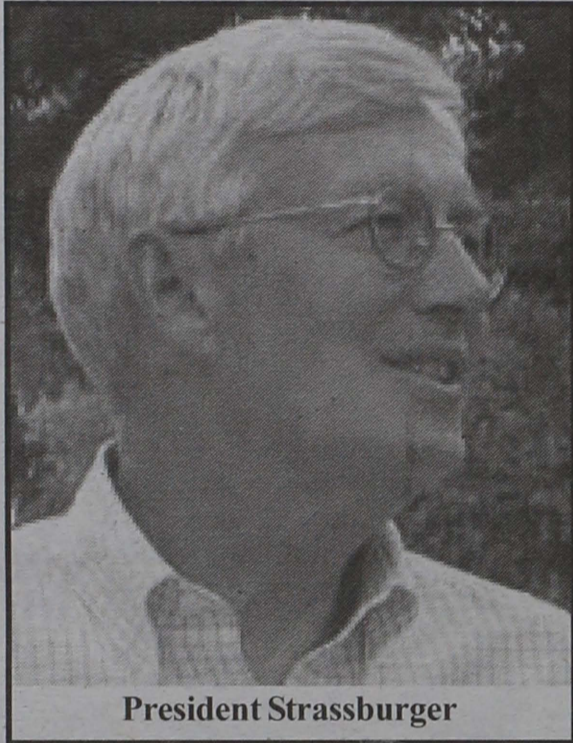
I share these thoughts because they all are part of the context of the recent decision by the College that is the student life staff and me, to halt to New Member Education. There is an eagerness on the part of many Greek students and alumni to perceive a plot or conspiracy against the Greeks. But the issue is not whether there is an administrative "conspiracy." Indeed students at our dinner this fall for Greek presidents were as articulate as their predecessors about the virtues here of Greek life, reiterating their contributions to nurturing life-long friendships, providing a focal point for social life, and engaging in admirable service projects.

It is not these statements that are currently being challenged. To blame the administration without examining where the problem lies—to blame without asking whether the dignity of individuals had been violated, or even worse whether the integrity of Greek leaders had been compromised—is to demonstrate a total disregard for the ideals of liberal education: one of the central ideals is careful, thoughtful reflection as the basis of meaningful conclusions.

The facts of the current situation are simple, and they are terribly troubling to anyone who values integrity and honesty. The student leaders of every Greek organization sign statements stating explicitly what will and will not happen during New Member Education. This year student leader after student leader first signed that statement and then failed to live up to her or his commitment. The breakdown of integrity is a black mark against both the Greek

system and the college. To put the matter in terms of whether students were kept up late—as has been the case—is to trivialize integrity. It is a failure to live up to our highest ideals.

Even more troubling, even more shocking to those who accept that the college aspires to respect every student and show a due regard for their dignity are not just the assaults on dignity done in the name of new member education; far more disturbing is the collusion among many Greek organizations to single out and to punish with shunning and bans those students who have found the courage to speak up as responsible individuals and to assert their own dignity rather than succumbing to a herd mentality. The practice at Ursinus of blacklisting students who have somehow abstracted themselves from "pledging" is as cruel and invidious as anyone could imagine. Anyone who believes all students are equally worthy, who cares about Ursinus, anyone who believes in the mission of enabling students to become thoughtful adults cannot fail to be appalled by



President Strassburger

this practice.

It is a total violation of the ideals not just of liberal education but of civilized society; it is truly an assault on the dignity of individuals.

Let me add a few more words about the charge that there is "an administration conspiracy." The plain truth is that even after a review of the problems of years' past, this past fall thoughtful conversations made clear that the Student Life staff found grounds to conclude that in Greek life we had an equilibrium that should not be disturbed. In other words, the accusations of an administration plot could not be further from the truth. While such accusations are comforting to some because they allow all Greeks to assume they are not at fault, that they are not the ones who have been dishonest, alas, that is not the case.

So when we hear defenses of practices such as keeping students up late at night, or all night, as the norm or as acceptable parts of college, it should be obvious that such practices, while not irrelevant, are hardly the crux of the issue. Likewise when we hear that New Member Education has always been done this way, it should be clear that that the argument is irrelevant. What happened this year required deception, falsehood and a failure of leaders to keep their word? There is only dishonor in invoking tradition as a justification for deceit.

Perhaps worst of all, when there is a concerted effort involving most Greek organizations to ruin the college experience of other Ursinus students, simply be-

cause they showed the courage to declare that their dignity was worth preserving, then it is time to suggest that it is not an administration conspiracy that is the problem, it is the emotional cruelty and inhumanity visited on other Ursinus students. That is intolerable.

Everyone is entitled to make mistakes. Despite the failure of student leaders to keep their word, the goal now is to for us to work together to repair the loss of trust, while seeking a new system that respects and honors the best and highest Ursinus traditions. Our historic mission has pledged us to respect the dignity of every student who enrolls and to put integrity at the heart of liberal education.

I have not singled out individuals here, because it is true that some leaders have come forward and are as concerned as I am about the lack of trust and the loss of integrity; likewise, many of those who erred have expressed an honest hope that we can move forward. Students' achievements in other arenas suggest there is great cause for expecting that we can repair the damage. But it is clear, we will not be going back to what had existed in the past. How we go forward will be determined by whether student leaders can wipe the slate clean and begin with fresh thinking. We will be having discussions in the weeks ahead to determine how trust might be restored. Once that happens, there should be no limit on what we can achieve in putting Greek organizations back in harmony with the College's historic principles.

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Students Flock to Ursinus Job and Internship Fair

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Blue jeans and sneakers were shoved aside Feb. 27, 2008 in favor of suits and ties, heels and skirts, so that students could make their best impression at the Ursinus College Job and Internship Fair. Held in the Floy Lewis Bakes Field House, the fair ran from 12:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., giving students a few hours to make their best impression for possible future employers.

The field house was transformed, making room for numerous different stands to host a variety of companies and employers. Upon arrival, both students and employers signed in, and students received a helpful bag and a list of companies that noted specifically what each company was looking for and what type of job opportunity was available for the student.

Each company had its own stand, equipped with representatives, business cards, tons of information and even free items for the students, everything from baseball caps and pens, to candy and other snacks.

According to Carla Rinde, Director of Career Services, the fair usually hosts about 65 to 70 employers each year. This year, there were 28 new employers and 65 in total, ranging from banks and magazines to the more well known companies such as Merck Pharmaceuticals, Six Flags amusement park and the Philadelphia Eagles team.

Throughout the event, just under 300 students showed up. According to Rinde, about 50 percent of those students were seniors, 25 percent were juniors, 15 percent were sophomores and only 10 percent were freshmen.

Though many employers were seeking to employ

soon-to-be graduates, they were also looking for students to work part-time jobs or internships.

There was a wide range of opportunities for students of all majors and interests. In fact, many did not even have a specific major that they were looking for.

"Just as students reported that they would like to see more employers at the fair- employers get very disappointed when they don't see enough students," said Rinde. "We find ourselves in a Catch-22. We can't attract employers without students- and we can't generate interest among students without employers. We need to get a larger percentage of students participating in the Job and Internship Fair as a first step to maintaining and growing a great fair in the future."

Students who attended and did not quite find the job or opportunity they were looking for, should not fret. Some organizations such as law firms, art organizations and environmental consulting firms tend to skip over undergraduate job fairs.

Securing a job in those fields might take a more cre-



Photo courtesy of Jen Huber, Career Services

ative strategy. However, Rinde mentioned, "There are more focused job fairs, such as the upcoming idealist non profit job fair on Apr. 19, 2008 that might be a better fit for some." For more information on internships and job opportunities, visit www.ursinus.edu/career.

Campus Philly Lets Students Stay in the City for Break

PHILADELPHIA—Spring break time is coming up once again for Philadelphia area college students. In the past, this could have meant a mass student migration to a warmer climate, toting bikinis and sun tan oil. More recently, however, it has meant students traveling nationally and internationally to help people in need through a variety of Alternative Spring Break Programs. This year, Campus Philly is bringing the service to the students and reminding them that opportunities to make a difference do not have to take them out of the country, or even out the tri-state area.

Campus Philly is inviting local college students to participate in the first annual Alternative Spring Break Philadelphia from March 9-14. Students will be housed at Chamounix Mansion Hostel in Fairmount Park, while participating in educational service activities during the day, hosted by great area nonprofit organizations like Philabundance and EducationWorks. And, with the Philly-loving Campus Philly crew planning some extra evening activities, students can be sure their break won't be all work and no play. It is a way

to experience the many sides of our city, from service and learning to living it up Philly style.

Best of all, unlike most Spring Break options, our week-long program is free for students—all they have to do is send in an application to Campus Philly by Friday, Feb. 15. Applications and information are available at www.campusphilly.org/asbphilly.

There are plenty of choices for students for spring break, but only one choice will give them a chance to understand and appreciate the city where they live and study in a whole new

way.

Campus Philly is a nonprofit organization working together with higher education, business and public-sector partners to establish connections between college students and the region. Through positive first-hand experiences and better connections to the workforce, more college graduates are choosing to live and work in Greater Philadelphia

after earning their degree. The newly established Campus Philly Community program seeks to create these connections and experiences through civic service and community engagement, creating meaningful, lasting bonds between students and the city.

For more information about Campus Philly's Alternative Spring Break, contact Leyla Eraslan at 215.988.1707 or leyla@campusphilly.org.

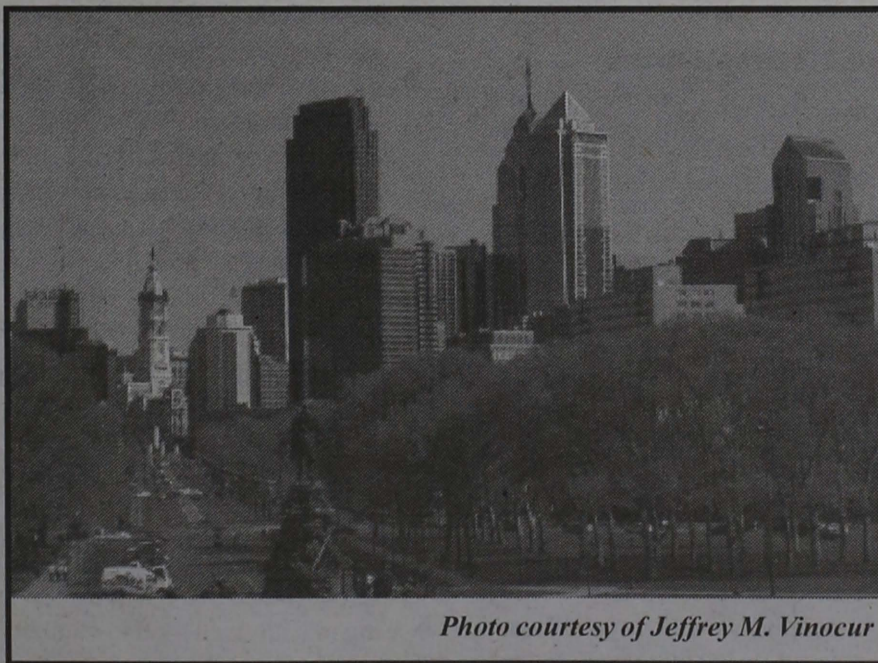


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News in Brief: Drugs in Afghanistan, Murder Sentence

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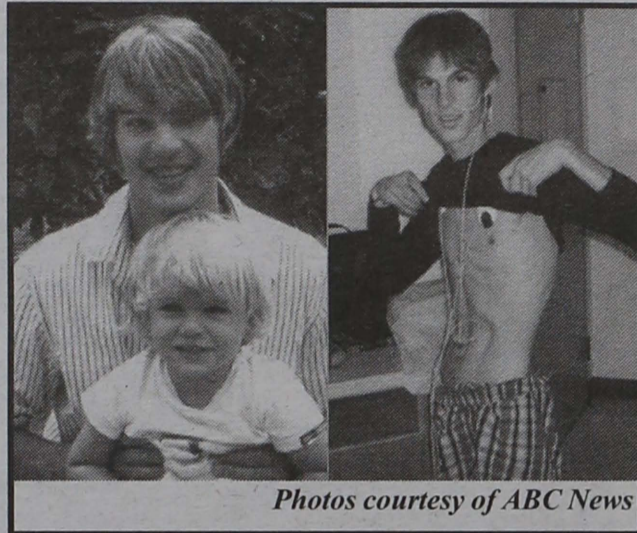
Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008

Jonathan McCullum was in perfect health at 155 pounds when he left last summer to spend the school year as an exchange student in Egypt. But when he returned home to Maine just four months later, the 5-foot-9 teenager weighed only 97 pounds and was so weak that he struggled to carry his baggage or climb a flight of stairs. Doctors said he was at risk for a heart attack. McCullum says he was denied sufficient food while staying with a family of Coptic Christians. This religious sect fasts for more than 200 days a year, a regimen unmatched by other Christians.

But McCullum does not view the experience as a culture clash. He said that it reflected mean and stingy treatment by his host family, whose broken English made it difficult to communicate. "The weight loss concerned me, but I wanted to stick out the whole year," he said in an interview at his family's home in Maine.

Friends and teachers at McCullum's English-speaking school in Egypt urged him to change his host family, but he stayed put after being told the alternate home was in a dangerous neighborhood of Alexandria, Egypt.

After returning to the U.S., this 17-year-old was hospitalized for nearly two weeks, regaining about 20 pounds, but his parents say he's not the same boy he was when he left under the auspices of AFS Intercultural Programs.



Photos courtesy of ABC News

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008

A former police officer was sentenced last Wednesday to life in prison with a chance of parole after 57 years for killing his pregnant lover and their unborn child. Jurors spared Bobby Cutts Jr. the death penalty in the most serious charge, an aggravated murder count in the death of the fetus. Stark County Common Pleas Judge Charles Brown Jr. rejected a defense request to merge the sentences against Cutts, 30, but he could have allowed parole eligibility earlier.

Cutts had sobbed on the witness stand when he claimed the death of 26-year-old Jessie Davis from an elbow to the throat last June was an accident during an argument. He said he dumped her body in a park in a panic.

He returned to the witness stand after his conviction to ask jurors to spare his life.

Prosecutors argued that Cutts killed Davis and the nearly full-term baby at her home in northeast Ohio to avoid making child support payments. The couple's son, Blake, then two-and-a-half, was found home alone and gave investigators their first clues to his mother's disappearance when he said, "Mommy's crying. Mommy broke the table. Mommy's in the rug," and later, "Daddy's mad."

Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008

Through spiritual or surgical routes, a woman gives her first time a do-over. Victoria Watts, a 23-year-old single mother of two small children who lives in Canton, Ohio, lost

her virginity at age 16 with her high school boyfriend. Watts was the granddaughter of a Pentecostalist pastor and the daughter of an assistant pastor. She believed sex outside marriage was wrong. "I felt really bad from a religious standpoint," she recalls of the experience. "My thoughts were really clouded because I was so emotionally bonded with my boyfriend. That overshadowed my religious world."

Though the relationship lasted for seven years and produced two beautiful children, a part of Watts always felt guilty. She wished she could step back in time and recapture her lost virginity. Thinking of how "I could have ruined one of greatest fulfillments of my life," the first time having sex with a husband, she wanted to "have that opportunity again. I know my [future] husband deserves a whole person."

Watts engaged in a lot of prayer and thought, and now declares herself a virgin once again. "The most important thing was to realize what my values were and what I want in the future and the bigger goals in my life," she says. "That's why I can call myself a renewed virgin."

Friday, Feb. 29, 2008

Record illegal drug production in Afghanistan supplies the Taliban insurgency with money and arms. The U.S.-backed government must take direct, prompt action against poppy growers, a State Department report said Friday. Afghan farmers grew more poppies for opium in 2007 than ever before. This was the second year in a row of record production in the nation the United States invaded after the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks.

The drug trade deters progress toward a stable, economically independent democracy, the report said. The Associated Press obtained a portion of the annual report on illegal drug production and trafficking worldwide before its release. The full report was later released at the State Department Friday.

The First Edition of *This Day in History*: Mar. 6, 2008

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Calling all history buffs and random fact junkies, I have got your fix. The following article highlight the most pertinent historical events for today, Mar. 6, 2008.

1475

Happy Birthday Michelangelo

On this day, many years ago, future painter, sculptor, and architect Michelangelo Buonarroti is born in Florence, Italy. Some of Michelangelo's most famous work includes the marble statue of David, and the epic fresco paintings on the ceiling and walls of the Sistine Chapel, which took him 12 years to complete.

Michelangelo was also somewhat of a poet, musing shortly before his death "No one has full mastery before reaching the end of his art and his life." Michelangelo created art until his death, at the age of 89.

The same year Michelangelo died, in 1564, Galileo and William Shakespeare were born (<http://www.hlla.com/reference/mb-bio.html>).

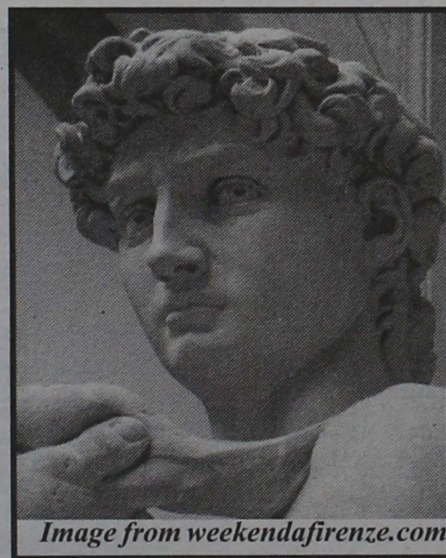


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1836

The Alamo fell to Mexican Forces

Rewind about one year; it is 1835 (people are wearing funny clothes and doing the things that cowboys do), and Texan, Anglo-American colonist have just revolted against Mexican rule. The colonists wish to sever ties with Mexico and establish their own independent republic. However, the Mexican government is not very enthusiastic about the idea. In response, they send General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, along with more than 6000 soldiers to put down the rebellion.

The most well known battle of the Texas Revolution, The Battle at the Alamo, lasts for 13 days. When it is all said and done, the Mexican forces are victorious, leaving all 187 Texan troops,

including commanders William Travis and James Bowie, as well as Davie Crockett, dead (<http://www.historybuff.com/library/refgoldalamo.html>).

1857

Supreme Court Rules Slaves not Citizens

This decision came about after Dred Scott, a personal

servant and slave, who had lived in the free state of Illinois and the free territory of Wisconsin (before moving back to the slave state of Missouri), appealed to the Supreme Court for his freedom. Chief Justice Roger B. Taney, a strong supporter of slavery, wrote in the court's decision that because Scott was black, he was not a citizen, and therefore could not sue (<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part4/4h2933.html>).

1930

Mmm Baby! Clarence Birdseye Begins Selling Prepackaged Frozen Food for the First Time

While the practice of freezing food can be traced back to the 17th century, Clarence Birdseye was, and still is considered the "father of frozen food." After watching Arctic peoples preserving fresh fish in frozen barrels of sea water, he concluded that it was the low temperatures and fast freezing that allowed food to retain its freshness for months, and still taste good when thawed. After investing a whopping \$7 for supplies (that's right, 7 bucks!), Birdseye invented and later mastered a system for packaging and freezing food. The first frozen vegetables, fruits, meat, and seafood were sold to the public in 1930, in Springfield, Massachusetts (<http://inventors.about.com/library/inventors/blfrfood.htm>).

Well, that is all for this week. For more random facts and useless trivia hop, skip or jump to www.history.com/ or www.infoplease.com/dayinhistory. Until next time...

Scientific Sexual Healing



LANE TAYLOR

Everything You Never Knew You Wanted to Know About Sex

defy those that have negative opinions and judgments over the private sex lives of others, I write again to destroy the senseless stigma placed on sex with scientific, solid reasoning as to why there is absolutely nothing wrong with having sex.

What does the average person get out of sex? Most would respond a closeness with their partner and the evolutionary aspect that drives us mammals to mate, pleasure. In reality, people engaging in safe, consensual sex are taking much more from the experience than simply the experience. Recent studies have shown that the benefits one can experience from sex go beyond orgasmic satisfaction and can actually improve one's health and daily life. And, as I am constantly ready to

According to Momscape.com, having an active sex life in a committed relationship can have a significant impact on your health. Endorphins, which are chemicals in our body that have a "feel-good" affect when released, are released during sex and can aid in alleviating pain. Sex can also benefit and strengthen the immune system due to chemicals that are released during intercourse, according to Paul Pearsall, PhD. A study was conducted by Dr. David Weeks of The Royal Edinburgh Hospital that even asserts that sex causes the aging process to slow (Momscape.com).

One of the most thrilling aspects of "sexual healing" is that it impacts both men and women substantially. According to *Men's Health* magazine editor, Hugh O'Neill, men who engage in intercourse at least three times a week lower their chances of acquiring prostate difficulties. Testosterone flow is also encouraged during sex, which impacts bone and muscle strength.

Regarding women's health, the chemical oxytocin is released during sex which causes feelings of affection and nurturing (Momscape.com). WorldHealth.net also seems to associate oxytocin with both men and women, and what causes its release is actually feelings of affection and love. Because this hormone causes an increase in sexual longing, it can lead to the amount of sex a couple engages in to amplify (WorldHealth.net).

Also, the female hormones secreted during sex are extremely beneficial in preventing heart disease and softening the tract of the vagina (WorldHealth.net). And according to WorldHealth.net, the steroid DHEA is released during intercourse in both men and women and has been linked to the

growth of muscle mass, depression prevention, enhanced sex drive and longevity.

Both websites discuss sex as a form of exercise, and state that having sex three times a week, every week, for one year burns as many calories as running (Momscape.com) or jogging (WorldHealth.net) 75 miles. And because it's a form of exercise, it decreases the level of cholesterol in the body and causes an increase in energy. It also causes the amount of oxygen in the body to increase, which causes stimulation throughout the assorted systems of the body (WorldHealth.net).

Sex has also been linked to stress reduction and relaxation, which is extremely advantageous for both the body and mind (the circulatory system in specific benefits from the stress reduction and relaxation associated with sex). Sex is also believed to have the ability to alleviate pain in some instances, specifically when regarding joints and headaches (WorldHealth.net).

Momscape.com stresses the importance of being in a trusting relationship, because uncomfortable and mistrustful relationships can often cause anxiety which would counteract and inhibit many of the health benefits.

The scientific and public health communities are now accepting sex as a beneficial and healthy aspect of life, so perhaps with a little help from both you and them, those still trapped in archaic convictions circa 1950 can modernize and then begin to exercise. But if they can't be won over, that certainly shouldn't stop those of us less concerned with stigma and more concerned with physical health to start or continue working out.

SIFE: An Organization Suited for All Ursinus Majors

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SIFE premiered as a brand new club at Ursinus College this year. SIFE stands for Students In Free Enterprise and is a group who performs community service projects with a business theme. SIFE is an international, non-profit organization active in over 40 countries. Student teams are established on college or university campuses and these teams are led by faculty advisors. Many people think this is simply a business club, but SIFE actually encourages students in all majors to join.

UC SIFE is led by Business and Economics Professor Steve Bowers and has four executive officers: Perrin Moses (President), me, Jill Alspach (Vice President), Cori Coates (Secretary) and Chris Pfeiffer (Treasurer). Members work with these officers to develop community outreach projects that cover SIFE's five educational topics: market economics, success skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy and business ethics. The projects completed during the year must fall under one of these topics in order to be included in the regional competition in the spring.

According to www.SIFE.org, the programs that team members develop help create real economic opportunities. The effectiveness of each project is judged at this competition by leaders from the business community. The team who has the most success at creating economic opportunity for others advances to the National Championship and then to the World Cup.

This year, the UC SIFE team has produced many projects on campus. The first was a Wal-Mart movie screening. The PBS sponsored movie "Is Wal-Mart Good for America?" and another film, "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price," were shown. Each movie presented a different

view of the Wal-Mart Corporation and a discussion took place afterwards. Students and faculty attended this event and many contributed to the discussion. When surveyed, the majority of attendees felt that their opinion of Wal-Mart changed after watching the films. Some said they would continue to shop at Wal-Mart, but many said they will shop elsewhere.

The second project on campus was a presentation on how to save for retirement. Fellow UC students Doug Emerson, Josh Delano and Bill Davis were recruited to give a presentation which they had put together for a previous class.

The Feb. 21, 2008 issue of *The Grizzly* debuted "Alumni Advice," a column written by SIFE to connect Ursinus alumni with current students. SIFE partnered with Career Services to provide students with a network of graduates who are available to assist in career development. Perrin Moses, SIFE president said, "The featured column will refer students to the Career Services website for the full interview and the contact information of the selected individual. The purpose of 'Alumni Advice' is to promote the importance of networking and mentorship in the journey toward a fulfilling career." This column features alumni answers to questions regarding their current job and how they are reaching their career goals. Alumni also give advice to current students on how to choose their career paths. SIFE's goal is to submit "Alumni Advice" for each major because some students are still unsure about the employment opportunities available in their field of study.

There is still one more project that is in the works for the end of March. SIFE will travel to a local, private Perkiomen school to educate high school students about the concept of budgeting and calculating simple interest on a savings account. SIFE will give students questions to ask themselves before planning a budget such as, "What sources of income do you project to possess while in school?" and "What kind

of spender are you?" Students will then be educated on the different ways they can save their money while in college. Moses says, "The event will take place after school as an interactive tool for students preparing for college and will give them the skills they need for financial literacy in their college years and beyond." This will be the final project for SIFE this year, because these service projects are presented at the regional competition in Philadelphia on Apr. 8, 2008. "Each team will present the projects they completed during the 2007-2008 school year in front of a panel of judges made up of SIFE corporate sponsors. These include presidents, managers, and other executive members of corporations such as, Wal-Mart, Campbell's, AFLAC, HSBC, and many others," states Moses.

Chris Pfeiffer, SIFE treasurer, wants students to be aware that, "SIFE is a student organization which focuses on teaching and applying business principles to people within our community." Pfeiffer stresses that "SIFE is a new club, but it isn't just for BE majors. We value anyone with fresh ideas who is motivated to make a difference in the local community." He urges students to attend a meeting if they are interested in SIFE or just want to learn more about what SIFE does.

Moses also wants students to know that, "SIFE is a service organization that strives to create economic opportunity for others. We encourage any student regardless of their major or business background to join. The invaluable skills and experience gained can be applied to any individual. In addition, benefits of being a SIFE member include exclusive job opportunities with corporate sponsors and scholarships."

SIFE meets every Monday night at 7 p.m. in Olin 301. Interested students can email SIFE at sife@ursinus.edu for questions or more information.

The Real Inspector Hound: Stoppard Performed at UC

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Ursinus's rendition of Tom Stoppard's *The Real Inspector Hound* this past week brought out all of the play's best elements. This performance, directed by Neill Hartley in the Black Box Theater of the Kaleidoscope, ran for four nights and featured the talent of numerous designers, operators, and actors.

The play itself is a parody of the classic "whodunit" murder mystery, as followed by two theater critics sitting in the position of the play-goers themselves. This play-within-a-play set-up is ludicrously over the top in a good way. The overstatement of every aspect of both plays takes a crack at Agatha Christie's mysteries, complete with dramatic overacting.

The critics watching the play reveal their own ludicrous obsessions and fantasies, and their babbling about their personal lives eventually gets them wrapped up with the play that they are watching, providing quite a lot of hilarity for the real-life audience.

The play-within-the-play takes place at "Muldoon Manor," an isolated location where the characters encounter a murderous series of events. There is a love triangle, or really, quadrangle, which fully comes into the open at the "surprise ending" of the play, when the Real Inspector Hound is finally revealed. There are numerous elements of the plot which are fully visible (both literally and figura-

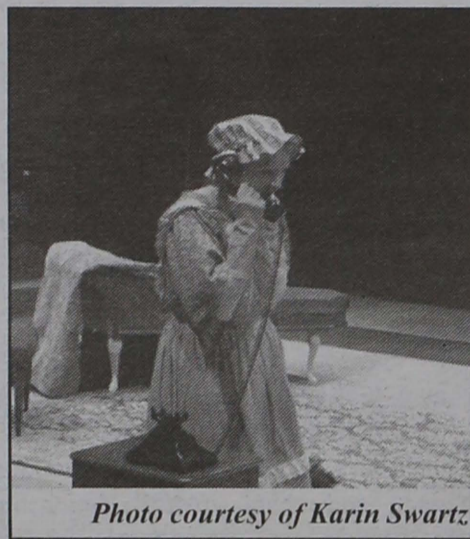


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tively, i.e. the corpse lying in the middle of the stage) to the audience, while the cast seems to be in the dark.

Perhaps most impressive was the presence of the individual who spent the entire 80-minute performance lying face down on the carpet, playing dead. The cast and crew walked around her while she lay under a couch as all the hilarity when on around her. Bravo, Sam Cole!

The set was very interactive, with the audience placed directly around the action. The two critics in the play sat only one row in front of the Ursinus audience, which elicited interactive responses from the play-goers.

The actors certainly accomplished their goals of melodramatic effect in their performances, complete with ominous sound effects. Each of the characters seemed very true to their original intentions and complemented each other very well. At certain points, it may have been difficult to see just quite where the comedy was going, but

ultimately it seems like the Ursinus Theatre could use a few more comedies in the future.

A particular audience favorite was Magnus, played by Grey Johnson. "Grey Johnson is not like a box of chocolates; he is better than that, because you never know what you get with a box of chocolates. With Grey you always know what you'll get, and that's humor," said freshman Abby Raymond, of his hilarious performance.

Any mystery associated with unsolved murders and lurking lunatics was completely done away with by the co-

medic elements of the story, and the play is all the better for it. The dramatic irony which Stoppard inserted into the play frequently, along with the exaggeration and cliché, made it quite amusing. If one was unfamiliar with the play before seeing it, it may not have been easy to recognize the mood before it became painfully obvious upon the start of the drama.

Overall, *The Real Inspector Hound* was visually well put together and enjoyably presented, offering up one solid act of entertainment for the audience.

Career Corner: What Are You Doing This Summer?

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Summer may seem like the distant future, but it is only ten weeks away. As you know, during summer break many Ursinus students participate in an internship that will earn them college credit, introduce them to experienced professionals in their chosen career field and give them the experience they need to be competitive in today's job market. What you may not know is that many students who participate in outstanding internships submit their applications long before the end of the semester.

If you're determined to be one who impresses your classmates next year with stories of the people you met, the exciting experiences you had and the interesting career options you've learned about, keep reading!

If you would like to broaden your horizons through an internship this summer here are some recommendations for success:

1. Use the Career Services website and meet with Jen Huber, Internship Coordinator, for resources to help you find and obtain an internship.
2. Prepare a resume.
3. Identify Internships of interest.
4. Apply to more than one internship.
5. Pay close attention to application requirements
6. After sending your application, always follow-up.
7. Prepare for interviews by knowing yourself and researching the employer thoroughly.
8. Send thank you notes to those who helped you.
9. Carefully choose an internship from those offered.
10. Finally, remove yourself from consideration with other organizations to which you have applied once you accept an offer.

The Career Services website (www.ursinus.edu/career) includes all of the information that you need to navigate the internship process from start to finish.

Begin your search today by exploring the hundreds of opportunities listed on UC CareerNet, or any of the many resources listed on our website.

Local Venues Offer Break Options

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Planning on sticking around the Philadelphia area during Spring Break? Bummed that your friends will be cruising the Caribbean or heading south for warmer weather? Don't despair; there are plenty of local entertaining activities. In Philadelphia alone there are several exciting happenings. Until Mar. 9 at the Convention Center in Center City the Philadelphia Garden Show is happening. The theme this year is "Jazz it Up" featuring gardens inspired by the culture of jazz. The exhibition is complete with visual pleasure and musical delights. Student tickets are priced at \$17.

The Philadelphia Museum of Art is also hosting a special exhibition of Frida Kahlo's works of art. The cost for students is \$20, but the ticket will grant you admission into the entire museum for the day. Check out gophila.com for other options of what to do in the city this week; there are endless opportunities to occupy the time this Spring Break. Be a tourist in your hometown and explore some of Philly's historic sites.

Atlantic City (AC) is another viable option for a creative, local vacation. For 21-year-olds there are endless opportunities, but even for the "unders" there are plenty of things to do. The Atlantic City outlets include an extensive collection of shops and restaurants. Other activities to entertain one in Atlantic City, some of that are even free, include walking the boardwalk, hanging out on the beach or checking out Ticketmaster for tickets to one of the Beatle Mania shows. Past Atlantic City spring breakers, both un-

der and over 21, have raved about their mini-vacation and winter beach adventure.

From Jack Frost to Big Boulder, the Poconos are another exciting, local Spring Break destination. If there is any sort of decent snowfall there are seven mountains to choose from for skiing and snowboarding (though many mountains do make their own snow). Check out the conditions by visiting poconoski.com. Even if there is no snow, the mountain regions offer other opportunities such as winter hiking and other winter resort activities.

Finally, one last suggestion I have is to celebrate the 'Luck of the Irish' for St. Patrick's Day. All week there are events happening including the St. Patty's Day parade in Philadelphia on Sunday, Mar. 9, 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. along Broad Street and through City Hall.

For the 21-year olds, the Erin Express (a shuttle that visits multiple bars in Philadelphia) will be running both Saturday, Mar. 8 and again on Saturday, Mar. 15 starting at 12:30 p.m. and lasting all afternoon. Check out the website at cavanaughrestaurant.com/eventErinExp.asp. Past riders of the Erin Express have spoken highly of the experience.

For those really wanting to celebrate the holiday, the city of Scranton provides one of the largest most anticipated parades in the country (ranked fourth) on Mar. 15 at 11:30 a.m.

While these are just a few suggestions, hopefully they will encourage you to get out and do something exciting over break so that you're not moping around your house wishing you had planned something earlier.

Ursinus Fraternities Participate in Community Service

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While many people think that all the fraternities and sororities on campus do is drink and party, there are many other positive areas of Greek life that often overlooked. Community service is a huge part of Greek life. The following is an overview of what the Ursinus fraternities have done last semester and what they plan on doing this spring.

Alpha Phi Epsilon (APES) has volunteered over 180 hours at youth wrestling programs. They also spent 20 hours helping out children with special needs. The brothers played games with the children as well as accompanied them to the movies. The brothers also worked at a Salvation Army toy drive over semester break, volunteering over 36 man-hours to those in need. They have high hopes for their community service for the spring of 2008, and they are currently planning various events.

This past fall, Beta Sigma Lambda (Beta Sig) set up and took down Oktoberfest. They also volunteered to help at a pancake breakfast, as well as the management project, Wings for Wishes. They completed about 200 tutor hours, six hours for Oktoberfest, two hours for the pancake breakfast, and 30 hours for Wings for Wishes. In the spring, they plan on participating in Relay for Life, continuing to tutor and helping to paint houses or volunteer for community clean up.

Delta Pi Sigma (Delta Pi) created and managed a Penny War to raise money for cancer research. With their 35 hours of service they were able to raise \$115. The brothers also organized a Wendy's fundraiser which brought in \$75 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Delta Pi has also spent 40

hours volunteering for America Reads and ten hours for Campus Safety. In total, Delta Pi has performed 91 hours of service. They plan to organize another Penny War in the spring, as well as raising other funds for charity.

Phi Kappa Sigma (Phi Kaps) participates in the 'Wismer on Wheels' program which provides soup kitchens in Norristown with the left over Wismer food. The brothers also participated in the Race for the Cure which benefited the Susan G. Komen Foundation as well as Up 'til Dawn which benefited the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. On Worker Appreciation Day, they handed out flowers, donuts and coffee to the many workers on Ursinus's campus. The Phi Kaps also helped out with the 10,000 Villages Sale on campus, and they raked leaves to raise money for Americans for Informed Democracy. The brothers were also seen outside of Wismer biking for their annual Bike-A-Thon to raise money for Relay for Life. They also offer free on-campus tutoring for students. The Phi Kaps completed 243 total person-hours for the 2007-2008 school year so far and plan to do more in the spring.

This fall, Pi Omega Delta (POD) sold pizza to the campus on Thursday nights to help raise a total of \$120 for a breast cancer research organization. The brothers plan on selling pizza again after spring break. An alumnus of POD is associated with Singson Medical Group, which hosts a "soup kitchen" type of organization that gives away food to the needy every Thanksgiving in Delaware. The brothers took the food that the organization received and put it into packages on one night. The next day, they helped take the food to the needy so they can enjoy their Thanksgiving. POD has given over 50 hours of community service so far and plans on doing more in the spring.

Sigma Pi is head of paper recycling on campus. They

are in charge of the bins you may see all around the Ursinus Community. Brothers dedicate three hours per week to make sure any paper being recycled on campus is ready for pickup. Earlier this year, Sigma Pi raised \$165 for the American Cancer Society. Each spring they do a Perkiomen Trail clean up, and for the past two years they have volunteered in helping with the restoration of the Muhlenberg House right down the road on Main Street and plan on doing so again. Finally, some of the brothers participate in the planning of Relay for Life and will form a team for the charity event.

Last semester, Sigma Rho Lambda (Sig Rho) did several, smaller events on campus including a Perkiomen Trail Cleanup Walk, setting up the nets, stage and rain covers for Oktoberfest, and volunteering at the annual Powder Puff Football game. As part of a larger project, last semester the brothers volunteered at the 2007 Philadelphia Marathon where they handed out Milar blankets and medals to thousands of racers as they crossed the finish line and directed pedestrian traffic around the general area. Chris Ahlberg said, "It was a very cold, rainy November day, but a ton of guys went on the trip and we all had a lot of fun." This semester they plan on participating in Relay for Life and going to Wissahickon Park outside of Philadelphia to pick up litter and repair some of the trails.

The fraternities on campus proudly participate in community service for their organization as well as various clubs in which they give individual volunteer hours. Community service is a huge part of Greek life at Ursinus College and on any given day one will see fraternities and sororities donating their time and money toward good causes throughout the Collegeville area and beyond. Please read the second installment on the community service of sororities that will be featured in the next issue after spring break!

Da Vinci's Pub: Are You a Renaissance Man or Woman?

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This is an epic moment for me. With this final review I will have completed my tour of the restaurants surrounding the campus and can now move on to greener pastures in Phoenixville, Royersford and maybe even Limerick... well, at the least King of Prussia. I may never return from these faraway locales, finding them to be far too beautiful to ever want to come back, but that is a tale I'll save for the next edition. It is now time to concentrate on the here and now, so to the review.

First, I'll start with a little geography and history (try to stay awake). The building that now contains Da Vinci's is one of the most prominent on Main Street and is found right across the street from the McDonalds. The reason that such a large building only contains one restaurant is that the building was never designed to be a restaurant. It was originally a hotel with a downstairs liquor license. After a number of owners, the down stairs area was converted into a restaurant and the upstairs was simply used for storage. All of you seniors and juniors should also know that in the past three years three different restaurants were in the building; it was originally a seafood restaurant (never got to go to that one), that was then followed by the Great American Pub (not a bad place), which was sold and turned into Da Vinci's Pub. Does this have any real bearing on the review? No, but I found it fascinating.

The interesting thing about Da Vinci's pub is the two tier approach it takes to dining. In an effort to cater to both the family crowd and the regular patrons just looking for a drink, they split their restaurant in half. If you walk in the

front entrance and make a left you see what you would normally expect in a restaurant. If instead you decide to go right, you enter their bar complete with a second story loft containing additional seating. This set up was created so that people could enjoy fine dining and then some bar hopping all in the same building. That aside, the look and feel of the place is nice. The dining area is wide, but the low level lighting helps insure some manner of privacy allowing you to like your placement in a spacious, but intimate, room-kind of an oxymoron, but you get the idea (Appearance 8/10).

As for the dining itself, I have to admit I had a wonderful waiter. I normally look over a menu and then pick an item I know I would enjoy, but as kind of a test of the establishment, I asked my waiter or waitress what they would recommend. As long as what they choose doesn't have something I know I dislike (shrimp, sweet basil, licorice), I pick it. That was what made this night unique. My waiter actually picked the item I wanted to have. Luck perhaps, but it was a good sign to me. In addition, he was charming and very helpful (Service 9/10).

For the meal, I had the Da Vinci Masterpiece Sandwich, a grilled chicken sandwich layered with melted provolone, roasted peppers, and prosciutto. At first, it didn't seem that good, but when I got toward the middle something in the way of the peppers and provolone insulated the prosciutto, which made it quite the treat; sadly it was not to last, because when I approached the other end it got bland again. The problem was that it lacked a flavorful sauce, something to keep it going even though I was at the edge of the sandwich. It needed something heavy but flavorful, like a chipotle mayo, which would have been perfect. Or, if

it was a wrap instead of a sandwich, it might have insured that the ingredients interacted well through every bite. Suggestions or not, it was a good sandwich. I complemented it with a nice bowl of French onion soup. Not the best choice, but I can never resist ordering a bowl or crock when it's available. It was just how I wanted it, and as expected, had plenty of cheese and bread, but light on the onions (Dining 26/30).

Da Vinci's pub is a tier two restaurant, which means "bring your parents or be willing to realize that if you want to enjoy some good food you're going to have to pay for it." With that in mind, it is a very good restaurant. Though it caters to an older crowd it is trying to attract more youngsters (21-year olds) to its bar atmosphere with offers of Jojo's Trivia Night on Mondays and "Blackjack Thursdays" (Total: 86% Rating: a solid great).

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Goin' Online with Folk-Rock's Collegiate Finest

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So here at the Grizzly the editors run kind of a loose ship. Getting a column is mostly a matter of having big, watery, soulful eyes or giving out discrete and strategic sexual favors. Bang, next thing you know you're pumping out 1,500 words a week about whatever the hell strikes your fancy. It's no surprise then, that nobody ever sat me down for a chat about journalistic ethics. That's why I wasted no time grappling with the sticky issues of nepotism and professionalism when I decided to write about Perkasio this week.

Perkasio doesn't have a record deal. Shit, they don't even have a website, really, just a crummy ol' Myspace. Every single one of them is younger than me and, you know what, probably younger than you. I heard about them from a friend who takes classes with the lead singer. Real solid PR there, huh? If you're sort of wagging your head in mute disgust right now, whatever dude, I would be too at this point. All of these doubts, I assure you, will vanish with the opening chords of "The Fightin' 13th," the first track available on the band's website.

Let me make a broad and ill-informed statement: Perkasio is, regardless of all other mitigating circumstances, one of the most polished, talented and completely joyful acts in the current glut of folk-rockers. They immediately stand out from the pack of nameless nudie-jeaned Josh Ritter and John Darnielle worshippers influence-wise as well—while many, well, most of the folk-rock/alt-country crowd these days doesn't bother to trace their roots back any further than Phil Ochs at best, more often stopping at Wilco, Perkasio's ultra-versatile vocalist, pianist and mandolinist Alex Wash is more redolent of Scott Joplin and Harry Smith's numinous raw backwoods angels—this is old music in the best and truest sense, old like the redwoods and the dust underneath an Arkansas miner's finger-nails. Their songs are driven by alternately plaintive and rollicking vocal harmonies between Wash and back-up singers Kate Foust and Ben Roth, rootsy piano, mandolin and Dom Billet's unadorned and emotive drumming. Roth's guitars and Danny Sadler's bass are effective but understated, while several songs feature gorgeously funereal (but uncredited!) trumpet solos.

In songs like "The Fighting 13th" and "Dead Man's Prayer," the band tackles the Decemberists-cornered market of dramatic monologues, rooting their narratives, appropriately, generally in the 1860's. "Old Designs" and "Ginger Sobs" display a knack for tender whiskey-soaked ballads. If I were friends with old prospectors or gunfighters I would burn this shit for them in a heartbeat—it is sad cowboy music of the highest caliber, and the perfect dose of undiluted roots Americana for those beautiful proto-spring days when Devendra Banhart just doesn't quite fit.

Check out most of their forthcoming EP, "Little Pony," at <http://www.myspace.com/perkasioeband>. And seriously—I am not kidding about this. I would normally be loath to plug a Myspace band of all things, but these guys are something special, and if they have any inclination they will go far. If you ever take one of my silly rambling recommendations seriously, make it this one. For real.

CfD Sprung Broke: Recreational Nazi War Criminal Hunting

I think it's time we were honest with ourselves—the only people who like to read about Spring Break are vapid teenagers who eat the self-indulgent schlock that MTV ladles out like it was manna from heaven. We've satirized Spring Break before. It's neither new nor exciting. Still, we at CfD pride ourselves on our steadfast allegiance to irrelevance (we are, after all, satirists). With that in mind, we're going to tell you all about our plans for our SENIOR YEAR SPRING BREAK CRUNKFEST EXTRAVANGANZA AUGHT-EIGHT DOT COM SLASH HTML WOOOOO! (hereafter referred to as SYSBCFE08.com/htmlWOOOOO).

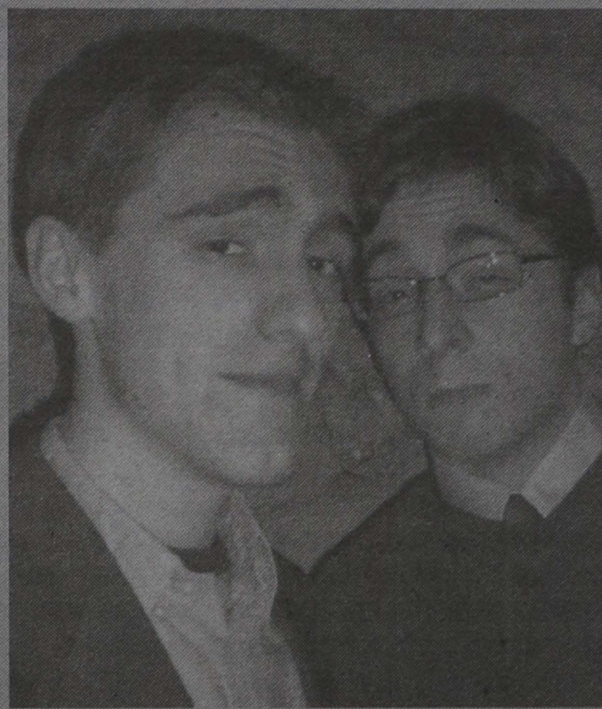
If it's even possible to summarize my and Flyntz's plans for Spring Break in five words, they would have to be "recreational Nazi war-criminal hunting." Some people use this week-long reprieve to engage in casual drug use and promiscuous sex, but Flyntz and I plan to use this time to right wrongs that for over 60 years have gone unavenged. Feel like a useless sack of crap? You should.

On Saturday, Flyntz and I will be heading off to beautiful Buenos Aires, packing only a few changes of clothes, some hunting knives, and \$5,000 (enough to bribe the Brazilian airline officials to allow us to carry hunting knives in our carry-on luggage). As soon as we get to our resort, we'll be meeting up with our Nazi-Hunting Game Warden, Mr. Pablo Velaquez. According to his very informative website, Mr. Velaquez is "the foremost Nazi-hunter this side of the Orinoco." He even has an official certificate, signed by President Eisenhower and decorated with jovial spinning Star of David gifs. If it's legit enough for Geocities (the people who brought you *Mr. T Ate My Balls*), it's legit enough for CfD!

What's most exciting, however, is not that we'll be traipsing through the Amazon looking for the like of Martin Bormann and Rudolf Hess. No, the most exciting part is that we'll be joined on this expedition by none other than our favorite Presidential candidates! Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John McCain, and even that loveable Ron Paul will be with us as we wade through waist-deep mud and unilaterally burst into reed huts looking for infirm old white people too strung out on tribal hallucinogens to remember what Germany is.

Because we are respected journalists and not just lazy college undergraduates concerned primarily with experimental sexual practices and the consumption of mind-altering chemicals, we had a chance to ask our soon-

to-be tripmates some questions before we set out for the great unknown. First, we approached Hillary Clinton. We asked what tactics she was planning to use in her hunt for former Nazis. She answered us in a screaming monotone: "IF YOU DON'T VOTE FOR ME YOUR CHILDREN WILL DIE BLEEDING AND SCREAMING"



MATTHEW FLYNTZ
DANIEL SERGEANT
Communism for Dummies

Clearing out our ears with our pinkies, we tried to get her to address our question head on. Thirty minutes later, all we had was a great idea for a techno remix called "Bleeding and Screaming." We decided to move on to Senator McCain.

We couldn't get a direct interview with the Senator, but we were able to speak with a GOP spokesman. We asked him why Mr. McCain had decided to come out and hunt Nazis when he could be at home courting votes. The spokesman said, "Listen kids, Senator McCain spent years in a North Vietnamese prison camp. If there's one thing he knows, it's the horrors of fascism."

We responded, "that must have been awful, but it doesn't -"

"Shut up," he said. "Nazis are just North Vietnamese

with blond hair and round, blue eyes."

We were aghast. "That sounds pretty racist—"

"Shut up."

"You know, McCain fought for our right to call you a racist."

"HE FOUGHT FOR YOUR RIGHT TO 9-11."

"That doesn't make any—"

"SHUT UP."

After that, we decided to see what Senator Obama had for us. Sighing quietly, he told us, "I guess this is what the American people want. Yeah, okay, it's just more jumping through hoops and kissing babies. But you guys buy it. You buy it in bulk. And at the end of the day, what you buy matters. And it turns good people into marionettes, and bad people into under-the-bed monsters." We tried to ask him a follow-up question, but he was too choked with tears to answer.

So, that does it for our pre-SYSBCFE08.com/htmlWOOOOO interview... oh, what's that? Right, we forgot about Ron Paul. Well, truth be told, kiddies, we tried to ask Mr. Paul some questions, but we just couldn't stop laughing long enough to get one out.

At any rate, we hope you all have a wonderful, Nazi-free SYSBCFE08.com/htmlWOOOOO. Remember—it don't mean a thing if it's not demeaning to Hermann Goering!

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Anthony's Keys to Making Friends

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Looking back at my college career, it is clear to me that one of the most special aspects of my last four years here has been all of the friendships I have made. I would like to think that everyone else at Ursinus will share the same feeling upon his or her graduation, but this would be naïve of me. Not everyone at Ursinus is blessed enough to have the great friends that I do, so I decided it was my duty to fill in all you lovable losers on several foolproof tips I have learned that will make you the most popular kid in school... that is, after I graduate.

To make friends you need to make yourself appealing in such a manner that people enjoy being around you. Now I am sure everyone out there is fantastic in their own special ways, but I won't concern myself with that. I am going to focus on general tactics you all can employ to show people how much fun you are; you know you love having a good time, it's time to show everyone else how much you love having a good time!

1. "Pull the fire alarm!" – One great way to alert everyone to how much fun you are is to utilize the fire alarm. Most people's weekends end on Saturday; not yours! Your fun doesn't follow any guidelines. Next time you are partying late at night on a Sunday, try pulling the fire alarm in whatever building you find yourself in. First off, it's an awesome prank, kind of like *Punk'd*, and don't worry about ResLife or the Fire Department. They love it. Sounding the alarm will wake everyone up and when they leave their rooms they will see you are still hanging out and realize you must be the man!

Academic Integrity for the Rest of Us

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Last year, Professor Madonna Constantine of Columbia University's Teacher's College made national news when a noose was hung from the doorknob of her office. She has also been accused of plagiarizing from her colleagues and her students. This racially charged act stirred up a range of emotions at Columbia and Dr. Constantine has made it clear that she feels that these two instances are not unrelated. I side with her in this case as she has answered accusations of plagiarism in the past and I intend to stand by the adage "innocent until proven guilty."

Dr. Constantine is currently going through an appeals process and I hope that it will eventually be resolved in her favor. The purpose of this article, however, is to address the notion that professional academics are held to less rigorous standards to keep them honest in their writing.

Plagiarism is beaten into the heads of students when they write their first paper. We are all told to make sure we cite our sources as accurately as possible. Academic honesty is expected of every student at all times, and if you get caught doing otherwise, there's not a force on Earth that can help you. At Ursinus, for example, if you are caught plagiarizing you can end up failing your assignment or even find yourself in front of the Subcommittee on Academic Discipline.

Students are held to extremely rigorous standards of academic honesty, but what happens when professors are accused of plagiarizing? Dr. Constantine has been accused of doing just this. Students and fellow teachers have made

2. "Perfect the ancient art of small talk!" – When you meet someone new it's important to be able to talk comfortably even though you might have just met. When talking, try to drop small hints about how cool you are. When in class always comment on how you didn't do the homework or didn't study at all for your upcoming test. This will let everyone know you are too cool for school work because you are too busy out having fun. Also, try throwing in there how much fun you had the night before. Mention how hung over you are and recount how many drinks you had: "Dude last night I must have drank like 27 beers, 14 rum and cokes and five shots of Jager!" Everyone will be in awe of your partying skills and want to party with you.

3. "Show off your musical tastes!" – A good taste in music is respected by everyone, so it's important to let people know you can pick a tight jam. Next time you walk into someone's suite for a party or go to a Main Street house, head straight for the music. People love it when random kids change the tunes, so take that opportunity to put a clutch song on!

4. "Share!" – Friends are cool with sharing with each other, so if you start sharing with other kids, then logic says that makes you friends. When you are in someone else's room, help yourself to whatever foods or drinks you might find in the fridge; no need to ask. I have made countless friends by walking into their room and making myself at home and you can too!

These are just four ways that will, without a doubt, help you make friends that will be with you for the rest of your life. If you find that these suggestions aren't working as well as you thought, I suppose you could always try just being yourself and find people who appreciate you for who you are... but that's the easy way out.

claims that she took large portions of their work and presented it as her own with no credit given to the original source.

I think there is a difference. And it's a difference that is somewhat inherent in how education is managed. Yes, students are held to extremely tough standards of academic honesty. This is in place for the sole reason of teaching us that lying and stealing are wrong. While this may seem obvious to some, the consequences shown from lying serve as a warning that academic dishonesty is not something that is taken lightly once you graduate.

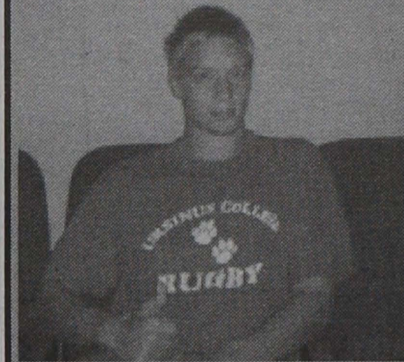
Some students might feel that they are not treated as fairly as professional writers are. In truth, there is not much difference. Just as cheating on your mid-term can lead to a possible expulsion from your college or university, if you are found plagiarizing outside of school you will be in just as much trouble. If you're found stealing ideas and are caught, it ruins your reputation. Once your name has been tarnished like that, you will have a hard time finding someone to publish your work.

Because academic dishonesty can cause such harm to someone's career in the professional world, steps are taken to ensure that any accusations of plagiarism are not false. There is more than just a failing grade on the line for real world academics: it will damage their reputation and their ability to find work in their chosen field. Because the stakes are so high, more care needs to be taken before there is a rush to condemn a professional writer. Students do not get that luxury because if they cannot adhere to such a basic principle of academia then they shouldn't be allowed to continue it at all.

"Dark City" (1998)

Let's play a little game. Can you guess the movie if I describe the plot? Strange machines control a seemingly real world in order to control humans and use them to fuel their survival. Only one man, a brooding hero who is somehow able to control and manipulate the world as his captors do, stands as humanity's last hope. Can you guess the flick yet? "The Matrix," right? Wrong. And guess which one came out first? This week's movie, "Dark City."

John Murdoch (Rufus Sewell, a.k.a. the bad guy from "A Knight's Tale") has woken up in a bathtub with no memories, and a dead body in the next room. He sets out to unravel his past in a constantly shifting city, perpetually dark, run by mysterious and powerful strangers.



ALEX ERNST
The Back Row

It has been years since I'd watched this movie, but the parallels between this and "The Matrix" are undeniable. I've always felt that "Dark City" would have gained more of a

cult following if it hadn't been buried beneath "The Matrix's" shadow. This film really has everything going for it—a top notch cast, a dark neo-noir atmosphere and an engaging story. All it lacks is some exposure. Well, that and 360° bullet-time fighting sequences that would prove to be nothing less than revolutionary a year later.

As I said before, the acting is fantastic all around. Rufus Sewell plays John Murdoch with gravitas and panache (it's thesaurus day here at *The Back Row*). Watching his performance here, it's really a shame he doesn't get more lead roles. William Hurt and Jennifer Connelly also provide great support, but the real scene stealer here is Kiefer Sutherland, playing the asthmatic Dr. Schreiber. The limping, gasping doctor is such a departure from more recent roles for Sutherland, like Jack Bauer, that it is refreshing to see him play a character that is not macho or invincible.

The cornerstone of this flick is the transformation the city undergoes every night at midnight. The shifting effects of the city changing around the sleeping inhabitants are at the same time breath-taking and disturbing. Whole houses change in completely organic ways, as fireplaces sprout, tables stretch, and chimneys reach for the sky. The filmmakers even manage to incorporate a chase scene based around one of these shifts, with doors opening out into space three stories up and chimneys rising to provide escape routes. All of this comes together to make this movie a really enjoyable viewing experience, one absolutely worth checking out.

For the pick of the week, go out, rent "The Matrix" and take in the mind-blowing special effects that almost seem dated now. "Dark City" and "The Matrix" serve as two sides of the same coin. I don't know what it is about watching mankind rise up against insurmountable odds to shake off the shackles of their inhuman captors, but it sure is entertaining.

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Rethinking the Second Amendment: What Does it Protect?

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With a case entitled *District of Columbia v. Heller*, dealing with the constitutionality of a ban on firearms in the District, currently pending before the Supreme Court, the Second Amendment has been thrust back into the national spotlight. Although, I suppose it would be inaccurate to suggest that it ever *left* the spotlight. Indeed, firearm regulation has been a contentious issue (seemingly more contentious than it ought to be) for quite some time, and the Supreme Court has been hesitant to state exactly what the Second Amendment protects. Sure, it protects the right to bear arms, but for whom? How far does it go? Does it protect *private* gun ownership? That is the question presented in *DC v. Heller*, and that is the question I deal with here. I argue, in opposition to many scholars (conservative and liberal alike), that the Second Amendment does *not* protect private gun ownership.

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution is an interesting one, for it, unlike most others, actually explains its purpose. The text of the Amendment reads, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Thus, the end is "a well regulated militia," and the means of getting there is by not infringing upon "the right of the People to keep and bear Arms." Given that the notion of everyday citizens composing a "well regulated militia" is long since dead, we need, likewise, to alter our understanding of the Second Amendment.

It is worth noting that other (perhaps more important) Amendments do not explain their purposes in this way. For instance, the First Amendment begins simply by saying "Congress shall make no law..." It does not state "In order to protect a meaningful political discourse, Congress shall make no law..." And indeed, such an alteration would (and should) make a large difference in our (and the courts') interpretations of the First Amendment. If the Constitution said that the goal of free speech was meaningful political discourse, for instance, it seems likely that pornography, Twisted Sister albums, and otherwise "offensive" speech would lose their constitutional protection. So, my point is this: the words (and the silences) of the Constitution were chosen with the utmost of care. We cannot simply brush aside dependent clauses whenever it suits our political fancies. Indeed, given that many of the protections afforded by the Bill of Rights are *not* saddled with dependent clauses, we must ask, "What is the significance of the 'militia clause' in the Second Amendment?"

Earlier drafts of the Amendment noted that the militia would be "composed of the body of the people." So, in arming the people, we are arming the militia, the purpose of which is to protect the nation in times of crisis. This was certainly a noble goal, and in the time of the Founding Fathers, when most adult men were involved in local militias, such a goal would be attainable by allowing the general public to arm itself. However, times have changed. Our understanding of militias is starkly different. Sure, the National Guard is still a civilian-military outfit, but it is not a "militia" in the 18th-Century sense of the word. Arming the Average Joes of America will not further the goals of the

National Guard (which is really the closest thing we have to a militia these days). So, if the clearly expressed goal of the Amendment is no longer able to be met by allowing American citizens to arm themselves, then the end no longer justifies the means.

Of course, some may make arguments that it is essential that we arm ourselves for *our own* protection (or that we have some fundamental right as Americans and/or as humans to shoot other, lesser animals). While I make no comment here on the wisdom of such arguments, I assert that they are simply not in line with the Constitution. If Congress thought that such arguments were wise, it could, of course, pass laws allowing gun ownership. Indeed, I am not suggesting that the Constitution *bans* private gun ownership. Rather, I am simply arguing that upon close examination of the words of the Amendment, the Second Amendment no longer establishes a *right* to private gun ownership.

Know what's hip this Spring? Writing for *The Grizzly*! Give it a try over Spring Break, being sure to send the results to malflyntz@ursinus.edu. Are you worried that you'll produce nonsense because of your drug and/or alcohol-induced haze? Well, hey, who knows? Maybe you'll be the next Hunter S. Thompson. Just, you know, don't kill yourself.

Dracula's Ball: A Memorable Underground Experience

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As a long-time music enthusiast, I've always been able to discover new sounds wherever I am and for whatever mindset I'm in. Philadelphia is no exception. Recently, however, I've been embracing new sounds that vibe with the club atmosphere. I've found that at this particular time in my life, I can't help but cling to Industrial and Electronic music, and every sub-genre that borrows from either of the two. Unfortunately, I've found that the best place to experience this type of sound isn't at popular Philadelphia venues like the Electric Factory, TLA or the Trocadero. However, I was lucky enough to find a plethora of these sounds at Dracula's Ball.



For those of you who are unfamiliar with this ever-popular Goth party that takes place in Philadelphia several times a year, I can say firsthand that it's an epic experience. Last semester I attended Dracula's Ball for the first time ever on Halloween's eve.

Admittedly, I'm not really one to consider myself a "Goth." As a matter of fact, outside of my passion for mu-

sic, I try to stray away from any type of confining label that promotes only one mindset. I should also admit I was wary to experience this sort of event. However, after having never been to a club in Philly and uncertain what Shampoo was all about, I found myself missing the experiences I had immediately after leaving the club last October.

All of this brings me to February 16 of this year, where the 40th anniversary of Dracula's Ball was held at Shampoo once again. Describing exactly what the event holds is tricky. The people are incredibly diverse. This last time, for instance, even though costumes weren't encouraged as much as they had been for the last Ball, people were walking around dressed like Jesus and Little Bo Peep. Of course, Shampoo's version of these characters danced to the "Time Warp" and heavy industrial beats, and Little Bo Peep seemed far from innocent. Aside from that, I'd definitely have to say that hairstyles are another aspect of the creativity found at Dracula's ball. From synthetic dreadlocks to dye jobs that include every color of the rainbow, it was all there. As far as clothing and attire, black is typical but not a must. Five-inch stilettos and seven-inch platform shoes are also common, as well as anything pleather, mesh, vinyl or lace. Piercings and tattoos were everywhere as well. It feels like the underground

when I'm there, but the underground seems to have become my favorite place to be since last October.

Artistic fashion aside, the music that's spun by DJ Kathy Fadigan and DJ Knobhead always seems to strike chords with everyone there. Anything from "Kiss" by Prince to "Get Your Body Beat" by Combichrist is up for audio grabs. There are also musical performers who take the stage, which is small enough to feel intimate but large enough with the light show Shampoo produces to encompass the pit of dancers with an array of ambience. Last Dracula's Ball, Carfax Abbey and Voltaire performed. This time around, it was Ego Likeness and And One. Normally, the artists who play live encompass the sort of sound that is played on Nocturne Night, which is a sort of mini-goth event that takes place every Wednesday evening at Shampoo.

Another quality of Dracula's Ball is that every time it happens, it's all-ages. Shampoo has three floors of space and within the club, each floor has about four to five separate rooms. Some are bar areas, some dance space and this last Ball one of the rooms was even made into a Belly-dancing lounge. Even if you're under 21, you're still invited. The stage is accessible to all, even though certain areas aren't permitted for the younger crowd.

This year, there are two more events occurring, one on May 24 and another on Halloween night. If you're into New Wave, Dark Wave, Industrial or Electronic music, if you've never experienced one of Philly's club atmospheres or even if you're just curious about what it looks like to see strange costumed undergrounders singing along to Prince, put on your fake plastic fangs and join in the fun. Even though I'm not a fan of labels, I'd definitely have to say, as far as events go, Dracula's Ball is nothing short of spectacular.

Football Coach Kevin Barger Moving On

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Ursinus College is losing one of its best teachers in the coming month as Kevin Barger, the Defensive line and Special Teams Coach of the Ursinus College Football Team, is leaving the football team when his contract expires. Coach Barger's departure will be a devastating loss for both the football program and the Ursinus community.

Barger has been a coach for the football team for the previous four years. Prior to Ursinus, Barger coached at Marist College for three seasons, along with receiving a master's degree in educational psychology. In addition, Barger taught as a history professor at Marist College. Previous to coaching at Marist College, Barger was dominating on the football field at Rochester University. During his playing career at Rochester, Barger was a four-year starter and a two-time all conference honorable mention.

Coach Barger was a vital part of the resurrection of a struggling football program here at Ursinus. Barger's first year at Ursinus ended in a 1-9 season. In two short years, his coaching and attitude have helped to propel the football program to an 8-2 record in 2006, which culminated in a

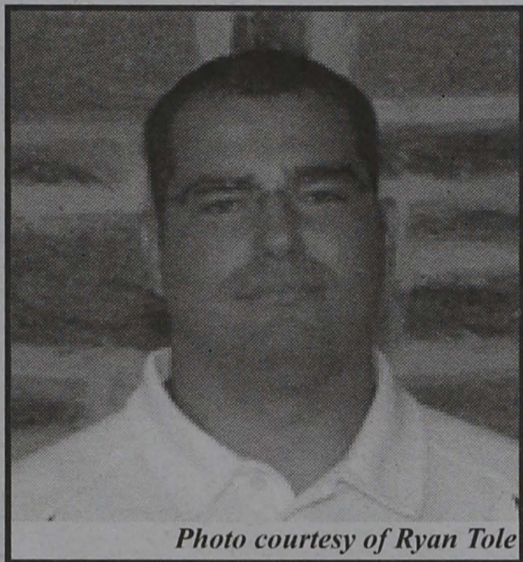


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postseason game.

Furthermore, Barger helped guide this year's team to a 7-1 start and finished only one game short of a centennial conference championship. Through Barger's four years as a coach at Ursinus, he has coached six all-conference defensive linemen and three all-conference special teams' athletes. Moreover, in 2006 Barger helped coach the Ursinus Defense, which ranked 13 among 229 teams in scoring defense and ranked 23 in total defense. His kickoff return unit ranked four out of 229 teams, while his punt return unit ranked 39 out of 229 teams (NCAA.com).

In 2007 Barger helped the units to improve even more. His kickoff return unit finished ranked two out of 231 teams, while the defense ranked 21 out of 231 (NCAA.com). During his four years here, Coach Barger's units led both the conference and the country.

Coach Barger's best moment while at Ursinus was in 2005 in a game against Johns Hopkins. On an eerie Saturday, Ursinus drove three hours and knocked off the number 16 team in the nation, who had a record of 8-0 at the time. Barger commented, "It was great beating a team that was highly ranked when no one in the country gave us a chance. Hopkins knew how good we were coming into the game, and that was a game that solidified the turn around of our program."

Despite many good memories at his time at Ursinus, Coach Barger described this year's three losses as his worst moments. Barger commented that "Losing these three

games this year was probably my worst moment, when we knew we should not have lost a game all season."

Coach Barger is grateful for his opportunity and experience at Ursinus. He believes his time at Ursinus allowed him to progress as a coach because he was able to implement what he had learned at his previous coaching stop and playing career. Barger's style is an intelligent attacking style of football, which is very demanding. His players quickly adapted to his style and became better players because of it.

Senior Mike Kimpel, who played for Coach Barger for four years on the defensive line and special teams, is disappointed to hear of his coach's departure. "Once I started listening to what he was teaching me, I was able to get in great shape and become a two-time all-conference player. He was always there to teach and push you on the football field but also off the field," stated Mike.

Coach hopes to be moving on to the Ivy or Patriot Leagues, which are a higher level of play. He believes that his academic background and interests fit well with those conferences. Unfortunately for Ursinus, he may also end up with another team in the Centennial Conference because he enjoys the league thoroughly. Wherever Coach Barger goes, he will surely breed success because of his superb coaching abilities.

From all the seniors, former players and current players, thank you Coach Barger. His ability and commitment will be sorely missed. The Ursinus football team and community wish you the best of luck in the future.

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Congrats to the 2008 Centennial Conference Champs!

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The Ursinus campus was stirring with sporting events this past weekend. There were close to 2,000 guests circulating through Hellfrich, making their way through the track meet and into the basketball courts.

As the Hooligans filtered in to one of the most exciting basketball games in Ursinus history the boys prepared themselves in the locker room to bring home the 2008 Centennial Conference trophy. "UC Bears" chants started before students even entered the building. Walking across campus, anyone could see that the adrenaline of the crowd had already begun to explode. Needless to say, school spirit was high as history was in the making for the men's basketball team.

The Bears (24-2) started the weekend off with a bang. Ursinus not only defeated Dickinson, but they also set a new school record for wins in a season with its 24th success, beating the previous record of 23 set by the 1980-81 team.

Senior guard Nick Shattuck also set a new CC playoff record and career-high as he scored 46 points in the 93-79 win over Dickinson (14-12).



"It is as good as it gets with Nick," Small commented about Shattuck's performance. He continued to say, "His poise and toughness inspired his teammates this afternoon."

Senior center Michael Shema and junior guard John Noonan each posted 13 points, while sophomore guard Matt Hilton had eight rebounds helping UC dominate the score board.

Gettysburg, the second seed in the tournament, also found success in their game against Johns Hopkins in the other semifinal game on Saturday bringing home an 80-69 win over the Blue Jays. Gettysburg and Ursinus geared up to play again on Sunday for the second round.

The Bears went into the weekend with a great season under their belts already. In addition to the first game in the tournament, the men won all 18 conference games in the regular season. Shattuck stepped up again finishing with a game-high 27 points, on of four players in double figures. This puts Shattuck within 11 of the all-time school and Centennial Conference record for points in a career with 1,903. Sophomore Hilton had 15 points, including going four-for-four from the foul line in the last 25 seconds of the game. Shema and Noonan added 14 points each stepping up again to help post the win.

The Bears took an early lead 17-9 until The Bullets tightened the gap to 21-20 with 8:34 left in the half. UC

came back with a 12-3 run taking the biggest lead at 33-23 with less than five minutes left in the half. However, Gettysburg went on a scoring streak themselves at 13-2 taking a 36-35 lead with just over a minute left. Shattuck made some quick moves before the half was over and posted two back-to-back layups.

In the second half of the game, Gettysburg took their biggest lead of the game at 47-42. The UC crowd, with encouragement from their unofficial cheer coordinator Ena Marshall, came to their feet and chanted encouragement to the Bears. With help from the supportive fans, UC finally took the lead for good with 3:44 minutes left after a three-pointer by Noonan. Sophomore guard Remy Cousart finished the game with 16 rebounds as the Bears took home an 85-78 win over Gettysburg.

Congratulations go out to all the players and to Coach Small!

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Baseball and Softball Aim to Hit It Out of the Park

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Baseball:

Centennial Conference (CC) Champions in 1996, 1999 and 2000 our baseball team has proven in the past how successful they can be. In 2007, the boys ended their season with an overall record of 25-14 and 12-6 CC. They started their season in Fort Pierce Florida playing their first seven spring training games in the sunshine and warm weather. Here they defeated six of the seven other teams. Needless to say, they anticipated a winning season. The Bears entered the CC championships last year with a 25-12 record and had high hopes for the end of their 2007 season. After defeating Gettysburg 9-1, the boys remained undefeated in the winner's bracket and only needed one win over Johns Hopkins to capture their fourth CC title; however, Johns Hopkins held strong on their home turf and defeated the Bears in back to back games on May 6, 2007.

There were stand out players last season that received great recognition both on and off the field. The graduated shortstop Tommy Herrmann was respectively named to the 2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II College Division team. Four other players of the Ursinus College baseball team were also named to the 2007 All-Centennial Conference (CC) team. Junior first baseman David Randolph earned first-team honors, while Herrmann and sophomore outfielder Brett Umstead were selected to the second team.

Zeb Engle, a junior pitcher, was also the honorable-mention choice.

With Randolph, Umstead and Engle still here leading the UC baseball team, this season is bound to be victorious. The boys start their season again in Florida during spring break for training. Their regular season games begin on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at Eastern.

Softball:

The softball team here at Ursinus also had a dominating season last year ending with a record of 30-10 and 13-3 CC. Winning six out of their ten spring training games in Orlando, Florida, they were looking forward to the rest of the season. Going into the 2007 Centennial Conference, which was hosted here at Ursinus, the softball team was top-seeded with a 28-8, 13-3 CC record. Ursinus was seeking its fifth conference crown that weekend. The Bears shared the title with McDaniel in 1995 and captured the championship in 1996, 1997 and 2005. On the first day of the championships, the Bears were split with a victory against number four seeded Dickinson (17-12, 10-6 CC) and had a loss against number three seeded Gettysburg (21-11, 11-5 CC). In the second set of games, the number

two seeded Swarthmore (21-11, 11-5 CC) fell just short of the Bears 1-0, but in the end Ursinus dropped a 3-0 decision to Gettysburg in the title game.

There were also successful women last season who were recognized campus wide.

Lauren Davis, sophomore pitcher, was named the Centennial Conference and ECAC Pitcher of the Week for the week of Mar. 26 - Apr. 1. Mallory Greene, a graduated pitcher, was also named the Centennial Conference Pitcher of the Week for the week of Mar. 5 - 11. Erin McHugh, a senior outfielder, was named to the 2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II College Division team alongside baseball's leading man Tommy Herrmann. She was named to the All-CC first team

after leading the conference in batting average (.459) and hits (51). She was also a perfect 22-for-22 in stolen bases and scored 30 runs last season.

With McHugh, Davis and the rest of the softball senior players, the girls are looking toward a bright 2008 season. The ladies start training during spring break in Osceola, Florida. The ladies regular season games begin on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at Lebanon Valley.



Two Head to Wrestling Nationals

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The season ended in disappointment for the wrestling team on Saturday. Despite some tremendous individual efforts, the team was unable to acquire its fourth straight conference championship. Although the bears couldn't capture the championship, they did come in second place.

Outstanding efforts included junior Dan Glover (second place), senior Harry Keyser (second place), junior Chris Springer (fourth place) and sophomore Mike Schwager (fourth place).

While the whole team put forth a great effort, two wrestlers stood above all of the rest for the bears when the day was finished. Junior Steve Kingsland and senior Matt Williams were able to bring home individual championships. Both matches went right down to the buzzer, where the Ursinus wrestler was able to prevail for a dramatic victory.

When asked to comment on the team not winning their fourth straight conference championship, Williams said, "It is very disappointing. After winning the previous three championships it was a shame we couldn't win the championship in my senior year. Merchant Marines had a great team and we poured out hearts out in trying to defeat them."

Despite the disappointment of not winning the cham-

pionship, both Williams and Kingsland are headed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa this Saturday to compete for individual national championships.

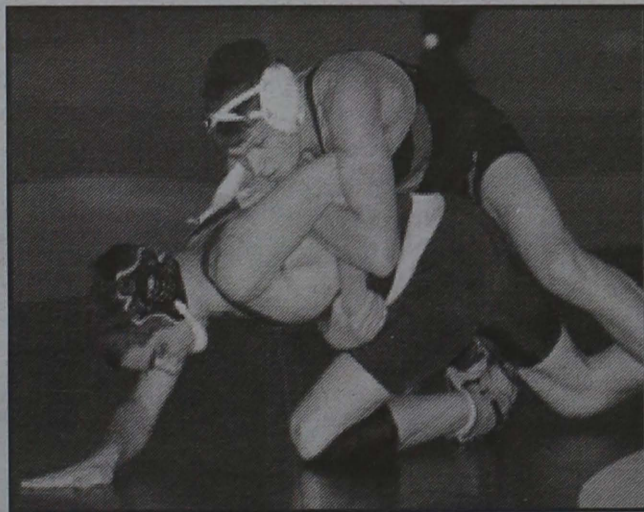
Williams believes Kingsland has a great chance to win a championship this year. "With this being Steve's third trip to Nationals, he has a lot of experience in tough matches. I feel as if this is the best he has ever wrestled and his past experiences are going to do him well this weekend," stated Williams.

As for himself, Williams commented that "I feel I'm defiantly the underdog, but at the same time I've competed against the top guys in my weight class all year long. Therefore, I'm looking to place in the tournament."

Although the bears were unable to capture a centennial conference championship, they were able to have a successful season. For the season, the bears ended up with a 12-2 record and two bears will compete for national championships. Clearly, Coach Bill Racich and his team were able to continue the success on the mat this season.

The school wishes Williams and Kingsland the best of luck in the journey to bring home a national championship.

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Bearly Reminders

Men's Basketball

3/7 @ Ursinus College

Wrestling

3/7 @ NCAA Champs (Cedar Rapids, IA)

Gymnastics

3/8 @ Brockport

Indoor Track & Field

3/8 vs. Virginia Tech. Last Chance

Baseball

3/8 vs. Northwestern College

Softball

3/9 vs. Heidelberg

Men's Tennis

3/12 vs. Colby Sawyer

Women's Tennis

3/17 vs. Gwynedd-Mercy

Track and Field

3/21 West Chester Invitational

Men's Golf

3/25 @ Gettysburg Invitational

Women's Golf

4/2 @ Muhlenberg Spring Classic