The mighty wrestler rose
And held his arms on high
His stance - a victory pose
In a match of do or die.

Just one more match remained
One more that must be won
And tho' he wrestled mightily
His spirit was undone.

The champ - a gracious loser
Acknowledged being pinned
He wiped his tired brow -
Waved to his fans - and grinned.

The victory he had savored
Had proved a fleeting thing.
Alone he'd face the music;
Alone he'd leave the ring.

But as he rose to exit
His body locked in pain
The champion knew the truth -
He'd never rise again.

"O God I beg you now."
The wrestler prayed at last.
"Give me the strength to stand
For the glory of the past."

And so appeared the helper
Answering the Lord's command
And off they went to heaven
Two brothers hand in hand.

- With love and remembrance,
The students and staff of PV South Elementary.
Ryan graduated from Perkiomen Valley High School in 1994, where he served as class president for four years. He was a member of the National Honor Society, the student council, the football team, the wrestling team and the track team.

While in school, Ryan attended the Center for Talented Youth at John Hopkins University, and the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Eastern Pennsylvania Leadership Seminar. Ryan, "The Gentle Giant," was also the most successful heavyweight wrestler, in terms of victories, in Perkiomen Valley High School Wrestling history.

While a freshman at Ursinus, Ryan majored in Sports Medicine. He was a member of the football team, Beta Sigma Lambda fraternity, and he also worked part-time for Wood Food Services on campus. In his spare time, Ryan volunteered as an assistant wrestling coach at Perkiomen Valley High School. He enjoyed music and working on cars. Ryan was very proud of his 1967 Mustang convertible which he restored.

Diagnosed with leukemia in March of 1995, Ryan received a bone marrow transplant from his brother Robert in September. Ryan never once gave up in his battle with leukemia. He always had a 1,000-watt smile which we will all remember him by.

-Mrs. Auch
Ursinus College was chartered by the Pennsylvania Legislature on February 5, 1869. It was established on the site of the former Freeland Seminary, a Mennonite institution in the village of Freeland (now Collegeville). The College's founders, members of the German Reformed Church, were led by the Rev. John Henry Augustus Bomberger. They named their new enterprise after Zacharias Ursinus, born Zachariah Baer in 1534 in Breslau, Germany, a German Reformed scholar and theologian, who in the academic tradition of his day had latinized his name. Zacharias Ursinus is best known today as principal author of the Heidelberg Catechism, which was written while he was head of the theological department at the University of Heidelberg. The principles expressed in that work are consistent with the sense of service to society fostered in Ursinus students today.

Ursinus College is located on the site of three former educational institutions. The first was a primitive 18th century log schoolhouse, which was replaced in 1832 by Todd's School, a one-room stone grammar school. Todd's School in turn gave way to Freeland Seminary, a private secondary school for young men, founded in 1848. Three years later, Pennsylvania Female College was established, one of the nation's earliest collegiate institutions for women, which closed in 1880. In 1881, Ursinus first admitted women students. During the decade of their co-existence, Ursinus and the Pennsylvania Female College shared some of the same faculty members and trustees. From its inception, Ursinus College was independent of the church. Today it is voluntarily related to the United Church of Christ, a successor denomination to the German Reformed Church.

In the last twelve and a half decades, Ursinus has grown and evolved. The first collegiate class to graduate in 1873 had five members. Today, the student body consists of 1,150 day students and 1,400 part-time adult evening students. The College has about 12,000 living alumni who reside in 49 states and 27 countries. Since 1869, the College has offered an undergraduate liberal arts curriculum, and in its early years, a graduate seminar program as well. Today, Ursinus is strictly a four-year liberal arts college which offers courses in 20 majors and 39 minor fields, emphasizing pre-professional preparation for further study in the liberal disciplines and for fields such as medicine, law, education, science, and business. It is 16th among liberal arts colleges nationally in the proportion of its graduates who go on to become physicians, and 30th in the proportion of its students who go on to earn Ph.D.s in the natural sciences.
A Message From The President

To the class of 1997,

Congratulations to the Ruby staff for producing a handsome yearbook. And "well done" to all Ursinus students for making such great strides in strengthening Ursinus College as a place that fosters excellence, nurtures responsibility, and engenders understanding and mutual respect.

I have enjoyed getting to know many of you, and I look forward to continuing to root for you in the years ahead.

Cordially,

[Signature]
John Strassburger
President
Say cheese!

Tracy and Shannon

Someone took their happy pills today

The Mussel Picnic '96

Amy, Shelley, Whitney & Kelly

Michelle x 2

Kevin, Nirav, Jess, Heather & Liana

All-American girls

Friends hang out
Kerri Strug - Olympic Gymnast

Kerri Strug came to the Olympics with two goals: to make the all-around women's gymnastics finals and have a good time. Strug's vault that sealed America's first Olympic team gold medal also left her with two torn ligaments and a sprained left ankle. Missing the all-around was especially disappointing for Strug, but "winning the team gold medal has been a dream come true," said Strug.

Olympic Bombing

On July 27, 1996, a pipe bomb exploded, killing Alice Hawthorne of Alhany, Georgia, and injuring 11 others. Richard Jewell, a security guard working in the park, helped evacuate people just moments before it exploded. After three days, Jewell was publicly cleared as a target of the bomb investigation.

John F. Kennedy Jr. Wedding

In a world of celebrity reporting, stories don't get much bigger than this. Yet John F. Kennedy Jr. managed to wed Carolyn Bessette on Cumberland Island off the coast of Georgia, outside the sights of the paparazzi that have been trained on him since he was a toddler at the White House.

Smashing Pumpkins

The Smashing Pumpkins (from left, Billy Corgan, D'arcy, and James Iha) pose backstage after receiving the award for Best Video of the Year at the MTV Video Music Awards in New York on September 4, 1996.
Alanis Morissette

Wildfires burned out of control in California during October 1996, spreading fire across thousands of acres. According to the Interagency Fire Center, 1996 has produced the nation's worst wildfire season in more than four decades.

Al Alanis Morissette is at the top of her profession these days. With sales of “Jagged Little Pill” reaching 13 million, the 22-year-old Canadian singer/songwriter's debut in the United States became the best-selling album by a female artist.

Democratic National Convention

President Clinton made a determined case for a second term August 29, 1996, in a climactic convention address that took credit for blocking Republican budget cuts and promised an array of new help for poor and middle-class families. “Hope is back in America,” Clinton declared.

The World Series

The World Series trophy is back in the Bronx, belonging to a New York Yankees team that never gave up. The Yankees won the first champion Atlanta Braves in their 12th victory since 1978 with a 3-2 victory in Game 7 on Saturday, October 26, 1996.
Goin' for that wind blown look?

Bingers late night hot spot

O'Chi girls - Sarina, Jenn, Melissa, Michelle, & Carrie

Jenn Brown - stressful day of classes?

Kyilla, Timika & Beth - Tired after a track meet

Ursinus College art: Need we say more?
The Three Amigos

Below: Alli, Annie, Michele & Kim at the '97 Tau Sig dated
“Dear God, you’ve answered my prayers - Class flirt!”

Berman Museum of Art

No comment

Failure, I mean, Pfahler Hall

Kat, retaining a little water these days?

Jen Young - A Madonna Wanna-be

Ron Floyd & Denise Krch
A scenic view of F.W. Olin Hall

Eric Leonard making his Sunday night 1-900 call

Mike Antonio & Kristen Olsen hang out in Keigwin

International students stroll back to Musser

"Come on! Just one more push! Congratulations - it's a keg!"

Behind closed doors, Krista Schweers plays role reversal

Jon & Jessica take a break from the dance floor

Brian McCullough - isn't this your car?
Reimert - where students spend most of their time on weekends

The Trappe - where students spend even more of their time on weekends

On Geraldo today, crossdressing men who aren't afraid to admit it

The Christmas Tree Bandits: Bell Schaal, Kris Algeo, Jamie Pontino, Sara Abbruzzi

Did someone lose their transmission?
Scott, Chrissy, Kris, Jeff, Jason, Kim, Matt, Krista

Bomberger Hall

Freshmen friends

Is Wismer hiring?

GQ men on Ursinus campus?!!

Ursinus Bookstore - "Go in rich, come out poor!"

Spring Break Key West 1995

The only true love on Ursinus campus

The Quad

Pack of gum? I'm gonna have to see some I.D.