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# Santa Shot Down Over USSR

## THE CRIZZLY

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by Jon Ziss

The sleigh missing with Santa Claus aboard was shot down in the Sea of Japan by a Soviet jet fighter near a Soviet island off Siberia, the United States said yesterday.

There were no known survivors of the attack, in which a heat-seeking missile was said to have been fired without warning at the sleigh and eight reindeer by an interceptor that had tracked over Soviet territory for two and a half hours.

President Reagan expressed "revulsion" over what he called "a horrifying act of violence." "What will all the kids do without toys on Christmas day?" he questions. Reagan cut short his California vacation and called a National Security Council meeting in Washington to discuss possible reprisals. It is rumored that the President will flood the Soviet market with unwanted Smurfs.

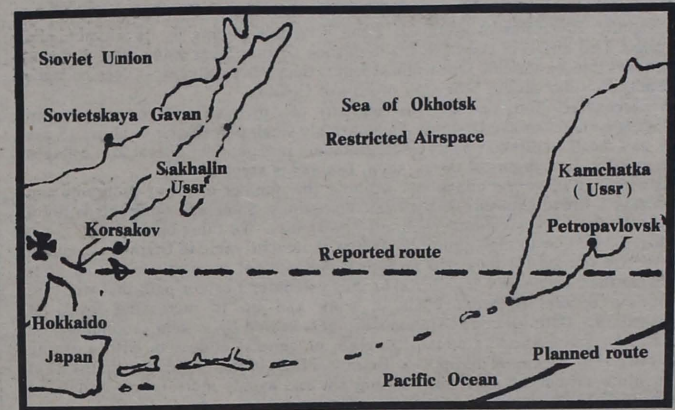
There was no clear explanation for the reported attack which occurred amid

several puzzling circumstances. There was an unconfirmed report that the sleigh had radio trouble. Soviet officials said the sleigh was without Rudolph's red nose leading the way and therefore, was considered a spy sleigh.

A spokesman acknowledged that Santa was far off course, despite carrying the latest in reindeer navigational equipment. Mrs. Claus commented, "I knew Santa should have fed the reindeer before he left. He sometimes had to make an unscheduled stop to take on fuel."

As American, Soviet, and Japanese ships and planes searched frigid seas north of Japan and reportedly found bits of antlers and Cabbage Patch Kids where the sleigh apparently went down, Secretary of State George P. Shultz demanded an explanation from the Soviets. However, no Black Box was recovered. "The Soviet pilot reported that he fired a missile and the target was destroyed."

Soviet explanation late yesterday after-



Dotted line is route of Santa . . . "X" marks the spot where he was shot down.

noon was rebuffed by the State Department as "totally inadequate." An informed source stated that Premier Andropov wanted a Cabbage Patch Kid, Baby Skates and a "Return of the Jedi" game for his grandchildren. Santa, due to the huge demand this year, was unable to meet his requests. Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko asserted "When Yuri heard his grandchildren were to be disappointed, he told the pilots to shoot down that imperialist swine, Santa Claus."

South Korea's President Chun Doo Hwan accused the Soviet Union of "a barbarous act" that "deserves the censure of the entire world." People all over South Korea condemned the attack. Japanese officials said they, too, believed that Santa had been shot down by a Soviet jet fighter and called the incident "very regrettable."

What will happen to the Christmas season rush on toys?"

In capitals around the world, governments called in Soviet ambassadors to deliver outraged protests. The French Foreign Ministry stated "Christmas without Pere Noel? It is outrageous!" The British Foreign Office called the incident "deeply disturbing. The wee ones will be bloody sad without Father Christmas." Canadian airline pilots called it a "despicable bloody criminal act" and threatened retaliatory steps.

The elves were too grief stricken to make threats. Herbie, the elf dentist, commented, "I can't believe he's gone. I just spoke to him about an appointment this morning. I don't know what to say."

Premier Yuri Andropov was unavailable for comment.

## Ursinus Continues Excellence in Chemistry

The American Cancer Society Student Affiliates Chapter at Ursinus College has earned a commendable rating for the 1982-83 academic year. The Ursinus chapter was selected for special recognition for its superior performance and the quality of its activities by the Society Committee on Chemical Education.

The American Chemical Society believes that one of its important responsibilities is to encourage students interested in the chemical sciences to pursue their goals. The Society accomplishes this by offering

undergraduate students majoring in chemistry or a related science the opportunity to enroll in the ACS Student Affiliates Program. This program, which enrolls 8000 students who are organized into more than 800 chapters at U.S. colleges and universities, offers affiliates the support, privileges, and benefits of the major American association devoted to chemical science and education.

Dr. Ray K. Schultz, professor of chemistry at Ursinus, is the chapter adviser; Robert Y. Beesburg, Jr., a senior at

Ursinus, is chapter president.

Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Y. Beesburg, Sr., Yardley, Pa., studied beta-hexosaminidase as a potential cancer diagnostic indicator in human sera under the supervision of Professor Jack Alhadeff.

Beesburg also represented Ursinus in a select group of 21 chemistry and chemical engineering majors from 16 colleges and universities who took part in a special undergraduate research program in chemistry and chemical engineering at Lehigh

University this past summer.

This program, operated by Lehigh University with grants from Merck, Sharp, and Dohme, and Monsanto Chemical Company, gives outstanding college students the opportunity to learn current research methodologies in chemistry and to participate in on-going University research projects. The students attended seminars on research advances and presented the findings of their personal research to their colleagues in a chemistry colloquium.

## Presidents Respond to Attack

by Philo T. Farnsworth

President Reagan expressed revulsion today at the reported downing of Santa Claus' sleigh off the Soviet coast. He declared angrily that the Russians had "totally failed to explain how or why this tragedy happened."

He also decided to cut his vacation short by three days to return to the White House for a National Security Council meeting to discuss responses to the incident. In addition, Mr. Reagan conferred with Dean J. Gengis Khan and Dean R. "Wild Rick" Wazoo of Ursinus College, asking Wazoo to refrain, "for the moment," he said, "from raining nuclear death on the evil empire until it turns into a fused-glass desert" with Ursinus' new nuclear arsenal.

"I speak for all Americans and for the people everywhere who cherish Christmas in protesting the Soviet attack on an unarmed elf," said Mr. Reagan. "Words can scarcely express our revulsion at this horrifying act of violence."

"Ursinus College joins with the other members of the international community in demanding a full explanation for this wanton and appalling misdeed. The Soviet statements to this moment have totally failed to explain how or why this tragedy occurred," Dean J. Gengis Khan said, repeating what President Reagan had said earlier. "Indeed, the whole incident is inexplicable to civilized people everywhere, but, uh, don't quote me on that."

President of the College Richard R. Pichter was recalled from his place of exile at the President's House this morning, where he has been residing in the two years since the bloodless coup for power instituted by Deans Khan and Wazoo. Pichter acted first by ordering the crazed Dean Wazoo be restrained, for when the elusive Dean Khan could not be reached in the bushes outside Wilkinson Hall where he usually hides, Wazoo began running around Corson Hall yelling, "I'm in charge here!" Pichter then issued a statement that an emergency "Board of Directors" meeting would be convened to find "ways in which Ursinus can join with the US, Korea, and Japan to effectively express disgust they feel at this shameless act of

international terrorism." Pichter also said that he wasn't sure, but the only thing for the Board of Directors to do would be to initiate a new tuition hike.

At an emergency house meeting held this morning, the delegates of Commonwealth North, Central and South, agreed to issue a protest to Soviet Premier Yuri Andropov, and to send a letter to "Late Night With David Letterman" to be read on Thursday night's "Viewer Mail" segment. At that meeting President Butch Sheffield of Alpha Tau Omega said if he could find Dean Khan, he would arrange to make a service project out of dredging the Sea of Japan for the wreckage of the sleigh or St. Nick's body.

**CAMPUS MEMO**

BY Richard P. Richter

Ursinus is "College With A Difference," according to the promotional literature being sent to high school students. Since Ursinus is obviously like many other colleges, how can it claim to be "different?"

Every institution is different in one sense because it is located in its own place, has a particular set of people associated with it, now and in the past, and has its own set of traditions and folklore. But such an answer begs the question provoked by our promotional literature.

Ursinus is saying to prospective students that, although it is not unique, it tries to put significantly different emphasis upon certain elements in its mission and program. This different emphasis distinguishes Ursinus from many other colleges and makes it more suitable for certain students than other colleges — even colleges that might on the surface look very much like Ursinus.

We recognize, first, that the vast majority of American college students are attending colleges unlike Ursinus. An amazingly small percentage — about 15 percent, as I recall — attend strictly undergraduate, independent liberal arts colleges such as ours. In categorical terms, then, Ursinus is atypical.

As a college of liberal education, we limit the number of major programs and encourage a broad exposure to the basic disciplines. Some will think this is not a difference that serves students well but a weakness. We think otherwise.

Most students with high ability — such as those who come to Ursinus — will do one of two things: (1) they will go into a professional or graduate school after receiving their bachelor's degree; (2) or they will enter a career path that will take them into several different kinds of work and up to increasing levels of responsibility. Both groups of students are best served by a solid grounding in a basic and rigorous undergraduate program of general education with a strong major in one of the liberal disciplines. Ursinus differs in that it focuses almost all of its institutional energy upon such a program and avoids more narrowly defined undergraduate objectives and graduate programs.

We remain relatively small and keep the faculty/student ratio low in order to reach students personally and effectively. Because we are strictly undergraduate, experienced faculty members, by and large, teach nearly all courses. The teaching assistants encountered by undergraduates at large universities — even the very prestigious ones — are not found at Ursinus. Again, that is not unique to Ursinus, but it contributes to our distinctness.

While we do not prepare students for narrowly defined careers, we are giving increasing assistance to students in their plans for their future. Career talk starts now in the freshman year and we will be helping students even more to think about their options throughout their four years here.

## Dean Khan Sighted

by Philo T. Farnsworth

Dean J. Gengis Khan was sighted last Friday, this incident being the latest in a recent rash of sightings of the elusive Dean of Student Life.

Early in October, his secretary noticed he had not come out of his office all semester. "He hadn't come out for a month," his secretary told the Grizzly. "Of course, it's not unusual for him to hole up for a couple of weeks at a time, and send me to the Seven-Eleven for burritos and Big Gulps."

Dean Khan has been sighted several times this semester, in various places about the campus, even underground in

the pipes outside Corson Hall, much to the surprise of the work crew. The eyewitness to the latest appearance gave this account: "I was passing Old Men's, y'know, by those bushes out there, and all of a sudden, he jumped out, took a look at me, and ran." The witness also said he carried a walkie-talkie; obviously the Dean uses a network of observers to keep him informed and able to stay one step ahead of the students.

Dean Khan's only explanation was found in a letter delivered to the Grizzly's office. In it the invisible dean stated that he took "a lot of flak" last year, so he was "laying low" for a semester or two.

## Ursinus Joins Nuke Club

by Philo T. Farnsworth

In an unnoticed announcement made while hiding behind a curtain in his office in Corson Hall, Dean J. Gengis Khan revealed what everyone already knew — Ursinus now has a strategic nuclear force.

The silos have been placed at various sites about the campus and have been paid for by increased tuition hikes and "the fines on unregistered refrigerators and cars," Dean Khan added.

When questioned about the morality of

nuclear weapons and the absurdity of a private college owning nuclear weapons, Dean Khan said that "in these times, small colleges have to be able to protect themselves against foreign adventurism and unruly visitors from other schools."

Dean R. "Wild Rick" Wazoo will command the missiles, which he said will be useful in either helping the US win World War III, or in searching out alcohol or drugs in the men's dorms. "just like in the good old days, in '69-'70."

## State of the Union

by Alison K. Brown

Fri. Dec. 9 9 p.m. movie: "Going in Style" — Wismer Auditorium

Sat. Dec. 10 - 6 P.M. Film: "Raiders of the Lost Ark" - Union Lounge.

12 a.m. film: "Raiders of the Lost Ark" - Union Lounge

Sun. Dec. 11 - 9:30 a.m. film: "Raiders of the Lost Ark" - Union Lounge

Week of Dec. 12 - 9 p.m. film: "High Anxiety" - Union Lounge

Tues. Dec. 13 - 6 p.m.: Women's Christmas Appetizer 7 p.m.: Women's Christ-

mas Banquet 8:30 p.m.: 1 Concertist

Wed Dec 14 - Tree Lighting Ceremony - Front of Bomberger Hall

Fri. Dec. 16 - 9 p.m. Movie: Cheech & Chong's "Things Are Tough All Over" - Wismer Auditorium

Week of Dec. 19 - 9 p.m. film: "Night Shift" - Union Lounge.

Reminder: All Campus Holiday Gathering Tree Lighting Ceremony Wed., Dec. 14th at 5:00 P.M.

—Come for Christmas Carols, Cookies & Cheer —Outside in front of Bomberger Hall.

## Ursinus Student Executed

by Philo T. Farnsworth

An Ursinus student was executed last week for robbing the mail while working in the Mail Room in Corson Hall.

Mick Sethman, a freshman, was dragged out of bed and hauled before the J-Board at gunpoint in the middle of the night to answer for his "crimes against the empire, er, uh, College," as Dean R. "Wild Rick" Wazoo put it.

Sethman was hired in mid-October after the previous mail workers, Dino DiDimogia and Chin Ho Wing, were fired for alleged ties with the Sicilian and Hong Kong mobs. Sethman was recommended highly by Dean Wazoo, the Dean of Parking Tickets and Refrigerators. The criminal tendencies in Sethman were not apparent at first; it was not until he decided to start lifting all packages over ten pounds that the Admin-

istration got wise. Sethman has gotten upwards of \$300,000, his biggest hauls coming from alumni checks to the College.

"The opened birthday cards and food packages I don't mind," Dean J. Kengis Khan said, "but taking those alumni checks hit the College where it lives." The money has not yet been located since Sethman's arraignment, and though no firm ties have been established, it is thought that most of it ended up in Wazoo's Swiss bank account.

The prisoner was executed Monday by the Campus Security Squad (SS), and his final meal was furnished by the Dining Service of Wismer Hall. He was served a simple meal of poached eggs, clam strips, and over-cooked vegetables, but, "only one entree at a time," said Food Service Director Tom Slick.

## Children Mourn

by Philo T. Farnsworth

Children all over the world are taking part in a hunger strike as protest against the Soviet's infamous downing of Santa Claus. "We won't even eat candy 'n' cookies!" a spokesot said. "They can't make us!"

"Whaddya mean, there's no Santy Claus!" other children cried out. A beleaguered parent described his situation as desperate. "How do you tell your kid, there's just no more Santa. The disillusionment is unbelievable."

In the United States children have initiated a letter-writing campaign to Soviet Premier Yuri Andropov, swamping the Kremlin with letters that are poorly written, "and in crayon as well," a Soviet postmaster said. "It makes me want to drink more cheap vodka and miss work."

In Montgomeryville, Pa., children held a candlelight vigil outside the local "Toys-R-Us" franchise. Ronald McDonald was on hand, sharing in their grief with Hamburglar and Mayor McCheese, and providing games and magic tricks to cheer up the disgruntled tykes.

### UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

1. At what level of the Soviet command structure was the decision made to shoot down Kris Kringle?
2. Did the Russians have any suspicions about the activities of Santa, and if they did, what evidence did they have to support them?
3. Was the sleigh crippled by hoof-in-mouth disease among the reindeer, or other equipment failures?
4. If a Soviet attack seemed imminent, why didn't Santa call for help, using an international distress signal?
5. How and why did the elf go off course?

Some of the articles in this issue are of a satirical nature and should be considered as such.

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# Letters To The Editor:

To the Editor:

The end of the semester is upon us and that means it is report card time. Every student is worrying about what grade he will receive in each course. So what are professors worrying about this time of year? Making up and marking final exams? Yes. Computing each student's grade correctly? Yes again. However, professors are also facing one of the most annoying problems of teaching — the giving of borderline grades.

Since Ursinus uses the quantum system of grading, there will always be a significant number of students who will need only 1-5 points more on the final exam to raise their grade one notch. Soon many of these students will be pestering their professors to change their test scores slightly and thus change their grade by a notch. From a student's point of view, if 1-5 exam points made a difference between only an 89.99 and a 90.00, then why hassle the professor? But since an 89.99 will be rounded down to a B+ (88.33) while a 90.00 will be rounded up to an A- (91.67), a little hassling over 1-5 exam points can result in a 3.34 grade point change. Now it really doesn't matter to some students what grade they would have received. I have had students argue with me to change an A to an A+ as well as an F to a D-

Before proceeding any further, let me acknowledge that professors make mistakes. I have marked correct answers wrong, have not seen part of a student's answer which was on the back of the page, have added scores wrong, etc. Students who complain about obvious mistakes do not bother me if their attitude is one of getting a "fair" grade. Sometimes, though, the mistakes I make are in a student's favor. Thus, if anyone claims I misgraded

his exam, I insist that the whole exam is up for re-grading. That is only "Fair."

What annoys me about complaining students is their attitude that small differences are not important in determining one's grade. When they come in to my office, it seems that all they want me to do is find some excuse to give them 1-5 exam points and change their grade. The most common request is for me to just re-grade their exam. Since they are on the lower side of borderline, they figure that if their re-graded test score turns out to be slightly lower, their grade will probably not go down a notch. The annoying part is that they seem to have no reason to believe that their exam is misgraded. They just want a higher grade without demonstrating that they know enough to recognize at least what they did right on the exam!

The second most common request is for me to make an outright grant of 1-5 exam points because of extenuating circumstances. The student tries to get me to admit that if it were not for an uncontrollable event, he would have easily made 1-5 points more on the exam. Typical excuses offered are: (1) I didn't have enough time to do the exam, (2) I didn't have enough time to study for the exam because I had another exam. Perhaps the best excuse I have ever heard was one student who claimed that he sat too near another student who had not taken a shower. The smell was so strong that it broke his concentration causing him to get a lower test score than he would have gotten otherwise.

I am not going to debate whether or not any of these alleged extenuating circumstances have merit. Clearly any one of

these or similar occurrences could result in a 1-5 point difference on a test. But how one works under time constraints and minor annoyances is an important component of a grade because real life consists of these things. Just try telling an employer that you can do exactly what another applicant can do except you take twice as long and see what happens. Or try telling an astronaut who is heading for the Moon that he is really headed out of the solar system because you had to make a rush calculation and made a careless decimal point error in the process. The difference between an A- student and a B+ student is not making a few careless errors despite time constraints and "bad luck" occurrences.

If professors are supposed to make allowances for a student's "bad luck," then why shouldn't they also try to compensate for a student's "good luck?" Sometimes a student will review the exact material that appears on part of the exam. That part of the exam becomes a "piece of cake." I always propose to minimize any "luck" effects by suggesting that I use the gymnast's scoring method — throw out the lowest score, throw out the highest score, and average the rest. However, there has always been so much protest that I have never used that grading method. Instead, I am "forced" to use a method in which only the lowest scores are dropped or minimized. So much for "fairness" on the part of the students. What annoys me the most, though is that if I had not dropped the student's lowest test score, he either would not have a borderline grade or would have had a borderline grade at a lower level. Yet, such students (both men and women)

can still have the audacity to cry when I refuse to change their grade, to accuse me of ruining their chances for med/grad school, to attempt to make me feel guilty if they are put on probation, etc. Thus, is it any wonder that some professors manage to avoid the issue by either: (1) refusing to discuss borderline grades, (2) not telling students their final exam scores at all or until they have gone home, or (3) secretly altering all grades so that no one appears to get a borderline grade?

I am sympathetic to students who receive borderline grades. I have received a number of them myself. I was once on the border between a C- and a D+ and got the D+. Another time I needed a 3.250 to make the Dean's list but only managed to get a 3.248! In my experience, for every student that misses an A- by one point, there is another student who makes an A- by one point. After 4 years at Ursinus, one will have taken 30-40 courses. Any "bad luck" or "good luck" over borderline grades should just about cancel when a cumulative average is calculated. After all, grades are supposed to approximate what a student knows (or once knew) rather than more than what he knows. Therefore, students, argue about borderline grades only when it is obvious that the professor has made a mistake. Don't take the attitude that you have nothing to lose. Making a negative impression on a professor may not be worth a few grade points.

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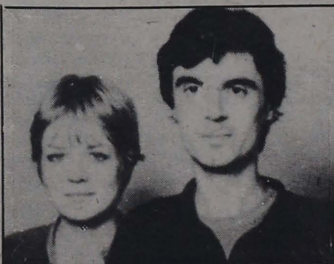
# Heads' Album Hits Charts

BY Kurt Richter

Being one of the best albums on the charts, **Speaking in Tongues** is already owned by most of The Talking Heads' steady followers. But for those of you who buy albums cautiously, this album deserves some looking into.

The Talking Heads have produced some of the most interesting music on the airwaves since the New Wave began in the late '70's. With the great Adrian Belew and Brin Eno as former cohorts, the Heads are famous for other reasons than just their songwriting. But it is songs — like "Psycho-Killer," "Electric Guitar," and "Letting the Days Go By," for example — that have brought them to a larger audience.

With this release, the Heads are doing something which comes normal to them: They are being different. Never satisfied to leave the formula alone, the Heads now use a more



beat-oriented type of music to accompany their lyrics. David Byrne's unique voice is the one trademark that remains.

Their concert tour to promote the album is still underway; however, their Philadelphia performance was several months ago. The Heads used a effective lighting set-up that included slide projections and silhouettes of the performers, who all come out one at a time, each one adding a new dimension to the sound and to the audience's enthusiasm. All who witnessed the show would agree that the Heads' experimentation with staging was a success.

"David Byrne is . . . becoming the new age Mick Jagger — a darily charismatic performer who is almost impossible to pull your eyes from," says Goldmine, a news and marketplace paper for record collectors. During the Heads' Philadelphia performance, nearly everyone was amused by Byrne's comical move-

ments, especially when his long neck was accentuated by his silhouette.

As for the album, **Speaking in Tongues** is considered a breakthrough by many music publications and fans, alike. Although the sales have not been overwhelming, it is selling well, and the Christmas season will surely help to sell more copies. Is it for you? Well, if you liked the single "Burning Down the House," you will like the album. If you have never heard the single, I suggest that you buy it first, before buying the album. It's worth hearing.

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## Aquabears Triumphant in Warrender's Last Meet

by Doug Korey

Well sports fans, the Aquabears were back in action this past Saturday against Swarthmore. This time they reeled in a big victory against this strong Division III Powerhouse. The score, 60-44, was only a part of the overall U.C. dominated meet. Four pool records were set at Swarthmore and many other fine times also were recorded as U.C. chalked up its first victory of the season.

The meet began on a weak note. Swarthmore stacked up its first relay, beating U.C.'s fearsome foursome of Jamie Forlini, Chuck Dunn, Brian Warrender and Paul Barone by a slim margin. The Aquabears bounded back in the 1000 yard free as Jeff "Rock" Heebner demolished his opponent by twelve seconds. Bill Lacy then stuffed the 200 yard free down the throats of his competitor and Ursinus was on their way.

The 50 yard free marked the return of "Bad Dude" Dohner. "Bad Dude" placed third, right behind teammates Paul Gal-

agher and Jerry Killoran in a clear U.C. sweep. John McJurk was touched out in the 200 yard Individual Medley. This ended the first half of the meet with a four point U.C. lead.

Dohner thrilled the capacity crowd by taking first place in the one night meeting. U.C. led.

Dohner thrilled the capacity crowd by taking first place in the one meter diving. After only a week and a half of practice, Dohner showed Swarthmore that U.C. cheerleading really does keep one in shape.

After a two-three placing by Rich Smith and Scott Willis in the 200 yard fly, Killoran, Gallagher, and Warrender teamed up for a second, third, and fourth respectively. Forlini captured the gold in the 200 yard back, as did Lacy in the 500 yard free, followed closely by Heebner. McJurk and Dunn then combined for a two-three finish in the 200 yard breast stroke. With a final smashing blow, the 400

## Brian's Song....

yard free relay team of Killoran, Barone, Lacy and Warrender, mauled their opponents, leaving a washed up and bewildered Swarthmore team. Also contributing fine swimming performances were Lenny "Hey dude" Paparo and Sanjiev Kalani.

Coach Bob Sieracki was happy about the win, but in a poolside chat, he had this comment; "We should have won this meet by a wider margin. There were many fine performances including pool records in the 200 free, 500 free, 200 back, and 200 free relay, but times could have been a little better. Much of this is probably attributed to our intense practice schedule."

Lon Chodoff countered that remark with his quote for the week; "Those swimmers, you got to love them." Thanks Lon.

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And now for a final note. Captain Brian "Big Guy" Warrender has participated in his last collegiate swim meet. In

Brian's four year career, he has been an inspiration to all swimmers at many campus functions, much to the chagrin of many nonbelievers. Thus, he carried the good name of the sport to all factions of life. As a captain of the Aquabears he has played an integral part of unifying the team and maintaining the team's spirit even when the outlook was bleak. Brian was one of the team's sprinters, yet he gave advice to all of the U.C. stokers. Yes, Brian Warrender is finally graduating this semester, sports fans. This news came as quite a surprise to Coach Sieracki, who was too choked up to comment. For those of us closest to the Big Guy, especially Deb, we will always remember him. We wish him much success in his future endeavors. To aid him in his quest, this writer would like to present him with the coveted "R.D. NICE GUY AWARD." Put that on your resume and this writer bets you'll go far. Take care Brian, and always remember, you are a swimmer; Remember, Lon?

## Women's Basketball Hustles to Two Victories

by Michael Walsh

Last year the Philadelphia 76ers became World Champions behind their famous "Hard Hat and Lunch Pail" defense and their come-from-behind victories. This year the Ursinus College Women's Basketball team has taken a page out of the Sixers book as they have portrayed this work ethic type defense into 2 consecutive MAC victories. The Bears defeated Albright 61-60 in a come-from-behind victory last Thursday night and Tuesday night they defeated Muhlenberg 55-51.

In the Lady Bears victory over Albright they trailed the entire ballgame, but like the Sixers led when it counted most; at the end of the game. In the ballgame, Albright had the game pretty much under control until late in the game. With Albright up by 10 points with less than 5 minutes left in the game, Mo Gorman and the Bears took control. Gorman hit four straight shots including the game winner with less than a minute left. Gorman finished with 14 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Janine Taylor had 20 points, leading the team in scoring for the second straight game. She also led in rebounds with 11. Jo

Zierdt added 12 points for the Bears as she directed the Bears offense. Ginny Migliore had 6 points, and played a key role as she had several key steals and played tough

defense throughout the game.

In the Muhlenberg game the Lady Bears again used a similar script as they came from behind to beat the Mules 55-51. In the ballgame, the Mules led at halftime 30-25. However, the Bears were truly awesome as they used an 18-4 spurt in the second half to overwhelm Muhlenberg. Zierdt had 15 points and led the Bears spurt, while Janine Taylor poured 10 points. Jackie Keeley also had 6 points and 7 rebounds for the Bears. The Bears, with their lack of height were outrebounded, but again won with their tremendous determination. Sheryl Raithel, Migliore, and Gorman played very well — especially on the defensive end.

The Bears have gotten off to a fast start this year, and do expect to slow down. And although they lack a Moses Malone or Doctor J., the team has followed the Sixers example, and has done so successfully.

## Mercer Wins Fencing Tourney

Eric Mercer swept undefeated through a field of seven other fencers to win the Santelli Collegiate Invitational Foil competition on Sunday, December 4 in Hellerich Hall. Mercer's first place wins a new foil, donated by George Santelli, Inc., the principal supplier of fencing equipment to Ursinus College and many of the other area clubs.

Teammate Bruce Schoup edged out Amy Cubler of Thomas Jefferson for second place. Both Schoup and Cubler won 5 and lost 2 bouts, but Schoup was hit only 19 times compared with Cubler's 26.

Dave Kinney of the Phoenixville Fencing Club finished fourth. The other competi-

tors, in order were: Eileen Wolper, Thomas Jefferson; Jim DeRuggeris, Ursinus College Bear Blades; Matt Mintzer, Bucks County Academy of Fencing and Eleanor Cavin, also from Bucks County.

Ursinus Bear Blades will sponsor two other invitational competitions in April next year. The first is restricted to novices and the second is open to all fencers regardless of age or experience. In the 1983 open three coaches took the first three places — Bryant Haynes of Bethune Haynes of Bethune Douglas, Geoff Pradhan and Anne Brown, both of West Chester. In the sprint competitions Santelli Fencing Equipment Company again will donate a foil to the first place winners

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## Thoma Leads Bears Over Haverford

by John Callahan

The basketball team split a pair of home games last week to bring their record to 3-4. A victory over Haverford and a loss to Swarthmore College brought the Bears' record in league play to 1-1.

The Bears pounded Haverford Saturday by a score of 110-83. The 110 points scored at home, eclipsing the old mark of 107 set in 1978. According to co-captain Steve "Bonzo" Donahue, the key to the victory was "our half-court press which blew the game wide open."

Along with the strong press used by Ursinus, an important factor in the outcome of the game was the brilliant shooting of senior co-captain Bob Thoma, Thoma, who had been in a shooting slump for the first few games, shot 12 for 15 from the field and 4 for 4 from the foul line for a game-high 28 points. He also pulled down 13 rebounds. The 28 points are a career high for Thoma, in his third season for the bears, after transferring from the University of Dayton. After the game, he said, "We forced Haverford into playing a running game. They tried to run with us, but they couldn't do it. We played our type of game tonight."

Ursinus also got strong inside play by their big men. Center Jim Collins contributed with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Forward Joe Gadzinski also had a fine game and finished with 16 points.

The Swarthmore game was a different story. The Bears went from scoring 110 points Saturday to 52 on Tuesday night. The reason for the scoring drop was that Swarthmore came out in a slow, deliberate style of play which shut down the Bears' running game and eliminated their fast break. Swarthmore took an early lead which they never relinquished. They were up 30-19 at halftime and the Bears never got closer than 6 points in the second half. Ursinus wasn't able to get their fast break going and had to rely on the outside bomb which wasn't falling. They did manage a come back with about 3 minutes to go by using full-court and man-to-man pressure and double-teaming to force Swarthmore to commit turnovers. Freshman Paul "Buck" Udovich made some crucial steals at the end of the game, but the Bears failed to capitalize on them. Ursinus had some bad breaks along with some shaky officiating which prevented them from coming back to win. Udovich led the scoring with 11 points and Collins added 10.

The Bears travel to Chester, Pa. tomorrow night to face a strong Widener team led by all-American candidate Leon Jones. The two teams are bitter rivals and the Bears face a tough battle.

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