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# Ursinus College The Grizzly

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AIRBAND this Friday!!  
8:00 p.m. Wisner Dining Hall  
February 18, 1992

## Fraternity Pledging in Full Swing

BY ERIKA COMPTON  
Of The Grizzly

On Friday, February 14, approximately 80 fraternity pledges accepted their bids in Bomberger Hall. The ceremony began with each pledge lining up in alphabetical order, moving to the respective fraternity president, either accepting or rejecting his bid. Each prospective fraternity brother then ran outside to join his fellow pledges and soon-to-be brothers. Pledging goes on for four weeks, with one week of service included in that time.

Each pledge had to attend two mandatory workshops prior to pledging. The first one centered on alcohol safety, for when the pledges become brothers. The program discussed how alcohol affects the system and what to do when an emergency arises. The second workshop was conducted by Dean Houghton Kane, and went over all pledging rules and regulations.

Pi Omega Delta has the largest pledge class this year, with a total of 17. Alpha Phi Epsilon follows in size with twelve guys, Alpha Phi Epsilon and Delta Pi Sigma's classes consist of nine pledges each, and Sigma Rho Lambda has eight. Zeta Chi has seven pledges, Beta Sigma Lambda has five, and Delta Mu Sigma has three pledges.



Photo/Peter Sencescu

DEMAs pledge Brian Montross accepts his bid.

Service Week will take place the week before spring break. Each fraternity has its own project that it undertakes. Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity, has its pledges go to Norristown Soup Kitchen. In addition to that, the pledges must complete a school service project to fulfill the national service requirement.

Hazing is not permitted during pledging. Each person must attend

all his classes and mandatory library study hours. Pledging is allowed at any time during the weekend, but not on consecutive weeknights. In addition, all pledging activities must be completed by 1:30 A.M. during those weeknights.

Paul Madson, vice-president of APO, remarked, "The first weekend is tough. They are just getting acclimated to it, but the unity is starting to build a little bit. It's going pretty well."

## Commencement Speaker Chosen

BY A. JUDD WOYTEK  
Associate Editor

Officers of the Class of 1992 and senior Ursinus Student Government Association Officers met before the semester break to review possible speakers for Commencement 1992 and make a selection. Commencement will be held Sunday, May 17, 1992 in Helfferich Hall at 2:00 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Loretta P. Finnegan, a graduate of Ursinus College.

Finnegan is the founder and Director of Family Center, a comprehensive, multidisciplinary program for pregnant addicted women and their children. She also holds faculty appointments as Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at the Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. After completion of premedical studies at Ursinus and medical studies at Hahnemann University in Philadelphia, Finnegan worked as a pediatric intern at Hahnemann followed by a pediatric residency and fellowship in neonatology at the Philadelphia General Hospital.

Between 1969 and 1976, she served as Chief of the Newborn Services, University of Pennsylvania Division at Philadelphia General Hospital. In 1976, she assumed her present duties at Thomas Jefferson University. Over the past few decades, Finnegan has authored or co-authored more than 125 scientific publications and over 120 abstracts. She has spoken at various scientific conferences and meetings and has 50 posters and over 450 presentations to her credit. She has participated in international symposiums and conferences or has been a visiting professor in Italy, France, Ireland, Great Britain, Denmark, West Germany, the Netherlands, Israel, Sweden, the Philippines, Australia and the Soviet Union.

In 1983, Dr. Finnegan spent six months on sabbatical in Paris, France, during which time she did research on the effects of smoking on pregnancy and the newborn at

Clinique Universitaire Baudelocque, associated with the University of Paris. Her honors include various awards for scientific exhibits presented by the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics. In 1986, Dr. Finnegan was presented with a proclamation from Mayor Wilson Goode of the City of Philadelphia proclaiming January 12-18, 1986 as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Week.

In 1987, Ursinus College selected her as Alumnus of the Year and subsequently she received the Ursinus College Certificate of Honor for outstanding service to society through excellence in the healing arts that has brought distinction to Ursinus College. In 1989, she was honored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Girl Scouts and received the Juliette Lower Award at the Annual Take-the-Lead Reception as one of the outstanding women who have "made a difference" through their leadership in health care. Also in 1989, Dr. Finnegan received, from the City of Philadelphia, the Women's History Award as one of Philadelphia's Outstanding Women and the Medical College of Pennsylvania/Gimbel Award as an outstanding woman from the Greater Philadelphia area for her distinguished contributions to humanity.

In recent years, Dr. Finnegan has been involved in the clinical, research, and administrative activities of Family Center, has lectured at Jefferson and throughout the country and has been the Principal Investigator on a National Institute on Drug Abuse Research Demonstration Project on the treatment of cocaine dependent women. As of February 1, 1990, Dr. Finnegan will be on a leave of absence from the University to assume the position of Associate Director of the Office for Treatment Improvement in the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The committee is continuing to meet and plan other aspects of graduation.

## Today's Health

BY CLEARY CLARKE  
Of The Grizzly

Exercise can be a positive addiction because it can help reduce stress, high blood pressure, cholesterol, control weight, and improve your mental outlook. However, there is a dark side to exercise. If you don't control it, it will control your life. This is called Exercise Burnout and it can lead to a serious injury, eating, or exercise disorder. An exercise addicted person over steps their limits and continues to exercise despite injuries, fatigue, and a lack of social life or a disrupted work schedule. If not recognized early, it can result in poor performance, mood changes, hard to treat injuries such as stress

fractures, and common training errors. One of the first signs of excessive exercise is difficulty in achieving your training goals. This can be caused by not giving your body enough time to rest or enough fuel to rebuild muscles. Fatigue is another sign of overtraining caused by depletion of glycogen stores in the muscles. Other symptoms include chronic muscle soreness, frequent injuries, and pain in joints and tendons. Some psychological symptoms include an unhealthy attitude toward food and weight loss, amenorrhea, and a diet controlled by her/his exercise routine. For example, "If I eat ice cream, I have to run an extra mile." There is no formula to determine how much exercise is too much,

listening to your body is the best thing to do. There is a guide offered by the American College of Sports Medicine that recommends three 20-60 minute sessions of aerobic exercises at 60 to 90 percent of your maximum heart rate and two body strength-training sessions.

Step Aerobics are now here. Starting Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. in Gym I.

Medieval Festival is April 6. We need volunteers to be Sherwood Forest characters and buddies for the day.

Artificial Christmas trees are also needed to decorate Sherwood Forest. Please call Cleary Clarke 454-1054 if you can help in any way.

# Tau Sig Clothing Drive

BY MELISSA CHIDO  
Of The Grizzly

Tau Sigma Gamma is organizing a clothing drive for all that wish to participate. Clothes can be dropped off in Reimert, suite 201, any time from now until Monday, March 23. Following the collection, the sisters of Tau Sigma Gamma will drop the collected items off at the Montgomery County Resource Center.

Not many people realize that there are needy people in our own communities. The people who do donate clothes to a clothing drive probably do not realize where they are being taken. For example, the Salvation Army ships donations to a large warehouse, where the clothes are sorted and then shipped all over the United States. Others are not aware of some clothing items that are high in need, such as winter coats, and things so simple as t-shirts.

There is a special agency of the United Way called "People in

Need" in the Montgomery County area. This organization was formed to help the homeless find shelter, to help low income families without heat to get the warmth they need, and even to help victims of accidents, such as fires, find a roof over their heads. Donating clothes is just one resource to help needy people make their everyday life better, which sometimes we take for granted.

The sisters of Tau Sigma Gamma are asking you to donate anything that is suitable to give. Spring break is only three weeks away. Remember when you are home and bored, clean out your closets and drawers and bring some clothes back to school. The clothes will be donated to Montgomery County Resource Center. From there the clothes will be distributed throughout Montgomery County to those in need. Tau Sig would like to thank you in advance for your support.



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Head Start Program at Trinity Church  
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*during lunch and dinner.*

## Speech Exemption Exam

The date for the spring semester speech exemption examination has been set for **Wednesday, March 4, at three o'clock in Ritter Center.** On that date those wishing to be exempted from Communication Arts 201 are required to present a seven to eight minute speech on a particular topic before the Communication Arts faculty. Students should register for the exam as soon as possible in the Dean's office in Corson, where they will receive a list of topics and further instructions.



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# Features

## Sgt. Grizz... "Nothing but the Bear Facts"

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## Horoscopes

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BY SOUXSIE  
Of The Grizzly

**Aries:** You may have played it solo on Valentine's Day, but that's no excuse to feel sorry for yourself and escape into solitude. You don't know what promise the future might hold!

**Taurus:** A romantic evening for two served to rekindle the flames you thought maybe you'd left behind. Try for a repeat in the coming weekends.

**Gemini:** It may have taken longer than you wished, but it pays to wait when you get what you want. Enjoy!

**Cancer:** Don't get so tense about your studies—take time to truly enjoy life before it passes you by.

**Leo:** Don't let the problems of others rule your life—focus on your own concerns.

**Virgo:** Don't be afraid of yourself. Learn to enjoy solitude!

**Libra:** Return to the basics of life—focus on what truly makes you happy.

**Scorpio:** The world is your kingdom; you need only cast your wishes for fulfillment.

**Sagittarius:** Take charge of your own life, don't be bullied by those around!

**Capricorn:** Your decisions affect others—if you screw people over, you'll be met with contempt.

**Aquarius:** This past weekend was filled with great surprises, but also much enjoyment—the trend continues for the coming months.

**Pisces:** Don't be controlled completely by your rationale.

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### ANY GUYS OR GIRLS INTERESTED IN PLAYING INTRAMURAL SOCCER

There will be an organizational meeting this TUESDAY at 7:30 in the WISMER LOWER LOUNGE for both girls and guys interested

in playing intramural soccer this spring. Following this brief meeting there will be a short discussion regarding the women's fall competitive soccer season. All interested with any level of experience are welcome to attend.

## Energy-Savers

BY KRISTIN WHITE  
Of The Grizzly

You've probably heard many times to "turn off lights and don't waste electricity." In the U.S., lighting accounts for 1/5 of all electricity used. Increased amounts of electricity also increase industrial emissions which lead to acid rain and the "greenhouse effect." So we know to turn off lights to help the environment, but have you also considered what kinds of bulbs you use?

Compact fluorescent bulbs, which produce lighting similar to regular incandescent bulbs and which fit standard sockets, last longer and use about 1/4 the energy of incandescent bulbs. While a normal 60-watt bulb burns for approximately 750 hours, the fluorescent bulb will last between 7500 and 10,000 hours.

While fluorescent bulbs cost more initially (\$15), it takes about thirteen incandescent bulbs to last the same time as one compact fluorescent bulb and they use about \$30 more of electricity.

Additionally, to substitute a compact fluorescent bulb for a traditional bulb will keep a half a ton of CO2 from being emitted to the atmosphere.

So consider saving energy, money and the environment—change your lightbulbs!

## This Week in U.C. History

BY KRISTIN WHITE  
Of The Grizzly

The second decade of the twentieth century was one of many changes and concerns, with the main occurrence of this decade being World War I from 1914 to 1918. While the world was in turmoil, much was happening on the Ursinus campus.

During these years at Ursinus, seven major fields of study were offered for students to choose from: Classical, Latin-Mathematical, Math-Physical, Chemical-Biological, Historical-Political, English-Historical or Modern Languages.

This week in 1910, Harry Snyder '08 wrote a poem to be used as the official college song. A competition was announced for students to compose an original tune to match the words. Also this week, the Zwinglian Society debated the topic: England's refusal to grant home rule to Ireland can be justified.

In 1911, students this week were concerned about the throwing of water balloons in the dorm hallways and from dorm windows. Bored with simply throwing water, students were also launching cans, dishes and bricks at unsuspecting victims.

In 1915, Ursinus sponsored speakers to talk on issues of concern to the campus. One student commented that "the questions of foreign commerce, disarmament and world peace, and the evangelization of the world, are of greater general interest at this time than any other three topics that could have been selected."

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# Arts and Entertainment

## Jolly Green Giants

BY PEPE BYRMON  
*Of The Grizzly*

Behind Lynnewood Hall on Main Street (better known as 702 of "go left to 702" fame) stand two shiny metallic green triangular statues. These works of art, which resemble both cubism dinosaurs and jungle gyms one may find in a park, are no doubt some of the more inspired artistic actions made by the administration.

One might ask, "What are they?" These pair of Jolly Green Giants may be huge green sliding boards meant for the recreation of primates. Perhaps they are old fashion kegs from the early 1900's (not that there would be any kegs ever found on campus). Then again, maybe these are the spaceships that the Corson Creatures (the alien statues in front of Corson) came to Earth in. The possibilities are virtually endless. Since the issue of what exactly the Jolly Green Giants are is so vague, maybe we should focus on what it is the statues are trying to say.

So, what statement do these two, triangular, big, metallic, shiny, green, pointy, different, sliding board-jungle gym-kegs-dinosaurs-spaceships on a stick make? Well one glance and that is obvious. They are no doubt a towering indictment of the Ursinus Greek pledging system. Like a pointy, green pit, the eye is drawn to the shiny exterior. One must climb the treacherous sculpture of rushing to reach its apex - bid night - only to be skewered by the sharp disillusionment of the next month (pledging). Must it be a sad experience?

O.K., maybe not. Besides, would the statue planning committee put an anti-pledging sculpture behind 702? Doubt it. It's probably just attempting to make the average onlooker think, "big, green, different." (Although it isn't quite a Nuprin) Either way, the dilemma of the Jolly Green Giants of 702 serves to confuse and amuse all those who are graced with its visual presence.

## Frederick Douglass Now

BY CARRIE LUMI  
*Of The Grizzly*

Roger Guenveur Smith, renowned for his performances in NBC's "A Different World" and numerous Spike Lee films, brought his one-man show to Ursinus last Thursday. His show, entitled "Frederick Douglass Now," presents a modern account of the famed abolitionist-journalist-speaker complete with video and a 90's rap.

Clad in a leather jacket, Smith brings Douglass back to life. He tapes a letter to his former master, Captain Auld, whose wife taught Douglass to read and had a phone conversation with Harriet Tubman on a 90's type neon phone. His performance was accented with video footage of the fire in Watts, California which burned the

community to the ground because firemen refused to enter the angry black community. Also on video was Marvin Gaye's version of the National Anthem. The highlight of the program was Smith's performance of the "Frederick Douglass Rap" which he performed to a receptive crowd.

This moving performer is featured in Spike Lee's "School Daze," "Do the Right Thing," and in the upcoming "Malcolm X." Smith is also well known for his portrayal of Professor Randolph on NBC's "A Different World." It is no wonder that this gifted actor has made a name for himself. He brought so much life, power, and emotion into the show that the crowd was visibly moved. Another indication of his success was the line for autographs after the performance.

## Movie Review - Thelma and Louise

BY GAR DONECKER  
and ERIK MOORE  
*Of The Grizzly*

The expansive golden cliffs and deserts provide an ideal backdrop for Ridley Scott's atypical buddy-road trip film. The isolation caused by their escape from society is obvious as their green Ford Thunderbird is dwarfed by the midwestern plateaus and valleys. At the same time, the spectacular beauty of this landscape, complemented by a majestic score by Hans Zimmer, emphasizes the sense of wonder and rebirth in their adventure.

It's tempting to continue this sensitive, intellectual (silly) explication of the complexities of "Thelma & Louise" because the movie does contain a penetrating exploration of modern values and modern heroes. But more important both to the viewer and to the reviewer, "Thelma & Louise" is an exciting and funny film.

Looking for a weekend escape from their constrictive lifestyles, Thelma and Louise head for the mountains to fish and to relax. Thelma (Geena Davis) is weary of her marriage with domineering husband Daryl. On their way to the mountains, she convinces Louise (Susan Sarandon) to stop at a country bar where they can "let their hair down." After too many tequilas and margaritas, the pair finds themselves in circumstances that prevent them from returning home. For the rest of the movie, they continue to cut themselves off from the past while searching for a new future.

During most of the movie, the women are trying to flee from the authorities to Mexico. Throughout the adventure, though, the movie retains an optimistic streak by interspersing comedy with the bleak actuality of their situation. The majority of the jokes deal of course with the men in the movie, who are oblivious to the women's needs and

obsessed with their own images. This male-bashing is amusing and helps build sympathy for Thelma and Louise; the use of male stereotypes also develops the film's criticism of the often anti-female mentality of today's society.

Thelma begins the movie submissive to society's expectations of women, while Louise has a keener understanding and a stronger resistance to the pressures on her sex. Sarandon, the veteran actress, grabs the spotlight immediately. Davis's character becomes more interesting as she grows and starts taking initiative in controlling her fate. The actresses portray their characters with far more depth than, for example, the somewhat one-dimensional buddy-heroes of "Lethal Weapon."

Watch "Thelma and Louise" for its action and humor or (if you really want to) for its social criticism and cinematography. These two country women with the Thunderbird offer both.

## A Capella Entertainment

BY MELISSA MILLER  
*Of The Grizzly*

"Great performers, great music, and great guys" was how one student described 5th Avenue, the capella group that performed at Ursinus last Thursday night. The Minneapolis based quintet consist of Erik Nelson, Paul Frenzel, Jay Waldera, John Sturtz, and Geoff Thompson. These five men combine their smooth voices, occasional percussion, and their irresistible charm for a show that the audience thoroughly enjoyed.

5th Avenue has been popular not only on the college circuit, but also appeared on the nationally televised show, "Natalie Cole's Big Break," and opened for Louie Anderson. They have also performed at fairs and festivals as well as singing the National Anthem at the Metrodome before the Minnesota Twins and Timberwolves games. This past year they showcased at 5 NACA regional conferences and also Mainstaged at the NACA National Conference.

5th Avenue was formed five years ago with their first public appearance being in a Minneapolis bar in April, 1987. As Geoff explains, they all went to college in different areas when Jay, John, and himself started singing together. They met Erik when he was rehearsing in the community choir at their school,

and through Erik they then met Paul. Since then, 5th Avenue has performed an average 200 shows/year traveling all over the country. All of them miss being home and do admit that traveling can be very tough.

All of 5th Avenue have had voice training in one way or another. They all play the piano and take keyboards with them when they are traveling. All of them write their own music and receive their inspiration from personal experiences or events in their lives. Some songs off of their CD include: "May the Circle Be Broken" which was written about the prejudices in the world and how they need to be changed whereas "Dandelion Day" was written about a dream. Some of the songs that they sang while at Ursinus that the audience really got

into were, "Under the Boardwalk," "Kiss Him Goodbye," and "My Girl." The highlight for some of the girls in the audience was when Geoff sang "You Lost that Lovin' Feeling" to them.

The show ended with R.E.M.'s "Stand" which was a lively and upbeat way to end an incredible show. 5th Avenue is planning to record another CD this summer after they finish touring colleges. They are starting to amass new songs together but joke that they have to do their laundry before they can start recording.

Overall, Ursinus loved 5th Avenue. As Sophomore Monica Hauser remarked after the show, "They met my every expectation, they are good solid performers and I hope to see them in the future."

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BY STEVEN GRUBB  
Opinions Editor

If you have watched any kind of television in the last two months, it has been difficult to avoid the figure of Lee Iacocca doing his favorite thing, Japan bashing. He has appeared in the news lately as a member of President Bush's delegation sent to Japan to improve the trade imbalance. But from his bombastic speeches and attacks on Japanese protectionism, he has left me wondering whether he would actually like to improve economic relations or just verbally pummel his competition. But what I find most compelling about Mr. Iacocca's TV appearances are his commercials for the Chrysler Automobile Corporation. My favorite is when we see Mr. Iacocca at an everyday board meeting telling his executive board that there is this feeling in America that the Japanese are making better automobiles than the U.S., and this idea is simply not true. American cars, especially those in the Chrysler Corporation (Plymouth, Dodge, Chrysler), are made and run much better and are much more safe than the Japanese cars. After all, Chrysler was the first to have air-bags in both compact cars and mini-vans. Iacocca finishes the commercial by saying how Americans must get rid of this malaise and buy the better American cars. The board members, naturally in awe of Mr. Iacocca, raise eyebrows and nod their heads in agreement that Americans are wrong in assuming the Japanese are making better cars. The obvious conclusion is that some Japan bashing needs to take place to shake Americans from their un-patriotic ways.

I realize there is much more to the Japanese-American trade disputes than this American feeling of inferiority, but this topic needs some consideration. If automobile experts feel American cars are better than Japanese and the only reason the Japanese are excelling is because they are looked upon as superior, maybe some Japan bashing is good. I decided to do some investigating to see if Mr. Iacocca's assertions were correct.

The first thing I did was ask the following question of about 40 college-aged adults: "Say I told you I was going to buy you a car and you could have your choice of any Japanese or American. Would you choose a Japanese or American

car?" This meant you could choose anything at all from Nissans to Lexus' or Chevrolets to Cadillacs. About 55% of them said they would choose American cars. I was a bit surprised at the results, expecting Japanese cars to have a much stronger preference. Those who chose Japanese cars seemed a bit more adamant in their replies, claiming "American cars fall apart." Those choosing American cars were influenced by patriotism and the popularity of American sports cars like Corvettes and Dodge Vipers. While hardly being a conclusive or scientific piece of public opinion gathering, the survey made it obvious to me that Mr. Iacocca was correct in his assumption that many Americans buy Japanese just because the product is Japanese. But at the same time, I don't think this feeling was as widespread as Mr. Iacocca thought.

My next step was to see if this American feeling of Japanese superiority in auto-making was justified through a comparison of automobiles. Not having the resources or expertise to conduct a car test of my own, I turned to Consumer Reports magazine. I read their road-test comparisons on two classes of automobiles. The first was a comparison of "The Best-Selling Cars," as they were called in the June 1991 issue. The two specific cars compared were the Japanese Honda Accord sedan (LX model) and Lee Iacocca's Plymouth Acclaim (LE model). Consumer Reports said "Plymouth Acclaim fell short of both Taurus (Ford Motors) and Accord." In a point-by-point comparison, the Accord (also made in Ohio) was judged superior in acceleration, routine handling, driving position, heating, controls, displays, and reliability. Only transmission and servicing were pluses for Acclaim. While Acclaim did have the added safety feature of an air-bag, Accord's motorized shoulder belts and manual

lap belts were said to have performed very well in protecting driver and passenger dummies in government crash tests. So far, Japanese automobiles seemed superior not only in the eyes of the general public, but also in the eyes of car testers.

The next models tested were the compact cars. I expected a lot from Plymouth's Sundance America, the only compact car with an air-bag, but Consumer Reports lambasted the car in the March 1991 issue. It was the Japanese Nissan Sentra (2-door E model) that was said to be, "the most car for the money in this group." Toyota Tercel (2-door, standard) was said to have performed just as well as the Sentra but had a "tinny, cheap feel to it." Plymouth Sundance was called "unreliable" and "out-classed" by the other cars in its group. Sentra was better in the following areas: starting, running, acceleration, transmission, economy, controls, trunk, servicing, and bumpers. Only Sundance's ride and noise level was comparable to Sentra's.

My conclusion was that if in fact it was a widely-held notion that the Japanese made better cars than American automobile manufacturers, that feeling may be justified by the product.

U.S. car makers need to stop Japan bashing and start making competitive products that not only Americans but also people around the world will want to buy. It seems the anti-Japanese prattle in this country is hardly justified, but rather an excuse because Americans are a notch below in making quality, state-of-the-art products. My advice to Lee Iacocca and his cohorts, with the 3 million dollar a year salaries: Quit whining and develop some advanced products that make the automobile industry a more competitive place. Not a domain for cheap, un-justified marketing ploys such as Japan bashing.



## Opinions

## Campus Memo

BY RICHARD P. RICHTER  
President of the College

## WHO IS A BOARD MEMBER?

This week you may see members of the College Board of Directors assembling on campus for their winter meeting. To students the Board may be a remote abstraction, with little to do with daily student living--going to classes, writing papers, talking with professors, making friends, planning futures.

Actually, 65 percent of the 40 members of our Board are themselves alumni of Ursinus College. They respond knowingly to references to Greek organizations, to campus place-names, to the rigors of the curriculum, to traditional rivals in sports.

While many new buildings and new courses were not here in their student years, our alumni Board members share with current students a sense of the "mystique" of an Ursinus experience.

Newer aspects of campus and curriculum, indeed, are familiar to them as well. That is because they participated in the basic policy decisions leading to change. It was the Board that approved the

construction of the Berman Museum, F.W. Olin Hall, the renovation and expansion of Thomas Hall. It was the Board that gave the green light to the administration and faculty to study and revise the curriculum several years ago. It is the Board that has the final responsibility for the direction and destiny of the whole institution.

If you look to the person on your left and on your right in class, it is just possible that one of you will end up someday as a member of the Ursinus Board of Directors.

You ask how that could happen. For an answer, look at a couple of current Board members as examples.

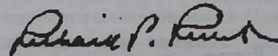
--William Heefner, the head of our Board, after graduation from Ursinus and military service in World War II, went to law school and built a successful career as an attorney in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He came to head the firm of Curtin and Heefner of Morrisville.

Mr. Heefner became actively involved in the Ursinus Alumni Association in the late 'sixties. He was chosen by his fellow alumni in annual balloting that each year nominates a graduate to serve a

five-year Board term; there are five such Board seats to which alumni directly nominate members. Mr. Heefner subsequently has been reelected directly by the Board for successive five-year terms.

--Dr. Michael Lewis, one of our "freshman" Board members, was elected by the Board directly last year. After graduation from Ursinus in 1967, he completed his Ph.D. in psychology and became a professor at Howard University in Washington, D.C. He is deeply engaged in basic research in alcohol abuse at the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Lewis, like many alumni, was followed to Ursinus by his daughter, Keir, who graduated last year. During Keir's four years on campus, he intensified his interest in and knowledge of Ursinus and was receptive when the Board nominating committee invited him to serve.

With such examples, some students, while planning their careers, might also imagine a future role as a Board member.



Richard P. Richter  
President

## Can I Graduate?

To the Editor:

Recently, the seniors received a notice in the mail telling whether or not their requirements for graduation have been met. I find the timing of this notice to be ludicrous. What good does it do to someone to learn they still need a course to graduate when the last day to add a course was January 31? To make this blunder on the part of the administration even more blatantly obvious, they let us see that this should have been done over a semester earlier. On the memo it says, "In reviewing your academic

record, as of the end of your junior year, we have determined one or more of the following: "With the stroke of a pen through "the end of your junior year," they then substitute a handwritten current date (e.g. 2/7/92). This simply represents a bad, inefficient administration of an institute of higher learning. Hopefully these aren't the same people who urge students to budget their time wisely. It would look bad if the college was being administered to by hypocrites.

Christopher Phiel  
Class of 1992

## Pepe's Problem

Dear Pepe Byron:

I have been reading your comments about the various selections of art on campus, and am often amused by your comments. I must confess, however, that I am not sure what is serious and what is intended as humor. In any event, please continue to write your columns. They are important to keep the campus community aware of what we see as we move about the campus, whether we like what we see or not.

seems to me that there is very little "statue art" on campus. Most of what I see is sculpture, but you seem to use the term statue almost exclusively.

I am now retired from my position as Vice President for Business Affairs of the college, but I continue to be interested in the college. I think my former colleagues can confirm that I have more than a passing interest in the art that is owned by the college, and that I was present when much of the out-door art came into our possession.

Keep writing -- and keep us aware.  
Nelson M. Williams

The major purpose of this note is to inquire as to whether or not you have considered the difference between 'sculpture' and 'statue'? It

## Death Row Blues

Dear Editor,

I am a prisoner on Death Row at the Arizona State Prison and I was wondering if you could do me a favor by running an ad for correspondence in your campus newspaper. I am not looking for anyone in particular to write to, just anyone who might be interested. I don't get much mail and what mail I do get is usually from the courts or my lawyer and that is usually bad news so it is just like not getting any mail, depending on how you look at things (sic)...

Anyway, if you could run the following ad for me I would appreciate it:

Male prisoner on DEATH ROW at the Arizona State Prison would like mail from anyone that would like to write. I am thirty-one years old, without family and would like

to correspond with anyone that has the time to write and who would enjoy receiving letters from me in return. Please feel free to ask anything your (sic) curious about and talk about whatever you want. I will answer all letters written to me. Stamps enclosed would be a big help since I spend all my time locked in a cell and there is no way for me to earn the money for postage. Anyone interested write to: Michael E. Correll, Box B-51493, A.S.P. DEATH ROW, Florence, AZ 85232.

Again, I would like to thank you for any assistance you can give in running this ad for me. Life on Death Row can get pretty lonesome and the company by way of correspondence could change a lot of that.

Sincerely,  
Michael E. Correll

## Laff-A-Lympics

BY DAN GREENE  
Of The Grizzly

How would you like to watch Andre the Giant weave his way through a downhill slalom course? Or better yet, Dan Quayle? Why not?--for once again the Americans have had little or no success in the Winter Olympics.

On February 7, 1992, the 26th Winter Olympics were underway in France. Americans eagerly anticipated that once again U.S. teams would give it 110% and show off some of that nationalistic pride. However, thus far American athletes have had trouble in attempts to pin the tail on the donkey. Hold on--there is Bonnie Blair, speed skater extraordinaire, who for the second consecutive Olympics grabbed the gold. But that's all folks! The fearless competitors of the U.S. generally finish between 8th and 100th place (closer to the latter), yet they still give it everything they have got (yeah, right). There are two events that must take place before our athletes participate anymore in Olympic competition.

First, American athletes will not perform well without a little compensation for their time and

efforts contributed. The U.S., unlike all other third world and larger countries does not pay their athletes to participate in the Olympics. If the U.S. were to offer contracts with incentives to those athletes who win gold, silver, or bronze medals, than wouldn't these competitors try just a little bit harder?!? I think so! Moreover, when the athletes train the U.S. should research an undetectable steroid to further enhance performance. Money has to be spent somewhere, right?

Once these two brilliant ideas are processed, the U.S. must then conduct a far greater search for bonafide, die-hard Americans who will represent their country with pride and bring home the gold. And I just happen to have a list of people with their prospective sports that the U.S. should take a close interest in:

Figure Skating: Cindy Crawford--she has got the figure part down. Let's just teach her how to skate.

Ice Hockey: The original Youngblood, Rob Lowe. As long as he can keep his eyes off the Swedish Ski Team, he'll be fine.

Cross-Country Skiing: Dennis Hopper--who else?

Speed Skating: The ex-Mayor of

Washington D.C., Marion Barry. Yeah its only SPEED skating, but whether its speed, crack, or marijuana, Barry will show up.

Luge: Ron Jeremy--no apparent reason.

Bobsled: Bob Hope, Bob Vila, and Bob Barker. Bob Hope wears the Made in the USA outfit, Bob Vila builds the perfect sled, and Bob Barker finds the right price and bribes the judges.

Ski-Jump: Mike Tyson--the crouched position should be quite comfortable for him.

Although it may be difficult to put together such world-class celebrities, it is by no means inconceivable. If the U.S. implements these marvelous ideas presented by yours truly, then in 1996, we should kick some serious butt! And then maybe they would include me on the Olympic staff! And then I would create some award-winning documentary! And finally become a national hero! Wait! Wait! Wait! Who am I fooling? Let's be realistic...I sit at home with a beer and chips and watch the Winter Olympics in 1996, and come to the conclusion that the U.S. may never get the big picture or the gold.



# Hoopsters Continue to Get Dunked

BY TREY GELSTON  
Of The Grizzly

The men's basketball team continues to limp towards the end of the season as the injuries and losses continue to add up.

On Monday the 10th, the team travelled to Haverford to try to avenge an earlier loss to the Fords. Despite freshman Jim Gilmartin scoring a career high 19 points Ursinus, playing with no seniors lost by ten, 81-71. Junior Will Briggs scored 13 and freshman Kevin McCall added 10.

On Thursday the 13th UC returned home to play MAC conference for William Patterson. The first half was a low scoring affair as both teams played good defense and shot miserably from the field.

Ursinus took a 21-20 lead at intermission as sophomore guard Jamie Hildebrand hit a fade away

double pump three pointer at the buzzer.

Unfortunately for UC William Patterson started shooting better in the 2nd half and UC continued to struggle. Patterson went on to win the game 49-48.

Gilmartin led the Bears again with 12 points and Hildebrand added 11. The game also marked the return of Senior Marc Cataldi who had missed a couple of games due to an ankle sprain. He played well and scored 10 points.

On Saturday the 15th Ursinus travelled to Chestertown, Maryland to take on the Washington College Shoremen. Not only was UC playing without injured seniors Sharpe, Leshner and Delsignore, but junior point guard Will Briggs missed the game as did freshman Todd Long who was UC's leading scorer against the Shoremen earlier in the season.

Because of all the missing players UC only dressed ten

players and this included only one senior and one junior.

Despite these bad conditions Ursinus played very hard and very well in the 1st half. When Hildebrand hit a three as the buzzer sounded to end the half UC trailed by only two, 38-36.

In the second half the deeper and more experienced Shoremen slowly increased their lead and went on to win their 6th straight game 77-60.

Gilmartin led the Bears with 18 points and Hildebrand added a career high 16. Junior center Jeff Eckerson added 8 points to go along with 8 rebounds.

UC travels to Swarthmore on Wednesday and on Saturday plays Widener in the last game of the season at Helfferich Hall.

# Aquabears End Season With A Splash

BY BOB GONNELLA  
Of The Grizzly

The Ursinus Men's and Women's Swim Teams capped off their seasons with two meets last week against Widener and Franklin and Marshall. The results were mixed as the women completed their 12-2 duel meet season with a 107-79 win against Widener followed by an exciting 105-99 victory over F&M. Though the men swam well, they endured two heart-breaking losses to Widener by the score of 103-97 followed by a 108-95 loss to F&M.

Strong performances turned in by the ladies against Widener included Bridget Cauley's 200 Free and 100 Fly victories, Senta Bamberger's victory in the 100 Free as well as the first place by the 200 Medley Relay which included Debbie Williamson, Denise Schildt, Lisa Wessner, and Jenn Derstine.

In the F&M meet, the ladies were led once again by Bridget Cauley's victories in the 100 Back and the 200 I.M., and Senta Bamberger in the 50 Free. This exciting meet came down to the

last Free relay as Ursinus needed to place 1st and 2nd to win the meet, and the women didn't disappoint the home crowd as Senta Bamberger, Debbie Williamson, Ellen Disney, and Kelly Crowers took first place and Abby Rosenbaum, Deb Butzbach, Michelle Lyons, and Jenn Derstine took second.

The men were led in the Widener meet with strong performances by Steve Grubb in the 1650 in which he took first place as well as his first place in the 500. Jeff Andrews took second place in those same events. Also turning in strong performances were Judd Woytek in the 200 Fly, Toby Blanck and Matt Landis in the 200 Back and Mike Baganski in the 200 Breast.

In the F&M meet, the men were led by Steve Grubb's victories in the 500 Free and the 1000 Free. Fred Brown took first in the 200 I.M., as well as a second in the 100 Free, and Judd Woytek took first in the 200 Fly.

The men and women conclude the swimming season with the MAC Championships starting on February 28 at Widener College.

## Hoop-A-Holics Come out on Top

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FROM INTRAMURALS  
Special to the Grizzly

The Schick 3 on 3 basketball tournament took place on campus last week. Six teams comprised of 4 players each participated in the double elimination tournament.

The Hoop-A-Holics, consisting of Trey Gelston, Rob Pohl, Keith Kratz and Dave Brown defeated Poor White Trash in the Championship game 31-29. Poor White Trash was Reed Nichols, Mike Stewart, John Leszczynski, and Greg Loftus.

Five on five competition starts this week with six teams battling it out in the "A" league and eleven teams in the "B" league.

## Lady Bears Break Team Record

BY LIZ MCDONALD  
Of The Grizzly

The women's gymnastics team broke the school record this past weekend by scoring a 160.75 against Rutgers University and the University of Pennsylvania. Not only did the team work as a whole, but many of the girls scored their highest points of the season. Freshman Kristen Cornell scored an 8.75 vault and an 8.65 on the uneven-parallel bars, both Ursinus career-highs for her. Cornell also completed a no-fall balance beam routine, for which she received an 8.6. Freshman teammate Sheila Campbell swung an excellent bar routine and captured her highest score, an 8.05. Sophomores Ja Kim and Susan Steele each received their personal bests at the

Rutgers meet as well. Keeping with the team's strong performance, Ja scored a 7.85 on the bars, and Susan performed a clean floor routine, earning an 8.2. Sophomore Robin Munro, a newcomer to this year's team, vaulted and landed a personal high of 7.85. Her bars also received a high score of 7.8.

The lady Bears will host the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) gymnastics championships this Saturday at 12:00 noon. Many top Division III teams in the Northeast will be competing, including Ithaca, SUNY Brockport, SUNY Cortland, and MIT. Anyone interested in helping out Saturday, please call the Athletic office. Come out and cheer on the team.

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## Nick's Olympic Notes

BY NICK BACCINO  
Of The Grizzly

Here's a day-by-day recap of the events last week in the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France:

**SUNDAY:** Austria took two golds, one silver, and two bronzes. Patrick Ortlieb and Ernst Vettori won the men's downhill and the men's 90-meter ski jump, respectively, while Germany's Gunda Niemann won the women's 3000-meter speed skating. The day's other winner was Lyubov Egorova of the Unified Team in the women's 15-kilometer cross-country skiing event. The top American performer was A. J. Kitt, who finished ninth in the men's downhill.

**MONDAY:** USA's Bonnie Blair highlighted the day's events with a gold medal in the women's 500-meter speed skating competition. Vegard Ulvang won the men's 30-kilometer cross-country event, leading Norway to a sweep. Georg Hackl of Germany on the men's luge.

**TUESDAY:** The Unified Team won four medals, with Natalia

Mishkutienc and Artur Dmitriev winning the pairs figure skating. Teammate Anfissa Restzova took the women's biathlon. Italy's Josef Polig won the men's combined slalom, edging fellow countryman Gianfranco Martin.

**WEDNESDAY:** Germany's Jacqueline Boerner and Gunda Niemann won the gold and silver, respectively in the women's 1500-meter speed skating. France's Fabrice Guy triumphed in the men's combined nordic skiing and Doris Neuner got another gold for Austria by winning the women's luge. Mark Kirchner and Rico Gross took the gold and silver, respectively in the men's 10-kilometer biathlon. The top American of the day was Cammy Myler, who finished fifth in the women's luge.

**THURSDAY:** Donna Weinbrecht won the gold for the USA in the women's freestyle mogul skiing and Nelson Carmichael took the bronze in the men's competition. Other gold medalists: Geir Karlstad and Vegard Ulvang of Norway; Marjut Lukkarinen of Finland; Edgar Grospron of France; and Petra Kronberger of

Austria. USA's Eric Flaim finished sixth behind Karlstad in the men's 5000-meter speed skating.

**FRIDAY:** Bonnie Blair won her second gold medal of the 1992 Games with a victory in the women's 1000-meter speed skating. France won the women's team biathlon and Finland won the men's team ski jumping. With that win by Finland, Toni Nieminen became the youngest gold medalist in history.

**SATURDAY:** Viktor Petrenko won the gold in men's figure skating as American Paul Wylie took the silver. Uwe-Jens Mey of Germany won the men's 500-meter speed skating while USA's Dan Jansen finished in a disappointing fourth place. Lyubov Egorova won her second gold, taking the women's 10-kilometer cross-country skiing crown. Bjorn Dahlie won the men's 15-kilometer cross-country event and American Hilary Lindh finished second behind only Canada's Kerrin Lee-Gartner in the women's downhill.

Next week I'll wrap up things with a final look, and hopefully we can get a medal, preferably gold, out of the U.S. Hockey team.

## Harley's Haven

BY HARLEY DAVID RUBIN  
Sports Editor

Hey, sports fans, I love ya! (Which is what Wilt Chamberlain said 20,000 times...yeah right.) In keeping with my new "Non-Stagnant" image, I'm going to do something in this Haven that I've never done before—except on boring nights in the Grizzly office—the first Haven Seven (a poor man's Top Ten List).

### SEVEN EVENTS THE U.S. IS FAVORED TO WIN AT THE OLYMPICS

1. Beer drinking (although the Germans look tough this year)
2. Vegetating (no one makes softer couches than the U.S.)
3. Drug dealing (but South America has lots of talent)
4. Sledding (cheaper and more fun than the luge)
5. Advertising (we always have the best commercials)
6. Snowman making (no other countries bother to enter)
7. Losing (nobody does it better—OK, maybe Jamaica)


If you couldn't tell, I'm a little peeved that we haven't won more medals. It just seems to me that athletes who train all of their lives for these Kodak moments, not even bothering to go to school

(lest they lose that competitive edge), should be able to bring home a few more medals.

But wait—here comes Optimism! Bonnie Blair, a couple medals, and so did the Jersey woman who won one of those skiing events! And you could forget that the hockey team is undefeated at the time of printing (4-0, including the shutouts). So maybe there is some hope for us patriots who want to see those cocky Euro-countries choke on it.

Anyway, due to space constraints this week, I'm going to have to cut it short. Quick look at the Philly teams follow: Philadelphia—looking good, can't wait until spring training; Sixers—way too inconsistent to go very far; Flyers—almost respectable, and getting better; Eagles—better sign some offensive linemen and speed teams guys; Wings—still violent but not as victorious.

Last week's Cheers Trivia Answer: Rebecca's tea room was success due to Woody's chair. Here's this week's Trivia Question: When Coach played the ball, he led the league in what statistic? Remember, I'm Harley David Rubin, and I do wedding bar mitzvahs, and sweet sixteen



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## SPORTS BEAT

Tuesday, February 18

Wrestling at Kings 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19

Men's Basketball (JV & V) at Swarthmore  
6:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball v. Allentown 6:00 p.m.

Friday, February 21

Women's Basketball v. Eastern 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 22

Indoor Track (M & W) at

Keogh Invitational 1:00 p.m.

Women's Gymnastics

host ECAC Championships

Men's Basketball v. Widener 7:30 p.m.