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News Editors

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It's That Time Again!

BY JUSTIN DOMINIC
Special to the Grizzly

This past Saturday evening in Reimert was a bit different than the previous weekends of this new semester. In light of the events of the past two weekends, namely the incidents of underage drinking which led to some social disturbances within the Reimert Complex (and which required the involvement of the State Police, who were invited onto the campus grounds as a result of these incidents), the Student Life Administration has found the student body unable to comply with the College's policy restricting underage drinking.

It was stated to the student body in the form of "suite party training" that, due to the concern of legality and wellness for the Ursinus community, it would be necessary to decrease the occurrences of underage drinking within the Reimert complex. In reaction to the failure of the student body to act in the safety of its underage students, Dean Kane has enacted the pre-existing regulations allowing security officers, area coordinators, and duty deans the right and responsibility to seek out incidences of underage drinking within the suites and on campus. If they see people whom they believe to be underage, drinking within a suite, they are required to warn the residents of their infraction of campus and state policy, and if underage drinking continues to occur after the warning, the social event will be ended and disciplinary action may be taken with the possibility of the removal of the suite's privileges to have social events.

There is a question of whether this enactment, which has been progressively brought into effect since the banning of larger than one gallon containers of alcoholic beverages a few years ago, does not comply with Ursinus College's policy supporting the idea that leaving the responsibility of alcohol use in the hands of the students will allow and persuade students to act responsibly on their own behalf. It has been noted by the college that the State of Pennsylvania has supported individuals in their attempts to legally hold Universities and Social groups (such as fraternities and sororities) liable for the actions of minors in respect to alcohol abuse, and these cases make the drastic action currently in progress a necessity.

The level of enforcement that will be taken was established this past weekend. On Saturday evening at 10:00 p.m. two parties "opened up" and within fifteen minutes Security instructed that the event in suite 310 be closed down and ended. The residents of suite 106, the location of the second event, closed their door, blocked their windows, posted individuals at the doorway, and began identifying underage and inebriated students and sending them away. The full extent of the new policies will be observed in the following weeks with the ending of sorority pledging and the traditional after-pledging parties.

The Axe Falls on Underage Drinking at Ursinus

BY J. HOUGHTON KANE
Dean of Student Life

Pennsylvania law prohibits the possession and use of alcoholic beverages by those under 21 years of age. In addition, Pennsylvania makes it a crime for a property owner to allow underage drinking on the property. These statutes introduce significant tension among three fundamental principles expressed in the Ursinus mission:

EDUCATION: Our policies and procedures are intended to enable Ursinus to develop as independent, responsible, and thoughtful individuals.

RESPONSIBILITY: Unless basic Constitutional rights are involved, it is difficult to argue that a college or a student can responsibly break a state law.

INDEPENDENCE: A pervasive system of regulations and enforcement, such as is used on some campuses, would seem to inhibit a student's developing independence. Therefore, Ursinus strives to allow students as much independence as is responsible for a law-abiding college.

One of the consequences of the tension among these principles is the risk of confusion among students who are organizing social activities. To be clear about college expectations and enforcement, students wishing to sponsor social activities in Reimert Hall were required to attend special training. That training was completed on September 2.

At the training, the following statement was made and explained: "If suite residents plan a party, it is their responsibility to insure that those underage are not in possession of alcoholic beverages...Should college officials determine that underage drinking occurs, the party will be closed and social activities prohibited in the suite for a period of weeks."

During the weekends of September 5 and September 12, it was the judgement of area officers to close the suite for a period of weeks.

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Roving Reporter

BY AUDRA BOETTCHER & DENISE MORETZ
Of the Grizzly

Considering the fact that many people our age do not vote or are not registered to vote, do you feel your vote makes a difference, and if you vote in November, who will it be for?

Heather Groom-Senior- I sort of feel that my personal vote would not make a difference because the country is so large and I’m only one person. If we could get everyone our age to register and vote, we would make a difference. I’m going to vote for Bush in November because I agree with his values more so than Clinton’s and he has more experience.

Justine Ashworth-Freshman- I’m going to vote in November but only for local things because I don’t really know what’s going on in the Presidential race.

Fred Wolf-Junior- Everyone bitches about the state of the government and decides to abstain from voting because they don’t like the Presidential candidates, but you have no right to complain unless you have voted.

Mike Gavin-Freshman- Yes, my vote makes a difference because if everyone had a non-voting attitude, things would never get done. I guess I’m voting for Clinton as it stands right now.

Chris Kakacek-Senior- My vote will not influence the end result of the election, but it will at least contribute to the growing support of the Libertarian party.

Jen Johnson-Freshman- Yes, it does make a difference because it is our right to vote and not many people have that right and whoever can vote should. My choice for November will be Clinton.

Steven Poruban-Senior- I am registered to vote. I do feel that my vote will make a difference; I’d have to be a fool to think otherwise. Every vote counts. As far as who will I’ll be voting for in November...well, let’s just say that it won’t be for ANY REPUBLICAN!

Heidi Fenstermacher-Junior- I am registered to vote. I will be voting in November because I feel I should take advantage of my right. My vote certainly makes a difference because if no one voted, where would we be? I am going to vote for Clinton.

Michelle Pietrantonio-Sophomore- Yes, I do feel that my vote makes a difference. Most Americans take advantage of our right to vote, but many people in other countries never get the chance. I am definitely voting in November because I want to make sure that when I’m looking for a job in three years, Bill Clinton will be President.

Kane on Alcohol

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coordinates and security officers that some suite residents were not controlling the underage drinking at their parties. Concerned that warnings and party closings appeared likely to occur, a special notice was sent to all trained suites on September 16. That notice stated, ‘If you are unable to prevent underage drinking at your social activities, be prepared to have the party closed and future social activities prohibited.’ During the evening of September 19, two suites received oral warnings from security officers. College officials will be meeting with residents of those suites on September 24. The message to them will be the same during training and in the September 16 notice: It is crucially important that students organizing social activities take the responsibility for insuring underage drinking does not occur.

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A New Pledging for ’92

BY LEE GIFFIN
Of the Grizzly

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It is difficult to try to evaluate the new two week pledging program until it is over. Then the ISC and Campus Life Committee will examine the effects of the program and come up with a decision. One question that arises: Was rushing effective? A problem for all sororities was the short rushing period, due to scheduling conflicts with Homecoming and Fall Break. As well as pledging being closely looked at, next year rushing will be examined because of the underage drinking that happens during rushing. Alcohols served at most rush parties, and due to accidents that have happened, rushing will be scrutinized. Hopefully, these changes in pledging will satisfy both the administration and members of the Greek community.

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Freshman Facts

BY LESLIE GIFFIN
Of the Grizzly

One fine day I and approximately 409 innocent freshman walked on the campus of a very fine private liberal arts school, Ursinus College. However, none of us realized exactly how significant our class really is. Did you know that 1400 high school seniors sent their hopeful applications to Ursinus in hopes of at least getting some kind of reply? This is the largest amount of applications ever received by the college. Out of that figure 1131 applications were accepted. A total of 410 applicants actually enrolled here. And as everyone knows, freshmen now roam the campus as the largest class in Ursinus history.

But that is not all, this amazing freshman class has many more strange and interesting facts to expose. For instance let’s discuss the SAT’s. It’s that dreaded three hour test most of us took that we thought would determine the fate of our lives. Well we deserve a pat on the back. The average scores for students enrolled in the freshmen class was between 980 and 1190 combined. This is unbelievable in comparison to the national average of 897 and the Pennsylvania average of 878. This just shows that Ursinus does not accept just anyone.

Other interesting facts include class rank. Most of the class of 1996 had class ranking in at least the top 25% of their high school class. That is some accomplishment when one thinks of some of the kids who graduated from classes of over 700 people. What competition!

Something that is always in the news is the lack of minority students in colleges around the country. Ursinus is proud to admit that 43 self-labeled minority students were enrolled under the class of 1996. This figure almost doubles last year’s sum of 28. These groups include Black, Asian, Hispanic, and then there is me, American Indian.

How many people immediately thought when they heard, “Private Liberal Arts College”, there is no way I can afford this? Well, Ursinus is proud to reveal that 70% of freshmen enrolled are currently here under some type of financial aid. This is due to college grant, loans, work-study and other programs the college has offered to make the college experience one for those of all walks of life.

To wrap up my summary of the outstanding freshman class, I feel it is necessary to mention the Leadership Program here at Ursinus. A small select group of individuals arrived early on campus to work with Dean Kane of Student Life. This group has been selected for their showing of leadership abilities in high school and in their communities.

This new program is in its first year at Ursinus and we wish it well.

Rushing Views

BY JEN DIAMOND
Of the Grizzly

SO-ROR-I-TY - Webster’s definition of sorority is “a group of women or girls joined together for fellowship”. My freshman year, I could only think of two reasons for being in a sorority: wearing greek letters and having people to party with. I had absolutely no idea how wrong I was. In the past two weeks, my attitudes towards pledging and sororities in general have changed dramatically.

Rushing informally began last spring, but formal rushing began only two short weeks ago. What is rushing you may ask? Rushing is when sororities that you have interest in give you a big sister to answer questions and to introduce you to sisters. The purpose of rushing is to meet the different girls in each sorority and to find the place you feel most comfortable. For some, the choice of where they want to pledge is obvious, but others may not have it so easy. Often girls are torn between two sororities and choosing between the two may be very difficult.

My decision was easy and I know in my heart that I belong with the people who like me for who I am. I guess you could say that it was rushing that changed my attitude towards sororities. During the past two weeks I have experienced something that I never thought imaginable. I have grown close to the twenty girls who are now in my pledge class, and twelve of them did not know how to be themselves. We have been united by our hopes and fears about pledging. Some people on campus are concerned about rushing and pledging being so early this year because they say the bonding time is not there. This may be true, I would not know for sure. But I do know that I now have a family of girls who I care for deeply and always will. If that’s not the point to rushing, then I do not know what is.

I finally understand what the word sorority really means. Being a member of a sorority means caring about your sisters, respecting each as an individual with her own unique personality, lending a helping hand whenever possible, sharing your secrets and dreams, always having someone there to listen or talk to, and loving your sisters unconditionally because they are your family.
U.S.G.A. MINUTES

Sept. 15, 1992

President Ellen Sylvester called a meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:
A review of what U.S.G.A. stands for and its duties was explained by Ellen Sylvester. We also introduced the U.S.G.A. officers and the class officers for the 1992/1993 school year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
The book sale was pretty successful this year. The total revenue brought in from the sale of the books was $340. Ten percent of that was profit for the U.S.G.A.

Cloning policies was the word from the Activities Fee Allocation Committee. AFAC allocated $500 to the European Common Market Fair and $400 was allocated to the Ursinus College radio station, WVOUT, to go to a conference in New York. AFAC meets once a week at noon.

NEW BUSINESS:
The midnight breakfast that was a huge success last year will be held again this fall. The freshman class is in charge of the big event.

New concerns were expressed involving reevaluating the J-Board and the parking situation on campus.

The library committee will handle the issue of the lack of computers for use in the library.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Baker

Global Perspectives

BY MARK LAZAR
Of The Grizzly

Relief efforts to aid the 55,000 residents affected by Hurricane Iniki are well underway. The Federal Emergency Management Agency estimates 10,000 homes suffered major damage from the 160 mile an hour winds.

Israel and the United States are presently negotiating a military deal that would give Israel compensation for their sale of F-15 fighter jets to Saudi Arabia.

Presidential hopeful Bill Clinton abruptly changed his campaign schedule to defend himself against an unexpected attack by President Bush concerning Mr. Clinton's draft record.

Astronomers have discovered a faint, red object just beyond Pluto & Neptune that they believe may be a part of a minor planet belt. This chain of planets is likely to be the source of many comets coming in from the outer skirts of the solar system.

The first televised debate between George Bush and Governor Bill Clinton was canceled after Mr. Bush refused to accept the new format of one single moderator. According to Bush aids, the new format would encourage more head to head confrontations between the two candidates. They are concerned that this would benefit Mr. Clinton, who they fear would be sharper in this type of debate than the President.

Iran has told its Revolutionary Guards to be militarily prepared. They face an international threat after its efforts to annex three small islands located in the Persian Gulf.

By IAN RHIIE
Of the Grizzly

Sue Koester, Ursinus' Coordinator of Student Activities, has a vision for our college: to bring the Ursinus College community together through activities. One can see her and her staff's influence throughout the campus, whether it be through an entertainer or a weekly meeting of a club. Sue's job is indeed a difficult task.

Organizing orientation, her first priority of the year, required much work and time. The process started in January, when she and the orientation assistants (OA's) sat down and asked what is important for a freshman to know. With this process, the orientation program constantly brings change; this year was the first that commuter students had to stay for orientation along with the resident students. The OA's did a super job of setting up, running, and breaking down social events, such as the dance and country fair, as well as more serious events, such as the financial aid meeting and the Bear Facts.

Sue Koester has a dream for the freshman class that she hopes started during the orientation period: to have an active class. The Post It Tree of ideas the freshman made during orientation shows that the freshmen have began doing just that. Part of her job will be to keep the motivation of the class up for four years.

Beyond the class of 1996, her main job extends to every student; she hopes to create positive memories; she wants people to remember how the students on stage acted during Tom DeLuca's show, for example, or how Delta Sigma started the Monday night football tradition in Wismer Lower Lounge. And all the students' excitement makes her even more excited.

Sue suggests many ways of becoming an active participant in the college community. The first is obvious: join an activity, or as she said, "Drive in." One of the greatest pleasures of her job she has no control over; she loves to see groups of people come together for the first time and feel good about what they want to do. This year there are four chartered clubs doing just that: the Asian Club, the Volks_gbund Club, STAR (Students and Teachers Against Rape), and the reinstated Chess Club.

Each of the new clubs introduced itself to the college community during the activities fair, an event featuring most of the clubs on campus. With long lists of students who signed up to participate in different clubs, the activities fair was a great success, especially under Jason Kendi's direction.

Through the Campus Activities Board (CAB), Sue's office handles most of the events like the Activities Fair. CAB consists of students who help coordinate the entertainers who come on campus. The students make hotel reservations, set up and clean up for each entertainer so that the community can enjoy each one to the maximum. Additionally, once a year, six of the CAB students attend a high energy conference about the entertainment aspect and learn about promotion and financing the entertainers. CAB always needs new members; one only needs to attend its meetings to find out how to help.

The season of entertainment is proceeding well. Sue feels Dr. Bertie Berry introduced the well with the energetic spirit of the campus, this year's entertainers include Dave Binder, a yearly favorite, and Jane Elliot, a show not to miss. John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band indeed will come after the Wismer vote with a three dollar admission fee.

Sue encourages all to attend the lesser known entertainers also, not only to check them out, but also to experience all that one can.

Overall Sue Koester has hopes of a great year. She believes that though the energetic spirit of the campus, this prophecy will become true.

Freshman Officers Elected

BY JAYMIE BURKHART
Of The Grizzly

The Freshman Class has spoken, and it has been heard. The Class of 1996 elected seven individuals to be its leaders and to represent it before the USGA. New to Ursinus, the impact upon the student body and campus these leaders and their class will have should be great, because of both the size and enthusiasm of the Freshman Class.

The office of Freshman Class President was entrusted to David Chrzanowski by the Class of 1996.

From, Marlton, N.J., Chrzanowski brings with him to the position many innovative ideas. He plans to "build up the class treasury by starting the year with some fundraisers", possibly to include a "buy a Freshman Day" money maker, although no final decisions about the campaign for class funds have been made.

Raquel Sztanic, elected to the Freshman Vice-President, is from Sellersville, Pa. Her plans for the next year include some activities such as a class ski trip or class dance, "to encourage unity, which is important because of the size of our class".

The Class of 1996 chose Eric Atherhol to be its Corresponding Secretary. A resident of Doylestown, Pa., he and Nicole Eberwein, the Freshman Class Recording Secretary, will bring many original concepts to Ursinus.

Jennifer Stone from Boyertown, Pa. is the 1992-93 Freshman Class Treasurer; she comments "I'm really excited about working with this large Freshman Class. We have a lot of ideas to use".

The Class Representatives for the Freshman Class are Regina Foley, hailing from Havertown, Pa., and Darnell Lee, who is from Philadelphia, Pa. As class representative Foley hopes to encourage class unity with activities "that appeal to the entire class".

The prevailing philosophy of the Freshman Class officers, that of unity, should enable them to bind this large conglomerate of students into an effective and influential body.

A reminder that Grizzly meetings are every Monday night at 6:00 on the third floor of Bomberger.
Author Victor Hernandez Cruz to Read and Speak at Ursinus

From College Communications

Puerto Rican-born author Victor Hernandez Cruz will read from his work and speak on life from the Hispanic-American perspective at Ursinus College on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in F.W. Olin Auditorium on the Collegeville campus. The program is free and open to the public.

Brought to New York City as a child, Cruz is the author of five books that reflect the influence of both American and Hispanic cultures. They are "Snaps," "Mainland," "Tropicalization," "By Linquai Wholes," and "Red Beans." Now a resident of Puerto Rico, he is currently on a Guggenheim Fellowship, finishing "Time Zones," a novel about the Puerto Rican experience.

The program is the second in the Ursinus Ethnic-American Writers Series, which is supported by a grant from CoreStates Financial Corp. The series is intended to celebrate and discuss the increasing multiculturalism of American society.

Ursinus Radio
WVOU

By Roman Bish
Of the Grizzly

With the music always playing, the Ursinus college radio station, WVOU, hopes to attract many new listeners for the 1992-1993 school year. WVOU is not a "single-style" music radio station. Its many radio personalities have been known to play a variety of music including classical, hard rock, classic rock, and modern. Occasionally, a talk show will even broadcast over the air. Dave VanBenthusen, general manager of WVOU, is hoping that the station will soon be able to get an FM transmitter which will enable listeners to pick up WVOU almost anywhere in the campus area. Until then, you can hear WVOU around 540 on the AM band in Reimert, Old Men's and Wismer halls and also in the Quad. In the past, listeners of WVOU have dwindled, most likely due to problems with the transmitters which prevented listeners from picking up WVOU. This year, however, the transmitters are supposed to be in working order, and no problems with picking up the station are expected. In addition, the station is looking into revamping its phone lines so that listeners can call in and get a chance to hear what they want. In the meantime though, anyone with questions or concerns about WVOU can call Dave VanBenthusen at 489-8467.

Jazz Great Dazzles Ursinus

By Mike Pizzi
Of the Grizzly

If the title of jazz star has not arrived for Clifford Adams it will soon be here. The incredible concert that took place last week in Bomberger Auditorium was a great display of talent. The jazz trombonist with the accompaniment of his quartet played all original compositions in a traditional jazz style.

Clifford Adams has the past appeared in Philadelphia's Mellon Jazz festival and in the Trenton Jazz Festival. He has played with jazz greats such as Max Roach, Charlie Rouse, and Jackie McLean. Currently Adams works with the very popular Kool and the Gang. The Group, Inner Flight, featured great talent with Rudy Walker on drums, Marcus McLaren on bass, and Elmer Gibson on piano. A special performance was made by the wife of the trombonist Renata Adams who sang, "It's a Long Time." Some of the compositions for the night were traditional jazz tunes like "The Lord of Love is Always There," and ballads like "Precious Jewel." Incredible bass and trombone solos were taken in "I Just Stepped into Your Soul to Say Hello," and the show ended with a more modern piece "Master Power" which just blew the audience away.

There was only one disappointment for the night. The student attendance was to say the least, awful. I urge all my fellow students to take part in the wonderful cultural opportunities that are presented on campus even if you are not fans of that specific artist.

Sneakers

By Angela M. Zerbe
Of the Grizzly

After spending an hour trying to find the Eric Twin theater and battling horrid King of Prussia traffic, my boyfriend and I finally arrived at "Sneakers." With its star-studded cast and quick plot, "Sneakers" proved to be worth the drive, the wait in line, and the six bucks per ticket.

Robert Redford leads an ex­convict/delinquent type group who break, or "sneak," into banks and businesses as part of their job as security consultants. One day the Feds stroll into Redsf's office and with knowledge of his scandalous past, blackmail him into pulling off a dangerous, real-life "sneak." The movie is fast-paced, action-packed, and there's even a little wild humor thrown in for fun.

Sidney Poitier has a supportive role, as an ex-CIA official who is a member of the crew. Playing an ex­convict who hates the government is Den Aykroyd. For the teeny­boppers, River Phoenix plays a computer whiz who was discovered breaking into his high school computer to change his grades; he now helps them with computers. There is also a blind electronics whiz, played by David Strathairn, who spends his time reading "Playboy" in braille.

The plan for a classically good movie, "Sneakers" has all the elements—a little romance (provided by Mary McDonnell), some good laughs, a bit of violence, a psychopathic villain (Ben Kingsley), and a plot that just flies. There are even a few mild jazzes, some not so mild, at the Bush administration. If you have some extra cash lying around, go see it. But if you don't, see it when it comes out on video; it's worth the money.

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Opinions
Letter To The Editor

AIDS has been the focus of tabloids; political platforms have addressed the issue; primary and secondary school curricula have mandated AIDS education. Should the Ursinus community be concerned? Are we safe from the world around us? Three articles published this summer suggest that it is only a matter of time before AIDS arrives on the Ursinus campus. Its magnitude and devastation will depend on how we as individuals respond to the challenge.

Let me replay the three articles that lead me to this conclusion.

The first article was a letter to the editor in the Washington Post (July 3, 1992). The letter was from the editor of Rubber Chemistry and Technology a publication from the National Research Laboratory warning condom users about the effectiveness of condoms in the prevention of AIDS. The author notes that the AIDS virus is only .1 micron whereas "fracture mechanic analysis, sensitive to the largest flaws present, suggest inherent flaws as large as 50 microns (500 times the size of the virus)."

"Smaller flaws of 5 microns were found using electron micrographs. Clearly, with flaws this size, the AIDS virus can pass through a condom. The author suggests that if you use condoms as a means of AIDS prevention, the use of two of them would be safer.

That is why I have resigned as Assistant Director of Annual Giving at Ursinus College, effective August 31.

Among some regrets associated with this change are leaving the Ursinus community and the many individuals here whom I’ve come to know, respect and appreciate over the years. Unfortunately, I will not have the opportunity to say personally to many of you, “Goodbye and good luck!”

From the most honest part of my heart, I express my affection for Ursinus and the alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends working together to keep her strong and sound. I have been proud to belong to the Ursinus community. I have learned much, and grown in ways, both obvious and subtle, in my years of service here. Finally, I shall always remain a friend of Ursinus.

I wish you all the greatest success in the coming year: that the goals may all Ursinus friendships abide!

Sincerely,
Andrew Economopoulos
When I first enrolled at Ursinus College, I didn’t seriously consider writing for The Grizzly. Now, a few things have gotten under my skin, and I’m going to make some noise. An editorial in the September 18, 1992 edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer discusses how the principal at a certain high school disregarded parental requests that condoms not be given to their children specifically. I began to think how completely I disagree with condom distribution. The practice of handing out condoms to students is absolutely contradictory to its supposed purpose of teaching today’s children to be responsible.

Although I totally disagree with premarital sex, it seems that adolescents and young adults will continue to treat intimacy as a game, and there is nothing I can do about it. However, let us concern ourselves with the subsequent issue of responsibility. When people are in their early teens, I give them the right to make mistakes for themselves. But by now, shouldn’t we realize we can learn from other peoples’ mistakes? It would seem that the answer is “No,” since we congratulate Earvin “Magic” Johnson for his bravery in the face of a fatal disease instead of criticizing his flagrant disregard for safety, not to mention, his wife. So I guess we should all get into our cars, leave our seat belts unbuckled, hop onto I-95 and cruise at a comfortable 70 m.p.h. and just when out favorite songs come over the radio, drift slowly into oncoming traffic. Really. Don’t take a crash-dummy’s word for it. Experience for yourself a head-on collision so you know how dangerous one really is.

Although Ursinus College already has my tuition, that doesn’t mean that I can’t give my opinion on their policy. Yes, Ursinus is a private institution, and can make whatever rules it sees fit, but I disagree with the college’s discussion to make condoms accessible in the infirmary. Now, I admit, college officials are not standing by classroom doors by passing out condoms to students, but still, why should a college with such a long history of strong religious affiliation take such morals issues so lightly. Perhaps they haven’t. Perhaps the Ursinus Staff discussed all of this several years ago and I am unaware of it, but who really knows what the stance of Ursinus really is? Even Dean Houghton Kane’s remarks at Freshman Orientation were a bit confusing, as he professionally must trust the student body in order to maintain a comfortable learning environment, but feels that students will participate in activities that he personally feels are questionable. I’m not picking on Dean Kane. From what I’ve seen so far, he seems to have the best interests of the student body in mind. I just feel that a college should not be in the business of distributing condoms. No matter how much we kid ourselves, it does not teach responsibility. If we’re trying to teach a “real-world” lesson, let’s not hide behind the microcosm of college. Students should have to buy prophylactics in a public place, just like anyone else. People should be considered responsible when their inhibitions about buying contraceptives are as minimal as their inhibitions about using them. If you can’t do one, then you shouldn’t do the other. Increasing access to condoms communicates a trust which will undoubtedly be taken advantage of and not taken as seriously as responsibility. It’s like one big collective guffaw in the dorms. It also seems too much like high school, where everything is made too easy. Hasn’t it occurred to anyone that the “solid liberal education” that Ursinus tries to provide is missing a very important element: respecting experience. Remember, the deadline for submissions to Opinions is the Thursday before publication, or Saturday if on disc. This goes for both students and faculty alike. Serious! We mean it!
Sports

Volleyball Team "Working to Improve"

BY JAYMIE BURKHART
Of The Grizzly

The Ursinus Women's Volleyball team is on the courts again. Comprised of thirteen women, the team has played four games in addition to participating in the Haverford invitational at Haverford College, playing four games there. At Muhlenberg College on Tuesday, the team played three games. The final scores were 8-15, 4-15, and 2-15.

Last Thursday, the team went up against Franklin & Marshall in three matches. Although the team played well, F & M was the victor (2-15, 10-15, 6-15). In the first game, four UC spikes were successful—those by Michelle Polack, Kelly Hoopes, Nadine Brubaker, and Margie Slonaker. The second game was marked by five effectual spikes by Polack, Hoopes, Brubaker, Slonaker, and Faith Zerbe. Highlighting the third match was an effective wall by Brubaker and Polack, along with four accomplished spikes—two by Polack and one each by Brubaker and Slonaker.

Of the match against F & M, team captain Shannon Savidge commented, "We played better, but we still have a long way to go." Polack, a middle hitter, said, "We lost eight starters this year. We are improving, but we need to fine-tune our fundamentals."

Robin Asplundh, UC's volleyball coach, remarked that "The team's strong point is its middle hitters; its weak point is its slow defense, which we are working to improve." Saturday's match against Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science was a close one. After four games, the winner was PCPS, but the scores show how evenly matched the two teams were (15-13, 7-15, 15-8, 15-13).

Sparing was particularly skillful in this match—Polack, Hoopes, Slonaker, Zerbe, Brubaker, Andria Dealtime, and Kathleen Kalbacher all executed successful spikes. Polack, Zerbe, and Hoopes also played excellent defense against PCPS. Savidge served two aces during the match, and Hoopes lofted one ace over.

After the match, middle hitter Kalbacher remarked, "The team is showing signs of great improvement. We are beginning to come together as a team."

Later Saturday afternoon, the Lady Bears went up against Eastern College. Playing more cohesively in this match than before, the Grizzly women won the first game 15-8. All the players displayed excellent serves, spikes, and blocks. The next two games were also won by the UC women. Dealtime's many aces highlighted the match.

The team has a positive outlook for their next match, to be played at Neumann College on Tuesday.

Intramurals

Come one, come all! Intramural Sports are soon beginning. Pick up your entry forms now. See Dr. Borsdorf in her office—Helfferich #29 from 1-3 P.M. You can also see Corinne Boettiger in Beardwood 218 or Justine Boettiger in Beardwood 213. The Fall Sports are as follows:

Play Starts Signup
Indoor Volleyball w/m) 10/12-10/22 10/26
3 on 3 Basketball 11/16-11/25 11/30

Year round physical activities:
Low Impact Aerobics
Helfferich Hall Gym 1 TTh 12:10-12:50 P.M.
Step Aerobics
Helfferich Hall Gym 1 Th 11:50-12:30 P.M.
High Impact Aerobics
Ritter Gym MTWTh 4:45 - 5:45 & F 4:30 - 5:30 P.M.

SPECIAL NOTE: High Impact Aerobics Schedule is slightly changed. It now begins at 4:45 P.M. instead of 5:00 P.M.

Youthful Soccer Squad Struggles

BY CHRIS HEINZINGER
Of The Grizzly

This year's soccer team is off to a rough start. On Saturday, the team lost 4-2 to Franklin and Marshall, making their record an unseasonable 0-5. Previous losses came from Goldy Beacom (1-0), nationally ranked Ohio Wesley (4-0), Capital (4-2) and Western Maryland (6-0).

The poor record is attributable to several factors. First, the team has faced all formidable, strong Division III squads; they will not face easier competition until next week when they go against Albright on Wednesday and then on Saturday at home against Drew at 11:30. Please come out and support the Grizzlies as they strive to turn the season around.

The other factor that has hindered Ursinus' success is the fact that this year's team is extremely young. Freshmen make up the bulk of the team. However, there are several talented freshmen that will serve as good assets, once they gain the necessary experience and confidence. Returning seniors include captains Jay Jackson, and Tom Chester as well as Dennis Short (Peach), Sean Reilly, Chris Heinzingher, Carlos Ortega, Steve Devlin, Heinz Buchler, and Scott Gersler are the returning juniors.

The team, despite losing, has been improving, and the outlook for future wins looks promising. The team is slowly gaining the much needed confidence and experience, and most importantly, is not giving up hope on this year's season and believes what Head Coach Walter Manning has said, "As we put things together, this team very shortly will be one to reckon with."
Sports

U.C. on the Sea

BY MARK LEISER
Of The Grizzly

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Club, please contact Randy Leiser at 454-0712 or Jesse Searfoss at 454-9793.

GRIZZLIES SPLIT: DEFENSE SHINES

COMPILED FROM SPORTS INFORMATION REPORTS

The Ursinus Grizzlies' football season got off to a fast start with a 23-16 victory at Georgetown University on September, Saturday, 12. Ursinus began a comeback from a 10-0 deficit with a fumble recovery by freshman defensive lineman Dan Ben-Tal on the Georgetown 6-yard line. It was converted into a touchdown a few plays later when tight end Dan Mullen caught one of quarterback Ed Wojcik's two touchdowns of the day.

Also on offense, junior running back/kick returner Bill "Scooter" Sedgwick picked up 228 total yards on the day--102 rushing with a touchdown and 126 on kickoff returns.

The defense played a large part in the victory as well, with Ursinus' defense keeping the Grizzlies' quarterback six times for losses totaling 40 yards. Additionally, Georgetown could only manage 11 yards rushing, while turning the ball over four times (two interceptions and two fumbles lost).

Last Saturday, Ursinus lost 13-6 at Franklin & Marshall, but Sedgwick passed the 1,000-yard mark for his career by rushing for 130 yards on 29 carries. Dave Billitto scored the only Ursinus touchdown, since UC had a 65-yard touchdown called back due to a penalty.

Defensively, UC was led by Brian Edens (13 tackles), Chris Padula (eight tackles), and four interceptions--by Edens, Al Antonello, Kevin Flanigan, and Tim Mulvihill. The next opponent for the Bears is Western Maryland on Saturday at 1:30.

SPORTS WRITERS WANTED!!!
If you like sports and can write, we've got a job for you!!! For more information, contact: Harley David Rubin at 454-0712 or Jesse Searfoss at 454-9793.

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Rick Camp, Blake Herr, Tom Koester, Mark Leiser, President Randy Leiser, Tony Saranacos, T.J. Siggelakis, and Christian Sockel. Several other freshmen have also expressed interest in competing.

If anyone would like more information concerning the Sailing Club, please contact Randy Leiser at 454-0345.

Sports Beat

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22
Field Hockey @ Drexel (V + JV)
3:30 pm
Volleyball @ Neumann
6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2
Soccer at Albright
4:00 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Field Hockey at Bucknell
3:30 pm
Men's Cross Country vs. Valley Forge CC
4:00 pm
Volleyball vs. Wilmington @ Eastern
6:00 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (Parents' Day)
Women's Cross Country at Phila. Metro
10:30 am
Volleyball vs. Gettysburg @ Swarthmore
11:00 am
Soccer vs. Drew
11:30 am
Football vs. Western Maryland
1:30 pm

X-Country Runs Away

BY DAVE WEISS
Of The Grizzly

This past Thursday, September 17, the Ursinus men's cross country team travelled to Eastern College to compete in their first invitational. The Ursinus men performed superbly in victory, running all over Eastern, Williamstown Trade, Rutgers, and Columbia University. Ursinus' David Weiss captured first place, covering the five-mile plus course in 29 minutes and 45 seconds. Shortly behind Weiss finished teammates Joe Robinson, Jason Harrell, James Downey, Dan Bubb, and Ryan Savitz.

The next meet for the men's team will be held here at Ursinus this Thursday, September 24 at 4:00, against Valley Forge Community College.

Harley's Haven

BY HARLEY DAVID RUBIN
Sports Editor/Authority

Hey! sports fans, I love ya! You know, if absence makes the heart grow fonder, what will being stuck in Collegeville for the next seven months do to the heart? Anyway, it's great to be back, especially after such an eventful summer in Philadelphia sports. Haven't fear, I'll be targeting each and every Philadelphia team with my usual keen analysis and rapier-like wit.

For all my first-time readers out there, welcome to Harley's Haven. Every week in the sports section of this paper you'll find this column, where I babble incessantly about things that only I care about. But hey--anyone who wants to write for this section is more than welcome.

Leading off will be the Phillies, who have sunk to new depths despite my eternal high hopes. Injuries and poor play have turned around totally obliterated any shot at contending, even in the pathetic NL East. The bright spots (you know I'd find a few): John "I eat, therefore I hit" Kruk and his flirtations with the batting title; Darren Brown (eight tackles), and four interceptions--by Edens, Al Antonello, Kevin Flanigan, and Tim Mulvihill.

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Whoa! I can't even cover all the happenings in one column. So I'll have to pick and choose. The first thing that came to mind is the Flyers' acquisition of Eric "So what if I haven't played an NHL minute yet" Lindros. This kid (I call him that because I'm about a month older than he is) has the greatest "potential" to hit hockey in a while, and the Flyers really rolled the dice in giving up half their team plus millions of dollars plus draft picks for him. But I think that GM Russ Farwell did the right thing, not only because Lindros is probably the real deal, but because you've got to pull the trigger when a team misses the playoffs for three straight years. Now if only Los Angeles and the Phillies could learn from these herses.

Now comes the end of this week's column, and those of you who have read me before know what's coming...The Clamer House of Champions Rules/Cheers Trivia Question! This week's question (we'll start off easy): What was the name of Norm's sister-in-law who came to visit and paraded around Norm's house? Answer in next week's Haven. Speaking of naked, I'm all tingly after writing this--I need a cool shower.

Remember, I'm Harley David Rubin, and (for all you cute new freshmen out there) I'm currently single!