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Amen, It's Over!
Congratulations to the Sorority Pledge Classes of 1992

BY MARK LEISER
AND IAN RHILE
Of The Grizzly

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UC Grad Makes Scientific Breakthrough

BY MIKE PIZZI
Of The Grizzly

Joseph M. DeSimone, Ph.D., a 1986 graduate of Ursinus College, presently assistant professor of Chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has made a scientific breakthrough in environmentally safe fluoropolymers. Fluoropolymers are used as lubricants in computer disc drives, protective coatings, and aircraft fuel sealants. Teflon coated crockware is one of the most common protective coatings. Until now there have only been two ways to make fluoropolymers. One is to use freon type solvents which have proven environmentally damaging to the earth’s ozone layer; the other is to use water based solvents but this is said to create tremendous water waste which is at times contaminated. The new method will use a carbon dioxide based solvent to produce the polymer. Although carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas no carbon dioxide is produced in the process; it is just used. This is an environmentally clean and non-toxic way of producing fluoropolymers. For a more specific explanation of the process see the 8/14 issue of "Science" authored by DeSimone, Guan, and Elsbernd. Professor DeSimone graduated from Perkiomen Valley High School in 1982 and went on to study chemistry at Ursinus College and received his Ph.D. at Virginia Tech. He resided in Collegeville and married the former Suzanne Griffith of Skypack. His recent awards have been the 92-93 Unilene Exploratory Research Award and the 1992 Jr. Faculty Development Award.

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Freedom of Press Forum

FROM COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS

A leading constitutional scholar and other experts on the media and the freedom of the press will be features speakers at a community forum titled "Congress Shall Make No Law: The continuing Struggle for Freedom of the Press," at 7:30 P.M., Oct. 15, at North Penn High School in Lansdale. The forum will be held in Seminar Room C-39, and is free and open to the public.

The forum is being co-sponsored by Ursinus College and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council through a grant from The Freedom Forum. It is one of a series of forums on the Bill of Rights which have been held throughout the commonwealth during the last year in recognition of the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

Dr. Henry Abraham of the University of Virginia, a leading U.S. constitutional scholar, will open the program with a speech entitled, "Drawing the Lines Between Media Rights and Responsibilities." He will be followed by Dr. Gerard Fitzpatrick of the Ursinus College faculty, whose topic will be "Does Freedom of the Press Protect Reporters Against Compelled Disclosures of Confidential News Sources?" During the second part of the program there will be presentations and a panel discussion among four speakers, two of them representatives of the media, and the others an attorney and a political scientist. The panelists and their topics are:

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Global Perspectives

BY MARK LEISER
Of the Grizzly

INTERNATIONAL

--One hundred sixty three people were killed when a Nigerian military plane crashed shortly after taking off from Lagos. Many of the victims were high ranking Nigerian officers heading back to an elite academy in a Northern Province.

--The United States, along with Italy and Columbia, has claimed to have arrested more than 165 people on charges related to laundering money from cocaine sales.

NATIONAL

--Ten months after retiring from professional basketball, Ervin "Magic" Johnson has announced his plans to return to the Los Angeles Lakers. Magic hopes to play between 50-60 games in the upcoming NBA season.

--Campaign officials of both President Bush and Governor Bill Clinton met to discuss the possibility of televised debates. Bush has made a proposal to Clinton of four televised debates on four successive Sundays, with the last debate being just two days prior to the election.

--Ross Perot is once again a candidate for the Oval Office. Perot announced his return to the campaign on Thursday, creating new uncertainties for President Bush and Governor Clinton in the final weeks before Election Day.

--Quote of the Week: "God has put me here to play basketball, to do my thing on the court. So that's where I'm going to do my thing, on the court."
--Magic Johnson on his return to the NBA

Grizzly meetings are held every Monday night at 6:00 (not 6:15, as some might tell you) in the Publications Room (Bomberger3) All are welcome to attend, especially those with an interest in writing for us.
Roving Reporter

BY AUDRA BOETTCHER & DENISE MORETZ
Of the Grizzly

QUESTION: How do you feel about the crack-down on parties in Reimert? What are your suggestions to remedy the situation?

Amy Yeakel—Senior
-I don’t think administration is really trying to find a solution to the real problem. It seems a few bad incidents have ruined it for everyone. We all need to work together to help people learn to drink responsibly and hopefully a lot of help will come from the Greek organizations.

Dick Salmon—Junior
-I don’t think that the administration knows what the problem really is or how to solve it. So, in a last resort effort, they stop parties all together. The real problem is that freshmen don’t know their limits and try keeping up with the upperclassmen.

Dave Fosbenner—Sophomore
-It is my feeling that administration wants to solve the wrong problem. The problem is not the drinking at Reimert parties, but the drinking outside Reimert in the dorms. You don’t fix a broken toe by cutting off your foot.

John Bartholomew—Junior
-I really don’t blame them. The way certain students have handled their drinking habits would scare any school into taking action. Why doesn’t everyone just sit back and relax, and see what happens? The administration has been very cooperative in the past; I’m sure they will be open-minded this time, too. Regular visits to the hospital don’t give a college a good name. Let’s all learn how to drink!

Marcy Machos—Freshman
-I don’t think the strict crackdowns are called for. I think parties should still be allowed as long as they are kept under control. The incidents that have happened are not the fault of the entire campus so the entire campus should not be punished for them.

Brian Schmidt—Junior
-I guess administration is doing what they have to do, but I don’t agree with how strict they are being. The people that are having the parties should try to keep an eye on how intoxicated people are so that no one gets out of hand.

Collette Baldasare—Junior
-I think it’s unfortunate that a few freshmen who can’t handle their alcohol have to ruin it for the people who have been here for years who can. Instead of having party training for Reimert suites only, maybe they should have a program for freshmen as well.

Tom You—Freshmen
-I disagree with the choice of no parties on Reimert. I do believe there should be a limit to the amount of alcohol students can consume at parties.

Megan Love—Senior
-I think the school should not be so strict about drinking because when people cannot have something, it makes them want it even more. As far as colleges go, Ursinus has always had a somewhat relaxed drinking policy. Up until this year, the students have always been capable of handling their liquor. It is extremely sad that the normal party scene at Reimert is changing and everyone must suffer because of the actions of a few. Please let us enjoy our college years.

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A small shift in direction at the outset of a journey will have an enormous impact on the remainder of the trek.

For instance, an initial course change of only a couple of degrees will leave a flight bound for San Francisco in Seattle! The same is true with the course of our lives. Our beginning assumptions largely determine our destination! Our presuppositions make all the difference!

Consider the 23rd psalm for you are with me; I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. I will embrace of my enemies.

Psalm 23 rewritten

Where does the premise, “I am my own shepherd” lead? To life at its worst! Restlessness, emptiness, selfishness, fear, loneliness, and uncertainty. How tragic.

What a difference our presuppositions make! “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” —Jesus Christ (Matthew 11:28 NIV)

NOTE: Ursinus InterVarsity Christian Fellowship will gather this Wednesday night, October 7 (9-10 P.M. in the Wismer Parents Lounge) for fun and refreshments followed by a talk on “How to Grow your Christian Life.” All students are invited and welcome!
A Night to Remember

BY ANNETTE RAWLS
Asst. Arts & Entertainment Editor

Greetings, gossip hounds! Well, although I'm simply itching to tell you the industry's latest, I have absolutely no clue to go on; unless, no poop, no scoop. However, since I am partly responsible for the entertainment section (as well as your reading pleasure), I am going to discuss with all of you a very special (and entertaining) moment in my life--the Morrissey concert at the Mann on Wednesday, September 23. (Think of this as a modified running commentary/concert review.)

O.K., picture this scenario--a very small stadium. An autumnal chill in the air. Some of the strangest characters I've ever seen in my life. Nose rings, shaved heads, Doc Martens, and torn rims. Girls who looked like guys and guys who looked plainly scary. Well, if you bothered to purchase a ticket for this monumental event, you got all of this and more before the show even began!

Opening for His Royal Moodiness was Gallon Drunk, supposedly Morrissey's favorite band. If you tend to enjoy frightening organ solos punctuated by the playful Mexican tinge of maracas, by all means this band's for you. I personally can't fathom what Morrissey saw in these lunatics (at one point I think I heard an alternative version of the 1812 Overture; I can't be sure), but to each his own, I guess.

Once the talented Gallon Drunk exited stage left, Morrissey sauntered onstage decked out in blue jeans and a typically flamboyant red silk shirt. He opened up his set with "You're Gonna Need Someone On Your Side" from his latest release "Your Arsenal!," followed through with such classics as "Suedehead," "Such a Little Thing," and "Alsatian Cousin," and closed with "Everyday is Like Sunday" and "National Front Disco." (I know if you don't like Morrissey you're like, "Who cares?!" but for those who do, I guess this part is kind of crucial.)

All in all it was a good show, but a little lacking energy-wise and a little short on content. There were many songs he should have performed, but didn't. And I can remember seeing Morrissey at the Garden and marvelling at him singing almost an entire song--perfectly--while shirtless and on his back with his legs in the air, passing only to swing his trusty microphone around like a lariat. Now, that's entertainment!

Berman To Exhibit

Oriental Photographs

BY J.K. BURKHART
Of The Grizzly

The enigmatic work of New Jersey photographer Barry Perlus will grace the halls of Berman Museum in the exhibit, "Made of Light: Photographs from India and Nepal." A professor of photography at Cornell University, Perlus has his photographs displayed in the university galleries of MIT, Wilkes, and many others.

From October 6th to November 15th, the Perlus collection will be open for public enjoyment. The fifty-six images are collected into three series: "Temples and Shrines," "Sacred Stones," and "Jantar Mantar." The photographs are an amazing window into Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain expression and symbolism, highlighting the beauty and architecture of the Mathmandu Valley of Nepal, the breathtaking temples of Hindu India, and captivating astronomical structures.

All admirers are invited to view the Perlus collection; admission is free and the Berman is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Saturdays and Sundays, from noon to 4:00 P.M. Literature on the Perlus is also available.

Guru Tom

BY GURU TOM
Of The Hill People

First of all, allow the Guru to note, for the record, that he is not at all opposed to the placement of condom machines on the Ursinus campus; even if it does mean that the Guru's collection of sandwich bags and "really really tight" rubber bands is no longer in such high demand.

The cosmic Sit’n’Spin has revolved once more, and this time it has brought 400 freshmen with it. "Aha," says Guru Tom, "I have the opportunity to shape the minds of Ursinus' future here, minds still free of the taint of past experience." (Hmm, one wonders if the illustrious craftsmen of our new alcohol policy have thought of that yet?)

The pressure is enormous, for the Guru realizes that his every word will be taken as gospel, droplets of cool wisdom upon the disillusionment-parced tongue of Ursinus. It is the Guru's job to distill Nirvanic truths into really small words and stories involving Karmic little bunnies so that the masses (you) can understand them.

"So what, humble master, will you tell us about today?" you ask. Well, nothing. This is kind of a tantalizing preview (like the Old Testament, only better written).

But, in upcoming weeks, you will be regaled with "The Tale of the Twelve-Hundred Mongol Bunnies and the One Mean Furless Bunny That Gave Them All a Hard Time", "The Sinister Ursinus Four-Year Plan", "The Cosmos and You", and "Why I Have Pictures of Your Little Sister in My Wallet".

So until then, for God's sake, do something with yourselves.
Homecoming Queen

KRISTIN LINK - ALPHA PHI OMEGA
Biology
Phi Alpha Psi - President

MEGAN LOVE - ALPHA PHI EPSILON
Psychology
Phi Alpha Psi - Social Chair

AUDRA BOETTCHER - SIGMA RHO LAMBDA
English
Tau Sigma Gamma - Social Chair

SHANNON SAVIDGE - BETA SIGMA LAMBDA
ESS
Tau Sigma Gamma
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ANDREA BRANAS - ZETA CHI
ESS/Psychology
Phi Alpha Psi - Social Chair

MARIA ROJAS - DELTA MU SIGMA
Politics
Tau Sigma Gamma - President

TERI URBAN - DELTA PI SIGMA
Biology
Phi Alpha Psi - Sentinel

LAUREN MEDICA - PI OMEGA DELTA
English
Omega Chi - President
Seize The Day

BY ELLEN R. SYLVESTER
Opinions Editor

Waking up this past Saturday morning, I was reminded of one of my favorite sayings, "Carpe Diem"—Seize the day! The air smelled fresh, the sun shone warm and leaves crunched under my feet as an announcement of Fall's arrival. And yet I could not help asking myself, "How often do I really seize the day?" My answer was, not often enough.

For me, right now, life appears a challenge. I have spent the entire semester so far emerged in Education classes as I prepare for my student-teaching experience at Souderton High School. I have found very little time to reflect upon things in the last few weeks, and when I do, such heavy thoughts as "Am I really going to be able to make a difference in someone's life?" have run through my mind. The answer, if I reflect on my whole 3 years at Ursinus so far should be yes. Yes, I can make a difference if I push and challenge myself to do more.

In the beginning of the school year, Sue Koester created a plan to help the survivors of Hurricane Andrew and called it, "The Power of One." The message, in my mind, has surpassed the monetary amount collected in the campaign. Most people, in thinking about gigantic world problems, begin by thinking what can I do as just one person? When in reality, we should be thinking that there is so much

that I as one person need to do. Last year, Keith Kratz, a 1992 graduate who I have heard is now working for a non-profit organization in D.C., brought Habitat for Humanity to Ursinus. The power of Keith as one person turned into a network of empowered people as all different campus organizations volunteered their Saturdays to help out in Norristown. The relationship became a symbiotic one; deserving people satisfied a basic human need and students from Ursinus removed themselves temporarily from the microworld in which they live. Habitat still exists this year, yet has not yet become empowered as it was last year.

On a similar note, I recently saw the movie, "Cape Fear." In the movie, Robert De Niro plays a self-educated criminal who finds out he's been wronged and seeks revenge. This movie didn't scare me; it made me think. Is it worthwhile for prisoners to be rehabilitated? What does education do for them? On the other hand, my own education has shown me that many criminals lives have been turned around when exposed to literature. I had to ask myself, is something more worthwhile in prisons gaining the power of understanding their own rage through a positive medium? I remembered I had seen signs to join up for a literacy program at Graterford Prison. I felt the need to sign up.

In one other case, I have already

learned from my teaching experience about limited choices. I look at teenage pregnancy differently now than I did when I was in high school. In the past, I would have felt sorry for my peers; now as a teacher, I get angry at the loss of choices students leave themselves when pregnancy occurs. "How can they be so smart and so stupid at the same time?" I think. So far at school, one of my students has become pregnant and I really thought we lost her when she did not show up for a week. I realized how much a part of my thoughts she had become.

Often on the radio I hear that song "One" by U2 and I wonder why I like it so much. When I listen closely to the words, I realize how much they speak the truth. "One love, one life...It's one love, we get to share it...It leaves you baby, if you don't care for it..." We all have one life; we all have the power to seize the day whether it be through one single Saturday or many days throughout our lives. At Ursinus, I realized I have opened myself up and been touched by so many people, and hopefully touched those around me. Lately I have been hearing so much about campus life, Greek life, racial problems. While those problems are important now, there are so many more urgent things that need addressing. There are so many more people whose choices are running out; there are so many of us with so much to give, if only we seize the day.

Why Bother

BY TOM WILUSZ
Editor-in-Chief

First of all, Hi, I'm the guy responsible for whatever's wrong with this paper, and for giving credit to the right person for whatever's right with it. Drop me a line, tell me how I'm doing, what you'd like to see or not to see in the future. Remember, unless you work here, you are somehow funding The Grizzly, so don't be bashful. Today's lesson is on how to write an opinion letter. Before you tune me out (oops, I didn't catch that guy by the pasta bar soon enough), think about the advantages of having your opinion printed in The Grizzly. First of all, there is the off chance that your opinion alone will be enough to make some change. A stirring letter encouraging CAB to bring Guns 'N Roses to campus might stir Sue Koester into a flurry of action resulting in an inevitably postponed concert date and ensuing riot. But that's unlikely; words have only so much power, and this is, after all, a very small paper.

More likely, your well-expressed opinion may encourage others to share their opinions, both supporting and contradicting your own. Through this exchange of ideas, you may decide to change your point of view (in which case you have learned something) or you may change the opinions of others (in which case you have power and a following). Either way, you win. I believe this happened during last year's airband controversy (stop rolling your eyes, you know you learned something.)

But let's say you really want to accomplish something. It should be something important to you, not some trivial pet-peeve, or controversy for the sake of controversy (we've all had enough of that.) Let's say you're infuriated by the all-or-nothing Wismer meal policy. Let's say you'd like to see it changed. You have two options: you can rant and rave about how unfair this @#$% is, or you can put down your opinions in a clear and intelligent manner and let us print them.

Once your opinions are in the newspaper, you have a weapon. Those who agree with you may feel obliged to write in their agreements. This give you a pool of people to count on in future debate. Those who disagree will be forced to counter your arguments on paper.

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Opinions

Campus Memo

BY RICHARD P. RICHTER
President of the College

Students at Ursinus have a broad range of views on the rights and wrongs of sexual behavior. This manifests itself in student opposition to distributing condoms on campus, and in Grizzly letters taking issue with such a procedure.

It is increasingly evident that the danger from sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), particularly AIDS, is affecting the thinking and the behavior of more young adults, here and elsewhere. Responsible and thoughtful students tell me that, even now, though, with AIDS spreading, many students have the feeling that "it can't happen to me" and behave accordingly.

When one is eighteen to twenty-two, there is a feeling of invincibility that derives from the sheer vitality of youth. But more students surely are coming to realize that this is a mere illusion. Even strong bodies are vulnerable to STDs.

Given the range of attitudes and behavior among students, what should a college like ours do for students?

If it were an earlier time, when colleges acted in place of parents, we could set up tight rules in residence halls that would deter intimacy and establish harsh penalties for violators. Believe it or not, young friends, that's the way it really was when some of the faculty were in college. If you were caught in the room of a person of the opposite sex, your college career could be abruptly interrupted.

That parietal system fell in colleges across the land in the 'sixties and 'seventies because it seemed to prescribe behavior that, in principle, the students were expected to discovering for themselves through independent thought and judgment. It circumscribed individual freedom too narrowly and supported a sexist structure of society that worked against equal rights for women and men.

The current generation of students thus rides the tide of personal freedom created by their parents' generation and has acquired the responsibility at a young age for making personal choices that, in an age of STDs, can be threatening to body and soul.

To assist students in meeting their individual responsibility in this era of broad personal freedom, Ursinus is giving heightened priority to the concept of "wellness." While some find the word a tad trendy, we have not found a more useful one to describe a process that selects the betterment of the entire person. The emphasis is on physical well-being but does not exclude the social, intellectual, and even moral and spiritual dimension of living.

A driving idea behind "wellness" is that out physical well-being is intertwined with our total well-being; and one should be "proactive" in cultivating one's general health. In the context of "wellness," then, taking responsibility for one's own sexuality can become a moral as well as a physical initiative.

Recently I asked a student, "Do the students ever talk about abstinence as a safe-sex option?" The person had heard just such a discussion a few days before. - Shades of yesteryear!

A Need for RICO

BY CHRISTIAN SOCKEL
The Grizzly

Federal law enforcement officials are failing to sue a major organized crime statute that would effectively abate inner-city drug gangs and their proliferation. The Justice Department and the Bush Administration have devised the Weed and Seed Program as an attempt to ameliorate the preponderance of drugs, lack of education, violence and gun possession, declining functional (family) values and ineffective juvenile facilities in our major cities through a concept known as "gatekeeping." Although this federal program has good intentions and is being implemented by Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelley in Washington D.C., among others, we need something more powerful, deterrent, and inclusive when we involve the drug underworld at large.

In an effort to control organized crime, the federal government passed the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (Rico). This law prevents individuals from acquiring or maintaining an interest in an ongoing enterprise, such as a union or legitimate business, with funds derived from illegal enterprises and racketeering activities. The offenses listed in RICO include state-defined crimes such as murder, kidnapping, gambling, arson, robbery, bribery, extortion, and narcotics violations; and federally defined crimes such as bribery, counterfeiting, transmission of gambling information, prostitution, and mail fraud. RICO is designed to limit "patterns" of organized criminal activity and has been applied successfully in multitudes of cases involving La Cosa Nostra enterprises, most notably, John Gotti and the Italian Mafia. Observe the listing of crimes the RICO statute envelops. Many of these crimes (murder, narcotics sales, arson, robbery) are committed by drug gangs daily in our inner cities, not only organized crime rings. This, along with the fact that a drug gang can be considered under the law as an "enterprise," contribute to the validity of RICO's extension into drug gang adjudication.

Even though the original intent of RICO was the prosecute organized crime rings, the inherent nature of drug gangs and the distinct similarities they bear with that of the organized crime rings makes RICO application appropriate. Drug gangs and organized crime rings are not ideological. They are both hierarchical. They both have limited and exclusive membership. They both are perpetuating, maintaining, and regenerating themselves constantly if a member is "wacked." They both use illegal violence or illegal means regularly to achieve goals. They both have a specialization and extensive division of labor. They are both monopolies. And finally, they both have explicit, intense rules and regulations, that if broken, are punishable by death solely. Drug gangs do exist as enterprises and working networks, that commit illegal criminal acts which fall under the RICO statute. RICO is a legitimate prosecutorial tool towards drug gang enterprises and the overwhelming similarities between them and organized crime rings qualify them for indictment under the statute as defined.

Criminal RICO is the only statute in the United States that enables the government to present a jury with the whole, inclusive picture of how an enterprise, such as a drug gang, operates and proliferates. To prosecute the drug gang per member, obviously it would not be economically feasible or practical. It would also be outright laughable because drug gangs are self-perpetuating and very able and prepared to fill vacancies if one of them were arrested, killed, or incarcerated. Vicarious leaders lurk in every niche of organized crime rings as well as drug gangs. Some advantages to applying RICO to the prosecution of drug gangs as well as organized crime rings are as follows: ability to indict the entire drug hierarchy for all the diverse crimes that fall under RICO while facilitating mass trials, asset forfeiture and procurement of all monies used in illegal sales, permission to prosecute an ongoing offense(s) in any district in which the offense was begun, continued, or completed, and the threat of lengthy sentences (5, 10, 20 yrs.) and adequate fines (starting at 25,000) can be levied.

If the U.S. Justice Department and state law enforcement officials are true soldiers in their "War on Drugs," they must realize the benefits of extending the RICO statute into the prosecution of drug gangs as well as organized crime rings. The degradation of our inner cities and its youth due to drug gang hegemony is reprehensible. Failure to apply RICO is neglecting the latitude that the law was predicted upon.

A Letter to the Editor

David Heath Webb, hereafter a DHW, in a letter published in the Grizzly (9/22) made several statements about the ethical status of condom distribution. What I found most disturbing about his letter was not so much his opposition to distributing condoms on campus, but rather his views on the nature of ethical discourse. He seems to believe that Ursinus College would be failing to provide a "solid liberal education by permitting discussion as to the merits of college-supported condom distribution, a discussion with which DHW "totally disagrees." These statements, along with several others, lead me to believe that DHW and those who would argue in a similar manner possess a fundamental misunderstanding of both ethical discourse as well as liberal education.

Moral issues are by their very nature contentious. As human beings, we possess a capacity for reason along with a consciousness of our existence which enables us to make choices. Also, we are aware of the fact that not all choices may be of equal value. However, a person confronts the marketplace of ideas, one becomes acutely aware of the great diversity of opinions which arise from ethical issues.

Though we are able to make choices, and we are aware that not all choices may be equally choiceworthy, we are far from any consensus as to how we should decide the most complex ethical and political questions we face. Thus, as living, thinking, choosing human beings, we find it necessary to come together and discuss these issues. As a result of this discussion, we become better able to understand who we are, and what choices we ought to make. The understanding of our existence which can spring from the interaction of ideas allows us to live richer, more fulfilling lives than would otherwise have been possible.

It is at this point that one may begin to understand the nature of liberal education. Each of us is a complex human being possessing a cacophony of often conflicting views. How can we begin to make sense of the infinite number of ideas that permeate our lives? The understanding of our existence which can be gained from the interaction of ideas allows us to live richer, more fulfilling lives than would otherwise have been possible.

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We need a football writer, a volleyball writer, a field hockey writer, and anyone else interested in sports reporting.

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**Sports**

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**Men's Cross-Country Fights Tough Competition**

**BY DAVE WEISS**
Of The Grizzly

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Although the men were very disappointed with their 7th place showing, they remain hopeful for a win as they will take on Newman College and Alvernia College on their home course. The Bears count on your support if they hope to do as well this Thursday at 4:00 P.M. So come out and show your support for these men.

**THE BEARS PLAY AGAIN AT 3:30 AGAINST LEBANON VALLEY THIS THURSDAY.**

**HARLEY'S HAVEN**

**BY HARLEY DAVID RUBIN**
Sports Editor/"Cheers" Expert

Hey, sports fans, I love ya! But what I don't dig is this whole non-Reimert-party thing. Maybe I'm just a nimrod (you don't have to agree so quickly!), but it seems to me that when a person can be chosen to go and die for his/her country, that person deserves the right to go out and get blitzed before they go. When we all turned 18, we were thrilled—now we could vote, buy those magazines for the "articles," and also join the armed forces.

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Field Hockey vs. Temple (V & JV) 3:30 pm
Volleyball at Cabrini 7:00 pm

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8**
Soccer vs. Lebanon Valley 3:30 pm
Men's Cross-Country vs. Neumann 4:00 pm

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10-HOMECOMING**
Men's and Women's Cross Country @ Bear Pack Run
9:00 am
Field Hockey vs. Syracuse 11:00 am
Soccer vs. Delaware Valley 11:00 am
Football vs. Johns Hopkins 1:30 pm