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UC Helping Out

BY SARA JACOBSON
Associate Editor

As November third rapidly approaches the thoughts of the nation turn to the election. There is a media blitz of information on candidates running for every office imaginable. Of course this year is extra special because this is the year the nation will choose its president, the person to lead the United States for the next four years. This year is also special for another reason. This will be the first year that 64 residents of Kenwood Center, an establishment for the mentally retarded, will exercise their basic rights as citizens of the United States by voting with the rest of America. This past Wednesday, October 21, two Ursinus students helped this process by explaining to a small group of Kenwood residents about the upcoming election and the major candidates running for president.

Dr. Nicholas Berry, chairman of the Ursinus politics department and member of the board which is responsible for Kenwood, set up the meeting by asking the presidents of the Campus Republicans and College Democrats to talk to a group at Kenwood. Tris English for the

Democrats and Sara Jacobson for the Republicans spoke to the residents for approximately half an hour Wednesday afternoon, telling them about the responsibilities of the President and Vice President, voting procedures in general, and the candidates which each party had nominated as their candidate for the presidency. The format was informal and non-confrontational in attempts to put the residents at ease. The event was covered by a few of the local newspapers including the Philadelphia Inquirer.

After the event both English and Jacobson, although unsure of how much of what they said actually got across to the residents, were glad they had participated in the talk. English expressed that as long as the people there even learned a little about the presidency in general or the voting procedure, it was worth making the effort. Out of 75 Kenwood residents, 64 have registered to vote this year, all in need of assistance. Both English and Jacobson offered the service of their campus groups to help these people exercise their political right and vote on November 3rd. Anyone interested in helping the residents of Kenwood vote should contact English or Jacobson.

John Cafferty Coming to UC

BY IAN RHILE
Of The Grizzly

This week marks your last chance to get tickets for the biggest event on campus this season--John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band's spectacular performance. The concert, scheduled for November 1st at 8 P.M. in the Helfferich Gymnasium, promises to be a performance not to miss. And at a cost of three dollars for a ticket available in Wismer Lobby B, who could ask for a better deal?

The band's history is a mercurial one. The band formed in 1972 naming itself for the color of paint on the floor of the practice room,

and it soon became a favorite club act particularly across the Northeast. Playing a mix of R&B and 50's- and 60's- style music, the band soon landed its first recording deal for the soundtrack of *Eddie and the Cruisers*. Many compared the songs from that soundtrack to ones by Bruce Springsteen; "On the Dark Side" was a favorite, along with "Tender Years" and "Wild Summer Nights." The band's second album, *Tough All Over*, went platinum with hits such as "C.I.T.Y." and the title track. Other songs from this album show the depth and scope of the band

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Photo/Rebecca Heyl

Sophomore Shawn Holden fights off a St. Joe's opponent in a game last Saturday.

Ursinus Welcomes David

BY DORIAN IACONIS
Of The Grizzly

As you should know by now, there are several new faculty member here this year. And once again, we've taken time out to talk with another of them, Norman David, lecturer in music.

Originally from Canada, Mr. David is here to replace Tony Branker, who is on sabbatical leave. He's been a hard-core city person most of his life, but he's grown to appreciate this small setting, and the people here treat him well. In the past he has taught in huge conservatory settings and also in situations like Ursinus offers.

He considers the academic standards at Ursinus very high, so he can teach as seriously as he wants to, yet still be very nice. Overall, he feels that he's dealing with a lot of smart students here. Of the Jazz and Concert bands he has this to say: they have always been good, and he has "taken it another notch this year".

He's spent the better part of the last twenty years as a professional performing music in clubs and theaters. He is also a composer, and in fact many of his works are

being performed right now, which he finds very gratifying. Currently, he is finishing his doctorate in composition at Temple as well as a book on jazz arrangement, which should be out in about nine months.

David considers himself "a little bit psychotic" (in a good way), and he wants everyone to know it. The music this year will be very good, and everyone will be affected. Anyone is welcome to come down to Bomberger basement and talk with him. He also encourages the students to do two more things: see both the student concerts and his own on January 27, for which he'll be bringing in professionals; and sign up for his jazz history course in the spring.

David says that he "really cares about the college". He feels he has really started something which he would like to continue, but he's not sure how long he can stay. We at The Grizzly wish him, and all the new faculty, the best for his stay at Ursinus, and hope the campus community will take the time to meet him and learn more. As he himself says, "The answer lies in the subsurface." Meet him and learn more.

ATTENTION ALL FACULTY AND STUDENTS:

Ursinus College has been selected as one of two hundred colleges and universities who will nominate one student to an internship position in the Executive Office of the President of the United States for the spring 1993 term. The internship is open to juniors and seniors with a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0. The candidate must be at least 18 years old, and a United States citizen. The nominee will be asked to submit a current transcript, a 500-word essay describing their interest and objectives in participating in the program. An Ursinus committee will choose Ursinus's nominee from those students whose names are submitted. Students may be nominated by a faculty member. Self-nominations will also be considered by the committee as well. Nominations must be submitted to Dr. Nicholas Berry in the Politics department by Friday, October 30.

Looking Forward, Not Inward

BY PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

From Young Republicans

As you prepare for your futures, many of you are worried about whether there will be jobs for you when you graduate—jobs in which you can apply all you've learned, and through which you can realize the American dream.

I know the feeling. Shortly after I was graduated from college, Barbara and I moved to Texas with our young family to begin a life of our own. I started a business, raised a family, and eventually began my career in politics. I want all of you to have the opportunity to graduate from college, repay your student loans, begin your careers, and start families of your own.

My Agenda for American Renewal will do just that by reinvigorating America's economy and creating jobs and opportunities for all Americans while protecting our environment.

Revitalizing America's economy starts with individuals, families and communities. It requires lower taxes on individuals and businesses,

enhancing competition, and cutting regulation. It includes health care for all Americans, child care, job training, housing opportunities, a competitive school system based on community involvement, and choice for American families.

My Agenda prepares America's youth for the 21st century by promoting national academic standards so great schools have a strong student population from which to draw.

For you college students, my administration calls for the largest-ever one-year increase in student Pell Grants, and a 50 percent increase in the amounts of individual Pell Grant awards. In addition, I want to raise the loan limit on guaranteed student loans and make the interest on student loans deductible for federal income tax purposes.

My Agenda calls for continued substantial funding for responsible environmental protection. The United States has the toughest environmental laws on earth, and it was the Bush Administration that proposed and negotiated the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990,

which I signed as the most protective and market-oriented clean air laws in the world.

My administration also established a moratorium on offshore oil and natural gas drilling; accelerated the phaseout of ozone harming substances; added more than 1.5 million acres to America's national parks, wildlife refuges, and other public lands; tripled the rate of toxic waste site cleanups since 1989; and collected more fines and penalties and secured more prison sentences for environmental crimes in the last three years than in the previous 20 years combined.

I call upon the youth of today to take up the entrepreneurial challenge and join me in making America the economic, export, education and environmental leader of the 21st century. Let's win the peace by looking forward, not inward.

My Agenda for American Renewal empowers all Americans to make their own choices and better their lives. No one will be left behind for want of opportunity.

Good luck to you, and may you achieve your goals in life.

Where They Stand

BY MARK LEISER

Of The Grizzly

The Economy: George Bush has submitted a proposal to cut the Capital Gains Tax rate as an incentive to save, invest, and create jobs. He has struggled to get support from the Democratic Congress on this proposal, and Governor Clinton is convinced that it would only benefit the "rich."

The Clinton/Gore administration wants to stop the trend of the middle and lower class American having to work harder for less money. Clinton will also make sure that welfare is available for all that need it, but he will also require that those who are able to work have a job.

The economy is the center piece of the Ross Perot campaign. He calls for \$113.1 billion new taxes by 1998 and \$148.9 billion in spending cuts.

Perot has already admitted that his program may attempt too much reduction too soon for the good of the economy and that some of his tax hikes may have to be postponed.

Education: President Bush has not had much success in trying to become known as the "Education President." His current plan for improving education is entitled America 2000. A key component to this proposal is his "school-choice" plan. According to Bush this would create better schools through market-oriented competition.

Bill Clinton is hoping to deliver on his education promises through programs such as Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Head Start. His main goal is to allow underprivileged children a choice to further their education. He will also establish a National Service Trust Fund that, according to Clinton, "guarantees" a college education to every student.

In 1984, Perot ran a Texas citizens' committee that drew up a list of education reforms—many of them similar to the proposals of Governor Clinton. He prefers a middle-of-the-road plan with public school choice.

The Environment: The Clinton/Gore environmental platform has three main goals. They plan to reduce waste and air and water pollution by penalizing companies that don't reduce their waste and giving credit to those that do. They want to work with the scientific community to save parks and wetlands. And lastly, they plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by the year 2000 back to the level they were at in 1990.

George Bush has already negotiated and signed a new Clean Air Act, the most comprehensive in the nation's history, which will cut acid rain emissions in half. The President says that he realizes the environment is not the only issue, and he does not want to bankrupt the nation with unnecessary and unwanted environmental restrictions.

No one knows what Perot would say on the environment because he has made few comments on the issue, and has no record to assess.

Health Care: President Bush wants to help more Americans buy private insurance by giving vouchers up to \$3,750 to poor and middle income families. Even Bush officials admit that under this plan, up to 5 million Americans could remain uninsured.

Governor Clinton wants to require businesses to buy health insurance for workers and their families. He would give tax breaks to those companies that couldn't afford it.

Perot's stance on health care, like on almost every other issue but the economy, is too vague to analyze. He wants to "reach a consensus on a set of principles" and "encourage problem solving by everyone involved." He does have plans for a package for "universal coverage," but he hasn't yet said who it would cover or how it would be paid for.

Halloween Party

BY HOPE RINEHIMER

Of the Grizzly

Alpha Sigma Nu and Wisner Lower Lounge will present a Halloween party on Saturday night. Plans for the evening include dancing, bobbing for apples, carving pumpkins, shaving balloons, and a number of various other surprises. Soda and snacks will be provided and this is a B.Y.O.B. event for those who are 21.

The festivities will begin at 8 P.M. and will conclude at the stroke of midnight. Costumes are not required, but are requested. Creativity is suggested, as prizes will be awarded for the scariest, nicest, and most original costumes, as well as for many of the games. You could walk away with cash or coupons for free food. Even if you don't win, you'll have a great time. Everyone is invited to the masquerade of the year. The ghosts and witches know where you are, and they don't look fondly upon Halloween Scrooges.

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The date for the fall semester speech exemption examination has been set for Wednesday, November 4, at 3:00 P.M. in Ritter Center. On that date, those wishing to be exempted from Communication Arts 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.

News

U.S.G.A. Minutes

October 21, 1992

The meeting was called to order by president Ellen Sylvester at 7:30 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

The dining hall committee meets the first Tuesday of every month and needs members to join its committee. The J-Board also needs an alternate for their committee. The art museum would like a student representative for their advisory board. All interested please contact Robin Baker (454-9691). The senior Halloween party is scheduled for Thursday, October 29. The cost of the party is \$25. The treasurer reported \$2666.86 in the U.S.G.A. treasury. Ursinus will be holding a free Halloween party in Wismer Lower Lounge for all students. Alpha Sigma Nu will be decorating and Jim Kais will be the D.J. for this event. The party is from 8-12 P.M. B.Y.O.B. The Handicap Awareness Week will be held sometime in February or March. As we speak, maintenance is working on making the school buildings handicap accessible. For instance, making all doors lighter according to code. STAR (Students and Teachers Against Rape) would like to address the issues of rape by education prevention and counseling. During the second week in November, a sexual assault awareness week will be held on campus. This club will advise any victims to counseling at Norristown Victims Service Center free of charge.

CONSTITUTIONAL APPROVAL:

The following clubs were approved: The Italian Student Society, Chess Club, and STAR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Wellness Committee is working on a smoke free campus. As of now, all public buildings are smoke free except for Thomas Hall. A letter has been sent to President Richter about this situation. The Wellness Committee would like to hear more student input as to smoking in the dorms and if any problems have come up in living arrangements. Contact Dr. Borsdorf if you would like to address this issue.

The J-Board committee discussed better definitions such as redefining "unbecoming behavior". They also are working on organizing their special committee for making the laws that they will enforce. AFAC allocated \$288 for STAR to bring in a speaker and have a forum. Whitiens and GALA received \$250 total for a speaker for the writing series. AFAC agreed to match dollar for dollar the profits of the Coffee House. Two new representatives were selected for the Dining Hall Committee. They were Jennifer Bailey and Kris Ullrich. The ticket service has a total of 12,900 in their treasury. AFAC has a total of \$2000 left to allocate for the semester. The Athletic Committee discussed Dean Whatley's retirement along with the athletic conference. The members on this committee are pushing for team status for the men's lacrosse team. This cannot be done until team status is established for a women's soccer team. All women interested please contact the athletic department. The next meeting for the athletic department will be held on October 28.

The attendance for the U.S.G.A. meeting was as follows: Robert Ladd, Ellen Sylvester, Sue Koester, Shannon Davis, David Van, Darnell Lee, Mindy Brandt, Rebecca Turchik, John Correll, Ellie Monfiston, Regina Foley, Marty Paulina, Brian Riordan, and Kevin Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. The next U.S.G.A. meeting will be held on November 4, 1992.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Baker

Last week's Feature story, "It's Greek to Me", was accidentally printed without a byline. The story should be credited to Robin Loiacono, and her name should have appeared in the staff box. Our sincerest apologies for the error.--TRW

Global Perspectives

BY MARK LEISER
Of The Grizzly

NATIONAL

--Encouraged by his performance in the last of three debates, President Bush campaigned in the South, including various stops in the critical states of South Carolina and Georgia.

--A newly uncovered White House document shows that in 1986 George Bush endorsed a plan to conceal the details of the initiative that the Reagan Administration had mounted toward Iran.

--The Bush administration's lingering hopes for a breakthrough in world trade talks before the election collapsed when negotiations in Brussels broke down, with American and European officials farther apart than ever before.

--A new study found that the Los Angeles government responded dismally to the outbreak of rioting last spring. It recommended a vast overhaul of the L.A. Police Department and other city agencies.

INTERNATIONAL

--The Defense Intelligence Agency is examining up to 5000 photographs of dead American soldiers received from Vietnam in an effort to clarify the fate of some missing servicemen.

--Relief workers in Somalia are finally seeing glimmers of hope after a town's daily death toll dropped from 360 to 65 even as a civil war continues to rage in other parts of the country.

Roving Reporter

BY AUDRA BOETTCHER & DENISE MORETZ
Of the Grizzly

QUESTION: Who has the real power on campus?

Rebecca Turchik-Sophomore

--I think the administration, mainly those in charge of student life, have a large role in seeing what goes on on this campus. As much as I'd like to say that students have some power at Ursinus, we see little action by them.

Dick Salmon-Junior

--I don't know who has the "real" power on campus, but I think that Dean Kane controls the basic rights we would like best. So he just makes the rules stricter and stricter because he has nothing else to do with his meaningless life except torment college students.

Lori Fitton & Peggy Gavin-Seniors

--Dean Kane has the real power on campus. If you want to have anything done on campus, you need his approval, but as soon as anything goes wrong, he jumps down your throat. He's all talk in his meetings, but nothing substantial changes on campus.

Tim Hannigan-Senior

--I think that the students hold the real power, but they don't realize it. All they have to do is work together and they can overcome any obstacles that administration makes.

Brad Anderson-Freshman

--To me, it seems that no one on campus has the power. One week administration says one thing, and the next week, they say something different.

Fred Woll-Junior

--I feel "Strami" has the true power on the Ursinus campus.

Robin Baker-Junior

--As a member of the U.S.G.A., I feel that this organization has a lot of respect and power on campus. The fact is that many students do not utilize their privilege of student government. With more student body participation, U.S.G.A. could use their power successfully to meet the expectations of both students and faculty.

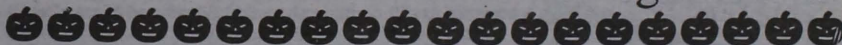
Brian Delin-Freshman

--I think Dean Kane has the power because I feel he can enforce any of the policies on campus that he wants to.

Penelope Fouke-Freshman

--Whoever deals with the finances of the school and the contributions has the real power in my

Delta Pi and Phi Psi Scare Collegeville Kids



BY ERIKA COMPTON
Of the Grizzly

This weekend, several students at Ursinus participated in a community service project at St. Eleanor's Church. It was a Halloween treat for the kids of Collegeville, and organized by Shane Fitzpatrick.

Brothers of Delta Pi Sigma helped to guide the kids along the Haunted

Trail. Some sisters of Phi Alpha Psi dressed up in black, stood in the woods, and scared the kids.

The kids seemed to really enjoy the Haunted Trail. Many of them were scared to death. The costumes, according to one little boy, were "really scary." There were sounds of chainsaws, and blood-curdling screams.

Those who participated in the project also had fun, despite the

rain. "This goes to show that Greeks do more than just drink, party, and battle administration on worn-out issues. Sometimes it seems that we must do service projects in order to justify our existence...but we don't mind," said Allen "Sheik" Clowers, president of Delta Pi Sigma.

Grave Dave

BY "GRAVE" DAVE WEBB
Of The Grizzly

One of the worst things a person can do is stereotype a group of people. But worse yet is when that particular group purposely lives up to its stereotype.

Now, I have not met many girls so far here at Ursinus, so I'm not going to pass judgement on them. (Yet.) But unlike the average young adult male, I am always frustrated to discover that an attractive girl uses her hair dryer more often than her brain. Now I'm not going to pretend that I don't hear my hormones calling when I see beautiful girls, but when they say that they're "just not good at math," or that they're going to vote for Clinton because he's the cutest, it makes me want to vomit. I want to call such women "stupid," but perhaps I should use the word "ignorant," because "stupid" connotes an inborn mental handicap, and I'm sure the truly mentally disadvantaged are insulted by people who were given superior intelligence but try nonetheless to open the refrigerator door quickly in hopes of determining if the light bulb is really extinguished while the door is shut.

For years, women have complained of the doors to the high-paying jobs being shut, that they have been discriminated against in schools, in the work force, and in politics. I won't deny that favoritism has long been given to men, but perhaps, as we attempt to bring down the barriers of discrimination,

more women should be trying to shatter the image of the "inferior female." I do have the utmost respect for women who have broken into male-dominated areas, such as the stock market, entrepreneurship, and unbelievably, even professional ice hockey. However, the lack of effort on the part of "hair spray queens" in their own education has left them too stupid to realize that it is, in fact, their lack of education which has kept them out of the high-paying and respectable professions. Maybe the "modern woman" should stop watching Oprah Winfrey and start watching 20/20, for two reasons. First of all, Barbara Walters has become one of the most respected television news journalists in the business. Secondly, 20/20 discusses important issues, like cancer and pollution, not hermaphrodites who ere sexually abused by both parents and claim to have sen Elvis mowing the neighbor's lawn.

Now don't get me wrong. I don't think automatically that attractive women are stupid. I'm even as much a pig as other guys in that I give much value to surface beauty. But a wise man once said, "Keep your mouth shut and no one will know how stupid you are." So if you fit the description of an airhead or a ditz, you have two options: get your rear in gear and make something of your life, or spend the rest of your sorry days discussing the new nail polish colors with your local hairdresser. Rest In Peace.

International Wednesday

BY DORIAN IACONIS
Of The Grizzly

How would you like to eat some German cherry cake this Wednesday at 12:30 P.M. in the Parents' Lounge? You can come there to listen to the International Wednesday speech for October. Dorian Iaconis, a sophomore history major from Wellerbach, Germany, will be speaking about Germany. The topic will be how the country has been doing since the reunification. Everybody is welcome to come eat cake (and maybe some other sweets), drink coffee, and join in on the discussion.

Features

Christ On Campus

BY GREG PORTER
Of the Grizzly

Alan Bloom writes in the beginning of his book The Closing of the American Mind

"There is one thing a professor can be absolutely certain of: almost every student entering the university believes, or says he believes, that truth is relative."

Relativism is in vogue today on the college campus. What is relativism? Relativism essentially asserts that there is no such thing as final truth on any particular matter. There are many truths. There is your truth, and my truth, but never the truth! To believe in absolute truth is to be closed minded and narrow

Relativism therefore removes any final authority or standard by which we may evaluate our lives and choices. We are set adrift in a sea of confusion and ambiguity.

The result? Intellectual and moral anarchy.

Speaking of a sea of confusion, what if mariners navigated by relativistic influence? Can you imagine telling your captain that the ship urgently needs to turn north in order to reach land before fuel runs out and the oncoming store arrives? You point to the compass which indicates a present dangerous heading. However, the captain responds by muttering, "What's north for you is not necessarily north for me," as he turns the ship in just the opposite direction.

Relativism essentially tells us that there is no compass by which to navigate our lives, only our own instincts.

Navigation by instinct can be hazardous to one's life!

Were that the end of relativism, there would be no cause for alarm. However, relativism has two qualities which cause real concern.

You see, relativism has not escaped the two characteristics it so detests. Absolutes, and intolerance.

The "absolute" of relativism is, "there are no absolutes!" Thus the term "relativism" is a misnomer.

Because relativism is blind to its own absolute, it marches merrily along thinking itself open and tolerant to those who do not endorse the same absolute. The intolerance which thinks itself tolerant can be a self righteous tyrant.

Bob Fryling, the Vice President of InterVarsity, captured this sentiment when he stated:

"Although it is supposed to be a neutral color, relativism insistently affirms that there is no objective truth and those who believe to the contrary are intellectually suspect."

Relativism has little room for those who insist that compasses can and must be trusted more than personal instinct!

The question which students ought to ask during their college years it NOT, "What is truth for me?" BUT RATHER, "What is THE TRUTH?" If students are unwilling to ask themselves this question, I fear that they will end up identifying all too closely with the sentiment expressed by a Harvard senior during his graduation speech. He said:

"I believe that there is one idea, one sentiment, which we have all acquired at some point in our Harvard careers., and that ladies and gentlemen is, in a word, confusion. They tell us that it is heresy to suggest the superiority of some value, fantasy to believe in moral argument, slavery to submit to a judgment sounder than your own. The freedom of our day is the freedom to devote ourselves to any

values we please, on the mere condition that we do not believe them to be true." (Taken from The Good Society by Robert Bella)

Jesus Christ made a claim which is quite daring to the relativistic age in which we live. He said of himself "I am the way and the truth and the life." (John 14:6 NIV)

Jesus Christ claimed to be THE TRUTH! Imagine that!

Can any pursuit of the truth (the traditional task of education) be complete without taking such a figure seriously?

All seekers of truth would do well to thoroughly examine his life and words during their college experience.

NOTE: This Wednesday evening (10/21) InterVarsity will begin a series entitled, "The Myth of Relativism." This week we will examine the effect of relativism on modern religious thought and conviction. Next week (10/28) we will examine the effect of relativism on morality (Wednesdays, 9-10 P.M. in the Wismer Parents Lounge.) All UC students are welcome!

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Opinions

Character Is An Issue

BY CHRISTIAN SOCKEL
Of The Grizzly

Why did Gary Hart withdraw from the 1988 Presidential Election? Why did Justice Clarence Thomas undergo severe controversy and profane questioning during his Senate Judiciary confirmation hearings? Why did Sinead O'Connor recently get booed off the stage of The Garden during a Bob Dylan concert? Why did President Nixon resign from the oval office in the wake of Watergate? Why hasn't Ted Kennedy made a Presidential bid yet? Because CHARACTER does count, it does matter, and it is highly relevant to Presidential elections and leadership. The popular belief that character is a meaningful campaign issue has been soiled and debased by largely the liberal media and the Clinton Campaign, who have the most to lose if Americans understand the link character has with Presidential leadership and

credibility of a party's political agenda. From character, many Presidential and national issues descend.

The Clinton Campaign has used the 1988 Bush slogan "Read My Lips..." as a major vine in weaving a crown of thorns for President Bush to wear on November 3rd. Governor Clinton, reminding the American people that President Bush promised "no new taxes" illustrates the enormous relevance of character and how it is a primary issue this election year. It also indicates the glaring contradiction that the liberal press and the Clinton camp engage in daily by hammering President Bush on an honesty pledge that was definitely a blow to Bush's credibility.

President Bush promised no new taxes in 1988, yet he reluctantly acquiesced with Congress to raise them. With the tax increase, President Bush contravened an

enormous and indelible election slogan, systematically making his statement look like a political cliché said only to gain election. It also made him look and sound like a liar. If you are disenchanted with President Bush for him promising not to raise taxes while doing it in spite of his oath, you are making a judgment based upon his character as a trustworthy leader, who promised a policy and then never initiated or produced it.

The broad character issue applies to a remarkable number of specific campaign issues. Ross Perot's departure in August-- quitter or calculator of the odds? President Bush trying to avoid calling the present economic situation a recession-- equivocator or optimist? Governor Clinton's draft situation and Moscow vacation-- political extremist or Enlightened student? We Americans have measured the candidates with the character-meter from day #1. It is

the credulity in everything that the candidates say and our belief that they will do what they say they will do which motivates our vote. This voting based upon the character issue, the honesty and believability of an agenda.

From character descends leadership. Integrity, honesty, morality, humility, ethics, sincerity are all character traits that are crucial and should be required of our President. To question the character of candidates has been mutated by the liberal press and the Clinton Campaign as equivalent to mudslinging and Republican dirty-tricks. This is an attempt to distract the American voter from becoming focused on a major issue that would swing votes.

The character of the President is inextricably linked with the success of his or her administration. If the character of a candidate is incredulous, how can you believe anything the candidate says he or

she will do once in office? Honesty does matter. Morality does matter. Telling the truth about what you did twenty years ago does matter. Truthful politicking and agenda-setting do matter. These speak directly to the character of the candidate, of a lack of honesty on the other issues of the campaign, of the past behavior, and are indications that whatever is said by the candidate today may in fact be a lie or an equivocation, to just get elected.

In a society that is experiencing a poverty of values, Americans need a candidate with sterling character that will forecast confident leadership and provide it as well through his or her agenda. Character is a campaign issue and it has cost many their political viability. The strength and worth of the United States depends far more upon the character of its leading men and women and far less upon the form of its institutions.

Letters To The Editor

"We Can't Ignore 'Pain and Suffering'"

Dear Editor,

In the October 13th edition of "The Grizzly," I was both pleased and disturbed by Christian Sockel's article, "Question the Pain and Suffering." I was pleased to find that someone other than myself was tired of hearing all of the negative bashing our country's leaders ingest on a daily basis. It is as through President Bush and his Republican counterparts have not done anything correctly for the last twelve years. Surely, no one wants to see the world through rose colored glasses, but it would be nice to come out of the nuclear holocaust futuristic movie atmosphere once in a while by noting the positive.

Christian's article was upbeat and refreshing, however it also was disturbing. I could not ignore many of the statements, but I will expound on only three. First, a study by the Urban Institute was used to show that families in the bottom 20% experienced income gains of 77% from 1976 to 1986. While this seems like a large jump, after inflation is calculated (average at least 7% in this time period) this class of people barely moved on the

economic ladder. Personally, in 1976 I earned close to \$13,000, and in 1986 my income had risen to almost \$24,000. Trust me when I say that that increase did not move me out of the lower 20%. As for the upper 5%, I would not feel sorry about their plight during these years. For example, if a person had \$5,000,000 invested in an average mutual during this decade, they could have withdrawn 10% a year (\$500,000) and their money would have almost doubled! Certainly, these were tough times for the wealthy.

Secondly, the U.S. Treasury's Office of Tax Analysis report stated that 65% jumped two quintiles during the decade. Is this astounding? Consider the fact that the average income in 1972 was just over \$13,000, and today's (1992) average is just short of \$20,000. Can anyone raise a family on that amount of money?

Finally, what I found to be the most disturbing was the Congressional Budget Office's figures on tax paying. It stated that the top 1% paid over 25% of all federal income taxes in 1990. That does sound impressive until you

realize that the top 1% owns approximately 50% of all our country's assets. Now I wonder how they got away with paying 40% less in 1980?! Also, the bottom 60% (that's most of us folks!) paid 20% less or 11% of the federal income taxes in 1990. Doesn't this show the "rich getting richer, and the poor getting poorer?"

I have no interest in badgering the writer of this article. My intentions are to show that while there are many positive to allude to in our country today, we cannot ignore the rift between the classes in our society. The "pain and suffering" that goes on in the United States is unfortunately very real. Visit the streets and slums of our cities; stop in a children's hospital or an old folk's home; spend time with a juvenile delinquent or a state prisoner; volunteer to council an underprivileged family; perhaps then we can find solutions that allow us who refuse to be miserable to do something for those who are.

Bill Buckingham
Class of 1996

On Campus Safety

Editor's Note:

After visiting home this weekend and watching my mother worry about my sister's safety at University of Delaware among the break-ins and rapists, I realized how lucky we are to be going to a college in an area that allows us to be so careless about our safety. As a resident assistant on campus, I can account for at least four of the propped doors that occur on campus (I'm constantly unpropping them!) My mother's comment was that my sister's dorm borders on the neighborhood streets, making it nearly impossible to distinguish between who is supposed to be there and who is just hanging around the neighborhood. I hesitated to remind her that Ursinus does basically the same thing, but instead reminded her that Chief Clawson lives right across the street from my house. This started me thinking that we are lucky--but is it just luck, and is it just a matter of time until we begin having more trouble with safety on campus? I wouldn't be surprised if we continue to leave doors and windows wide open for

everyone driving by on Main Street to look in and see all of our high tech stereo and video equipment. Besides this, however, my personal gripe happens to be with those campus lights which are supposed to be allowing us to walk safely on campus with less fear of muggers and rapists. Everyone should know which ones--they continually flick off when you walk by them instead of lighting the way! My point is not to place blame on campus security, but rather to bring this matter "to light" on campus. I feel that getting these lights fixed is just as important as trying to get students to lock their doors and protect their belongings. One of the missions of the college is to prepare students to become conscious citizens; there are few places left in the world where people can afford to leave their doors wide open and where they can walk the street completely free of fear. My suggestion is that it's better to start now.

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Campus Memo

BY RICHARD P. RICHTER
President of the College

BOARD DAY: Lunch-bound students on Friday, October 23 who peered into the Wismer Parent's Lounge saw the College's Board of Directors in session for its regular fall meeting.

The Board is made up of 38 men and women who constitute the legal corporation that is Ursinus College. They volunteer for this serious responsibility because of their commitment to the educational mission of Ursinus and its principles and traditions.

Ursinus is a private non-profit corporation. The Board members receive no pay; indeed, they contribute large sums of their own money through our fund-raising program for the annual operating budget and for endowment and physical plant enhancement.

About two-thirds of the members are graduates of Ursinus. They sat in classrooms that current students sit in. They were members of Demas, O Chi, and other familiar student organizations. The know all about the tree in the end zone of Patterson Field. They wear neckties colored red, old gold, and black.

Most important of all, they value the liberal education that they experienced as students here.

We tell students that a liberal education will equip them with the knowledge and skills that will allow them to adapt and grow throughout their careers. A former president of Ursinus, my mentor, Donald L. Helfferich, himself an alum and Board member, used to say, "Ursinus is preparing you not for your first job but for your fifth job." Our Board members understand the significance of such an assertion, because they entered their professional lives with their Ursinus diploma and in one pursuit or another have all excelled.

Several are lawyers. Several are doctors. A number of the are business executives. One is the Chair of the Federal Election Commission; she is very busy right now, dispensing federal funds to the national political candidates.

Among our non-alumni Board members, we have leading professionals. One is the president of the American Philosophical Society. Another was Dean of the Penn Medical School for a good many years. One is a major administrator of the Graduate Center

of the City University of New York. One is the president of the Collegeville Flag and Manufacturing Company, our corporate neighbor. And so on.

It is the custom of the Board to invite a student guest to each meeting. Like students before her, this fall's guest, Kathy Tatsis, saw a procession of Board committee chairpersons report on the deliberations of their committees—from the executive and finance committees to the athletics, library, and art museum committees.

Through its committees, the Board makes the basic policy decisions on the direction of Ursinus. The Daily life of a student and the policy-making deliberations of the Board may seem far apart. But they are not. The Board sets the tone and the conditions under which professors teach and students learn.

We who inhabit the campus every day are fortunate that we are supported and encouraged by a vitally interested Board of Directors. The Board invites a group of students to join them for lunch when they are on campus for their three meetings a year. If you would like to be considered for such an invitation, please let me know.

The Need for a Coffeehouse

BY MATT CORDES
Of The Grizzly

In a community as small as the Ursinus campus, the need for change can be quickly eliminated, or easily overlooked. The student-expressed desire for an alternative gathering place, for example, has been taken on by a small group of students and faculty members. The Ursinus Coffeehouse Cooperative is intended to provide students with an opportunity to enjoy gourmet coffees and teas in an intellectually stimulating atmosphere. As a cooperative, the success or failure of this venture depends on the amount of student interest it generates. The initial A.F.A.C. funding is intended to cover start-up costs, but a majority of the \$1500 allocated has been given as a loan; money the committee hopes to see back in its accounts by the end of the school year. In order to meet this financial need, the coffeehouse is raising money through the sale of memberships.

A fee of \$5.00 per semester entitles a student to reduced prices on coffeehouse goods, as well as an opportunity to attend functions, such as the sampling of specialty items in order to determine what will be offered in the future. In addition to these benefits, though, members are given a chance to indicate their support for a project that is designed by and for students. The Coffeehouse Cooperative offers the Ursinus community an opportunity to initiate some much-needed change. As a forum for student artists of all types, as well as a non-alcoholic (or post-alcoholic) meeting place, the coffeehouse can become a permanent facet of campus life, or fail outright. The decision lies in the hands of the students. Here's hoping that the long-standing tradition of apathy at Ursinus does not ruin this unique and exciting opportunity.



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To the Editor:

I am writing this as a concerned alumnus of Ursinus College. I cannot believe the gross negligence of administration that I witnessed at Homecoming '92. I am speaking of the travesty that took place at the event that is supposed to be the highlight of Homecoming--the crowning of the new queen.

Yes, I admit that I was ecstatic when one of my sorority sisters won and our winning tradition continued. But the events that took place after her crowning made me ashamed, for the first time ever, to be an Ursinus College Alumni.

The fact that Maria Rojas is in Tau Sigma Gamma and the final outcome being that Tau Sigma Gamma lost is not the issue with me nor the reason I am submitting this letter. The issue is the administration's gross mishandling of these events and the fact that Maria's feelings were not even considered. Dean Kane treated Maria as an object, not as a person. He had no compassion for a young lady who was on top of the world. Instead, he callously ripped out her heart and left-no apologies, no explanations.

Because of her upstanding character and leadership qualities, Maria is the model representation of what an Ursinus Homecoming Queen SHOULD be. The administration should consider itself lucky that it was Maria who "won." Despite the unfair situation, she took the events in stride; however, I would not have blamed her if she had caused a big scene. She does not even want people to submit letters such as this because she feels it makes her look like a fool. On the contrary, I have great respect for Maria for handling this in the manner she did. I do not know of many people, including myself, who could have.

Sincerely,
A. Robyn Quinn
Tau Sigma Gamma '91

Cafferty Continued

with varied styles from near-gospel to ballads and with themes from politics to love. Although many people aren't familiar with the band, most recognize many of its songs, some of which were "top 20" hits in the 80's.

Although they were not as well-received, John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band's next two albums (*Roadhouse* and *Eddie and the Cruisers II*) continued--or surpassed--the excellence of the first two. And the band still improves through its myriad concerts across the country across the nation. The band has attracted the attention of many national newspapers, too; the *Boston Globe* called one of the band's concerts "a good old-fashioned house party . . . [where Cafferty] worked

the crowd into a communal fervor." Anyone who ever enjoyed the music to *Eddie and the Cruisers* (or anyone who's ever liked rock music) is guaranteed to enjoy the concert. CAB recommends getting your tickets soon--there's not much time left.

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Sports

FOOTBALL MAKES IT TWO IN A ROW

BY GAR DONECKER
Of The Grizzly

The Bears held FDU-Madison scoreless at Madison in their Saturday, October 24 win. Up 14-0 at the half, the Bears kept their lead through the rest of the game. Afternoon rain soaked the field, making the game slippery and cold. FDU, described by tight end Dan Mullen as a "big team," played a tough game, but Ursinus had superior execution. The win was especially sweet because it avenged last year's 17-10 loss to the same team. After a scoreless first quarter, Ursinus scored twice in the second.

In addition to senior Mullen, Mark Parks, a freshman running back, scored. Though low-scoring, the game was not uneventful. Bill Sedgwick rushed for 160 yards, breaking his own single-season rushing record (he rushed for 845 yards last season). Starting next week, Sedgwick will be shooting to be the first player in Ursinus history to rush for over 1000 yards in a season. The Bears' next game is at Ursinus against WPI. Watch the offensive line, somewhat weakened by previous injuries, because, says Sedgwick, "Gene Barnes will be making a comeback." Barnes has been out because of knee injuries.

ATTENTION!!! (AGAIN!!!)

The Sports Department of the Grizzly humbly requests the pleasure of your company if you are not illiterate and would like to inform your fellow Grizzlies about the doings of your sports teams. Since we have yet to receive a R.S.V.P., we beseech you to show up at the weekly Grizzly meeting on Mondays at 6:15 pm in the Student Publications Office at the top of Bomberger Hall (library side). Hey--maybe the Assistant Sports Editor will show up!

SPORTS SUMMARY

FROM SPORTS INFORMATION

Soccer

Freshman midfielder Chuck Moore scored off an assist from fellow freshman halfback Peter Holcombe with 1:19 left in the second overtime period, and Ursinus blanked host Washington College 1-0 in a Middle Atlantic States Conference Southeast Section

match on October 13. Washington outshot Ursinus 13-10, but senior goalie/forward Sean Reilly saved 10 shots to record his first career shutout inn goal. The win was Ursinus' third straight.

Cross-Country

Junior Jen Orehowsky set a new course record in winning the Allentown Invitational cross country meet on October 17.

Orehowsky completed the 3.1-mile course in 18:46. Although the Ursinus men placed 16th out of 25 teams, senior Dave Weiss posted a career-best time of 26:26 on the five-mile course, finishing 17th overall. On October 24, at the Drew Invitational, the men's team finished in first place with 23 points. Weiss came in first, with freshman Joe Robinson placing third and senior Danny Bubb coming in fourth.

SPORTS BEAT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27	
Field Hockey vs. Rutgers (V & JV)	2:00 pm
Volleyball vs. Haverford (V & JV)	6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28	
Soccer vs. Swarthmore	3:00 pm
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29	
Field Hockey vs. Princeton (V & JV)	2:00 pm
Men's Cross-Country vs. Williamston & Alvernia	4:00 pm
Volleyball vs. Allentown	7:00 pm
LAST HOME GAME!!!	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31--HALLOWEEN	
Soccer vs. Widener	12:00 pm
Field Hockey at American	1:00 pm
Football vs. WPI	1:30 pm

Field Hockey

Ball State (11-2) scored two early goals and held on to defeat host Ursinus (5-8) 2-1 on October 17. UC's goal was scored by junior Kara Smith from an assist from junior Kara Raiguel with 10:19 to play. Ursinus upped its record to 6-8 on October 18 with a 3-2 win over Cornell (4-5-2). The win snapped a two-game losing streak. junior Anmarie Lukens scored a goal and assisted on senior Evelyn Kousoubri's first goal of the season. Senior Betsy Laskowski gave UC a 2-0 lead with her goal at 24:33. Cornell made it close in the second half, but junior goalie Hope Arroligh made three outstanding saves in the final moments, finishing the game with 16 total saves.

HARLEY'S HAVEN

BY HARLEY DAVID RUBIN
Not To Be Confused With
The News Editor

Hey, sports fans, I love ya! Did you miss me over these past two weeks? Come on, you know you did--you even felt guilty about it. Speaking of guilt, and wrongdoing, and politics, how about those debates? I thought that for the most part, they were very entertaining. (THE HAVEN'S PERSONAL HIGHLIGHT: Admiral James "Grandpa" Stockdale and the hearing aid incident.) Next week, I'll tell you who I'm voting for and why (like you care), but this week I'll give you the following: TOP SEVEN REASONS TO GET OFF YOUR KEISTER AND VOTE

1. Hey now--Madonna says we should vote--what more do you need?
2. What else do you have to do on a Tuesday afternoon in November?
3. We need to make sure that Morris the Cat and Bozo the Clown don't get elected.
4. It's your duty as an American (and a Haven reader).
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Back to more important matters, like the Eagles. They squeaked out a victory against the Cards last Sunday, 7-3, after losing two straight to Kansas City and Washington. Once again, Gang-Green had to step up and take charge, covering for an offense that couldn't overcome the pumped-up Phoenix defense. Herschel Walker had a big day, but it worries me that they only got one touchdown against

a 1-6 team. The Cowboys in Texas Stadium are next up for the Birds, and I'm predicting an Eagles victory. Troy Aikman has never beaten Philly, and Randall has never lost to Dallas. And those are the starting QBs next Sunday. I rest my case.

The World Series ended late last Saturday night, with Toronto winning in Atlanta. Personally, I was glad to see the Jays win it, for a number of reasons. For one, they've been SO CLOSE the last few years, they could taste it. Also, they're a real class organization, with good guys like Joe Carter, Dave Winfield, and Jimmy Key. They had it all--speed, power, hitting, and pitching. But what really did it for the Jays, as always happens in October, was sound fundamentals (with a little bit of luck). I guess now I'll have to wait until March to start hyping up the Phillies again.

Those Fly-airs are struggling early, hovering around the .500 mark. Attribute this to a basically young team, trying to come together during the season. The Lindros deal, which may not pay off in big dividends quite yet, totally emptied out the defense. Poor Dominic Roussel and Stephane Beauregard will be fending off a lot more shots than they're used to due to this porous defense. Side note: Lindros has looked good, and the scary thing is that The Kid seems to be improving.

A winless pre-season might discourage a lot of people, but not 76ers coach Doug Moe. He sees progress, and we've got to remember that the team is playing without probable starting center Andrew Lang and point guard Johnny Dawkins, both of whom should be ready for the real season. Note to Coach Moe: Cut Bol before

I come down there and cut him for you.

Let's cut to the chase--here's last week's Trivia Answer: Sam received a "D" in geography and received his high school diploma in the classic episode in which he and Coach sang "Albania, Albania, you border on the Adriatic; Your land is mostly mountainous, and your chief export is chrome." (Scary that I remember that, isn't it?) Anyway, here comes the brand-spanking-new C.H.O.C.R./"Cheers" Trivia Question: What was the name of the highly-trained simian that participated in the local PBS station's pledge drive with Diane (in the episode when Sam donated his Red Sox jersey)? (Extra bonus points if you know Sam's number!) I'm outta here. I'm Harley David Rubin, and I'm not shaving this ugly scruff until I'm damn good and ready (unless by the time of publication I'm ready!)