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Senior Profile inside!

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Helen Thomas, White House Correspondent Speaks

BY ROBIN LOIACONO AND
SARA JACOBSON
Of The Grizzly

On Friday evening, February 19, Chief White House Correspondent Helen Thomas spoke to a standing-room only crowd in Olin Auditorium. Entertaining the crowd with her wit and personal knowledge of the inter workings of Washington politics and the White House for over an hour, her talk was covered by many major local and Philadelphia news agencies.

Thomas, a native of Kentucky who holds ten honorary doctorates, is currently the United Press International (UPI) White House Bureau Chief. She has been involved in reporting for more than fifty years and has long been a fixture in Washington politics. Thomas has covered and personally known every president since John F. Kennedy, closing televised press conferences with her now trademark, "Thank you, Mr. President." In the process of her career she has traveled around the world, usually in Air Force One with the President himself, reporting on all major economic summits. Thomas was also the only print reporter to accompany Nixon on his historic trip to China.

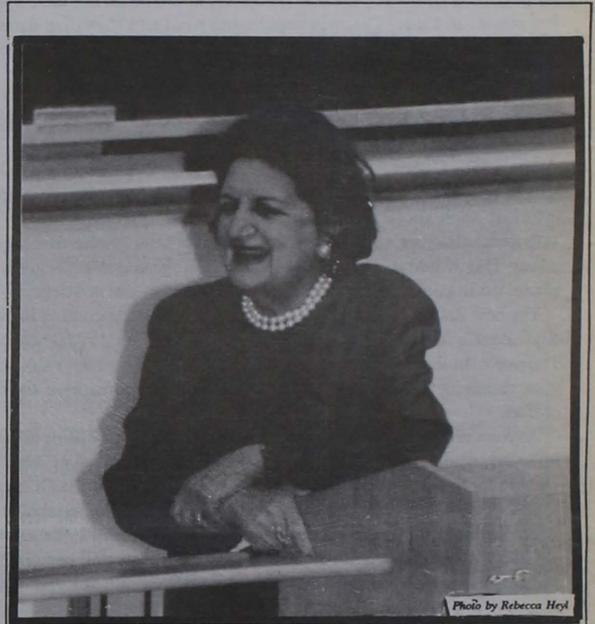
Always known for her relentless grilling of the presidents, which no doubt stems from her firm belief

that the public has a distinct right to know what is going on in their government, Thomas has an impressive history in Washington. She began working in the nation's capital in 1943 as a copy girl, during a time when never before offered opportunities were becoming available to women since so many men were away fighting in World War II. Switching over to writing radio news for UPI when the war ended, Thomas first became a member of the UPI White House reporters in 1961 with the beginning of JFK's presidency. By 1974 she had become UPI's White House Bureau Chief. The following year Thomas broke the men-only rule of the Gridiron Club, an exclusive D.C. press club. Even now of the club's fifty members, only about fifteen are women. Thomas became its first woman president last month. She was also the first woman officer in the National Press Club and served as the first woman president of the White House Correspondents Association.

Thomas's speech was filled with humorous stories about all of the presidents she has covered, but primarily centered around the new Clinton administration and her opinions of how it has begun. Speaking of Clinton's economic program and the opposition to it, Thomas noted that the President seems to believe he wants to be the

catalyst to combat the nation's ills, but wants it known that he has four years to make good on his campaign promises. Clinton may be reinventing the concept of government in his own style, a definite part of which includes making his wife, Hillary, an integral part of his administration. Hillary herself is also unlike past first ladies, setting up her office in the West Wing of the White House where official business is conducted and delegating social planning to the Social Secretary in lieu of work on her plan for comprehensive health care. A major concern, however, is that too much emphasis has been placed on domestic affairs to the detriment of foreign relations.

Thomas also regaled the crowd with humorous quotes from the many administrations she has covered, joking about everything from Clinton's jogging habits to Kissinger's ego. She claimed to favor Clinton's speaking style over Bush's in that Clinton uses complete sentences. As Thomas quipped, "Bush never seemed to know that a sentence had a beginning, a middle, and an end. He never used active verbs or pronouns- 'Wouldn't be prudent... Bad for the economy.'" She readily admits that she gives elected officials a grilling. Former President Ford once said of her, "If God had created the world in six



Helen Thomas, Chief White House Correspondent, spoke about her career in the White House.

"Anyone thinking of going into a career in Politics should decide at the age of five."

Pledging: Girls' Results From Fall 1992 Versus Outward Bound, 1993

BY ERIKA COMPTON
News Editor

The grades for the 1992 sorority pledge classes were recently calculated. The grade point averages for every sorority fell, some drastically and some only a little. The grades dropped more this year than they ever had before.

Dean Houghton Kane believes that there is a connection between the shortening of pledging time and the fall of the grades. "There should be no difference in GPA's...they haven't gone up in three years. I'm not satisfied with the results, and we as a college shouldn't be satisfied either."

The grades of the pledges of Tau Sigma Gamma dropped the least. Their GPA's went from 2.84 to 2.63, a difference of -.21. They were followed closely by Omega Chi and Phi Alpha Psi, each of whose pledges dropped .25. Kappa Delta Kappa dropped .36 of a point, from 2.95 to 2.59. Finally, the grades of Alpha Sigma Nu's pledge class dropped from 3.07 to 2.62, a fall of .45.

Changing girls' pledging from four weeks to two weeks had a serious effect on the grades. "It was a noble experiment, but it didn't work," said Dean Kane. "All activities at Ursinus will be compatible and mutually supported.

When outside activities hurt performance inside the classroom, we need to improve. What does occur should not detract from classroom activities."

This semester, two fraternities are experimenting with a different kind of pledging. Chi Rho Psi and Zeta Chi will be going on an Outward Bound weekend. In exchange for funding for the weekend, Zeta Chi agreed that their pledges would be in nightly by 11:30 PM, instead of the regular time of 1:30 AM.

An anonymous donor from the Philadelphia area is funding the retreat weekend for the fraternities. The gentleman is an advocate for

Pledges Grades for 1992

	Fall 1992	Spring 1992	Difference
Alpha Sigma Nu	3.07	2.62	-.45
Kappa Delta Kappa	2.95	2.59	-.36
Omega Chi	3.05	2.80	-.25
Phi Alpha Psi	2.82	2.57	-.25
Tau Sigma Gamma	2.84	2.63	-.21

leadership development. Each fraternity was asked if they would like the opportunity to take part in Outward Bound. "It would be unfair of the college to fund the

budget of just a few groups...everyone should have the opportunity to take part," said Dean Kane, "We want students to return saying it was a useful experience."

News

U.S.G.A. Minutes

Feb. 17, 1993

The meeting was called to order by President Ellen Sylvester at 7:35 p.m.

Old Business: There will be a health survey sent out so Ursinus students can evaluate the performance of the wellness center.

A.F.A.C. Report: AFAC allocated three-hundred dollars to the psychology club. This money will be used for 2 speakers and trips to Norristown hospital. Eight hundred dollars was allocated to Musser for their Spring Pig Hawaiian Luau. This will entail a pig roast and Hawaiian dancers. IFC and ISC will be sponsoring the Serious Fish band during greek week.

New Business:

Dean Kane will be at the March 17th U.S.G.A. meeting to discuss the student activities program "Bus trips to Philly."

The 125th Ursinus Anniversary is next year. Scott Landis plans on attending the March 3rd U.S.G.A. meeting to talk about plans for fun and informal celebrations throughout the year.

President Richter sent U.S.G.A. a letter about the Smoke-free campus policy. This would include all academic buildings and Wismer. Anyone interested in commenting send a quick note to President Richter.

The new Zack's is doing very well. New products are coming in every day! Zack's will not be selling 10 cent wings on Wednesday and Thursday. In the near future, you will be able to rent current movies of your choice in Zack's. Also, Zack's will be offering assorted flavored coffees.

Anyone interested in running for upcoming elections will be asked to interview some of your peers and then come up with a goal of what you would like to accomplish. This info will be published in the Grizzly.

U.S.G.A. would also like to have a leadership award presented at the Awards dinner for eligible seniors who are good student leaders.

U.S.G.A. is also thinking about sponsoring asale for personalized greeting cards that you can buy for your favorite senior for graduation.

The attendance was as follows: Janene Paist, Kris Ullrich, Rebecca Torchic, Jennifer Bailey, Alina Morawski, Nicole E. Wills, Eric James, Sue Koester, Ellen Sylvester, and Robin Baker.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. The next U.S.G.A. meeting will be held on March 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Robin Baker

Who's Who at Ursinus

In November, a committee of Ursinus students, faculty members and administrators nominated students for inclusion in the nationally recognized publication Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. This recommendation was based upon students' fine records in academic and student life areas. Last week, Ursinus received official notification that the following names have been accepted:

Michele Lynn Abruzzese
Monica I. Ardura
Lisa E. Atkinson
Michael David Baganski
Senta Kemery Bamberger
Richard James Camp
Beth Ann Carkner
Thomas Gerard Chester
Allen Frank Clowers
James Anthony Crowder
Lori A. Fitton
Amy Flemming
Heather C. Groom
Christopher J. Haines
Agostino Ingraldi
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Evelyn D. Kousoubris
Beth A. Laskowski
Kristin Amy Link
Wesley Philip Lipschultz
Megan Ann Love
Marcella D. McRae
Namish Bharat Pandya
Anthony Saravanos
Christian Price Sockel
Ellen Ruth Sylvester
Tonya Lynn Ugoretz
Kristin Marlane Ullrich
David Hiram West
Thomas R. Wilusz
Amy Marie Yeakel

Global Perspectives

BY MARK LEISER
Of The Grizzly

International

--Hundreds of Somalis crossed back into the once disputed territory in Southern Magadishu. They were able to reclaim their homes which were seized by a rival clan over two years ago.

--A new law is in the works in the Netherlands which would establish specific rules that would allow a doctor to assist in a suicide or help kill a terminally ill patient. This would become the least restrictive euthanasia policy in the world.

--The Iranian Press Agency reported a collision between an Iran Air passenger jet and a military plane in Tehran. All 132 people on board the airliner were killed.

--Civil war and poverty from Yugoslavia to Somalia has caused the movement of hundreds of thousands of people to Western Europe. The number of migrants seeking asylum in Western Europe has risen tenfold in the last 10 years.

National

--Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown revealed this week that he failed to pay Social Security taxes for a part-time domestic employee as required by law. Brown claims to have learned about the required tax just last month.

--Tennis great Arthur Ashe was laid to rest last week at Woodland Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia. Ashe, who contracted the AIDS virus from a blood transfusion, died from AIDS-related pneumonia last Saturday.

--Colin Powell, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has told Defense Secretary Les Aspin that he wants to leave office before his term expires in September. Powell and Aspin have recently had heated arguments on a new budget policy.

--Bill Clinton announced his third choice for Attorney General last week, nominating Miami prosecutor Janet Reno. Mr. Clinton's first two selections, Zoe Baird and Kimba Wood, had to be abandoned after disputes of their hiring of illegal immigrants.

Local

--A federal jury has acquitted seven former guards from Graterford Prison of civil rights and conspiracy charges. The charges stem from the beating of inmates transferred from Camp Hill prison in November of 1989.

--Prison officials at Graterford ordered a cell lockdown after fights broke out in Block C of the prison. Apparently the fight erupted when an inmate was found with a container of homemade wine.

Evaluating the Curriculum of Ursinus

BY ROBIN LOIACONO
Of The Grizzly

For the past few years, Ursinus College has been undergoing some major curriculum changes. Most of these changes were implemented during the 1990-'91 school year, or in other words, with this year's juniors. They were the first class to take part in the Liberal Studies Seminar. Actually, they will be the first class to graduate having had a totally different system from previous years. The changes included requiring for graduation a "W" or writing-intensive course

and a "Q" course, one which, according to the catalogue, is "designed to provide students with experiences in the use of quantitative data." In addition, the course load was altered. Previously, it was customary to take five three-credit courses per semester; now it is the norm to have four four-credit courses at a time. However, to determine whether or not the changes have been for the good, it is necessary to study them over a period of time.

Every ten years the school must publish an in-depth "institutional self-study" which analyzes each

department and the quality and need of the courses offered. The last such report was done in 1989, when these changes were put into place. In addition, every five years, a smaller-scale interim report is released. Obviously, then, next year another report is due for the Middle-States Association of Colleges and Schools.

On campus, there is a group of ten faculty members and two students who read the reports and recommendations, given by department. This is the Academic Council, which is chaired by Dean Akin. Together with the Campus

Planning Group, Academic Council Studies, the Academic Council studies how the changes are working. When a new idea is brought up, it is presented and discussed; to put a change into place, a majority vote of the faculty is needed.

The groups are anxious for student input about either the changes that have been made, or ones that perhaps should be made. Now is the time to voice opinions or concerns; they should be made known to the faculty. For example, if enough people think that a certain course should no longer be a

requirement, and it is brought to the attention of the faculty, it is possible that future Ursinus students will not have such a requirement. If a sufficient need is determined, it is possible to continue to improve the quality of our education. Nothing is written in stone, and any change deemed necessary by those in charge can be made. The most important component, though, is faculty/student dialogue; no changes can be made if no one speaks up.

News

Clinton's Plans for Peace

BY MARK LEISER
Of The Grizzly

Secretary of State Warren Christopher unveiled the Clinton Administration's plan to secure peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina on Wednesday, and it received only a lukewarm reaction by both world leaders and the public.

President Alija Izetbegovic, the 68 year old Muslim leader who heads the Bosnian government originally gave his approval, but afterward said he had only been speaking as Bosnian President. If he had been free to speak as an individual, his views of the American plan "might be quite different."

According to Secretary Christopher, "The President believes it is time for the United States to become actively and directly engaged in the multilateral effort to reach a just and workable solution to this very dangerous conflict."

The first key issue to the plan is to have the United States become actively engaged in the Vance-Owen negotiations. Christopher says, "we strongly support the efforts of the United Nations and the European Community through the Vance-Owen negotiations to arrive at an agreement that would bring peace to Bosnia."

Second, Mr. Clinton is trying to

communicate to the Bosnians, Serbs, and Croations that the only way to end the conflict is through negotiation, and that each side should be prepared to yield on certain issues.

Third, Clinton will begin to tighten economic sanctions, increase political pressure on Serbia, and deter Serbia from widening the war. The plan calls for the U.S. to "work with our allies, the Russians and others, to achieve that result."

The President is attempting to reduce "suffering and bloodshed" as the negotiations continue. He is also urging the United Nations to enforce the no-fly zone over Bosnia.

Clinton is trying to make it clear that the United States is prepared to implement and enforce an agreement "that is acceptable to all parties," and that he has "consulted widely with our friends and allies on these actions."

Clinton is said to be against using military power, but Christopher says that the U.S. is prepared to use anything, including military force, to enforce a settlement. He also said it is "premature to try to analyze what kind of military power is necessary."

Republican Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana has been reported as saying between 5,000-10,000 U.S. troops could be on their way to Bosnia to join a 40,000 person NATO force.

Airband, MTV Here

The 10th Annual Airband will be held this Friday at 8:00 p.m. in Wismer Dining Room. A MTV representative will also be present, scouting acts of 3-5 people as possible contestants on the MTV lipsynch show. The deadline for act registration has been moved to Tuesday, February 23 by 4:00 p.m. in the Residence Life Office in Corson. To be eligible for the MTV show, acts must lipsynch songs seen & heard recently on MTV.

For those people who don't know what Airband is, it is an annual event which attempts to provide students with a night of fun entertainment while raising money for a charity. This year all proceeds from the event will go to Laurel House to benefit women and children of abuse. The event is organized largely by the Residence Life Staff of the college and usually contains one act by the Resident Assistants which is not a part of the judges competition.

This year Airband will be MCed by Reed Nichols and judged by a panel of judges from the faculty and staff. The community also contributes to the event through the many donations given by local businesses. Prizes are given to the top three acts.

Tickets for the event cost \$5 for those not in an act and \$2.50 for act participants.

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days, on the seventh day he could not have rested--he would have had to explain it to Helen Thomas. Similarly, when the rumors were floating throughout Washington that Clinton was going to ask Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Colin Powell, to be his Secretary of State, Thomas confronted Powell directly with the question of whether this was indeed true. Powell responded by turning to a companion and asking, "Isn't there a war somewhere we can send her to?" One of her funnier statements was that, "anyone considering a career in politics should decide at the age of five." Thomas credits a sense of humor as essential to a presidency and to her own career.

A question and answer period followed the half hour speech with

the roles reversed, as Thomas was answering questions for a change. Many topics were covered, and more than once Thomas displayed the intelligence that compliments her wit, putting a belligerent questioner in his place. Questions varied from the impact of television talk shows on modern media and the role of the press as "liberal" or "conservative" to Dan Quayle's image problem and whether shows like "Murphy Brown" are realistic.

During this time Thomas revealed some personal opinions about politics and reporting. Her favorite president was the first she reported about, JFK, who she claims seemed to somehow know his days were numbered, while her favorite president to cover was Johnson. She does, though, maintain that no president makes it easy for the White

House reporters and that Clinton has been particularly protective of himself so far, often denying access to the press. Thomas is also very glad that the American public has recently been taking a more active role in activities in Washington, but is upset that women do not truly have equal rights. When asked how long she plans to continue reporting on Washington and forcing Presidents and officials to be accountable for their actions, Thomas replied, "I want to die with my boots on."

No matter how long Helen Thomas continues or whichever course the Clinton administration takes, the American public can be assured that Thomas will remain at the forefront of Washington politics, demanding of the president whatever the people need to know.

Roving Reporter

Question: What do you think the next roving reporter question should be?

"Do you think that the fraternity brothers & their pledges should be excused from the 12:30 class they missed on Friday (bid day) because Dean Kane was late with the list of pledges?"

Tim Hannigan, Senior.

"Should the Grizzly expose scandalous controversies? . . . for example, the fact that there was spiked punch at the R.A. Christmas party in Wismer's parents' lounge."

Anonymous

"What do you think would happen if sororities and fraternities played musical tables in Wismer. . . mass chaos?"

Maria Rojas, Senior.

"What's the point of pledging?"

Mike Aceto, Freshman.

"Why can't we have kegs on campus?"

Chris Canoe, Sophomore.

"Why is Wismer spending money on neon signs that aren't always lit instead of trying to improve the quality?"

Maureen Heisinger, Senior.

"What do you think of the coffee house?"

Kim Schaninger, Junior.

"Do you think that Hooter is oppressing pledging too much?"

Aaron Burgstein, Junior.

"Why is it considered 'Taboo' to sit with a member of the opposite sex at Wismer Meals?"

Dana Kushwara and Angel Steimel, Juniors.

"When is Dean Kane retiring?"

Reed Nichols, Senior.

"When is Reed getting kicked out of school for asking that question?"

Stacey Gold, Senior.

"When will the yogurt taste like the flavor the sign on the machine says?"

Stephanie Horling, Sophomore

"Is anyone going to give money to the school after graduation?"

Matt Sutin, Freshman.

"Why doesn't the grill at Zack's stay open until 12 a.m.?"

Kristen Link, Senior.

"Why is there a large green snake in Omwake?"

Chris Kakacek, Senior

Needed for Research Paper:

Students, faculty, or staff who attended a Montetssori school and who later transferred to a traditional public school setting. Please contact Megumi Uchiyama, 454-0392, in Shreiner 202.

OUTRAGEOUS

Soap Synopses

BY SARA JACOBSON
Associate Editor

As a new column on the A & E page I will be bringing you synopses of the previous week's activities on your favorite Soaps. I'll try to rotate which ones are featured to accommodate everyone's interests. Ok, so here we go...

As The World Turns

Marsha and Holden make love for the first time this week. Lilly wants to divorce Holden (gee I wonder why), but he refuses to sign the agreement, due to problems dividing the estate.

Rough sex can sometimes be more trouble than it's worth. Royce not only bruises Emily during a little bondage episode, but in the midst of all the fun he calls out "Cynthia" instead of Emily's name. Royce later apologizes with a diamond necklace to emphasize his point. Emily is a little concerned about the whole event.

It is revealed that Evan can't be Alex's kid, although Edwina claims he must be because James had a vasectomy. Trick is, James never had the vasectomy.

Days of Our Lives

John and Marlena give in to their passions and spontaneously make love on the plane moments before John is to leave for Europe forever. John decides not to leave Salem, and later at a charity dance auction he pays \$100,000 for one dance with her. Other than that Marlena is viewing the event as a mistake and is trying to avoid John in general, but, imagine that, John just isn't going for it.

Bo has finds the stone cat and rug that Lawrence tried to bury. The police lab uncovers specks of blood and human tissue imbedded in the cat, but the only way to prove it is Lissane's (which would of course prove she died in the house and not in a random car accident, implicating Lawrence in the murder) is to match the blood with a sample from Salem's blood bank. Carly chooses to trust Bo and sends him the blood. Upon hearing this Lawrence plans to take their son, Nicky, and Vivian to escape to Europe.

Billie is pressuring Jack about

getting the money back, because if she doesn't get it soon, the thug who wanted to launder it will come back to kill them both. Gus continues to threaten Austin about fighting again, while Roman continues to doubt Austin's integrity.

General Hospital

Dominique finally tells Scotty that she is dying and that there is no cure.

Tiffany, and Sean, Bobbie and Tony go to court over permanent custody of Lucas. According to Cheryl's will Bobbie and Tony should be th

e parents, but Tiffany and Sean claim that Cheryl was not mentally stable when she drew up the will and that since Tiffany is Lucas's aunt they should get him. The whole thing may turn nasty as Tiffany threatens to expose dirt about Bobbie's past.

Karen and Jason break up as she gets back together with Jagger. *NOTE* look for a knock down drag out fight between Jason and Jagger over Karen on February 24.

Ned is threatening to ruin Jenny, but Paul has come up with a scheme to stop him.

Guiding Light

Hart Jessup is back in Springfield two days after the Bridgette had their baby.

Eleni bribes a hospital lab technician and finds out that the birth control pills are sugar and that the baby is probably Frank's. She rushes to the airport but misses Frank, who is on his way to Singapore to investigate Alexandra's disappearance. Alan Michael followed Eleni to Singapore only to be told that their marriage is over. Eleni ends up finally tracking Frank down and fainting in his arms before she can tell him anything.

Nick is moving in with Eve for good. They are both happy with the arrangement, but neither are comfortable with Mindy being in Springfield. Gee, I don't know why they would be uneasy- Nick and Mindy kissed.

NOTE look for Frank and Buzz to come face to face this Friday!

BY TOM EPLER
Assistant Opinions Editor

On Wednesday, February 10, the college community was visited by author Ishmael Reed. He offered insights into both his own experience as a writer and the fiction which he creates.

Mr. Reed began the evening by fielding questions from interested students and professors in the coffee house. His lifetime as a writer has led him around the world, and he emphasized this travel as important to his understanding of the misguided notion of ethnocentrism.

He addressed the perpetuation of myths which are fostered by the media, such as the one that "all inner-city families are dysfunctional." In fact, Reed suggested that our misconceptions of other people are based on what we see on television. He stated that literature is important because "it is an alternative medium" which allows us to assume others' perspectives.

Upon being told that many of the students present were writing students themselves, Reed

encouraged them to "always write"--if stuck in one form, they should move on to another, "at least temporarily." He stated that true writers are "always writing in [their] minds, always editing."

After dining with several students and faculty members, Mr. Reed greeted a large crowd in the Olin Auditorium and read from his new novel, "Japanese By Spring." Within the story of a Japanese takeover of an American university, Reed employed humor and wit to illustrate the psychological power that members of a dominant ethnic group can wield. For instance, in "Japanese By Spring," the European cultural bias that many feel the current I.Q. tests uphold is challenged. The audience enjoyed a reverse scenario, in which American students were asked questions like "Who introduced Zen Buddhism to China?"

However, Reed's hypothetical placement of the Japanese in power is more than a statement of "put yourself in my shoes;" instead, his life in California has truly put him in

the middle of an increasingly influential Asian-American society. He stated that his Oakland-area neighborhood alone is said to speak 34 languages.

On the subject of race and literature, Mr. Reed said that he looked forward to a time when black writers are not "fighting entrance" into the literary canon. He suggested that African-Americans are essentially bi-cultural, allowing them to offer a more insightful perspective than a monocentric one.

Mr. Reed's long career and keen perception made him a welcome guest at Ursinus. His visit marked the third of four speakers in the Ursinus Ethnic American Series, and there is hope that Maxine Hong Kingston will be coming in the fall to round out the series by addressing the Asian-American experience.

"Japanese By Spring" is now available in the Campus Bookstore. Look also for his manifesto, "Airing of Dirty Laundry," in the fall.

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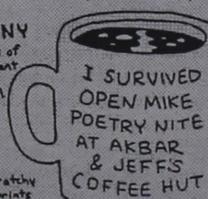
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Aquarius--You may think you caught someone red-handed, but they have a good excuse.

Pisces--Temper, temper! Try to curb your recent tendency to blow up at innocent parties.

Aries--Perseverance at a recent project will lead to success.

Taurus--Shyness may be misinterpreted as conceit. Watch how you project yourself.

Gemini--Even the best of friend get annoyed with each other sometimes. Try to be patient.

Cancer--Reassuring news arrives in a letter.

Leo--An old flame may be rekindled.

Virgo--Not being able to say "no" may cause you to become overextended. Know your limits.

Libra--Your efforts to help a friend in need will be appreciated and remembered.

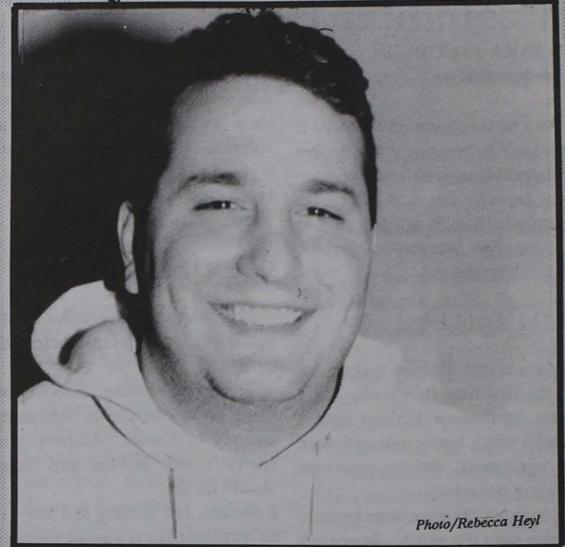
Scorpio--Watch the money situation. Stop charging! You don't want to end up in the Big House with the bills arrive.

Sagittarius--Scheckie knows it's easy to get caught up in the moment. Just try to look before you leap.

Capricorn--Sometimes it's easier to let a painful situation go rather than to torture yourself.

This week is National "Be Nice to the Grizzly Sports Editor" Week. Letters and correspondences can be dropped off on the third floor of Bomberger. Believe in Harley David Rubin. Harley believes in you.

Senior Profile: Casey Price



Photo/Rebecca Heyl

Casey Price is this week's outstanding senior. He does not participate in any extra-curricular activities, isn't a member of any club, and no longer plays for any sports teams at Ursinus. He does, however, indulge in a whirlwind social life as a member of Sigma Rho Lambda.

In his spare time, Casey enjoys music, professional wrestling, and especially apathy. Casey also loves people, and invites all those who listed "people" as their hobby in the freshman directory to come on over to The Flat to swap friendship bracelets.

"Even though Ursinus is within walking distance of a maximum security prison and a huge nuclear power plant, it isn't all that bad," says Casey. "I haven't been murdered or begun mutating yet, but if I start to they can just forget about any donations ever coming from me."

Casey challenges the Ursinus community to find the most creative alternative use for his senior profile photo. Although an all too predictable option, he happily urges its substitution for a dart board.

See either one of the features editors with your idea for Casey's photo. Prizes will be awarded in the categories of most creative and most environmentally conscious.

apathy, (noun)- lack of emotion or interest; indifference.

Roomates' Recommendations

BY NIKKI AND VIKKI
Of The Grizzly

Dear Nikki and Vikki:

I am a freshman and I hate my roommate. He's really rude and inconsiderate. He parties all night, I can never get any work done in my room. He's driving me crazy what can I do?

Frustrated

Dear Frustrated:

Since there is only about three months left of this semester, our advice would be to stick it out (or suck it up--as Vikki says). To make things easier between you guys, maybe you should say

something to him. Of course, you must realize that quiet hours don't start until midnight so you can always study at the library. Your roommate must respect your need for the two "S's"...studying and sleeping. If after quiet hours his partying doesn't simmer down, the next best advice we can give you is to talk to your RA--that's what they are there for! Next year you can choose your own roommate, or maybe a better choice would be the quiet hall. Good luck!

N & V

Dear Nikki and Vikki:

What can I do to let this really hot guy in my history class know that I

am interested in him, without seeming desperate?

Hopeful

Dear Hopeful,

First of all, we don't suggest confronting him while you are drunk (assuming you're 21 Ha-Ha), this will definitely only lead to embarrassment on your part. I (Nikki) had a similar crush on a guy and proceeded to front him one night while at Reimert, now I dread going to Wismer in case I bump into him. Casually start conversations with him before and after class or even if you see him around campus. This could be as

simple as a smile, a warm hello, or even a comment about history class. I (Vikki) have my own approach--skip the class and then ask to borrow his notes, it's bound to get the wheels of conversation rolling. (If you have a close friend in this class--persuade her to skip the class too, or else tell this guy that she takes bad notes.) Whatever you decide to do, don't be too pushy, but on the other hand don't let your shyness let this guy get away. Have fun!

N & V

Features

What's Up In Wellness

Last week Ursinus college was visited by the Women's Center from Bloomsburg, PA. On Monday, February 8, a team of five, "Power Plays," gave a presentation on acquaintance rape. The presentation was in the form of a series of skits. After each series of skits, the audience was given an opportunity to ask the characters questions regarding topics about acquaintance rape while the actors stayed in their roles.

One topic the group stressed was the myth regarding rapists. Rapists do not have to be mentally ill psychopaths who jump their victims in a dark ally. On the contrary, the majority of rapists are ordinary guys who believe in the myth of the "stereotypical macho male" and who have no history of mental disorders. The group from the Women's Center emphasized that not all men are rapists, but rapists are men. Therefore, Rape is not just a women's issue. There are a number of ways men can get involved to help victims of rape and help decrease the chances of rape;

Another topic emphasized throughout these plays was the issue of consent. When a woman says "no" to having sex she means "no." In addition, if a woman is unconscious or unable to respond to the male, the response is always "no." Once the man proceeds to have intercourse after "no" has been indicated, rape has occurred.

These plays proved to be a good way to reach students of Ursinus. Approximately 250 people viewed the general presentation given by the "Power Plays." The general response to the plays was very positive. The students really seemed to get into the role playing and questioning that took place. One male student responded that it really hit home with him since he has two younger sisters who will be heading off to college very soon. A female student responded that the plays were an effective way of getting across a serious issue. Other comments were that the questioning periods allowed for active involvement from the audience rather than a straight out lecture which is sometimes boring.

In addition, "Power Plays" and STARR (Students and Teachers Against Rape) also sponsored specific men's and women's discussion groups on Tuesday evening. These discussion groups discussed in detail the issues that were brought up during the plays. The women's group was titled "Rape Risk Reduction," and the men's was "Men against Rape." The turnout for

these activities was also successful. The men's group consisted of approximately 100 men and the Women's group about 50 women.

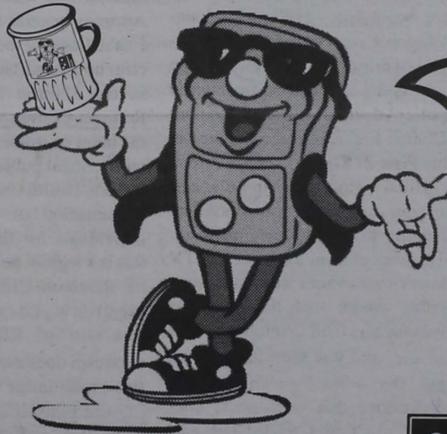
STAR has done a good job of bringing rape awareness to Ursinus campus. Being familiar with some of the myths about rape and some of the self defense

options can reduce a woman's chance of getting raped. However, if rape does occur, whatever the circumstances, it is not the victim's fault, and the rapist should not get away with what he has done. While justice is important, coping with what has happened is just as important. Recovery after a rape is a process. Bringing the person up

on charges is only a part of that process that you may or may not choose. If you or someone you know has gone through a rape experience, there are places you can contact that can help you. Two places in our area are: Victim Services Center of Montgomery County, Inc. 277-5200 and Women's Center of Montgomery

County-Norristown 279-1548. In addition, anyone interested, concerned or upset about issues involving rape are welcome to go to the Wellness Center, Counseling Center, or Residence Life for information or for someone to talk to.

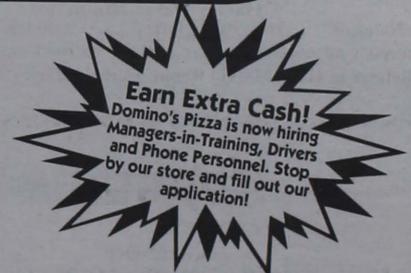
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Who's in Charge at 1600?

BY CHRISTIAN P. SOCKEL
Of The Grizzly

What America is seeing in the Clinton Administration these days is the unmasking of the lie that we were pounded with at the tail-end of the 1992 election: President Clinton will be making the majority of the decisions at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. The feminist movement should have been outraged at Hillary Rodham-Clinton's obscurity. But they were not and we now know why. Hillary Rodham-Clinton is a very astute attorney and undoubtedly will have profound influence upon the Clinton Administration. However, what the American public was told and shown about Rodham-Clinton during the campaign is not even close to the position she has moved into at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue today. The truth has been a problem for the Clinton Administration from the beginning. Hillary Rodham-Clinton's role was greatly downplayed during the 1992 election, so why is she so salient in the myriad policy decisions that President Clinton has been forced to face in his First 27 Days?

Hillary Rodham-Clinton's outspoken disposition was a political liability for her aspiring husband. This was evident after several TV interviews where she said with biting candor such things as, "a vote for him (Bill Clinton) is a vote for me, and you vote for one and get the other." The logical deductions that were made after Rodham-Clinton spilled her guts about the real make-up of the Clinton agenda led to her sudden disappearance and silence after such political faux pas. Chief Political Strategist for the Clinton Campaign, James Carville, knew that he had to displace Hillary into more First Lady motifs or America would see The Clintons as the Democratic candidate, rather than just Clinton. Queries were raised as to what Rodham-Clinton meant by "you vote for one, you get the other." This led to countless examinations into her law school years at Yale,

her achievements as an attorney, and her affiliation with the Children's Defense Fund. Certainly if she was to have such magnanimous impact on the Clinton Administration's agenda, we were entitled to know her opinions and ideas. Once the American public began to see who she really was, the Republican opposition and pure confusion as to what she really meant by her statements and who would really be running the show in Washington led to her removal from the sound bite vacuum. The Pandora's Box was opened by Hillary Rodham-Clinton a long time ago, and we are now seeing the first Co-Presidency in the history of the United States.

The theme that was repeated ad nauseam whenever Rodham-Clinton was brought up about her impact on the Presidency was never quite fully disclosed until after Clinton had won. In using the Attorney General Controversy and Health Care as a focus, it has become clear how important her role will be in the Clinton Administration. Rodham-Clinton has been given the helm of, some pundits say, the most critical public policy issue of our era, Health Care. There was no consultation of other qualified individuals for the position, and this is a legitimate concern because of Rodham-Clinton's lack of expertise health care reform. Yet, this sort of Clinton conjugal nepotism does make one wonder if this appointment was a pay-off by Clinton himself so Hillary would keep silent and obsequious on the more divisive issues during the home-stretch of the 1992 Campaign. This possibility is not so far fetched when considering the last few weeks evidence of the Hillarian influence.

It was remarkable as well to hear reports that Rodham-Clinton was interviewing all the Attorney General nominees for, on average, 2/3's more the amount of the time that Clinton, our president, had done. Janet Reno, the latest suggestion by the Clintons, was

interviewed by President Clinton for 20 minutes, and then Rodham-Clinton interviewed her for 90 minutes. Who is running the Justice Department--Bill or Hillary? Who has more of an interest in the Cabinet's qualifications -- Bill or Hillary? These are important questions because, at face value, it looks like President Clinton has taken a back seat.

If the American public was told the truth in the early stages of the 1992 election about Rodham-Clinton's huge influence and control over major branches of the governmental bureaucracy, perhaps there would not be such surprise and criticism as to her emergence as the number two advisor to the president. The confusion and delay over a qualified and respectable candidate for Attorney General reveals the tug-of-war that the Clintons played amongst themselves. F.O.H. (Friends of Hillary) were at the top of the short list for Attorney General. It is about time that President Clinton either start telling the truth about his administration or consider checking into the Betty Ford Clinic for Pathological Liars. The middle-class tax cut is gone. Promise broken. The Gays-in-the-Military imbroglio is under consideration for six months. Promise broken. The economy is still being portrayed as sick and fledgling. Myth creation. The rich did not pay their fair share in the '80s. Myth creation. The need for sacrifice is the only solution in sight, as the wooden VP Gore proclaimed last week on David Brinkley -- pure defeatism and negativism run amok. Liars need good memories. And I sure wish President Clinton would remember that it was he who was elected President of the United States. This duality of the Presidency has unleashed the first of the muddling, the Attorney General sham. I just wonder who is going to have the courage to replace Hillary if she does not make headway on the health care reform. I don't think we can count on Bill to do it.

Attention all Communications Majors!! In order to graduate you must contribute one of the publications on campus-- The Ruby, The Grizzly, or The Lantern. The Grizzly and The Lantern are currently taking submissions. If interested in submitting to The Grizzly, the paper holds weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Campus Memo

BY RICHARD P. RICHTER
President of the College

THE SMOKE-FREE ISSUE: In an earlier column I invited comments on the proposal to make all public buildings of the campus, excluding residence halls, smoke-free. A couple of excerpts from reader responses follow:

A voice for smoke-freeness: "Someone...said, 'Educated people don't smoke.' Knowing all the risks of smoking and the effects of second-hand smoke, I don't think you have a choice but to make all public buildings smoke-free. I'd like to go one step further and make some residence halls smoke-free."

A voice from a smoker's viewpoint: "I am keenly aware of

the risk I run, and have no desire whatever to extend that risk to others....I was pleased to see in the same issue *The Grizzly* an article from the Wellness Center openly recognizing the right of smokers to make that individual choice....The thrust of the article was that protecting the rights of some must not be allowed to infringe upon the rights of others....If all buildings are declared smoke-free, that is precisely what will be taking place....There is an alternative solution that does not infringe on the right of personal choice of either smokers or non-smokers. That solution is isolation of smokers to particular areas under conditions such that the hazard that they create will be confined to themselves."

The writer of this response went on to describe a very careful way of smoking in one of our academic buildings as an example of this solution. And the comment ended on this note: "I feel obliged to speak out strongly in defense of my own individual right of choice, which, it seems to me, is in danger of being abridged without the clear necessity of doing so. On a campus where the current emphasis is on the celebration of diversity, we would be well advised to recognize that it exists between individuals as well as between cultures and attempt to become a little more tolerant of diversity in the personal habits of others that are, or can be rendered, innocuous to us."

I hope that these views will help

to further the discussion of smoke-freeness on campus as we contemplate the best way to deal with the reality of the risk of smoking.

INFORMATION RETRIEVAL: Last week the Board members who serve on the Library Committee paid a visit to Myrin. They were there to see a demonstration by Mr. Jamison and his colleagues of some of the features of information retrieval now available. They saw the efficiency and power of the compact disc indexes and databases and the Myrin Bibliographic System.

In the most dramatic demonstration, a staff member showed a new compact disc source, still on trial, for *The New York*

Times and *The Wall Street Journal*. When the key word "Ursinus" was entered, the visitors saw an instantaneous index of references to the College in the *Times*. And the whole article containing each reference was available just as quickly on screen. There from the *Times*, for example, were letters to the editor by Dr. Rideout and Dr. Rosenthal and an obituary of a prominent New York attorney who graduated from Ursinus in 1935.

As databases become more and more accessible, the efficiency and the penetration of purposeful research at the undergraduate level can only grow. This will make the acquisition of graduate-school skills at Ursinus an increasingly intensive and rewarding experience.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

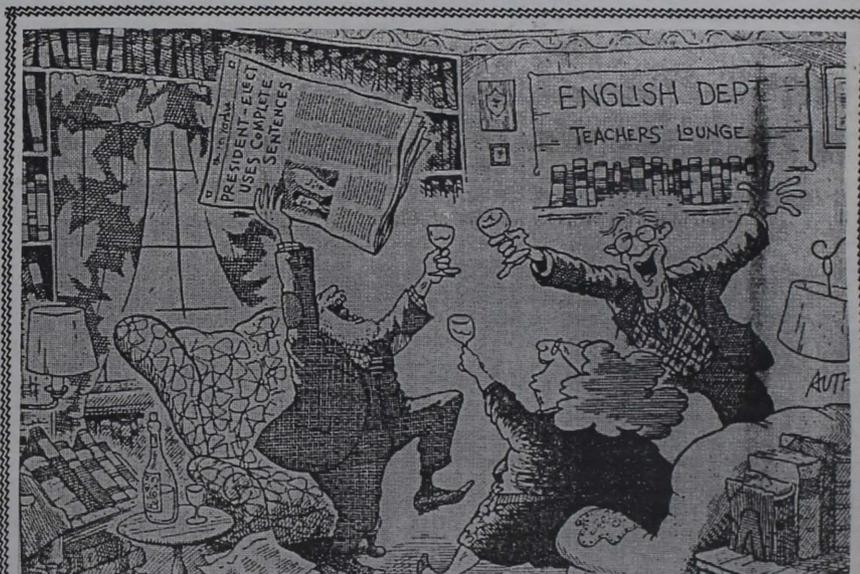
Last Monday and Tuesday, a group of young actors brought the issues of harassment, assault, and rape to Ursinus for open discussion. They emphasized the importance of reevaluating the ideas of gender roles in our society, and of considering the feelings of others and yourself. An article in the February 9th issue of *The Grizzly* shows that members of the Ursinus community need to take a careful look at their attitudes of women and men on campus and in society.

In her piece "Fox's Latest Teensomething," Sarah Starr implied that men and women at Ursinus are incapable of associating with each other in casual, everyday situations. The first evidence of this was when she wrote that in the show "Class of '96," "David...even sat down at a table full of girls" and claimed: "that would never happen at Ursinus." I urge the writer to

woman can't spend an evening together without sex and without alcohol. She believes that instead of spending the night together talking, the characters in the show if at Ursinus, "would've both overloaded on Demas Death Punch [and] hooked up (maybe even a couple of times)." I think that the show should actually be applauded for showing that a pleasurable evening does not have to include alcohol or sex, especially in this day when statistics of rape occurrences are rising and, on this campus, when alcohol poisonings are putting student's lives in danger.

The message in this article is one that perpetuates the idea of unsafe sex and dangerous drinking. If the article was written light-heartedly, then I hope the writer reconsiders the seriousness of the issues. If the writer was honest in her observations of Ursinus campus life, then I would warn the writer about the power of generalizing, and the negative effects it can have on individuals, and the campus as a whole. If the writer believes that this show is "slightly idealistic," then perhaps she can use her energy to make an effort to bring Ursinus closer to an ideal campus, instead of watching the show to see if the characters "had sex yet." If everybody on this campus displayed more concern for others, and more respect for themselves, this campus could get a little closer to ideal.

Satsuki Scoville



Courtesy of *The Philadelphia Inquirer*

A little something extra for those who heard Helen Thomas speak Friday night in Olin Auditorium about reporting in Washington.

Opinions on campus, local, national, and international issues are encouraged, to attract discussion and to guarantee a wide range of response. Opinions pieces should be 200-400 words, typed, and double spaced. Articles received by Friday can be printed in the next week's paper. Submissions can be delivered to the Student Publications Room on the 3rd floor of Bomberger. *The Grizzly* reserves the right to edit all pieces for grammar, length, and clarity.

GYMNASTS ACHIEVE SEASON-HIGH

BY LIZ MCDONALD
Of The Grizzly

The Ursinus Gymnastics team has been busy lately, travelling to Philadelphia to meet the University of Pennsylvania as well as to upstate New York to Ithaca College. The team also competing against Rhode Island. The team also competing against Rhode Island College last Saturday, in their only home meet of the year.

Turn the calendar back a couple of weeks, to Wednesday, February 10, when the Lady Bears met Penn. The meet went well for freshman Samantha Caggiano, as she performed her "arabian" on the floor exercise, for the first time in competition. This difficult move performed during a tumbling pass, is when the gymnast reaches for a back tuck, turning it into a front tuck halfway through. After her body twists, she lands facing forward. Caggiano, a strong addition to the team, also performed a "valdez" to a back-handspring

on the balance beam. Her all-around competition score reached an impressive 31.25.

Caggiano was joined on the balance beam by freshman and teammate Justine Boettger, as Boettger executed a graceful beam routine. As a newcomer to the team, freshman Alyssa Marquis also performed well under the pressure in the Penn gymnasium, swinging a tight bar routine, and receiving a personal high at 7.5.

The girls then travelled to Ithaca College on Saturday, February 13, to be greeted by 12 inches of snow, and tough competition. Despite the weather conditions and a long drive, the team together and finished the meet well.

Freshman Corrine Boettger performed a handspring vault, beating her previous score, making a 7.55--her personal record. Alyssa Marquis, continuing her powerful week in competition, followed her teammate by performing a "no-fall" beam routine.

The upperclassmen, although few in number, assisted the girls in compiling a final team score. Junior Robin Munro tumbled hard on the floor exercise, receiving a 7.95. Susan Steele, also a junior, received an all-around competition score of 31.6

The home meet against Rhode Island proved to be the best for the Lady Bears, as they pulled together and showed their supporters what they were really made of. Unfortunately, junior Robin Munro dislocated her elbow in warm-ups, leaving for the hospital immediately before the start of the meet. The girls were upset by the injury to their teammate, yet they knew that they had to work even harder to fight against Rhode Island.

Ray McMahon, the team's coach, started the meet by shocking the audience and proposing marriage to his girlfriend. The crowded stands cheered as she said yes to him. Needless to say, the girls were psyched as they began their competition.

Starting out on the vault, the team exploded off of the horse, sinking one vault after another. On the bars, sophomore Sheila Campbell performed her best bar routine this season, scoring a personal high of 8.2. Campbell tied for first place on the event, with one of Rhode Island's strongest competitors. Sophomore Suzanne LeDonne also showed her spirit, refusing to give in to a fall, and swinging a tight bar routine.

On the beam, Ursinus met with a few falls that dampened their spirits, but the team pulled together, cheering each other on, and making up for the lost points on the floor exercise. The girls were psyched as co-captain Susan Steele performed a clean routine, followed by co-captain Liz McDonald, who tumbled and landed with a personal high on the floor, finishing her last home meet with a smile.

Next up for the Bears was Samantha Caggiano, who once again performed a strong routine. After Caggiano, co-captain Kisten "Ten" Cornell executed her floor

routine with style, tumbling strong and high, and dancing the Lady Bears to a finish. The final score for Ursinus, 158.35, did not win the meet, but the girls were pleased with their all-time high for the season.

The girls will finish off their season at SUNY-Brockport, in the ECAC championships this weekend. However, this is not the end for a select few of Ursinus' gymnasts, who worked hard to earn a position at the national championships, held over spring break in OshKosh, Wisconsin. Junior co-captain Susan Steele qualified as a specialist on the uneven-bars, one of the most difficult events on which to qualify. In addition, teammate Samantha Caggiano qualified on the vault as a specialist. Travelling with the two will be Kristen Cornell, a sophomore co-captain, who qualified as an all-around competitor for Nationals. Cornell's all-around qualifying score was an impressive 32.85. Good luck ladies!



Junior Melanie Glick flies over the horse at Helfferich Hall during the only gymnastics meet to take place at Ursinus this year.

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