Ursinus Mourns The Loss Of One Of Our Own

BY SARA JACOBSON
Associate Editor

On the evening of March 19, Teresa Urban, senior class president, was discovered unconscious in her room. Despite the best efforts of EMT’s, students on the scene certified in CPR, and medical personnel, Teri died later that night in the Phoenixville Hospital.

Services will be held throughout this week. The viewing will be held Tuesday afternoon and evening as well as Wednesday morning in her hometown of Kingston, Pennsylvania. The funeral mass will be Wednesday at 1:00, also in Kingston. The school will hold a memorial service in Bomberger at 7:15 and will be sponsoring buses to Kingston on Wednesday. A sign up sheet will be available in the Student Activities office. The sisters of Phi Psi, who would like to thank the students and faculty for their support, will be holding an open house in Hobson directly following the campus memorial service on Thursday. They would respectfully request that those who wish to express their much appreciated sympathies wait until the open house to visit Hobson to do so.

The specific cause of death is still unknown at the time of this writing. A special pathologist was called in to perform the autopsy late Sunday to differentiate between the two most probable causes—either a pulmonary embolism or congenital heart disease. Teri had experienced seemingly normal flu symptoms throughout the day Friday, but toward the evening seemed to be feeling better. According to reports sometime near nine o’clock Teri, who had been resting in her bed, experienced a disturbance and rolled off and under her bed, wrapped in covers. Because she was out of sight under her bed, Teri was not discovered by her housemates for quite some time, although they had been checking on her and looking for her throughout the night.

Fortunately, when Teri was discovered there were three students in the house certified in CPR. They immediately began treatment as medical authorities were contacted. Teri, who to the best of the administrations’s knowledge was not revived at any time by medical attention, was rushed to the hospital and officially declared dead there at a quarter to 12.

As friends returned from the hospital Ursinus shut down the parties on campus and began informing the student body as to what had happened. An informational/counseling meeting was held in the Wismer Lower Lounge throughout the remainder of the night. President Richter, Scott Landis, many deans, and area coordinators were present to console and help the students.

Teri, 21 and a senior biology major, is survived by her mother, father, and older brother. Teri worked in both the alumni and admissions offices on campus and served as class president of the class of 1993 for the past 3 years. This fall she was a member of the Ursinus Homecoming Court, nominated by the brothers of Delta Pi Sigma.

Teri was an active member of Phi Alpha Psi, holding the office of Sentinel this year. Kristin Link, Phi Psi President, said, “Teri was such a good person. She was the kind of person I looked up to and was proud to have in our sorority. She always had a kind word for anyone and will be greatly missed by all of us.”

Teri’s mother expressed that, in lieu of flowers, a donation of a more permanent sense would be greatly appreciated. The school has established a scholarship fund, or a donation to the Alzheimer’s Foundation would be appropriate.

Anyone with further questions or who feels the need to talk to a counselor can contact Beverly Ohlert, Kathy Gretzenberg, or Scott Landis all located in Studio Cottage.

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"Worst Storm of the Century"

BY THOMAS EPLER
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The East coast was struck with a major winter storm during the weekend of March 12. Almost 200 people were killed by the storm. Tornadoes in Florida killed nearly fifty; in the North, many of the deaths were stress-related. Three Montgomery County men reportedly died from overexertion while attempting to shovel out cars or sidewalks from under the heavy snow.

Delaware Valley residents were warned to stay indoors and allow road crews to work on clearing major thoroughfares. An area television station provided continuous coverage of storm developments, with reporters from the Lehigh Valley to the Jersey shore covering the elements firsthand.

States of emergency were declared in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. For all of Sunday and part of Monday, interstate access was limited to emergency vehicles. Stranded and abandoned cars were a common sight among many roads.

Reports of people isolated by the storm were numerous. A father and son were reported missing in nearby Upper Providence after camping along the Schuylkill River shortly before the storm. High school students from across the country and Canada were reported stranded in West Chester University’s south campus fieldhouse; they were preparing for a rifle squad competition the following day. And in Tennessee, a group of Michigan students were rescued and taken by helicopter to Knoxville after being stranded in the Smoky Mountains for three days.

On Sunday, a layer of sleet and freezing rain encased the already large amounts of snow—in some cases up to eighteen inches. This made shoveling and plowing even more difficult for already weary road crews.

Philadelphia area public and parochial schools were canceled through Tuesday. Most area colleges also canceled classes, due to icy conditions and closed roads.

The storm coincided with Ursinus’s return from Spring vacation. Many students were faced with the challenge of getting home from vacations as well as with the challenge of returning to Ursinus. Ursinus’s decision to remain open was explained in a memo from President Richter. It carefully explained that the school was operating under the statutes of a “winter weather day,” in other words, students were to use good judgement in returning and would have “authorized absence” from their classes if unable to do so.

President Richter was pleased with the safe return of students and the “patience and good humor” demonstrated by the college community. Ursinus continued to battle below-zero wind-chill weather and high winds throughout the week, and continued to await the coming spring.
Global Perspectives

BY MARK LEISER
Of The Grizzly

International

China’s National People’s Congress opened its annual session last week to shuffle government leaders and amend its Constitution. This is all part of a grand effort by Deng Xiaoping to move the country closer to a market economy.

A United Nations-sponsored investigation has found both active and retired military officers responsible for the killings of thousands of civilians in El Salvador. The violence occurred during a civil war and claimed the life of the Archbishop of San Salvador.

A new study shows that AIDS has hit South Africa just as hard as the remainder of the continent. Approximately 300,000 South Africans, mostly black heterosexuals, are now estimated to be infected with the virus.

National

General Motors executive Jose Ignacio Lopez de Arriortua has departed to take a position with Volkswagen. The eccentric Lopez changed his mind about leaving three times within 48 hours, and finally announced his resignation by sending a friend to G.M. headquarters with a handwritten note.

The Clinton Administration is seeking to guarantee mental health coverage as part of its plan for the nation’s health care system. Mental health coverage is often only covered under private insurance policies.

Seventeen days after the World Trade Center bombing, authorities have found what they believe to be the last person unaccounted for. The body of Wilfred Mercado, a hotel worker, was found buried under tons of broken cement and mangled steel.

Local

The Delaware Valley is just now getting back on its feet after what experts have called the worst storm the area has seen this century. The Blizzard of ’93 left most businesses and schools closed anywhere from 24 to 72 hours, and created havoc for travelers.

Philadelphia Eagle free agent Reggie White has been touring various NFL cities as he searches for “a team committed to winning a championship.” White has already visited with Cleveland, Atlanta, the New York Jets, Washington, and Atlanta, and is expected to make a decision after upcoming trips to talk with Green Bay and the New York Giants.

Danceteller Performs at Ursinus

BY ELAINE ZELLEY
Special To The Grizzly

AIDS awareness was brought to Ursinus Thursday night, March 18, in a full-length dance and theatrical performance presented by Danceteller, a Philadelphia-based national touring company. The group’s program, entitled “Before Forever,” was performed in Ritter Center and included dance, original music and dialogue selected from people living with AIDS.

“Before Forever” was edited and arranged from a series of 20 taped interviews of Philadelphia residents living with AIDS. The script, a contemporary collaboration of Danceteller artistic director Trina Collins, jazz composer Micki Rossi, and playwright Robert Barnett, was both spoken as well as incorporated into a sound track of original electronic music. The piece, performed by five dancers, portrayed the hopes, dreams, anger, wisdom, and courage of AIDS victims.

Danceteller was founded in 1975 by Trina Collins. The group is based on the premise that movement and theater are a single natural art form, while the traditional boundaries between dance and theater are artificial. In many of the more than 60 works created by the troupe since its beginning, the performers appear as dancers and as speaking actors and actresses.

“The one thing most of us miss is the physical touching,” quoted one performer. “It makes us feel alone, and there is nothing worse than feeling alone, and there is nothing worse than feeling alone when dealing with something of this nature.

Danceteller has performed more than 1,000 concerts at theaters, colleges and universities across the United States. Their production of “Before Forever” has earned critical acclaim from audiences everywhere and made history in 1992 when the troupe performed the work on a 48 day tour of Russia and Lithuania.

In their performance at Ursinus, the dancers and actors portrayed people with all different lifestyles that have AIDS, ranging from homosexuals to I.V. drug users, to patients receiving blood transfusions, to people who thought it could never happen to them.

The performance also advocated safe-sex. “The doesn’t want to use a condom, he’s either saying, ‘I don’t give a damn about you’, or, ‘I’m an ignorant asshole’ quoted one actress.

The radical performance was highly symbolic and often was open to individual interpretation. However, the one inescapable message was that education about the disease, while it has come a long way, still has a way to go—especially amongst the people who falsely believe themselves to be invulnerable or at a low risk for AIDS.

Ursinus's Own Ticketron

BY ROBIN LOIACONO
Of The Grizzly

A common complaint on this campus is that there is “nothing to do.” On the surface, that may indeed seem the case, but there really is more to do than Reimert and the game room. The coffee house is a new addition that has had a favorable reception, but there is yet more that can be done to have fun. The Activities Fees and Allocations Committee (AFAC) offers several options for students who want something more.

Unbeknownst to many of us, each individual has a ten-dollar credit for the year that can be used for a number of activities. In simpler terms, if a group of people want to go to a sporting activity, see a play, or go to a concert, among other possibilities, AFAC will pay the first ten dollars of the ticket price. Because this is the first year such an option has been available, there is still much room for change. It has yet to be seen if the idea will really ever get off the ground, but at the end of this semester the whole situation will be re-evaluated; if there seems to have been sufficient interest, then this will remain a permanent fixture on the campus.

The procedure sounds complicated, but isn’t really. If, for example, a group of people wanted to go see a play, they could call the theater from the Student Activities Office. Then, having the necessary information, they could advertise and sell tickets for the event. The next step is to return to the SAO with a complete list of students, and the money. The tickets can then be ordered from the theater, and the College’s bill.

If enough care is taken, it is possible to find more things to do on- or off-campus. There are many resources available to create a rather personalized activity. Aside from the on-campus Club Nouveau, some upcoming events are a ski trip, Wings and ’76ers games, a Soul Asylum concert, a Ladies’ Night Out, and a trip to the Phillips Opening Day game. Look for notices about these and yet other upcoming events, and maybe you too will be inspired to do something fun and exciting.
Celebrity Corner

BY ANNETTE RAWLS
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Hiya folks! Hope ya'all didn’t miss me too much over the break (cuz we all know--what’s a vacation without a copy of Celebrity Corner in your hand?) But fear not--some pretty nifty scoops lie ahead. So just tune your little peepers in, and away we go...

Well, we all know that pop icon Michael Jackson made crotch-grabbing a perfectly acceptable if not fashionable dance move, but what exactly prompted Wacko Jacko to adopt such a shocking habit? Well, in a previous Celebrity Corner it was revealed that Michael started doing it subliminally; that he’s not even aware of it half the time (as if one would not notice one’s self grabbing at his crotch region.) Now, the story goes that Michael’s fans, lend me your ear--guitarist Randy Jackson, sportswriter extraordinaire Wacko Jacko to adopt such a behavior, revealed that Michael started doing it subliminally; that he’s not even aware of it half the time (as if one would not notice one’s self grabbing at his crotch region.)

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All of you Jane’s Addiction fans, lend me your ear--guitarist Dave Navarro and bassist Eric Avery have formed their own band, Deconstruction, which Avery describes as, “taking anything we can think of and throwing it together.” Sounds groovy...

Who’ll headline Lollapalooza

93’? Not Loud Reed, John Cale, Sterling Morrison, and Maureen Tucker, that’s for sure. Turns out that when the former members of Velvet Underground were approached to reform and perform, all mixed the idea. Former Crosby, Stills, & Nash member Neil Young turned down the offer as well (boo-hoo; it’s probably the same date as his monthly shower), although ex-Genesis member Peter Gabriel is considering the situation (how picky). According to Ted Gardner, tour organizer, participants may include Alice in Chains, Arrested Development, Dinosaur Jr., Digable Planets, Sonic Youth, and Hole. Get your tickets A.S.A.P...

And by the time you read this, novelist John Grisham’s fourth novel, The Client, will be out in hardcover. It’s about an 11-year-old who learns a mob secret and hires a 52 year-old street lawyer with the $1.00 he has left to save his life (talk about fiction--I mean, even gum costs more than a buck these days). Also in production: film versions of three of his works...

And that’s the scoop! Sorry I haven’t got more, but you know what they say--it’s either feast or famine. Until next time, hang loose and be free (just like sportswriter extraordinaire Harley David Rubin, who I know will quit fooling around with that crotch-grabbing a perfectly recent disappointment).

Libra--Being stubborn right now is probably not the best way to go. Scorpio--A practical joke may be carried too far. Be careful! Sagittarius--A white lie told to protect someone’s feelings may do more harm than good.

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ELECTION TIME IS HERE!!!!

Thinking of getting involved in more activities on campus? Not sure which ones to pick? How about running for Class or USGA elections this Spring. Not only does holding a position teach strong leadership skills but it also puts into practice fundraising and brainstorming skills, and looks great on your resume. To run for either office this Spring, pick up a petition in the Student Activities Office. The petition asks for a 150 word summary stating ideas to be accomplished the next year. In addition, applicants are asked to interview two members of their class or members of the student body to find out what they would like to see happen in the coming year. Petitions are due Friday, March 26th for USGA elections and April 2nd for Class Elections. Elections for USGA will be held Wed. March 31st and the entire student body is eligible to vote. Class elections will be held on Wed. April 7th and all class members are eligible to vote for their class.

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What’s Up in Wellness

Take time to relax! With all the scrambling around with school work, panicking about mid-term grades, jobs, extra activities, and a social life to think about, we sometimes forget to take time to stop in our tracks and do nothing–relax. Not taking time to slow down and relax can run our immune systems down. As a result, we are becoming more susceptible to colds and flues that are going around campus. This just gives us something else to take care of.

Asking time to really relax allows our bodies to rest, heal and balance themselves. Relaxation also allows us time to clear our minds and block out any stress. The body needs to do these things in order to plan and accomplish other lifetime goals when it is busy.

While there are a variety of ways to relax, one effective form is through simple meditation. Some neat and easy techniques can be accomplished through breathing, picturing different tones and staring at a candle.

The breathing relaxation technique calls for you to sit comfortably with your eyes closed and be aware of your natural breathing (don’t try to breath or alter your rhythm). If your thoughts begin to distract you, return to concentrating on your breath. Sitting peacefully in this manner for 15-20 minutes can be very refreshing.

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John Lithgow (from “Harry and the Hendersons” and the “Twilight Zone”) stars as Cain, who performs a child psychological experiment where children are stolen from their parents and used as “guinea pigs” in his research of personality development. Cain’s twin brother, Carter, prompts him to steal the children. Carter’s character is confusing in the movie, as it is difficult to tell whether he is Cain’s brother or merely a side of Cain’s split personality.

The previews for “Raising Cain” may intrigue students, and lure them to WLL, but prepared to examine an intricate plot.

Robin Williams plays D.J. Adriam Cronauer in “Good Morning, Vietnam”. Cronauer is recruited by the Army for an early morning radio show in Saigon. He blasts the former sedated, sanitized airwaves with a constant attack of quick wit and the top hits from back home. His show is what the soldiers need to break the monotony of the war.

The G.I.’s love him, but the officially are up in arms. Adrian is a nonconformist and believes the soldiers should know what is going on with the war, whereas the government keeps the soldiers in the dark, supposedly because the might start to decline shooting the enemy.

“Good Morning, Vietnam” says a lot about the war. The opposition may serve as both enemy and friend. All in all, Williams was worthy of his Oscar nomination with his comic performance about this grave war.
Consider Women's Studies

BY TINA MOUKOULIS
Special to the Grizzly

Women's Studies (IDS 200) has evolved since its initial conception to be a course that promises, through the very nature of its design, to tackle women's issues in the context of our society and the world. This distinct “evolutionary” characteristic forces students as well as faculty to realize its importance as an academic class, and credibility as an academic field, since women as a group are constantly changing and evolving in concert with our forever transforming society.

This class was not one which set out to heavily indoctrinate the students with any particular feminist “ideology.” The instructor ended the semester by asking the same two questions that she asked in the beginning: “What is a feminist?” then “Are you a feminist?” That left room for each student to explore his or her own growth with respect to these questions throughout the semester. The discussion format of the class was that it did not promote “male bashing.” It instead attempted to promote understanding about men’s motivations in society and how certain expectations of their gender also traps them into an unyielding stereotype. One of the most interesting parts of the semester was when we studied the men’s movement, which explored several issues related to this stereotype. Its inclusion definitely complemented and enhanced the course.

Today, Women’s Studies is a blossoming field, due to growing interest in colleges and at the graduate level. Ursinus now offers a minor concentration in Women’s Studies which consists of 16 credits. The coordinators of Women’s Studies are also going to great pains to re-schedule this course at a time that will make it more accessible to all majors next year. Sign up for this course, and I promise you that you will learn more about yourself than you ever wanted to know.

Wisman Rolls Out the Red Carpet

BY TOM WILUSZ
Editor in Chief

The following is a barely-disguised (but pretty much unsubsidized and entirely heartfelt) attempt to convince you to attend Wismer’s March 30 Restaurant Night. If you are particularly sensitive to this sort of thing then, for the love of God, please read no further.

Admittedly, one does not ordinarily equate Wismer with “Fine Dining.” But then again, one does not ordinarily have the chance to see Wismer at its best. The Wismer Restaurant Nights offer exactly that opportunity, an opportunity that I took advantage of this past Valentine’s Day. And it is an opportunity that I will certainly take advantage of again on Tuesday, March 30, when Wismer will offer its final Restaurant Night of the year.

The dinners are served in the Wismer Alcove, where candlelight and Presidential place-settings on linen replace neon “SuperDeli” signs and red rubber trays. Prepare to be greeted by a mild-mannered maître d’ and served by friendly and attentive draftees from the Wismer trenches. Prepare also for real restaurant ambience with real appetizers and flaming desserts and of the class surrendered an enormous amount of power to the students in regards to how the discussions would develop as well as giving each of us a chance to share personal experiences which we thought were relevant to the topic at hand.

The course dealt with cultural images of women, gender issues (in relation to sex, work, and the family), feminism and social change. The class would trace the relevance of each topic (in relation to women) through popular culture, as well as studying the ideologies of several feminist philosophers (such as Simone DeBeauvoir, Betty Friedan, and Gloria Steinem). We then examined the trends, contradictions, and inconsistencies inherent in these issues, as well as the wide gap that exists for most women between aspiration and achievement in society today.

For those of you who are wondering, the answer is “YES, men do take this class!” An important aspect that pleasantly surprised me about the atmosphere is that it did not promote “male bashing.” It instead attempted to promote understanding about men’s motivations in society and how certain expectations of their gender also traps them into an unyielding stereotype. One of the most interesting parts of the semester was when we studied the men’s movement, which explored several issues related to this stereotype. Its inclusion definitely complemented and enhanced the course.

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Nikki and Vikki
Advice and Solutions to Student Problems

Dear Nikki and Vikki,
I have a big roommate problem! He has a girlfriend on campus. They’ve been dating for about a year, so I knew a conflict could eventually arise, yet I chose to room with him anyway. I never thought it would get this out of hand. She spends many afternoons and evenings in our room, I’m almost always shocked out. It is really starting to bother me. Sometimes I can’t get my work done or answer important phone calls. I don’t want to end my friendship with my roommate, but I don’t know how much more I can take. HELP!

Desperate

Dear Desperate,
It looks like you have two choices...you can stick it out for the rest of the semester and plan to get a new roommate or a single next year. Or you could stand up for yourself and confront your roommate. We suggest the latter of the two, as difficult as it may be. He seems to be totally taking advantage of you and your friendship. If he were a real friend and not just a roommate he would respect you. The two of us have a standing contract that if one of us needs privacy the other will abide by it to a considerable extent–so far so good. Your roommate has every right to choose who he wants in the room, but he must learn not to go to extremes. Maybe if you’re lucky enough, he’ll read this and get the hint. But if not, it’s up to you to straighten out this mess. Make it clear to him that you will respect his rights, but you expect the same consideration. Tell him that it is very difficult for you to study and sleep and to even relax in your own room, and that the intimate way they act in front of you makes things very uncomfortable. Good luck! We hope everything works out! Be honest and straight forward, but also remember that this conflict should be able to be resolved without losing a friendship and even a roommate!

Dear Nikki and Vikki,
You have sent me on Spring Break with me and completely embarrassed herself in a bar one night. Rumors are already spreading about it on campus. My problem is that I am having trouble relating to her in the same way as before break. How can I treat her the same when I’m so embarrassed for her?

Dear Embarrassed Friend,
Although you haven’t mentioned what your friend did to make you so embarrassed, it must have been pretty bad to make you turn to us. We have both been in situations where our friends have embarrassed us, but we both handle it in different ways. First, if possible, you should try to blow off this whole ordeal. Realize that it was during Spring Break—a time for unforgettable fun! Many times people do things at this time that they wouldn’t normally do, but if you are unable to accept this solution and still feel uncomfortable around your friend you must do something that will make YOU feel better. If this means confronting her—then do it. But something needs to be said to make your friendship what it used to be. Try to remember that you have probably done some stupid and embarrassing things, so be empathetic. And also realize that your friend is probably having second thoughts about her poor judgement. This should be able to be resolved and your friendship should be back to normal in some time, but her actions could be foreshadowing something different...maybe your friend isn’t exactly who you thought she was and maybe you two aren’t meant to be friends. It’s worth thinking about!

Have a problem with your roommate? Can’t figure out how to solve it without the aid of a guy named Vinnie Kneecap and ugly police involvement? Drop Nikki and Vikki a line at the Grizzly office on the third floor of Bomberger, or through intercampus mail to Nikki and Vikki, c/o The Grizzly.
The Grizzly

BY RICHARD P. RICHTER
President of the College

TERI: As a campus community, we are saying much about Teri Urban in these days of mourning the sudden and unexpected loss of her bright presence among us. In this brief space I just want to express my support for and share the grief with all who lived with her, studied with her, worked with her, and taught her. I also express admiration for the way our community came together in mutual support. May the members of her family know that the Ursinus family stands with them in mourning and in celebrating the precious gifts that Teri gave during her life with us. Other comment about Teri’s death appears elsewhere.

ANNALS OF THE BLIZZARD: As the College community reassembled and reflected after the Blizzard of ’93, a colleague said, “Every generation has its defining event. Where were you when the Blizzard hit?” Where were you when we bombed Hiroshima? When Kennedy was shot? When the Blizzard of ’93 hit?

A letter in my Friday mail told me where four Ursinus seniors were in the Blizzard. The letter was from William A. Franch, an Annapolis, MD, attorney. He was stuck in Tampa, Florida, airport when the Blizzard hit. So were our four students.

He wrote to tell me how impressed he was with our students. He explained:

“My host, who had brought me to the airport, ran across your four students who were literally living in the airport and sleeping on the floor. I invited your students and my host to have breakfast and I could tell that they were quite hungry.

“Later, while I was waiting for a room to become available at the hotel in the airport, I suspected that they might very well be short of money and I gave one of the girls $40.00 and told her to use the money and then she could arrange to repay me at some later date. When I got ready to leave Monday morning, I was notified by the hotel that I had a message at the front desk which was the enclosed note.

and the $40.00, which they had not apparently needed to use.

“I want you to be aware of the honesty of these four young people, as they certainly could have taken the money and kept it and there is no way in this world that I would ever have known who they were, as I did not even recall their first names.”

The note that he received read as follows:

“Thank you so much for your help and generosity. We are finally on our way home. Our flight is leaving at 6:30 a.m. (Monday morning). It made us feel very safe to have such caring people looking out for us while we were stranded so far from home. Have a safe trip and again thank you!”

It was signed by Kim, Sarah, Lynn, and Gretchen. Mr. Franch wanted me to identify the students so he could write to them. At this writing, time has not permitted me to do so. If one of them will get in touch with my office or write directly to Mr. Franch (he said one of the students has his business card), this annal of the Blizzard of ’93 will have a perfect ending.

College Needs Policy on Closing

BY THOMAS EPLER
Assistant Opinions Editor

Last weekend’s storm challenged everybody—commuters, emergency crews, the homeless. The family dog even confused our red dining room carpet for the normally green grass.

Many of last week’s decisions were snow-related. Some had to choose whether or not to go sledding. Clamer residents wondered, “Should we trudge through deep unshoveled snow or walk on Main Street to get to class?” Some were even faced with the difficult decision of returning to Ursinus last Monday.

It is for this group that the current definition of “winter weather day” is not always entirely sufficient. “Permission to make up work” is a good policy for students unable to reach class, but it is not the best one. When conditions are as severe as last week’s, students should not be faced with having to use their “judgement” in returning; rather, the decision should be made for them (i.e. closing of school). This releases administrators from the responsibility of a student who might get hurt while trying to be in class.

The administration has already felt a lot of heat for their decision to keep school open. President Richter is genuinely concerned with the safety and welfare of the community. It is for this reason that a second level of the current “winter weather day” statutes must be implemented—operations of the college limited to essential support staff like food service and maintenance. Perhaps it will not be called upon for another 130 years, but the Storm of ’93 should prove to be the precedent—for the need of a policy on closing.

No Class

BY SARA JACOBSON
Associate Editor

From March 12 to March 14 the entire east coast experienced what came to be known as the “Storm of the Century,” a blizzard which dumped as much as two feet of snow in parts of Pennsylvania and

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branch campuses publicly canceled classes by sending such information to local TV and radio stations, as did Philadelphia metropolitan colleges like Drexel, LaSalle, Penn and Temple, one might turn attention to the road conditions on Sunday, the day during which Ursinus students were expected to return to Collegeville. First of all Collegeville’s own Main Street was a complete sheet of ice, as was the road running through campus. Taking a broader view, consider major local highways that students would have had to use to return to school. I-95 was closed along Philadelphia, while the city itself was largely unclear and icy as unplowed suburban streets... Also closed were the Blue Route (476), areas of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and the particularly vital 422. Virtually the sole route into Collegeville Sunday was the equally unplowed “emergency snow route” 29. Much of the public transportation system, be it buses or trains, was shut down through Monday. Few flights were coming into Philadelphia International Airport on its lone open runway, none until late Sunday afternoon. Along with students not being able to safely make it from home to Ursinus is the issue of those who sought warmer climates during break or traveled any great distance to vacation. A significant percentage of the student body traveled to Florida, the Bahamas, or Mexico as is traditional during Spring Break. Most news stations were issuing special warnings telling spring breakers not to travel. Frankly, when there are reports of countless stranded motorists along major highways in West Virginia where rescue crews were having trouble discerning what was a snow drift and what was a buried car, I can not blame those who drove south for sun during break for not driving back for classes in such obviously dangerous climate. Between closed airports and closed roads it was simply impossible for many to make it back in time for optional classes.

While the school’s offer as communicated to one snowed-in student over the phone Sunday afternoon that “if you can’t make it back, you will be excused to make up the work,” was a step, it was not a sufficient one. Because it was not publicized at all, many students found out about this decision only after they returned to school. Frankly, this option only promoted intentional skipping classes by anyone who had made it back to Ursinus by Monday morning. Without the crucial publicity of this leniency, students still tried to make it back to school on time. That is why it was still a dangerous policy. As of Monday, the first day of classes at Ursinus, over 50 people had died due to this historic blizzard, 19 of whom died in Pennsylvania. The state was itself in a state of emergency through Monday. Between PennDOT’s marginal efforts to clear the roads and this school’s irresponsible mandate to hold classes despite the danger, offering unpublicized clemency due to the weather, students were placed in quite a predicament as to whether or not to attempt to return. It was unsafe to travel Sunday and discouraging that Ursinus should expect its students to attempt to do so. Hopefully no accidents resulted in such dangerous expectations. Equally hopefully, in the future Ursinus will show greater consideration for the safety of its students.

**Opinions**

**Grave Matters: The Right to Life**

**BY DAVID HEATH WEBB**

Of The Grizzly

Kudos to the Ursinus snow plow team, who scraped that mishapen and annoying speed bump from in front of Helfrich Hall. That act alone should save the Ursinus staff and student body hundreds of dollars in suspension realignments. Perhaps, after the snow melts, we can break up the chunks of macadam and sell them to visiting high schoolers as pieces of the Berlin Wall.

Anyway, most of us have heard of that horrible, unacceptable, ludicrous incident in Pensacola, FL, in which abortion clinic physician Dr. David Gunn was gunned down by a psychotic, reactionary lunatic. Why is this unfortunate occurrence so noteworthy? Not so much for the irony that a man who some feel is a killer was himself killed, but because now anyone who tries to speak out against abortion will be automatically labeled a lunatic. Think I’m wrong? Take a look at Planned Parenthood’s bold advertisement in the March 16 New York Times: “They shot him in the back because he stood up for our right to choose.” The ad continues to claim that Michael Griffin “didn’t act alone” and that the “murder was a predictable result of an escalating campaign of terror.” Who are “They?” According to every report I’ve seen, one single solitary man conceived and executed the plan to murder Dr. Gunn. “[S]topped up for our right to choose?” I don’t remember the purpose of becoming a doctor being the protection of human rights. That task belongs to our political representatives, as crooked as they may be. And if all of this was so “predictable,” aren’t the pro-abortionists also guilty of knowingly allowing one of their own to be killed?

And what about Anthony Lewis’s March 12 New York Times editorial, in which Lewis stated that “the most anti-abortion activists” are “religious fanatics who want to impose their version of God’s word on the rest of us. For them, the ends justifies any means, including violence.” Now, I am against abortion in most cases. But I am neither religious nor violent. I merely have polarized beliefs. I guess this means I should look to a quantum physicist when my right to an opinion comes under attack. As much as I hate to promote hordes of people calling in sick to work so they can protest a heated issue, I have realized the right to peaceful, civilized protest cannot be denied to those who wish to do so. For those who wish to shoot doctors (or rave people and neighborhoods in Los Angeles or defy St. Patrick’s Day court orders in New York), the Bill of Rights should become the Bill of Privileges. The taking of the law into one’s own hands, whether it be before or after a controversial legal decision, is evidence of lack of self-restraint, an all-too-common modern problem.

In a response to my editorial on condom distribution, it was argued (quite well) that society’s “best regime” and its “best possible regime” are two completely different things. True as that may be, the shooting of Dr. Gunn and the subsequent media reaction only serve to show how far we really are from either of those regimes. At the request of the source of my information, I have withheld his name until the end of my argument. Many thanks to Rush Limbaugh! From the moment I heard of the shooting, I suspected that abortion rights supporters would be branding pro-lifers as “murderers.” So many pots calling the kettle black. R.I.P.

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**MIA: USEAC**

The Ursinus Student Environmental Coalition seems to have gone into some kind of hiding. Whatever happened to the organization that started the recycling program at Ursinus, or mobilized students to write letters to Congress?

Come find out at the reorganizational meeting of USEAC on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. in Bomberger 120. That’s right, get off your tree-hugging butts and do something! For more info call Michele Winter, 454-0176.
BY JESSE SEARFOSS
Assistant Sports Editor

As is tradition of our nation’s pastime, the Ursinus baseball team began the season in the South two weeks ago. The annual spring break trip to Cocoa Expo in Florida revealed much about the team, and produced optimism among both coaches and players.

The team played an extremely competitive 12-game schedule over the planned stay, and then an additional two games as a result of the poor weather in the East, which made the flight home impossible for three days.

Although the team’s record was not sparkling at 4 wins, 9 losses, and, a tie, the Bears were losers of close margin games in four of the losses. The main objective of the trip, which is to evaluate and improve talent while preparing the players for the tough divisional schedule at home, was judged to be a success.

On an individual basis, the strong performances of the week were found in freshman Scott Keith and senior Paul Madison, the team MVPs of the trip. Keith was the winning pitcher in two of the Bears victories, leaving Florida with a 1.87 earned run average. Madison, primarily an outfielder, hit for a .339 batting average and led the team in hits and RBIs.

Followings the game against Chaffin, the Lady Bears took on Saint Andrews Presbyterian College. Again, Ursinus came out on top by a score of 6-5. After falling behind 2-0, the women rallied to score three runs on a 2-out 2-run double by Barbara Golley. St. Andrews then took the lead again in the top of the 5th, but Ursinus came back scoring three runs in the bottom of the 5th. Kim Sammartino got the victory, striking out 9 players in the process.

The next day, Ursinus lost a doubleheader against Coker College of South Carolina. Coker scored all their runs in the fifth inning, starting their rally on a two-out error. Bloodgood and Nicole Kivak had triples, but the Bears couldn’t score. Whisler got her first loss of the season. The lead changed hands several times during the second game, with Coker coming out on top again, 7-6. Bloodgood, Katie Polgar and Brigid Williamson all had run-scoring doubles, but it wasn’t enough to hold back Coker, who won in the 8th inning by a tie-breaker.

The next game for the Lady Bears was a doubleheader against Methodist College. Ursinus split with Methodist, winning the first game. Sammartino saved the game for Chris Sofka, who earned her first victory of the year as the Bears won 6-5. Abby Walls went 2-3, while Kim Ryan contributed with a double and three runs scored.

The final games for Ursinus were against Mount Olive College, where they again split a doubleheader. In the first game, Sofka scored twice, and Reynolds went 2-3, drove in both Ursinus runs with a single and a triple as the Bears won 2-1. Sammartino received her 2nd win of the season.

The Bears lost the second game 10-1. Five unaired runs were scored by Mount Olive in the first inning, and they never looked back. Ursinus scored its only run on a wild throw. Whisler got her second loss of the season.

Bears’ coach Don Groff was pleased with the girls’ performance, saying that their season was off to a good start. “The girls played well, everyone worked together well. I was happy with our caliber of play, especially since it was our first time playing outside all season,” said Groff.

Aside from those two players and the catchers mentioned before, no one in the starting lineup hit better than .250. There is speed for stealing bases and creating runs at the top of the batting order, however Thomas believes they need to work harder at team hitting and scoring production. As a whole, Thomas was “pleased with the direction the team is heading,” and feels that he personally “will be disappointed if we are not in every game.” With wins against a Division II team from Bemidji in Minnesota and a very good Susquehanna ballclub, Thomas has good reason to be optimistic.

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THREE OUTSTANDING "JENS"

Jen Orehowsky set a new Ursinus Middle Atlantic at the NCAADivision III Track & placing fifth in the indoor record in Collegeville. Jen Denrose became an All American for the third straight season at the NCAA Division III Swimming/Diving Championships at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia March 11 through March 13. She placed fourth in the 100butterfly with an Ursinus women's record time of 58.26. She also earned Honorable Mention All-American honors, placing 12th and 16th, respectively in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

BY LIZ MCDONALD
Of The Grizzly

The Ursinus Gymnastics team wrapped up their season as three of their gymnasts travelled to the NCAA Championships, coming home happy and pleased. The girls, including junior Susan Steele, sophomore Kristen Cornell, and freshman Samantha Caggiano, left on Thursday, March 4, for the meet in River Falls, Wisconsin.

The meet was an exciting one, including eight top-notch Division III teams, individual gymnast competitors, and many events. All four events occurred simultaneously, and even with the tough competition that went on, all three of Ursinus' gymnasts performed exceptionally well. Steele garnered an All American honors, placing 12th and 16th, respectively in the 50 and 100 freestyle. Cornell scored her personal high on the floor with an 8.9, and an 8.8 on the beam, a score just slight of her best.

The meet was an excellent day, placing 11th all around, and 13th on the beam. Cornell scored her personal high on the floor with an 8.9, and an 8.8 on the beam, a score just slight of her best. Steele and Caggiano also did well, as Steele executed a clean routine on bars, and Caggiano performed on the vault. The gymnasts all look forward to next year, when Ursinus will host the National Championships!

BY HARLEY DAVID RUBIN
Joey Buttafuso's Lawyer

Spring is here, bringing with it temperatures reaching almost 50 degrees in balmy Collegeville. My fans know what that means, don't you? The beginning of BASEBALL SEASON! Yes, it's still a few weeks away, but I can't wait, and a certain News Editor whose last name rhymes with "Ompot" has been screaming at me for a week. But enough about me—B.A. in Journalism and a B.S. in Law. My fans are gearing up for the season. So here's the answer to last issue's Trivia Question: Andy Schroeder, or "Andy Andy" was the ex-con who Sam paid to date Diane, who came in to rob the bar and ended up strangling Diane in a scene from "Othello," and finally left forever after impressing his girl by pretending to own Cheers. This week's C.H.O.C.R.I:"Cheers" Trivia Question is: Which Boston Red Sox player did Gary's Old Towne Tavern send to Cheers, only to be "panned" by suspicious barflies? HINT: He's no longer a member of the Sox. I'm no longer going to write this column. Annette the A & E Goddess is outsiders and the car is running, so I've got to go. I'm Harvey David Rubin, and please know that Scheckie's Starwatch always comes true. She's got powers that can't be explained.

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GYMNAS TATS AT NATIONALS

The meet was an exciting one, including eight top-notch Division III teams, individual gymnast competitors, and tough competition. All four events occurred simultaneously, and many polished, difficult routines were seen. Also, a brevet judge, someone who is qualified to judge at the Olympic level, was present on the bar, fueling the nervous tension surrounding the meet.

Sophomore Kristen Cornell had an excellent day, placing 11th all around, and 13th on the beam. Cornell scored her personal high on the floor with an 8.9, and an 8.8 on the beam, a score just slight of her best.

General Manager Jeff Cartmell: Keep these three, and trash the rest.

Danny Jackson, and most likely Tommy Greene making a comeback from injuries. The bullpen is very shaky, anchored (?) by stopper Mitch "Pitch Like My Hair is on Fire" Williams. His set-up men will include the ageless (39) Larry Andersen, southpaw David West and two more undecided guys (this expert believes they'll be Tyler Green and Kyle Abbott).

Andersen, southpaw David West and Mike Rivera, the fragile

The pitching is good and should get better as the year goes on. Starters Mike Mussina and Ben McDonald are young and improving every time out, and backing them up are the acquired Craig Lefferts and more. The ace reliever is Gregg Olson, who will save 30 or 40 a year if set-up men like ex-Phil Todd Frohwirth and another old-timer, Mike Flanagan can hold on to leads. Basically, it looks like an uphill climb for this good team, but probably not a division-winning team.

OY VEY. The 7ers looked so crappy last Saturday I almost wish I didn't live here. They lost to the horrid Dallas Mavericks, raised their record to 6-57 with the 89-87 win over the 20-42 stiffs that new head coach Fred "Mad Dog" Carter sends out there (that's his real nickname). The only bright spots for the Sixers (as usual) were Jeff Hornacek, Hersey Hawkins, and rookie Clarence Weatherspoon, with a combined 63 of the 87 points scored. 24 points out of the other eight players that participated is pathetic. Note to GM Jimmy Lynam: Keep these three, and trash the rest.

What's up with the Flyers? One week they look like garbage, the next they become playoff contenders. (I wish.) GOOD: Mark Recchi has over 100 points, and just might break the club record of 119 set by Bobby Clarke way back when. The Kid, Eric Lindros has 30 goals and over 50 points, not bad totals. He better keep getting improving and throwing around that huge frame of his. In goal, Tommy Soderstrom has been brilliant most of the season, and former starter current backup Dominic Roussel seems to be the forgotten man in between the pipes. Note to GM Russ Farwell: Just add two or three soliddefensemen, and you've got a contender.

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