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Spring Fling '94

BY JEN DIAMOND
Of the Grizzly

Ursinus’ First Annual Spring Fling was a rousing success. Organization of the days events was the result of a joint effort between students and administration.

Spring Fling had something to offer anyone and everyone who wished to participate. Sumo Wrestling and the Velcro Wall were big attractions for the adventurous, but there were also activities for those less adventurous including a ring-toss, mini-golf, a ball-toss (the lucky winners here received a goldfish and a month’s rations for their new friend), and a pie throwing booth (the winners here were awarded the satisfaction of creaming their friends).

And for those seeking relief from the stifling heat there was the Fun Flush and the refreshment stand, the highlight of which was a line of kegs (open to only those over 21, of course). Those in attendance of the festivities seemed pleased with Ursinus’ first effort at a Spring Fling. President of the Class of ’95, Brian “Gap” Riordan, said, “I love it, I’m having a great time. You can’t come to these things expecting the school to entertain you, you have to entertain the school.” Dr. Volkmer and his Dalmation, Fred, were seen enjoying themselves near the refreshment table.

David Spade, of Saturday Night Live fame, appeared later in the evening. For a review of his performance turn to the Opinions page. All in all, it was a good day. Hopefully the administration will agree, and plans for an even better Spring Fling ’95 can be made.

REF: Spring '94

SERV Finishes Busy Semester

BY SCOTT SAVETT
Special to The Grizzly

SERV, the Student Emergency Response Volunteers at Ursinus College, had a very busy and productive semester.

As part of their ongoing member training, three SERV members attended the first annual National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation (NCEMSF) conference held at Georgetown University in Washington, DC on April 8-10. The conference, hosted by GERMS (Georgetown Emergency Response Medical Services), was intended to formalize a governing body for collegiate EMS. Thirty colleges and universities, mostly from the east coast and New England, were represented by 130 students. The thirty campuses had a range of student-based EMS systems established, ranging from Quick Response Squads (like Ursinus’) all the way to Advanced Life Support squads with their own ambulances similar to Trappe Ambulance. Topics discussed during the conference included “Starting a campus EMS squad,” “Alcohol-related injuries,” and “Relations with local authorities.” As a result of a discussion held at the conference, SERV held its first drill on campus in an effort to further refine the service.SERV provides to the campus community. For this mock emergency, a maintenance worker (Jay Murphy) supposedly fell from a 6’ ladder, injuring his leg and head. The responding SERV members were not informed it was a drill until afterwards and the entire call was videotaped for later review. As part of the drill, Trappe Ambulance responded and assisted SERV members in caring for the victim. The drill was a success and proved (once again) that Ursinus’ SERV is able to provide appropriate emergency care even in the most serious medical situations. SERV thanks all of the participants in the drill, especially the physical plant staff, security, and the Trappe Ambulance crew.

SERV wishes its graduating senior members the best of luck. SERV has seen tremendous growth since its unofficial creation in 1988 and formal creation in 1992. Craig Overpeck and Scott Savett were major forces behind SERV’s formalization as a campus activity. Victor Gil, Joe MacDonald, and Scott Houchins were also contributors to the organization, even in its infancy. All of their dedication and efforts will be missed. SERV will maintain a membership of about 20 by replacing the graduating senior EMTs with a new group of enthusiastic EMTs currently enrolled in Montgomery County’s EMT program.

Remember, SERV exists to assist you and your friends in emergency medical situations. We are available to respond 24 hours a day by contacting security at 489-2737 or x2737.

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Alpha Sigma Nu Sponsors MS Walk-a-thon

BY JOANNE SICKERI
Of The Grizzly

The expected rain showers held off during the afternoon of April 17 to allow the walk-a-thon benefiting the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation to proceed as planned. The event was sponsored by Alpha Sigma Nu, UC’s service sorority, under the direction of sophomore sister Cheryl Opalkowski. To date, the 26 walkers and their sponsors have raised $589. When all the pledges are tallied, totals are expected to reach $800. Congratulations go to the sisters of Sig Nu, and to all those who walked or pledged for such a great cause.

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Support Charity!
Global Perspectives

BY MARK LEISER
Co-Editor in Chief

International:
- Voting in some of South Africa's rural areas had to be extended to a fourth day due to the crowding of polling stations and an insufficient number of ballots. Judge Johann Kriegler, head of the electoral commission, thought the extension was necessary because, due to these problems, voters were not given a "fair and free opportunity to express their views."
- Serbian forces are refusing to leave the southern area of Gorazde, despite assurances by NATO that Bosnian Serbs have complied with its ultimatum calling for a complete withdrawal. The Serbs say they have a right to that specific territory because they populated the area before the Bosnian war erupted.
- Aldrich H. Ames, a CIA officer accused of betraying the United States and spying for Moscow, received the punishment of a fraud-marred November election with Democrat Bill Stinson.

National:
- Scientists from the Phillip Morris Company testified to Congress that they were forced to halt their research after the discovery of a substance in cigarettes that increased the addictive power of nicotine. The researchers also said they were forced to stop testing an artificial version of nicotine that seemed to have few of the toxic affects on the heart as the natural substance.

Local:
- After seven months of courtroom battles and heated debate, Philadelphia Republican Burce Marks finally took the oath of office to become a state senator. Marks was involved in a fraud-marred election with Democrat Bill Stinson.

News

THANKS!
As the semester comes to a close, we would like to thank everyone who helped us to create a quality newspaper. We are always in need of additional help. If you would be interested in joining The Grizzly staff, please contact the Student Publications Office at x2448. Thank you again and have a great summer!

Marc Ellman & Mark Leiser
Co-Editors in Chief

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Roving Reporter

BY CARL BRANDRETH & ALISON BURNS
Special to the Grizzly

SENIORS - If you could go back and relive your college experience, what would you do differently?

Teresa Carbine
I wouldn't have lived with Molly McLean my junior year.

Cynthia Babcock
I would have taken more Adele Boyd classes.

Chris Bieler
I wouldn't have been married for two years.

Tyree Kozlowski
I would never take a Dr. Fitzpatrick class.

Joe McDonald
Party more and study less.

Erika Compton
I would have taken a different major...not at Ursinus.

Paul Coppola
I should have worn a blue dress and a license plate more often.

Jim Kais
I can't remember my college years.

Kim Roussin
I would have hit Ted Manser like I hit Dunchick.

Steve Wirth
Go to a different school.

Heinz Buchler
I would make Burke a freshman again.

Casey Neal
I would have avoided Burke as much as possible.

Scott Sallach
See: Jim Kais

Matt Kennedy
You don't even know!

Kevin Hill
I wouldn't have lived with Creech.

Matt Cordes
I wouldn't be anal retentive.

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OPINIONS

CAMPUS MEMO

BY RICHARD P. RICHTER
President of the College

A couple of weeks ago in this column I referred to the achievements of Nobel Laureate Gerald Edelman, of the Ursinus class of 1950, and particularly to his recent book, Bright Air, Brilliant Fire. Suggesting that just one Gerald Edelman is a testimonial to the educational potential of an institution, I wrote, “A place such as Ursinus must allow its students to dream of ultimate achievement—and to prepare for it as hard as they can.”

An article about Edelman in the May 2, 1994, issue of The New Yorker magazine gives a new insight into just how Ursinus did that for him. The article, by Steven Levy, titled “Dr. Edelman’s Brain,” gives an overview of the theory of mind that Edelman has set forth in Bright Air, Brilliant Fire. Levy delves into Edelman’s biographical background, and of course encounters his years at Ursinus.

Levy reports that Edelman was turned down by the very top colleges of the late forties for reasons that are only speculative. Through a family member, he learned about Ursinus, matriculated, and then dropped out in his sophomore year owing to a sense of boredom. He agreed to return to Ursinus, he tells Levy, on the condition that “they let me not have to attend lectures, just labs.” Edelman recalls Ursinus agreeing to this but he didn’t know why.

Levy quotes him: “So I finished my degree according to this deliciously happy arrangement, where I had a key to the library...and just had to do labs and take exams. That was, as they say, groovy. And I sort of became an autodidact, probably to my permanent damage.” I have not had time to check with contemporaries of his or with retired faculty on the accuracy of the Levy account. Assuming that it is reasonably on the mark, I think it is a perhaps-unintended affirmation of an admirable quality of the Ursinus that I remember as a student in the early fifties.

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Edelman’s story illustrates a key pedagogical principle of Ursinus and colleges like it, then and now. It is that the faculty and the curriculum are means to an end, not ends in themselves. The goal is to facilitate the student’s learning, which takes place only within the individual student. Our kind of institution ought to have the capacity to adapt its forms and structures in the interest of that larger goal—especially when confronted with brilliance.

President Richter’s column appears weekly.

A Bitter Farewell

BY TYREE M. KOZLOWSKI
Of the Grizzly

Well, here I am. A senior on the verge of graduating. Through my four years at Ursinus I’ve learned a lot about people and life. But I’m not here to spark emotions of sentimentality. I’m here to bitch. I’ve been here four years. I’ve seen many changes. Let me tell you about the ones I hate:

1. I hate the fact that during Founder’s Day, the campus is as clean as Disney World. The show lasted under an hour, and consisted of old Saturday Night Live material. This guy just let us all down. After getting blitzed at Spring Fling, I expected Spade’s performance to top off a great day. I was not pleased.

2. I hate the fact that every other school in the state of Pennsylvania could be closed for winter weather, yet we remain open.

3. I hate the fact that maintenance will charge ungodly amounts of money to do “repairs” any moron can do.

4. I hate the fact that my room is 95 degrees during the months of September-October and April and May but 35 degrees during the winter.

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Spade: A Waste

BY TYREE M. KOZLOWSKI
Of The Grizzly

On Saturday night, I went to see the much awaited comedy routine of David Spade. Before a very large audience at the Helfferich gymnasium, Spade took the stage and gave one of the worst shows I’ve ever seen. The show lasted under an hour, and consisted of old Saturday Night Live material. This guy just let us all down. After getting blitzed at Spring Fling, I expected Spade’s performance to top off a great day. I was not pleased.

I don’t know how much CAB paid for this cheeseball, but they got ripped off. The guy just didn’t have any heart. He’s already at the top. He knows he can slack off. Give me some little known comedian that works his ass off to get some laughs, and I’ll pick him every time. I hope that was the last Ursinus will see of David Spade.

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SENIORS!
Features

A Belated Farewell

BY CRAIG FAUCHER
Features Editor

Those of us who knew Justin Dominic found out that he took a leave of absence from the college a month before. Those of us who knew him thought it was a very unwise move, being a senior and all. Those who didn't know him barely noticed or cared about the vacancy at his lunch table, where the remaining brothers of DEMAS would gather daily. And when news surfaced that his parents found him dead in their garage, hanging by a noose, those who didn't know him finally noticed his absence, and they showed concern.

Concern not so much for the family's grief or the troubles that led Justin to take his life, but concern that this event mustn't pass without consideration of the reasons behind a case such as this.

Justin was a honors student and ranked in the top 10 of his class. He killed himself over a chick, but concern not so much for the family's grief or the troubles that led Justin to take his life, but concern that this event mustn't pass without consideration of the reasons behind a case such as this.

Justin Dominic had become our friend freshman year by the pure randomness of Residence Life's room placement. As the only one with a live-in TA nearby good friends. Come second semester, however, Justin drifted more the roots of my shock than a feeling of personal loss. Just the same, the entire campus/community mourned Teri in one way or another. The timing of her death and officially the cause of death were undetermined.

Justin's death was handled somewhat differently. That week's Grizzly in November made no mention of his passing. The perception of suicide drove the point home. The perceived taboo of suicide drove the point home. People need to know that it is acceptable to talk about suicide. Many times it is the last thing a person with a thought of suicide wants to hear. They are in a state of crisis and to hear a friend ask if someone has thought about killing themselves is not an acceptable thing to say.

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4-24-94 at 11:55pm: Security responds to a house on Main St. after being advised of excessive noise at this location. A student became disorderly with the Security officer and the Collegeville Police assisted. The student was taken into custody and the matter was referred to RLO.

4-27-94 at 10:15pm: Security, The Collegeville Fire and Police Departments are dispatched to the Quad for a report of smoke in the building. Upon arrival, it was learned that a student visitor had accidentally ignited some material and had put out the fire, but the alarms had activated. This matter is being investigated by the Collegeville Fire Marshall.

4-27-94 at 9:15pm: Security documents a report from a staff member that between 9:00am and 9:00pm, someone damaged his vehicle with a key like instrument to put numerous scratches on the passenger side of the vehicle.

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conventional frat that we could all pledge together. The trend continued and everyone pledged as expected.

Some in the suite got caught up enough in the fraternity so that Justin was off limits because he wore different letters. Most of us still visited him weekly. Up until late junior year we saw him on a regular basis. He would stop by for beers [or whatever], or one of us might do the stopping-in. However those were not the memories that plagued my Thanksgiving. The memories dealt more with his recent condition. Justin had become an unspoken zombie senior year, consumed by something, judging from his appearance, that had sapped his entire personality. I noticed that my ‘tups and Yos went unanswered, but I was mostly unaware of the personal events in his life. At least I didn’t know enough to draw any conclusions.

Justin had become so unresponsive that when he took his leave of absence from the college, I was unaware he left until someone told me. I considered it a poor choice, as did most people I knew, but the sources of the information were often distanced from their subject. There was no reasoning or speculation, just judgement.

The announcement of Justin’s death said nothing about his mental illness. His final year at school had apparently been a downwards slide into manic depression with possible signs of schizophrenia. This information is not official or even confirmed. The actual circumstances may be infinitely more or less complicated. Few people know for sure. Tact dictated that the issue be tip-toed around, sparing those closest to him. However, the campus was left with spotty picture of the truth.

People may continue to insist upon the selfishness of the act and give other reasons why suicide is a bad, naughty thing. Yet I now find this a very narrow view. People don’t commit suicide because they’ve had a bad day and they are weak people that can’t cope. I can’t tell anyone exactly why they do it and neither can anyone else. The sure did dictated that the issue be tip-toed around, sparing those closest to him. However, the campus was left with spotty picture of the truth.

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Senior Spotlight #2

If you like Cynthia Babcock, you’ll LOVE Erika Compton...

VITAL STATISTICS:
- Born in Cinnaminson, NJ
- Lives in Street, MD
- Sister of Tau Sigma Gamma
- Grizzly News Editor for 3 years
- EcBA major
- Big cow fan, lives on a farm

MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE: Fourth floor of the library with Boozer.

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: Having to make Ducky climb out the window so my friends couldn’t identify him.

ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: Don’t be an EcBA major, and don’t work for the Grizzly.

GAINED FROM URSINUS: Nicole, Cynthia, Tammy, Chido, and Barb.

FUTURE PLANS: I guess be a Pizza Hut waitress for the rest of my life. I can’t afford to live on my own yet.

ANY LOVE INTERESTS? NO!...Not at Ursinus, that is.

I HATE: Wismer, and the why the school is often two-faced.

YOU AS WELL HAVE BUGGED ME FOR A MONTH TO BE SPOTLIGHTED, WHY? ‘Cause I’ve worked on the Grizzly for four years!!!
SUMMER '94 ENTERTAINMENT PREVIEW

BY COLIN TUCKER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The summer movie season is the time when the studios release their big-budget films—films that cost a lot of money to produce, but are also expected to gross a lot of money. They can be successful like Jurassic Park and The Fugitive, or they can be a total flop like Last Action Hero. This is the time when studios take their biggest risks, and it is the best time to go to the movies. In this special edition of MovieMania, I will preview the upcoming summer movies by giving you a short description, expected release date, and my “fearless predictions” on whether I think the movie will hit or flop. (Note: release dates are subject to change)

The Fugitives- Possibly the most hyped (or over hyped) movie this summer. The famous prehistoric family hits the big screen with John Goodman as Fred, Elizabeth Perkins as Wilma, Rick Moranis as Barney, and Rosie O'Donnell as Betty. This big budget flick will have many special effects such as giant mechanical dinosaurs (sound familiar?), and is produced by Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment. Release: Memorial Day weekend. Prediction: Because of its excellent casting, (John Goodman actually reminds me a lot of Fred), and its appeal to family audiences, (famiy movies have been largely successful recently), this movie should make more than its high production cost. Expect at least $100 million.

The River Wild- Meryl Streep, whom you usually see in dramas, makes an interesting career move by starring in an all-out action flick. She is involved in a boat chase down a raging river. Release: ??? Prediction: Action flicks are a risky gamble these days. They can either be big hits such as Cliffhanger and The Fugitive, or not so lucky such as The Three Musketeers and Striking Distance with Bruce Willis. I think this will be one of the not-so-lucky ones. Expect less than $40 million.

The Lion King- This is the latest animated feature from Disney. It is about the Plains of Africa where the lion has a cub. It features an all-star cast of voices and music by the incomparable Elton John. Release: Sometime in June. Prediction: If you simply cannot go wrong with a Disney animated movie. This will be the biggest hit of the summer, grossing possibly upwards of $150 million.

Beverly Hills Cop III- Yes folks, Axel Foley is back, and this time his mouth is washed out with soap (this movie is rated PG-13). Someone is killed in a Beverly Hills amusement park, and Axel is again called from Detroit to help his pals in Beverly Hills. This movie supposedly cost a load of money to produce, with Murphy's salary rumored to be $15 to $20 million! Release: Memorial Day weekend. Prediction: Cop III will make a moderate amount of money due to the popularity of these movies, despite Murphy's declining popularity. Expect somewhere in the neighborhood of $65 million.

The Mask- Jim Carrey of In Living Color and Ace Ventura- Pet Detective stars in this special effects comedy about a shy guy that finds a mask that gives him special powers and allows his face to take on many crazy forms. Release: August. Prediction: Due to the extremely surprising success of Ace Ventura and the new "big-star" status of Jim Carrey, this movie should be a success. I would guess about $75 million.

City Slickers II- The Legend of Curly's Gold You may have seen the preview when Mitch (Billy Crystal) is jogging with Norman, the calf he befriended in the first City Slickers, who is now a fully grown bull. Mitch finds a treasure map in the late Curly's hat, and returns to the West with his best friend, (Daniel Stern), and his brother (Jon Lovitz) to find the gold. Jack Palance, who won a best supporting actor Oscar for his performance in the first City Slickers (Remember the one-armed push-ups?) returns as Curly's twin brother?! Release: Memorial Day weekend. Prediction: Judging from the previews, this seems like a good movie and I really liked the first one. It will be successful, grossing about $75 million.

BY MARK LEISER
Co-Editor in Chief

The summer of '94 is full of big-name performers coming to the Philadelphia area. Here is a look at some of the top events:

- Bryan Adams, the Canadian born rocker known for his smash hits ("Everything I Do | I Do It For You") and "Please Forgive Me," brings his band to the Spectrum on Friday, May 13th. According to the papers, ticket demand for this show hasn't been extremely high. Reasons for this include the fact that many of Adams' younger fans catch him as he tours the college campuses, when ticket prices are considerably lower than the $30 it costs for a Spectrum show.

- Meatloaf will appear at the Spectrum on Wednesday, May 25th. This is one of the few shows coming that I had little interest in attending. I will admit, from seeing him on shows such as "Late Night With David Letterman," he does put his heart into each and every performance, and friends tell me he is one of the most dramatic live acts to see. But since I only know four of his songs, I couldn't see paying the money for a ticket.

- Probably the most visual of all summer concerts will be that of Pink Floyd. This group of aging rockers shows no signs of slowing down, as they promote their latest release, The Division Bell. The show, which includes a wide array of special effects (including lasers), comes to Veterans Stadium on June 2, 3, and 4. If you don't have your ticket by now, you have two options. First, wait for the video. Second, find a scalper and be ready to dig deep into your pockets.

- Phil Collins will be in town on June 19, 20, and 22 to plug his latest album, Both Sides. Collins does not put on a flashy show or have any extravagant staging, but he still guarantees a night of good music. Just as enjoyable as Collins' vocals will be the play of the Phoenix Horns, one of the best brass sections I have ever heard. Also look for drummer Chester Thompson and guitarist Darryl Stearman to round out the best set of back-up musicians in the business.

- Finally, what I consider to be even try. This is the hottest ticket in town, and this show is going to be HUGE!!

Concerts

(without a doubt) the biggest concert event of the year, the Face To Face tour featuring the two of the greatest rockers in modern music history: Elton John and Billy Joel. The thought of the Rocket Man and the Piano Man on the same stage in the Delaware Valley, as evidenced by the three sold-out shows at the Vet on July 8, 9, and 12. Let me tell you a quick story that will give you an idea just how popular this show is. Myself and three friends decided to camp out for tickets for the first show. Tickets were to go on sale at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, so we planned to arrive at the ticket agency by 9:00 P.M. the night before. We knew we wouldn't be first in line, but would you believe there were already 25 people ahead of us? The first person arrived at 2:00 Friday afternoon. That is nuts, even by my standards. Anyway, after 13 hours of playing baseball in the parking lot, talking, the occasional hour of sleep, and the not-so-occasional rain drop, we still walked away with floor seats. If you don't have your tickets, however, don't
THE 1994 PHILLIES: WHAT A DIFFERENCE

Brady answers the question: What happened?

BY BRAD GEIGER
Assistant Sports Editor

What a difference a year makes. A lot of things can happen over 365 days--just ask our Fightin’ Phils. The problem is that somewhere between then and now, they lost the fight in them.

They are no longer doing whatever it takes to win. No more magic in the bottom of the ninth to just barely pull a game out. A year ago, down by three in the bottom of the ninth with the bases loaded--a grand slam was obviously next. This year, same situation, the Dude gets called out on strikes. You get the picture.

Numbers don’t lie, and often represent a team’s attitude. In April 1993 the wondrous combination of Tommy Greene and Curt Schilling was a combined 6-1 with an ERA around 2.65. In April 1994 this combination has put up an 0-4 record (all of them Schilling’s decisions) with an ERA well over four. Granted, Tommy Greene has spent time on the disabled list.

So if you’re looking for statistical differences as the major cause for having a 9-14 record at the end of April 1994 as compared to 17-5 in 1993, look at the starting pitching. Last year, Greene, Schilling, Terry Mulholland, Danny Jackson, and sometimes even Big Ben Rivera survived until the eighth inning, therefore covering up the Phillies’ weakness at middle relief.

Although the combination of David West and Larry Andersen (and even Roger Mason, recently dumped and picked up by the Mets) worked well last year, they have been hurt and/or poor in 1994. But these guys, for the most part, didn’t come in until the seventh or eighth inning last year. This year, the starters are getting knocked out in the fifth or sixth, causing the weak middle relief to be more exposed than a fat lady in a bikini store.

Sure, Lenny Dykstra’s off to a slow start (.226 batting average), and Dave Hollins throws to first like he sees two or three John Kruks over there. But Lenny started off slow last year and Hollins is no Michael Jack Schmidt. My point is: cause of gigantic dropoff this year is unproductive starting pitching.

However, there is something more serious, something not measured in numbers, an intangible that is missing. The fire and desire that prevailed last year seems to have been squelched. In 1993, the Phils did just enough to win and everyone in the stadium knew it. This year, they’re doing just enough to lose, which is evident in their 1-9 record in one-run games.

Confidence is immeasurable in sports. Last year, the Phillies knew it was their year, and no one could catch them. That essential confidence is gone, and they’re at the bottom of the hill, looking up at the rest of the NL East.

It was a dream ride in 1993. So far, 1994 has been a nightmare. Manager Jim Fregosi and Darren Daulton say it’s too early to panic, and it is true that five months are left in the season. But something is missing, and it is something that can’t be turned on and off like a switch.

What a difference a year makes.

CHUCK’S WAGON

BY CHARLIE WEINGROFF
Assistant Sports Editor

As I am writing this, I am still smarting from being shut out from the Sumo Wrestling venue at Spring Fling. Torre Ruth and I had planned to square off for weeks. After being personally trained by Mr. Fuji and Yokozuna, I felt quite confident. Training began last Saturday, as I ate 60 Chicken McNuggets in 59:32. Passing out and having the McDonald’s feeling for several hours aside, it was still the dumbest thing I’ve ever done.

Seven years ago (does it seem that long?) baseballs were flying out of parks at just absurd rates. My Bio lab partners love when something is just absurd. Well, this year HRs are up again, and “theories” are once again circulating. Some say that the balls are juiced. What the heck does it mean for a ball to be juiced? Does someone stick a syringe of Dianabol into the seams? How about those seams? Are they stretched too tight? I’m surprised that nobody has attributed more HRs to the idea that pitchers who are supposed to be good actually suck.

Let’s take a little tour. 1992 AL All-Star starter Kevin Brown has given up 68,000 hits in his six starts, and has sought out a sports psychologist. It’s all in your head, right Ken? Todd Van Poppel, the prized Oakland #1 draft pick from a couple of years back, should be tossing salads instead of fastballs. BlackJack McDowell of the White Sox, the defending Cy Young winner, has been nothing more than poor. Detroit’s Tim Belcher and the Yankees’ Terry Mulholland have been nothing more than batting practice pitchers......for eight-year-olds. These guys get better, and the HRs go down. It’s either that or more Tropicana “juice” for those balls.

To the Phillies whole team: How much will you guys really miss Roger Mason?

Let’s talk football draft. Last week I bashed now-Bears LB John Thierry. Well, a very reliable source has seen Mr. Thierry play says this guy is for real. I can admit when I’m wrong, but as long as the Bears QBs are Eric Kramer and Steve Walsh, a 6-12 record is a lofty goal.

You have got to love ESPN draftnik Mel Kiper, Jr. battling Colts GM Bill Tobin. Being a Dolphins fan, I am required by law to consider playing with 6 skaters and no goalie for a whole game? ..... No?

The Knicks wrecked the Nets in their first game. Remember that Charles Smith/Athony Mason thing. Smith went 7-10 from the field, and Einstein Mason went 1 of 2. Now who’s the stupid one?

To the Sixers organization: Have you all set your tee times yet?

I have a question. How could have ESPN, every major television sportscast, and every major newspaper gotten a wrong message? The Sharks didn’t beat the Red Wings. There’s no way the Sharks, the #8 seed, beat the Wings, the #1 seed. Well, it really did happen. And I will go out on a limb and say that the Red Wings would have won even with Tommy Soderstrom or Dominic Roussel in goal.

The Sabres/Devils series was indeed the best of the first round match-ups. Game 6, which went into four overtime periods, was indeed a classic. The Devils are a better overall team, and that’s why they won. But keep in mind what good goalstending can do.

As of right now, the Rangers will sweep the Washington Capitals, then the winner of the Boston Bruins/Devils, then the West’s sacrificial lamb.

To the Flyers coach Terry Simpson: Hey coach, did you ever consider playing with 6 skaters and no goalie for a whole game? ..... No?

Well, you should have.

Jon Oliver’s streak of correct answers to the Michael Mooreer/WWF Trivia Question of the Week has been put to a stop by AFO’s Tom Guzzo. Tom knew that the Powers of Pain were comprised of The Warlord and The Barbarian. He also knew that Slick managed The Warlord and Bobby Heenan managed The Barbarian. This week’s question: Until Yokozuna was successful in killing The Undertaker at the 1994 Royal Rumble, many others have tried to kill him. Who tried to kill him with a sword? Hey, I tell it like it is, and the pleasure was all yours. Good luck on those finals, be careful, and be young, have fun, and drink Pepsi.
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Boldestface indicates NFC East team.

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**SPORTS BEAT**

**TUESDAY, MAY 3**

- Women's Lacrosse at Western Maryland
  - 4:00 PM

**FRIDAY, MAY 6**

- Men's Tennis at Centennial Conference Championships @ Gettysburg
  - 4:00 PM

- Women's Tennis at Centennial Conference Championships @ Washington
  - 5:00 PM

**SATURDAY, MAY 7**

- Men's Tennis at Cent. Conf. Champ. @ Gettysburg
  - 4:00 PM
- Women's Tennis at Cent. Conf. Champ. @ Washington
  - 4:00 PM
- Men's and Women's Track at Centennial Conf. Champ.
  - 4:00 PM

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**HARLEY'S HAVEN**

**BY HARLEY DAVID RUBIN**

*The Once and Future King*

Well, kids, it's been a pleasure writing this column for the past three-and-a-half years. It's been great fun, sitting down every weekend and typing for a half-hour, then watching you grab a Grizzly at Tuesday lunch and sit down to read this stuff. I'm honored that you would take time to peruse my opinions, whether you agree with them or not.

Anyway, to close out my career here, I'm going to take a look at the biggest, most newsworthy events to happen with each Philly sports team during my years here (1990-1994) and then prognosticate as to the future of each franchise. Off we go...

THE PHILLIES—have been and will always be my favorites. So I'm a "homer"—so sue me. It's obvious that the big event here was last year's National League Championship win (and World Series loss). The team, comprised of a cast of dirtballs, losers, and castaways (kind of like 25 Gilligans) started 1993 with a 17-5 record in April and never looked back.

Their NLCS victory over the heralded Atlanta Braves was nearly miraculous, proving once again that it takes a certain kind of team to win a seven-game series. However, the powerful Toronto Blue Jays were too much for the Phightin' Phils in the World Series. (Of course, if it weren't for boneheads like Mitch Williams and Jim Fregosi, it might have been different, but what's done is done.)

Unfortunately, the naysayers who believe that the only reason the Phils won last year was the "career years" of certain key players have been proved correct thus far in 1994. Whereas last year key contributions were made by nearly every player when they were needed, there are no such contributions being made this year. Of course, it could turn around, but it will take a lot.

As for the Phuture, I foresee some good things, some bad. The Terry Mulholland hold, while hurting the Phills this year, will prove to be a steal. Bobby Munoz (if he ever finds his head) will be a fine power pitcher, Ryan Karp will win the Cy Young Award by the year 1998, and Kevin Jordan will be the second baseman for many years to come.

It all depends on general manager Lee Thomas and scouting director Mike Arbuckle. If they can improve the Phills' drafting techniques, things will be looking up. If not, I don't see us putting a red steel cap on top of Ben Franklin again for a few years.

THE EAGLES—have just been sold, although it won't be official until mid-May. But even bigger news in the last four years was the departure of All-Pro Future Hall of Fame defensive end Reggie White.

This move showed the utter lack of common sense that was to be the Eagles' trademark for the next few years.

A roster full of talented players has been depleted by free-agent losses. Ex-Eagles have flown south to Florida for the winter, and now to Arizona to be with former head coach Buddy Ryan. Surely, the injuries haven't helped any, but you can only blame so much on injuries. This has been a poorly-managed football team, from the head coach on up to the front office.

Jeffrey Lurie has a tough job ahead of him. But I like the way the Hollywood producer talks, and I think he will bring a contagious optimism back to the Eagles soon. So fans in the 700 level can rejoice— I see playoffs in the not-too-far-off future.

THE SIXERS—can be summed up in two words: "Oy vey." For those of you who don't know Yiddish, that means "Oh crapola."

That was the reaction of many fans when loudmouth All-Star Charles Barkley was traded to the Phoenix Suns for Jeff Hornacek, Tim Perry, and Andrew Lang. Only Perry remains from that trade, which strengthened Phoenix even more (although they have yet to win it all) and weakened the Sixers to the point of lottery-pick world.

I will say that the Sixers seem to be trying very hard. It just isn't showing up in the stats. Clarence Weatherspoon has received nothing but accolades in this column—a good sign for him, huh. He is the future, along with Shawn "Milton Sulston" Bradley, the 7'6" center picked second overall last year. Bradley has looked unappreciative of his $44 million contract as of late, almost refusing to do things necessary to improve. Hopefully, Bradley will get snapped around enough to get on some kind of program and pump it up. If he doesn't, look for a few more lottery picks in the next few years.

THE FLYERS— traded, as another columnist in this section will attest, their entire team for Eric Lindros. Quebec certainly got a lot in the deal, but not exactly all of the Flyers went north. Unfortunately, two key defensemen (Steve Duchesne and Kerry Huffman) were included, depleting the defensive unit tremendously.

That's been the story for the past few years. Solid offense, led by Lindros, Mark Recchi, Rod Brind'Amour, and others, but the defense has been a let-down. Additionally, the goaltending, which last year sparkled, fizzled out in 1993-94. Head coach Terry Simpson has looked more like Marge Simpson, shaking his big blue-beehive head and going "hmmmm" whenever things go wrong.

So where are the hosers headed? If GM Russ Farwell doesn't get the job done and pull the trigger on a big trade for a top-notch defenseman (and maybe a goalie), he's gone. The only chance for the Flyers to finally get into the Promised Land of Playoffs again depends on his ability to do just that.

THE CHEERS—have been a big part of this column. It's undoubtedly my favorite show of all time, and arguably one of the best ever on television. I thought it would be neat (those four years ago) to include a little trivia—maybe some people out there would read what I had to say if I induced them with some pop culture.

So, here's the last Clamor House of Champions Rules/"Cheers" Trivia Answer: On "Cheers," Frasier Crane was an only child, whose mother threatened to kill Diane. His father, who was always in the laboratory with "those damned experiments," was not a "white rat," but a scientist. On the spinoff "Frasier," he has a brother Niles, his mother has been dead for a long time, and his father is a retired policeman who never would have married the woman who played Hester Crane on the old "Cheers" episode.

Whatever the plot inconsistencies, "Frasier" is a great show. At least some vestiges of the glory of "Cheers" remain—the quality of writing, intellectual comedy, and great characters. Maybe I'll go order the entire set of "Cheers" videos from the Paramount Video Library.

THE END is inevitable. Once again, thanks for reading this stuff for the past four years (or whatever time you've been here). It's been cool, and like, didn't suck.

If any of you would like to write to me in the future (maybe I'll send you a personalized Haven or something), here's my address:

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The END II—is here. I swear. But before I go, I should say this last thing: "May the Sports be with you."