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# The Grizzly

*A smile -- An inexpensive way to improve one's looks.*

- Anonymous

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## 'Straight Line Winds' Damage Campus

**BY JAYSON BLOCKSIDGE**  
*Co-News Editor*

Ursinus College was victimized by high gusts of wind at around four o'clock last Tuesday afternoon. The high winds were a result of the warm, humid conditions that the area experienced all day combined with an incoming cold front. When the cold front collided with the warm, humid air, a squall line resulted. The winds generated by this squall line, creating gusts of winds up to 60 mph, were responsible for the uprooted trees and broken windows that could be found scattered throughout the Ursinus campus and Montgomery County. Early reports of tornadoes were refuted by the National Weather Service. In Montgomery County, electrical power to

about 7,000 PECO Energy Co. customers was knocked out between 4 and 5 p.m.

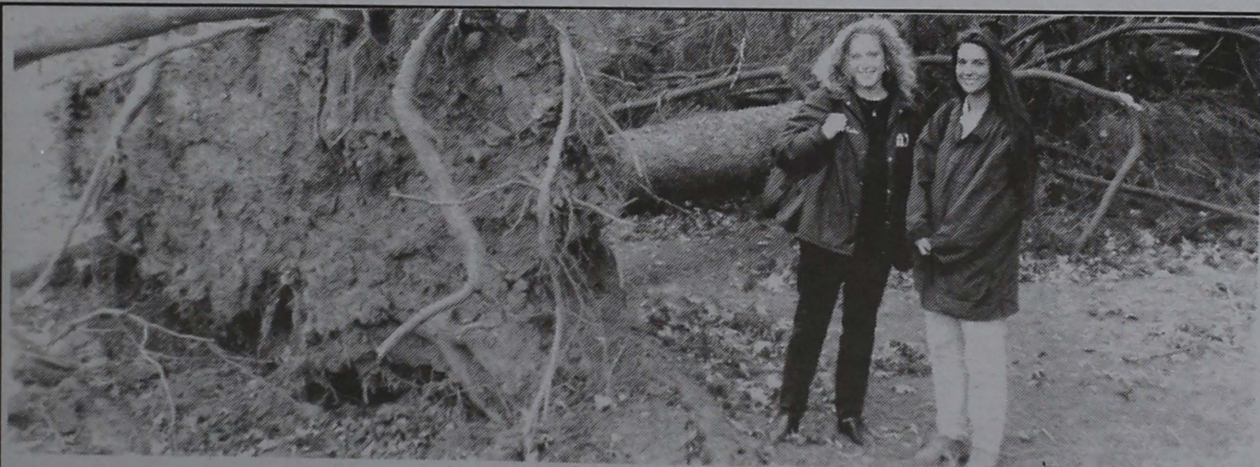
More than 20 trees on the Ursinus campus were toppled or severely damaged. Wires were knocked down, cutting power to at three residence halls -- Hobson Hall, Musser Hall, and Zwingli Hall. Nearly 100 students were forced out of the dormitory buildings and were encouraged to stay in the Wismer Dining Hall until the crisis subsided. The power was returned to the houses by about 12:30 a.m. No one was injured when a tree fell onto the roof of Duryea Hall.

The wind also blew out an old stained-glass window at Bomberger Hall. The windows and the building are 103 years old. According to

Sally Widman, Ursinus Spokeswoman, restoring the stained glass window in Bomberger may cost up to \$20,000. She also provided the "guesstimate" that total damages around campus may exceed \$50,000.

The power of the winds was so great that an 80 foot tall tree on the campus was knocked over. Also, slate from the Bomberger Hall roof was recovered on the campus hockey field, 300 yards away.

The U.C. HOT S.H.O.T.S. (Students Helping Others Through Service) encouraged students to aid in a "Massive Campus Clean-Up from Tuesday's Storm" on Saturday from 1-3 p.m. Volunteers were given a free T-shirt commemorating the storm of 1994.



*(Photo by Mike Farrand)*

Erin Burke and Nicole Barber stand next to a tree uprooted in last week's storm.

## Political Experts Discuss Election '94

**BY MARK LEISER**  
*Co-Editor in Chief*

The Department of Politics at Ursinus College hosted a roundtable discussion on the 1994 election, focusing on key issues and developments of this year's campaigns.

The roundtable, which was held last Wednesday in the Bomberger Auditorium, featured a distinguished panel of guests including Gerald M. Pomper and Stephen A. Salmore, both professors at the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, and David P. Rebovich, a professor and Dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Rider University. Gerard Fitzpatrick, Ursinus Professor of American government, moderated the discussion.

Panelists discussed issues ranging from the mood of the voters to their perceptions of Bill Clinton and current government. All three panelists think that the public has problems with the way the country is being run, a belief based on what Professor Pomper called "President Clinton's relatively low standing in public approval." Pomper doesn't think this low approval rating is deserved, however, saying Clinton has "a low standing for someone that has accomplished a lot of things."

These experts think that voters are beginning to understand and

resent the idea of what Professor Salmore referred to as "split-level campaigning," where politicians talk one way to their constituents, and then act differently when it comes time to make crucial decisions. "You can't tell people at home that you're one of them, and then go to Washington and vote a different way," said Salmore.

Continuing with the issue of voter dissatisfaction, the professors mentioned the idea that voters' voices are not heard. Professor Rebovich raised the topic of talk radio, which presumably gives the public an outlet for opinions. But, he said that the "theme of talk radio is often a negative one. It is for individuals that just want to hear themselves speak."

While the topic of talk radio may not have been on the agenda of issues to discuss, the other two panelists readily expressed their views on it as well. The most emphatic opinion was that of Pomper, who said, "Talk radio is a form of verbal masturbation where people can call up and give their first opinion or reaction to an issue without any facts to back it up. And the experts listen to this and consider it to be public opinion."

Finally, the three panelists gave their predictions for the 1994 election. Three candidates that consis

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## News

## Global Perspectives

BY HOPE RINEHIMER

Co-News Editor

## International:

-The death toll after an explosion just south of Cairo, Egypt last Wednesday has now risen to 400, and could claim as high as 600. These deaths were the indirect result of terrible rains and winds which capsized eight full fuel tanks, belonging to the military. The fuel was then set on fire. Flames rushed through the town, along with the flood waters, burning everything in its path, including numerous innocent people. As the survivors spent the last days rummaging through the smoldering remains of their families and homes, they were blaming the government for allowing the fuel to be stored in such a close proximity to their homes.

-Last week, Defense Secretary William Perry was turned down when he asked Saudi Arabia to help defray America's costs for sending their troops, tanks, and planes to the Persian Gulf recently. The troops were sent to monitor the most recent Iraqi threat, and the tanks and planes are there in the event of any other threats. Prince Sultan of Saudi Arabia said that America had overcharged them for weapons during the last crisis, and, therefore they were unable to afford any more. American officials said they would continue to talk with Prince Sultan.

## National:

-Clean up and investigation into the causes of the recent American Eagle Flight 4184 crash in Indiana have begun. According to officials the wings were covered with ice, causing a problem with the ailerons. The pilots had been using autopilot and did not notice that the plane was making sharp turns until it was too late. Officials are not sure what happened to the weather recorder on board, but they believe that for some mechanical reason it shut down, causing the pilots to be unaware of the exact weather conditions. Clean-up has been inhibited by the huge rains which have been hitting Indiana and by workers' need to avoid the danger of contracting diseases through blood-borne pathogens.

-Last Thursday the shuttle Atlantis jetted into space to analyze the Earth's atmosphere. For eleven days the crew plans to study the effects of solar radiation in contact with manufactured chemicals to determine the rate of depletion of the ozone layer, which protects the Earth from harmful radiation. This is the first mission for Atlantis since its repair began two years ago. It is the seventh NASA mission this year.

## Mother Charged With the Murder of Two Sons

BY JAYSON BLOCKSIDE

Co-News Editor

Susan Smith, a 23-year-old mother of two, was arrested last week and charged with the murder of her sons. The disappearance of her children on October 25 set off a nationwide search that ended when the bodies were found decomposed in the back seat of her car at the bottom of a lake.

Smith had appealed to God and community members on several occasions on local and national television. She gathered support, especially among the people of South

Carolina, to try to find her children.

The bodies were found on Thursday inside the mother's car, deep in a lake outside the small town of Union in northwestern South Carolina. Autopsies revealed that the bodies were of 3 year old Michael Smith and his 14-month old brother, Alexander. The brothers apparently drowned in the John D. Long Lake.

Mrs. Smith initially reported that an armed man forced her out of her car at a stoplight and drove away with the children still strapped in the back seat. The alleged carjacker was described as a black male be-

tween 20 and 30 years old. She told officials that she had begged the man to let her have her children, but he only said, as reported in the *New York Times*, that he would "take care of them."

Her repeated emotionally charged televised appeals to have her children returned has increased the disturbing nature of this situation. Not only are neighbors and friends still stunned about the death of the children, they can not believe that Susan Smith, described as a kind and caring mother, is responsible for their deaths.

## Security Guard to Teach Self Defense Course for Women

The new era of self-defense has arrived. Rape Aggressive Defense, also known as RAD, is a class designed to empower women. Paul Smith, an Ursinus security guard, is teaching the six week course which is available only to women. Smith feels "this course allows women to make a choice about how to respond against an aggressor. She has the options of complete response, partial compliance, and complete compliance. Every woman on this campus should consider taking this course." RAD will be held Thursdays from 7 to 9pm starting on October 27th. The cost of the course is \$12 which can be given to Jen Shanahan in the Wellness Center. Classes are held in Helfferich's dance studio. RAD consists of classroom instruction to enhance awareness and prevent attack, actual physical self-defense instruction, and realistic simulation. Smith commented that "although the class takes a lot out of me, the return of knowing women are safer is a great reward."

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## Election

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tently came up as likely winners were Oliver North (VA), Ted Kennedy (MA), and Olympia Snow (ME). Professor Pomper foresees a rough election year for most incumbents, however, saying the public "won't vote on the issues, rather they will vote to get rid of people."

The three professors see what Salmore described as a "strong Republican tide running" in this election. The common consensus was

that the balance of representation in Congress will shift slightly with an increase in Republican victories.

According to Pomper, we will have a "more conservative Republican party and a more liberal democratic party in Congress." When the idea of conflict and deadlock in Congress arose, Pomper said we will soon be "beyond the idea of conflict, soon reaching the point of head-on collision."

**Remember To Vote!!!**  
**Tuesday, November 8**

## Mighty Morphin Power Rangers Zapped from Canadian TV

BY JAYSON BLOCKSIDGE  
Co-News Editor

The popular Los Angeles-produced children's show, "The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers," viewed in more than 30 countries, has been deemed too violent for Canadian television. The decision last week from a national broadcaster's regulatory body puts pressure on television networks to either cancel the show or render it less violent.

The judgment, made by the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council has pushed YTV, a youth cable channel, to cancel the series. A commercial television network, the Global Channel, is talking with the producer about ways to make the show conform to Canadian criteria.

The Global Channel still broadcasts the show, but according to the ruling, must state over prime time in the next 30 days that the show violates new violence standards. Canadian broadcasters are under significant pressure to conform to

the standards to maintain their licenses.

The anti-violence code was produced at the insistence of the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission. This is a regulatory agency comparable to the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, which hands out broadcast licenses. The standards council that made the ruling was created by the Canadian Association of Broadcasters to enforce the codes of the broadcasters. Approximately 100 Canadian commercial television stations and 300 radio stations are members of the association.

The show is about teenage boys and girls, gifted with martial arts skills and cosmic powers, who fight ridiculous looking monsters. Much of the action in the show is comprised of violence. This violence does not contribute to the plot or character development and is presented as the only method of resolving conflict is deemed unnecessary.

## Halloween Predicted Race a Frightful Success

BY ELAINE ZELLEY  
Special to The Grizzly

The Halloween Predicted race, held at noon last Monday, Oct. 31, and sponsored by Intramural Sports/Activities, proved quite successful. Over 50 students, faculty and staff participated in the event. The object of the race was for each participant to estimate how long it would take to walk or run a "mystery" course. Those who most accurately predicted their times won prizes.

Of the students participating, April Brown and Samantha Caggiano finished closest to their estimated times. Each was awarded a gift certificate to be used in the Trappe Shopping Center. Auda Mae Johnson and Sharon Myers were staff/faculty winners and were presented with festive fall decorations for their homes. Omega Chi sorority won pizzas for having the most participants from an organization. Megan Brown, Sheila Campbell, Keith Clevens, Susan Milewski and John Rovinski each received gift certificates to TCBY

in Trappe.

Due to the interest in the Halloween Predicted Race, Intramural Sports/Activities is planning another predicted run/walk--a Thanksgiving Turkey Trot. The Turkey Trot will be held on Monday, Nov. 21, at 12:05 p.m., beginning at Helfferich Hall. Lunch will be provided for all who participate.

The Turkey Trot is open to all interested students, faculty, staff and their families. As in the Halloween Predicted Race, YOU predict how long it will take you to complete the course. The person who most accurately predicts her/his time and the group/organization with the most representatives participating win. A long and short course will be provided, and you can either run or walk the course.

Look for pre-registration forms in Wismer Lobby, Wismer Lower Lounge and Helfferich Hall. For more information, call Laura Borsdorf at ext. 2456. Bring a friend!!

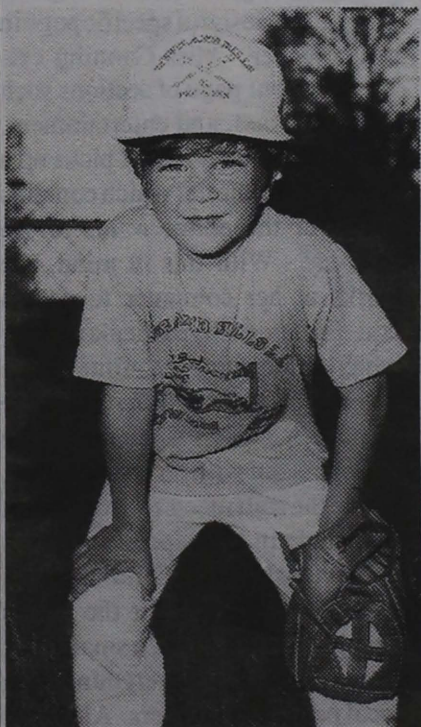
## News Natural Family Planning

Just what exactly is Natural Family Planning? The Catholic Church solely advocates this method of birth control, but why? Come to Bomberger Meditation Chapel this Wednesday, November 9 at 7 p.m. and find out.

George and Eileen Finnin, from St. Eleanor's Pre-Cana group, will explore this issue by describing the basics of fertility and how this method integrates into the sacrament of marriage.

Finally, there will be an opportunity to ask questions regarding the topic. This event is sponsored by the Newman Society.

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# What's Up In Wellness

BY NICOLE D'ORSANEO  
Of The Grizzly

Exercise is extremely important in maintaining a healthy body. However, the most beneficial part of your exercise routine is stretching. Stretching promotes flexibility, which is the ability to use your muscles and joints through their full range of movement. A regular flexibility program helps to increase resistance to muscle injury, prevent low-back problems, increase agility, promote proper body movement, and develop motor skills throughout life.

Stretching should be preceded by a brief warm-up, such as jogging in place. This raises muscle temperature, because stretching muscles that are cold may sprain or tear them. It is advised to stretch after your exercise program as well. This prevents muscles from tightening up and lessens the chance of soreness.

Here are some tips for stretching. First of all, if there is pain other than brief discomfort, stop. To maintain flexibility, stretch three to four times a week. The stretching session should last about twenty minutes,

with each stretch held for 20-30 seconds. Major muscle groups should be stretched first, then stretch the specific muscles required for your fitness program.

There are three basic types of stretching: ballistic, static, and contact-relax. Ballistic stretching exercises are performed using bouncy movements. These moves actually shorten muscles and increase the risk of muscle tears or injuries; this type of stretching should be avoided. On the other hand, static and contact-relax are highly recommended because they are gentle and slow. Static is a gradual stretch until you feel resistance. You hold the position for up to 30 seconds. The muscles are relaxing so a greater length is accomplished. The contact-relax consists of applying force in one direction, for example using your elbows to push your knees down while your knees are pushing up against the elbows. Then a stretch with no force should be performed, this loosens the muscles. Stretching not only improves our exercise program and protects us against injury, but also is an excellent way to relieve stress.

# Features

## Alumna Gives Insight for Life After Ursinus

Name: Traci Canning '85  
Major/Minor at Ursinus: English/Communication Arts  
Clubs/Activities at Ursinus: Member of Omega Chi, proTheatre  
Position title: Page designer at the Reading Eagle Times

Many of you may be wondering why the above information is included in the newspaper. This article is part of a series of interviews with Ursinus alumnae via the Grizzly Network. For those of you who don't know, the Grizzly Network is a service run through the Career Planning & Placement Center. In Studio Cottage, we have binders full of career information about former Ursinus students which current students can use as a source in finding out more about career choices. A few times a month, we will choose a graduate in a particular field, interview her or him, and feature them in *The Grizzly*.

Traci provided me with some background information on her job. A page designer uses a computer program to design a specific page in a newspaper. Miss Canning creates the front page of sections such as travel, food, and entertainment.

In a typical day, Traci picks up a package of material which contains whatever the editor wants to see that day. With this in mind, she works at her computer to design and layout each particular page, which is then output to film. Traci can complete three or four of these layouts in a day. Sometimes, the day starts out with a news meeting, where the staff meets to decide what to include in the paper.

Previously, Miss Canning was a newspaper reporter for the *Times Herald* in Norristown, a small daily paper. She covered everything from local politics to murders. Although she enjoyed this, Traci discovered that for every good story, there are at least 25 irrelevant ones. She also works as a freelance writer.

Regarding long-range prospects in this field, Traci has noticed that newspapers are making do with fewer reporters. More technically oriented positions such as hers are in higher demand. She also adds

## Sgt. Grizz... "Nothing But The Bear Facts."



10-30-94 at 845 p.m. Security met with a student who stated that sometime between 10-24-94 and 10-28-94, someone removed a credit card from her personal belongings. The student had learned that purchases had been made with her credit card and immediately cancelled the card. This theft report was turned over to the Collegeville Police for investigative follow-up.

11-1-94 at 9:50 a.m. Security met with a student who reported that sometime during the night, the student's vehicle had been struck by another auto. Security later identified the striking vehicle on the lot. The owner of the striking vehicle reported that it was raining when she parked her vehicle and she didn't know that the other vehicle had been hit. Insurance information was exchanged and the police filed an official accident report.

11-1-94 at 1:20 p.m. Security was notified by the Physical Plant department that sometime between 10-28-94 and 10-29-94, unknown person(s) removed globes from lighting fixtures. The matter was referred to the Residence Life Office.

11-1-94 at 12:30 p.m. Security was informed that unknown person(s) removed a peg-tree from Zack's that was used to display items in a basket. The item was recovered the next day in Reimert's courtyard.

11-1-94 at 4:05 p.m. Security was called to 6th Avenue and Main Street along with the entire staff from the Physical Plant Department to start the process of cleaning up the damage from the sudden, intense storm that came through the area.

SGT. GRIZZ GIVES A TIP OF THE HAT TO THE FAST RESPONSE BY THE COLLEGEVILLE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS WHO ASSISTED IN TRAFFIC CONTROL, THE IDENTIFICATION OF FALLEN WIRES AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT. A TRUE SENSE OF COMMUNITY WAS EXPERIENCED FOR THE NEXT SIX HOURS BY STUDENTS, STAFF, POLICE, FIREMEN, RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF AND MANY OTHERS.

11-2-94 at 6:00 p.m. Security was notified of three different items being removed from the locker areas at DLH. Students had failed to lock their items while at practice. Security is investigating the thefts.

that copy editors are in demand. Copy editors read the stories, check for errors, and create suitable headlines. Miss Canning feels that both the design and copy editing fields are growing rapidly.

Traci's advice to Ursinus students? Work inside your field! Upon graduation, choose a job within your field and stick with it. She says it is better to gain experience in a lower-paying job so that in the future you can move into bigger companies. Although this may mean financial struggle at first, eventually that choice will pay off. Also, take as many internships as you can. Expe-

rience means everything!  
CPP would like to thank Miss Canning for her time and invaluable information.

Are you interested in speaking with Traci directly? If so, come and visit Studio Cottage and we'll be glad to help you contact her.

This spotlight has been compiled by Laurie Falcone

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## What Fred Said

I'm going to do something that I said I wasn't going to do anymore. I'm going to talk about Greek life. Like the rest of you, I'm sick of hearing everyone complain about pledging changes and/or the inherent dangers of the current system. In fact, I'm not even going to say what my own opinion is on the topic of pledging. You don't care, and for that matter, it's irrelevant.

Last weekend I was at a fraternity function. Most of the guys were there, and it was shaping up to be another evening of male bonding and fun. I was sitting and talking to some friends when someone stopped the music. I looked up as the brothers gathered around. One of them approached me. He said, "We thought it was about time that you had one of these," and handed me a

pledge paddle.

A pledge paddle is something that each pledge makes for his big brother in the fraternity. It is a very traditional gesture that solidifies the growing bond between pledge and fraternity and is a way of thanking his big brother for his support and friendship. For reasons that I will not go into here, my little brother decided that he did not have to make paddles for me or Ralph Schipske, his other big brother.

Last Saturday, the Brothers of Delta Pi Sigma presented paddles that they themselves had made to Ralph and me.

We were speechless. And quite frankly, I was a little choked up. I had no idea they were going to do this. It was one of the most moving, memorable experiences of my life,

and certainly one of the best of my time at Ursinus.

So what's the point, besides thanking them? Well, there's a bigger picture here. What my brothers did for me that night illustrates the incredibly tight bonds that the Greek system can instill in its members. It doesn't matter if you're in a fraternity or a sorority. These bonds exist. They are the bonds of Brotherhood.

Sometimes, people don't see the forest for the trees. Pledging is important. But Brotherhood is more important. Yes, pledging is a beginning. But it is only a one small part in the whole process. The foundation is integral, but the structure must be able to stand together on its own in order to continue its existence. Brotherhood is an ideal, a

continual journey. What my brothers did for Ralph and me showed that they understood that. They care, and their caring is a never-ending process.

In film and in literature, the pledge paddle is often thought synonymous with beatings. Perhaps that may indeed have been one aspect of its significance. But it is so much more than that. A paddle is something that is used to push a boat through the water. By working together, in unison, paddles provide the energy and means of forward progress. They move the boat over the calm water, and guide it through the rough water. Each paddle helps lighten the burden of the other paddles, and has in turn its own burden made easier by the efforts of the other paddles.

We must remember that the mission of the Greek system, like that of the College, are in many ways alike. Their goal is enable students to become responsible and thoughtful individuals. They both strive to develop a deepened sense of who the individual is as a person and how to best appreciate the diversity and ambiguity of contemporary experience and existence.

Don't get so caught up in the issue of pledging, on either side, so much so that you forget these ideals. Look beyond. Look to the future. Remember what the Journey of Brotherhood is all about. The Brothers of Delta Pi Sigma helped me to remember that the other night. Hopefully, you will too.

### Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Newman Society

#### Natural Family Planning - A Natural Alternative

When : Wenesday, November 9 at 7 p.m.

Where : Bomberger Meditation Chapel

#### Musical Missionary to Perform

Who : Jason Pierce

When : Wednesday, November 16 at 8 p.m.

Where : Wismer Parents' Lounge

All Interested Students are Encouraged to Attend !!

Upsilon Phi Delta is sponsoring a food and clothing drive through Thanksgiving. The donations will benefit the Norristown Soup Kitchen and the St. Eleanor's Church clothing drive. Donations can be dropped off at Corson Hall, the Student Activities Office, the campus bookstore, and Paisley security desk. Thanks for your help!!



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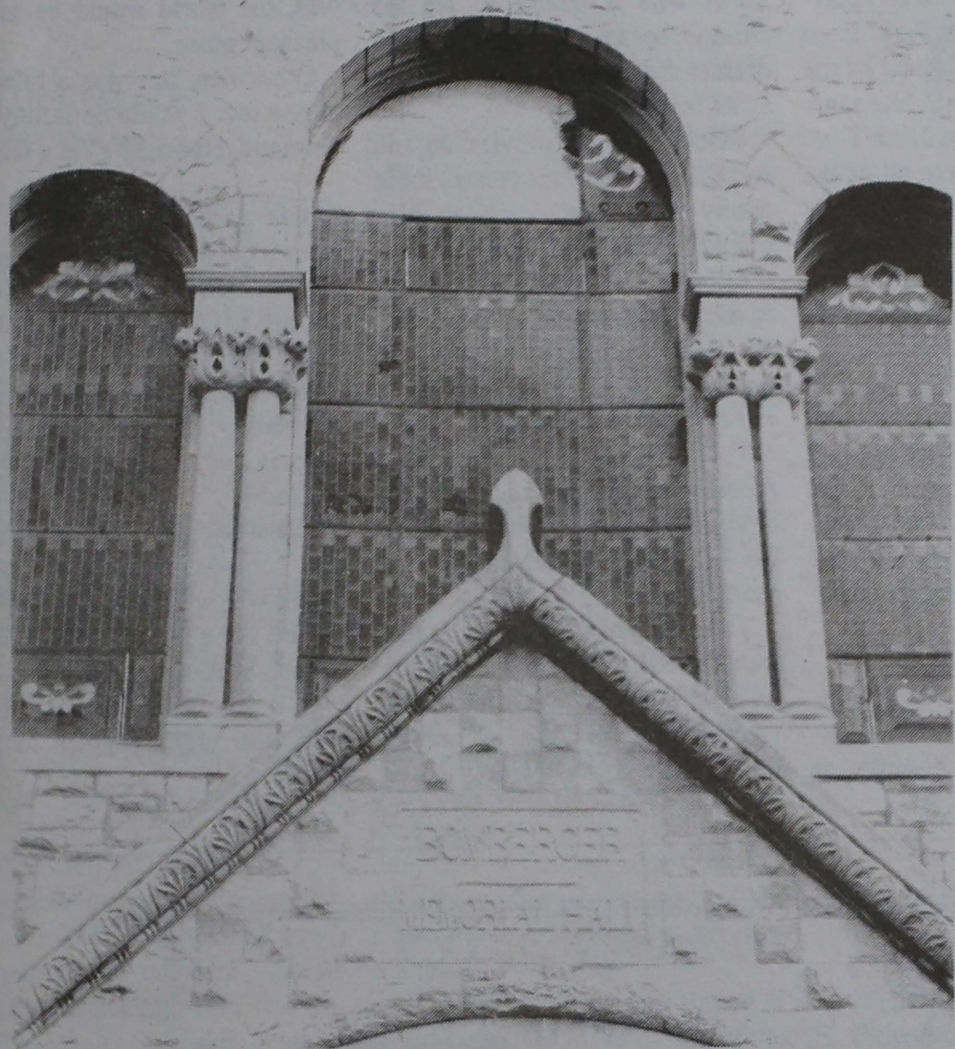


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# s Damage Campus



*Photos by Mark Leiser*



# Movie Mania

BY COLIN TUCKER

*Arts and Entertainment Editor*

**The Flintstones-** This was just released on video. My preconceptions about the movie were pretty good because the casting seemed right on target. Also, this was a great marketing move since the movie is geared towards families, kids, and people of earlier generations who watched the original Flintstones on television.

I successfully predicted that this movie would make about \$100 million. I was glad to find out that this movie met my expectations.

All of the actors were great as their characters, with John Goodman as Fred, Elizabeth Perkins as Wilma, Rick Moranis as Barney, and Rosie O'Donnell as Betty. Wilma and Betty even do that little giggle. Also good is Halle Berry, who plays Fred's seductive secre-

tary Sharon Stone, and Elizabeth Taylor, in her first movie in 15 years, who is perfectly cast as Pearl Slaghoople, Fred's mother-in-law.

Fred is promoted to management at the quarry, where, unbeknownst to him, he is involved in a plot to embezzle money and fire all of the employees.

The movie was faithful to the cartoon, right down to perfectly recreating the opening and closing of the show (you know, with Fred sliding down the brontosaurus and jumping into his car, and the end when the cat throws him out of the house), an amazing looking computer-animated Dino, a hog that is used as a garbage disposal, the brontosaurus cranes that are used in the Slate quarries, and Fred's "twinkle toes" while he is bowling.

They apparently spent a lot of this money on this movie, with elaborate sets such as RocDonald's

(shameless plug), the Flintstones' car which you have to run to get moving, and the Bedrock city playground, named Jurassic Park. Even so, it still seems as if some of the rocks are made of paper, like some of the sets on the original *Star Trek*.

Also impressive were all of the prehistoric animals from Jim Henson's creature shop, such as the bird that punches the time card and the woolly mammoth used for showers and baths.

In summary, I was pleased with the excellent acting due to good casting, and the impressive sets and special effects that captured the essence of the cartoon. Even though the plot could have been a little better, this was a lot of fun to watch.

**Rating- 7 (Good)**

**Mrs. Doubtfire-** This is my recommendation for Wismer this weekend. It is playing on Saturday at

3:00.

Robin Williams plays a loving father who is unable to see his children because of a divorce, so he dresses in drag and poses as a nanny so he is able to see them.

Since this is the movies, no one recognizes him. This creates some funny situations, such as him quickly changing disguises to fool the divorce arbitrator, and the end in which he has simultaneous dinner dates with his family and an executive interviewing him for a job at a television station.

There are many hilarious moments in this movie, such as when he clobbers a purse robber and when his kids actually find out who he really is.

The only major drawback to this movie is Sally Field, who plays the wife who wants a divorce. The character acts like a mean, cranky dog for the entire movie. I was

actually glad that they are divorced. If all mothers were as cranky as she was, the world would be an unpleasant place.

Otherwise, this was a hilarious movie that I would definitely recommend. **Rating-8 (Very Good)**

**Movie quote of the week-** Last week's quote "X never, ever marks the spot" was identified by my pesky upstairs neighbor, Dena Proccacini (I had to double-check the E-mail to make sure I spelled her name correctly). It was said by Indiana Jones in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*.

This week's quote is tough, and I hope someone gets it. Remember, people who watched the movie with me are not eligible. The quote is "There is someone for everyone, even if you need a pickaxe, compass, and night goggles to find them."

## Vic Henley Brings Southern Humor to Ursinus

BY COLIN TUCKER

*Arts and Entertainment Editor*

Last Thursday night, comedian Vic Henley, who co-authored the book *Games Rednecks Play* and who appeared on *The Tonight Show*, brought a hilarious dose of Southern humor to Ursinus.

At first the crowd was a little offended when the name "Ursinus" was again lampooned (he said that it sounds like a medical condition), and erroneously commented that Collegeville is in the middle of nowhere. Being born and raised in this area, I was a little offended. Collegeville may not be a city, but compared to some of those one-horse hick towns in Vic's home state of Alabama, it is a metropolis.

Fortunately, the show got a lot funnier thereafter. He told a lot of political jokes (he referred to politics as "the WWF in suits"), especially Clinton-bashing, which is always funny.

He also busted on cheap beer (He referred to Natty Light as "a can of yeast") and made fun of a Zima drinker in the audience. He said his

favorite drink is peppermint schnapps, because you can throw it up and your breath will still smell nice.

Other jokes he told were about his experiences in college when he was a pre-engineering major (he lasted a month). He said the only math he knew was how to turn the calculator upside down and spell words like "hello" and "boobies." He also joked about the "Southern Olympics" in Atlanta- "He's gonna throw that there long pointy thing- ya better move your truck!"

He even joked about Italians and eating- "I once had Thanksgiving dinner at an Italian girl's house- I stayed there until February!"

Much of his show was based on busting on audience members. For example, we had to hear the duct tape story again, and he even made fun of my laugh (If you have ever heard me laugh, you will understand why).

Although the show got off to a rocky start, Vic Henley was very amusing and original as he told a wide variety of jokes. The audience really seemed to enjoy him.

### BERMAN BLOCK

November 8, at noon: "Who Wrote Shakespeare -- the Denigrator Theory" will be discussed at a lecture by Dr. Louis DeCatur at a meeting of Tri-Lambda. All are welcome. Reservations made through Michelle Quinlan at x2434.

November 9, at 5 p.m.: In conjunction with the current exhibition "Keepers of Secrets & Truths Otherwise Unknown," artist Tennessee Rice Dixon will speak about her works "Scrutiny in the Great Round" and "Meat."

November 29, at 4 p.m.: Artist Miriam Schaer will speak about her works "No More Dishes to Wash," "Eve's Meditation," and "Foundations of 20th Century Thought." These works are currently being exhibited in "Keepers of Secrets & Truths Otherwise Unknown."



### ASK MR. COLLEGE

**Q.** Dear Mr. College, I have a ten page paper due next week and there's no way I'll be able to finish more than seven pages in time. Oh Mr. College, what should I do?!—Stupified

**A.** Dear Stupified; Go ahead and finish the first seven pages of the paper, ending the last page in mid sentence as if there should be a page following it. Then hand the paper in as if nothing is wrong. Your professor will assume the last few pages were lost. By the time he or she asks you about it, you'll have had time to finish the last three pages.

**Q.** Dear Mr. College, Whenever I paste down clippings from magazines, the glue gets all over my hands. When I try and scrape it off it causes chafing. Any suggestions—Ichy

**A.** Dear Ichy; You need to write to "Ask Mr. Collage". Happens all the time.

# A & E

## proTheatre Performs 'Moving and Powerful' Show

BY MARK LEISER  
Co-Editor in Chief

The Ursinus College proTheatre performed *Execution of Justice*, a locu-drama by Emily Mann, last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This play was based on the 1978 murders of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk.

The accused murderer, Dan White, was played by senior Dan Barry. The play was not based on whether or not White committed the murders, as he openly confessed to the killings. It did, however, focus on how and why White came to commit such a crime. White was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter against Moscone and Milk, the first avowedly homosexual elected official.

The show incorporated video and audio from the actual network news coverage of the murders. These multi-media affects were coordinated by Dr. Jay K. Miller, chair of the communication arts department, and Scott Mangini, a senior communication arts major. The footage added to the audiences knowledge of the murders and the trial,

and made them aware of the impact these murders had on the people of San Francisco and the gay community.

The San Francisco Chronicle said the show forces people to "consider all sorts of serious questions about the meaning of justice and politics in America." Junior Ian Rhile agreed, saying, "They didn't leave you with a final impression as to how to view Dan White. They didn't make you angry at him, and they didn't make you feel sorry for him. Instead, it was up to each spectator to form his or her own opinions."

The seating arrangement made the audience feel like they were actually sitting in the courtroom during the trial, and the individual monologues by several characters gave the audience more of a subjective perspective. Senior T.J. Siggelakis enjoyed the design of the show, and called it a "very moving and powerful production."

Fine performances were turned in by all members of the cast, and the student response has been very positive. All are already looking forward to next semester's proTheatre production.

## 1995 RUBY in the Works

BY TARIK QASIM  
Assistant A&E Editor

Considering buying a 1995 yearbook? That is a smart choice considering the changes that are going to be implemented. This year's enthusiastic staff plans to redirect the yearbook in the style of the 1994 book, which came out at Homecoming.

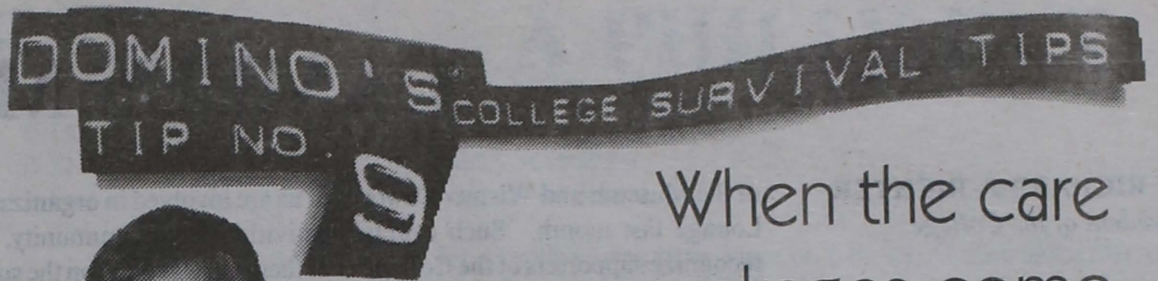
Why do you need a yearbook? It's a historical artifact that allows you to find out about people who attended the school. Moreover, it's a chronology that documents celebrations and records traditions and history here at Ursinus.

Less tradition, however, is one of the new innovations in this year-

book. It will focus more on contemporary issues at Ursinus than previous years. Like the 1994 book, which focused on the celebrations on campus, particularly the 125th anniversary of the College, the 1995 yearbook promises to be more contemporary.

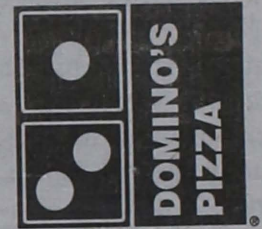
Another thing that will be emphasized in this yearbook is the upperclassmen, who in past years have not received much coverage. This change is good for underclassmen who wish to buy a yearbook and don't wish to see primarily seniors.

This year's staff promises new plans for change, and they are willing to work very hard to see that your concerns and suggestions are implemented.



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The Entertainment Section needs writers to criticize television shows, books, music, events on campus and anything else! Anyone interested call Colin Tucker at x3006 or attend Grizzly meetings at 5:45 on Tuesdays.

**BUY THE RUBY!!!**

CAMPUS MEMO

BY RICHARD P. RICHTER  
President of the College

Some members of the campus community have told me that they could not reconcile the recent black-tie celebration of the Berman Museum's fifth anniversary with the economy steps taken by the Board in October.

Certainly the appearance of expensive gaiety in the face of imposed austerity jars sensibilities.

In this case as in many others over the years, I see the multiple dimensions of the College's life in apparent conflict. We often are busy on more than one front. Sometimes an activity appears to conflict with our purpose, with our expected sense of fitness. Yet in the end it contributes to the general advance of the College.

The fifth anniversary celebration was planned and budgeted as a project of our financial development program for the 1994-95 year. The Oktoberfest for donors, a similar event, sans black tie, took place

in the Museum and Wismer Lower Lounge last month. Such events recognize supporters of the College for past generosity and encourage them and prospective new donors to support it in the future.

However one evaluates the effectiveness of fund-raising activities of this sort, they were approved as a part of the budget for the Development Office for 1994-95. Three percent of that total budget, like all others, will be sequestered this year as a step in the Fast Wave containment of costs for 1995-96.

The Strategic Study Group, in its first report, recommended against continued expenditures for large social activities but explicitly did not recommend the cutting of such activities for fund-raising purposes.

At bottom, the anniversary celebration, like the Oktoberfest, illustrates the nature of American philanthropy. Independent colleges and other private charitable organizations in the US depend on voluntary commitment rather than taxation for much of their support. Most

of us are involved in organizational activities in our community, many of them purely social on the surface, which take place in this American tradition. And we understand that serious outcomes result--affirmation of mission as well as new funds.

At the Museum celebration we received the affirmation of the mission of the Museum as an integral part of the College from friends, supporters, and high officials of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This helps us to spring forward to new activity with renewed purpose and with newly cemented support.

With so many financial needs, should the College give so much attention to the Museum? It is always possible that when you are talking to Peter you are ignoring Paul--that's the complex reality of life in any institution. However, the enrichment of the intellectual and cultural resources of the College and the service that the Museum gives to the region are clear values that need not be seen in competition with other College resources.

The Museum currently sustains much of its operating cost from dedicated sources, and the goal is for a completely self-sustaining Museum operation--through fund-raising. From a marketing perspective, the Museum has become one of our most powerful mechanisms for projecting name recognition of the College. More than a third of our press clips are generated by Museum-related news. Thousands each year come to the shows who would not otherwise have a reason for connecting with Ursinus. They take our good name back home with them and help spread the word about our worth as a College.

The Friends of the Museum, an organized fund-raising group, give the College moral support in the community as well as financial support. I believe we would not have made our case against School Board taxation effectively without the support and the guidance of community leaders who are involved through the Museum.

Friends who come to us through Museum activities become interested in other aspects of the College. In one case, we have \$200,000 pledge for the renovation of Pfahler Hall from a person who got involved initially with Ursinus through the Museum.

On a personal note, when it comes to formal fund-raising parties, truth to tell, wearing a tuxedo is not my idea of comfort. As the College flexes itself into a new era, it obviously should be sensitive to incongruities and the symbolic clash of styles on a given evening. But we must pursue a philanthropic agenda with vigor to realize our plans not just for the Museum but for Wismer Center, Pfahler Hall, and other projects too numerous to list.

For members of the College community who have trouble seeing this need, perhaps it would help to think that all that glitters is not glitz.

NO OPINION

BY DOUG PLITT  
Assistant Opinions Editor

The fraternity/sorority pledging issue is a tired one. Those who oppose the type of pledging that exists at Ursinus inevitably argue that it can be dangerous for its participants, and Greeks inevitably argue that it is a tradition that deserves to be upheld. I never pledged a fraternity or sorority so I have no right to pass judgement as to whether it is an effective vehicle for creating unity or pride or sisterhood or brotherhood. I usually refrain from forming any type of opinion on the subject of pledging, and I will not do so in this article. I will merely relate to you, the reader, things that I have heard and seen within the past few days. You can form your own opinion.

I went to see my advisor the other day. I planned my schedule for next semester. In the small talk that inevitably occurs after one plans one's schedule with one's advisor, my advisor told me of a run-in that he had with a pledge class and their pledgemistress. He was walking

his dog one night in a wooded area near his house. Suddenly a woman's voice, fraught with rage, interrupted this otherwise tranquil scene. My advisor quickly realized that this woman was directing her verbal arsenal of four letter words at his person. The body attached to the thunderous voice ran up to him and was then very startled upon finding out that she had been hurling obscenities at a fully mature adult for the past few moments. The booming, womanly voice was gone now. A young girl's voice said, "Sorry Dr. Volkmer, I thought you were spying on our pledging activities."

I went to Wawa on Friday night. On the way there, I noticed that there were two ambulances outside one of the houses on main street. When I got back from Wawa, someone informed me that three pledges were hospitalized for alcohol poisoning.

On Saturday I talked to a friend of one of the three pledges that were hospitalized for alcohol poisoning. This person told me that their friend's parents, as of Saturday, were not allowing their daughter to come back to school. I hope they've

since changed their minds.

On Saturday night I hung out with a few people in the common room of the house that I live in. A few of my friends were playing music for us. They were really, really good. They were so good that it made me sad that there are virtually no parties on this campus that have live bands instead of someone's stereo. But that's another issue. While I was enjoying this scenario, I noticed a group of girls collectively searching for something in the shrubbery next door. Upon investigation, I found out that they were searching for pennies with different letters drawn on them. I felt bad for them. They looked pretty miserable. They were scared that someone might see them talking to me. I went back inside.

I don't understand much of what goes on in pledging because, as I said, I've never pledged. I don't care if it continues in its present form or if it gets changed to something different. I don't know if it is a process whose sacrifices are worth its rewards. I have no involvement with it. I'm glad I never did.

Dear Students

This is a letter to thank you for the plaque and all of the good and bad times during my nine years as a security officer at Ursinus.

I can in no way tell you how much the plaque meant to me and how much your vim and vigor kept me going.

I got paid for a job that some nights I should have paid for doing. I will miss you in my retirement. Behave yourselves or I'll come back and kick you in the butts!

I love you all,  
Ron Schwindt

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Muhlenburg	7	0	7	0-14
Ursinus	7	7	7	0-21

- M-Mogavero 20 pass from Jack (Mogavero kick)
- U-Mills 12 pass from Lafond (McGonagle kick)
- U-Floyd 23 pass from Lafond (McGonagle kick)
- M-Peters 32 run (Mogavero kick)
- U-Mastrangelo 2 run (McGonagle kick)

### TEAM STATISTICS

Muhlenburg		Ursinus
17	1st Downs	13
205	Yards Rushing	114
142	Yards Passing	147
347	Total Yards	261
10-27-3	Passes C-A-I	9-27-2
5-3	Fumbles Lost	2-2
6-61	Penalties-Yards	8-70
4-31.8	Punts-avg.	8-33.4

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

**Muhlenburg** - Peters, 18 carries for 107 yards, 1 touchdown; Bevan, 11-58; Leh, 8-31; Jack, 9-9.  
**Ursinus** - Tom Mastrangelo, 15-41, 1 TD; Jack Clark, 9-39; Brian Eckert, 14-32; Brad Goddes, 2-1; Mark Romano, 1-1; Brian Lafond, 1-0.

#### Passing

**Muhlenburg** - Jack, 10 completions in 27 attempts for 147 yards, 1 touchdown, 3 interceptions.  
**Ursinus** - Lafond, 8-22-135, 2 TDs, 1 INT; Goddes, 1-5-12, 1 INT.

#### Receiving

**Muhlenburg** - Lockerson, 3 catches for 79 yards; Van Dyke, 2-4; Mogavero, 1-20, 1 TD; Croom, 1-16; Leale, 1-11; Peters, 1-8; Leh, 1-4.  
**Ursinus** - Ron Floyd, 4-77, 1 TD; Rob Owens, 3-38; Ed McCillip, 1-20; Ben Mills, 1-12, 1 TD.

## THE ALL-KOSTAS TEAM

### Flag Football All-Stars By George Kostas

#### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB Steve Renzi -Delta Pi-  
 RB Brad Bower -APO-  
 OL Craig Loeb sack -APO-  
 CEN Mike Donahue -Delta Pi-  
 OL Steve Fieman -Delta Pi-  
 WR Chris Pandolfi -Delta Pi-  
 WR Troy Garrett -Clamer & Friends-  
 PUN T.J. Siggelakis -Clamer & Friends-

#### SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB Joe Burke -APO-  
 RB Mike Dellaporta -Delta Pi-  
 OL Andy Ruhf -Beta Sig-  
 CEN Tim Daniels -Beta Sig-  
 OL Tom Simkiss -Delta Pi-  
 WR Jim Walsh -Speckers-  
 WR Tony Houston -Delta Pi-  
 PUN Drew Seibel -Dirtmen-

#### THIRD TEAM OFFENSE

QB Mike Vergano -Beta Sig-  
 RB Jim Stinchon -APO-  
 OL Matt Pepe -APES-  
 CEN Howie Smoyer -APO-  
 OL Cameron Sheperd -The Pharcyde-  
 WR Nick Baccino -Beta Sig-  
 WR Steve Zolfaghari -Delta Pi-  
 Blu Matsel -APO-  
 PUN Wil Davies -Delta Pi-

#### DEFENSE

DL T.J. Siggelakis -Clamer & Friends-  
 DL Todd Long -Delta Pi-  
 DL Mike Myers -Roughnecks-  
 LB Shane Fitzpatrick -Delta Pi-  
 CB Chip Vagnoni -Delta Pi-  
 CB Mike Vergano -Beta Sig-  
 SAF Scott Chalbert -Clamer & Friends-

#### DEFENSE

DL Mark Daly -Delta Pi-  
 DL Craig Loeb sack -APO-  
 DL Stu Kukla -Clamer & Friends-  
 LB Brian McTear -ZX-  
 CB Blu Matsel -APO-  
 CB Eric Widmayer -Clamer & Friends-  
 SAF Steve Renzi -Delta Pi-

#### DEFENSE

DL Ralph Shipske -Delta Pi-  
 DL Vincent Angelucci -ZX-  
 DL Dan Fishman -Dirtmen-  
 LB Drew Seibel -Dirtmen-  
 CB Charlie Weingroff -Clamer & Friends-  
 CB Chris Pandolfi -Delta Pi-  
 SAF Joe Burke -APO-

- MVP of Championship Game: Chris Pandolfi
- MVP of The League: Steve Renzi
- Offensive MVP: Joe Burke
- Defensive MVP: Todd Long
- Outstanding Defensive Lineman: T.J. Siggelakis

## A PHILLY FAN

BY JOEL SCHOFER  
 Assistant Sports Editor

It looks like the Sixers have started on their way to the horrible first half that both John Lucas and I predicted. The 91-86 loss to the Milwaukee Bucks at the Spectrum last Friday night is a perfect indication of what the first half of the season is going to be like. The Eagles are at the halfway mark of the season and it's time to comment on some of the notable and not so notable performances of the first half, while the Phillies actually have to start thinking about which of the available free agents they will pursue.

The most interesting development of the Sixers' first game actually occurred during the introduction of the players. Shawn Bradley, Philadelphia's \$44 million dollar man, was booed by the very fans who are supposed to love him. Not only was he booed before the game, but also when he entered the game midway through the fourth quarter.

Bradley responded to this criticism with a less than stellar night of zero points and two rebounds in 19 minutes, but he did manage to get four blocks. Lucas said of Bradley's performance, "If he can turn four blocks into eight points and 10 rebounds, that's the improvement we want." If you ask me, Bradley ought to be getting more than eight points a game. I think that if he isn't scoring at least 12 points a game, the Philadelphia fans have every right to lynch him.

Before I move on to the Eagles, I must say that instead of writing the last three paragraphs detailing the poor quality of Bradley's performance I could have said just one thing and the entire story would have been told. Tim Perry played center. Enough said.

With the Eagles record at 6-2 after half of the season, most Eagles fans have got to be pretty happy. I know that I would never have imagined the team would come together the way it has, but the collapse of the Giants and Cardinals hasn't exactly hurt either.

Even though the Eagles success is mostly due to a team effort rather than outstanding individual performances, there are some players on the Eagles who have contributed more than others.

Eddie Murray has been a solid performer all season long. I know that he wasn't exactly stellar in the Redskins game, but in my opinion NFL kickers get two games a year when they can be less than perfect. The Redskins game was his first, there will probably be a second, and I don't think there will be a third. Murray is a steady veteran kicker and that's what every good team needs.

After last week's game, all that I heard in the media was that Randall Cunningham had performed so well in the final minutes of the game. I'm a Randall fan and everything, but I don't think Randall's performance was all that incredible. Last time I checked there were 60 minutes in a football game, not three minutes. I thought he was respectable, but not stellar, and that's pretty much how his season has gone. Respectable, but not stellar.

Greg Jackson and William Fuller are having All-Pro years for the Eagles. Jackson's two interceptions in the Washington games were huge and he is third on the team in tackles behind Byron Evans (67) and William Thomas (48) with 46. He certainly has lived up to his billing as a "play maker." Ditto with Fuller. He leads the Eagles in sacks with 8 and has been a monster against the run.

Charlie Garner has provided his share of thrills, as has Vaughn Hebron. Garner, though, has disappeared in the last two games and better reappear soon if he wants to assert himself as the Eagles' number one back. Hebron has developed into a fourth quarter spark for the offense and a back that can step it up when Garner is less than spectacular. He blocks better than Garner and has become a solid return man.

Eric Allen and Mark McMillan have stuck out like sore thumbs and become the biggest weakness on the team. You might expect this slump from McMillan, but Allen's contribution is certainly unexpected. I'm not saying that Allen isn't playing respectably, because he is, but he's definitely not playing at the All-Pro level we're accustomed to. Hopefully he'll pick it up in the second half of the season, and he probably will. McMillan, on the other hand, is slowly playing himself out of a job. The only question left is who would be his replacement?

The Eagles can now start the second half of the season as a lock for the playoffs. If a few of their players step it up and they get a little luck, then they may even be able to win the division. Sorry Cowboys fans, but it's possible. Not likely, but definitely possible.

The Phillies have started to think about possible free agent signings. Number one on their list is their own Danny Jackson. He won 14 games in half of a season, but is unfortunately asking for \$4 million a year. The Phillies have never given any pitcher \$4 million a year.

Terry Pendleton (.252, 7HRs, 30 RBIs) is a possible replacement for Dave Hollins, who will be playing first base. Other possibilities include Tim Wallach or Chris Sabo.

The Phillies are also in need of a right handed power hitter and left fielder now that Pete Incaviglia's days as a Phillie are probably over. Kevin Mitchell is a possibility, as is Jay Buhner.

# Bears Stop Muhlenburg 21-14

## Defense Shines

BY CHARLIE WEINGROFF  
Sports Editor

The Ursinus football team picked up its third win of the season as it defeated the Muhlenburg Mules, 21-14, last Saturday afternoon. The defense came up with the big plays, and the offense provided its usual sturdy effort as the Bears rise to 3-6 for the season.

The game began with what few have ever seen in football. With the ball on offense first, Muhlenburg came out with its first three plays from the muddle huddle. The Bears expected the muddle on extra points, where the offensive line sets on the opposite side of the field, but seeing it as an offense still didn't phase the defense.

The Mules opened up the scoring on a twenty yard pass play to Mogavero. Mule quarterback Jason Jack tossed a pass to the far left side of the endzone intended for

receiver Rob Lockerson. The ball bounced off his hands, trickled around and fell into the hands of Magavero.

Ursinus came back with a long drive that ended in a twelve yard scoring pass from senior quarterback Brian Lafond to freshman wide receiver Ben Mills. The Mules got the ball back. But after one of junior free safety Brian Flanagan's three interceptions led to another tremendous scoring pass from Lafond to sophomore Ron Floyd, the Bears went into the half up 14-7.

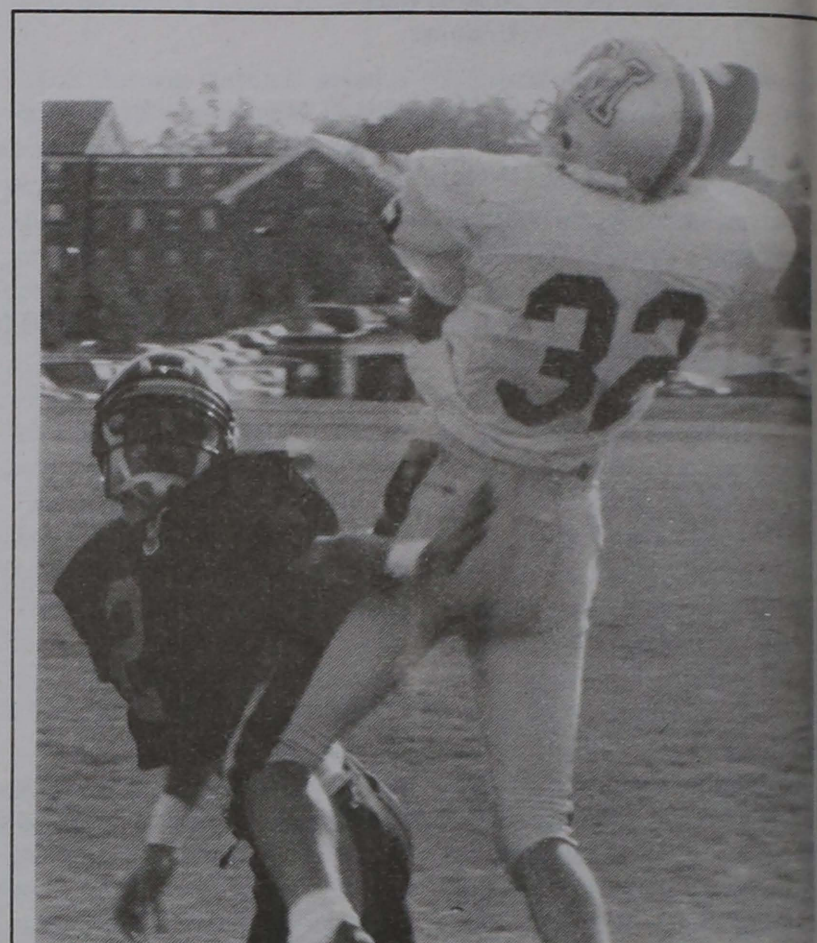
The third quarter went scoreless until Mule running back Steve Peters barreled over the defense to even the score. Again the Bears came back, as senior running back Tom Mastrangelo, returning from a heel injury, keyed a drive that ended in him scoring from 2 yards out.

Later in the third quarter, senior

Brian Suth got one of his eight punts blocked. But the Mules were denied entry into the end zone on four tries. Freshman Phil Mandato stuffed RB Greg Bevan on first and goal and Jack on second. Peters ran into an immovable wall on third, and finally junior tackle Jon Oliver dropped Peters for a 2 yard loss.

The lead almost didn't hold up, but the defense came up big again late in the game. The defense caused a fumble that senior Kevin Kopp recovered. But with Lafond out of the game with a shoulder burner, junior Brad Goddes filled in, and the offense turned the ball over. With under a minute to go, and Muhlenburg with the ball goal to go, the defense started again causing another fumble, picked up by sophomore strong safety Brian Wilson to end the game.

The Bears end their season next week at home against Dickinson.



(Photo by Mike Farrand)

Ursinus' Eric Lieberman defends a Muhlenburg receiver.

## CHUCK'S WAGON

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This can't be. A sport is actually in season. The NBA opened up its season last Friday night. With or without a collective bargaining agreement, the players agreed not to strike, and the owners agreed to not lock them out. This is what we need from the owners/players relationships. By no means do I think the players should at all care about what fans think about or how they perceive labor negotiations, but when they do, it just makes for a better situation. After all, the NBA is doing something that we haven't seen in a while from a couple of other sports. They're playing.

And play they did. Now I gave my NBA predictions a couple weeks ago, and I hinted even before then that I had the Magic and Suns dominating. Never mind that they both lost on opening night, to the Bullets and Kings respectively, against teams that combined to win three games last year. But what I'd like to comment on is this week's *Sports Illustrated* cover story, the NBA preview. Now I laid it on the line

back in early September. I said Magic-Suns, no questions asked. But now I go to my mailbox Saturday afternoon and see Horace Grant and Charles Barkley with all that jazz that Charles will see HoGro in the Finals. Sure he'll see him in the finals. I said they would back in September. *Sports Illustrated* has reached new depths this time. Two weeks ago they print that Japanese World Series crud on the cover, and now they have the audacity to bite off Chuck's Wagon, stealing my predictions. If *SI* doesn't watch their step, I'm going to gather my Toms River North Posse and roll some heads up in New York at the Time-Life Building. Biting off the Wagon will not be tolerated.

All right, now for the games. First of all, opening night was marred by several kidnappings. If anyone has seen Mahmood-Abdul The Butcher Rauf, Alonzo Mourning, Charles Barkley, Billy Owens, or Chris Webber, let me know. Rauf probably is too weak from fasting or is barking at himself in a mirror. The Nuggets expect us to believe a strained hamstring. Alonzo has a strained foot tendon.

The average person doesn't even know we have tendons in our feet. I don't know where Barkley is, but it's probably not Puerto Rico because he's illegal there. Billy Owens has a bad heel, and misses his first game with the Heat. Why can't he suck it up? Mastrangelo does. Finally, Webber isn't even signed. Give this guy the damn stadium. Give this guy the whole state. He's Chris Webber. Pay him.

I have three questions for the Sixers this week. Perhaps this will make up for all the hockey and baseball ones I've missed.

To Shawn Bradley: How in the world do you commit six fouls in nineteen minutes?

To John Lucas: How in the world do you leave Shawn Bradley in the game to commit six fouls in nineteen minutes?

To the whole team: How in the world do you let Marty Conlon score twenty points? That's right. Marty Conlon. Who is Marty Conlon?

Could the Cowboys be tumbling? There's a lot of valid excuses the 'Boys could have for barely beat-

ing the Bengals. Aikman was timid from last week's concussion. Erik Williams wasn't there. The Cowboys, as you know, should get used to that. The Bengals were responding to a quarterback change. Whatever the case may have been, the Cowboys are expected to win just about every game and dominate certain ones. The Bengals should have been dominated. We'll just have to wait and see if this is the beginning of the end for the Cowboys, who like other top teams have no room under the salary cap to bring in help to replace injured players. A loss here, a close game there, and get 'em a pillow because the Cowboys may be going to bed.

Dolphins. Devastating. Oh, the Dolphins have no defense. No, of course not. They're brutal. Well, last week the Phins go into that dive in Foxborough and rolled the Patriots. Going into the game they had the #5 rush defense overall. Sure the pass defense has been lacking, but holding the all mighty Drew Bledsoe passing attack to three points tells me one thing. The Phins are the new sheriff in town. San Francisco is still beat up. Dal-

las may be on its way out. Yeah, this is probably premature. But you can count on Joe Robbie being filled with its usual home occupant come Super Bowl time. And that's all you need to know.

It's trivia time. Thanks to the many answer attempts this week. Many were right which tells me this week's question will be mighty tough. I'll certainly try. Two correct answers will be named because I accidentally revealed the question Saturday evening at what John Rovinski called "the best party all year"-The Clamer Halloween Party. Tears to those who missed it. Well, Toms River East's own Steve Garbarini knew that Fatu and Tama was originally The Tonga Kid. Credit also goes to Coyle Bear as the first answerer after the paper came out. Rudy, you've got to get to me early. Now for this week's World Wrestling Federation Trivia Question of the Week: **Who did the WWF try to pass off as a Barry Windham clone when they needed a new partner for Mike Rotundo?** That's all for this week, and the pleasure was, without a doubt, all yours.