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Faculty and Administrators Focus on Sophomore Concerns

BY JAYSON BLOCKSIDGE
Co-News Editor

Ursinus faculty and administrators, along with the college's new leader, President Strassburger, plan ambitious internal revisions for the institution's future. Committees have been organized to undergo major financial and departmental reviews, while others are examining student recruitment policies and senior advising. With greater financial restraints and a growing atmosphere of competitiveness, Ursinus College has turned inward to discover what it needs to grow and mature into the 21st century. "Sophomore Week," a program organized by the special committee to investigate the concerns of sophomore students, is an important part of Ursinus' campaign to re-evaluate its goals and strategies.

The special committee includes members from the student body, faculty, and administration. Sophomore Rocco Iacullo is the student representative. Dr. England of the Psychology department is the convener. President Strassburger, Dean Kane, former Ursinus graduate, Paul Madson of the Financial Aid office, Biology professor Dr. Peter Small, and Carla Rinde of Studio Cottage, complete the list of faculty and administrators working to provide sophomores with a greater understanding of their educational and extracurricular opportunities.

Typically, the college invests a lot of energy in trying to familiarize freshmen with their new surroundings. In addition, juniors and seniors receive a lot of advice on post-graduate opportunities, standardized testing, internships and career planning. It is the crucial sophomore year, commented Dr. England, that is often overlooked. The special committee on sophomore concerns confronts exactly these issues.

According to the committee, sophomore students tend to be torn between or completely undecided about their majors, unaware of the extra-curricular activities that Ursinus offers, and uncertain about their choice in schools. Students may also feel undue pressure to immediately decide on a major without having been presented all of the options. Ursinus intends to help sophomores better explore their interests and evaluate their goals and opportunities. Ultimately, the purpose of the committee is to give sophomores the means by which to make educated and responsible decisions about their academic futures.

In addition to academics, the committee acknowledges, sophomores need to be aware of the services and opportunities the school provides outside of the classroom. The educational experience, Dr. England suggests, is more enjoyable when students are able to create and organize their own interests. The committee plans to provide information to sophomores on how to take advantage of the school's facilities and resources.

"Sophomore Week" will be held the week of February 19. On Sunday, their will be a kickoff dinner for sophomores, faculty, and administrators. Throughout the week, the academic departments will be holding open houses for their sophomore majors. Each department will focus on the special needs of the sophomores and focus on their interests and how they could be met through the department. Students are welcome to attend meetings at departments other than where they hold majors.

For more information, contact Dr. England of the Psychology Department.

Survey of Ursinus Freshmen

FROM COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS

Twenty-five percent of Ursinus freshmen intend to become physicians, while 6 percent plan to become lawyers, a survey of 301 students who entered the college last fall has shown.

The survey, conducted annually by the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) of the American Council on Education was given nationally to 333,703 freshmen at 670 colleges and universities last August. CIRP recently issued results of the survey both as a national compilation and on an individual institutional basis.

According to the CIRP report, the proportion of entering Ursinus freshmen planning to become doctors is high compared to that of similar U.S. colleges, where the average figure is 10 percent. But the number is not surprising for Ursinus. The college, well known for its premedical program, ranks 16th nationally in the proportion of its graduates who go on to become physicians.

Other statistics revealed by the 1994 CIRP survey include:

- 73 percent said Ursinus was their first choice when applying to colleges.
- 87 percent plan to go to graduate or professional school after receiving their Ursinus degree: 30 percent to a master's, 21 percent to a Ph.D. and 36 percent to a professional degree.
- Asked why they decided to go to college, Ursinus freshmen replied in greatest numbers that it was to get a better job (77 percent) and to learn more about things (73 percent).
- Asked why they chose Ursinus, Ursinus freshmen gave the following reasons: its good academic reputation (84 percent), the financial aid offered (69 percent), the belief that graduates get good jobs (66 percent) and that graduates go to the top graduate schools (62 percent).
- 83 percent of Ursinus freshmen said they considered themselves to be in the top 10 percent of students their age in academic ability, while more than three quarters said they were in the 90th percentile in terms of cooperativeness, drive to achieve and understanding of others.
Local News Roundup

BY TARIK QASIM
Of The Grizzly

Preface: Two local events reported this week concern social injustice. Hopefully, these articles will give the public an idea of how crimes are dealt with in the community.

Stowe man threatens child and mother with shot-gun:

On Saturday January 28, a Stowe man, Harold Richard Levengood was arrested for threatening an eight year old boy with a 12-gauge shotgun because he thought the boy had damaged his car. According to court documents, Levengood is being charged with two counts of reckless endangerment of another person’s life, two counts of terroristic threats, and two counts of disorderly conduct. According to the eight year old boy’s mother, Levengood threatened her as well, although he never pointed the gun directly at them. Levengood was arraigned before a district justice in Upper Pottsgrove and released on his own recognizance. He has been ordered not to make contact with the victims and is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Feb 6.

Repeated sex offender serves jail term :

In Reading, Daniel Joseph Glutz, a Boyertown Tae Kwon Doe instructor, began serving his jail sentence on Friday January 28 for repeated sexual assaults on a thirteen year old girl, who was his student last year. Glutz is also to stand trial next Friday at a Montgomery County Court for another incident with the same girl a month later. Because he pled guilty to lesser charges of sexual assault, he was able to avoid up to twenty years in prison in Berks County and may instead serve twenty three months.

News

Voice of Ursinus Rings Clear

BY AMY DAVENPORT
Of The Grizzly

The voice of Ursinus rings clear as WVOU, the campus radio station, gears up for another semester on the airwaves. This semester the station is broadcasting on both an AM and FM frequency. The dorms on the main campus can tune in on 530 AM, and the residential village can now experience WVOU on 88.1 FM.

According to WVOU’s general manager Brad Geiger, approximately 15 student disc jockeys are lined up for this semester’s programs. Most of the programs will air a wide variety of music, and flyers will be posted throughout the campus with further details. Some shows will be a collaborative effort of two disc jockeys in order to incorporate a music/talk format and facilitate a request line.

Treasurer and Co-manager Drew Johnson will host a Monday night music program. Johnson’s show will feature a variety of music, especially "the odd and peculiar." Geiger and Tom Mastrangelo will continue their successful show "Sports Talk" which airs on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 until 8 PM. Tonight "Sports Talk" will welcome special guest Angelo Cataldi of 610 WIP All-Sports Radio of Philadelphia. The station will continue to award prizes and other giveaways to callers on the air.

The station has recently acquired a new cart machine which is designed for airing commercials, promos, and sound effects. The staff of WVOU plans to venture out to local businesses to collect advertisements. Also, students wishing to air an advertisement or announcement (free of charge) can do so by contacting the studio at 489-7755. General suggestions and comments are welcome. Students can contact the studio or General Manager Brad Geiger, Co-manager Drew Johnson, or Music Director Dave Yost.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT OFFERS CREATIVE WRITING AWARD

At the Academic Awards Banquet in May the English Department will be awarding The Alfred L. Creager ’33 Prize for Excellence in Creative Writing to a full-time student of Ursinus College. Ray Hamilton, an Ursinus alumnus from the Class of 1957, donated the money to encourage students' creative writing in campus publications in honor of former Professor Creager. The prize will be given for the best creative work, fiction or non-fiction, that was published in The Lantern or The Grizzly. Each year a graduate of Ursinus College will be invited to judge the competition. This year the winner will be awarded $100; starting next year the prize will be worth $150.

Global Perspectives

International

In an attempt at good will, President Clinton has pledged to end all nuclear weapons testing through 1996 in attempt to get Third World countries to do the same. This move is part of Administration's effort to end the proliferation of nuclear weapons. Clinton hopes all current nuclear powers will sign a treaty imposing ban on all nuclear testing as soon as possible. This possible treaty comes eighteen months after Clinton first called for the ban.

In Mexico, the Peso continues to fall. Worth nearly .29 cents on December twentieth, it is now worth less than .16 cents. This dramatic tumble stems from uncertainty about whether the United States Congress would approve the $40 billion loan guarantee proposed by the Clinton Administration. This uncertainty has caused the Peso to lose forty five percent of it’s value in six weeks, devaluing buying power and destroying Mexican companies, many of whose investors were American.

United Nations diplomats once again traveled to Knin, the Serbian rebel capital, with a proposal considered the last best effort to stop a larger Balkan war; and once again, they were spurned. The plan outlined a limited autonomy for the Serbs in Croatia, and was considered extremely beneficial to both sides. Unfortunately, Serbian officials refused to look at the plan, and the war continues.

(Compiled by Michael McCuen from the New York Times)

National

New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley, a Democrat, proved that not only Republicans will give President Clinton a run at the Presidency when he made a few comments about the length of president Clinton’s State of the Union address. Bradley complained he was “tired of standing and clapping” during the 81 minutes Clinton used when giving the speech. Bradley also indicated the speech could have been more effective, saying “he missed a golden opportunity.” These comments suggest Clinton will face challenges in the primary unless his popularity improves soon.

The National Governors Association has been split along party lines in their attempt to agree on Republican party proposals dealing with welfare. The proposals suggest existing welfare programs should be replaced by lump-sum payments to individual states. The main argument against the plan is that welfare is an entitlement program and must be given to anyone in need.

New talks continue over the bombings of Hiroshima that occurred fifty years ago since the Smithsonian’s decision to limit the exhibit of the A-bomb attack, including the choice not to display the Enola Gray. Smithsonian’s decision to limit the exhibit follows much criticism from veterans groups.
Border Dispute Between Ecuador and Peru

BY PHIL CAIAZZO
Of The Grizzly

Fighting continued between Ecuador and Peru over the border supposedly agreed upon in 1942. The 1942 treaty settled the two nations claims to a vast region in the Amazon jungle and was supposed to settle this ongoing border dispute. However, Peruvian troops launched a "massive offensive" against Ecuadoran forces in a jungle area near their common border.

Ecuador has said that its air force had bombed a Peruvian base and that it had downed a second Peruvian helicopter in a day of increased fighting between the two neighboring states. A recent television report has said that Peruvian forces had broken up an Ecuadoran post from a camp along the common border.

In Tumbes, Pura, and Chichayco, three of Peru's northern cities, thousand's of troops, heavy artillery, and air force jets were being mobilized to the border area.

The border dispute is over an approximate 450 mile stretch of land that is on the Southeast corner of Ecuador and the northern part of Peru. So far there have been four areas of fighting: Cuenca de los Tayos, the Coasgas Past, Teniente Ortiz, Soldado Monge.

Tensions between the two countries have been flaring for years, even before the January 29th anniversary of the treaty in which, after a 1941 border war, Ecuador renounced its claim to a vast jungle region that would give it access to the Amazon River.

Ecuador's Congress rejected the treaty in 1960, and the area has been in dispute ever since.

Fighting flared up again in 1981 after Peru alleged that Ecuador had occupied three military posts inside its territory. It called a cease-fire two days later after retaking the posts.

Tabby Buckingham Dies at 16

BY MICHELLE RYAN
Special to The Grizzly

On Monday, January 23, nine Ursinus students joined 45,000 people of all ages from across the nation in Washington, D.C., for the annual March for Life.

Natacha Bzdil, Christine Cho, Sarah Fielding, Patti McGinty, Amy Minnich, John Noone, Christian Rice, Michelle Ryan, and Kimiko Trott accompanied others from St. Eleanor's Catholic Church on this trip.

This year's march broke the record for the highest number of participants since it began over 10 years ago. It is held as close to January 22nd each year. This date is important, since it is when Roe v. Wade, the law that legalized abortion in the United States, was accepted in 1973.

This event, sponsored by the Students for Life of Ursinus, proved successful and enlightening. The students were able to visit their representatives while in Washington in order to express their opinion on the abortion issue. In addition, many speakers voiced their thoughts on the topic. One speaker was Betty Smith, a woman who had an abortion but did not know she was carrying twins and her daughter, Sarah, survived. Also, various freshman representatives of Congress spoke out against the killing of the unborn.

The Students for Life will be holding a meeting next week to discuss future speakers. Anyone who is interested may attend. For more information, please contact Kimiko Trott or Michelle Ryan.

CPP to Host National Videoconference

Graduate School: The Internship

A national videoconference on "Internships" will be held on Thursday, February 9, 1995 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM, in Olin Auditorium.

The title of the video conference is GRADUATE SCHOOL: THE INTERNSHIP. This sensational interactive videoconference is designed for all undergraduate students considering graduate programs in science and engineering. Although the program's sponsorship is a consortium of colleges and employers targeting underrepresented minority Americans, the program "Graduate School: The Internship" is intended for everyone.
Opinions

Lantern Update

The Lantern is now accepting submissions for the spring poetry edition

$50 Poetry Prize
$50 Art Prize

Submissions must be typed. Art must be 8 1/2" x 11" black and white photo or drawing.

Deadline: NOON of March 14
Submission boxes are located on 1st floor of Myrin and 3rd floor of Olin.

Any Questions?
Call Erin Gorman at x. 3578

WVOU - No Longer Speechless!!

BY DOUG PLITT
Assistant Opinions Editor

Until recently, Ursinus' campus radio station was on the AM frequency. You could listen to WVOU in Reimert, the Quad, and Old Men's because those buildings were wired for the station's signal. Radio broadcasts used to sound pretty lousy; most of the time a high pitched hum accompanied whatever was being played. But those days are over!

WVOU is now 88.1 on the FM band, and it doesn't sound half bad, as long as you're not trying to listen to it in your car. I recently drove around campus and up towards the Trappe shopping center to see how strong the signal is. It isn't very. I actually lost contact with it when I got in my car. I recently drove around the entire campus and lost it again right around 942.

On a more positive note, the station can be heard clearly in the Main Street houses, and seems to sound like a student. It made me wonder if any students, other than myself, were listening. Then the girl that was DJing signed off, putting the Counting Crows on repeat for the rest of the night. That made me sign off, too.

A friend of mine told me that when he was listening he heard the DJ's bungling on my article that was in last week's Grizzly. Apparently they thought that it was in poor taste to use the word "blows" in the school newspaper. I like the fact that I have the freedom to use the word "blows" in the school newspaper. I might not use the word "blows." Similarly, the campus radio station is not WMRR. While some people might prefer the campus radio station to be like WMRR, the fact that it isn't has certain advantages. One advantage is that you can say whatever you want on the air, because the station is not regulated by the FCC. Another advantage is that there are no requirements concerning what type of music gets played; DJ's can play whatever they want. Finally, one of the best things about WVOU is that anyone can be a DJ.

There are no good reasons why Ursinus' radio station should not be a success, except for the fact that it's not fun in your car. The "VOU" part of WVOU stands for "The Voice of Ursinus." It's pretty sad for me to think that in my four years here, the school has been speechless.

THE WOMEN'S FORUM

will meet on Tuesday February 7, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. in the Java Trench. The reading for this week's discussion is available outside Dr. Margot Kelley's office - Olin 319.

** For those of you who don't remember, the Women's Forum is a reading and discussion group for women, about women. The group is open to faculty, students and staff. Please join us and remember:

Support your local coffee house!!
Features

What's Up in Wellness

BY NICOLE D'ORSANEO
Of The Grizzly

What is sleep to a college student, and when is there time for it? I hadn't taken a daily nap since kindergarten, but that all changed when I came to Ursinus. Sleeping regularly is the only way we can stay healthy, alert, and able to function smoothly. College students either get too much sleep or not enough. You must find a balance in order to achieve your level of optimum performance.

There are two phases of sleep, REM (rapid eye movement) and non-REM. Non-REM, called the "quiet sleep", is an absence of body movement and sensory perception, and slow brain activity. Non-REM moves through four stages as sleep gets deeper. The deepest sleep, delta sleep, appears to be the most restorative sleep. About 90 minutes after falling asleep, the brain switches to the second phase, REM.

Sleep rests the body. During delta sleep, growth hormone is released to renew our worn-out tissues. The most important benefit of sleep is that it restores us mentally. Eight hours of sleep each night is not necessary for everyone. Whatever allows you to feel refreshed and alert is enough. How well you sleep is as important as how long you sleep. Taking a nap renews your energy and reduces stress. The best time to nap is between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. Keep your naps under an hour because that will not increase the benefits. Afternoon naps give you deep sleep, which refreshes you. Morning naps are light sleep, while evening naps put you in a deep sleep, either way you will feel groggy afterwards. Naps are good to invigorate yourself, but they should not be used to replace your normal sleep schedule.

Over 100 million Americans snore, which can disrupt sleep. Snoring is caused by the rattle of the walls of the air passages, which occurs when the nasal passages dry out or when the sleeper lies on his/her back. To prevent snoring, keep from lying on your back, and make sure the humidity level in the room is not too low. Try the following methods to enhance your sleep. Avoid exercise immediately before bedtime. Avoid cigarettes and caffeine a few hours before you go to sleep because nicotine and caffeine are stimulants. Your room should be quiet, dark and a moderate temperature. Get into bed and relax each muscle area. Try to establish a regular sleeping schedule and do not go to bed until you are sleepy. If you suffer from severe insomnia, visit a doctor to find out the cause.

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• All other ads are $5.00 for the first 30 words; 20 cents each additional word.
• The deadline for all ads is Friday by noon.
• The Editors reserve the right to refuse or edit ads.
• For information call The Grizzly at (610)489-1111 x.2448.

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Apartment For Rent:
Collegeville, 1 Bedroom, 2 Blocks from campus. Includes heat, hot water, washer and dryer. $600 per month. Call Joe at 489-8811.

SKI: Spring Break '95 Intercollegiate Ski Weeks, ONLY $209. Includes: 5 day lift ticket, 5 nights lodging (luxury condo), 5 days intercollegiate activities (DRINKING AGE 18). Sponsors include Labaha, Melson and MT. ORFORD, Quebec, CANADA. Group Leader Discounts. Campus and Greek Reps. Needed. Call Ski Travel Unlimited. 1-800-999-5K99

PERSONALS

Happy Birthday Juran! Love, Mark

Congratulations Jason Kindt on getting into PCOM!

To Pokey, You're the best! Love, Your Prince

Show how much you care with a Valentine-Gram

Special! For next week's issue, The Grizzly is offering all personal ads for only $1.00. Ads can be dropped off at the Grizzly Submission Box on the 2nd floor of Bomberger (library-side stairwell). Cash must accompany each ad.

NOTE: There is a limit of 20 words (10 cents each additional word).

"The Marginal Uncertainty Hour" Brings Talk Radio to Ursinus

BY MICHAEL PIZZI
Special to The Grizzly

"Coming to you live from the basement of Bomberger Hall, it is 'The Marginal Uncertainty Hour' with hosts Dave Webb and Mike Pizzi." This is how it began last semester as Dave Webb and Mike Pizzi embarked into the world of talk radio. The show, airing Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon on WVOU, is structured for discussion of any issues affecting the world, nation and community. Dave, a true conservative, brings you the 'right' on every issue, while Mike gives opinions that are clearly not consistent with either conservative or liberal ideology.

The show also features Mike's Lost Relics, rarely heard or forgotten material of some of the best bands around. Dave brings his Novelty Cuts, out-of-the-ordinary music from the past and present. Like most true talk radio shows, this show is also yours; the phone line is always open at 489-7755. For those of you on Main Street the frequency is 88.1 FM and 530 AM for everyone else.

The Ursinus Young Alumni Programming Board is sponsoring a ski trip to Killington, VT on February 17-19. The bus will leave here at 5:00 p.m. Friday evening and leave Killington at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is $215 per person and includes transportation, lift tickets (6 mountains, 20 lifts, 162 trails), condo lodging (4 per condo), and dinner for one night. If interested, please call Coco Minardi in the Alumni Office, ext. 2207.
The Grizzly Sports Staff is actively searching for information as to who knocked out Clamer's 18 foot tall snowman. Any information can be directed to The Wagon.

COSGROVE SETS RECORDS IN WIN

Ellen Cosgrove scored a Centennial Conference record and career-high 37 points to lead Ursinus (13-3, 9-1) to a 62-48 Centennial Conference Eastern Division win over host Haverford (4-14, 1-8) on Feb. 1.

Cosgrove, the only Ursinus player to score in double figures, connected on 14-of-26 shots from the floor, including five of 10 from 3-point range. Her five 3's gave her a new Ursinus single-season record. Cosgrove now has 38 3-point goals on the season, one better than Arlene Hildebrand's 37 during the 1992-93 season. Her 37 points was three shy of the College's single-game record for women. Anne Sansenbach Gasser collected 40 in a 1961 win over Temple.

Cosgrove also had four rebounds and a game-high seven steals. Stephanie Cappesan and Laura Coulter grabbed a team-best five rebounds each. Koren Miller led Haverford with 15 points and a game-high 16 rebounds.

The Ursinus swimming team reached out and touched someone on Saturday. The Bears were scheduled to face Western Maryland in a Centennial Conference meet. However, the weather prohibited Western Maryland from traveling to Collegeville. So the teams did the next best thing...they swam by phone.

The Ursinus women had a 108.5-82.5 win, while the men fell to the Green Terror 109-72.

COALEY TRIPLE WINNER IN "PHONE" MEETS

Bridget Cauley was a triple winner for Ursinus. She won the 50 free, 100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke. Mandy Fingerlin won the 1,000 free, while Tara Cope placed first in the 200 individual medley and Allyson Flynn won the 500 free. For the men, Dave Chrzanowski won the 1,650 free in 18:06.84, and Jen Schmidt placed first in the 200 breast with a time of 2:45.48.
Sports

BEARS SNAP TWO-GAME SKID

Bernie Rogers scored 24 points to lead Ursinus (6-13) to an 84-67 non-conference win at West Chester College (3-18) on Feb. 4. The win snapped a two-game losing skid for the Bears.

Ursinus jumped out to a 40-31 lead at the intermission and never looked back. Rogers also added a game-high seven assists, while Jay Moran scored 14 points and pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds.

On Feb. 1, Chris Guiton scored a game-high 31 points, including Haverford’s first 16, to lead the Fords (8-12, 4-5) to an 82-77 Centennial Conference Eastern Division win over host Ursinus (5-13, 1-7). Gabe O’Malley added 18 points for Haverford, while Jamal Elliott added 15. Steve Manning collected a game-high 12 rebounds.

Ursinus was led by Bernie Rogers’ 23 points. Rogers also grabbed seven rebounds and dished out a game-high seven assists. Pat Busey contributed 16 points for the Bears, with Jay Moran and Joe Bond both adding 10. Bond was a perfect 5-for-5 from the floor, while Moran had seven rebounds and three blocked shots.

Haverford led most of the game and held a 36-34 advantage at the intermission.

WEST CHESTER EDGES GYMNASTS

Lori Mattea and Michelle Charney placed first and second, respectively, in all-around and led West Chester to a 161.1-158.65 win over host Ursinus on Feb. 1. Mattea’s meet best 9.20 on the balance beam and 8.80 propelled her to a career-high 33.65 and the all-around title. Charney carded a 33.45.

Ursinus was led by Carrie Luka’s 32.85 in the all-around. Luka, an all-American, was second on the beam with an 8.95. Kristen Cornell won the vault with an 8.65 and was second on the floor exercise with an 8.75. She also had a team-best 7.40 on the uneven bars. Cornell’s 32.75 in the all-around was good for fourth place behind Luka. Jen Courtney was fifth with a 32.20.

A PHILLY FAN

BY JOEL SCHOFER
Assistant Sports Editor

I’ve found it! I’ve finally found something in the Philadelphia sports scene that excites me to the point where I actually want to write about it.

What makes it even better is that not only is there something that interests me, but there are two things that interest me.

What are these two things that excite me so? If you can’t guess at least one, then you must be of the same intelligence level as those who deem Marino superior to Montana. (Sorry Wagon, but I just couldn’t resist it.)

The other exciting aspect of Philadelphia sports is the fact that among the dismal 76ers season there stands a player worthy of the All-Star acclamation he has garnered.

Yes, Dana Barros, the Sixers point guard, is an All-Star reserve and deserving so. At the beginning of last week, he was the only player in the league to be in the top 25 in six of the eight statistical categories (scoring, assists, field goal percentage, 3-point percentage, free throw percentage, and steals). He also was averaging 20.4 points per game, which was 18th best in the league, and is one of the best 3-point shooters in the league.

Before the season Barros was a free-agent and teams weren’t exactly jumping at the chance to get him, but after this year Barros again is a free-agent and it’s already rumored that the Washington Bullets can’t wait to try and sign him.

If the Sixers are smart they’ll try and get him to sign a contract before the end of the year because, whether or not B.J. Tyler ever develops into the starting point guard, you can always use someone who can shoot the jump shot and 3-pointer as well as Barros can. Besides he can effectively play both the point and shooting guard positions, so if Tyler starts at point guard Barros can be the shooting guard. I don’t think Jeff Malone and his terminal injuries are going to be around much longer.

Now I’ll tackle the most important sports story of last week, the Eagles hiring of Ray Rhodes, the 49ers defensive coordinator, as their new head coach.

Last week I mentioned Rhodes among the other possibilities for head coach and spoke with a little negatively about all of them. But what you have to realize is that my whole an advertisement for Bud Carson’s hiring wasn’t really an advertisement at all, but a rationalization for one of many options, each of which I was mildly unhappy with.

Could anyone, after hearing all the talk about Jimmy Johnson, be happy with Bud Carson, Ray Rhodes, Gary Stevens, or anyone else? No, I’m not happy with Ray Rhodes, but I’m not disappointed either. I’m willing to give the man a chance and just wait and see what happens.

Before his hiring I didn’t really know much about him, but since his hiring I’ve heard some impressive things about him and also some things I think are rather moronic.

The man has won everywhere he has been, even though for four of the five Super Bowl rings he possesses he was only a defensive back’s coach. I hear that he’s a man of character, a man who would never take crap from anyone, including both the media and his highly paid players, and that’s always a good thing.

One thing I heard Rhodes himself mention that really impressed me is that he considers himself to be a motivator. The example he cited was Tim Harris.

You remember Tim Harris, Reggie White’s successor and supposed pass-rusher who didn’t let the Eagles know before he signed his million dollar contract that he only had one working elbow. What happened to him in Philly? He played three or so games, stunk up the place, and was promptly released after last season.

Who was that masked man playing defensive end for the 49ers in the Super Bowl? You guessed it, Tim Harris. What happened? Ray Rhodes called him up, brought him in for a workout, and he fell on his face because he was so out of shape.

Rhodes then told him to workout for three weeks and come back for another tryout. What happened then? Harris came up with some key sacks for the 49ers down the stretch and helped take them to the Super Bowl.

Rhodes basically took a player who was worthless and helped bring him back to a level where he was actually a good player who could make a contribution to a championship caliber team.

Now, don’t get me wrong. I don’t think Rhodes is a miracle worker, but a story like this can do nothing except improve his resume.

One ridiculous thing I’ve heard mentioned about Rhodes has to do with the fact that the last two years the biggest free agents, Reggie White and Deion Sanders, have signed with Rhodes’ teams. Some people seem to think that the Eagles are all of a sudden going to get substantially better free agents.

I’ve got a message for you people. White and Sanders went where they made the most money, not where Ray Rhodes was coaching. The only way the Eagles are going to get substantially better free agents is if Lurie puts up the cash and has room under the cap to do it.

To finish this up, though, I’ve got three things to say. First, let’s give Rhodes his five years and wait and see if Lurie got the pick of a mediocre litter. Second, you should feel lucky that this city actually has an All-Star caliber basketball player who can lend some excitement to a bad season. Third, for my buddies Joe and Bob who are currently on a three-week vacation, I’ve got to say to Wagon, “Rings! It all comes down to rings!”

This Week in UC Sports

Tuesday, February 7
Men’s Basketball vs. Washington 7:00 p.m.
Women’s Basketball @ Washington 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8
Men and Women’s Swimming @ Bryn Mawr 6:00 p.m.
Wrestling vs. Kings & Rutgers-Camden 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 9
Women’s Basketball vs. Moravian 6:00 p.m.
Men’s Basketball vs. Western Maryland 8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 10
Track @ Haverford Invitational 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 11
Wrestling vs. Johns Hopkins & Swarthmore Gymnastics vs. Brockport
Women’s Basketball @ Swarthmore 6:00 p.m.
Men’s Basketball @ Swarthmore 8:00 p.m.
PUT DOWN THE PENCILS... FACULTY IS GOING TO SCHOOL

CHUCK'S WAGON

CHARGERS defense was thoroughly burned in myriad different ways. They got UC on the short run, the long pass, the very surprising crossing routes, the short pass, and the long run. To offer a defensive scheme where your team gets hurt in such a number of ways is very impressive. That kind of versatility just isn’t found in many coaches. To get beat in any and every way possible is really good, just really, really good. Congratulations, Bill. It’s the players who make the coach, though. Let’s look at that secondary first. The Sheriff Stanley Richard is the one who should be behind bars. Darren Carrington was God awful, and Darien Gordon has elevated his game to a new level of atrocity paralleled by only a few other corners in the game. One coming to mind is the other Charger corner, Dwanye Harper. He really came to play. I wonder how much those losers paid to get into the game because if they were anything, they were fans in Ultimate Hutch Replica Uniforms that you get at Toys ‘R’ Us.

So that brings us to the linebackers. Kevin Gibson, the star of the Pittsburgh game, took a similar spotlight role. Junior Steu didn’t do much other than appear in United Way commercials with his hot wife. And that brings us to Mr. David Griggs. Never has such a player followed a gameplan of versatility better. Griggs was all over the field. He was in on a ton of plays. Whenever you need a player all over the field, mostly on his rearend and lamenting over how badly he just got beat, you call on David Griggs. He is an equal opportunity loser, getting beat on all sorts of plays. He should get a medal for his play, and should be collecting a nice fat paycheck from Eddie DeBartolo and Co. for single-handedly ensuring that the Chargers had no chance to win the football game.

I am also a new Eric Bienemy fan for his tirade in the pregame. He got dropped by some big guy and went after him. And this is all minutes before the biggest game of his life. I like that. No, really I do. I like it about as much as seeing Ronnie Harmon mouth off down by 450 points. Deion showed him what any trashtalker that’s losing needs the see, the scoreboard.

Every year the NBA seems to have some amazing streaks. This year is no exception as the Utah Jazz won 15 or so in a row, and the Knicks won like 16 of 18. The Magic didn’t lose at home until Thursday night. Let’s look at Utah first. All of Karl Malone’s career, he’s been chirping that the Jazz need an impact player via trade. And who’d have thought that all along Malone needed to do was play a little D and take fewer shots. You mean play a team game. Well, shiver me timbers. The Jazz are strong but aren’t going to win Jack. Utah is as deep as a Mr. Turtle wading pool, and Phoenix and Seattle are abysses. The Knicks are surprising me very much. The key is this. Charles Smith is a very good power forward and a horrible small forward. Watch when Oakley comes back, and Smith goes back to small forward, the Knicks lose 10 or 15 instead of winning 10 or 15. Oh, and now it’s only 1 of 3 nights when John Starks can’t hit the Atlantic off a Seaside pier. Pass the ball, John. I got a basketball, John. That’s from the Adidas commercial.

The Mighty Magiclost to Seattle for their first home loss on Thursday night. And if anyone doesn’t know why, I’ll give you 2 guesses, and you get them both when you get fouled. I don’t have the numbers, nor do I want to see them, but the whole Magic team collectively built a 3 story house with bricks they were laying up there from the free throw line. They will NOT win anything if they don’t hit at least 40% from the line. And they can’t even do that.

All year, it never fails. I say something good or make a bold prediction about somebody, and then they come right back and rap me on the head with a wrench, like the Arizona Cardinals, for example. Well, Grant Fuhr really stuck it to me. He gave up 11 goals against Quebec and the Flyers, including a half-ice shot from Eric Lindros. His play can be termed with 3 words: Hor-Ren-Dous. That needed to be said.

We’ve got some decent rooks to look at in the NHL. All the rage out of Boston is goaline Blaine Lacher. I saw him play with Lake Superior State when they went into Michigan, and he looked horrible. He couldn’t even stand up. He’s got the best goals against in the league at 0.65. So since he gives up only 1.3 goals every 2 games, if the Bruins can score 1 a game, they’ll never lose. Quebec’s Peter Forsberg has yet to appear from the depths of Sweden. Paul Kariyas has shown up, and he and fellow Duck rookie Oleg Tverdovsky (don’t try to pronounce it) are in the top 7 in rookie scoring. Pretty impressive, huh? The Wagon’s crack staff is nervous.

A very easy question last week that’s a given. Jon Oliver knew within seconds that Harley Race was the first king in the WWF, as did many others. So let’s look at a hard one for The World Wrestling Federation Trivia Question of the Week: When Randy Savage was actively seeking a manger before Elizabeth came along, several managers made pitches to him. Tuesday Night’s TNT, an old WWF talk show. So, who was Jimmy Hart’s sales pitch to The Macho Man? That’s all for this week, and the pleasure was all yours, whether any economics teachers think it’s funny or not.