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Moraga on Minorities

BY COLIN TUCKER
Arts and Entertainment Editor

A prominent issue in the United States is the treatment of various minorities in our country. Cherrie Moraga, a well-known Chicana author and poet, attempts to express the beliefs of many American minority members, specifically those of Chicanas, lesbians, and feminists. On Wednesday, February 15 she shared some of her writings with a packed auditorium as part of the college's Ethnic American Writers Series, as she read selections from some of her works entitled The Last Generation, a collection of essays about her own family, and her plays Heroes and Saints, Giving up the Ghost, and Shadow of a Man.

Moraga began by explaining the term Chicano, which denotes Mexican-Americans. The name comes from the Indian antecedents of a people who were indigenous to the Americas, specifically the Azatlan region, which is now the southwestern U.S. She uses the term Chicano as opposed to Mexican-American because the people of her heritage were here on the continent long before the Anglo-Saxons and other Europeans commonly referred to as "Americans.

Many of the selections she read concerned lesbianism, including a short story entitled "Offrienda", a graphic portrayal of lesbian love between Lupe and "Tiny", two women who grew up and went to Catholic school together. Regarding "Offrienda", she is no longer a member of the church because she feels it "hates women." She cited some of the church's doctrines regarding abortion and homosexuality, saying they "do not realize human needs."

Reading from Heroes and Saints, Moraga portrayed the multiple roles of a newscaster and various residents of a village named McAulafin, near the Mexican border. Many people in McAulafin died of cancer and birth defects as a result of pesticides sprayed along the border. Moraga referred to this incident as a method of annihilating the Chicano culture.

Moraga concluded the program by answering questions of the audience. One person asked for her views on the fact that she is a lesbian mother raising children without a father. She responded that "families come in many shapes and sizes," and that children do not necessarily need a father. She said that "no father at all is better than an abusive father." She feels that the "family values" that the government is advocating are "White Anglo-Saxon Protestant family values," which are American values that ignore the multicultural values.

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Changes to be Implemented in the Core Curriculum

BY TARIK QASIM
Of The Grizzly

For the past few weeks, faculty and administration have been discussing potential changes to the core curriculum. At two recent faculty meetings, a variety of ways to reduce the number of requirements for students were explored. The discussion began with a proposal from the Pew Roundtable, a group of faculty who are being assisted by the President of Smith College. Pew helps nonprofit organizations decide their priorities during times of transition; and one priority at Ursinus is trying to meet students' educational needs while also reducing the core curriculum to lower spending. Having a moderator from outside the college helps the group to have a balance between inside and outside views.

The results of the first Pew Roundtable discussion, which took place on Nov. 18 and 19, are now available at the reserve desk in the Myrin Library for anyone interested in learning exactly what they discussed. A second meeting was held Saturday, Feb 4 and the reports will be forthcoming in six to eight weeks.

However, one of the topics discussed was reducing the size of the core. The Pew group feels that reducing the size of the core will help to lower expenses while maintaining the academic excellence of Ursinus departments. If the core is reduced by several courses, students will be able to explore other fields of interest and still take courses that are now in the core as optional courses.

In response to the proposal to reduce the core that the Pew Group offered, three professors--Dr. Taylor (French), Dr. Espadas (modern languages), and Dr. Coleman (mathematics)--have each made alternative proposals for changes. The faculty suggested that Academic Council should look at all of these proposals, and create a new proposal for the faculty to discuss and vote on. Although it is not known what courses will be removed, or even if the entire core will change, it has been suggested that twelve credits will be removed from the core. A special faculty meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 28 to discuss the issues and maybe to vote on the new proposal.

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Local News Roundup

BY TARIK QASIM
Of The Grizzly

Police Force Disbanded

On Monday February 13, Supervisor Lawrence Shcikram stated that in order to reduce expenses and cut taxes the East Vincent township Police force would be disbanded. Two other supervisors, Walter Zaremba and Everett Wilson disagreed with this proposal made at a January board meeting. Schickram argued that state police coverage is supplied without any cost to the township if they do not have a full time department. He also pointed out over forty percent, or $330,000 of the township’s budget, is allocated to the police. So far police have been working without a contract since January 1, 1994.
Patrolman Matt Williams, police spokesman, has been unable to comment on the situation.

Heating System Malfunction

Phoenixville’s Middle School students were let out of school on Monday February 13th, after the school’s heating system malfunctioned. Over 750 students were subject to 45 degree temperature both inside and outside classrooms. School district Assistant Superintendent Mark Dietz said the boilers are checked weekly, but at 7:50 that morning they were not working. Students were dismissed between 9:15 and 9:30 due to extreme cold. Although the error in the boilers was not specified, a procedure is to be implemented to prevent this in the future. Classes resumed Tuesday without problems.

Thieves Arrested

On Sunday February 12, three Chester County teens were arrested by state police after stealing a tire and jack from a car at a local dealer in West Pikeland. Two of the teens, Robert Guilliford, 18, and Matthew Wulk, 18, were charged with theft and reckless endangerment, and were given bails of $2,500 and $5,000 respectively. Charges are pending against the third teen. Police stopped the group on Route 113 after a highspeed car chase.

News

Cease-fire in Grozny

BY PHIL CAIAZZO
Of the Grizzly

After two months of warfare, Russians and Chechens have finally come up with a cease-fire that will seemingly last for more than a few hours. The last two attempts at a cease-fire were ended within hours of each other. This cease-fire, however, seems to be working.

Under the pact, fighting with heavy artillery will stop today. Also, military action, airforce, and grenade launchers were said to be prohibited by the cease-fire. The halt came from reports that Russians continued to shell Chechen villages southwest of Grozny yesterday. While artillery fire was still able to be heard in southern regions of the city, the Russians appeared to have secured the north.

About midway through the ceremonious cease-fire, both Chechen and Russian leaders rose to toast the dead on both sides.

The principle idea behind the negotiations was to figure out a way to exchange bodies and prisoners of war.

The war has killed thousands and forced hundreds of thousands of Chechens from their homes. Russian bombardsments have largely destroyed Grozny and damaged surrounding villages.

Sophomore Week Department Open House Schedule

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(Compiled from The Philadelphia Inquirer)

Global Perspectives

International

In the past year, Iraq has set up a secret system to export crude oil and refined products, a system that would bypass sanctions put on Iraq by the United Nations. These illicit sales had generated over $700 million for the crippled Iraqi economy, which has remained under U.N. sanctions since the invasion of Iraq in 1990.

In a surprising move, two dozen House Republicans helped President Clinton and the Democrats win a victory on setting priorities for the United States military. The vote came after a day of fighting between Republicans and Democrats over a bill which appeared likely to limit the U.S.’s role in U.N. peace keeping operations, and restrict placing U.S. troops under U.N. command.

After ten years of Soviet Military occupation and five years of bitter civil war, Afghanistan is heading towards peace. A new group of Islamic purists and Afghan patriots known as the Taliban have taken control of forty percent of the country. “We may be close to the end” said Abdul Jabbar Naeemi, an Afghan diplomat.

(Compiled by Michael McCuen from The New York Times)

National

Kevin D. Mitnick, a 31 year old computer expert, was apprehended by a team of F.B.I. agents Thursday morning. Mitnick, a convicted computer felon, is accused of stealing “thousands of data files and at least 20,000 credit card numbers from computer systems around the nation.” His arrest followed a 24 hour stakeout of his apartment by F.B.I. agents and months of amassing evidence against him.

Two San Francisco area conservatives are fighting to have affirmative action put to popular vote in 1996. Both men, Glynn Custred and Thomas Wood, believe this approach is the best chance yet of overturning affirmative action laws in California. Custred, an anthropology professor at California State University feels “Affirmative action has been losing steam with the general public, and we think we’ve hit the sure way to reverse it.”

The widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers became the new head of the NAACP on Saturday, February 18. Myrlie Evers-Williams replaced embattled chairman William Gibson after a morning of sharp attacks on Gibson and his management of the NAACP, which is the nation’s largest and oldest civil rights organization. Evers-Williams beat Gibson by a 50-29 vote. (Compiled from The Philadelphia Inquirer)

Moraga’s writings serve as a voice for Chicanos, feminists and lesbians by not only letting other people of these minorities know that they are not alone, but also informing the majority of Americans about the cultures and beliefs of the minorities that Moraga belongs to.

Moraga is also the co-author of This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color, a winner of the Before Columbus Book Award. Women and Saints won every major West Coast award in 1992. She is a resident artist with BRAVA, a theater company devoted to producing quality work by women of color and lesbians.
Dear Editors,

Currently there is a move toward the possibility of having Public Speaking removed from the core curriculum here. This move comes in a time when the college is in a budget crunch.

While many might agree with this move, many others feel this is a bad move. The Public Speaking class is one that is useful to everyone and always will be. The process it teaches of collecting your thoughts on a subject, organizing them and making a clear, concise speech or argument is invaluable. We will all be able to use this class in our lives whether it be speaking to future investors or telling people about breakthroughs in all our various fields of study. If we can speak well and communicate our ideas in an effective way, then we are an asset in any job we hold. Harvey Mackey, author of Swim with the Sharks Without Getting Eaten Alive, says, "We’re an information society, so the ability to transmit that information in an intelligent, succinct, and persuasive manner is about as valuable a skill as anyone can possess." Harvey Mackey is a millionaire who made his fortune selling envelopes. Yes, envelopes. He is known well in the business world.

With this, there seems to be a lack of understanding as to why we in the communications department do.

People seem to place us at a different level than that of other majors here such as biology, politics, or economics. I think a general goal of the Communications Department is to enhance the understanding and application of communication skills. To give you examples, Communications classes show us how to become more effective persuaders. They show us how organizations gain power through their communication, and how to build better organizations using communication. Communications classes also show us how the media can socialize us with what they show and tell us. The mass media, especially when we are young, has a profound effect upon us. We also study various theories from the Agenda Setting theory to the PIRO Theory of needs. We look at these theories, and see what it is that makes people tick, what the feelings, emotions and responses are, verbally and non-verbally.

Communications deals with much more thought processes than anything else. You can not put down feelings and reactions like you can put down an economic equation. For instance, Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs theory states that love, safety, and esteem needs have to be fulfilled before people can act unselfishly. Although I can write down these feelings and you can understand them, this is not to say you and I view the same exact thing. Now in accounting class, the fact that assets equal liabilities plus owner’s equity is fact. There is no variation in this equation. A=L+OE all the time. People say that we are learning skills in the Communications department. A skill is something that is repetitive that you do again and again without any variation. Communications varies every time you participate in it. There are no set of rules. You don’t go from step 1 to step 2 to step 3. Sometimes you skip step 2 or you start at step 3. If you are speaking to an audience and trying to persuade them, you have to read them and depending on their make-up (hostile, friendly, rational, coactive), decide which methods will be best. What good is Professor A, who can solve linear equations and quantum physics at the same time while eating nuclear waste and shining gold if he can not communicate to us in an effective way how he did it? The Communications Department teaches us how to communicate in effective ways.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the school for looking into lightening up on our required courses. But why should the one required course in communications be cut when we have to take two semesters of language, two semesters of history, IDS, or philosophy, two semesters of science and two semesters of econ, anthro, politics, socio, or psy? Just something to think about.

Thank you,
Mike Raub

Opinions
Student Speaks on Public Speaking and Communication Arts

The scene: Two Ursinus students chatting outside Wismer

Student #1: "Have you declared a major yet?"
Student #2: "No, I’m not sure what I want to do."

Student #1: "Well, just declare CommArts, it’s the easiest major."

How many times have I heard similar conversations around campus? Personally, I get really offended when I hear comments like this. As a CA major, I can assure you that there is nothing easy about CommArts. I’d like to dispel a few of my favorite CA myths that I often hear.

Myth #1: CommArts is the easiest major on campus, look how many A’s are given out – CA is like any other major in that you get out of it what you put in. If you work hard, you get an A. If you stuff off, your grades are poor. If students are interested in what they’re learning, they’ll work hard and therefore get good grades.

This is the point, if you care about your major and do the work, you’ll get the A – no matter what your major is. So next time your CA friends are stressed about their workload at dinner, listen to them. "We listen to your dissertation stories and your descriptions of the "English paper from hell." We’re not trying to glorify CommArts, we just want a little respect.

On the other hand...

Sex vs. Abstinence

BY MICHELLE RYAN

The Grizzly

Hello once again to all you intellectually beings out there. Last semester, this column began in the paper in order to give a Christian perspective on certain issues we all face in the world today. Unfortunately, circumstances arose last semester that prevented this column from being written.

But, I can finally return to the computer to address those topics. To start the column off, I thought I’d focus on a topic that is big on this campus: sex.

Let me begin by saying that I do not think there is anything wrong with sex. God made sex to be enjoyed. In marriage, that is. In a marital relationship, it is healthy and beautiful, bringing a wife and husband together emotionally as well as physically.

So, why do Christians seem so anti-s-ex? Well, the problem is the context in which that sex is taking place. Outside of marriage, sex is simply not healthy. I’m not going to list the statistics about the high risk of contracting STD’s even with a condom, though there are enough to prove how dangerous extra-marital sex really is. Instead, I want to look at what it does to people emotionally.

Sex is not only a physical act, like playing cards. It’s not just the joining of bodies but the joining of souls. Let’s face it– sex is an intimate moment between a man and a woman. Every time you have intercourse, you give a part of yourself away. Do you really want to give yourself to someone who will walk away from you the next day? When you have intercourse, you make yourself vulnerable to your partner. If sex is an intimate act, then isn’t something special enough for you to save until your wedding night? Your body is a precious gift to be valued and given to your spouse. And, wouldn’t you like to know that your spouse hasn’t been with anyone else except you? As I see it, this idea does not exclude those of you who are sexually active. According to Christ, anyone can begin anew.

This is why I propose an alternative: abstinence. One may claim that it is unrealistic; however, a lot of individuals live on this campus who have been able to abstain successfully, even when they’ve been tempted to give in. They have felt the heat of passion and, yet, have found that responsibility and self-control have gotten them out of those situations. Self-control is not as difficult as it seems. But, every time you have sex it becomes harder to resist, though it is never impossible. Abstinence is only a matter of knowing when to say "no" and controlling your hormones.

I want to end with one thought for you to ponder: compare the number of people you know who have been emotionally wrecked by sex before marriage with the number who are wrecked by abstinence.
Sgt. Grizz... "Nothing But The Bear Facts."

2-10-95 at 9:30 a.m. Security was informed that a student had broken off her relationship with a non-student, but he continued to harass her. The non-student has been banned from the residence hall.

2-10-95 at 3:40 p.m. A student informed security that over the past several weeks, someone has been removing items from his unlocked room. The student reported that his key had not been working. The locksmith immediately corrected the problem.

2-10-95 at 11:30 p.m. Security received a call that someone had tried to break into a student’s room. Security learned that the room was not entered, but damaged by other students “horsing” around.

2-11-95 at 2:35 p.m. Security was informed that a student’s portable radio was missing from her room. It was found later that day.

2-11-95 at 7:35 p.m. Non-students entered Ritter Gym and were informed that a student's portable radio was missing from her room. It was found later that day.

2-10-95 at 9:30 p.m. Security was informed that a student’s portable radio was missing from her room. It was found later that day.

2-12-95 at 12:40 a.m. Security confiscated an illegal leg. The matter was referred to the Residence Life Office.

2-12-95 at 2:25 a.m. Security observed a man acting suspiciously near one of the Main Street residences. The person was an alumni, who was intoxicated. It was also learned that he had broken a door and caused other damage. The Collegeville Police were called and they will investigate the matter.

2-14-95 at 10:00 p.m. Security responded to the Wellness Center and learned that two students had been involved in a physical altercation. The students were separated for the night and the matter will be handled by the Residence Life Office.

2-15-95 at 2:00 p.m. A general fire alarm sounded a BWC. It was learned that a student had fallen asleep while a candle burned in his room. The candle ignited a plastic soda bottle and the room alarm sounded. This woke the student, and he put out the fire, but the smoke set off the general alarm. The fire company and the Collegeville Police responded. The Matter was referred to the Residence Life Office.

THE STUDENT HANDBOOK CLEARLY STATES THAT THE BURNING OF CANDLES IS PROHIBITED.

Features

ROVING REPORTER

Which of the core curriculum courses do you think is most beneficial?

Jason Kindt, senior
I really enjoyed my liberal studies seminar (Literature into Film, Dr. Dole) because it allowed us to improve our English skills within a topic we were interested in.

Lisa Edwards, senior
I think ESS (wellness and fitness) is very informative and a good thing for Ursinus to have it in the curriculum.

Laura Lecrone, senior
To be honest, I believe that since we all have several classes in our majors, the most beneficial courses are those which focus on other subjects.

Carolyn McNamara, junior
Public Speaking because it prepares you for your other classes, as well as life after college.

Scott Chalbert, sophomore
I think weight training is the most important class because we get to pump iron. I think that adding muscle mass to your upper body is one of the most integral parts of daily life. It makes you bigger, faster, and stronger. Those are the real keys to anyone's success.

Ashok Parameswaran, soph.
I think Bio and Chem classes are the most important because one of them will be my major, but I don't know which.

Ken Clovene, sophomore
Economics 100 because I want to run a business when I grow up.

Semy Forman, sophomore
I think all the requirements are important since many people don't use their major in their final careers, and it makes them well rounded people. But, if I had to choose, I would choose math, a social science, public speaking and a foreign language.

What's Up in Wellness?

BY NICOLE D'ORSANNO
Of The Grizzly

This past summer, my cousin died of cancer of the mouth at the age of 32. I watched the disease progress in her, as she lost her ability to talk, eat, and function. This article was written for me to write since the word “cancer” still makes my stomach knot up. How­ ever, I thought it was important to write because “Daffodil Days for the Cancer Society” are here, and I wanted to draw some support for them.

Cancer is a condition of abnormal cellular growth. A mass of tissue, called a tumor, forms. These masses can be classified as benign or malignant. A malignant tumor is cancerous. These cancer cells grow uncontrolla­ bly, destroying the normal tissue which replaces the old, worn out tissue. It takes approximately one billion cells, the equivalent of one centimeter tumor, before cancer can be detected. Through metastasis, the movement of cells throughout the body, cells break away from the tumor and migrate to other parts of the body, where new cancer can develop. It takes only one abnormal cell to start a new cancer somewhere else in the body. Benign tumors do not cause cancer, but they can interfere with normal bodily functions.

Death from cancer can often be avoided with methods of treatment, if the disease is caught at an early stage. Early treatment is possible only when people: 1) know the risk factors, 2) are aware of the warning signs, 3) have periodic health examinations, and 4) do not allow fear to keep them from seeking medical attention.

Cancer is largely preventable. Nearly 80% of all human cancers are related to lifestyle or environmental factors, such as diet and tobacco and alcohol use. Most cancers can be prevented through living a positive lifestyle. An effective way to protect yourself against cancer is to change your negative habits. The American Cancer Society recommends the following guidelines. First, your diet should be low in fat and high in fiber. Eat more fruits and vegetables high in vitamin C, such as citrus fruits, tomatoes, and peppers. Also, you should eat more vegetables in the cabbage family, such as broccoli, cauliflower, and brussels sprouts. Second, abstain from tobacco. The tar and smoke from burning tobacco products (cancer-causing chemicals) inhaling these irritants trig­gers the cancerous potential of lung tissue over time. The smoke interferes with the cleansing mechanism of the bronchial cilia. More Americans die from lung cancer than from automobile accidents each year.

Third, excessive alcohol consumption increases the risk of cancer in the mouth, the anus, and the esophagus when it is combined with smoking and poor nutrition.

Fourth, avoid excessive exposure to sunlight, or other sources of ultraviolet light. Such exposure is a major con­tributor to the development of skin cancer. A sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 is recom­mended.

The war on cancer needs to be fought with funding. The sisters of Kappa Delta Kappa will be selling daffodils in Warner Lobby A at lunch and dinner until February 28. Please support the society and buy some flowers.

Facilities Corner

What is an Emergency?

BY FRED KLEE
Director of Physical Facilities

In the last column we talked about emergencies and response time, some of you might wonder how we make that determination. For us, an emergency is work that must be done if it:

- Affects personal safety
- Will cause loss or damage to property or buildings
- Interrupts delivery of any utilities to a building
- If you have problem after hours or on the weekend and need to have an emergency repaired, we can be reached by calling 489-4111 the College answering service. Please describe your problem, give your telephone number, and location.

They will contact us and relay the message. If the emergency meets the listed criteria, someone will be dispatched to make the repair. We will call you before the dispatch to verify the location and problem.

To further assist you in communicating with Facilities, we have created a new phone mail box that you can access by calling 409-DORM (409-3676). Each morn­ing we will review all of the messages and dispatch someone to make the required repairs.

We hope you will take the time to help us with our continuing evalua­tion of our work practices by pro­viding ongoing input into our system.

In the next column we will talk about heat problems.

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February 21, 1995
Movie Mania:
ACADEMY AWARD SPECIAL

BY COLIN TUCKER
Arts and Entertainment Editor

This special edition of Movie Mania will discuss this year’s Oscar nominations, which were announced last Tuesday. Since I have not seen many of the movies that were nominated, I cannot give you accurate predictions on who will win. However, I can give you the nominations that I especially liked, and the predictions based on what other critics said.

First, the facts. Forrest Gump received 13 nominations, the most for any movie since Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? in 1966. The record for nominations is All About Eve in 1950. Other significant movies this year are Woody Allen’s Bullets Over Broadway with 8 nominations, and Pulp Fiction with 7 nominations.

In the category of Best Picture, I think that it will be between Forrest Gump and Pulp Fiction. Although Pulp Fiction was the better of the two films, I will give the nod to Gump because most members of the Academy are older, and older people would definitely prefer Gump over Pulp Fiction. Secondly, Gump has morals and is a much kinder, gentler film than the extremely harsh Pulp Fiction. However, with Gump’s $300 million gross, commercial success often hurts a movie at Oscar time. I specifically remember two travesties, when Star Wars was beaten by Woody Allen’s Annie Hall in 1977, and when Steven Spielberg’s masterpiece E.T. The Extraterrestrial was ousted by Gandhi in 1982. Also notable is the fact that Gump is the only movie nominated for Best Picture that was produced by a major studio.

The rest were all independently produced films picked up by studios. For Best Actor, the two favorites are Tom Hanks in Forrest Gump and Paul Newman in Nobody’s Fool. Here I will pick Paul Newman, because he is a Hollywood veteran who is well liked by the members of the Academy. Secondly, Hanks is nominated for the second year in a row after winning last year for his masterful performance in Philadelphia. No one has won Best Actor for two years in a row since Spencer Tracy in 1937 and 1938, and I do not think it will happen this year. Best Actress is a category I know little about. The only film I saw out of the lot was The Client. I was pleasantly surprised to see Susan Sarandon nominated for her excellent performance, and I would be elated to see her win, even though Jodie Foster is the favorite for her performance in Nell.

Gary Sinise in Forrest Gump and Samuel L. Jackson in Pulp Fiction are the two major players in the Best Supporting Actor category. Although Sinise was excellent as the crippled Lt. Dan in Gump, his performance does not hold a candle to that of Samuel L. Jackson in Pulp Fiction. I do not know anything about Best Supporting Actress except for Uma Thurman in Pulp Fiction, who delivered a pretty good performance.

In the category of Best Director, I have a personal preference. I really want Forrest Gump director Robert Zemeckis to win, because he is my favorite director. He has directed some of my favorites including Romancing the Stone, Who Framed Roger Rabbit?, and, of course, the greatest movie of all time, Back to the Future. He will probably win, but do not count out Quentin Tarantino, who helmed Pulp Fiction.

For those of you interested in technical awards, True Lies, The Mask, and Forrest Gump were nominated for visual effects. I will give the nod to True Lies for unbelievable effects like a Harrier Jet hovering around the top of a Miami skyscraper, but all three movies had impressive effects, even Forrest Gump, where you do not notice most of the effects, like Gary Sinise’s legs erased by computer.

Overall, it will be a good contest this year, as opposed to last year, when Schindler’s List, as predicted, swept many of the major awards, because it was clearly the best film of the year. Despite Gump’s 13 nominations, no film will dominate this year.

Movie Quote of the Week: Last week’s blandly easy quote, “Do or do not. There is no try” was from Yoda in The Empire Strikes Back. Once again, I will give the credit to two people. Bill Schnader, one of those Features goddesses, identified it first, but that was before the paper was printed and distributed. Mike Katusha was the first person to guess it after the paper was made available to the public. This week’s quote is “I want to dip my ladle in your yickysosauce!”

"Nightmarish"
Comedian

BY KAREN FLESHMAN
Special to the Grizzly

On Thursday, February 16, Bob Smith, who previously appeared on the Tonight Show, Comedy Central, and a Comedy Special on HBO, performed at Urinus. His opening joke about breaking the news of his homosexuality to his parents set the mood for the rest of the performance (and I do mean the entire performance). He asked one night at the dinner table, “Mom, would you please pass the gravy to a homosexual?” His mother responded by passing the gravy to his father.

The rest of the hour-long act focused solely on homosexuality. One of the more funny jokes was when Smith was talking about dating and said, “It’s really difficult for a straight woman to date a gay male because then she goes through life thinking other men will really listen to her.” However, the part of the show that the audience liked the most was when he stumbled over his words and yelled out exasperately, “Oh, I blamed up my joke!” It was easy for me as an audience member to write down the down the good jokes in enough time because they were so few and far between. I would say that a majority of the jokes were followed by a dead silence. One of the few real winners was in reference to homosexuality, “Who do you think puts the ‘glee’ in glee clubs.” I heard many of the students comment that his act centered far too much on stereotyping homosexuals. Overall, in the words of Bob Smith, “It’s a nightmare!”

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B.M.
Piscataway, N.J. — The Ursinus gymnastics team broke the school scoring record for the third time this season in a 183.475 to 169.575 loss at Rutgers on Feb. 17. The Bears got career-best all-around performances from Carrie Luka, Kristen Cornell and Jen Courtney. Luka scored 9.05 on both the vault and balance beam, while posting a 34.45 overall. Cornell had a 9.025 on the floor exercise on her way to a 34.925 all-around score. Courtney posted a 33.45 all-around.

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Women's Basketball

Women to Host Gettysburg in Conference Semifinal

The women's basketball team will host Gettysburg in a Centennial Conference semifinal playoff game Wednesday evening at 7:30. PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE BEARS AS THEY ATTEMPT TO WIN THE FIRST CONFERENCE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR URISINUS SINCE 1946!

The women improved their Heffterich Hall winning streak (in games not involving the faculty) to 29 with a 76-59 Centennial Conference Eastern Division win over Haverford 96-18, 3-12). The game was the final regular season home game for the Bears (18-4, 13-2). Haverford led 8-7 with 14.53 to play in the first half. But then Ursinus went on a 21-10 run to effectively put the game away.

Ellen Cosgrove led Ursinus with 22 points, while Megan Larkind added 17. Laura Coulter scored 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Kristen Baldini had nine points and a team-best eight rebounds.

Karen Miller led Haverford with 14 points and 10 boards. Kate Maggiotto scored 13, while Jodi Sampson added 10 points, a game-high 13 rebounds, and a

Come Out and Support the Girls Basketball Team on Wednesday Night At 7:30 As They Play Gettysburg in The Centennial Conference Playoffs

A PHILLY FAN

BY JOEL SCHOFER Assistant Sports Editor

Spring training began last week as the pitchers and catchers reported to camp. Unfortunately for baseball fans, there is still no progress in the negotiations between the Major League Baseball Players' Association and the owners, so instead of the REAL players reporting we've got a bunch of has-beens masquerading as major league baseball players.

If you detect a tone of discontent or anger...GOOD! My point came across.

Not Curt Shilling or Tommy Greene, but Marty Bystrom is the Phillies best pitcher in camp. MARTY BYSTROM!!! Do you jor league minimum to play baseball, but this imbecile actually has delusions of sticking with the

Cosgrove And Baldini Honored

Ursinus senior Ellen Cosgrove has been named to the GTE District II College Division Academic All-America Women's Basketball Team, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Cosgrove, who was also named to the team in 1993, was one of five seniors on the squad. Members of the District II Team will now be considered for the National Academic All-America Team.

Cosgrove, the seventh leading scorer in the nation through Feb. 11, is a Dean's List student-athlete majoring in English, with a minor in creative writing. She is the president of Whitians, and is a member of Who's Who Among American College Students.

Cosgrove, along with teammate Kristen Baldini, was also named to the Centennial Conference Women's Basketball Academic Honor Roll. To be so honored, student-athletes must be at least sophomores, be starters or significant reserves, and have at least a 3.40 cumulative grade point average.

Thanks Again, Laura.

Dr. Berry goes up for lay-up in the student/faculty basketball game last week. The faculty defeated the Lady Bears 53-52.

Phillies after the strike is settled. It'd be another thing if he had these dreams and didn't tell anyone, but he's told the press. When the strike is settled, I hope the Phillies do keep him around just so that some little backup shortstop can knock him around the ballpark. Oh, what the superstars of the league will do to him.

Well, that was quite a verbal tantrum, wasn't it? Now on to some lighter notes.

I mentioned last week that the expansion draft for the NFL was happening soon, and gave you a rundown of the players the Eagles exposed to the draft. The article also included a little begging and pleading for someone to take Otis Smith or Broderick Thompson off our hands, and for someone to leave Brian O'Neal alone.

None of my wishes came true. Otis Smith was not picked, and in fact was retracted from the draft by the Eagles. How the draft worked was that when one of a team's five players was picked, that team could take another player off the list. Well, Otis Smith was the second player taken off of the list. I guess the Eagles actually want to retain his services, or -- hopefully-- they just want the satisfaction of cutting him.

Broderick Thompson wasn't picked, but speaking of cutting, the Eagles did do the team a favor and sever his contract, making him an unrestricted free agent. May God himself help the quarterback of whatever team signs him.

And yes, sadly enough, the Eagles lost their most promising fullback, Brian O'Neal. Boo-hoo...

Finally, some of last week's article speculated on the nature of Al Jackson's role on the Eagles, given that I'd never heard of him before I read his name on the list of available players.

Well, whatever his role may have been, be it the guy holding the cords from Kotite's headset, a junior in the 700 level men's restroom, or someone selling Coke and cotton candy in the stands, an expansion team obviously saw some form of raw talent because in the thirteenth round he became the first Eagle selected in the draft.

Al Jackson's presence in the clubhouse, on the sideline, in the restroom, and in the stands will be sorely missed and will undoubtedly cast a fog over the Philadelphia sports scene for years to come, and if you've read this far you've surely received 100% of the U.S. RDA for sarcasm. I hope you enjoyed it.
Gettysburg — The Ursinus College wrestling team put itself in position to successfully defend its Centennial Conference wrestling championship at Gettysburg College on Feb. 18. The Bears advanced six wrestlers to the title round. But none came away with a victory, and Muhlenberg took the Bears’ crown away.

Muhlenberg’s Pete Shimkin won his second straight 118-pound title with a 13-5 major decision over Kevin Kockersperger of Ursinus. The Mule’s A.J. Bucko also won his second straight crown, at 126, with a 7-2 decision of Ursinus’ Darren Torson.

Kirk Holt, who won the 142-pound championship a year ago, couldn’t repeat. He dropped a 9-5 decision to Pete Balvan of Swarthmore. Ursinus Freshman Casey O’Donnell had the third of four head to head matches against a Muhlenberg wrestler. He came out on the short end of a 10-8 decision to Jason Rute.

The big shocker came at 158-pounds, where Mike Ortmann, the Bears’ champion at 150 a year ago, was upset in double overtime by Jake Dell of Gettysburg. Dell’s escape in the 10th minute of the match was the difference. He was named the tournament’s outstanding wrestler.

Muhlenberg’s Dan Terpstra, the 190-pound winner of the Centennial Conference and NCAA East Regional tournaments in 1994, posted a 12-7 decision over Ursinus freshman Tony Carricato.

Ursinus heavyweight Sean Mitchell dropped a 3-2 decision to Brandon Ream of Gettysburg.

The Bears also had two wrestlers reach the consolation finals, but they, too, ended the tournament with losses. Tom Guzzo fell to Steve Smiddy of Western Maryland, 7-4, at 134-pounds, while Heath Van Fleet lost to Phil Simmerer, also of Western Maryland, at 167.

With its sweep over Ursinus in the finals, Muhlenberg compiled 83.5 team points to the Bears’ 78.0. Gettysburg was third with 72, while Swarthmore had 42, Western Maryland 33.5, Johns Hopkins 24.5 and Haverford 5.

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The Ursinus wrestling team will host the NCAA East Regional Tournament Friday and Saturday in Helfrich Hall. COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE BEARS as they try to advance to the NCAA Division III Championships. Mike Ortmann will attempt to qualify for the national tournament for the second straight year.

BY CHARLIE WEINGROFF
Sports Editor

Two weekends ago was, of course, the NBA All-Star weekend was in Phoenix. And needless to say Ringmaster Charles Barkley was at the head of the annual circus. I’ll save his special magic trick for the end. First, on Saturday night, was the Rookie Game. Absolutely atrocious. Glenn Robinson took at least 2 of every 3 shots for his team, sticking to his playmaking maxim, “I don’t believe in passing.” Donnell Marshall missed a dunk from 3 inches out. That was really impressive. The game wasn’t.

It was horrible. Oh, and the half-time was the real highlight of the extravaganza. A true punk in every sense of the word, out of the hardwood area of Strongsville, Ohio, Mike Hohan went out and shot nothing but crisp, clean Arizona air on his 3 point shot for $1 million. He says, and I quote, “Wassup Strongsville?” then fakes the shot several times, walks underneath the basket so he “becomes one with the basket” and hauls up a shot that travels about 10 of the 22 feet. Like I said, punk. He’s got to get at least rim for a million.

On to the Whoever Misses The Most Wins Slam Dunk Contest. First of all, the only decent guys in the contest were Harold Miller, who won, and JR Rider. After them, the ringmaster shouted, “Bring out the clown!” So out comes Antonio Harvey, Jimmie Watson, Tony Dumas, and Tim Perry. Well, Dumas said he would win and did not dunk any ball into the basket.

JR Rider tried his in-between-the-legs dunk, ……… and missed 3 times. Rider tried his in-between-the-legs dunk, ……… and missed 3 times. It was just horrendous. Either make the good guys like Dominique and Kemp be in it, or just kill the damn thing.

The 3 point contest was pretty cool. Glen Rice won. Nothing much to rip on except the fact that Dana Barros was given a score of 9 for a round in which he scored 15. Nice to see others who also hate Philadelphia. No big problems in the actual game either.

Now to Charles Barkley. As many know, he was asked about groupies, and if they are a problem. He got all pissed and trudged away saying how he hates white people. Now, I don’t really care if he hates white people or if he hates me for that matter, but what happens to him? He kisses the NBC pregame guy and says ESPN will get over it, and case closed. That’s absurd.

What happens if John Stockton or Horry the power forward for Houston has his ankle in 12 pieces, and missed 3 times. Like the way, the Kings still do have great players, Wayne Gretzky. You know, the best player in the game. Before trading away Alexei Zhiltok for that Grant Fuhr goalie guy, they had 3 very good young black people. The NBA would strip Stockton’s assist record and send Schrempf back to the Eastern Block.

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Equally terrible was the Blazers-Rockets trade. The Rockets now have all guards, and the Blazers have all forwards. I’m not sure that’s such a good formula. Seriously though, Pete Cheilcutt has been starting at power forward for Houston, but neither he nor Carl Hererra will be good enough to win in the playoffs. You figure Robert Horry and Clyde Drexler have to be on the floor in Houston’s ‘A’ lineup, and that makes Horry the power forward, and that makes the Rockets a very sad team. From Portland’s side, if Thorton is not traded, he may start instead of Chris Dudley at center. Big deal. After James Robinson and Rod Strickland (2 sub 6/4 point guards who both start), all the Blazers have is Terry Porter, whose ankle is in 12 pieces, and Aaron McKie, who is a very bad NBA player. It was just a horrible trade for both teams.

How much longer will Barry Melrose last as the coach of the Los Angeles Kings? The Kings are a year and a half removed from the then Campbell (Western) Conference finals, and now lie with the 3rd worst record in the league. Oh by the way, the Kings still do have that guy, Wayne Gretzky. You know, the best player in the game. Before trading away Alexei Zhiltok for that Grant Fuhr goalie guy, they had 3 very good young defensemen, along with Darryl Sydor and Rob Blake. Add in Jarri Kurri, Rick Tocchet, and a more than a few other good players, Gretzky still can’t overcome the brutality that Barry Melrose has offered as coaching.

The Pittsburgh Penguins have 5 players in double figure points so far this season. Eight other teams combined have 0. The Penguins have 1 loss as of Saturday and are in a word, dominant. Ken Wreggett has stepped up very well in #1 goalie Tom Barbara’s absence, and scoring has obviously yet to be a problem for the Pens. The Nordiques are only 1 point behind, but with the Atlantic Division leaders, the Islanders and Rangers, having 9 points a piece, the Penguins may have to only win one more game in the NHL’s momentum 15 game season. Credit for last week’s answer will go to Ashok Paranavaram once again, but Mike Fabrizio also will get ink. The complete correct answer for what the 3 cities Westemiania 2 was held in were Nassau, Long Island at the Nassau Coliseum, Chicago at the Rosemont Horizon, and Los Angeles at the Sports Arena. Ashok got it all right, but Fabrizio said New York instead of Nassau. True, it’s the same target audience, but I’m sure Ken Miller doesn’t want to be mixed in with those of Manhattan or the Bronx. For this week’s World Wrestling Federation Trivia Question of the Week: The WWF now yearly has the King of the Ring, which is an elimination tournament. But some years ago, they held a tournament of 16 guys at that Rosemont Horizon in Chicago. What was the name of the tournament, who were the finalists, and who won it? That’s all for this week, and for the suckers born every minute, the pleasure was all yours.