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1995 Ursinus Model U.N. Delegation

BY JAYSON BLOCKSIDGE
Co-News Editor

Ursinus College is once again participating in the annual National Model United Nations Conference held in New York City at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Close to two thousand students from across North America and throughout the world will soon be meeting in New York City to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations. For the past four months Dr. Nicholas Berry and President of Model U.N., Carol Brewer, have helped the delegates prepare for the event. The ten Ursinus delegates representing Liechtenstein are Michael Pizzi, Mike Farrand, Heidi McMichael, Gaylen Gawlowski, Danielle Deschenes, Adam Lusk, Jayson Blocksidge, Sean Jones, Georgia Hurff, and Vanessa Voss. Ashok Parameswaran and Liana Velazquez are the alternates to the delegation. This year's selection of delegates was very competitive. Over 30 applications were received. The average GPA of the 1995 delegation is 3.4.

The 1995 NMUN Conference, held from April 10 to 15, welcomes delegations from universities and colleges around the world. Delegates from Western Europe, Poland, Egypt, Lesotho, Mexico, South Africa, Palestine, Japan, and Puerto Rico will meet in New York, making this year's Conference a truly international event.

The NMUN Conference is the largest and most prestigious conference of its kind. Delegates research and represent an assigned member state for a five-day simulation of the United Nations. It is unique in that its New York City location allows delegates to hold sessions at United Nations Headquarters, provide briefings by the Permanent Missions to the delegations and secure a wide range of expert speakers from the United Nations community.

In recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations, NMUN Conference staff have initiated a project called the "UN50 Journal and Archives." The aim of this project is to highlight academia and research relevant to current United Nations issues. "We are very excited about the Journal. For the first time the Conference will be able to document and publish work from various contributors, including University professors and members of the United Nations community," says Garth Frizzell, Secretary-General, 1995 NMUN Conference.

Japanese Shocked by Gas Attack

Thousands Injured

BY COLIN TUCKER
Arts and Entertainment Editor

A massive investigation resulting in three consecutive days of raids on facilities of a secretive religious sect is taking place after a poisonous gas attack on the Tokyo subway system that has resulted in 10 deaths and nearly 5000 injuries.

During Tokyo's morning rush hour on Monday, March 20, five trains were contaminated as the deadly nerve gas sarin seeped from containers and packages wrapped to look like lunch boxes. After the attack began and the fumes spread, passengers on trains and platforms throughout central Tokyo fainted, vomited, or had convulsions.

Twenty times as deadly as potassium cyanide, sarin is composed of organic phosphorus, alcohol, sodium fluoride and other chemicals. As little as a drop of sarin—inhaled or on the skin—can kill a person instantly. Sarin was manufactured and used by the Nazis in World War II, and it was also used in the 1980s during the war between Iran and Iraq. Anti-terrorist experts said that the gas is so unstable that only demoted terrorists would use it.

This incident was a shock to the Tokyo subway system, which takes pride in its cleanliness, efficiency, and safety. Because most inhabitants of Tokyo do not own their own vehicles, the Tokyo subway system carries twice as many people daily as does New York's subway system.

The investigators looked at other incidents of chemical poisoning for clues. Two weeks ago, three attaché cases were discovered at a Tokyo subway system, each containing three tanks of an unknown liquid, small motorized fans, a vent, and a battery. One was giving off a vapor. A few weeks ago, 19 train passengers in the Japanese port city of Yokohama were taken to hospitals complaining of eye and respiratory pain from fumes. In February, seven people were killed due to chemical poisoning in the central Japanese city of Matsumoto.

Many western governments and individuals are concerned, and warn that a "new era of terrorism" has begun because terrorists are now starting to develop and use weapons of mass destruction.

Police raided strongholds of the apocalyptic Buddhist Aum Shinri Kyo cult, whose name means "sublime truth," including their headquarters near Mount Fuji. Thousands of police with gas masks and caged canaries searched for sarin.

Many chemicals were seized during the raids, including one used to neutralize nerve gas. Phosphorus and fluorine, which can be used to make sarin, were also recovered. Shoko Asahara, the group's missing leader, denies involvement in the incident, blaming the Japanese government for using the incident as part of a plot to blame and suppress the group.

The group promises to strike back at police with lawsuits accusing police of many charges such as damaging doors and not allowing cult members to be present at raids.
Local News Roundup

BY TARIK QASIM
Of The Grizzly

Thefts in Limerick Township

Police in Limerick Township are seeking help to solve three thefts that occurred on St. Patrick's Day. The first theft, which occurred at 8 a.m., involved a man described as a Caucasian with glasses, jeans, and a denim jacket, who grabbed a box of 30 cartons of Marlboro cigarettes valued at over $472. The second theft involved eight spare tires which were stolen from John Kennedy Ford at 3189 West Ridge Pike. The tires were all taken from 1985 Ford Rangers. The final theft was of a 1985 Honda Civic Wagon from a house in Schwenksville. The champagne colored Honda is valued at $5,000.

New Dairy Queen to Open

The Dairy Queen on High Street in Pottstown will have its grand opening within three weeks. Managers hope to hire forty employees, some part time and some full time. The new Dairy Queen occupies the site of the former Rax Restaurant at 1467 E. High Street and the building has been completely renovated. The intended opening in March was postponed, but the managers hope to draw in large crowds.

Global Perspectives

International

Two tons of chemicals discovered in a religious sect's training compound may link the group with the recent nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway system. Also found was a magazine about to be published which warned "poison gas attacks would kill 90 percent of the people living in major cities."

The Guatemalan military officer who ordered the deaths of an American citizen and a guerrilla leader was a paid CIA agent. This came as a shock to many, including the American widow of the guerrilla leader, who was ignored by the government when she asked how her husband died.

Israeli-Palestinian peace talks were set back once again by an "apparent plot by radicals in the Gaza Strip to blow up a booby trapped truck" in Southern Israel. This reinforces a strange pattern, for as peace talks improve, they are set back by a terrorist act.

National

Colin Ferguson, the Long Island subway killer, received a sentence of 200 years in jail. Survivors of the incident applauded the decision made by Judge Donald E. Belfi, which finalized three emotional days of sentencing.

The tough "three strikes and you're out" statute in California is proving too effective. Three felony convictions mandate 25 years to life in prison, so many defendants choose to plea bargain. This is causing prison and court overcrowding, thus non violent prisoners are being released early, and residents are in an uproar.

In the most recent Post Office killing, Christopher Green, a 29 year old laborer and former mail carrier, killed four men and wounded one at his former place of employment. Green admitted to the killings, and claimed he stole $5,000 from the office in order to pay back rent.

(Compiled by Michael McCuen from the New York Times)
Looking For A Perfect Friend?

BY CHRISTIAN RICE
Special to The Grizzly

Being a Politics major, there are times here at Ursinus when I really feel grossly outnumbered by my many friends who are Pre-Med. majors. This really isn't that bad, though. I feel our many future doctors have helped make Ursinus a very therapeutic school. This is a reason why Ursinus is such a warm and friendly place! We genuinely care about how are friends are feeling, and want to help them when they are feeling ill or depressed. For all you Bio majors out there, perhaps I could equate this to red blood cells, which bring our vital organs help in the form of oxygen and make our bodies feel good. Red blood cells are extremely important and no body can properly function without them.

But, our bodies just can't run on red blood cells alone. If we are to be healthy, we also need white blood cells to defend and protect our bodies from foreign invaders. Our bodies can only function effectively when both types of blood cells are working within us. However, I know it's not easy for us to be “white blood cells” to our friends. I know I have a really hard time with this, because being a white blood cell may require me to confront my friends when drinking becomes a daily dependency, rather than just a weekend social event. It may require me to tell a friend that sleeping with a different person every weekend really isn’t all that healthy. It may require me to tell a friend the truth, even when it hurts. But you see, I don't like to do that, even though I know that not telling them will hurt them more. Ultimately, not having enough red or white blood cells can lead to the same disastrous result - destruction.

My relationship with my friend may be destroyed if I am not there to listen to his/her problems and to make him/her feel better and, likewise, my relationship with my friend may also be destroyed if I allow his/her abusive lifestyle to continue and decide not to intervene.

I guess this is one of the reasons why I am so fascinated by the life of Jesus Christ. The more I look at his life, the more I see that Jesus knew how to be the perfect friend all the time.

The Grizzly

Opinions

Regarding the Core...

While it is difficult to distinguish the genuine grips from the admitted “pure sarcasm” of last week’s column “The Cave,” it is true that the changes in the core requirements have caused some confusion and controversy. Hoping to be helpful, I address this directly to students.

The heart of the changes is that certain courses, previously required, are now electives; in their place, there is a mandate for 12 credit hours beyond the core and outside of the department in which you are majoring. The idea is to provide each of you more flexibility in creating your own course of study. This should appeal to all who, like “Captain Jack,” “absolutely HATE other people making decisions for [them].”

Does it mean that we as an institution no longer value public speaking, wellness, the fine arts, and that we value math and the sciences 33 percent less than we did last year? Absolutely not. The courses are still there, and you are not only welcomed, but warmly encouraged, to take them.

Does it mean that we as an institution have made a strong statement of faith in your ability to make responsible choices about your own education? Yes, that’s what it means. It also means that you will have to get better at learning what’s available, and become bolder about electing to plunge into new areas. It also means that we professors will have to get better at learning what our colleagues in other departments have to offer, and become bolder about communicating it to you via advising.

When my writing classes had many students who were only there because of the fine arts requirement, I jokingly referred to it as “converting the heathens.” But I am proud of the fact that so many people discovered talents in areas where they previously thought they had neither interest nor aptitude. Now that we are no longer treating them like art-heathens, will science majors and social science majors find the self-confidence or the curiosity (or get a nudge from an advisor) to take that leap into creative writing? Into music, theater, art? Will the terminally shy take a deep breath and sign up for Public Speaking? I have faith.

It’s easy to poke fun at the process (we do-a LOT). But the fact is that a great number of professors devoted hundreds of hours to hard-nosed, serious discussion and debate about the curriculum—for the simple reason that we are vitally concerned with creating the best education possible for Ursinus students. For me, it was worth it. There are always trade-off's, but I believe that the new requirements are an improvement, and that our faith in you is not misplaced.

Jon Vollmer
Dept of English

The Spring Fling committee of the Campus Activities Board, Ursinus College Student Government Association, and the Resident Hall Association would like to apologize to the members of the Jazz ensemble and Concert Band. Apparently, we have scheduled no Spring Fling celebration for the same day as their spring concert.

The problem is that we have contracted the popular band They Might Be Giants to appear at the same time that Ursinus’ own band will be performing.

The Spring Fling committee is putting over $15,000 into this concert, some of which has already been spent, and all proceeds raised from this year’s Spring Fling has always been going to support people suffering from Leukemia. By canceling this concert, CAB would lose a lot of money, the majority of students would be very disappointed and our charity efforts would be lost.

Also, even if we were to reach an agreement with the concert on a different day with a different band, which will be extremely unlikely on such late notice, there will always be a conflict with some organization. Last year, the track teams and leadership scholars were off campus and missed all of Spring Fling. Also this year, the baseball team has a game on April 29 and Tau Sig has their Spring Dated. We are upset that there have to be any conflicts at all, but the fact is, no matter when we plan Spring Fling, there will be a conflict.

We also want members of the Jazz ensemble and Concert Band to know that we realize the hard work and talent that goes into putting a concert together, and that we are trying to push the show back until after the band concert. However, since the concert is being planned outside we have to be concerned about having the music level too late in the evening for the surrounding community.

Alternative suggestions are welcomed at the next Spring Fling Meeting on Thursday night at 8:00pm in the USGA office in WLL.

Signed,
CAB/USGA/RIA

They Might Be Giants... or not??

Fellow human beings, before you continue reading this, I must warn you that it will depress you. A few days ago, I learned that a friend, a fellow Ursinus student, was diagnosed with an extremely serious health condition. This friend is not one to whom I can say I am extremely close. However, I see him as an honest, genuine, cheerful person, who is always friendly and upbeat. Although I don’t know him well, I have had just about enough of the bullshit that family can’t satisfy. I have no one. This is not to say that I have no family, because I have a very close family, but there are some things that family can’t satisfy. You all are the only ones that I have to share my thoughts with; you are my audience. I used to be a very active, outspoken, spontaneous person, and although I have not lost these things completely, they are buried pretty deep now. I am bored with just about everything. Social life is nonexistent, and my close friends are all hundreds of miles away. There is no love in my life, and no bright light burning on the horizon either. I recently made an innocent mistake that could cause me quite a few problems if things get taken far enough. I have truly had just about enough of the bullshit that this place can throw at a person, and although I plan on holding out until graduation, the only thing I have to look forward to after that is a pipe dream. Still, with all of this, my problems are nowhere near as serious as my friend’s, and I am thankful for the good things I do have. It’s just that every once in a while, the things that suck in your life just get all piled up inside, and you need to get them out.

Tonight I stood outside in the crisp, clear, cool pre-Spring night and gazed up into the golden sky. The stars and skies and heavens are not looking back at me. They are not concerned with the trials of one little piss-ant’s life. They have transcended all of that. As I gazed upwards, I asked a question men and women have asked for many millennia...what does it all mean? Frustration, confusion, and silence were the only things I heard. The only conclusion I could come to was that the word “fuck,” yelled at the top of your lungs towards the stars is a very therapeutic thing.

Sorry if I brought you all down, but you’ll all go down a few pounds, smoke a bowl, or curl up with your Bible and forget it anyway. Next edition I’ll try to take some happy pills before I sit down to try and bring some cheer into your life.

—Captain Jack
GRAVE MATTERS

BY DAVID H. WEBB
Of The Grizzly

Editor's Note: The following is the conclusion to Mr. Webb's article in last week's Grizzly.

Another point which should not be forgotten is that operating costs affect price. When a customer enters a small company's place of business, the presentation of the business is placed on trial. Is the desired product readily visible and in its proper location in the store? Is the building itself kept neat, clean, and at a comfortable temperature? An organized showroom requires great investment of time, effort, and capital, all of which add to the price of each item being sold. For small businesses, this amount is more significant, since a smaller volume of products is sold. More importantly, employees at such businesses want and need a sale to pay for the upkeep of their business environment. For large businesses, overhead costs are much more easily distributed among a greater number of sales in the same amount of time. In addition, customers tend not to expect as much organization from large companies. After all, bulk-manufactured items are tradition­ally kept on shelves in dusty ware­houses, not on display in deco­rated showrooms. And ware­houses are usually thought of as hot and stuffy, not air-condi­tioned. Subsequently, large busi­ness need not spend as much on presentation. In many cases, customers may not even see the building in which a large busi­ness operates. Not only may it be too far away to visit, but the consumers may feel little need to examine the product beyond samples or catalog photographs, making the purchase via tele­phone, fax, or e-mail.

Why should this be of concern to consumers? Because that's how big business makes its money: cost-cutting, and that usually costs the consumer quality. Sick of syrups mass-pro­duced soda? Try Snapple. Tired of Air Jordans which fall apart before you even get to be like Mike's stowlbelow? Then buy New Balance sneakers. Fed up with hearing about how your PC compat­ability problems are due to your "ancient" version of MS-DOS for Windows? Then buy a Macintosh. Sure, these products might cost a little more in the short run, but, in my opinion, your long-term satisfaction with the product performance more than makes up the difference.

Which brings us to my final point: product quality. The recent recession has made penny­pinchers out of people who weren't always so afraid to spend a few extra bucks for better quality. Consumers often don't take the time to figure that buying a $40.00 product which lasts twenty years once is more affordable than purchasing a $15.00 product which lasts five years three times. Since $15.00 is far less than $40.00, people automatically assume that they've found a great bargain. Also, consumers who visit several stores may not recog­nize that the top grade of dia­mond at Zircon-R-Us is barely middle quality at LatticeWorks Jewelry. Consumers must edu­cate themselves and expect of themselves. By not demanding high-quality products, customers actually pay the cost elsewhere, in unnecessary repeat purchases and in the decline of small busi­ness which makes considerably less profit when customers insist upon lower-grade goods.

As the son and summer em­ployee of small busines­sowners, I have spent much time dealing with a fair portion of the public and I am still astonished by the substantial, stubborn naifete of many people. Not chronic stup­idity, but unresolved ignorance. Just think about how little we really know about products until after we start using them. Every­one insists that they can "buy it somewhere else cheaper" and do it themselves. I myself still ex­hibit this behavior from time to time. Believe me, the risks are greater than they appear. A do­it-yourself job can easily become wasted money if "yourself" isn't really sure how to "do it". Don't be afraid to ask questions and don't be afraid to spend that extra dollar. Support your local busi­nessman. R.I.P.

FEATURES

BY SUE BOYER
Of The Grizzly

Traveling is one of the most popular pastimes among people all over the world. Whether it be visiting a place in one's own country or stepping outside one's country and into another's land, traveling can be both motivating and inspiring. In either circumstance, trav­eling to a different environment is a unique experience and one of the best things life has to offer. Professor Stephen Hood of the Politics Depart­ment had the opportunity to visit Taipei, Taiwan many times. Each time he went, he learned and experienced new and exciting things which opened him up to a new culture and the life of another people.

Since Dr. Hood is a Politics teacher whose main focus is on the develop­ment of politics and the role it plays in the lives of people, his goal and experi­ence in studying abroad enabled him to learn about the effects of politics so­cially, economically, and socially in the environment of Taiwanese people. Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Hood recognized both similarities as well as the differences amongst the people of Taiwan as compared to Americans. "My main focus in studying in Taiwan was to learn as to what led countries such as Taiwan to develop and eventually be­come democratic," Dr. Hood said.

In the 70's in Taiwan, no one whispered a political word for fear of being pun­ished or risk of a family member being tortured," he said.

Later, on his second visit, Dr. Hood commented that he noticed quite a bit of progress since the last time he had been there. This time he was part of a large university and was researching and interviewing government officials. It was more visible, there was less evil and hatred towards Americans and other foreigners, and most importantly, there was a sense of encouragement to the Taiwanese people that they could be a prosperous country under the democratic system just like the rest of the world," he said.

Finally, under a Fulbright Grant with his family, Dr. Hood went to Taiwan for his fourth time. This time he had the special opportunity to research and inter­view government officials. "I noticed this time that Taiwan was even more open than ever...democracy was so cherished by these patriotic people and it brought peace and prosperity as well," he said.

Since his extraordinary trips, Dr. Hood has decided to write a book enti­tled, "The Kuomintang and the Democ­ratization of Taiwan." "I have this book about the amazing democratiza­tion of Taiwan, but it is even more incredible to go into the classroom and teach my students firsthand about the culture and society of Taiwan as well as the stories of my visits over there," he said. "In the course which I will be teaching, students will actually be reading transcripts of what political leaders said. This changes the whole atmosphere of what is learned in books.

It shows what is happening in the real world to actual people," he said.

Wow. Talk about an interesting experience. I must say I was impressed myself. Lucky for me I'm a Politics major...
BY COLIN TUCKER
Arts and Entertainment Editor

This week: the latest hits on video

The River Wild- In this film, based on a nonfiction article in Fly Rod & Reel magazine by Dennis O'Neill, Gail (Meryl Streep), who was a river guide in her younger days, decides to take her family white water rafting in honor of her son's 10th birthday. During their trip, they encounter a couple of people who are also travelling the river. They turn out to be robbers who want to make a getaway.

Not only does Gail have to contend with the bad guys, but she also has to worry about an extremely treacherous part of the river called the Gauntlet, as well as her family, with a bratty son and a husband who seems to be more preoccupied with his work than his family.

Most aspects of the movie were very well done, with beautiful locations, and the photography to capture them very well. They had to use helicopters to get all of the filming equipment to the shooting locations in Montana. The movie was suspensefully paced. As an aficionado of white water rafting, I think the scenes in the rapids were well done by director Curtis Hanson (The Hand That Rocks the Cradle), because they captured what it is really like to be on the rapids. Also, I found myself really caring about the characters who were in jeopardy, even for the family's dog who went along for the ride.

I was most impressed with Meryl Streep in the lead part. Streep, whom we are used to seeing in puffed-up parts in art house movies, faking English accents, or wearing outlandish Victorian dresses, stars in her first action vehicle, and, contrary to my expectations, delivers an excellent performance. Not only is she very believable in her role, her character is very strong as she tries to fight off bad guys, keep her family together, and navigate the river. In fact, her character is stronger than a lot of men that have had leading roles in action movies. She also did about 90% of her stunts in the film.

Although this is basically a formula movie, and was predictable to a degree, I would place it a notch above the average action flick because of its suspense, its photography and action in the rapids, and, most of all, because of Meryl Streep's performance. Rating- 7 (Good)

Stargate- In this expensive (the film cost $55 million) and successful science fiction movie, Daniel Jackson (James Spader), a nerdy archaeologist, proposes that the Pyramids were constructed by beings from other planets. (This theory has actually been explored in real life.) He is laughed off the stage, and, the only person agrees with him, shows him a marker, and a mechanism that can transport people or things to the other side of the universe. Jackson figures out the combination to activate the mechanism and goes with a team of Air Force soldiers led by Col. Jack O'Neil (Kurt Russell) to another world that is reminiscent of ancient Egypt, and the people are led by the evil Ra (Jaye Davidson), on Earth, Ra was the sun god, but on this planet, he was an alien, the last of his dying race, who decided to cheat death by going to Earth during the Egyptian Period and brings the bodies of dead humans back to life and occupying them. He also brings a number of humans through the stargate and back to this planet to be his servants and mine metal for him. Reading and writing are banned to prevent the servants from becoming educated and rebelling like they did on Earth.

O'Neill has orders that if the situation on the other side of the stargate is dangerous, he is to blow it up with a nuclear weapon. However, Ra catches him with the bomb, and puts some metal into it that increases the power of the bomb tenfold, and wants to send it back to Earth via the stargate.

The film has an excellent premise that would make a great science fiction story, but, unfortunately it is marred by a number of shortcomings. There are many holes in the plot. For example, if the pyramids on this planet are made of stone, why are they mining metal. Also, they meet some of the servants, and they are frightened by a cigarette lighter, but later, they pick up machine guns and start mowing down the bad guys.

The film is very overdone, and tries too much to be a grandiose epic. The movie is way too broad. Unfortunately, the story has the potential to be a great science fiction movie, and if the film was more streamlined and not as "big," that could have happened. Although the film had impressive special effects, I did not find it very enjoyable. Rating- 5 (So-So)

Movie quote of the week- Last week's quote, "Back off man, I'm a scientist," was guessed by Chuck "Maynard Jr." Blackledge, and it was from Ghostbusters. This week's quote is "The women! How much for the women? I want to buy your little girl!"

Come see proTheatre perform Our Country's Good, featuring:

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Laura Owens
Michelle Ryan
Joe Simione

John Barbour
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Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 30, 31 and April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Neighbors, Enemies, Language:
Arabs and Israelis occupy the same house in Jerusalem

Who: Dr. Zvi Jagendorf, from Israel
Date: Monday, April 19
Time: 6:30 pm
Where: Olin 104

Don't miss this speaker!

"A banana! All I need is a banana!"
Men's Tennis Team Comes Close

Dickinson won two of three doubles matches to defeat Ursinus (0-1, 0-5), 4-3, on March 25. The loss was the second straight nail biter for the Bears.

Josh Hartle improved to 5-0 in singles matches with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 win at number-four. Matt Ciesinski posted a 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 win at number-three. Mike Gamble won 7-5, 6-1 at number-five.

Hartle and Ciesinski teamed to win the number-three doubles match, 8-3.

Ursinus dropped a close non-conference match at Moravian, 4-5, on March 23.

Sammartino, Keith Named Co-Players Of The Week

Ursinus softball player Kim Sammartino and baseball player Scott Keith, both pitchers, were named co-players of the week, for the period ending March 18, in their respective sports by the Centennial Conference.

Sammartino had been the winning pitcher in all eight Ursinus victories to that point. She compiled a 1.87 earned run average in 60 innings pitched for the Bears. She had struck out 53 batters.

Sammartino pitched a two-hit shutout to lead Ursinus to a 6-0 win over Lebanon Valley in the first game of a double header on March 18. She hurled five and two thirds innings of relief in the second game to earn the victory in a 13-8 Ursinus win. She shut down Lebanon Valley after the Dutchwomen had scored seven second-inning runs off of Annie O'Connor.

Earlier in the week against Widener, she allowed six hits and struck out two, while going the distance in a 10-3 Bears' win.

Keith was 2-0 in Florida with big wins over Elizabethtown and Catholic. He posted a 1.50 earned run average, while striking out 10 and walking three in 14 innings pitched.
BY JOEL SCHOFER
Assistant Sports Editor

It’s official! At about 4:00 Saturday afternoon, the San Francisco 49ers made the announcement that they were not matching the Eagles’ three-year, $6.9 million offer, and Ricky Watters was officially an Eagle.

Watters and Kevin Turner, the newly signed 26-year-old fullback from New England, will give the Eagles a solid, multi-talented backfield for at least the next three years.

The combination of Watters’ rushing ability and Turner’s blocking makes this backfield one of the top five in the NFL, and the bonus is that they can both catch.

Now that the backfield is set, what’s going on with the rest of the personnel?

At quarterback, Randall Cunningham is still the starter and the Eagles are actively pursuing a backup. They signed Cary Conklin, a 27-year-old 6-foot-4, 215-pound former Redskins backup for the league’s minimum salary, but are still interested in Dallas backup Rodney Peete.

Other news from the backfield includes the loss of James Joseph, who signed with the Cincinnati Bengals, and the impending release of Hershel Walker.

Hershel is a little bitter, to say the least, that his job was just handed over to Watters without any competition between the two.

Hey Hershel, the only competition I need is the comparison of ages, and you’re not going to win.

You’re a great player, but Watters is a young great player. See ya!

On the offensive line, Antone Davis has been moved to his original position at right tackle, and David Alexander has been told that he is the starting center “until further notice.” The Eagles also did not extend a training camp invitation to Tom McAuley and have signed Raleigh Mackenzie, an offensive lineman for the Washington Redskins last season.

In the receiving corp there is only one change. The addition of Reggie Johnson left Mark Bavaro uninvited to training camp.

On the defensive side there have been a lot of changes, and they’re not necessarily for the better.

The Eagles are planning on using their first round draft pick to pick a defensive lineman, and they better because they don’t really have anyone adequate to play there.

Burt Grossman and Greg Townsend were not invited to training camp. (Did Townsend even play last year? I don’t think he even recorded a tackle.)

Mike Flores, a young free-agent defensive end, never received much playing time under the old regime, and didn’t get an offer from the Eagles. He has, though, received quite a lot of interest from other teams around the league. He could be a player the Eagles regret letting go.

Who do they have left to play?

Well, unfortunately the Fridge is back to prove that he can still play, as are Leonhard Renfro and Tommy Jeter. William Fuller is still a mainstay at defensive end, as one positive note. Oh yeah, and the Eagles signed defensive end Daniel Stubbs, whose claim to fame is that he played with the Cowboys and 49ers.

So, if the Eagles were to line up today, the defensive line would be Fuller and Jeter at the ends and Renfro and Perry at the tackles, and the people with the big smiles on their faces would be the opposition’s backfield.

The Eagles, as I said, are hoping to draft a starter with the number 12 pick, and are pursuing Alfred Williams, the Bengals’ free-agent defensive end, who recorded 9.5 sacks last season.

The Eagles’ linebacking corp has also taken a hit. With the loss of Britt Hager, the Eagles middle linebacker is now third year man Derrick Oden of Alabama.

He’s young, talented, but very inexperienced, and playing a position where he needs to call the defensive audibles and experience is crucial.

Can he do it? I’m one for giving him a shot, because there are no really talented middle linebackers on the free-agent market. If we’re going to either sign a marginal, stop-gap veteran or play the young and inexperienced Oden, I’d play Oden.

He could prove to be something special, whereas with the veteran we already know what we’ve got, and what we’ve got isn’t too great.

The outside linebackers, thankfully, are still set, with Bill Romanowski and William Thomas having remained in the Eagles’ nest. The safeties are suddenly the defensive strong point of an Eagles team that used to be known for its defensive line and linebackers.

The Grizzly

Lacrosse Team Opens With A Win

Amy Landis scored six goals and assisted on another to lead Ursinus (1-0, 3-1) to a 13-8 win over host Dickinson (0-1, 1-1) in a Centennial Conference lacrosse match on March 25. Dickinson led 5-4 at the intermission, but Ursinus used a five-goal run to take the lead for good in the second half. Jen Sober’s goal with 19:55 to play gave the Bears a 7-6 lead they would not relinquish.

Michelle Derderian added five goals for the Bears, including one in the decisive five-goal stretch. Howard added two assists, while Judy Marcus scored once. Ellen DeSagro had an assist.

Ursinus outshot Dickinson 31-22. Kim Ryan saved 15 shots in goal for the Bears.

On March 23, the Ursinus attack fired 40 shots at the St. Joseph’s goalie in a 12-9 non-conference win. Landis led the Bears with seven strong innings of relief to pick up the win.

Crepal starred three times, hitting the ball hard four and walking four. He allowed two earned runs.

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Sports

Baseball Team 4-0 Since Coming North

The baseball team opened Centennial Conference play with a doubleheader sweep of Gettysburg (0-2, 2-12), on March 25. The Eagles (2-0, 10-4) needed three runs in the last of the sixth to win the opener, 3-2. Jeff DeSimone singled home a pair of runs to tie the game, 2-2. Joe Burke then drew a bases loaded walk to drive home the winning run with two outs.

Scott Keith went the distance to pick up his fourth win in as many outings. He struck out one, walked two, and allowed one earned run.

Ursinus scored 10 times in the first inning en route to a 14-7 win in the night cap. Burke ripped a three-run homer, and Aaron Rychling belted a bases loaded triple to provide most of the Ursinus offense. Brian McTear and Seth Everhart were both 2-for-3 with a RBI. McTear also scored two runs.

Erickson went the distance on the mound for the win. He struck out two, walked one, and allowed four earned runs.

On March 23, Nate Smiley pitched a one-hitter, and earned his first collegiate victory, as host Ursinus ripped Eastern, 12-2, in a non-conference game. Smiley struck out 14 batters, and walked just three, in eight innings pitched. He allowed one earned run.

Smiley’s teammates gave him plenty of support. The Bears scored seven runs in the first three innings. Dan Tomlinson was 2-for-4 with three runs scored, and Phil Mandato was 2-for-3 with two runs scored. The Bears managed just nine hits, but were aided by a number of wild pitches and passed balls, which allowed runs to score.

The game was called after eight innings because of darkness.

On March 22, The Bears traveled to Widener and came home with a 7-5 non-conference win. Everhart was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, deSimone had a clutch double, and Brian Creelman pitched seven strong innings of relief to pick up the win.

The Bears jumped on top, 3-0, in the first inning. McTear smacked a two-run homer, and Dirk Cleveland, another freshman, drove home another run with a sacrifice fly. Rychling had doubled.

Ursinus led 5-3 in the fifth when deSimone smacked a two-run double, with two out and two strikes against him. Everhardt and Cleveland scored on the hit. Creelman scattered six hits, while striking out four and walking four. He allowed two earned runs.

A PHILLY FAN

Sports
Softball Team Extends Winning Streak

The softball team swept a Centennial Conference doubleheader with Franklin & Marshall (0-2, 1-6), on March 25, and extended its winning streak to reach a record seven games.

Kim Sammartino tossed a three-hitter in the opener, won 7-1 by the Bears (2-0, 12-3). She struck out 11, walked four and allowed no earned runs.

Ursinus put the game away with five runs in the fourth inning. The big blow was a three-run triple by Nicole Kiwak. Kiwak was 2-for-3 with a double, triple, two runs scored, and a stolen base. Selena Trecroce was 2-for-3 with a run scored.

Kim Weindorfer threw a three-hitter in the night cap. Ursinus scored six runs in the first, en route to a 13-1 win. Kiwak again carried the big bat. She was 4-for-4 with three RBI, three runs scored and two stolen bases. Trecroce was 1-for-1 with three runs scored. Barb Golley also scored three runs. Michelle Morrell was 3-for-4 with four RBI, two stolen bases and a run scored. Weindorfer, who struck out four and walked four, also helped her cause with a RBI single. On March 23, Ursinus traveled to Madison, N.J., and took two games from host Drew University. The Bears won by scores of 8-0, and 18-5.

Sammartino pitched a two-hit shutout in the opener. She struck out nine and walked one. Trecroce was 2-for-4 at the plate with two runs scored. Loreen Bloodgood was 3-for-5 with an RBI, two stolen bases, and two runs scored.

In the night cap, Ursinus got a win from a pitcher other than Sammartino for the first time this season. Weindorfer struck out two and walked two in six innings. Ursinus fell behind, in the second inning, but went ahead to stay with three runs in the third. The Bears put the game out of reach with seven runs in each of the fifth and sixth innings. Trecroce had the hot bat for the Bears. She was 4-for-5 with a double, triple, two RBI, and four runs scored. Bloodgood, Golley, Kiwak, and Lori Lennon all had two hits apiece for Ursinus. Weindorfer helped her own cause with two hits, a RBI and a run scored in four at bats.

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CHUCK'S WAGON

BY CHARLIE WEINGROSS
Sports Editor

It’s the column of kings, better than diamond rings, The Wagon. The Wagon. 33.8%. You have got to like that. You see, if you’re a basketball fan, and you hear somebody rip on Michael Jordan for...well...hitting 33.8% of his shots, you say that person is an idiot. Let’s modify that a little bit. Making 33.8% of the shots for a guard who was off for a year and a half isn’t the problem. Well, it is a big problem because you need to, you know, make more than 33.8% of your shots to play a competitive, constructive, and nondetrimental style of basketball. So, I guess I have to say Michael Jordan has been detrimental, a bit. Here’s the big problem, though: 68 shots in 3 games. That’s a mighty big problem. That’s roughly 23 shots a game, and if you’re only going to make 33 of those shots, that is indeed a big problem. Hell, you want to knock down 34 of those shots, I’ve got no problem with that. But when I hear clang more than wish, something’s got to be done.

Jordan has played extended minutes in only 2 of the 3 games. So that makes the 68 shots that much more impressive. Jordan is not stupid. Neither is the Bulls’ coach Phil Jackson. I’m not that stupid either. I felt pretty stupid after the most ridiculous Human test I’ve ever taken in my life. I know everyone likes to see questions on an exam that ask about material you’ve never seen in notes or readings. But if I’m in a game, and I’m 0 for 7 or 6 or I have 21, I have got to step back and think for a second.

Let’s look into Michael’s head. He should be saying: Gee, I’m Michael Jordan, and I am really sucking up this place. I am really embarrassing myself. If Coach isn’t going to take me out, I can do some other things like pass the ball. I can’t clear a spot on a fiberglass backboard. But no. This is what Michael is thinking. Ho, ho, ho, I’m Michael Jordan, I’m from North Carolina. I’m Mr. MVP. I’ve got a billion statistics. I can do anything. I’m going to shoot and shoot and then shoot some more. I’ve been gone for so long, I think the team that misses the most shots wins. Damn, I haven’t lost a step. I’m missing every shot I throw up there. All right, Michael Jordan is great, and he will be averaging 40 points a game again before it’s all said and done, so it all doesn’t matter.

I’ll tell you what does matter, though. The fact that Magic marched on in to whatever the hell that new arena is in Chicago, and collectively waxed up the Old Mens bathroom floors with Jordan and the Bulls. Particularly Jordan, who made less than 33.8% of his shots, 30.4% to be exact.

If Shawn Bradley is in the NBA next year, I will dunk off 2 feet. At this time, North Carolina and UCLA are in the Final 4. I had UCLA, and that was pretty easy. I had Kentucky over Carolina, so just like I said I would, I have effectively changed my selection to Carolina. You can check in any copy of last week’s Wagon, that I did have Carolina beating up on Kentucky. I didn’t see the UCLA-UConn game, another battle of all capital letter schools, because I was being a trainer at the guys’ lacrosse game. Those games are great to watch, plus I got to blow the air horn twice at the end of the game. That was awesome.

I did get to see the Kentucky-Carolina game though. Some thoughts: Who were the refs in that game? I was just wondering, because I’m very upset with them for breaking up the Rasheed Wallace-Andre Riddick fight. I would have loved nothing more than to see that punk Rasheed get his tail kicked in. Riddick had him by the throat, a technique used before only by heavyweight bruiser Danny Ainge on the relatively undersized Tree Rollins. Maybe Riddick could squeeze some hair into that spot on the top of Rasheed’s head. Rasheed laughed last though because Kentucky shooters definitely said “I want to be like Mike” and proceeded to miss about 66% of their shot, which means they made about 34% of their shots, which is very close to 33.8%. I’ve seen quite a few tournament games. Not to the point where I was so much of a loser to miss all but one of my classes last Thursday and Friday, so I could go home and watch the games. Not much leg work on your part can lead you to the loser I speak of. But, I have definitely noticed some fine broad-casting. Two men have certainly risen above the rest. Mr. Al McGuire and Mr. George Raveling. Good lord. Raveling, as the loser to the tide or the lad of the game may go into overtime.

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Tuesday, March 28
Softball @ Muhlenburg (2) 3:00 p.m.
Men’s Tennis @ Gettysburg 3:00 p.m.
Baseball vs. Kutztown 3:30 p.m.
Lacrosse @ Haverford 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29
Women’s Tennis vs. Haverford 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 30
Golf vs. Johns Hopkins & Leb. Val. 1:00 p.m.
Lacrosse @ Washington 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 1
Baseball vs. Johns Hopkins (2) 12:00 p.m.
Men and Women’s Track @ Susq.Inv. 12:00 p.m.
Women’s Tennis vs. F & M 1:00 p.m.
Softball @ Moravian (2) 1:00 p.m.
Men’s Tennis @ F & M 1:00 p.m.

Monday, April 3
Baseball @ Del. Val. 3:30 p.m.
Lacrosse @ West Chester 3:30 p.m.
Softball vs. Albright 4:00 p.m.