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Concerns About Commencement

by Mark Leiser
Co-Editor in Chief

After the recent controversy over the change in date of the commencement ceremony for the Class of 1996, representatives of the administration and student government met with concerned members of the graduating class. Approximately 25 members of the senior class attended the meeting, held on Tuesday, November 28, in Pflaher Auditorium. The goal of the meeting was to give the commencement planning committee (which consists of President John Strassburger, Dean Annette Lucas, Dean Debbie Nolan, all senior class officers, and other interested members of the senior class) the opportunity to voice their concerns and ask questions.

President Strassburger began the meeting by elaborating on the memo he sent to members of the College community, explaining that, since many members of the graduating class expressed a great desire to hold the ceremony outdoors, a change in plans was inevitable.

"This is the biggest senior class we've had in years," said Strassburger, "and if we held the ceremony indoors we'd be under serious constraints," adding that all guests of the graduates may not fit into Helferich Hall.

With the idea of an outdoor ceremony agreed upon, members of the planning committee began looking into a time for commencement. Because of spring weather trends, and the likelihood of afternoon showers on warm days, the committee decided a mid-morning ceremony would be best.

Next a decision had to be made in terms of where exactly the ceremony would take place. While nothing is definite, the popular consensus seems to be the area in the front of the campus between the Berman Museum and Main Street.

Because of noise considerations during the ceremony, Main Street would have to be closed. "We wouldn't want to have trucks whizzing by in the middle of commencement," said Strassburger. As Strassburger explained in his memo, it would be impractical to close Main Street on a Sunday morning due to increased traffic from area church services. This resulted in the change of date in the ceremony to Saturday, May 18.

The shifting of commencement to early Saturday morning led to the question of when to hold baccalaureate. As of now, the baccalaureate service is scheduled for the evening of Friday, May 17. Strassburger, however, is quick to point out that, "The time of baccalaureate is not yet set in stone."

Students at the meeting expressed their displeasure over baccalaureate and commencement being held on two separate days, possibly resulting in inconveniences for travel plans for family members. "We looked at the big picture," said Strassburger, "and saw that baccalaureate attendance has decreased dramatically in the past. Part of our idea was that shifting it to the night before would actually increase parent participation," he said.

A suggestion was posed to schedule baccalaureate at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, and hold commencement at 10:30 or 11:00 a.m. Strassburger was quick to point out, however, that "holding baccalaureate at 9:00 a.m. on the day of commencement would still require many parents to come the night before."

"Most people appreciate the reason for the change in schedules because they do want commencement outdoors," said Strassburger. He acknowledged that there will always be some inconvenience and inconvenience to the church as it sped through the lot, striking several people in the process.

One of those people was Bohanan, who wound up being pinned underneath the vehicle. Bohanan was flown to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia for treatment of head, chest and leg injuries.

According to Sally Widman, Director of College Communications, Bohanan is still in the Intensive Care Unit at University Hospital. As of December 3, Bohanan was in critical but stable condition.

Three children were also hurt in the accident. Erin Lobb, 15, and her sisters Katie, 13, and Stacey, 10, were treated and released for minor injuries. The three girls are the children of Jeff Lobb, Ursinus class of 1977, and the grandchildren of Fred Lobb, Ursinus class of 1960.

Bohanak Injured in Accident

by Mark Leiser
Co-Editor in Chief

Stacey Bohanan, secretary in the communication arts department and the anthropology and sociology department, sustained serious injuries after an accident in a church parking lot on Sunday, November 26.

According to police, Dorothy DeCreny, 73, of Perkiomenville, backed out of a parking space at the Lower Providence Presbyterian Church when she backed into another vehicle. Police and witnesses say DeCreny either blacked-out or panicked after the initial accident, and accelerated forward into a crowd of people.

The Rev. Robert Schmidt, church pastor, said, "When she blacked out, her leg was locked on the accelerator and she took off." Police reported that DeCreny's Oldsmobile Cutlass knocked off two wooden supports to a roof on the side entrance to the church as it sped through the lot, striking several people in the process.

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Portions of this article were compiled from The Mercury and The Times Herald.

Cards and notes for Stacey Bohanan are more than welcome. You may send them to the family's home at:

3009 Walker Lane
Eagleville, PA 19403

The Ursinus community wishes Stacey a full and speedy recovery. Get well soon, Stacey!

Happy Holidays!

Sports

Men and Women's Swimming Off To Good Start

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Dean Search Committee Appointed

From College Communications

A Search Committee has been appointed to recruit candidates for the position of dean of the college and vice president for academic affairs. Chaired by Dr. Patricia Schroeder, English, the committee consists of Drs. Bernard Lentz, economics; Paul Stern, politics; Eileen England, psychology; Ronald Hess, chemistry, and Kathryn Goddard, biology.

The committee was selected from a list suggested by faculty and represents a balance of perspectives based on discipline, gender and generation. The committee is charged with finding and attracting suitable candidates to campus, soliciting opinions from the Ursinus community, and making a recommendation to the president. Students will be involved in the final part of the selection process.

As chief academic officer of the college, the dean will oversee curricular development and lead a talented, ambitious and energetic faculty. Advertisements for the position will run in The Chronicle of Higher Education on Dec. 8 and 15, Black Issues in Higher Education on Dec. 14, and in the next issue of The Women’s Review of Books. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 30, 1996, at which time the committee will begin the screening and interviewing process. An appointment is expected to be approved by the Board of Directors in early June, with the new dean arriving on campus July 1.

What's Up in Wellness?

Mononucleosis

by Kim Ryan

Of The Grizzly

What is mono?
In more than 95% of the cases among adolescents and adults, mono is caused by the Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV). EBV is usually in the body 30-50 days before an infected person develops symptoms. Early Symptoms include: feeling run-down, experiencing loss of appetite, and having a slight headache.

Acute Symptoms include: sore throat, fatigue, swollen glands, fever, muscle aches, skin rash.

How do I know if I have it?

Come to the Wellness Center for a blood test. It is usually necessary to wait until you've been sick for 5-7 days to be able to tell because it may take that long for mono antibodies in the blood to reach detectable levels.

Is it contagious?

Mono is spread through saliva, hence its nickname - the kissing disease. The virus cannot be transmitted through casual contact. Therefore, roommates and friends of the "infected" have no greater chance of getting mono than anyone else on campus. There is no need to quarantine those who have it.

How do I cure it?

Unfortunately, antibiotics are not an effective form of treatment; however, your body should be able to fight the infection if you take proper care of yourself while sick. Get enough rest and take a pain reliever such as acetaminophen (found in Tylenol) for your aches and pains.

How long will I be sick?

The length of the illness varies from person to person. Some people do not need to stay in bed because their cases are so mild. However, even those whose cases are more severe, will be up and around within two weeks.

"If I'm shakable, a sore throat, and a relentless sore throat have you living with me to nap at nap, there's a chance you have infectious mononucleosis." - Stop by the Wellness Center and get tested, it's the only way to know for sure.

**REMINDER** Flu season is now upon us. If you haven't gotten your flu shot yet, make an appointment today. Call the Wellness Center x2412. Don't wait until it's too late!

Commencement Concerns

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and there is no perfect schedule for everyone, but he added, "This event is so important in a person's life that extending a little extra effort is something that parents are usually willing to do."

To help accommodate families who will be traveling long-distance to attend the commencement festivities, the College has reserved 160 hotel rooms in the surrounding area. These rooms will be held in the College's name until two weeks before commencement.

With the logistics tentatively worked out as to when and where all events of commencement weekend will be held, members of the graduating class still raised concerns about the length of time they would have for senior week.

Clare Zeberkiewicz, president of the class of 1996, said, "One of our biggest concerns is that we don't lose any part of senior week, and as it stands now, we're not." To assure that this year's class has the same length of senior week, activities for seniors may be planned for Wednesday, May 15 (the day before the last exam day). According to Strassburger, "Only 11 senior students have exams scheduled on the last day of finals, and if definitive plans are made for activities Wednesday night, we will do our best to make alternative arrangements for those 11 students to allow them to participate."

Strassburger apologized for any and all inconvenience the change in plans may create. "It's my fault and no one else's that we got the announcement of the date change out so late," he said. "But what you have to realize is that, as much as the seniors think of this as their ceremony, it also has to tie into the traditions of the College. It's a celebration that spills over to other groups besides seniors."

He did sum up the opinions of all involved, however, by saying, "We want this to be the best commencement ever."
**Science: Fact or Fiction?**

It was a pleasure to have Philip Johnson visit the Ursinus campus and speak against evolutionary theory and its moral implications. Science is more than bloodless facts crammed into introductory textbooks, and anyone who reminds us of that is worth our attention.

Dr. Johnson -- not to mention the monkey on the cover of last week's Grizzly reminded us that evolution is not a fact. A fact is "a particular truth known by actual observation ... a datum of experience, distinguished from the conclusions that may be based upon it" (OED). If evolution did occur, nearly all of it happened long before any humans were around to observe it directly. No matter how true it might be, it can never be a fact.

But if evolution is not a fact, neither is much else that is interesting in science. No one has actually seen a molecule of water. The quantum behavior of electrons is not only unobservable but utterly counterintuitive. And when South America split from Africa, the only "actual observers" were dinosaurs. Like evolution, atomic structure, quantum mechanics, and plate tectonics are theories, not facts. They are attempts to provide coherent and consistent explanations for the direct observations that we can make.

So are the central dogmas of the sciences mere conjecture? By no means. Theories gain acceptance in science because they explain past observations and continue to be successful in explaining new observations. The theories of science that I listed above each explain a myriad of observations (facts); they do it well, and we know of no competing theories that come close in their explanatory power. So, although atomic theory is not a fact in the strict sense of the word, chemists treat it as such in their daily work because they are 99.999% sure that it is true. If atomic theory is fundamentally flawed, then much of what chemists do from day to day may make little or no sense at all. It is the explanatory power of evolution that brought it nearly universal acceptance among biologists within 20 years of Darwin's publication of The Origin, and it has been that way ever since. A few biologists reject it, but not many.

But here's the great thing about science. You don't have to take my word for it. You shouldn't take my word for it. Don't take the word of the Martha Tagit's word about evolution. And you shouldn't be cowed by my assertion that "most biologists think evolution happened." The data are there for you to interpret for yourself. Read a study if you're skeptical of the data. After considering all of the evidence (and not just the sniffs that Philip Johnson tossed out), does anything other than the common descent of living things make any sense? It's entirely up to you to decide. Perhaps you will be part of a new generation of scientists and citizens who reject evolutionary theory in favor of one with greater explanatory power. But if you really look at the evidence, I doubt you will.

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**Opinions**

**Lower Prices, Lower Quality**

by Beatrice May

Opinions Editor

What do WaWa, Subway, Bravo Pizza, and Zack's have in common? They all serve subs, or as those native Philadelphians would say, "hoagies".

But what don't these area stores have in common? They do not sell their sandwiches at the same prices. In fact, in most cases, Zack's sells their subs at higher prices than the surrounding competitors!

These prices were not pulled from the air, folks. In fact, while you were catching some summer rays, Denise Oldt and the rest of the Wood Food Service Management team went undercover and discovered the secrets of the competitors' prices.

Here is what they found. The sub builders in each of these food operations use lower quality meats and cheeses that are filled mostly with salt and water to make their sandwiches. Because of this process, WaWa and some of the other chains are able to charge lower prices for their products that are made to order.

So, what's so bad about salt and water? I always liked the taste of my store made sandwiches. Anyway, using results taken from satisfaction surveys from the old Zack's, Denise and her crew came to the conclusion that Ursinus is looking toward more healthy eating trends. I found this fact very interesting considering the crowds who line up for burgers and fries in the facility. But, it was for that reason that she decided to incorporate Wood's "Subversions" into the new Zack's.

"Subversions" is The Wood Company's Signature Sub Sandwich Brand. The keys to its service are the use of top quality Dietz and Watson deli meats and Amoroso Rolls to make their sandwiches, which she claims makes a more healthy sandwich.

But I wonder: Since when has lunch meat been healthy?

Okay, this is really nice of the food service staff to think of our needs, but I can honestly say that when I want a sub, I will tend to go to WaWa anyway because their sandwiches are only $2.99. However, according to The Bulletin, a bimonthly publication of The Wood Company, "Subversions is not a discount hoagie shop, but a high quality, value oriented, quick service retail food operation."

Therefore, when you add up the costs of the high quality meats, while figuring in the percentages of profit that go to Ursinus and The Wood Company, it is easy to account for the high prices in Zack's.

Don't get me wrong, I love the new Zack's and all the options available on its menu, which are reasonably priced. I just think that Ursinus students do not want the best meat in their subs and sandwiches. I think we should be going for taste and affordability, not for the best quality.

Low prices in a college snack bar have always been an issue with me. For example, when I was looking at other colleges in my senior year of high school, I tended to have lunch in their snack bars instead of the restaurants in the surrounding town because they had the food I wanted and at a cheaper price. Unfortunately, the new Zack's is unable to provide this feature in its sandwiches.

Well, Denise told me that she is open to student's suggestions and ultimately we will dictate how Zack's runs in the future.

So, if you want fast food quality sandwiches at affordable prices, start filling out your green comment cards now.

Denise is hoping that everyone stays on campus and eats in Zack's. But, in many cases, in order for this to happen, the prices have to be lowered on their sandwiches.

Until then, we will have to dig a little deeper in our pockets or ease on down the road to our nearest fast food joint! Bon apetit!

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Welcome one and all to the final 1995 edition of "The Cave."

It's getting to be that time of year once again; time to go and sit on the fat man's lap, time to brave the Northern chills and go pine tree, time to spin the dreidel (hope it's right), and time to get back drunk while watching a great big ball fall somewhere in New York City. Yes, the Holiday season is upon us.

To get everyone in the spirit of the upcoming season, I thought I would end this year with something different. I call it the "Ursinus Night Before Christmas."

The freshmen were nestled, all snug in their dorms, while Bio 100 students were dissecting worms.

With Doug in his kherchef and Gina in her cap, they both settled down for a long winter's nap. When out by Helfirich there arose such a clatter, the sirens signaled that something was the matter. The little red Jeep went flying right by, and we all knew that something bad was away.

We shoved and we pushed; we couldn't wait to see what the wonderful, frigging spectacle would be.

There from the path, so cold and so rocky, we looked at the flagpole and saw Dean Akin's jockeys. They whipped in the wind, and swirled all around, and the laughing from the students made a hell of a sound.

I felt a tug from my friend Ginny, who was jumping and pointing at the plot had been felled. From the crowd, applause, it rang out, very loud, from the crowd.

"Haha, you fool...I've got you now, I'll kick your ass out, I will, and how!"

"You'll never catch me," Todd stated sneaking by, "I've got a contract, so kick me out, just try."

By now we were all in ridiculous rapture, we wanted to see this at attempt at a capture. With a twinkle of his eye, and a touch of his nose, Officer Gary pulled out a big rubber hose. He got out his flashlight, and Gary tackled poor Todd to the ground, the thud from their fall made us all mine, it belongs all to us.

"Ursinos Christmas."
**Opinions**

*Religion as a Basis For Morality?*

by Anne-Marie McMahon

Of The Grizzly

Recently, Dr. Phillip Johnson spoke at Ursinus about alternatives to Darwin’s theory of natural selection. Dr. Johnson offered an explanation for the reason so many people believe in Darwinian evolution: it is an escape mechanism used by people to get away from the moral order of the universe as commanded by God. Accepting the possibility that humans, in all their complexity, evolved according to the process of impersonal natural selection is effectively saying that God is not a necessary prerequisite for humans to exist.

But, in making this claim, Dr. Johnson failed to realize that God is not the only source of morality. Just because a person may not acknowledge a God, and the moral laws that go along with that God, this does not mean that those people are prone to go on as they please, murderous, not loving-your-neighbor as yourself rampages through society. Most people recognize the destructive-ness of such behaviors on their own, without the help of a God, and this prevents most of them from doing such things.

To draw Darwin’s ideas out a little further, the whole concept of a God may be an adaptive device that was created by humans to help keep society functioning smoothly. “God” is a good adaptation because in order for moral laws to be effective, they need to be lodged with someone or something that is considered authoritative and legitimate beyond question, and that something can only be wholly outside of human nature - hence come the gods, created in different forms by human societies the world over, over all of time.

The moral laws of any society hold that society together in a shared sense of right and wrong, and the more people are synchronized with those ideas, the less conflict there should be. Less conflict means more stability, and more of a chance of presenting a unified front against outside threats to society.

God and religions are pretty effective tools which societies have adopted to ensure their own continued existence. Of course it all becomes ironic, yet tragic, when religion is used as the basis for great atrocities and crimes against humanity - because unfortunately, most religions have the idea that nobody else can believe something different about what God is or what God stands for. The one-adaptative concepts of religion and God are often used destructively, drawing lines between who can be loved, and who must be changed before they can be accepted.

It’s my feeling that concepts with such great potential for human society should be turned against each other, used as tools of intolerance and discrimination, and as a means of perpetuating stereotypes and hatred. Not all religions and concepts of God have this same bleak conclusion, but many of them do.

Therefore I take serious issue with any viewpoint that insists morality comes from a God, where wanting to escape from religion is equated with wanting to escape from morality and common decency. Escaping from religion is like taking a breath on your own, for the first time.

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**Letters To The Editors**

To The Editors:

I am writing this letter to retract the letter of Nov. 10 of this year. The views expressed in that letter were not, in any way, those of Salvatore’s Pizza. Furthermore, I am writing to apologize to the football coach and cheerleading staff for any grief the letter may have caused them.

Carlos Lozza

Dear Sirs:

Your coverage of the Ursinus Tutoring Program was long overdue. Many of our best students — during the ten years I’ve been at the College — have participated in this service to local kids. But I am at a loss to understand why the creator and long-time leader of this program, Mr. Charles Fegely, is not mentioned. The credit for the program is entirely his. Despite his years of loyal and, I believe, voluntary service, he has never been considered a member of the staff, nor will you find his name in the College directory. Indeed, his program went nearly unnoticed until the College decided to move boldly into service as a “shared” service to local kids.

At some point, the College should officially acknowledge his efforts. Until then, you may wish to interview him to get a unique perspective on service among Ursinus students.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dominic O’Brien, Education Department

Editor’s Note: Mr. Fegely’s name was withheld from the article upon his own request. However, we at The Grizzly do appreciate the efforts of Mr. Fegely. He is an asset to the College, and his work should not go un-noticed.

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**Fun With The Subjunctive**

by Jared Rakes

Of The Grizzly

OK, so I’m a liar. In my last column, I claimed that I would write this time about atheism and moral relativity. Well, I started to, and you know what? It was really boring.

Instead of wasting your time with a 100-level philosophy style analysis of right and wrong, if there is any, I thought I’d have a little fun this week. This week’s article, then: Fun with the subjunctive.

Now, I know what you are thinking: fun with the subjunctive? What a dork! — or something equivalent. For those of you who did not start reading this article with that opinion of me, let me tell you why the subjunctive mood is so important. As long as I don’t directly attack someone, or blatantly spread lies, I have a good deal of freedom concerning what I write. However, I’d better be prepared to back up what I publish. That is, unless I had absolutely no guts, and remained anonymous like Captain Jack, whomever (she is).

The subjunctive allows us to semi-politely avoid this problem of separating fact from personal opinion, by using conditional terms. For instance, if I were to claim that Dr. Nagy’s narrow-minded bigotry was a result of his growing up in a hole, I would be whacked with a libel suit before I could say “hate monger.” By the way, he can, of course, accept in advance an apology for anything here that offends him, and I’m sure he already has.

On the other hand, if I politely suggested that maybe he had been suffering from repeated bouts of mindlessness — say, “perhaps, every time he turned on his word processing processing program — that would be OK, because I would merely be suggesting the possibility of such phenomena, and only as a potential explanation for a hypothetical situation.

Of course, I would never claim any of these things. I might explore the possibility that they may have come true in them, but I would certainly not directly state that he was a blithering idiot, or anything of the sort, because I have no empirical data (sorry, common-sense does not count) to back it up. Besides, that might be misconstrued as a direct attack, rather than my opinion, if indeed it was my opinion.

So what have I proven here? I’ve shown that by exploiting language, one can say a great number of horrible things. I’ve also pointed out that in saying all of these horrible things, one is hardly able to say anything else of importance.

My point is this: While I think that it’s just wonderful that The Grizzly can serve as a forum for reasonable, informed debate, things have gone overboard recently. Give up people! It’s a dead, disrespected horse. The argument on whether or not we have a choice in our orientation has been decided. The answer is: Yes, apparently you can choose to be ignorant.
by Colin Tucker

President, National Procrastinators Club

What would happen if the President of the United States were a widower, got lonely, and decided to start dating, while in office? The American President attempts to answer this question.

President Andrew Shepherd (Michael Douglas) is an extremely popular, rather liberal chief executive, with an approval rating of a widower, got lonely, and decided to popular, rather liberal chief executive, with an approval rating of a

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The movie does an excellent job showing the difficulties of the President dating, such as the difficulty of going about ordering flowers, and how Sydney has a hard time viewing Andrew as not the President, but just an ordinary person. The acting is top-rate, and Michael Douglas, currently the greatest actor in Hollywood, has my vote for a Best Actor Oscar. He fits the role of president very well, much better than the real person currently holding the office. We also see excellent acting from Annette Bening and Michael J. Fox. Fox, who has not been in a good movie since Doc Hollywood a few years ago, may see his acting career blossom again after such a good performance in this movie as a young, energetic (think Stephanopoulos) presidential advisor.

Unfortunately, I was disappointed by the movie’s ending. I won’t ruin it by telling you how it ends, but it was too dramatic and fictionalized as compared to the rest of the movie.

Congratulations to the Movie quote of the week contest finalists:

Todd Brenneman
Marc Ellman
Greg Urban
Evan Zozg
Mark Leiser
Dominic Bui
Craig Agule
John Kerrigan
Mike Tucci
Brett Nath

Nevertheless, the movie raises an excellent point and was very thought-provoking, rather humorous, and a lot of fun to watch. Despite the cheesy ending, this movie definitely gets my vote (pun intended).

Rating-8 (Very Good)

Movie quote of the week—This week’s quote, “Many things in here do not react well to bullets” was identified by editor in chief Marc Ellman. It was said by Captain Ramius in The Hunt for Red October. This was the final movie quote of the semester. Congrats to all of this semester’s winners, and to those of you who didn’t guess it soon enough, keep trying! I sent E-mail to all the finalists regarding the drawing. If you didn’t get it, please contact me. Next semester the prize that will be given away in May is the Batman trilogy.

A complaint was addressed to me that the movie quote contest is biased. I would have responded to this complaint personally, but the individual who made the complaint had to crank call me at 3:30 in the morning, shouting all kinds of expletives on to my voice mail. I must admit, considering that we are college students, that the maturity level (or lack thereof) of some people at this school continues to astound me.

Elementary school is over, kids! I would be happy to address any complaint anyone has about this contest, as long as you act like a mature human being.

At any rate, I will admit that my friends have a slight advantage in this contest because they know where I am and how to find me. Well, that is one of many advantages of being a friend of mine! However, everyone on campus has a chance. Even if you do not know me, you can pick up a paper soon after it is distributed, and if you know the quote, find a phone or computer as quickly as you can. Both voice mail and E-mail tell me the time the message was sent. For example, suppose the paper is distributed at 4:15, someone leaves a correct answer on my voice mail at 4:30, and I talk to someone at dinner at 5:00 who knows the quote. Even if I do not check my messages until 11:00 that night, the person who left the message at 4:30 is the winner. Both of the editors in chief are finalists this semester, but keep in mind that both of them waited until the end to see the quote, so don’t let that scare you away.

The Hobson Community Service house thanks you for your generous donation of clothing for the needy. Due to the unexpectedly enormous amount of clothing we received, we are unable to accept any more clothing.

The clothing will be donated to The Sharing, Caring and Restoration center at 39th and Spring Garden St. in Philadelphia. This organization is a soup kitchen that is affiliated with 24 other agencies.

Come and look, listen, learn, (and eat!) around three different traditional celebrations of the season...

WHEN: Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00 pm.

WHERE: Unity House
by Dr. Andrew Price

Special to the Grizzly

Anybody who tuned into Channel 6 prior to Sunday November 19th, would have thought that AB (at least C) was hoping that an audience of 73 million viewers would watch the first part of the Beatles' Anthology, the same number that saw the Fab Four's American television debut on the Ed Sullivan show back in 1964. Talk about hype! As it turned out, an estimated 27 million people in this country decided to see what all the fuss was about, and watched the first part of The Beatles Anthology two weeks ago. So you missed it, then? Anybody with the slightest interest in rock music should have been glued to the box.

But why all this Beatlemania revisited all of a sudden? It’s been over 25 years since the most successful rock group of all time decided to call it quits, and almost 15 years since John Lennon was killed. There has been so much trash (277 Beatle-related books in the Library of Congress) written about John, Paul, George, and Ringo, that The Fab Four (now Three) decided to set the record straight and tell their own story. And why shouldn’t they?

Part one of Anthology began with aerial shots of Liverpool, followed by short film clips and photos of each Beatle along with some of their pals. John Lennon’s song In My Life provided a touching complement. Childhood reminiscences followed; surprisingly, no one who knew them as kids was interviewed. Even the Japanese performance artist, whose name we don’t mention very often, was not invited to contribute her thoughts about John. It was strictly an inside job. Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr appeared to have been interviewed on several occasions for this documentary, while older material that has been previously released featured John Lennon. Only George Martin, their record producer, along with Neil Aspinall and Derek Taylor of Apple Corps., were given the chance to recount their memories. Folks who did not know much about how The Beatles came to be may have been interested to hear about former members of the group like Pete Best, the drummer before Ringo appeared, and Stuart Sutcliffe, the bass player who couldn’t. We were treated to early Lennon-McCartney-Harrison recordings of In Spite Of All The Danger, You’ll Be Mine, and The One After 909, dating from 1958-60. These songs appear on the double CD set Anthology I, along with their new single: Free As A Bird. The story then follows the Beatles’ slow success from Hamburg to The Cavern Club (now demolished) in Liverpool to their first audition for Decca Records (January 1962) in London, secured for them by their new manager Brian Epstein. Decca turned them down, claiming that “guitar groups are on the way out!” George Martin of EMI records, is interviewed throughout the Anthology and recounts the tale of deciding to give them a chance. After the recording their first single Love Me Do. Although this first single was only a modest success, their next single Please Please Me hit number one in Britain and established The Beatles as the next best thing since tea and crumpets. It took another two singles and an album before The Beatles received any airplay on radio stations broadcasting from the other side of the big pond. Paul remembers telling Epstein that they would not go to America unless they had a number one hit. I Wanna Hold Your Hand did it for them, and was a breath of fresh air after Kennedy’s funeral. The Beatles’ first US visit (February 1964) is better seen on video documentary of the same name. The Anthology seemed to skim over the anticipation, excitement, and unexplained craziness of young people at the time. When asked what he thought of America, John replied: “It’s like Britain, only with buttons”. The remainder of part one shows them back in England filming A Hard Day’s Night, an almost true picture of a day in the life of The Beatles back in 1964. Their appearance at Shea Stadium in August 1965 was the first big-time rock concert, attracting 55,600 screaming teens. The heart-beat film-clip beginning was quite effective while the close-up footage of John playing the piano with his elbows was amusing. All four Beatles talk about meeting Bob Dylan, where they smoked marijuana for the first time, and Elvis Presley who, as Ringo reluctantly informed us, tried to get the CIA to ban them from returning to the USA. Their visit to Japan and the Philippines (where they stubbed Imelda Marcos and were almost killed) seemed to take precedence over a discussion on their most creative period (1966) from which came the albums Rubber Soul and Revolver.

After their last stadium concert at Candlestick Park in August 1966, The Beatles retreated to the studio, experimented with new recording techniques, and with LSD. In 1967 they released Strawberry Fields Forever and Penny Lane, together with two very avant-garde music videos that where not, unfortunately, shown in their entirety. An animated recreation of the album cover for Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band showed all the characters swaying their heads from side-to-side in time to the song of the same name. Well, I just had to laugh, I saw the photograph. Film clips from the recording session of A Day In The Life featured all members of the orchestra wearing clown noses, Beatles wigs, and other paraphernalia. I think that more footage from the recording studio, showing how they pieced together this masterpiece, would have been better than flowered hyacinths and rotating figures.

The last part of Anthology focused on their embarrassing Magical Mystery Tour movie, the death of Brian Epstein, and their quest for inner peace, or whatever, in India. Neither Paul, George or Ringo seemed to be uncomfortable when talking about the reasons for the slow disintegration of the group. Contrary to what we have read, the “white album” era seemed rather pleasant, while the Let It Be recording sessions became unpleasant. There is very little mention of Abbey Road, which, technically speaking, is their best work.

Anthology seems to finish too quickly; it’s as though they ran out of time towards the end. The four plus hours shown on ABC did not do justice to The Beatles’ story. Too many crucial aspects were omitted. We await a full ten hours worth to be released on video next year. However, their coup de grace is Free As A Bird. The video for this “new” song is simply superb. Over 80 references to Beatles’ songs have been thrown in at some point. If you know what they all are, please call me! Jeff Lynne, lead singer and the force behind the Electric Light Orchestra (ELO) was once criticized for producing singles that sounded too much like The Beatles. Free As A Bird, sounds too much like ELO to me, but that’s no surprise since it was Lynne who helped Paul, George, and Ringo turn John’s home-made tape into a finished product. After John’s ephethal vocal: “Free as a bird, it’s the next best thing to be…”, Paul and George reply with: “Whatever happened to the life that we once knew, can we really live without each other? Where did we lose the touch…? It always made me feel so free as a bird”. The remaining three Beatles have come to terms with the fact that you can never really turn back the clock, but Anthology, the Anthology CDs, and Free As A Bird are as close as they’ll come to whispering their words of wisdom. Let it be.

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Messiah a success

by Melissa Forbes

Of The Grizzly

"For unto us a child is born. " So go the timeless words that have reminded Ursinus students for 58 years that the holiday season has begun. These words are the lyrics to Handel's Messiah. The Ursinus College choir performed the Messiah on Saturday, December 2 to a sold out audience in Bomberger Auditorium.

The choir put in a great deal of hard work for last Saturday's performance, rehearsing for the program since October. The Messiah lasted for two and a half hours and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Ursinus College Choir director John Best summed up the feelings of all by saying "This group is one of the best I have had in years. The performance was wonderful." Many thanks go out to all who supported the choir.

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The Ursinus Men’s Basketball team will be holding a basketball clinic for children ages 8-14 on Saturday, December 9th and Sunday, December 10 from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. in Hellerich Hall. The clinic will cost $40.00 per person, which includes T-shirts and other giveaway items. For more information and application material, please call (610) 409-3605 (ext. 2350)

Attention: If anyone is interested in videotaping home and away Ursinus Men’s Basketball games, please call extension 2350 or contact Coach White in Hellerich Hall. This is a paid position.
The men's basketball team has opened the season with a 4-3 record, but none of the four wins was more impressive than the Bears upset at New York University on Nov. 24. Ursinus held a 34-31 lead at the intermission, and went on to upset N.Y.U., a pre-season Division III Top-20 selection, 73-69.

Bennie Rogers led Ursinus with 26 points, while Chris Cervellero added 10. Pat Buyse and Ryan Costello both added nine points, with Costello grabbing a game-high eight rebounds.

The next night, Ursinus fell to host Columbia, 77-35. Columbia left little doubt as to the outcome when it cruised to a 41-11 halftime lead. Pat Buyse, who scored 14 points, was the only bright spot for Ursinus.

On Nov. 20, Rogers scored a season-best 29 points to lead host Ursinus to a 67-55 non-conference win over Wesley. Rogers scored 18 of his points in the first half and staked the Bears to a 35-25 lead at the intermission. He was named Centennial Conference Player of the Week for his performance in those three games.

Buyse added 15 points and a game-high eight rebounds for the Bears against Wesley, while Costello excited the crowd with 10 points, including four on first-half dunks.

The Bears opened Centennial Conference play on Nov. 29 with an 83-65 win over Dickinson.

Rogers scored 23 points, Costello added a career-best 19, Ursinus ended the first half with a nine-point run to break open a tight game. The Bears led 44-32 at the intermission, and were up by as many as 18 points twice in the second half. Fred Luck added 10 points for the Bears.

Luck was named to the all-tournament team at the Philadelphia Pharmacy tip-off tournament. He scored 17 points in both games as Ursinus lost to Cabrini, 86-62, and defeated Delaware Valley, 74-49.

On Dec. 2, Ursinus fell to Western, 85-73. The Bears opened the game with a cold hand and shot just 31 percent from the floor. That was all Western Maryland needed to take a 33-23 lead at the intermission. Ursinus got no closer than nine points in the second half.

Rogers led the Bears with 18 points and six assists. Luck scored 14, while Buyse and Costello both added 10.

In other words, the Sixers will now sport a starting lineup consisting of three power forwards and two shooting guards. This equates to much of the same, a lot of turnovers and a lot of losses.

My guess, be it a total crapshoot, is shooting guard at the end of the season. (I don't really care for Maxwell too much. Why? Check the shooting percentage. 35.7 percent. Is that sufficient for a starting or even third string shooting guard? No.)

Until the end of the season arrives, we Sixers fans must endure some ugly basketball, filled with errant passes and turnovers. We can only hope that the New Jersey Nets get their hands on Shaquille O'Neal and Michael Jordan. A Wright for Shaq and Maxwell for Jordan swap would not, based on recent occurrences, be out of the question.
Ortman Starts Season With A Bang

Senior Mike Ortman, who is bidding to become the first Ursinus wrestler in history to qualify for the NCAA championships three times, opened the season in impressive fashion by winning the 158-pound title at the prestigious Jerry Petroske Invitational hosted by Lebanon Valley College Dec. 2. Ortman’s win was awe-inspiring. The second seed, he was never really tested in the tournament and posted a 10-1 decision over topped-seeded Brent Paulus, of Mount Union (Ohio), in the championship match. Also enjoying strong outs for the Bears were: 118-pound Darren Torsone, who placed fourth; 142-pound Kirk Holt, who placed seventh; 150-pounder Casey O’Donnell, who placed third; and 167-pounder Donny Asper, who placed fourth.

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Chucky's Wagon

by Charlie Weingroff

Sports Editor

Good lord. Good lord in heaven. Even now, nearly a full week after it has happened, I still am absolutely baffled and confused.

You know, when you’re a god awful professional sports team looking for things to get better, you need breaks to go your way. You need the ball to bounce on your side of the court. You need the grass to be green on your side of the pasture. You need the puck to hit the post every now and then. You need Jose Offerman to make an error in the 8th inning to let you go ahead.

Look at the Magic. I think they won under 30 games the year before they won the lottery for Shaq. Then they won the lottery for Webber with the least possible chance. They went out and drafted Kenny Anderson after that occurrence, and that’s where it all started. If they had taken Billy Owens, they would still have Mookie Blaylock, a better Billy Owens, and a happy Derrick Coleman because he would get to be playing with his boy from Syracuse.

That leads me to Derrick Coleman. My name is D-Nice, but, yo, you can call me Derrick. That’s from an old BDP song by D-Nice. DC, as I have said before, is the best player in the NBA. I base this on the criteria that he could, not is, but could, without question, be an all-star at any position on the court. He passes like a point man, floats like a butterfly, stings like a bee, shoots like a 2 guard, runs, flies, rebounds, scores, blocks shots, like a top notch post player, like me. He must be the greatest. I must be the greatest.

Say what you will about DC. He beats up 17 year old party people in the house at NYC clubs. He beats up cops in Detroit because he won’t move his Cyclone pick up out of a no parking zone. He won’t wear a suit. But you know what DC does. He wins. He scores. He rebounds. He wins. I could not care less what a player does off the court. He has all these problems, and he still averages 20 and 10. That’s average. That means there are many games that are better than that. Derrick Coleman is one of the greatest talents I’ve seen in my abbreviated life.

Shawn Bradley is not. Temple Terror Tim Perry, Gryam, Walters, and Higgins were all mere pawns of this trade. Perry is especially menor. His uncle came for physical therapy where I worked over the summer, and he said Tim just needed a chance, and he would be an all-star. I then clocked him with a bar of soap, and asked him to forward it to Tim so he can rid himself of that awful stench he provides on the court.

This trade is just sickening. We all know what Shawn Bradley is capable of. He is capable of corrupting a team single handedly. He hurts you...very much. He rips into people's intestines and grinds them in his hands. He misses 2 foot layups. Usually, as an armchair quarterback, one usually will admit that the pro can do better. No chance. I am better than Bradley. I have better skills.

Here’s the inside track on Nets GM. Willis Reed's plan. They plan to play twin-towers like the Knicks in 85. They have 76" of sludge in Bradly, and the 82" fluent yet viscous Yinka Dare. Yes, viscous. It’s just his style. The Nets have a low post coach and a strength coach and God that can make Bradley a player. Oh God, this really hurts. The Doctor of Damage Willis Reed said, “This was not a trade to get rid of Derrick Coleman. It was a trade to improve a basketball team.” Oh, I’m on rubbery legs. Wait. Yep. I’m down.

Willis Reed should be GM of the year. No other GM has made the impact that he has made in his wonderful tenure. He has amassed a team of now 2 good players: Kenny Anderson, who should never have been drafted, and PF Jayson Williams.

Anyone who thinks Derrick Coleman, even a below average Derrick Coleman, is not a major superstar as a player in the NBA is very foolish. Anyone who thinks Bradley has redeeming qualities is very foolish. Willis Reed. Really makes you wanna hold your hat. Turning into another disgusting turn of events, I wish to speak of the Miami Magic.

Last week Nate Smiley knew both of Jake “The Snake” Roberts’ make names and why he had to get a new one. Many people got Damien and Lucifer as the names, but not the Earthquake. Ecstatic was his little green bag, thus killing him and prompting Jake “The Snake” Roberts to bring in Lucifer. For the next World Wrestling Federation Trivia Quiz Question of the Week: What 2 Saturday morning scrubs made it big as the Young Stallions? That’s all for this semester, and maybe 10 more times the pleasure will be all yours.