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Oates to Speak at Commencement

Joyce Carol Oates, recognized as one of the greatest writers of the 20th century, will be the commencement speaker at graduation next month.

Oates will deliver her address at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 18, on the front lawn of the campus.

During the convocation, President Strassburger will confer an honorary doctor of humane letters on Oates and will award undergraduate degrees to 430 Ursinus day and evening students.

Annual Baccalaureate services will be held at 7 p.m., Friday May 17, in Bomberger Auditorium. The Rev Henry Thomas Simmons will deliver the sermon. He, too, will receive an honorary degree, a doctor of divinity, at commencement the next day.

Oates, one of America's most versatile, serious writers, is the Roger S. Berlind Distinguished Professor of the Humanities at Princeton University. She is author of 25 novels, five books of literary criticism, the book-length essay, “On Boxing,” and several collections of short stories and poems.

Her latest work is “Will You Always Love Me?” an anthology of short stories.

Oates won the National Book Award in 1970 for her novel, “Them,” and has received a host of other honors, including the Rosenthal Award from the American Academy-Institute of fine arts, of which she is a member; a Guggenheim Fellowship, and the O'Henry Prize for continued Achievement in the Short Story. She has been nominated twice each for the Nobel and Pulitzer prizes, and also has been nominated for a National Book Critics Circle Award.

The class of 1996 is Ursinus' largest since the late '40s and early '50s, with GI's returning from World War II crowded the campus.

The Friday night Baccalaureate and outdoor Saturday morning graduation ceremonies are intended to start a new tradition, with a major reception for class members and their parents following baccalaureate Friday night on the campus plaza.

The new schedule and location for commencement also will better accommodate the sizable contingent of guests the class is expected to invite. Saturday commencement proceedings will be moved into Heffnerich Hall, only if the weather is severe.

The valedictorian of the class is Ian Rhyie, a chemistry major. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at Cornell University.

Two seniors share salutatorian honors. They are Alison P. Heely, an East Asian Studies major, and Gary Shapiro, a biology major.

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'Real World's' Bilal offers 12 steps to diversity

By Melissa Forbes
Of The Grizzly

"Raise your hand and repeat after me, I am an inverse."

This is how Mohammed Bilal from MTV's "Real World" began his lecture on April 22 in Olin. An inverse is Bilal's term for a Klux Klan and the Nation of Islam happening, and there is no place for it.

Unexpectedly, Bilal decided to lecture on diversity instead of AIDs. Bilal's solution to a more diverse world is to follow a 12-step program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. The steps are as follows:

1. Admit your lack of diversity. "I am an inverse."
2. Know yourself and be comfortable with who you are. Learn about your own diversity before exploring others.
3. Look for similarities in people when you meet them, not differences. As Bilal stated, even the Ku Klux Klan and the Nation of Islam have similarities. They both believe in the separation of races.
4. Look at every new opportunity as a way to learn and teach. You can learn about other people's perspectives while also teaching others about your perspectives.
5. Try not to judge people initially. If you give others the benefit of the doubt, you may be surprised about what you discover.
6. Break one habit with another. Bilal advises that once a month you should try to do something you've never done, or normally don't do. For example, if you are into rap, then learn how to country line dance.
7. Apologize and admit your mis-takes, because they are bound to happen in the quest for diversity.
8. Travel as much as possible, even if you can only go as far as Philadelphia. As long as the place you travel to is new to you, then it will be a learning experience.
9. Read.
10. Try to learn other languages. Learning a language equals learning another culture.
11. Distinguish between prejudice and personal dislike. No one can like everybody, but do not turn your personal problems with problems with someone into prejudice against all those who have the same culture as the person you dislike.
12. Finally, turn to whomever your God may be. Every major religion says to love your neighbor as you love yourself. One cannot love someone without first knowing that person.

After this part of the lecture, Bilal read some of his poems and then took questions from the audience. Most of the questions dealt with "Real World." Bilal answered all questions honestly and patiently. A few people did ask questions pertaining to diversity. Bilal stressed the importance of healing.

"We are all screwed up and need to heal," he said. "This healing needs to start in elementary school."

When asked by a student how Ursinus could become more diverse, Bilal said, "Classes are the perfect opportunity for making connections and promoting diversity. Interaction has to start one on one because it is much easier to bring two people together than it is to bring two groups together."

A good number of people attended the lecture and Bilal was well-received. "He was on our level," said freshman Malikah Jenkins. "I could listen to him and his advice because I knew he could relate to us as young adults."

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"Happiness is days... rigorously planned and nights left open to chance."
--Mignon McLaughlin
Dear Ursinus Community,

After this semester we will be losing a valuable professor. Mrs. Murphy, professor in the EcBa Dept., has not been retained for next year. She has been with the college for six years and has been in the real world working with Campbell's and Frito-Lay for over 10 years. At Ursinus, she teaches primarily marketing and management, which were her forte with Campbell's and Frito-Lay.

One of the main reasons that we believe that she is valuable to this community is her teaching style. In our management class, Mrs. Murphy relates her experience with Frito-Lay to our class material. She shows us how Pert Charts and other management tools are really used.

A textbook can only reveal how things ought to be done, not how they are really done. She has been able to reveal real corporate cultures to us because she has personally experienced them. I feel that I have learned a great deal from her because of her real world and academic experiences.

In her marketing class, she had the class take on one of my most enjoyable projects that I have encountered here at school. She gave us a project that was really marketed by an actual company in the real world. She told us after the project was over whether the actual product had failed or succeeded. Our job was to come up with the marketing strategies and present our final product to the class in an hour presentation. When it was over, my team had found out that the company, in our case Alpo, had not marketed their product correctly and consequently failed. We marketers did not make the same mistakes that Alpo made and marketed the product correctly.

You can not imagine what a great feeling it is to know that you did something right when a major company did things wrong.

While we do not know the full story behind Mrs. Murphy's dismissal, we hope you realize that we are two students who feel that Mrs. Murphy is valuable and should be retained. One of the reasons that Mrs. Murphy, we believe, was not retained was because the department is moving towards teaching more theory in the classroom. We will not dismiss the value of theoreis, we also feel that Mrs. Murphy's hands-on, practical approach complements these theories.

Mrs. Murphy is able to tell us "Okay guys, you'll have time to make these charts and have this information. But chances are, you are not going to have the time to do all this. Here's another way to get the information so that that will save you some time."

This is why Mrs. Murphy's absence will be felt next semester. Her time in the business world was valuable and she was able to she were to communicate to us very well how our work in the classroom relates to it.

Thank you for your time Mrs. Murphy.

Dan Gedrich, Class of '99 Mike Raub, Class of '96

Editor's Note: While Mrs. Murphy has not been granted tenure, she has been offered a contract for academic year 1996-1997. If she is not returning next year, it is by her choice.

The Last Word

I'm sorry. I was wrong. I should have never written that article. I was misled. [SARCASM]

The article I wrote two weeks ago was a satire, and from the response I got both in the paper and to my face, I guess a lot of people didn't get it. However, there were some who did. Last week's article was intended to mean three points: 1) The Unabomber is not a fallen intellectual but a lunatic. 2) Last year the administration made the attempt of connecting talk radio with the Oklahoma City bombing. The media went along with it. I was making an attempt to show how foolish this was. 3) There are plenty of environmental extremists out there who don't have their priorities in order. I apologize for the misunderstanding. [TRUTH]

However, I wish the two individuals who wrote in last week would have contacted me before they went off half-cooked and now look like fools. It was not my intention to make anybody look stupid. [TRUTH]

So, anyway, I promise I won't use anymore satire. This week I want to discuss how we can save the economy by burning dollars and decreasing the money supply. (Okay, it was satire. I lied. use me [don't]). This week I went to take a look at some of the changes that are planned for next year. A couple are the following: 1) Switches of residence halls in BPS and Old Men's. 2) Getting rid of Easter Break.

The switches have blown my mind. I can see no rational reason why this is occurring. Please I would like a rational explanation instead of something on the lines of guys behave better around girls. We already have removed the security in the Quad now we want to put the foaxes in the middle of the chicken coop. Sounds good to me. [SARCASM]

Easter Break has been removed from the calendar for next spring. I would like the administration to explain this one. The reasons I heard were these: 1) Other schools do it and 2) it inhibits multicultural diversity. The first reason makes me think of something my dad would say. "If all the other colleges would jump off a bridge, would you?" The second reason is even more absurd than the first. I cannot believe that there are that many people who do not celebrate Easter as a religious holiday who mind having Friday and Monday off. If we worked our breaks around making sure we don't offend anyone, we should not have breaks at all. We can't have Thanksgiving off because it was started by a homophbic group of racist WASP's. But it's a national holiday, complains Mr. PC. But it's not a very good one now is it, Mr. PC? [SARCASM]

Once again I have been guilty of satire. This time I'll explain it. You may have noticed the words in brackets. This was to demonstrate how silly it is for me to constantly explain what I mean.

And on that note, I bid you adieu.
Dear Mr. Sarles:

To be accused - all in the same day - of being a Jehovah’s Witness for Materialism and of Practicing Philosophy Without A License - well, I haven’t been so honored in months. Not since Philip Johnson explained my contribution to The Moral Decay of America. But as much as I appreciate the distinction, I must decline it. You see, I’m innocent, or at least mostly.

Consider the first charge. Have I ever appeared at your door wearing a polyester blazer and carrying a copy of The Origin? Do you know anyone who has witnessed such a sight? Could you imagine that I would ever dress that way? I refrigerate on the next exam. Does that sound like fun? In loafers and carrying a copy of that? I rest my case.

First, let me humbly beg your forgiveness for slacking off and missing a week. I’ll put the blame on my professors for giving me too much to do, which is why I endeared them. You see, I’m argumentative. I completely agreed with them. Partly because I don’t mean to criticize the people and I’d be ready to jump off the Betsy Ross Bridge.

Now I admit, it tends to be like that sometimes. Textbooks are the size of the Manhattan White Pages and MACATs are imlicable and there is nothing that I can do about either of them. But fortunately there’s evolutionary biology, always guaranteed to make at least a third of the 170 jump out of their seats mad as hell, actually questioning what I have to say and ready to throw a collection of over-ripe vegetables in my direction. Now that is fun.

It’s fun for two reasons - three if you count dodging the vegetables. First, it’s so refreshing and essential to have students actually challenge a theory, to demand to hear the evidence that supports it, rather than just stuffing it in their heads that I’d be ready to teach pure hooey just to provoke the challenge. Fortunately, evolution does the same job without the hooey, giving me the chance to talk about hypotheses and theories, and evidence and testability, all with confidence that students are paying attention.

But the second reason that it’s fun is that it’s one part of biology that people connect with personally, just as they do with AIDS, abortion, and humpback whales. Not surprisingly, because - like religion - evolutionary theory attempts to explain where we came from and how we got to be the way we are. It’s exactly the sort of intellectual meat that can provoke those late-night sessions on The Meaning of Life.

Oops. I’ve slid into philosophy. I admit it. I am guilty, I guess. But how to avoid sliding? And why would I want to? To take a scientific theory like Natural Selection, pregnant with philosophical implications, to walk it right up to the line that separates science and philosophy, and then say “Whoa, I have to stop here,” what a wasted opportunity that would be for promoting critical thought. It would be like teaching molecular biology without discussing the ethics of genetic engineering. An abdication of responsibility. A crazing bore.

So here it is. I’ll dive right in and you be guilty, guilty, guilty. Evolution by natural selection is mindless. Review the basics and see for yourself. Random mutations lead to variable organisms whose survival and reproductive success is determined by changing local environments. Over time, the accumulation of successful variants causes populations to evolve. This much is science, the process that I just described having been demonstrated empirically in a host of different organisms, at least over the short term.

Does this mean that life has no purpose, that it is in every way the product of a mindless process? This isn’t a scientific question, and I can’t answer it. It belongs to philosophy. We can employ reasoning and faith to seek an answer, but we cannot test the divine, or lack thereof, empirically.

But knowing that a process exists that conceivably could explain life without the divine surely is relevant to discussions of religion and philosophy. And students of that process surely have as much of a right to sit at the table and stay up late and discuss The Meaning of Life as does anyone else. Our one obligation is to be clear about when we are talking science and when we are not. I am clear here, and I always have been clear.

For denouncing the moral implications of selection theory, Philip Johnson is eloquent but late. Adam Sedgewick, Professor of Geology at Cambridge, stewart of the Church of England, and one-time mentor of Charles Darwin, took one look at the newly published Origin of Species and thundered “(it) strips Man of all his moral attributes. What is to give us the sense of right and wrong? Of Law of duty? of cause and effect?” So Darwin’s theory must have implications for religious and moral thought, and if a Scientist/Deacon of The Church can raise the issue, why can’t I?

Besides, outside of a taste of Darwin’s, the evolution in Biology III is really mild stuff. Mere pablum compared to what we cover in Biology 424 (Evolution). Join us for a session, Mr. Sarles. We meet on Tuesday and Thursday 8:35-9:50, either in Olin 103 or out in front of the library. Last week we discussed the Theory of Peninsa Length (admittedly more weakly supported by evidence than the well-established Theory of Testes Size). Imagine what we might cover this week.

Robert Dawley
Biology Department

Welcome to another week’s edition of everyone’s favorite column. First, let me humbly beg your forgiveness for slacking off and missing a week. I’ll put the blame on my esteemed professors for giving me too much to do, which is why I missed the Grizzly’s deadline. As if anyone had noticed the absence anyway, right?

Well, for my one or two fans, I apologize. From now on, no more school work until the important thing, namely writing this, is done. I now have my priorities straight.

Usually around this time of year I write a sappy little ode to the wonderfulness of spring. I usually say that everyone should stop and smell the roses, and that now that the snow has melted, life is like a Disney movie. This year, I’m still tempted to do the same, but I couldn’t even stomach it myself, so I won’t. (Not that you can’t enjoy the season; I’m just not going to write about it three years in a row.)

A person told me once that I am a very argumentative individual. I completely agreed with them. Part of argumentation is not just presenting your side of the story, however, it is giving a plan for change. Therefore, that’s what this week’s edition is about. My plan for a better Ursinus.

Step 1. Improve the library. Now, by this I don’t mean to criticize the staff of the library; they all do an excellent job, and are very helpful. As my friend Lauren says, however, the Library should be the main foundation of a college student’s education. Many of the books we have are very outdated, the periodical section and magazines that we subscribe to need to be expanded, and when the computer catalog says that a book is available, it should be on the shelf, not missing or simply vanished.

As I said, the staff is a great asset to the students, they are always very helpful and knowledgeable, but the excellent staff can’t completely make up for all that the Library is lacking.

Step 2. Community meetings.

This college is one big community, but the decisions for that community are made by a small select few, and this needs to be changed.

Under my plan, there should be campus-wide meetings held periodically to allow students to voice their concerns, and also to give the entire student body a vote in how our college is run. To increase interest in these meetings, free beer will be supplied after all meetings.

Step 3. Prioritize student life and education. Improving the quality of our education and of professors should be the highest priority. More funds need to be allocated to certain departments for their improvement and modernization, and less needs to be spent on frivolous, unnecessary things, like Wismer skylights and a new residence for the President.

Step 4. Marketing. Many people outside of the Philadelphia area have never heard of our school. For those of you from this area, it might be hard to believe, but travel two hours in any direction and say “I go to Ursinus” and you’ll probably be asked “What’s wrong with your sines?” If no one knows about us, enrollment can’t improve, and it will be harder for graduates to find success outside of SE Pennsylvania.

Step 5. Make those in power more accessible to student needs and concerns, and make those very same people publicly responsible for all of their actions and decisions regarding this school. Is asking for reports of board meetings and faculty meetings to be made available to students, parents, and alumni so ridiculous? No!

These are just some of the things that I suggest. Everyone has concerns and everyone might have ideas on how to act on them. My advice is do what I do. Become a bigmouth. Don’t take crap from anybody, and stand up for your own self. Change can happen, but not by complaining. Take action.

-Captain Jack
Two scientists explore deadly" based on the "Demi Moore is an exotic" the special effects look "No, it's not a summer movie, "It's a Disney animated" Men will like the "Schwarzenegger will "This summer's animated "Release Date - June "One "Speaking of movies "Because of the Borg" Live-action kid's "though Bill "Mission: Impossible - "chinery that blew moviegoers away. "great and people in theaters reacted "Prediction - "You "Strengths- This movie is being "marketed very well. The previews "Weaknesses- Some people think that "Walt Disney Pictures retells the tale of Quasimodo and Esmerelda (the voice of Demi Moore) "genre is losing its popularity. "Prediction - Schwarzenegger will bring people to the theaters. This movie will make about $75 million. "The Hunchback of Notre Dame - Release Date - June "Plot - This summer's animated "Barbarous Disney offering retells the tale of Quasimodo and Esmerelda (the voice of Demi Moore) "Predicition - It's a Disney animated "Training Disney movies do a good job appealing to kids as well as adults. "Weaknesses - Although Pocahontas was a pretty good movie, it was way under par for a Disney animated movie, and didn't make nearly as much money as Aladdin and The Lion King. People may not go to see this because they were disappointed with Pocahontas. "Prediction - Nevertheless, the plot and animation look better than that of Pocahontas, and that, coupled with all the hype that Disney will give the movie will make Hunchback the biggest hit of the summer, making more than $200 million. "Stripes - Release Date - June "Plot - Demi Moore is an exotic dancer who is also a single mother who has to support a child. "Strengths - Just the thought of Demi Moore naked is making men all over the country drool uncontrollably. (She is getting paid $12.5 million for the movie, making her the highest paid woman in Hollywood) "Weaknesses - Many. The studio insists that the movie is a comedy, but many people will equate the movie with the abysmal flop Showgirls. Test screenings of the movie were also received very poorly. "Prediction - Unless the movie is very well marketed, it will flop, making $50 million or less. "Star Trek: Destiny - Release Date - Thanksgiving "Plot - It's not a summer movie, but I had to say something about it. The Next Generation crew under the command of the incomparable Captain Picard (Patrick Stewart) fight the Borg in a brand new Enterprise. "Strengths - People (myself included) really miss seeing the Next Generation crew every week and will really look forward to seeing Picard and the gang again. Because the Borg are in the movie, the producers promise there will be more action, and Trekkers will like to see a familiar enemy, especially one as fierce as the Borg. "Weaknesses - Some people think that with episodes of the original Star Trek and The Next Generation in syndication, and Voyager and Deep Space Nine currently running, some people think there is too much Star Trek out there. Also, like with Generations, some geeks on the Internet will find out the plot 6 months before the release date and type it in its entirety on the computer for all to see. "Prediction - Because of the Borg and the promise of more action, it will make more money than Generations, and could break the $100 million barrier if it is marketed well. Last week's quote "Evil will always triumph over good because good is dumb" was guessed by Jess Haldeman. Congratulations to this semester's movie quote of the week winners: 

Casey Fosbenner
Nicole Eberwein
Joe Perry
Seth Tanner
Marie Pat Githens
Jess Haldeman
Karen Fleshman
Nick Grimaldi
Alison Heely
Mark Romano
Amy K. Davenport

The Movie Maniac's Top Ten Movies of all time

2. Star Wars (1977)
4. The Empire Strikes Back (1980)
6. Aladdin (1992)
8. Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1990)

Regrettably, this is the last Movie Mania I will ever write. I said that I was going to review the Batman trilogy, but I thought there was going to be another issue of the paper, but I guess this is the last, when I traditionally tell you about some of the movies coming out this summer, and how I think they will do this summer. Just in case you were wondering, here's how I would rate the Batman movies: Batman: Bat­man- 10, Batman Returns - 7, Batman Forever- 8

Twister - Release Date- May 10
Plot - Two scientists explore deadly tornados in the Midwest
Strengths- Really good special effects, a good director (Jan DeBont, who directed Speed), and some kickin' previews with roofs that flew off buildings and flying farm machinery that blew moviegoers away.
Weaknesses- No major stars (although Bill Paxton of Tombstone and Helen Hunt of TV's Mad About You are both very good actors).
Prediction - The special effects look great and people in theaters reacted very positively to the previews. If the plot is good, this movie will make about $100 million.

Mission: Impossible - Release Date-May 22
Plot - Based on the TV show, a secret agent (Tom Cruise) goes to Europe and fights the badguys.
Strengths - This movie is being marketed very well. The previews look great, and Tom Cruise, who is getting paid $20 million to star in the movie, is a bonafide megastar hat people will go to see. Brian DePalma (The Untouchables) is a top-rate director. Movies based on old TV shows (The Flintstones, The Fugitive, The Addams Family) are always successful, attracting both young and old people. There are so many movies based on TV shows that the next thing we will probably see is a Chip's movie starring Antonio Banderas as Ponch.
Weaknesses- On the other hand, the film may not attract older fans of the TV series because it is very loosely based on the TV show, and no one from the original TV cast, such as Martin Landau and Peter Graves appear in it.
Prediction - Men will like the movie for its nonstop action, and women will like the movie for...well, obvious reasons. This movie should not have a problem making $125 to $150 million.

Flipper - Release Date- Sometimes in May
Plot - Speaking of movies based on TV shows, In one of this summer's family offerings, Paul Hogan (Crocodile Dundee) and Elijah Wood befriend a dolphin (and I don't mean Dan Marino).
Strengths- Elijah Wood is a good actor, and parents will recognize the TV show.
Weaknesses- Unfortunately, kids will not recognize the TV show. Paul Hogan is a has-been, and after a couple of turkeys such as Almost an Angel and Lightning Jack, his career has been reduced to advertising Subaru station wagons.
Prediction - Live-action kid's movies have a very hard time making money, unless they are really, really good like Babe. Flipper will be one of this summer's "floppers" making only about $25 million.

EraseR- Release Date- Summer
Plot - Arnold Schwarzenegger is someone who keeps other people from getting killed by "erosion" or, pretending to kill them by taking pictures of their body, burning their house down, etc.
Strengths- One word- Arnold.
Weaknesses- Lately, there have been too many action movies that are just run-of-the-mill garbage, and the
Students Present Artwork in Berman

The Student Art Exhibition in the Berman museum will run from Tuesday, April 23, until Wednesday, May 8. The exhibition is sponsored by the Berman Museum, in conjunction with the art department.

The show has been held annually for more than 20 years, with the seven most recent years being held inside the Berman museum. The displays are direct productions from students who are enrolled in Ursinus's Studio Art classes.

Most of the work is from non-art majors, who are taking studio art for the first time. In addition to the artwork, the Communication department's video production class, also submitted a video presentation produced, and edited by students.

On April 23, the winners of the student art exhibition were chosen at a reception where 220 people were in attendance. The winners are as follows:

- **Book Awards:**
  - Melvin Schursky '98 -- "Back of Nude"
  - Cerise Bennett '98 -- "Frogs Eye View"
  - Amy Michael '96 -- "Riverfront in Lucerne"

- **Popular Choice: (Book Award)**
  - Brandon Baer '98 -- "Empty Boat"

- **Director's Choice: ($50 award)**
  - Laura Stook '97 -- "Rain on Graduation Day"

- **Winnifred Cutler Purchase Prize Award ( $200 award)**
  - Grace Min '96 -- "Still Life"

The museum and the student participants spent a great deal of time preparing for the exhibition.

Nancy Fago, of the Berman museum, feels that "many students found that art was not only something that they enjoyed, but they also discovered they had a hidden talent." Fago was impressed by the art worked presented, especially since many of the students were novices.

Fago was impressed by the art worked presented, especially since many of the students were novices. She welcomes members of the Ursinus community to come and view the art work of their fellow students, and says "we are always excited about having the student exhibition here, and we hope more of the campus community gets involved in the museum".

Museum Hours:
Monday-Friday 10am - 4pm
Saturday-Sunday 12 noon-4:30pm
Admission is free.

To the Campus Community:
Permission for Ursinus College to have a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was granted by a vote of the national society's Triennial Council on October 19, 1991. This October brings the fifth anniversary of that event. The Ursinus chapter will hold a quinquennial celebration with refreshments, an address by a distinguished guest, music, and an essay contest. Come one and all, and celebrate with us!

Yours, John Wickersham
Secretary, Ursinus chapter of Phi Beta Kappa

Dr. Ilai Alon, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Tel Aviv University, Berman Visiting Professor at Lehigh University, will speak on "Socrates in Medieval Arabic Translation," on Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. in Thomas 324. The program is sponsored by the departments of history and philosophy and religion.

Ursinus Spring Service Day 1996

Two Ursinus student volunteers begin to place shingles on a roof of one of the Habitat for Humanity houses in Norristown. The second annual Spring Service Day was held April 20.
What's Up in Wellness

by Jennifer Urban
of The Grizzly

The Great Pennsylvania Workout will take place in Harrisburg on Wednesday, May 1st. Various health and fitness activities are scheduled. Throughout the day several individuals will give testimonials to the House about the benefits of physical activity. Dr. Laura Borsdorf, Justine Boetgter, and Corrine Boetgter will be among those people who will be presenting testimony. The main emphasis of the Great Pennsylvania Workout is to encourage everyone to participate in some form of physical activity and then call into the Great Pennsylvania Workout headquarters and report that you exercised. The number to call is 1-800-252-BFIT (2348).

In celebration of this special day there will be a walk through campus on Wednesday, May 1st. Anyone interested should meet out front of Helfferich around 12 noon. The walk will begin at 12:10 and end at 12:45. There will be refreshments and prizes for those who participate.

Also, for those of you who exercise on Wednesday, whether it be aerobics, the weight room, swimming, intramural softball, or any other spring sport, please pick up a Great Pennsylvania Workout membership and to show your support for physical activity and then call into the Great Pennsylvania Workout headquarters and report that you exercised. The number to call is 1-800-252-BFIT (2348).

A Public Service Message from SERV

Don't Be Dumb!

I went to a party Mom, I remembered what you said.
You told me not to drink, Mom, so I drank soda instead.

I really felt proud inside, Mom, the way you said I would.
I didn't drink and drive, Mom, even though the others said I should.

I know I did the right thing, Mom, I know you were always right.
Now the party is finally ending, Mom, as everyone is driving out of sight.

As I got into my car, Mom, I know I'd get home in one piece.
Because of the way you raised me, so responsible and sweet.

The other guy is drunk, Mom, and now I'm the one who will pay.

I really felt proud inside, Mom, the way you said I would.

Aerobics: 7-8 a.m.
Weight Room: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Swimming: noon to 1 p.m. & Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 pm
Helfferich Facilities: open after 4 pm

Sports & Features

Track & Field

Track Weathers Conditions At Millersville

by Samantha Caggiano
of The Grizzly

Despite facing windy conditions and tough competition from both Division I and Division II schools at the Millersville Metrics, Ursinus individuals Rachelle Pecovsky and Anthony Ohara turned in outstanding performances. Pecovsky placed second in the shot put with a toss of 41'8 1/2", provisionally qualifying for NCAA Division III Nationals. She will join teammate Kelly McCarthy who previously qualified in the javelin. Ohara placed fourth in the javelin with a throw of 170'8".

Ursinus women continued showing improvement in the long jump and 400 meters. Both Yalanda Houston and Megan Brown turned in personal bests in each. Ursinus men Dan Tavares and Brett Nath also turned in personal bests in the 5000 and the discus respectively. The Ursinus Bears will compete in the Centennial Conference Championships to be held Saturday and Sunday at Swarthmore College.

Men’s Tennis

Men’s Tennis Finishes Up Tough Year

Ciesinski and Hartle Shine

Courtesy of Mens Tennis Team Sources

On April 24, the Ursinus College Men’s Tennis Team completed their 1996 season with a 5-2 loss to Muhlenberg College. Winners for Ursinus were sophomore Josh Hartle at #2 singles, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1, and the #2 doubles team of Hartle and junior Pete Evanchik, 9-8. On the losing side were senior Matt Ciesinski at #1 singles, 6-4, 6-2, senior Mike Gamble at #3 singles, 5-7, 6-2, 6-0, and the #2 doubles team of Hartle and junior Pete Evanchik, 9-8. On the losing side were senior Matt Ciesinski at #1 singles, 6-4, 6-2, senior Mike Gamble at #3 singles, 5-7, 6-2, 6-0, and the #2 doubles team of Hartle and junior Pete Evanchik, 9-8. On the losing side were senior Matt Ciesinski at #1 singles, 6-4, 6-2, senior Mike Gamble at #3 singles, 5-7, 6-2, 6-0, and the #2 doubles team of Hartle and junior Pete Evanchik, 9-8.

For a number of years, a series of commercials have been on the air showing pictures of happy children, couples, even whole families, then telling us the day that a drunk driver took each one's life. What could be more heartbreaking than to see the faces of these children who will not grow up, not grow old, because of someone else's mistake. Yet people still drink and drive. Maybe even on this campus. Maybe even you. Take time to consider this the next time you get behind the wheel with something stronger than root beer on your breath. Even if you don't care that you are losing brain cells and making a mess of your body, your life is not the only one at stake! The bitter irony is that chances are that you won't die. You may not even be injured. Chances are that the other person will die. Is this fair? Before you drink and drive, make sure that you are strong enough to look at yourself in the mirror every day for the rest of your life and know that because you were stupid, someone else is dead.

SERV would like to thank Andrea Herrmann of the University of Rhode Island Community Ambulance for this poem and Elizabeth Cullen for the commentary following it.

April 30, 1996

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A public service message against drunk driving was highlighted.

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There were no further details provided about the conference championships held.

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Sports

Lady Bears Ready To Clinch Title

by Mary Hearl
of The Grizzly

The Lady Bears won a tough game against Millersville this past Tuesday. The exhausting schedule from the previous week finally took its toll. The Bears looked tired, but pulled off a 12-9 victory. A quote from Ms. Boyd summed up the game in every phase. It is a real tribute to the team that they were able to hang in there and work to their full potential.

Sophomore Missy Myers (#32) and senior Meme Hamlin (#27) led the scoring with each goals. Senior goalkeeper Kim Ryan had 7 saves, while sophomore Patty McGinty had 1. Ursinus had 40 shots on goal at Haverford’s 11. Haverford goalkeeper, Alex Singer, had 14 saves. The score at half was 10-1. Other Ursinus team members to score were Jen Howe and Judy Marcus with 3 goals apiece. Amy Minnich, Kris Algeo each contributed 2 goals and Denise Krch and Jen Stone also had 1 goal.

The Bears now lead the Centennial Conference with a league record of 9-0 and an overall record of 12-1, their only loss all season to Trenton State. If the team is victorious over Muhlenberg next Tuesday, Ursinus will win the Centennial Conference championship. Good luck women’s lacrosse!

A PHILLY FAN

by Joel Schorfer
Asst. Sports Editor

This is, as you probably know, the final Philly Fan for this academic year. In my mind there’s no more appropriate way to finish the year than by putting some finishing touches on all four of the teams I cover and ending with some comments on the column itself. I’ll begin with the Sixers simply because they’re really bad and it’s best to get the bad out of the way and end on a positive note.

The Sixers’ sale to local cable giant Comcast was approved by the league’s owners on Wednesday, formally ending the Harold Katz era and installing fitness guru Pat Croce as the new president of the organization. Croce has already begun the much needed housecleaning by beginning a search for a general manager to replace current general manager and head coach John Lucas. Lucas has requested that he be considered strictly as a candidate for the head coaching position, that he still occupies but more than likely will not occupy for long.

When it comes to whom Croce should select for the general manager and head coaching positions, I have no opinion. I’m too unfamiliar with the candidates (not even knowing their names is usually a problem) and for some strange reason I don’t really care. It’s the players I care about, and, consequently, I have some players I’d like to see return and some I’d like to see leave very quickly.

In the frontcourt I’d like to see the return of a healthy Derrick Coleman (who wouldn’t?) and with him I’d like to keep Clarence Weatherspoon and Tony Massenburg. Weatherspoon would make an excellent sixth man off of the bench or starting small forward if necessary, and Massenburg is an above average rebounder and adequate backup power forward. Derrick Alston, Richard Dumas, and Sean Higgins can take their inconsistency somewhere else, while LaSalle Thompson and “Easy” Ed Pinkney can rest their old, worn-out bodies is a rocking chair somewhere. I’m too Croce I might even buy them the rocking chair.

In the backcourt I’d like to keep Trevor Ruffin, because every team needs a little burner/scorer like him. Jerry Stackhouse of course, and Rex Walters, who’s late season efforts impressed me. Greg Sutton...see ya, wouldn’t want to be ya! Vernon Maxwell was poor at times and unbelievable at others, but I don’t want a “shooting” guard that “shoots” 39 percent. I don’t call that shooting. I call it praying, bricklaying, or just plain unacceptable.

Wow! I had a lot to say about such a bad team, but no matter how bad they are I’ve got to love the Sixers, who are left with two power forwards, one small forward, no center, two shooting guards, and one backup point guard after my proposed changes.

Basically, the Sixers need a center and point guard to team with Coleman, Weatherspoon, and Stackhouse to once again be respectable, but we can’t forget about a new coach and general manager either.

To move on to a better topic, the Phillies have played a little better than I expected, compiling an 11-10 record and playing decent ball. Their starting pitching has been inconsistent, as it seems that every starter alternates good and bad starts, and the bullpen’s been excellent, with Bottalico netting six saves of his own, and Russ Springer doing a Nolan Ryan impression.

The backfield has the same excellence it had last year, and the retooled offensive line looks to be strong, but more importantly it looks to have depth. The wide receivers are talented and certainly adequate, but tight end is still a question mark.

On the defensive side, the backfield is 75 percent complete, still lacking a proven free safety. The linebacking crew is the team’s weakness, and the defensive line, virtually unchanged, is average to slightly above and will not be able to pick up the slack.

The Eagles have some interesting competition at the quarterback spot, with Rodney Peete, Ty Detmer, and newly drafted Bobby Hoying. Hopefully one of them will assert himself, preferable either Hoying or Detmer because of the age factor, and I guess we can finally say goodbye to third string quarterback Jay Fiedler. It’s time to put that Ivy League degree to work, Jay. The backfield has the same excellence it had last year, and the retooled offensive line looks to be strong, but more importantly it looks to have depth. The wide receivers are talented and certainly adequate, but tight end is still a question mark.

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The Eagles are fine on the offensive side as far as I can see, but the defense is another thing. Without a solid middle linebacker, outside linebacker, and free safety the defense can be average at best. Rhodes is going to need to find two people to step up at these positions in order to continue the drive toward a championship.

The Flyers currently lead their opening playoff series 3-2 after physically abusing the Tampa Bay Lightning in game five, posting a 4-1 win in what was Ron Hextall’s best performance of the playoffs thus far.

How far will the Flyers go in the playoffs? I have no idea because I know very little about the game of hockey and can in no way see into the future. I can only hope that the Flyers lose their game in the very physical manner, leaving some opposition bleeding on the ice and no doubt in people’s minds that the Flyers are a team to fear.

I must say that it looks like the Flyers will dispose of the Lightning and move on in with some serious momentum and confidence in their corner. John LeClair is playing well despite his ankle, Eric Lindros and Dale Hawerchuk are healthy, and Hextall is at the top of his game. The Cup is a possibility. How much of one? I have no idea, but at least for a Philadelphia team a championship is not out of the realm of possibility.

I’ve said quite a bit to this point and this is absolutely the longest a Philly Fan has been yet, but who cares. I’m having fun writing it, as I have most of the year, and am looking forward to next year when I may branch out to cover each and every professional sports team in all four leagues as I see fit.

To all of you who read The Philly Fan, thanks. It gives me a good feeling to see people doing it and hear feedback from those that do. Sometimes people agree, sometimes people disagree, and sometimes they laugh, but at least they’re reading and enjoying it. That’s all I could ever ask for.
Senior Scott Keith picked up the win, raising his overall record to 8-1-1 and 6-0-1 in the conference. Senior Mike Aceto led the hitting attack, going 3 for 3, and sophomore Mike Romello was 1 for 2 with 3 RBIs.

In the second game, Ursinus won 11-6 advancing its record to 26-5 overall and 16-2 in the Centennial Conference. Sophomore Nate Smiley (5-1-2, 3-1-1) went on for the win.

Senior Aaron Rychling broke out of a 4 game slump going 3 for 3 with 4 RBIs. Both junior Brian MacTear, who was 2 for 3 with 1 RBI, and sophomore Jeff deSimone, who went 3 for 3 with 2 RBIs, added to the offensive onslaught on the Green Terror.

Earlier in the week, the Bears defeated Swarthmore 14-4 and again by the score of 12-2. Sophomore Phil Nagengast gave the Bears a boost with 5 excellent innings of relief in the first game while follow-up man Brian Crenelar pitched a solid game in the second affair.

Senior Joe Burke was 4 for 5 with 3 RBIs, sophomore Dirk Cleveland was 3 for 5 with 1 RBI, and deSimone was 2 for 3 with 1 RBI. These gentlemen combined for the bulk of the offense in the first game.

Senior Dan Tonkinson, going 4 for 5 with 3 RBIs, and Cleveland (2 for 3, 1 HR, 3 RBIs) both led the way in the second game.

The team now awaits a bid to the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament.