Alice Parker Conducts College Choir

by Lauren Newkirk
of The Grizzly

Alice Parker, an internationally known composer and teacher, was the guest conductor of the Ursinus College Choir Saturday evening in Bomberger Auditorium.

In the first half of the choral program, the College Choir sang Parker’s score for “A Sermon from the Mountain”, written as a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and commissioned in 1968, shortly after Dr. King’s death. The score’s sources were Biblical verses appearing in Dr. King’s sermons, books and articles, especially his Letter From Birmingham Jail. Music played an instrumental part in conveying Dr. King’s message of non-violent protest. In his words, “We did not hesitate to call our movement an army…. It was an army that would sing but not slay.” “A Sermon from the Mountain” featured four vocal soloists and strings, guitar, drum and organ accommodation. The Baritone soloist was Reginald Pinell, and Dr. Joyce Henry, professor of communications at Ursinus, narrated each section of the score.

The second half of the program included hymn tunes, folk songs and spirituals, all co-arranged by Parker. The three folk songs were performed by the Meistersingers, a select singing group of Ursinus students. Dr. John French, professor of music and choir director at Ursinus, conducted the Meistersingers and the College Choir in the second half, ending a memorable tribute to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to the musical talent of Alice Parker.

In the News…

by Teresa Green
of The Grizzly

Bosnian municipal elections were postponed again, mainly because of continued Serb resistance. The future of American troops and their role in Bosnia is being analyzed.

The Pentagon has announced that Jewish cemeteries are being desecrated in Argentina and the Argentine Jews are angered that the government seems to be doing very little to stop these assaults.

Last Sunday, Japan elected Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto who is now trying to quickly get together a coalition government.

North Korea may be getting ready to test a missile that can reach as far as Japan, causing added worry about tensions raging on the Korean Peninsula.

With the new welfare law being implemented, states are now making a difficult transition in determining eligibility and issuing jobs instead of checks.

The Labor Department has concluded that fewer children appear to be working overseas to make apparel being sold in the United States. The reason given is that companies fear the adverse publicity associated with this type of behavior.

The American mediator to the Mideast talks has decided to remain, after announcing he would be leaving when he learned that progress had been made on the issue of Israeli troops in Hebron.

A Judge in Spain opened a criminal investigation regarding the torture, disappearance, and killing of Spanish citizens in Argentina from 1976-1983, years of military rule.

(Information taken from The New York Times)

A Question on Diversity

by Erin Gambeski
and Trish Daley
of The Grizzly

We never realized how popular our column was until we began receiving requests for questions and topics. It was brought to our attention that there will be a Diversity Forum on Wednesday, October 30 from 12:30 to 1:20. The Diversity Committee asked us to focus our question on what diversity issue is most prevalent for students. Considering how intellectually stimulating our column usually is, we were a bit hesitant to take on this task. However, not afraid to step out of our comfort zone, we decided to ask our fellow students to do the same. And the result was...

“This campus is not integrated at all. All the black students stay together, the Greeks stay together, people in Musser stay together. The campus may be diverse but since no one mixes it takes away from real diversity.”

—Cathy Lauber, Senior

“My biggest problem is whether to get Natural Light or Natty Light Ice.”

—Patrick McKenna, Sophomore

“People need a better understanding of other cultures and sometimes people get offended because they don’t understand each other.”

—Rita McDonald, Freshman

“I went to an all-white, all-boys high school and I don’t see any problems with diversity on campus.”

—Robert Esposito, Sophomore

“It’s not the college that has a problem with diversity. People just need to be more humane to each other.”

—Saramati Jayaraman, Freshman
Nothing to do? Try this...

by Teresa Green
of The Grizzly

Monday, October 28
7:00 a.m.  Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
4:30 p.m.  Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
5:00  Japanese Table in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room
6:00  French Movie: “Gazon Maudit” in Wismer Lower Lounge

Tuesday, October 29
7:00 a.m.  Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
3:00  Women’s Soccer at Gettysburg
3:00  Field Hockey vs. Rutgers
4:00  “Tuesdays at 4” Resume Workshop in Bomberger 209
4:30  Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
6:00  CAB and “Search for the Stars Audition” in Wismer Parents’ Lounge
9:30  Ursinus Christian Fellowship in Wismer Parents’ Lounge

Wednesday, October 30
7:00 a.m.  Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
10:10  Predicted Race in Helfferich Hall
11:11  Predicted Race in Helfferich Hall
12:00 p.m.  German Table in Faculty/Staff Dining
12:12  Predicted Race in Helfferich Hall
12:30  Diversity Forum in Bomberger Auditorium
4:00  Men’s Soccer vs. Swarthmore
4:30  Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
5:00  Movie “Othello” in Wismer Lower Lounge
5:15  Spanish Table in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room
6:00  SUN in Wismer Parents' Lounge
7:00  Haines-Barnard Pre-Legal Society in Olin 104
7:00  Trick-or-Treating in BPS
9:00  Halloween Video Dance Party in Wismer Lower Lounge
10:00  Literary Society in Zwingli’s Java Trench

Thursday, October 31
7:00 a.m.  Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
9:30  Doughnut/Bagel Hour in Wismer Parents’ Lounge
12:12 p.m.  Predicted Race in Helfferich Hall
1:00  Ursinus Christian Fellowship in W.P.L.
3:00  Career Services Halloween Open House in Bomberger 121
4:30  Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201

Friday, November 1
PAYDAY
7:00 a.m.  Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
12:00 p.m.  Organization of Commuting Students in Commuter Lounge
6:00  Opening Reception “On the Surface: Landscape Photography by Joan Z. Rough” in Berman
7:00  Ursinus Christian Fellowship in Wismer Parents’ Lounge

Saturday, November 2
11:00 a.m.  Field Hockey vs. Colgate
1:00 p.m.  Football vs. Muhlenberg
3:00  Men’s Soccer at Western Maryland
6:00  Movie “Waiting to Exhale” in Wismer Lower Lounge

Sunday November 3
3:30 p.m.  Mass in Bomberger Auditorium

NEWS

Student Forum on Diversity
When: Wednesday, October 30th from 12:30-1:20 p.m.
Where: Bomberger Auditorium
Some Sample Discussion Topics:
What is the most important issue concerning diversity on campus?
Do you think there is any racial tension on campus?
Have you witnessed sexual discrimination at Ursinus?
If you have anything to say about these questions then come to the Student Forum on diversity.

Security Flash

by Erin Gambeski
of the Grizzly

The State Senate Judiciary committee unanimously approved last week that the act of secretly slipping a drug to another person would become a felony, punishable with up to ten years in prison. The bill will now go to the full Senate, which may declare the act a second-degree felony, punishable not only with jail time, but with a $25,000 fine.

The measure includes the use of a wide range of intoxicating substances but focuses on Rohypnol, an illegal sedative said to be ten times more powerful than Valium, capable of making a person lose consciousness within thirty minutes and awaken with no memory of an assault or robbery. The drug, dubbed the “date-rape pill,” is sold for about $5 dollars on the street, is odorless and tasteless, and can be easily slipped into drinks or food. Rohypnol has been implicated in over 2400 criminal cases across the country, including five recent date-rape allegations at Penn State University and Lebanon Cty. College.

‘There is a time in our lives when we must firmly choose the course we will follow. Otherwise the endless drift of events will make that decision for us.’
-HV Prochnov

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What About Diversity?
Roving Reporter, ct.d. from page one

"There is too much stereotyping on this campus and too many misconceptions that Greeks and non-Greeks have about each other."
--Roes Resnner, Senior

"This school doesn't want diversity, not students or administration. They try to sugar-coat the problem that there is not enough diversity but really do nothing. There are no individuals on this campus, everyone stays with their own clique."
--Clifton Richie, Sophomore

"I feel that fat people need love too."
--Mike Huffman, Junior

"I don't think there's a problem with diversity but I find it interesting that all the black people always sit together."
--Erin Kelly, Freshman

"Ursinus needs to recruit more minority students and give them more incentives to come to Ursinus."
--Laurie Falcone, Senior

"There's no inner diversity. People stay with their own groups. There's black and white, no one is together."
--Mike Huffman, Junior

. . . quite frightening. The responses we received mostly dealt with race. There was no mention of issues involving sexuality (hetero, homo, or bisexual), gender (male/female), religion (Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, agnostic, atheist) or socio-economic status (class and money). Are we spelling things out for you? Yes. We found this necessary in our quest for intelligible answers on a campus where most people are either ignorant and naive to the problems or are so uncomfortable with them that they need to make jokes. It seems that the only people who took this question seriously were those who had thought about it before we asked them. The fact that the intellectual minds of tomorrow (me, you, that frat boy, that girl from Musser, etc.) are concerned only with their own issues bothered us. There are many social barriers at Ursinus that are overlooked. Perhaps soon we will begin to truly make an effort to address not only these issues but how our fellow Ursinians might feel. The Roving Reporter welcomes new answers to any of our previous questions or ideas for new topics. E-mail us at yoda:ergambeski or yoda:padaley.

New Curriculum for Comm. Arts

by Tarik Qasim
of the Grizzly

This year the Ursinus Department of Communication Arts has made many important changes in its curriculum. The first change is the name of the department. The Communication Arts Department is now called "Department of Communication Studies and Theatre."

Secondly, the areas of study in the communications curriculum will be more integrated. The three major areas of study are interpersonal/organizational communication, mass media, and theatre arts. The new curriculum will focus on integrating these areas of study instead of focusing on them individually. It will also require that majors select a minor in another field of study so as to broaden the student's knowledge.

The new curriculum will offer an integrative approach to both theory and practice, while also allowing students to get their feet wet in both quantitative and qualitative research methods. Through these changes in the curriculum, the department will also provide a stronger foundation for those students who show interest in attending graduate school.

The department of communications arts is located in the Ritter Center, which is found between Helfferich and the College Book Store. The chairperson of the department is Dr. Jay Miller. The department should be of particular interest to those students interested in business, law, politics, human relations, and education.

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More On The Gun Control Debate

To the Editor: debate is very much a political must protect its citizens by (" Opinions:"
suggest that Mr. Campbell has the end of our democracy. young lady shooting fellow
longer seems to be any reason to (Mr. Campbell?) knows, those two postures will also last until the end of our democracy. Therefore, if the gun control issue is founded substantially in assure that each citizen’s rights will never subside and will never be answer. Gun control will be a Perhaps of additional interest been drawn into the maelstrom of Therefore, if the gun control students) is unhappily tolerated to resolved. While his intent is matter of perspective, not right would have been an analysis by
noble (to protect human life) Mr. and wrong. And stating one’s opinion about gun control may be less than an ethical statement, and more of a political one. But even further than a simple political perspective, Mr. Campbell could perhaps have noted that one’s political perspective is rooted in one’s view of the world, one’s view of human nature. Is human nature essentially good? And should it be allowed its freedom? (Republican?) Or is human nature essentially bad? and must it be controlled for the good of the “res publica” (Democrat?) Is human nature such that society (through government) must protect its citizens by multitudinous rules (banning guns?), or is human nature such that each citizen’s rights are so important that the occurrence of "unacceptable" behavior by a few (the Penn State case in point: a young lady shooting fellow students) is unhappily tolerated to assure that each citizen’s rights are not usurped by the government.

Perhaps of additional interest would have been an analysis by Mr. Campbell on “technology" and citizens’ rights (it would have been difficult to shoot someone until gunpowder and the gun were invented). I wonder if there were debates centuries ago about banning knives and rocks, since knives and rocks were probably used to kill people. What role has technology played in leveraging human nature (as suggested above, viewed as essentially good or bad) into more bold and violent actions. Should government ban the products of technology? (A recent court decision about the content of the Internet is one answer.) Or perhaps Mr. Campbell might have found it useful to analyze the impact that our instantaneous mass media (technology?) has had on citizens’ perceptions of the frequency and magnitude of cases like the Penn State shooting. Are there more "violent" incidents today, ON A PER CAPITA BASIS, than 70 years ago? Or just more highlighting of incidents by the news media? (And Mr. Campbell, is the media objective? Or do they also have unexpressed views of human nature: left leaning or right leaning?) Essentially Mr. Campbell might have written short piece on the non-religious origin of this gun-dominated world, and perhaps analyzing history did not appear as attractive as expressing an opinion. Finally Mr. Campbell noted that “Questions like (what the girl who fired the gun was thinking) are better left to the philosophers and psychologists…” If you want mechanistic answers, the psychologist can provide those. But if Mr. Campbell wants UNDER-STANDING, which is the point of this letter, then yes, a philosopher can provide that kind of answer.

My suggestion to Mr. Campbell is that rather than enter the gun debate maehstrom (never to be concluded or resolved, because it stems from one’s view of human nature), a few words that give his fellow students youthful WIS-
DOM, an understanding ABOUT THE GUN CONTROL DEBATE AND WHY IT WILL NEVER BE RESOLVED, might be more useful to his fellow academics at Ursinus and indicative of Mr. Campbell’s intellectual development, rather than simply expressing an (although sincere) oft-repeated and inconclusive conclusion.

Of course, if a TRUE solution were desired, the only effective option (as Mr. Campbell knows because of long discussions with this writer), is to put in place a philosopher-king.

--William F. Campbell
Father of Sean Campbell
and a former student of philosophy

University of Pennsylvania
Anthropologist to speak on Maya and Aztecs

"We need to recognize that the Maya and Aztec are just as much ancestral to American culture as are the Egyptians and the Greeks," according to Dr. Christopher Jones, of the University of Pennsylvania Museum. Jones, who has spent over thirty years studying the history and culture of Mesoamerican civilizations, will be arguing his case to students and instructors at Ursinus College’s History of Traditional Civilizations course, on Monday, November 4th, at 5:30 p.m., in Olin Auditorium. His talk, entitled "American Civilizations in World History," is presented by the Department of History and the Ursinus Arts and Lecture Committee, and will be open to the entire campus community as well as to the public.

Dr. Jones graduated from Harvard University in 1959, and received his M. A. and Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania. He has extensive field experience at Mayan sites at Tikal and Quirigua and has served as director of the University’s Quirigua research project. He has been the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship and numerous other research grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and other foundations. He has authored three books and many articles on Mayan hieroglyphs, architecture and society. He has also worked as a consultant to the government of Guatemala for the conservation of Tikal and other Mayan sites, and to PBS and the National Geographic Society as a television program consultant.
The Debates of Nothingness

by Sean Campbell
of The Grizzly

A week ago Wednesday, the last Presidential debate took place between Bob Dole and President Clinton. It ended a series of three debates held between the Republicans and the Democrats. These debates are the tool that the candidates use to fine tune their messages and to try to persuade some of the independent voters to vote for their party.

The outcome of these debates seemed to show Bill Clinton winning on both nights that he and Bob Dole debated, and Al Gore winning his debate with Jack Kemp. The debates showed the datedness of Dole’s ideas and his age when he began to falter at the end of the second debate. It also showed that the Democrats have an idea for the future; what that idea is though, we have yet to be told.

These debates were very dry and boring, rehearsing what had already been rehashed. They did nothing to educate or persuade the people of the United States—with the possible exception of persuading people to stay home Nov. 5.

It seems that these days candidates don’t want to be tied down to an issue. That is, they don’t want to have to explain their stance on an issue for fear that it will be used against them by their opponent. Candidates talk about issues like crime, cutting taxes, and other issues that both sides can bring up, because they do not involve ideology (everyone is for preventing crime and lowering taxes). If an issue such as abortion or gun control were discussed, ideology would be involved and one candidate would lose. Candidates will not let that happen.

So what are we, the every day voting citizen to do? We want real issues to be discussed and we want real solutions to be effected by those that we elect. So don’t stay home because you feel that your vote will make no difference. Go out and vote and tell them that you want real issues and real solutions to the problems we face.

How Open Are You?

Just how open are you? Be honest with yourself. Do any of the words homosexual, alcohol, controversy, responsibility, AIDS, sex, liberalism, conservatism, or racism raise a hair on your body or make you cringe? Do you care enough to believe in something? Do you believe in it enough to have your name associated with it?

I am writing this in response to many observations and comments made on campus. A student studying abroad sarcastically mentions alcohol and Ursinus College in the same sentence, and a bunch of people, even some faculty get frazzled. “Let’s not ruin the Ursinus image,” they say. Who are you trying to kid? Like it or not, you’re too late. We are known as a big party school, and “drunk” is an accurate word for describing a majority of the campus on a Friday or Saturday night. So those of you who don’t drink don’t like being associated with the word drunk. Change it. Do something constructive that redirects people’s attention. This is a small school; you have more power than you think. Don’t complain to your friends, do something that makes a difference.

So you don’t like some of the articles printed in “your” school newspaper? Submit your own! If you don’t like what you read, toughen up, it gets worse! Does it hurt any one of us to be exposed to something stimulating, or something we don’t like? Does the discussion of homosexuality turn your stomach? Perhaps some enlightenment would be good for you then. Just because you don’t agree doesn’t make you exempt from being informed. Ignorance of subject matter is not a valid excuse. The excuse “Well, I just don’t think it’s appropriate,” doesn’t fly well either. We’re in college. We’re here to learn. Sometimes learning involves being wrong, being offended, and having our eyes opened from the sheltered lives we have lived.

So how open are you? What about stereotypes? Do you assume all com. arts students should have a 4.0 because it’s an “easy” major? Do you think all English majors are freaks? Do you think all bio majors are a bunch of geeks and lab rats in a big rat race? What do you really know and what do you simply accept as a truth?

Stop sitting around complaining and do something. Don’t accept everything you hear as true, find out for yourself. Most importantly, listen to what people have to say. Exercise a little control over yourself and try to see their point of view; you don’t have to agree, but you don’t have to throw a fit either. Be open! If everyone listened as much as they talked perhaps we’d all be happier.
Voting for Dole in '96

by Teresa Green
of the Grizzly

How many of you have been following the campaign? And how many of you are going to vote for Clinton? According to the polls, most of you will. I am one of many who won’t. I will be voting for Dole. For those of you who cannot understand why, let me tell you how I see this campaign.

To me, one of the most important issues surrounding a political campaign is the character of all the candidates. I know many of you are sick of hearing about Clinton’s character. But I am tired of hearing people remember every negative thing Dole ever said or did but not any of the negative things Clinton has done.

For instance, there are many Clinton supporters who feel that Whitewater should have no significance in Clinton’s political campaign. Great! Their reason: it happened over twenty years ago, therefore it is insignificant. What a shame to make a president have to deal with something that happened that long ago. Well, why do we have to keep hearing Clinton talk about Dole and how he voted against Medicare in the ’60s? That was thirty years ago, but somehow that is relevant? Before I go on, I would like to say that I agree with many that Dole might not have been the best Republican candidate. Personally, I would have liked to see Colin Powell somewhere on the Republican ticket. But that is not going to happen this year. In any case, I feel that the reasons I have heard for why people are voting for Clinton do not illustrate competence and intelligence.

So you probably want to know why I feel Dole should be President. First and foremost, I do not think that he is making any empty promises. But if he is, that is nothing new. So has every other presidential candidate, including Clinton. So if both candidates are doing it, what makes Dole better than Clinton? Well, the fact that Clinton is an incumbent plays against him in this role. I don’t know why, but Dole has not once played the same commercial Clinton played. I am sure we can remember Clinton’s negative ad against Bush on “NO NEW TAXES” and how Bush didn’t keep his promise. Amazingly, Clinton did the same thing. Why is it okay for him? They both faced the same circumstances. Actually, Clinton could have kept his promise more easily because he had a democratic Congress when he first entered office. But no one cares about that.

Instead, people are noticing the color of Dole’s hair instead of focusing on the issues at hand. What do I mean by that? Well, I know the person did not mean it the way it was said, but it has been mentioned that at the second debate, Dole looked like he had colored his hair. “It looked less gray than normal,” said one person. Okay, let’s face the fact that Dole is older than Clinton. So? I can understand it was just an observation, but my question is then, why is Clinton, who is 23 years younger than Dole, more gray than Dole?

Another outrageous concern that people seem to have is that Dole is so “ancient” his health is not good. My question is then, why do people seem to forget all the health problems Clinton has had? Doesn’t anyone remember all the McDonald’s jokes for the first two years? Are you saying this has no relevance to the campaign? You’re right, it doesn’t. But if people are going to bring up questions like this about Dole, then Clinton should not be exempt just because he is President. I mentioned this health fact to one of my professor’s and I got the reaction “Well, at least Clinton made his health record public!” Yippee!!! If it is such a big concern of everyone about Dole, ASK him to make his health records public. The solution is really, if we don’t want “old” people to run for President, make a law that says no one over whatever age can run for president. We have a minimum age requirement, why not make a maximum age requirement?

The way I see it, Republicans, if Clinton continues on the path he is on, will make out no matter who gets into office because Clinton has dramatically changed into a Republican. If you are unsure of this, look up all the “wonderful” laws and actions he has passed and then find their origin. Almost every thing he has done was originally proposed by a Republican. But give him the credit, I mean, heck, doesn’t he deserve it? (no)

Overall, this campaign upsets me. People are not following the issues. It was decided long ago that Clinton was going to be re-elected and people are settling for that. More people at this school complain about how terrible welfare is and yet they don’t mind getting all the grant and loan money they want. Wake up people! If you want your money, which is part of the ENTIRE welfare budget, you have to have your taxes raised. If you don’t want your taxes raised, then you have to cut programs. And, Clinton is saying neither of these need to be done. Something is wrong there.

The purpose of this article is not to persuade any of you to vote for Dole. You need to vote for whomever you think will make this country better, and I agree that Clinton has done a fairly decent job in the last few months trying to impress the public. But I do not feel that someone who cannot be honest on non-political matters is going to make my future any better. I want to be able to retire when I am sixty-five and receive my social security benefits too. I do not want to be paying an extravagant amount of taxes to pay for things from which I will never benefit. In the upcoming election, vote for who you can honestly say wants to make a better future for ALL Americans. Remember, your vote is your voice.

I’m Voting For Dennis Miller

by Todd Brenneman
of The Grizzly

Another election has come. We have all sorts of views and opinions. Now it is time to hear the right ones. Folks, I have to admit that I’m not really impressed with the choices this year. For the Democrats we have our President (William Jefferson Clinton for those of you in Reimert). The Republican candidate is former Senator Bob Dole. And of course everyone’s favorite paranoid, H. Ross Perot, is once again running.

If I didn’t feel a civic duty to vote, I wouldn’t. I don’t really want any of these guys to be President. However, I plan on voting for Bob Dole because he is the candidate I most closely associate myself with. Personally, I would rather have Dan Quayle running. I know that many of you, Quayle brings up memories of “potato” and other comic things Quayle did as vice-president. However, Quayle exhibits the qualities that I look for in a president. First, loyalty. Quayle is very loyal to the United States, and he also was very loyal as vice-president. Second, he stands up for what he believes in. I admire that in a person. Even if I disagree with a person, I will admire that person taking a stand for what he or she believes.

I don’t really want any of these guys to be President.”

Third, he can laugh at himself. If you have seen the Comedy Central commercial with him in it, you know what I’m talking about. For those of you that haven’t, Quayle talks about how the sketches on Saturday Night Live about him were pretty funny, and at the end he jokes about how he hopes Murphy Brown isn’t doing a spot. I’m sure when you read Dan Quayle many of you thought of the infamous Murphy Brown incident. Many people ridiculed Quayle for a ten-second sound bite taken out of context. Then, months later, the Atlantic Monthly printed an article entitled “Dan Quayle was Right.” People, Quayle is not really as bad as he was portrayed.

But, Quayle isn’t running. So, I will vote for Bob Dole. Why? Well, he is loyal, he stands up for what he believes in, and he is not Bill Clinton. At least with Bob Dole, you know what you are getting. With Bill Clinton you may be getting Bob Dole or Jesse Jackson or Ronald Reagan or Bob Packwood. Seriously, this guy waffles more than the International House of Pancakes. When will we see the real Bill Clinton? Probably right after the election, we will get to meet him again. At that point he won’t have to worry about re-election, so he can do what he wants and not necessarily what the country wants.

Bill Clinton is the wrong choice for America, and he would make an even worse “lame duck.”
Frightening Films

The time has come for witches and warlocks to fly through the air. When goblins, gargoyles, and ghosts terrorize your neighborhood and the time when I can bring you some of Hollywood's greatest or worst fright films. These movies will either thrill and chill you, or just leave you numb.

Some of the most noted fright films in Hollywood became known as Ballyhoo, or the B-movies. I'm sure all of you need no explanation from me. We all remember those immortal titles—The Blob and Invaders from Mars. True classics.

However, before I thrill you with a genuine ballyhoo, let's look at a movie with a moving spirit or two.

Rick (Ray Milland) and Pamela Fitzgerald (Ruth Hussey) are brother and sister in the suspenseful The Uninvited. These two buy Winwood House and discover two ghosts, the wife and mistress of the former owner, haunting them. When Stella (Gail Russel), the daughter of the former owner, shows up the spirits of the house begin their mayhem. But which ghost is intent on malevolent deeds? The suspense and comedy in this film makes it a must see.

Now on with the true entertainment. Flying Discman From Mars. Doesn't that just send chills down your spine.

This film is one of the many serials that Republic made during the 1950s. Originally seen in episodes, half-hour segments, AMC usually shows them on Saturday morning. The plot is repetitive: Martians are intent on invading and conquering the earth and some average Joe comes along to stop them. However, it's interesting to see the fist-fights, high speed car chases, and special effects of this movie era. And they say television is violent.

What the Senior Class Officers Have Been Up To:

- gave President Strassburger and the Board of Directors a list of speakers for graduation
- discussed having a "97 Days 'Till Graduation" party
- helped out with the Chi Rho Psi Kickball Tournament
- planned the senior Halloween party at Birchwood for Halloween night
- did a "loose change drive" to raise money
- in the process of coming up with a senior class gift to be presented to the college. If there are any suggestions, please e-mail to Roressner!
Black and White with the Ursinus Logo in gold.
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These would make GREAT Christmas or Hanukkah Gifts!
See Coach Thomas in Helferrich Hall.

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Looking For A Few Good Dangerous Minds:
Education Club Re-activates

Sure—I know what you’re thinking (that is, if the subtitle of this article wasn’t turned your eyes onto another article). An Education Club? HA! As if I didn’t get my fair share of that already, this dope wants me to come and be lectured of my own volition?!

Well—you have not had your fair share. Although we are the objects of it everyday, very rarely are we given the chance to become the subjects of education, the active participants who decide the ways in which we are taught. We all have our opinions about what works and what doesn’t, but seldom do these thoughts ever reach a public forum for discussion and debate.

I have re-activated the education club in hopes of arousing student interest to attend movies, field trips, speakers, and discussion groups concerning all aspects of the broad term “education.” Not only students who wish to pursue certification are invited to attend—I encourage EVERY-ONE. Not only are we under education’s grasp now, but we will our children in the quickly-approaching years to come.

When our calendars discover us in the year 2000, our elementary and secondary schools may take on different forms and duties with which we are not now familiar. We should all have a little (if not thorough) amount of knowledge regarding the current controversies and issues the educational field is tackling.

I remain in the process of gleaning ideas from our small club of 10-12 members, and am interested in canvassing the entire student body and seeing what issues and problems it sees education confronting in the near and distant future. I plan to arrange field trips to a military school, a juvenile hall, a special-education facility, and perhaps even to Gratersford Prison to investigate their literacy program.

The next meeting of the Education Club will be held on October 30 at 6:30 p.m. in Unity House. We will be watching the controversial film Dangerous Minds, and be discussing exactly what was (and is) so controversial. Light refreshments will be served—and it will be fun. I yearn for more ACTIVE participation from an increasing number of students who will show interest in the Education Club.

If you would like to become a member, or if you have any questions, please email JOCatalfano.

- Joseph Catalfano, President

Plugging-In to the Benefits of E-mail

A new compulsive epidemic is sweeping the lives of millions, and it has already reached Ursinus. E-mail (not exactly new, but more widely recognized) is accessed before and after every meal, a reflection of its growing popularity. Dr. Bernard F. Lentz, professor of Economics and Business here at U.C. said that workers who use e-mail on the job may enhance their productivity and eventually see higher wages as a result.

Of course, Lentz is speaking of the professional communication that goes on between us, mature college students. Lentz and student researcher Christopher Conrad have concluded from statistical research that e-mail usage increases the average American worker's hourly earning by 7.4 percent. Lentz goes on to comment on a specific example of e-mail's advantage in the work environment, explaining that he co-authored a 400 page manuscript for a book published last year, and the entire manuscript moved back and forth via e-mail with his collaborator at Auburn University. E-mail is truly an asset to Dr. Regina Obole, professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, who tries to implement the use of e-mail in the courses she teaches. Obole feels it is better to submit informal writing via e-mail, because it will benefit the entire class who can then both read and respond to their peer's writing.

Although it may be a leisure activity for the majority of its use, e-mail can still be a primary source of knowledge. Typing skills are also enhanced on e-mail, especially if you're a one-finger-typer like myself, who has more spelling errors than complete sentences. So, whether you are connected via the U.C. Bio Lab or Paisley Lounge, either for informational or leisure purposes, e-mail is a beneficial communication source that is cheap, efficient and possibly profitable.
High School High—Low on Laughs

by Josph Catalfano

Recently Released From His Cage

"From the makers of The Naked Gun movies," its ad exclaims, which instantaneously sends both my mind and body to the movies for the first time in almost three months—on opening night nonetheless. I had seen only one or two previews of the movie, and all I knew was that rollicking dork and Saturday Night Live alum Jon Lovitz had replaced Michelle Pfeiffer in a spoof of the recent Dangerous Minds. I knew this and Jerry Zucker (director of The Naked Gun flicks, Airplane, and the hilarious Kentucky Fried Movie) was in the director's helm, which I thought would mean that High School High would be an endless barrage of corny, yet laugh-out-loud jokes bordering on very bad taste.

Such are the consequences of having high expectations.

I arrived at the movie complex, bought my $3.75 student ticket, and walked into the theatre only to discover a jam-packed crowd of 99% middle-school students, and 1% of the "over 16 crowd." No exaggeration. I was one of four adults at the 8:10 p.m. showing of High School High on opening night. Something was wrong. Either my taste in movies was becoming increasingly more infantile, or I was intruding on a 7th grade field trip. I had assumed the same audience who saw the serious, rated-R Dangerous Minds would come see this spoof thereof, but this sampling of the general population proved me wrong. It turns out that the Zucker Brother's toilet-humor won out in the end (it must be the generation gap, because I know of no one over the age of 30 who enjoys the kind of humor that The Naked Gun movies have to offer—although I also know many under 30 who would agree with those over 30). High School High, however, never achieves that same level of humor as the pre-mentioned movies display in such flair. Something is terribly wrong in the flick, although it has the perfect formula of the oblivious human being (Jon Lovitz ala Leslie Nielsen) stumbling into the most serious—yet made to appear inane—of situations (the violence and seemingly hopeless situation of the urban high school) while somehow having the stooge win out in the end.

High School High just doesn't display the intelligence and rapid-fire pace that have made The Naked Gun into classic fare. This movie rarely resorts to more than pulling gags on blacks with huge afros and equally huge amounts of weaponry, showing how decrepit and horrible the high school grounds look (as if this turf had suddenly landed in Apocalypse Now), having floor boards whack people in the faces, and poking fun at stereotypical minority vernacular. There are not many double-entendres, nor is there much going on in the background (if you allow your eyes to wander from the immediate scene and characters, other hilarious things are usually happening in the background of other Zucker productions). Even the subplot of a gang war is thrown in to boost the floundering plot and fill about 20 minutes of an already short 86-minute movie, which has a 20-minute ending which was absolutely humor-less and should have been re-written on its second draft. Jon Lovitz does not even appear to be the problem, although he seems to be the perfect oblivious, high-voiced, annoying dork in any movie which requires one. Like most directors and screenwriters who follow The Naked Gun vein, High School High is a hit-and-miss affair, with a count of laughs something like: 1 hugely hilarious speech by Lovitz, 4 fairly-decent chuckles, 5 mild "Oh, was that corny!" jokes, 10 middle-school appropriate laughs, and about 40 duds that just flew over the audience and disappeared.

As I recommended with Spy Hard, one definitely has to be in the proper inebriated and inane state of mind in order to find 75% of a movie like High School High to be funny and worth seeing, while an inevitable amount of not-funnies will never discover any humor. This movie would be worth viewing as a video with a few friends if the mood is right (a bad case of "I need to unwind and watch something completely stupid"—which is usually the impetus for my going to see these movies) and a keg is within a ten-foot radius—or even one of the above recommendations might be sufficient. Also, if you saw Dangerous Minds (or even The Substitute, which I reviewed a few weeks ago and to which High School High alludes many times) and thought it was over-cooked, you'll like this one. It is funny, but the laughter is not sustained throughout. Rating: 5 out of 10.

The Education Club will sponsor a showing of Dangerous Minds (followed by a discussion of issues raised in the film)

Wednesday, Oct. 30th
at 6:30PM
in the Unity House
Light Refreshments will be served!

I Love Minnie Driver

by Brian Hamrick
Another One

If only you all could know the events of my life, and the strange twists of fate that brought me to the two movies that I am reviewing this week; but, of course, that would be for a different article, I suppose, and surely not one that would be printed here.

Big Night is a movie about two Italian brothers who move to New York to open a restaurant, named Paradise, and serve the best Italian food in America. However, one of the brothers, Tony Shalhoub (Wings), the head chef, is militant about what he serves, and refuses to cater to the customers, whom he feels are stupid Americans who don’t know a thing about food. The other brother, Stanley Tucci, is just trying to keep the restaurant open, and is failing because a restaurant up the street serves American versions of Italian dishes to please the customers.

There is hope, however. The other restaurant owner, Ian Holm, sets it up that Louis, his brother, Stanley Tucci, amid all the hectic preparations, is dealing with his love for Minnie Driver. At the big night. Tucci, among all the infantile, or I was intruding on the treatment, especially by Kevin Bacon, in the home. The previews on TV are very misleading; yes, it is a movie about revenge, and yes, all those shots are in the film, but the order of events really caught me by surprise. It is two hours and forty minutes long, so if you go see it, massage your butt before you settle in.

Brad Pitt was OK, even though he was only in the movie for about forty-five minutes. Robert DeNiro was fantastic as a devout but non-traditional Catholic priest in Hell's Kitchen, the area of New York where the four boys were from. And Minnie Driver was in it. She plays the grown-up version of the only girl that was allowed to play with the four boys, the grown-up version who has dated three of them and knows them all very well, the beautiful, beautiful grown-up version. Excuse me.

The thing about this movie that I observed, at least with the people that I saw with it, is that it leaves people with a very odd feeling about life. The ending shocks a lot of people, not that it's some gory mob bloodbath or anything, it's just a very disturbing turn-out. I liked it, but I appreciated it much more. Rating - 7 out of 10.

That's about all for this week. I haven't decided what to see this week, so if anyone has any suggestions just give me a call. One more thing; the first week I reviewed the movie Antonia's Line and I called it an Italian movie. I was mistaken. It is a Dutch film. I apologize, and hope the death threats will not stop now. Sleep well.
See where Michael CHANG nets out when he makes a statement.

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"Kings Point" article Continued from Page 12.
good going into the half," Gilbert continued. "We didn't feel like
we were down at halftime."
Brown came up with another big play early in the third quarter
when he hit David Snelling with a 76-yard scoring pass. He would
add a 70-yard touchdown pass to
David Snelling to put Kings Point up 30-20 with 13:17 to play.
"We can throw the ball better than most people give us credit
for," said Pravata. "We have two wide receivers as fast as anyone in Division III."
Ursinus entered the game ranked fourth in the nation in
scoring defense, having averaged just 6.7 points per game, but
the Bears gave up more points than they have in two seasons.
The defense, however, did not get much help from the offense.
Though Orlando threw for a career-high 302 yards and three TDs, it was out of necessity.
Ursinus was held to minus-8 yards on the ground. Wide
receiver Ron Floyd led all Ursinus rushers with 11 yards.
"The last couple of weeks' teams have done a good job of slanting and taking away our
gaps," Gilbert said. "We are going to have to take a hard look at our running game."

Field Hockey Drops One To American

Host American (12-3) scored two first half goals and held on
for a 2-1 win over Ursinus (2-11) in non-conference field hockey
action Friday. The 13th ranked Eagles outshot Ursinus 12-1 in the
first half.

Bears six minutes into the second period to make the game
interesting. The Bears held an 8-3 edge in second-half shots.
The Bears also had seven penalty corners in the game, to
six for the hosts.

Nicole Gieder saved eight shots in goal for Ursinus.

Men's Soccer Defeats Dickinson 2-0

Goals by Finnegan and Traud Boost Ursinus to 3-2 in Conference Action

The Ursinus men's soccer team (1-2, 6-8-1) defeated Dickinson
College by a score of 2-0 Saturday on the strength of a penalty
kick by Matt Finnegan and a breakaway goal from Mike Traud.
Last Wednesday host Haverford scored two second-half goals and
defeated Ursinus, 2-0, in a Centennial Conference match.
On Tuesday, October 15, Traud scored an assist from Lee
Griffith: 5:50 into the first over-
time period to give Ursinus a 2-1
non-conference win over
Lebanon Valley.

Ursinus took a 1-0 lead with
40:32 to play in regulation when
Ryan Costello scored an
unassisted goal on a break away.
Lebanon Valley tied the score
9:31 later.

Ursinus outshot the guests 24-10.
Paul Norris saved nine shots in
goal for the Bears.

The Ursinus College women's soccer
team won its first Centennial
Conference match on Friday by
defeating host Bryn Mawr, 4-2.
After Bryn Mawr took a 1-0 first-half lead, Ursinus scored four
unanswered goals, including three in a five-minute span. Megan
Larkin scored two of the Bears
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game-winner, off an assist from
Larkin, with 34 minutes to play
before the intermission.

Terry Savidge put Ursinus up 4-1
when her unassisted goal found the
net with 12:15 to play.

Ursinus outshot Bryn Mawr, 19-12.
Kathleen Farrell saved seven
shots for the Bears.

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the Fords downed host Ursinus in a
Centennial Conference match.
Haverford took a 3-0 lead into the
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win, outshooting Ursinus 22-8.

Farrell, playing in her final home
game, had 18 saves for the Bears.
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Bears took a 2-0 lead, but Eastern
answered with five straight goals
to defeat the Bears, 5-2, in a non-
conference match.

Ursinus took an early lead when
Levin scored the game-winner, off an assist from
Boies just 49 seconds into the
game. Savidge put the Bears up
2-0, when she scored 6:15 into the
contest. Larkin was credited with
the assist.

The game was tied 2-2 at the
intermission, but Eastern erupted
for three second-half goals to
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KINGS POINT TRIPS UP UR SINUS
"Big Plays" Costly as Bears Suffer First Loss of the Season

The Kings Point Mariners took to the air Saturday and knocked Ursinus from the unbeaten ranks, 37-27.

Big plays spelled the difference, but for the first time in two years, it was not the Ursinus defense that made them.

Bobby Brown threw for 255 yards and three touchdowns to lead the aerial assault against the Bears, who entered the game ranked ninth in the nation in passing defense.

"I would have thought that 27 points would be enough to win this game," said Ursinus head coach Steve Gilbert. "I really don't know what happened defensively. I'll have to look at the films and get with the defensive coaches. We have always been the team to make the big plays, but Kings Point made the big plays today."

"I think our biggest problem was miscommunication," said senior linebacker Gary Rhodenbaugh. "But, I can't take anything away from Kings Point. They made the key plays."

Ursinus started out capitalizing on Kings Point turnovers. The Bears turned two fumble recoveries into touchdowns, with 20 yards to Ben Mills, and 24 yards to Ron Floyd.

But, in the closing minutes of the first half, the tide changed. Brown hit Jeremy Lowe with a 45-yard pass to the Ursinus 9-yard line. The play came on a fake reverse and Lowe did not have an Ursinus defender within 30 yards of him. But he fell after making the catch.

"I was real disappointed when he didn't score on that play," said Kings Point head coach Charlie Pravetz. "We needed something big to happen at that point."

Moments later it did. Faced with a fourth and goal at the Ursinus 2-yard line, and the clock running down, the Mariners' Corey Marker scored on a run. The extra point failed.

But, on the ensuing kickoff, Eric Lieberman was struggling to make extra yardage when a helmet popped the ball into the hands of John Paul D'Orazio. The Mariners' freshman ran 30 yards untouched into the end zone with no time left on the clock.

This time the kick was good, and Kings Point led 16-13 at the half.

"I can't fault Eric Lieberman," Gilbert said. "He is one of our best players, and has made a number of big plays for us. He was just trying to be aggressive and make another big play."

"Despite that, we actually felt...

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Letter from the Editor:

To whom it may concern. Hah! I bet you thought we were a one night stand. Well this goes to show how much you know. What will remain here, promising to push your buttons and ruffle your feathers. Also, we would like to thank The Grakel and administration for over-reacting when we distributed our first issue. However, we will not taint our flyers with your newspaper again. And as far as our anonymity goes, we didn't publish this paper in light of connecting a face with a story. What difference does that make anyway? I don't get to see the faces of the people who cook the food in the cafeteria, and you still shovel that shit down your throats. Just cud for thought.

Have a day!
The Grakel

Sub-reality by the Angel

Sitting in a graveyard, I contemplated the nature of life, the universe, and everything just like any good philosopher or Monty Python fan, I realized that there is no subconscious. I mean, (besides the occasional daydream about "live organ transplants") I cannot find evidence to convince me that I am not aware of thoughts in my mind, of which, I am not aware. Minds are made of conscious thought. (Are you using your liver right now?)

Unconscious thought is a fallacy my shrink made up so that I don't have to be responsible for my own actions. I admit, it is convenient to use "depressed", repressed issues from my childhood as a scapegoat for my insecurities. (May I have your liver?) I am well aware that I am messed up in the head; I do not need an "Id" to account for it. My shrink, on the other hand, has something going for her. She convinces her gullible patients that they want to rape their mothers and stab their fathers, then she subjects her patients to twelve months of "treatment" at $70 an hour. (You are an organ donor, aren't you?) It is a shame that people devote their careers to a pseudoscience whose fundamental principles rely on a fraudulent view of the mind.

Staff

The staff shall remain anonymous. But suggestions, retaliations, and contributions are warmly welcomed. You can respond to us by dropping off your suggestions in the suggestion box located in the Java Trunk, or E-Mail us at GнометаБ@AOL.COM. -Thank You!

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This Pony Never Made it Out of the Barn by the Playmates

The United States Postal Service delivers mail in all weather. Usually. The United States Postal Service delivers mail once a day, at a semi-regular time. Usually. The United States Postal Service delivers mail six days a week. Usually.

The Ursinus Mail Service delivers mail. Sometimes. The Ursinus Mail Service delivers mail at all times of day. (If you check your mail every hour, you might find your box full at 11:00am, 1:15pm, 8:35pm...).

One can mail letters from a United States Mail Box and if the destination is not too far from here, expect the letter to arrive at its destination the next day. Yet a letter mailed from a destination twenty minutes from Ursinus College may not arrive here for a week. The pony express is faster...except when it comes to letters. The Business Office, the Financial Aid Office... We receive Ursinus bills in a timely fashion, but telephone bills? credit card bills?

Students now have the distinct honor of paying late fees on many of their bills...So, the Ursinus Mail Service has your concert tickets, your cheques from home, your care packages, your telephone bills (yes, this means no service from that paradigm of efficient communications, STC), and your UNPAID credit cards. I hope they're having a fucking good time. Please don't forget to send my grandmother a thank you card.

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Sucky Charms by Romperfuck

Could they have just left well enough alone?

The "they" in question is General Mills (although Kellogg's has followed suit with Fruit Loops), and what they can't stop tampering with are my Lucky Charms, the best breakfast by far. Back when there were only hearts & stars, moons & diamonds, the American youth were happy campers. Then GM introduced clovers, and we were grateful. Why shouldn't green be represented in the rainbow?

Then the horseshoes, and millions of us thought, "How the hell are we supposed to chant all the charms in order now?" Do you want to be purple in the rainbow, you got it. And then the red balloons (well, always wondered why the pink hearts anyway). And the two-tone yellow pots of gold. Excuse me? I end the pink, yellow, blue rainbows. Stop the press. We don't need a fucking rainbow when all the charms together make the goddamned rainbow. Oh, but that's not all.

What about the whales? Remember that godawful time bonus charm? And what about Olympic Charms, when they tossed out all the regulars and made green torches and orange medals? Or what about when they just covered the actual cereal with marshmallow sprinkles? I liked that.) GM is probably already working on little charm representations of Bill and Hillsey for Election Day. And in all the hub-bub, we as a nation have lost track of something valuable. Next time you're pouring look closely at the box. Notice anything missing? How about the blue diamonds? A while back, they shuffled all the colors around to make way for new charms, and the moons became blue. Bye bye, diamonds.

But hey, we might as well take advantage, right? I say we try a new marketing strategy for Halloween --Unlucky Charms. For starters, we could have pink hearts (broken in half), yellow candles (for walking under), blue 13's, green umbrellas (open naturally), gray tombstones, & black cats. Or better yet, GM could fill most of the boxes with cereal and no marshmallows (talk about unlucky). Every fiftieth box could have one gigantic box-shaped gray marshmallow in it. They could carve some depictions from World War II into each side of the marshmallow to scare the children. Tastless, yes. But the marshmallows never really tasted like much of anything to begin with. Even now, I can hear little Jimmy screaming at the top of his little brat lungs: "Mommy! Mommy! I got the bomb!"
"Not Veblen's" by Pookie

An Open-minded Article

There exists a term called "being open-minded". According to our society, at least this year, it is good to "be open-minded", thus suggesting that it is bad not to be. Personally, I like to consider myself "open-minded" (although I am often called the exact opposite), but I will not hide from the fact of what "being open-minded" is. It is a load of crap. "Being open-minded" is a self-defeating effort if one is to truly be "open-minded". From what I can gather, the "open-minded" among us are those who are willing to consider all options and opinions (or at least more than the closed minded) before choosing or passing judgment. Often their choices will be the non-traditional options, but among those that are growing in popularity, especially in the media and on TV sit-coms. However, "open-mindedness" relies on personal moral values and on nothing else. An example would be me saying (upon inspiration from the Oct. 28 issue of the Grizzly) that I have nothing against homosexuality. Our society in general, as well as one writer for the Grizzly, would say that therefore I am "open-minded". Fuck all of that. Personally, I see no reason why believing there is nothing wrong with homosexuality should be a concept that only exists among those who are considered "open-minded". But what about those who believe that all homosexuals should be burned and will go to hell? I guess I'm just not "open-minded" enough to see things their way. I'm surprised some overly P.C. person hasn't denounced all the "open-minded" people as being "closed-minded" because they don't see homosexuality being wrong. If one were to truly examine all the options available for every choice and situation, they would contradict themselves an infinite number of times (but maybe contradicting oneself is "open-mindedness"). No matter how well meaning the army of the "open-minded" may be, and no matter how much I might agree with them, they often remind me of Nazis. The "open-minded" often condemn those who are different simply because of those differences. It may be done in the name of what is "good" or "right" or "open-minded", but it is done simply based on the concept that their moral values are better than others. A lot of times that fact scares me. I am dreading the day when "open-mindedness" may take a turn that I don't support and makes me a closed minded, backwards, prejudiced idiot simply for standing up for what I believe in.

One World Under Humanity

by The Pod

Apparently we are not done talking about god or God or even GOD. I would have hoped to lay this subject to rest, but I suppose that there really is no other subject that deserves just as much attention.

Lately, a lot of debate seems to be centered around the role God should or shouldn't play in our country. Yes, the creators of the constitution intended for this nation to be under one God. It's written on our money which seems a bit ironic. Anyway, the constitution was written more than two hundred years ago. The world and this nation have been exposed to new and legitimate ideologies and philosophical rationales since then. Our country has done well to recognize this fact.

Also notice that the creators of the constitution intended for our laws to be changed and manipulated as the people of the present see fit. If they had not, women and Afro-Americans would not have the power to vote today. We are not obligated to the beliefs or the laws set by the framers of the constitution. We have a responsibility to ourselves and to do what we believe is the healthiest for ourselves.

Besides this, what has God done for the world? If things are actually as bad as some people claim, then God has not been doing his job. I was under the impression that he is an omnipotent being. I thought he was supposed to care and he obviously has nothing because he has given me nothing. I am responsible for my actions and my own actions. That means that I will be held accountable for my actions by myself and society. I will forgive myself if need be. I have no responsibility to a higher being. I have a responsibility to myself and my fellow humans. If I had put my faith in God, I would have never made it this far. I put my faith and belief in myself.

Of course, this is only my own personal view, but I no longer believe that the politics of this country can be dictated as they have in the past by outdated concepts like "God". I am not saying that the foundation upon which this country was built should be thrown out the door, but it is important to recognize that this country was also based on the freedom to change. We have an obligation just as much to the past as to the future.

News of the Weird

by The Grakel

In April, a devoutly Christian abstinence counselor and high school senior, Danyale Anderson, 18, of Redmond, Ore., gave birth to the baby of a former, short-term boyfriend. She said she felt guilty about it but still believes in abstinence.

In Tampa, Fla., in April, Antonio Valiente Valdez Jr., on his way to court to answer a traffic citation for driving without his prescription glasses, accidentally hit a car that had already crashed on the side of the road. According to police, he wasn't wearing his glasses then, either.

In July, according to a fire department official in Pullman, Wash., the cause of a fire in a parked truck was the magnification of the sun, through a plastic prism hanging from the truck's ceiling, onto a stack of papers. The truck's owner said the prism was a gift from his insurance company. And residents of Santa Rosa, Texas, were temporarily in jeopardy in June when a fire broke out in the town's only fire truck, disabling it.

On Junior Lake in July, Phil Cram, police chief of Medway, Maine, lost part of his hand when an explosive tube he was using illegally to stun fish blew up prematurely.

Advice "Dear Naomi"

Dear Naomi,

I've finally found the man of my dreams. He's so nice, and thoughtful. I mean, he's just dying to make me happy. Well, that's the problem really; he's dead. Actually, he's undead. He prefers the term "living impaired." His condition doesn't really affect our relationship at all. I just try to ignore his late nights with his friends out in the cemetery. The real problem is from close-minded people. They look at us funny and whisper things behind our back, like "look at that girl and the zombie, why doesn't he go out with some dead chick?" Some of my friends are even starting to make comments about him. I don't know what to do. What do you suggest?

Sincerely,

"Dead" Head Dana

Dear Dead,

That's a really touching story (sniff). Its wonderful that you can overlook his lack of vital signs. It just goes to show that love knows no bounds. Anyway, about those inconsiderate fools, don't let them bother you. They're probably just jealous of your deceased darling. Don't give up on your true love!

Naomi

(If you have any problems you'd like to discuss, send letters to "The Gnome" C/O Naomi.)