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China Mourns the Loss of a Leader

by Marshall Clarke

China's government has ordered a nationwide increase in security to prevent demonstrations at the funeral of Deng Xiaoping. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) went on maximum alert on Thursday, February 20, as China began to mourn the death of their leader Deng Xiaoping.

The death of Deng Xiaoping was a nationwide event that touched all communities in China. People in Yokohama's Chinatown, the largest community in Japan, knew of his death. Teachers of the Yokohama Yamate Chinese School, attended by children of Chinese merchants, discussed the death and achievements of Deng Xiaoping. Jin Myung, an 11-year-old student, said she learned about Deng's death from the TV morning news.

"My parents were worried about what would happen to China in the future," she said. "I feel sad, too."

The Association Chairman Ryuo expressed his condolences at a press conference. "Mr. Deng [endured] the most tumultuous life as a Chinese leader," Ryuo said. "His accomplishments in driving China into the right direction will never be forgotten. I cannot forget how he enthusiastically talked about transforming China into a modernized nation," he said.

A leader of the Taiwanese Chinese community in Yokohama expressed hope that Beijing's policies would remain intact. "No matter who assumes power in Mainland China, I hope Mr. Deng's policies will be maintained," said Jin Jiwei, secretary general at the Chinese Assembly Hall.

Japanese officials expressed their condolences to China over the death of their leader. On the day of his death, they praised him for his leadership and economic modernization policies. Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto praised Deng's achievements in promoting bilateral relationships. "I feel a deep sadness as I learn of the death of his excellence Deng Xiaoping," Hashimoto said in a formal statement.

"Deng Xiaoping not only strongly promoted modernization policies of reform and open-door policies in China, but also made great achievements in promoting friendly and cooperative relations between Japan and China. I will make further efforts to promote everlasting and stable relations incorporation with Chinese leaders," Hashimoto said, pointing out that good relations between the two countries are increasingly important for the stability of the Asia-Pacific region and the entire world.

Tae Johwi, 34, works for Ryugakusen, a Chinese-language newspaper targeted at continued as "Deng" on page 2.

In the News...

by Teresa Green

INTERNATIONAL

Deng Xiaoping, the late ruler of China, was laid to rest on Monday of last week. Tens of thousands of people lined Beijing's Avenue of Eternal Peace, where the motorcade carrying Mr. Deng's body drove on its way to a crematory. Later on, a memorial service was held which proved to be very emotional.

Peruvian President Alberto K. Fujimori publicly criticized Peru's national police and intelligence service for failing to act on information that Tupac Amaru rebels were transporting and receiving weapons for an attack similar to their hostage-taking raid of last December. Both agencies are now under investigation.

Russia's nuclear weapons establishment has admitted that it purchased an IBM supercomputer through a "middleman" despite an American ban on such exports. The Russians refused to identify the seller but said they were eager to buy more machines like the one they had already purchased.

NATIONAL

Congressional officials reported that the Clinton Administration allowed over 180,000 immigrants to become American citizens without first checking to see if they had criminal records. Another 71,557 immigrants, whose applications and criminal records were checked, became citizens despite the fact that they all had arrest records.

A Pentagon inquiry into whether or not Gulf War Veterans may have been exposed to any chemicals while they were overseas has determined that the Army did receive memos about this possibility. According to records, the CIA sent the Army detailed warnings more than five years ago that said American troops may have been exposed to nerve gas after the destruction of Persian Gulf ammunition bases. However, due to errors made by the Army, the information was not confirmed at the time.

With the successful cloning of a sheep in Scotland, many people are discussing both the positive and negative consequences that this procedure will create. Ethicists and scientists are debating whether or not the cloning of humans, a not so distant possibility, is "morally correct" or even necessary. Researchers are quick to point out that the cloning of any living thing, especially humans, will make genetic engineering easier and more productive.

(Information taken from The New York Times)
Nothing to Do? Try This...

by Teresa Green
Copy Editor

Monday, March 3
Aggressive Behavior Awareness Week
National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week
7:15 a.m. Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
12:00 p.m. Job Club in Unity House
4:30 Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
5:00 Japanese Table in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room
7:30 Education Club in WPL

Tuesday, March 4
12:00 p.m. French Table in Faculty/Staff Dining Room
4:30 Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
6:00 CAB in WLL
7:30 Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
9:30 Ursinus Christian Fellowship in WPL

Wednesday, March 5
Wrestling at NCAA Championship at Ohio Northern
7:15 a.m. Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
9:30 All Campus Bagel/Donut Hour in WPL
12:30 p.m. Lecture: Dr. Robert Dawley & 21 Ursinus Students on “Costa Rica—The Ursinus Field Experience” in Olin Auditorium
4:30 Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
5:00 Movie: “The Fan” in WLL
5:15 Spanish Table in Faculty/Staff Dining Room
6:00 SUN in WPL
7:00 French Film Festival: “Van Gogh” in Olin Auditorium
7:00 Gospel Choir in WLL
9:30 Ursinus Christian Fellowship in WPL
10:00 Literary Society in Zwingli Java Trench

Thursday, March 6
Wrestling at NCAA Championship at Ohio Northern
11:30 a.m. Study Abroad: Spain in Winner Lobby A
12:00 p.m. Ursinus Christian Fellowship in WPL
4:30 Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
7:00 Gospel Choir in WPL
7:30 Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
9:30 Ursinus Christian Fellowship in Olin 104

Friday, March 7
PAYDAY :) 
7:15 a.m. Wrestling at NCAA Championship at Ohio Northern
7:15 a.m. Softball at Methodist Invitational
12:00 p.m. German Table in Faculty/Staff Dining Room
5:30 SPRING BREAK BEGINS !!!!

Saturday, March 8
SPRING BREAK 
Wrestling at NCAA Championship at Ohio Northern
Softball at Methodist Invitational
Men’s Tennis at “Match Up” in Orange Lake, FL.

Sunday, March 9
SPRING BREAK 
Men’s Tennis at “Match Up” in Orange Lake, FL.

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Chinese students in Japan, said he is worried that the leader’s sudden death might cause confusion within the Chinese leadership. “I saw the news on TV in the morning and called my home in Beijing, but my family was asleep and had not been in formed of it,” Tae said. “It does make me a bit sad, but there is also a chance that China will be in turmoil.”

Tae pointed to the timing of Deng’s death, which followed the Chinese New Year. “I assume the authorities tried to extend his life at least until the Chinese New Year was over,” Tae said.

The death of the prominent leader of China was a moment in the lives of many that shall not be forgotten. China has declared six days of mourning for their late leader. Flags were lowered to half-mast for one day starting mid-day on Thursday.

Attention Juniors: Help Your Class By Giving To Two Fellow Students

The Class of 1998 will be making a contribution of 200 dollars to help Senior Brett Gwatney and Freshman James Fielder with medical expenses in their time of need.

The officers of the Class of 1998 wish to encourage fellow Juniors to contribute to our efforts by donating any sum of money. Juniors interested in contributing to this worthwhile cause should give their donation to a Junior Class officer in the upcoming weeks.

Thanks!

H. Lloyd Jones 
Distinguished Teaching Award—Call for nominations from students

The H. Lloyd Jones Distinguished Teaching Award is an award granted in alternating years with the Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award. It goes to an outstanding full-time teacher on the Ursinus faculty as part of the Commencement ceremonies in May. ALL students are invited to nominate a faculty member for the award and, indeed, faculty must be nominated by students in order to be considered for the award. Nomination forms are available in the Dean’s Office and the Registrar’s Office and must be submitted to Dean Levy by Monday, March 31, 1997.

Guidelines for Spring Break Residence Hall Closing
1. All residence halls will be closed and locked on Friday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m. Students who are unable to arrange to leave campus by then will be permitted to wait with their belongings in WLL, which will remain open until 8:00 p.m.
2. Residence halls will reopen Sunday, March 16 at 12 noon. During the recess period, halls will not be open for procurement of personal belongings.
3. The Dining Hall will be closed after lunch on Friday, March 7. It will reopen Monday, March 17 for breakfast.
4. Zacks will close at 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 7. It will reopen Sunday, March 16 at 5 p.m.
5. The college is not responsible for personal possessions. Items of value should be taken home. See Student Handbook for details.
6. To maintain security, students are required to:
   A. Close and Lock windows, shades drawn.
   B. Turn lights out, lock door.
   C. Unplug everything except refrigerators, door open.
   D. Empty, clean, and unplug refrigerator.
   E. Sweep and clean floors.

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The Liberal Arts Education
Part I: Multiculturalism and Diversity
by Todd Brenneman
of The Grizzly

Let me be liberal for a second. No, I'm not talking about being a big-government-loving, if-it-feels-good-do-it, run-of-the-mill liberal. I'm talking about liberal arts, specifically liberal arts education. I would like to examine different things I have noticed about Ursinus in my four years here. This first week is about multiculturalism and diversity. Multiculturalism and diversity have to be re-examined in the optic of not only the community at Ursinus but also for the American society in general. How important is it that we understand each and every background of all the nationalities that make up our great nation. We used to be a melting pot; so might. Now I know that the pink neon sign that says "racism" just went off in a lot of heads, but I am not a racist. I believe that no individual or group should be discriminated because they have more or less pigment in their skin than I do or that their eyes are closer or farther apart than mine are. I also believe that no individual or group should use their ethnicity as an excuse or a catch. That being said, if I don't care that Martians attending this school used to sacrifice to the asteroid god before they were taken over by the Venusians, then I don't need to go to some seminar or class about ancient Martian culture (I used Martians and Venusians so as not to offend one specific group). We have gone so far with this that I think that we have lost sight of the larger issue. Am I so naive that I deny that racism does not exist? Certainly not. Racism is very prevalent in our nation. However that racism is not a one way street. There is not only one group being racist. All ethnic groups have their racists. Maybe the time has come to leave the dialogue on "blackness" or "redness" or "whiteness," and start the dialogue on "blindness." A few weeks ago, I wrote an article on Ebonics. I still stick by my opinion on that issue. Many of you thought me racist on this issue, but I was anything but. If we want to compete in the global market, we have to have educated people. That education includes a handle on the English language. If you are concerned about the language skills of unfortunate children, don't dumb down the English language. Volunteer for a literacy program. As Rachel Jones, a black national correspondent for Knight-Ridder newspaper and president of the Journalism and Women Symposium, said in Newsweek (February 10, 1997 pp. 12-13), "My mastery of standard English gave me a power that no one can take away from me, and it is important for any group of people hoping to succeed in America." But as Dennis Miller says, "That's just my opinion, I could be wrong."
It's All Greek to Me

by Joe Catalano
Copy Editor

I have a certain advantage when writing this “observation” for this week’s Grizzly. As copy editor, I proof-read most of the articles for grammatical and spelling errors. This week, however, I “proof-read” a contradiction in thought appearing in two opinion articles, which leads me to ruminate on (what else?) Greeks.

As I observed pledges the past few weeks covered in mud and shaving cream, screaming in military-line formation at midnight, coming to class in comas, silence when I approach them for charity? True, there are a handful of sororities who are committed to this kind of service, and should be applauded. But Greeks are required to do charitable service, or they will not be recognized.

And speaking with many Greeks, I find most members complain and attempt to avoid this community service, which is often considered a mere inconvenience. Please correct me if I am wrong. I admit, Greeks have two strikes against them in my book, but rarely am I given any reason to throw a ball.

I appreciate Mr. Walsh’s article, which attempts to explain pledging for those skeptics, such as myself, who are still trying to form an opinion. I find it difficult, however, to find justification for the smell of the sweat hog sitting next to me covered in mud and a ripped T-shirt with falling off Greek letters who appears to be comatose. As for Mr. Leahy’s article, being a part of a fraternity or sorority is something you do not understand and will never understand, so don’t bother trying.

I often think to myself, “I remember playing in mud and chanting... when I was six years old.”

Greek Life: Don’t Knock It Till You’ve Finished it

To the Editor:

As I look back on my four years at Ursinus I have few regrets. I’ve made a lot of great friends and tried to keep my enemies to a minimum. Now, in my senior year, the time has once again come for a group of us to join the ranks of Greek life here at Ursinus. Unfortunately, my fraternity is unable to pledge this year but I won’t use this article to vent any frustrations I have about administration. Instead, I will focus my attention on the pleasant article written two weeks ago by Mr. Podgorski, a.k.a. The Bitter Pledge.

In my years here at Ursinus I have tried to read the Grizzly every week. I enjoy a great deal of the material, but the biased article printed in the newspaper two weeks ago by Mr. Podgorski really effected me. I have always found “anti-Greek” articles very interesting. I usually respect the author’s opinion and go on to the next article, but in the case of Mr. Podgorski’s tirade on pledging I was unable to do so. I have never read an article that so ruthlessly attacks Greek life as a whole, and for what reason? Because you don’t agree with the methods of pledging? I have no problem with your lack of understanding of how certain pledging activities can build friendships and brotherhood/sisterhood, but do not degrade these activities because there are people who do see the meaning in them. (It’s no coincidence that these are also the people who participate in drinking and don’t drop.)

I would not give up my pledging experience for anything. I have gained friends that I will have for the rest of my life. I have learned to overcome adversity, and I have joined something whose whole is greater than the sum of its parts. I pledged exactly three years ago, and to this day there is nothing I would not do for the other nine men who stood in line with me. I know that I am not the only Greek member who feels this way, ask someone in APES, Z, Omega Chi, or Tau Sig and they will tell you the same thing. Everyone’s pledging is different, yet at the same time it’s the same. I’m sorry that you did not enjoy “standing on your head, listening to country music, eating onions, and repeating names given to pieces of wood.” But guess what? You weren’t supposed to; it is not meant for your enjoyment. These activities serve one purpose—to weed out the weak at heart and allow the cream to rise to the top. I would personally like to thank the pledgers who needed you out because you didn’t deserve to wear their letters. I would also like to ask them why they let you back into pledging after you had quit, but I think I already know the answer. They were hoping that maybe the second time through you would grasp the meaning of pledging, but it’s obvious there was no hope for you.

Let me also touch on your definition of a “real” man. You claim it is someone who “[takes] responsibility for himself, who [works] hard at whatever he does, who [helps] the people whom he [can], and who always [tries] to do the right thing”. That seems like a fairly accurate definition but allow me to add some qualifications. A “real” man in my eyes is someone who finishes what he starts, is honest when his friend falls and is secure in the knowledge that the same friend will be there when it’s the other’s turn to fail. A “real” man does not whine when he “eats until he throws up,” he sees the overall theory of breaking down and building back up. These are all things that I took from pledging and applied to my life. You might have gotten these same things out of pledging if you had lasted more than four or five days.

Being part of a fraternity or sorority is something you do not understand and will never understand, so don’t bother trying. Don’t get me wrong, I don’t despise or hate anyone who is not a Greek organization. On the contrary, I have many independent friends, none of whom I would ever think of looking down on because they do not wear letters. What I do despise is unhappy people who use this time of the year to vent their unhappy thoughts about Greek life at Ursinus. When was the last time you donated Zack power to Chi Rho Psi? Or auctioned yourself off for a senior with cancer and a freshman lying paralyzed? I didn’t see Mike Podgorski’s name on the Wismer flyer, but oddly enough I did see the names of two or three representatives from every Greek organization on campus. So Mike, please get off your high chair and join the rest of the Ursinus community who do their best to be friendly, and next time you want to trash something, try not going through with it...to the end! Then I might respect your opinions. Finally, isn’t it interesting how many “anti-Greek” articles there are and how few “anti-independent” articles are written.

Sincerely,

Sean Leahy
Finding Fun with the German Club

by Jen Mintzer
of The Grizzly

"Am I Madonna?"
"Am I over sixty years old?"
"Am I attractive?"
"Are you sure I'm not Madonna?"

These were only a few of the questions that were asked last Thursday night when the German Club met in Musser.

Although it sounds as if this group might be in need of psychiatric help, in actuality these questions were part of a game where everyone had to guess what "mystery person" he or she was. Only yes or no questions could be asked and, of course, these questions were asked in German (with a bit of English mixed in whenever someone got stuck).

In between questions everyone sipped hot chocolate and ate cookies while discussing different topics—such as why more students of German did not attend these gatherings.

Being in attendance that night, I speculated that a lot of people might be intimidated, thinking that their German is not as good as it should be. Or perhaps some think of a "German Club" as being like another class, where attendance is a chore and the events are boring.

In an attempt to dispel these notions, I can only stress that German is so great, just come to one meeting and let me know.

Sigma Chi Delta Recognized

Nine members of Sigma Chi Delta helped Variety Club—The Children's Charity "to raise thousands of dollars for the handicapped children throughout the Delaware Valley." Development Coordinator Andrew Pack wrote "Everyone at Variety club is extremely grateful to the students of Sigma Chi Delta for all their hard work."

FEATURES

Shine On, You Crazy Fargo

by Brian Hamrick

Procrastinator

Is being gifted a wonderful thing? Is being a prodigy at age eight a fantastic blessing? Is receiving a scholarship to the most music school in London, thousands of miles away, an unbelievable opportunity? Is having a father with a strong sense of family a comforting thing? Though each of these questions may be answered yes separately, when they are put together, as in the life of David Helfgott, they can cause disaster.

Shine is a film about the life of David Helfgott—his childhood in Australia, his schooling in London, and his return to his home. When he is young he is taught piano by his father. His father is very domineering, and will not let anything break up the family structure. That is fine with David until he wants to go study at the Royal College of Music in London. There is a huge fight, and David leaves home. This is a major point in the movie, for then the audience realizes the level of David's handicap. Ahhh, did I surprise you? Yes, David is emotionally handicapped, and when he leaves home he has no one to support him. The only thing which comes close is the piano.

While at school, he is studying for a major competition, a competition for the right to play for the Queen, and he decides to play the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto, Op. 3 (referred to as the Rach 3), one of the hardest pieces of piano music ever written. This teacher allows him to play it, but he teaches David, despite his handicap, to play it with a driving passion. When he performs it, though, the passion consumes him and he has a total emotional breakdown. The rest of the movie is about his life as it is now, fifteen or so years after the competition, and his return to piano.

David Helfgott was beautifully and convincingly acted by Geoffrey Rush. The nature of David's illness made him act semi-autistically, with Helfgott literally living in his own world, and Rush pulled off the difficult speech patterns, the ticks, everything. The shots of David's hands, both when he was younger and when he was older, playing the piano are amazing. The father was incredible, giving the sense of love and protection for his family on one hand, and unyielding dominance on the other. John Guilgood played David's teacher in London, and, as he is in everything, he was fantastic.

And that's the movie; beautifully shot, stunningly acted, and crisp and clear sounding. It was nominated for seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Actor. From everything else that I have seen so far, it deserves both.

Rating 9+ out of 10

Is having your hormones dangerously unbalanced a calming thing? Is being a kidnapper interested in money and wheres a way to find happiness in life? Is being an incompetent idiot (yes, even a competent one) any way to achieve respect? While each of these questions may be answered no separately, when they are answered yes and put together you get, well, a mess.

In many ways this is how Fargo comes across to the audience, just one incredibly big mess. The basic story concerns a car dealer who owes his father-in-law money, and arranges for his wife to be kidnapped. With the ransom money, to be paid by the father-in-law, he will be able to open his own dealership and get out from under the shadow of his wife's father. The kidnappers grab the wife, kill a lot of people, and hole up in a cabin and wait for the money. A sheriff from a neighboring town investigates all these dead people and traces the car back to the car dealer. The knot-plot is trying to be loosened, but it only gets pulled tighter.

OK, now let's leave reality. The sheriff is pregnant, with a husband who is desperately trying to get a stamp made from his duck painting. The kidnappers are both just royal assholes with very little grip on reality. They have prostitutes and trying to act suave. The father-in-law is a domineering outdoorsman type—you know, a manly man who can spit and piss in the woods.

Finally, the orchestrator of this entire scenario is so stupid that he gives the kidnappers a car off of his own lot with which to kidnap his wife.

This movie was directed by the Cohen brothers, Ethan and Jeff. You may remember these wackos from The Hudsucker Proxy, another movie which they directed starring Tim Robbins. I was not going to do a review of it, but it was nominated for an Academy Award (the special prediction issue is coming, I promise), and Jared asked me to.

It starred Francis McDormand as the sheriff, and Steve Buscemi as one of the kidnappers. I thought it was really entertaining and well written. My friend Jeff hated it. See for yourself.

Rating 7 out of 10

Movie Quote of the Week

From two weeks ago, the movie quote winner was senior John Kerrigan, who correctly guessed, "Excuse me, we're looking for sex," was from National Lampoon's European Vacation. (From what we hear, don't see the new Vega Vacation until video.)

This week's quote:

"Do you know what I like about high school girls? I get older and they stay the same age."

Respond quickly, because the answers have been coming in quickly...

Email JOCatalfano or BRHamrick ASAP!
**Mad Lib-Erations and Libations**

by Trish Daley and Erin Gambeski
of The Grizzly

Mad Lib: A rainy-day entertainment for Generation X youth that provided a forum for all the curses you learned in sixth grade. The basic principle involves changing the nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc. in a story to create a new, zany version.

Spring has sprung out of the clutches of winter, and we (Erin and Trish) have dissolved our rover’s block (a relation of writer’s block). The pledges of 1997 and their newly gained siblings (who are still exploring their Greek heritage as it does not go unnoticed that sisters and brothers of the local ancient civilization put almost as much time into pledging activities as pledges do) are free to join our distinguished Ursinian society, once again. It seems with all of this liberation there should be a celebration! Watch out Ursinus, the librations are going to flow at the next shine, the next Shiner!!

shine: an Ursinian localism meaning festive party, used by the early fraternities and sororities if- it were in existence between 1906 and 1911.

When writing for the Grizzly, one may feel that she is making a difference, creating change. This may be so, but in some cases, it seems like the same old run-around: opinionated articles (Mr. Podgorski) on pledging. This debate has been going on at Ursinus for over a hundred years!

In 1896, a debate “resolved that Ursinus College [was] justified in her opposition to fraternities [and sororities].” Even so, students did not hesitate to pull pranks and in 1902 some natty students put a cow in the Bomberger chapel and relocated anouthouse to the roof of Schreiner. The class rivalries that existed before Greeks included hazing activities and pranks which were as pointless then as some pledging activities are now. Back then the “Sox” had strict rules for the “Fresbies,” and any freshman who believed themselves to be empowered may have their class colors stolen or be thrown into a cold shower. The freshman class president was kidnapped before the class dance and all the “refreshments” for the night were stolen. The sorority of Phi Alpha Psi and the Alpha Omega fraternity formed when the attitude towards fraternities and sororities shifted in 1906. Heated friction must have ignited some sort of flaming fears in the administration (perhaps it had something to do with eating goldfish and imbuing restricted libations: Natty Light? OK! Sorry Mr. McKenna, Natty ICE!) and social organizations were again banned. Students had to satisfy their masochistic yearnings by pulling more pranks and in 1913, much to the distress of the long-abused librarian, they rearranged all of the books in the library, three times.

In 1921, The Ruby documented the knowledge of student organizations operating underground. “These are not secret organizations, but outsiders know little concerning [them].” It was around this time that the oft-uttered words, “If I told you, I would have to kill you,” were inducted into Ursinian vocabulary. “Pieces of wood” became more prominent as groups began to divide themselves by the Greek letters taken from those ancient who beat people with paddles and lined them up in the Parthenon. Demas, who called themselves “Derr Ever Mighty and Strong” was the first followed by APEs, Beta Sig, and Sig Rho. Sororities were also formed, with a bizarre emphasis on purity, and Sig Nu and Tau Sig were born. Phi Psi was reinstated in 1931, but doesn’t go by the Greek alphabet presently — hi PALS! By 1931, these organizations began to emerge from their closets allowed them to remain as “societies for mutual improvement.” And they have, especially if that improvement includes mastering the technique of cheating on community service hours, all resulting in what we have today: GDIs: an acronym meaning God D**n Independents.

The “Mad” Version:

Spring has smoked (Steve Lieberman, Sr.) out of the clutches of winter, and we (Erin and Trish) have dissolved our doobies (Erik Ferragut, Sr.) (a relation of writer’s women (Chris Orlando, Sr.).

The pledges of 1997 and their newly gained chinchillas (Dan Rowan, Sr.) (who are still expected rating (Cristen Vett, Jr. their dzilrocks (Ian Jordon, Jr.) heritage, as it does not go unnoticed that hormones (Matt Cowper, Sr.) and sheep (Tom Haws & Phil Caiazzo, Jrs.) of the local nice-uts (Bob Clemens, Jr) civilization put almost as much time into pledging activities as pledges do) are free to join our distinguished Ursinian society, once again. It seems with all of this sanctimony (Kevin McGovern, Jr) there should be a celebration! Watch out Ursinus, the Jack and Water with a twist of lime (George Zeppo, Sr.) is going to vibrate (Brett Gwaltney, Sr.) at the next shine, the next Shiner!!

shine: an Ursinian localism meaning festive party, used by the early fraternities and sororities that were in existence between 1906 and 1911.

When writing for the Grizzly, one may feel that she is making a mistake (Michelle Kleppinger, Sr.) creating change. This may be so, but in some cases, it seems like the same old run-around: ugly (Steph Smith, Sr.) articles (Miss Piggy (Sarah Beatty & Catherine Murray, Frs)) on global warming (Jason Kline, Sr.)

This debate has been going on at Ursinus for over an afternoon (Kyle Dean, Sr.)! In 1896, a debate “resolved that Ursinus College [was] justified in her opposition to fraternities [and sororities].” Even so, students did not hesitate to pull pranks and in 1902 some natty students put a cow in the Bomberger chapel and relocated an outhouse to the roof of Schreiner. The class rivalries that existed before Greeks included hazing activities and pranks which were as pointless then as some pledging activities are now. Back then the “Sox” had strict rules for the “Fresbies,” and any freshman who believed themselves to be empowered may have their class colors stolen or be thrown into a cold shower. The freshman class president was kidnapped before the class dance and all the “refreshments” for the night were stolen. The sorority of Phi Alpha Psi and the Alpha Omega fraternity formed when the attitude towards fraternities and sororities shifted in 1906. Heated friction must have ignited some sort of flaming fears in the administration (perhaps it had something to do with eating goldfish and imbuing restricted libations: Natty Light? OK! Sorry Mr. McKenna, Natty ICE!) and social organizations were again banned. Students had to satisfy their masochistic yearnings by pulling more pranks and in 1913, much to the distress of the long-abused librarian, they rearranged all of the books in the library, three times.

In 1921, The Ruby documented the knowledge of student organizations operating underground. “These are not secret organizations, but outsiders know little concerning [them].” It was around this time that the oft-uttered words, “If I told you, I would have to kill you,” were inducted into Ursinian vocabulary. “Pieces of wood” became more prominent as groups began to divide themselves by the Greek letters taken from those ancient who beat people with paddles and lined them up in the Parthenon. Demas, who called themselves “Derr Ever Mighty and Strong” was the first followed by APEs, Beta Sig, and Sig Rho. Sororities were also formed, with a bizarre emphasis on purity, and Sig Nu and Tau Sig were born. Phi Psi was reinstated in 1931, but doesn’t go by the Greek alphabet presently — hi PALS! By 1931, these organizations began to emerge from their closets allowed them to remain as “societies for mutual improvement.” And they have, especially if that improvement includes mastering the technique of cheating on community service hours, all resulting in what we have today: GDIs: an acronym meaning God D**n Independents.

**FEATURES**

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**Majors Fair '97 Planned**

On Wednesday March 19, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm, Majors Fair '97 will be held in Wissner Lower Lounge. This event, sponsored by both the Sophomore Week Committee and Career Services, will host representatives from every academic discipline offered at Ursinus. Students will have the opportunity to speak to professors and/or upperclassmen who are nearing completion of their majors about course content and program requirements.

While this event should appeal to freshman who have yet to decide on a major, sophomores and juniors who are interested in acquiring a second major or a minor are encouraged to attend. Ursinus offers majors in nineteen areas, including the revised Communication Studies and Theatre program and the newly added major in East Asian Studies. Those who can’t decide between Chemistry and Physics will be amazed and entertained by the enthusiasm of professors who have been known to demonstrate lab experiments at their table. All of the humanities, physical sciences, and social sciences will be providing information on the educational opportunities awaiting all students.

This is the Second Annual Majors Fair and students who attended last year’s felt that it was very helpful. Sophomore Kelly Donohue remarked, "I kind of knew that I wanted to be an ESS major, but last year’s Majors Fair really helped me decide." In addition, staff from the Career Services Office will be available for advice on assessing personal strengths and interests when choosing a major. So after Spring Break come to the Majors Fair and learn about all the opportunities at Ursinus before you find yourself a second semester senior wishing you had taken that class in English or Music Neuroscience.
An Education in British Education

As an American student, I was forced to make some major adjustments due to the different class atmosphere. Classes meet only once a week for three hours each. Free time is thus allotted for personal studying. Also, tutors do not hand out explicit information on the course for the most part. I have received only one syllabus and most of my tutors simply throw out titles and authors of texts which they feel may be important reading material throughout the lecture. Assessment of students is less frequent in the British system as well. Tutors assume that their students are doing independent research and therefore only require an essay or perhaps an exam at the end of the semester. Students therefore have only one chance to show their tutor what they have learned.

Lastly, as a student accustomed to a liberal arts regimen, I’ve found myself at a bit of a loss compared to my British classmates. In England, students choose their specialty of study in high school, and therefore have a vast knowledge of their interest before even entering a university classroom. However, where the British students can rattle off dates in history or a certain literary definition, I am able to connect important aspects of the module to other areas such as psychology, sociology, or politics. It is far too early in the semester for me to judge which system of education is better. The fact that higher education is free for my British students is definitely an advantage. At the same time, however, if the student does not have self motivation, he/she is likely to waste educational opportunities. For me, the freedom offered by the lack of rigid requirements has allowed me to choose what aspects of the module interest me most and are therefore interesting to study. It truly depends on the individual student within this system of education. The British system certainly may not appeal to everyone. If you know in advance that the pubs will entice you more than the library, then stay in the U.S. where you are forced to hand in work on a regular basis! If you are thinking about studying abroad for a semester, research the types of educational systems offered in different countries. Don’t get yourself in over your head because if your classes weigh you down, you won’t be able to enjoy all the other benefits that studying abroad can offer!

Living Life to the Fullest with Auntie Mame

"Life is a banquet, and most poor suckers are starving to death." This is the phrase Rosalind Russell made famous during her long running Broadway performance in Auntie Mame. When Hollywood decided to make it into a movie, who else but Rosalind Russell, with her panache and flare, could play the role? Rosalind Russell’s life mirrored her character in Auntie Mame. She was, to say the least, an eccentric, captivating woman. During her lifetime, she spent time studying law, music, art, and metaphysics. Her comic timing and quick wit made her famous in His Girl Friday, costarring Cary Grant. In Auntie Mame, the middle-aged Russell proves to her audience that she still has what it takes. Taken from the real memoirs of Patrick Dennis, the story begins with a 12 year-old Patrick arriving at his aunt’s New York penthouse. Being an eccentric and flamboyant woman, Mame exposes her "little love" to extravagant and bizarre characters in the Roaring 20’s. She even goes as far as enrolling him into an avant-garde secondary school, where everyone is au naturel. Throughout the film, Mame’s ultimate goal is to keep the stuffed shirt Mr. Babcock, who is the executor of Patrick’s estate, from turning Patrick into a bigoted, narrow-minded carbon-copy of his late father. The movie is a gem. It is a fun and amusing film to watch, especially with its menagerie of character players. You’ll just love Mame’s secretary, Agnes Gooch, played by Peggy Cass, who took Mame’s advice to “live, live, live” and ends up with more than she bargained. The wonderful thing about this film is the way the plot takes controversial subjects, and twists them into hilarious and satirical scenes, such as anti-semitism and unwed motherhood. By the way, this movie IS in glorious Technicolor.

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What’s Up In Wellness

Time Management

by Cristin Veit

of The Grizzly

Some people need time to adjust when they come to college. After all, there is a great deal more free time available than in high school. In high school, the weekday was structured by classes all day, followed by afterschool activities. However, in college, one may have classes in the morning, free time, athletics in the afternoon, and then class or meetings at night. So, where does schoolwork enter into this? How do students fit everything into a day? A good way to stay current with work and one’s social life is to manage time effectively. Here are some tips to follow in order to improve time management skills:

- Use a weekly planner which divides the days hour by hour. Do not study continually for long periods of time. Effective studying is usually accomplished in 20-minute intervals with a 1 to 2 minute break in between. This small break could be a walk around the library, a couple deep breaths, a drink of water, or simply stretching. However, the break should not be too long; its purpose is to ease the mind for a minute or two.

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Hopefully these simple organizational and study skills will help you become a more effective student and less of a procrastinator. Some people simply do these things without thinking about it. I remember, these skills can be used by anyone, and SUCCESS IN COLLEGE = GOOD TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS!!!
GILBERT HEADS FOR DIVISION I-AA

Named Head Coach at Jacksonville University

by Teresa Green
Copy Editor
In a surprising move last Monday, Steve Gilbert announced his resignation as head football coach of Ursinus College. His decision to leave was based on an offer he received, and accepted, from Jacksonville University. Jacksonville is starting an NCAA Division I-AA non-scholarship program which Gilbert will take the reigns of immediately. When asked how he felt about Coach Gilbert’s decision to leave, Dr. Akin replied, “I feel enormously disappointed that he’s [left] but he continued, “we wish him all the luck.”

Gilbert left Ursinus with the most wins of any coach in the college’s 104 year football history. The 1996 season was his best ever, with a 9-2 record. This placed the Bears with their first-ever outright conference championship as well as their first trip to the NCAA Playoffs. Although the athletic department will miss the success Coach Gilbert helped bring to the school, Dr. Akin did say that “we will miss Steve Gilbert but Steve Gilbert didn’t win the conference championship 70 students won the conference championship.”

A national search has begun for a successor to Coach Gilbert but no one has been picked as of yet.

The Men’s Volleyball Club started its first official season on the losing end of a tri-match against Drew and William Patterson University on Saturday, February 15. William Patterson defeated Ursinus in a hard fought match, 3 to 2 (13-15, 4-15, 15-6, 15-13). Drew also defeated Ursinus 3 to 2 despite a come-from-behind effort by UC. This season marks the first time a men’s volleyball team is representing Ursinus. The team is led by co-captains, senior Phil Landis and junior David Gaft. The team is looking forward to the rest of the season, which will include four home games. The first two home games will be on Wednesday, March 19, against Lehigh and Thursday, March 20, against Widener at 7:00 P.M.

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Angie Arnold scored 18 points, and Julie Anderson scored 17, as host Johns Hopkins (22-3) defeated Ursinus (16-9), 72-41, in the Wednesday’s first round of the Centennial Conference women’s basketball playoffs. Ursinus failed to score in the first seven minutes of the first half, and trailed by as many as 14 points, 28-14, with 1:03 to play before the intermission. The Bears had as many points, 16, as turnovers in the first 20 minutes. Johns Hopkins opened the second half with a 10-3 run to go up by 19 points, 38-19, with 15:24 to play. Ursinus never threatened thereafter. The Bears shot just 24 percent from the floor in the first half, and only 25.8 percent for the game. Johns Hopkins, meanwhile, hit 36 percent of its shots, and held a 64-40 edge in rebounds.

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A PHILLY FAN

by Joel Schofer
Sports Editor
What the hell are the Philadelphia 76ers doing? What the hell are they doing??!! They’ve won three of their last five games! Their record is now 15-41!!!

They have four more wins than the 11-49 league doormat Vancouver Grizzlies who they SO STUPIDLY beat on Friday night!!!!

Oh, what a perfect opportunity just slipped by. The Sixers were down by 12 in the third quarter. Is there a better time to take a powder, at the hands of the worst team in the league, and make that final push for the number one pick in next year’s woefully thin NBA draft? The answer...no. There will be no better time.

Coach Johnny Davis needs to realize that if he wants a center, if that’s a strong young woman that Rhett Hall, Mike Mamula, Andy and starter Kevin Stocker are at Scranton.

Tony Longmire, Scranton starter Derrick May, Rex Hudler, and Ruben Amaro Jr. are fighting for two or three backup outfield spots.

Among the established starting pitchers are Curt Schilling, Mark Leiter, Mark Portugal, and Mike Grace. The bullpen is set with closer Ricky Bottalico and set-up man Ken Ryan, and little other than. Battling for the final starting spot and the remaining seats in the bullpen are Scranton starter Tyler Green, fifth starter Mike Lieberthal, Scranton starter Bobby Estellala, and backup Mark Parent. At first base is designated hitter Darren Daulton and starter Rico Broglia. Second base is occupied by starter Mickey Morandini, backup Kevin Jordan and Scranton starter David Doster. Scranton starter Desi Relaford, backup Kevin Sefcik, and starter Kevin Stocker are at shortstop, while Scott Rolen’s alone at third.

In the outfield is Wendell McGee Jr. in center, Greg Jeffries in left, and Danny Tartabull in right.