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# The Grizzly

Insit on yourself; never imitate  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## China Mourns the Loss of a Leader

by **Marshalee Clarke**  
of the Grizzly

The Chinese government 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, grieved over his death. Teachers of the Yokohama Yamate Chinese School, attended by children of Chinese merchants, discussed the death and accomplishments of Deng Xiaoping. Jin Mying, 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,"



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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 his 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 excellency 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 becoming increasingly important for the stability of the Asia-Pacific region and the entire world.

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

## Pipes Lectures on Mid-East

by **Taneille Smith**  
of the Grizzly

Last Wednesday Dr. Daniel Pipes, editor of *The Middle East Quarterly* and leading expert on Middle Eastern politics, presented a lecture to students and faculty entitled "Is the Arab-Israeli conflict over?"

The bulk of Dr. Pipes' discussion focused on the events leading up to the current situation in the Middle East. Basically, the problem, as he saw it, revolves around "a simultaneous claim to the same piece of land."

Over the past 100 years, Zionists/Israelis have been able to build up their infrastructure and fortify their state, even though they are largely outnumbered by Palestinians. This advantage allowed the Zionists to lay claim to the disputed territory in 1948 and erect the state of Israel.

More recently (the past 30 years), there has been more complex diplomacy between Israel and its Arab neighbors. The most hotly contested areas are the West Bank and the holy city, Jerusalem. Talks seem to be leading along these lines: Israel will give up land in exchange for peace. The problem faced by the Israelis is that the assurance of peace is an ambiguous promise—how can they be certain that Arabs have had a real change of

heart?

Resolution seems to be on the horizon. 1993 saw the signing of the Hebron agreement in which PLO leader Yassir Arafat backed off his militant stance and the Israelis agreed to concede the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank. However, the Israelis refuse to give up the Golan Heights to Syria because they doubt the sincerity of their pleas for peace.

According to optimists, the conflict is basically over. They point to the agreements made which are still standing and the Israeli Prime Minister's, Benjamin Netanyahu, efforts to maintain feelings of good will. On the other hand, pessimists claim that the Middle East is just enjoying a time of "cold peace." They are suspicious of Arabs strengthening militarily and then mounting an attack. They question Arafat's motives because he speaks harshly of Israelis to his people and calls for a Jihad (holy war); therefore, they do not trust him. The optimists respond to that argument by saying that the Arabs may dream of conquering them all they want, but since it will never become a reality they are no real threat.

As for offering whether or not the Arab-Israeli conflict is over, Dr. Pipes never offered a decisive opinion.

## In The News...

by **Teresa Green**  
Copy Editor

### 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 I.B.M. 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 too 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 Wismer 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 :)

	Wrestling at NCAA Championship at Ohio Northern
	Softball at Methodist Invitational
7:15 a.m.	Step Aerobics in Helfferich 201
12:00 p.m.	German Table in Faculty/Staff Dining Room
5:30	<b>SPRING BREAK BEGINS !!!!!!!</b>

### 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 informed 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 Gwaltney 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

- 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.
- Residence halls will reopen Sunday March 16 at 12 noon. During the recess period, halls will not be open for procurement of personal belongings.
- The Dining Hall will be closed after lunch on Friday, March 7. It will reopen Monday, March 17 for breakfast.
- Zacks will close at 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 7. It will reopen Sunday, March 16 at 5 p.m.
- The college is not responsible for personal possessions. Items of value should be taken home. See Student Handbook for details.
- To maintain security, students are required to:
  - Close and Lock windows, shades drawn.
  - Turn lights out, lock door.
  - Unplug everything except aquariums.
  - Empty, clean, and unplug refrigerator, door open.
  - Sweep and clean floors.

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## The Liberal Arts Education Part 1: 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 melt. 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 crutch.

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 "red-ness" or "whiteness," and start the dialogue on "blind-ness."

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."

By **Jared Rakes** (Editor),  
**Tim McCoy** (News Editor) and  
**Mike Podgorski** (Staff Writer)

Do you wonder why the security log appeared only once this semester? Wonder where it was last week? Frankly, so do we.

In researching the Security logs, star reporter Mike Podgorski has experienced some difficulties attaining public information about Ursinus Security, information which the school should make available to him.

Last week, Mike went to the Reimert security office—to report on the logs for his column—and a Security officer told him not only *how* he should write the log, but *what* information he could include and what he shouldn't. The Security officer told Mike that the office of Security had been told to do so by the President of the college.

Mike thought that sounded fishy. So we (Mike and Jared) went back to the security office—together—to resolve what surely must have been a miscommunication. We left even more confused. We decided to postpone printing the log for a week until everyone knew and respected each others' rights. And because they wouldn't let us see it.

Our meeting with the College's administrators showed they were concerned about Ursinus' public information being made even more public via the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (see *The Scene*, Wed 2/22 by Marc Schogel). But we *Grizzly* staffers also left with a clear sense of our rights and those of the student body in regards to campus security records. Or at least we thought we had.

## What is There to Hide?

### Unobtainable Security Reports Make Us Feel Unsafe

On Friday night, Feb. 28, Mike entered the security office with a sense that the previous week's confusion had been cleared up. He was given the public log, which is an indexed list of the Security incidents. He requested the detailed incident report and was told, by the security guard on duty, that he was not allowed to see it. Previously, *The Grizzly's* staff had been told they had access to both logs.

Our second visit to the security office, when we had a chance to talk to the Director of Security, was finally fruitful. We were told, first, that we couldn't see the

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detailed log. We asked whether it was public information, and were told it was indeed. Why then, we asked, couldn't we see it? Of course we could see it, they told us. We could ask about specific incidents and they would decide whether we may know about them, they told us. Apparently, we couldn't see it but we could see it. If you think this is a confusing paragraph, you should try getting information from Security.

Nonetheless, we felt better, because things had *finally* been sorted out and communicated. Or so we thought.

About an hour and a half after we left, Mike's phone rang. It was a *Grizzly* reporter who is embark-

ing on research about Greek life incidents. In the same evening as Mike and Jared had finally ascertained that students did have the right to view the Ursinus security log, the reporter was told—by the same officer—that he could not have access to them.

And so it goes.

This matter is not simply a feud about free speech between the student newspaper of Ursinus and the Security office of Ursinus. We wouldn't feel so compelled to publicize it if it were. The safety and awareness of the whole Ursinus community is at stake here. The idea that the student body as a whole can't have access to the information about their own interactions with security is ludicrous. There is no way for a student to make informed judgments about campus safety if this sort of information is withheld.

The administration has, however, made some valid points about access to campus Security information. We wholeheartedly agree with the idea that some people's incidents are best left unprinted in the name of preserving safety. But we know how to go by the rules, and we don't need the college to baby-sit our free press.

Indeed, it seems that the only logical purpose for withholding this information is so that students and prospective students will be unaware of any potential threats to their health and property. Such tactics may make Ursinus look attractive at the moment, but we hope the college will consider fostering the long term growth, development, and safety of its constituents instead.

## Pledging and Greek Life: Not What They Seem to Be?

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to Daneen Stamp's article "Student Ponders Greek Life" in the 2/24/97 edition of the *Grizzly*.

I am a member of Alpha Phi Epsilon. I have been since my freshman year. Despite what some may feel about fraternities and sororities, it has proven to be one of the best decisions I have ever made.

You wrote, "I honestly don't understand the concept of pledging." I do. The concept of pledging is to form a special bond between your fellow pledges and

the members of the sorority or fraternity. You are taught to lean on others for help and to offer help. Pledging is not proving yourself worthy to its members, as you wrote, but rather the beginning of many special bonds and lifelong friendships.

You also wrote about all of these "accounts of the horrors of pledging" you heard about. Do you honestly think that those rumors are true? I heard rumors about Ape's pledging throughout my freshman year. I heard pledges were consistently beaten. I heard pledges had sex with

animals. I heard they ate all sorts of insects. After pledging was through, I found out that not one person was right about what they told me.

There is one aspect about this you must realize. The only students who know what truly goes on in pledging are those who pledged. Do not believe every rumor you hear.

The final disagreement I have with you was where you wrote, "The only time I see fraternities and sororities being social is in Reimert parties". This may be a way we are social with other

students, but you forgot to mention how we are social with the community.

Who helped to build the new rectory at St. Theresa's church? Alpha Phi Epsilon. Who has sponsored blood drives here at our school? KDK and Omega Chi. Who collected money for the homeless in Philadelphia? Beta Sig. These are just some of the ways Greeks are social other than in Reimert parties. As you can see, we are not the "torturers" and "partiers" that you described us to be throughout your article.

We are a group of people who are no better or no worse than anyone else.

I just want you and everyone else who holds your opinions to know that you should not let the stereotypes and rumors influence the way you look upon the Greeks. Take the time to get to know some of us and you may find out we are not so bad after all.

Sincerely,

James R. Walsh

## It's All Greek to Me

by Joe Catalfano  
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 opinions 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, etc., etc. I often thought to myself, "I remember playing in mud and

chanting . . . when I was six years old." There *must* be something I'm not getting, but something tells me the Greeks are not quite sure what they're doing

either. Read both James R. Walsh's and Sean Leahy's articles on these very pages.

What do you see? Any contradictions? From Mr. Walsh's article, read how "Pledging is not proving yourself worthy to its members . . . but rather the beginning of many special bonds and lifelong friendships." Then read Mr. Leahy's article, stating that "[Pledging] serve[s] one purpose; to weed out the weak at heart and allow the cream to rise to the top." Mr. Leahy seems to be talking about worth, does he not? Proving yourself, perhaps? In addition, Mr. Leahy claims "[Pledging] is not meant for your enjoyment." How inane is this? I don't know many human beings who freely submit themselves to activities "not meant for [their] enjoyment," do you? Especially if the said organization is a *social* one.

"A 'real' man does not whine when he 'eats until he throws up,'" Mr. Leahy? Why, when I read your article, does my mind hark back to cavemen? Does that make you Tarzan, and me Jane, because I might whine? A "real man," if there is such a thing, knows when to say "when."

If being Greek truly means bonding, brotherhood, charity, etc etc, why then is there a Greek

Presidents Council, whose job it is to discipline (much like a parent or high school principal would) the *numerous* pledging violations such as alcohol violations, noise violations, public embarrassment, and so on? And why have they been so busy lately? And why are certain fraternities suspended for underground pledging? Why go underground if you are such noble models of decent human beings just having a good time and being charitable? If Greek life is as candy-coated as most pro-Greeks depict it to be, why does the security office meet me with silence when I approach them for comment? Why, when I am fortunate enough to get an officer

to speak, does he refuse to be quoted? Is he scared? I tried investigating specific Greek incidents by talking with a security guard, but he claims I cannot see the

incidents/violations book. It does exist, though. I hear stories regularly, as I'm sure many other students do. But I would have better luck finding the lost tapes about JFK's assassination than getting access to that information.

I also love how Mr. Leahy appeals to our hearts with his allusion to the date auction, to benefit "a senior with cancer and a freshman lying paralyzed." May I ask, though, how much of Greek life is truly concerned with charity? True, there are a handful of commendable fraternities and 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 mind, 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

## 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 freshmen 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 finish pledging 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

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 too live at Ursinus, Mr. Leahy, and when I hear Greeks screaming songs at midnight while I try to study or *live my life*, I have a right to investigate *why*.

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, ZX, 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 pledgemasters who weeded 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 there 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 fall. 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 in 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 school 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 of 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, why not try 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

contradiction, maybe I'll warm up to the idea.

[Please accept my advanced apologies to those 10% of Greek organizations who are actually committed to the honorable ideals mentioned above (you know who you are). My hat is off to you, and please continue to set an example for the other 90%. For the other 90%, please help me understand.]

## Finding Fun with the German Club

by Jen Mintzer  
of The Grizzly

for the German Club. Last semester, for instance, activities included playing several mean games of Trivial Pursuit, learning German card games, making Apfelfannkuchen (apple pancakes) and trying several other German foods and beverages.

This semester has been equally busy. Thus far, we have watched a German movie and this coming Thursday at 5:00 we are planning on eating at a German restaurant. As always, anyone interested in coming along to experience some German culture is welcome. Even if you don't think your German is so great, just come anyway and listen. If you need help in finding a phrase or understanding what someone says, there are lots of people who can help.

In addition to German Club meetings, which are approximately every two weeks, the German table meets every Friday at 12:00 in the Faculty Dining Room. (Even if you can't speak or understand any German whatsoever, just say "Ja", nod your head a lot and talk passionately about David Hasselhoff.)

So do something different, get out of a rut, and try to put your knowledge of German to practical use! We know that you might be intimidated to speak at first, but just come to one meeting and once you get to know everyone, you might find that it is not as torturous as you might think.

If you are interested in being put on the email distribution list for receiving information about German Club meetings or in attending the dinner on Thursday, email me at JEMINTZER and let me know.

"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 these meetings are FUN. The atmosphere is relaxed and the people are friendly. There is never any pressure and these meetings really provide a chance to improve your German and to learn some new slang words.

As far as activities go, this year has been one of the busiest years

## 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 best 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. His 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

"Ahhh, did I surprise you?"

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 whores a way to find happiness in life? Is being an incompetent idiot (yes, not 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 like 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 Hudsoner 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 McNormand 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!

### 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."



## 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 libations are going to flow at the next shine, the next Shine?!

shine: an Ursinus 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 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 nutty 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 "Sophs" had strict rules for the "Freshies," 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 imbibing restricted libations: Natty Light? Oh! 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 ancients 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: GDf's: 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 expectorating (Cristen Veit, Jr) their dilznick (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 niz-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 sanitation (Kevin McGovern, Jr) there should be a celebration! Watch out Ursinus, the Jack and Water with a twist of lime (George Zeppos, Sr) is going to vibrate (Brett Gwaltney, Sr) at the next shine, the next Shine?!

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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 brothels (Greg Pruckmyer, Sr) [and sororities]."

Even so, students did not hesitate to pull pranks and in 1902 some squishy (Brett Nath, Jr) students put a zit (Steph Zenorini, Sr) on the Zach statue (Kevin Stratton, Sr) and relocated a platform shoe (Beth Johnson, Sr) to the roof of Schreiner.

Feel free to finish yourselves...

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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 Wismer 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

by Angie Kurtz  
of The Grizzly

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



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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 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!

## 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. In the time allotted, write down the important events of the day and everything scheduled or due from about 8 a.m. to 10 p.m..
- **When deciding how to schedule your day**, use smaller amounts of time, like an hour, for the smaller jobs; use larger spaces of time for large projects. This way, time will be used effectively and little time will be wasted by taking up a large time space with a small project.
- **ALLOW TIME for SOCIALIZING!!** Do not become overwhelmed or swamped with your workload. Everyone needs time to relax during the day, and this time should be scheduled in.
- **Classes, meals, practice, and time to get up** are all pretty fixed throughout the week. Therefore, when deciding what to do with "flex time," you should vary it week to week so that you do not become bored with the same routine.

• **It is important to have an idea ahead of time about what the next day will look like** so events do not conflict with each other. One suggestion is to list on paper all the things due for the next day before going to bed. This allows for better, sound sleep because the body is aware of what will happen the next day, and the mind can relax.

• **When studying, be aware of some time-savers that will help improve study skills.** One idea is to limit the amount of time you spend studying in your room because the bedroom is associated with comfort and relaxation. Choose a place to study that has little to distract you, and make sure that the things you use pertain only to your work. This will allow you to focus on your studies and not procrastinate by looking at everything around you. This place should have good lighting and a pleasant temperature.

• **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.

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. Just remember, these skills can be used by anyone, and  
**SUCCESS IN COLLEGE = GOOD TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS!!!!**

## Living Life to the Fullest with Auntie Mame

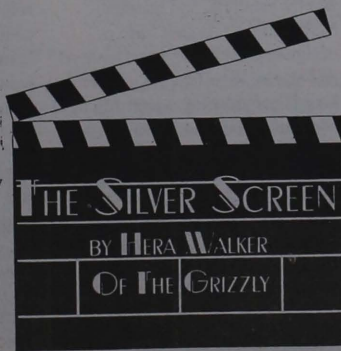
"Life is a banquet, and most poor suckers are starving to death." This is the phrase Rosalind Russell made famous during her long running Broadway performance in *Auntie Mame*. When Hollywood decided to make it into a movie, who else but Rosalind Russell, with her panache and flare, could play the role? 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 natural*. 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 satiric scenes, such as anti-semitism and unwed motherhood. By the way, this movie IS in glorious Technicolor.



**THE WELLNESS CENTER WILL BE CLOSING AT 3PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1997 FOR THE SPRING VACATION!!**

## 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, 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

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM LOSES IN CONFERENCE SEMI'S

### Finish Season at 16-9

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.

Kathleen Farrell led Ursinus with nine points, while Megan Larkin grabbed a team-best 12 rebounds.

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. The team is hoping that the Ursinus community will come out and support men's volleyball.

## Men's Volleyball Update:

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 he wants Wake Forest senior Tim Duncan, he needs to start losing, and losing badly. Encourage Allen Iverson, Derrick Coleman, and Jerry Stackhouse to work on their three point shot during

games. Tell center Scott Williams to demand the ball and take it to the hoop, passing to no one and working on his offensive move. Yes, I said move. Tell Clarence Weatherspoon that he can rebound fine and just needs to concentrate on his ball distribution, preferably to Scott Williams.

It's not that hard to lose. It really isn't, and it's a sad time when a basketball team can better itself by losing, but can you imagine a team with Derrick Coleman, Jerry Stackhouse, Allen Iverson, Don McLean, a small forward or shooting guard obtained for Clarence Weatherspoon, and Tim Duncan? I can, and I bet Donald can too, and I bet he likes it as much as I do, but I don't like his women as much as he does. That's a strong, young six that we'll probably never see in Philadelphia, and that's a strong young woman that Donald will probably never see outside of Wismer.

The Philadelphia Eagles have signed...well...no one worth mentioning. They actually did sign some scrubby tight-end who

couldn't hold Rick Colvin's jock strap. And no, Rick, we haven't set a date yet.

The Eagles are hot after a center since Raleigh McKenzie bolted to the San Diego Chargers.

Baltimore's Steve Everitt, San Diego's Courtney Hall, Green Bay's Frank Winters, and San Francisco's Chris Dalman have all visited the Eagles. Atlanta guard Mike Zandofsky, who has played center in the past, also stopped by.

Everitt is the Eagles' top priority, having been offered a six year deal worth \$11.5 million, and the rest of the guys constitute Plans B, C, D, and E.

I say screw this center crap and go get yourself some defense. Center-schmenter. Defense is what we need. We need help on the defensive line. I don't know about you, but I don't want to see Rhett Hall, Mike Mamula, Andy Harmon, and Greg Jefferson rushing the passer next year.

There's one starting defensive lineman, one starting outside linebacker, and two backups on that line, and it's not going to cut

it. If I was going to the Wild Wing Cafe, I'd want Jefferson and Hall on my starting line, but I'm not, so I don't. (Damn I'm hungry.)

Alright, enough about my hunger and more about sports.

For my final trick this week, I feel as if it's my duty to bring everyone up to date on who's actually in the Phillies camp, so, position by position, free from any of my own opinions or appraisals, here they are.

At catcher is starter Mike Lieberthal, Scranton starter Bobby Estallela, and backup Mark Parent. At first base is designated hitter Darren Daulton and starter Rico Brogna. 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 Jefferies in left, and Danny Tartabull in right. 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 that. Battling for the final starting spot and the remaining seats in the bullpen are Scranton starter Tyler Green, fifth starter Bobby Munoz, Houston minor-league reliever Edgar Ramos, left-handed reliever Michael Mimbs, Scranton reliever Tim Fortugno, Scranton reliever Eric Plantenberg, right-handed reliever Scott Ruffcorn, right-handed reliever Ron Blazier, stand-up comedian and star of his own TV series Jerry Spradlin, Scranton starter Rich Hunter, Scranton starter Calvin Maduro, right-handed reliever Reggie Harris, and janitor Ryan Hawblitzel.

## A PHILLY FAN