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Student Art Exhibit Opens at Berman

by Lauren Newkirk
of the Grizzly

The Annual Student Art Exhibition is now open in the Main Gallery of the Phillip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art until Sunday, May 4. The show includes work from a wide range of media. In addition to drawings, paintings and sculpture, the exhibit also includes black and white photography and video presentations. The students responsible for the work are from Ted Xarax’s day classes and Barbara Zucker’s Evening Program classes. The video presentations represent the students from Dr. Jay Miller’s Intermediate Video Class, and still photography by William McCarthy’s students.

The art work was created using mediums such as: charcoal, oil paint, watercolor, pastels and colored pencils. The participating artists are not art majors; they took time out of their academic schedules to create beautiful pieces of artwork.

Awards for excellence in composition and use of medium were presented to the student artists at the exhibit’s opening reception on Tuesday, April 22. Book awards were presented to: for photography, Nina Small, a senior English major; for painting, Mayu Nara, a freshman English major; and for drawing, Daniel Shultz, a freshman social science major. Honorable mentions were awarded to Jen Courtney, a senior exercise & sports science and psychology major, in photography; Leslie Histant, a senior English major in the Evening program, in painting; Andrea Cole, a senior English major in the Evening program, in painting; Kristen Sabol, a senior English major, in drawing.

The Director’s Choice Award was presented to Steven Ziga, a senior communication arts major, for his body of work in water color, photography and drawing. Sruith Tallapragada, a senior chemistry major, received the popular choice award.

Cerise Bennett, a junior biology and French major, was awarded the Winifred Cutler Purchase Prize for the psychology department collection.

Student Research Conference Held at Ursinus

by Lisa D’Amico
of the Grizzly

On Saturday, April 26, Ursinus hosted the second annual Centennial Conference Student Research Colloquium. The conference began at 10 a.m. and ended at noon. At 10:30 a.m., 83 students from Bryn Mawr, Dickinson, Haverford, Ursinus, Washington and Western Maryland college presented papers and posters in the humanities, sciences and social sciences. Student talks took place in 9 rooms at the same time and in Olin Auditorium, each of which lasted only 15 minutes. This allowed any curious Ursinusians to roam from room to room and sample a variety of talks in different disciplines. To keep from getting lost along the way, a program booklet and schedule of talks was provided as a guide.

At the colloquium, 48 papers and 19 poster presentations addressed an array of student research. Some research projects that were presented at the colloquium include: a mathematical analysis of traffic jams; an examination of the effect on child attachment to mothers who stay at home as opposed to those mothers who work full- or part-time; and a study on how melatonin affects the perceived quality of sleep.

This provided a great opportunity for freshmen and sophomores interested in undergraduate research and conferences to get their first look. Conferences will also be held in 1998 at Western Maryland and in 1999 at Bryn Mawr, so if you’re planning to do research and want to present it, here’s your chance to get a taste of how it works. Ursinus will be providing the transportation to these future conferences.

In The News...

by Teresa Green
Copy Editor

INTERNATIONAL

Peruvian President Alberto K. Fujimori disclosed details of the raid conducted last week that led to the release and rescue of 71 people who had been held hostage for the last four months. It was revealed that underground tunnels were used. A few hostages knew of the surprise raid and were able to help the government soldiers enter the compound. The attack resulted in the deaths of one hostage, two military commandos and all 14 of the Marxist guerrillas who had seized the residence.

DNA drawn from cat hairs was used in a Canadian court case as evidence to help convict a Canadian man of murdering his estranged girlfriend. In trying to solve the case, detectives came across a bag near the murdered victim which contained a leather jacket that had blood and white hairs on it. But the hairs were from a cat, not a human. The detectives were eventually able to find someone to run DNA samples of the hairs on the coat and the hairs of the cat owned by the suspect. The results matched, allowing prosecutors to submit the results for evidence. It is the first time in which animal DNA has been introduced in court.

President Clinton had an informal meeting with the Dalai Lama last week in which he told the exiled Tibetan leader that he would do everything he could to urge the Chinese government to open a dialogue with him. Beijing accuses the Dalai Lama of trying to start an independence movement but the Tibetan leader says all he seeks is self-rule.

NATIONAL

Officials confirmed that wreckage found in Colorado is from the Air Force A-10 attack jet that vanished during a training mission over Arizona three weeks ago. The wreckage pieces were discovered by a helicopter. So far, there has been no sign of the pilot, Captain Craig Button.

A minor criminal charge was filed against a Florida couple who reported intercepting and recording a conference call last December between Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and other Republican leaders. The couple is being charged with violating the communications Privacy Act because of their intentional use of a radio scanner to intercept the call. If convicted, they could face a maximum penalty of a $5000 fine.

Federal experts are conflicting in their views as to whether or not it would be a good idea to change the way the government categorizes people by race. Some have suggested adding a new category entitled “multiracial,” however some Washington officials are worried about any additional costs that would be incurred due to the change, as well as what it would do to bias laws.

A wealthy businessman, Alan Gerry, recently bought the site of the 1969 Woodstock concert. When asked why he was buying it, he replied that he was planning on turning it into a major theme park.

Residents of Sullivan County N.Y., where the property lies, are excited about the revenue this could bring into their economically depressed area. Of course, no one is sure whether the 400,000 people who attended the original Woodstock are excited, too.

(Information taken from The New York Times)
Spirit Week at Ursinus

by Lauren Vassalotti
of The Grizzly

This coming week April 28 through May 2, is designated as Spirit Week. The Campus Activities Board has put together an itinerary of events, contests, music, and prizes. Each day of the week has a different theme.

Monday is School Color Day. Proud Ursinians, here is your chance to show off your school colors in the most creative way possible. The most creative person wins a cordless phone.

On Tuesday, we'll all be able to differentiate between the newcomers and the oldtimers because all are urged to wear their class colors. Seniors will be in violet; juniors in navy blue; sophomores in hunter green; freshmen get to wear the most expressive color, gray. Students are not the only contestants, though, because faculty and staff are also invited to attend.

Wednesday is designated Twin Day. Couples or groups that do the best job at dressing exactly alike will win two large pizzas from Pizza Hut and two movies.

Thursday holds the title of Mix and Match Day. Whoever can come up with the least matching, most outlandish attire will receive a $100 gift certificate to the book store. (Hope I win that day!) On Friday, Ursinus is travelling back in time to the 70's. Everyone is encouraged to raid their parents' closets and snag a groovy outfit to wear. One John Travolta and I am sure Marcia Brady will win $50 for wearing the most happening threads.

Everyone is encouraged to get into the spirit (since it is Spirit Week...) and have a lot of fun. There will be a Min Party every day from 5 to 6 p.m. in Wismer Lower Lounge. A DJ contest will also be held at this same time and place. Winners of the contests will be announced here each day so listen up; it just might be you.

The third and final candidate for the creative writing position in the English department will give a reading at the Unity House at 9:15 on Wednesday night and will attend Literary Society at 10 p.m. at the Java Trench. Everyone is invited to attend.

S.E.R.V.
Student Emergency Response Volunteers

We would like to thank everyone who helped to organize and build our office this year. We would also like to thank everyone who supported us throughout the year or gave donations. If anyone is interested in joining our organization, we will be glad to have you in the '97-'98 school year.

Feel free to contact us at SERV on e-mail.

Congratulations Seniors, and Good Luck.

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Nothing to Do? Try This...

by Teresa Green

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April 28, 1997
by Mike Podgorski
of The Grizzly

If you don’t already know, this is the last Grizzly of the year. Before I leave, I’d like to touch on a few topics that I already wrote about this semester and some that I didn’t. I think in light of the approach of the twenty-first century, there are some big issues concerning this college that students, faculty and administration have a responsibility to address. A list seemed to work well for the issues I needed to address so here it is: (I apologize that this is not structured like a Letterman Top Ten Countdown.)

1.) I still believe that pledging on this campus is very unhealthy. I don’t have it out for Greeks. I don’t hold a grudge against Greeks. I simply believe that the system through which students are initiated into Greek life needs to be changed. Some very unhealthy activities still take place, and I think the Greeks have already stated how they feel by not even addressing this very crucial topic.

2.) I’d like everybody to welcome a new security officer to campus, Joe Riley. He is a replacement for Bob Shaw. This is a good thing, but I also hold to the belief that more security is still required on this campus. Fewer security officers may appear pleasing in an advertisement, but functionally, if security is not able to perform their job, which shouldn’t include unlocking doors, they become ineffective. I think it became clear to me how understaffed security was when Brian McCullough, the Security Director, was running around to unlock doors after only one officer was out sick and another left in search of new employment. More security guards are needed!

3.) The humanities are still understaffed. This is a problem that can be overlooked for only so long. Students travel to other college campuses to research because of the library’s inadequacies, but this can become frustrating. Majors in the humanities are receiving less, and as a result, their education is suffering.

4.) No changes have been made to improve the computer facilities on campus. The only labs that are kept in good condition are the ones in which classes and labs are held. The computers on the third floor and in the basement of the library are in extremely poor condition. They need to be fixed! This brings me to my next point.

5.) I do not blame Academic Computing for the sad conditions of computers on this campus, but rather the school. Academic Computing is underfunded and understaffed and cannot possibly be expected to accomplish what is asked of them.

6.) The fax is another piece of evidence indicating that this school’s computer system is outdated. The fax is almost a decade old. It is outdated in terms of computer life. There are far better and more advanced systems for computer communication for a college campus. If the school plans on moving into the twenty-first century, it would probably be a good idea to replace the aging computer equipment on campus.

7.) The former head of Academic Computing, Steve Kneizys, left this school for further education. Why did the school never ask him any questions before he left about the school’s computer system? It would have helped not to let go of his replacement and also not to hire him back for something like seven times his previous rate of pay. What is wrong with this school?

8.) Thank you for taking down that obnoxious Budweiser sign. For next time, if you are going to put up a beer banner, at least make sure it’s Sam Adams or better.

9.) Diversity on this campus doesn’t exist. Racism does. It sounds unreal, but Ursinus is not immune to all the issues that seem to affect only the “real” world. I honestly believe that some people only bring minority students to this campus as a way of presenting the image of a true liberal arts college. Some people here truly care about diversity, but they number so few that it becomes hard to make a difference. This is a problem that the school as a whole needs to deal with.

10.) It’s okay to commit suicide as long as it is a rational decision. It is imperative that the college consider some of the aforementioned issues. Without action, this school will not be able to grow into the role it will need to fulfill for incoming students in the following years. As much as this article sounds like a list of complaints about the school, I write it only because I care about this school. There are already enough people here who don’t even bother complaining, so I figure somebody’s got to do it.

Finally, I would like to thank Jared Rakes, Editor of The Grizzly, Dr. Margot Kelley, Adviser to the paper, and all the Grizzly writers and editors for putting in the time and effort that they could this year. Only 19 days left.

SERV Denied Drill

To the Editor:

Training is an integral part of any service oriented organization. With this in mind, the Student Emergency Response Volunteers (SERV) recently planned a drill to help train new members. The drill was scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, and as of Sunday, April 20, everything was in order. SERV planned to hold the drill in the Physical Plant using Maintenance worker Jay Murphy as a victim. Trappe Ambulance was also in attendance, but not in the drill. As of Sunday the stage was set and everything was on schedule, or so we thought. All that remained was to verify with Fred Klee that we were permitted to use the Physical Plant, which SERV had done in the past.

On the day before the drill, Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator Jane Barth informed SERV that we were not allowed to hold the drill as planned. Reasons cited included not going through the proper channels, students not being allowed in the Physical Plant, and concern about Murphy acting as a victim while on the clock. SERV inquired as to who should be consulted for permission and was told to consult Advisor Brian McCullough and Dean Deborah Nolan. Unfortunately, Nolan, and McCullough, were off campus for several days.

After numerous phone calls to people including Todd McKinney, and Rick DiFiceliantonio, it became apparent that no one was willing to give the OK for the drill.

Our question is- Why? We are confused as to why holding a drill turned into such a major undertaking. Practice is an important part of any EMS organization. Most ambulance squads routinely hold such drills and practice sessions. When then, would SERV be told that it cannot practice? Does the football team need permission to practice? How about the band or choir? Of course not! That’s ridiculous. It’s equally ridiculous for SERV to need permission for such a practice.

We understand the concerns that Jane Barth had with holding the drill in the Physical Plant, but we feel that the entire incident could have been handled more diplomatically.

To make a long story short, the drill was held in a different location with a different patient. All those involved were pleased with the outcome. It is our hope that in the future Ursinus will be more cooperative in our efforts to provide the best possible service to our campus community.

Sincerely,

Beth Adams
Former Chief
of SERV
The Ceremony of Innocence

by Todd Brennan of The Grizzly

"The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere the ceremony of innocence is drowned; the best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity."
—W.B. Yeats, "The Second Coming"

Part I: The blood-dimmed tide

So it's come to this. My final Grizzly article. Over the past two years you have been treated to the wonders of my wisdom. Some of you have been offended. That's good. Some of you needed to be offended. This world has gotten to the point where people are afraid to take a stand for objective morality.

I've been insulted, cursed, and sündry other things. However, I'm in the game because I believe what I am doing is right. I have never written this column to be popular. I wrote because my viewpoint was never expressed. Now I see why. Many of you out there claim to be open-minded. Your hypocrisy amazes me. If someone believes something different from you, you attempt to silence that person. But that's not the problem. Most of the time you are taking your orders from someone with a little power. I know you who are working for, whether you know it or not.

After this, you won't have Todd Brennan to kick around anymore.

"And what rough beast, its hour come round at last, slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?"
—W.B. Yeats, "The Second Coming"

Part II: Slouching towards Ursinus

Now, my final words. Advice for the present and the future. My four years here have taught me many things, and I would like to share them.

1. Philosophize. Do some thinking once a while. Put down the bottle and think. Ponder the meaning of life. Consider why there is so much evil in the world. Do a little more thinking and a little less drinking, if the beer hasn't already killed all your brain cells.

2. Read. Pick up a book that's not for class and read. You might enjoy it.

3. Take a stand. After philosophizing and reading, pick a stand and stick to it. Nothing disturbs me more than people who will not take a stand for anything. True, you'll probably suffer some persecution for it, but it helps to believe in something.

4. Support the fine arts. Even if it's no more than going to a concert here or a play performance there, the fine arts are an important part of our culture, and it's up to us in the next generation, to continue that culture.

5. Watch the Stooges. Nothing can cheer me up faster than a good NYUK or a quick face slap. There's a great deal to be gleaned from the Stooges. Except for Joe and Curly Joe.

There is much that I will miss at Ursinus, and there is much I won't. My four years have enlightened me and strengthened me in my convictions. I appreciate the opportunity that I had to write for this paper. I hope someone will take up the torch and follow after me. I would like to dedicate this final article to my friends: Tom, Beth, Elizabeth, Sruhi, Martin and Rob, for their support; Dr. Hardman, for his encouraging words; and finally, my parents, for their love and kind words (and lots of money).

Until the next time...

"Let the arm of the Lord of the Dawn shelter us from the Dark, and the great sword of justice defend us. Let the Dragon ride again on the winds of time."
—Robert Jordan, The Eye of the World

Letters From Great Britain

by Angie Kurzt of The Grizzly

Well, I'm back in the UK after a short but sweet vacation in the United States. I thought the next topic I'd tackle is transportation. Overall, transportation is one of the biggest differences I have found here in London.

First of all, there is such a dependency on public transportation not only in London, but over the UK in general. When I first arrived, I found the Underground, bus, and British Rail systems to be absolutely incredible. I could go anywhere I wanted in a short amount of time and at a low cost. But wait a minute...we have subways, buses, and trains in the US, right?

You see, Americans are spoiled. We take pride in being automobile owners. We drive everything in and out of the bus on our cars but kitchen sink and then proceed to drive them EVERYWHERE - even from Reimert to Zack's. You know who you are.

The average British family owns one car. Children are raised to go to school by bus or by the tube and are therefore accustomed to the routine of the varying modes of transportation all of their life.

After living here, I've grown to appreciate public transportation. I must admit that there are times when I miss my car. How long for those 5 minute jaunts to class in my sweats. Here it takes me a solid half hour, including rush-hour business traffic, three tube stops, and a brisk 3-block walk! All in all, however, public transportation is cheap and easy. And, as environmentalists predict, a need to cut down in the use of automobiles, I can honestly say that a favorable return to public transportation would be key in the United States.

Another reason why I've grown to like public transportation so much is due to the instances when I have been in a car here with a British driver!

One positive point to driving in the UK is their system of speed regulations. On large motorways, cars, buses, and tracks all have individual speed limits. Since trucks and buses are required to go slower, they tend to congregate into one lane so passing is easy. All drivers use a handy system here as well to let fellow drivers know if it's okay to merge. If you get a flick of the head lights, you're free to go.

I hate to end on a somewhat sad note, but I need to make a few comments on walking, the cheapest and most accessible form of transportation available. Since I've been in London, I've done a lot of it, and one thing that I've seen more than anything on the streets is physical impairment. That's right, there's an over abundance of wheelchairs, braces, canes, and crutches in this city. Sadly enough, British drivers don't believe in yielding to pedestrians. So, if you're in London, remember to look right and not left before crossing the street!

That's all for now. It was great to be back at UC for a bit, AND I was thrilled to hear that some of you are planning on venturing to London this summer and next semester. Feel free to vax me any questions:

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Is Servitude The American Way?

by Mark Pinski of The Grizzly

"Citizen service is the main way we recognize that we are responsible for one another."
—President Bill Clinton, April 5, 1997

"Volunteer- one who offers to enter into service of his own free will."
—Webster's New World Dictionary

A few weeks ago an Americorps representative was on campus to promote the national service program created by President Clinton. In addition to the Americorps program, Clinton also recently urged state governments to follow the lead of Maryland, which requires community service as a condition for high school graduation. And on the last weekend of April, Clinton will be heading the “Summit for America’s Future,” the mission of which is “nothing less than to spark a renewed national sense of obligation, a new sense of duty, and a new season of service.” Whether he is doing this intentionally or not, the president is destroying the original meanings of charity, volunteerism and good will and turning them into self-sacrificial servitude.

The Americorps program, which began in 1993, employs about 50,000 young people to serve their communities. They are paid an average of $7,500 annual salary, plus $9,450 worth of college expenses, which comes out to $7.27 per hour salary, plus medical benefits and free child care to “volunteer.” And once overhead, administrative costs, and promotional advertising are factored in, each Americorps employee costs taxpayers $30,000 a year. When requiring community service as a condition for high school graduation, Clinton suggested that such mandated volunteerism would teach young Americans “the joy and duty of serving.” And if mandating service doesn’t work, he is willing to hand out $500 checks to students who perform above average service.

Now compare this to the $0 per year that real volunteers cost taxpayers. There are an estimated 2.9 million young people (age 18 to 25) who volunteer each year without the incentive of being paid. In addition to that, according to a 1993 survey, 48% of Americans volunteer every year—that’s 80 million people contributing 19.5 billion hours of annual voluntary service.

It’s obvious that America’s population does not need to be forced to serve for a paycheck or high school diploma. People volunteer out of a genuine urge to help other people. It’s the highest tribute to the American spirit of cooperation, teamwork and compassion. And thanks to Clinton, the honorable American tradition of volunteerism has been turned into yet another one of government’s wasteful programs that we end up paying for. If you truly want to help others, then volunteer in the real sense of the word, not through Americorps.

Philosopher Immanuel Kant defined duty as the moral necessity to perform certain actions for no reason other than obedience to some higher authority, without regard to any personal goal, motive, desire or interest. Clinton’s attempt to turn community service into duty is an attempt to obliterate the very concept of genuine charity and good will. Mandating service to fellow citizens is the beginning of something that sounds frighteningly similar to socialism.

By advocating citizen service, Clinton wants us to believe that self-sacrifice is a time-honored American way of solving our problems. Nothing could be further from the truth. If we are to maintain our “American way” of helping others in need, then we must return to the traditional sense of charity and good will—one that does not impose a sense of duty, but rather just a sense of benevolence towards other fellow humans. (Source of statistics: Libertarian Party web site http://www.lp.org)
Understanding One Another: Students to Present Projects on Identity and Diversity

by Erin Gamberesi of The Grizzly

On Thursday, May 1 Dr. Patricia Gross’s Education 402 class will present their semester projects on issues of discrimination, education, and cooperation. The presentation will be held in the common room of Unity House from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and all members of the campus community are encouraged to attend.

This is the first semester which this class, entitled “Identity and Diversity,” has met, and as a member of this class, I can affirm that both Dr. Gross and the eight students involved have been very pleased with the course content and the class discussions. The focus has been on race, class, and gender identity issues and through readings and personal experiences we have found that these three issues consistently affect each other. Individually and as a group we have explored methods of changing a racist, sexist, and capitalist society and have found that, although the process is difficult, to deem it impossible would be an act of resignation.

In order to educate ourselves and the campus community, we have prepared projects which combine community outreach experiences and artistic mediums in order to demonstrate various volunteer opportunities and the effects of art on social consciousness. Topics include the experience of the homeless, the situations and capabilities of individuals with physical and mental handicaps, freedom of speech and campus awareness, and the celebration of world cultures.

We have prepared film clips, photography examples, live musical performances, student artwork, and Russian cultural objects, making our projects not only interesting but enlightening to all senses. We are very excited to have as guests The Handbell Choir from Melmark, a school for mentally and physically disabled individuals, who will perform some of their musical pieces. The entire campus is encouraged to come to this program and to bring a friend as we celebrate differences and possibilities!

The Names

1. Christen Troiano
2. Mike Brennan
3. Sean Leahy
4. Paul Norris
5. Chelsea Grant
6. Keith D’Orta

Medieval Sports Fest Celebrates Tenth Year

by Tricia Murnane of The Grizzly

April 12th and 14th marked the tenth anniversary for the Medieval Sports Fest. For those who don’t know, the Medieval Fest is a two day celebration put together by the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit and ESS classes 462 and 464. This is a festival for the mentally and physically disabled. On Saturday the Medieval Fest was open to the community, but on Monday, all of the participants were students from the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

All of the games at the Medieval Fest have been adapted for students of all abilities to participate. There were two new additions to the Medieval Fest this year, paintball and “The What Not Petting Zoo.” The participants enjoyed these new additions, but the Dungeon of Doom was still the favorite. At 12:00 noon on Monday, there was an archery exhibition by Joe Grejda, master archer. This was followed by an acting and juggling exhibition by “The Renaissance Man.” The students enjoyed both exhibitions and it was a great way to end the day.

The ESS 464 class was responsible for setting up the games and being buddies for the participants on Monday. The ESS 462 class had more of a behind-the-scenes job. They were responsible for getting volunteers, donations, food, and anything else that needed to be done to make this day a success. Many of the other volunteers came from the other ESS classes, the ESS club, Hobson’s service house, and the various Greek Organizations that we have on campus.

This event was a great success. Thanks to all the time and effort put in by the volunteers. We hope that next year we will have even more volunteers there helping us to make the 11th Medieval Fest an even bigger success.

"For Ever and a Day: Monotypes and Floating Paintings by Francoise Gilot"

will be on exhibit from Sunday, May 11 through Sunday, September 7 in the Berman Museum of Art. The exhibit includes recent, large-scale monotypes created at Solo Press, new York, complemented by a series of Floating Painting. Curator Mel Yoakum, PhD. will present a lecture on Sunday, May 11 at 2 p.m. in Olin Auditorium. There will also be a public reception that day from 4-6 p.m. The artist will be present at opening festivities. Free and open to the public.

"Spotlight: Tracy Pedersen"

will be on exhibit in the Berman Museum of Art from Tuesday, June 10 through Thursday, July 31. Pedersen is an alumna of Ursinus College who combined interests in biology and art into a career illustrating the rare species of South America for the documentation and preservation of animals throughout the Americas.

Free and open to the public.

Features

The Roving Reporter: The Name Game

by Trish Daley and Erin Gamberesi of The Grizzly

This is the final Roving Reporter so celebrate the lucrative jobs we will both get after graduation we, Trish and Erin, with help from our beloved editor J.R., are giving away money. Twenty bucks to be exact. Spend it on beer, snacks, library fines, whatever it takes to get you through finals; but you’ll have to work for it first.

This campus is rampant with nicknames — funny ones, stupid ones, sick ones — and it’s your job to figure out who’s who. Some are obvious, some aren’t and the first person to get all 50 correct wins the grand (and only) prize.

Otherwise we’ll just keep the money. Good luck (especially to the seniors, who won’t be here next year to see what becomes of this fantastic column) and have a great summer!

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5. Chelsea Grant
6. Keith D’Orta

7. Bob Rankle
8. Joanna Miller
9. Kajsa Strandburg
10. Matt Szapacs
11. Esther Fields
12. Jessica Hessel
13. Wayne Dudley
14. Sean Campbell
15. Megan Larkin
16. Tim Ryan’s Room
17. Brett Nath
18. Mike Digiannamacci
19. Melissa Horton
20. Dennis Prichett
21. Greg Pruckmeyer
22. Amy Bistline
23. Ross Ressner
24. Dave Yoast
25. John Dorr
26. Krista
27. Joan Nangle
28. Whitney Hastings
29. Brian McCardy
30. Tony Amiller
31. Kristen Burke
32. Dan Simon
33. Colleen McBride
34. Nancy Kendig
35. Lori Lennon
36. Omwake
37. Isabelle Pijanaker
38. Eamon Mulholand
39. Chris Kelleher
40. Bayard Huck
41. Kerri McKinney
42. Mike Gordon
43. Casey Fosbenner
44. Aldona Vainius
45. Pat McKenna
46. Jamie Pontino
47. William Stephano
48. Jason Jones
49. Adam Gates
50. Dave Helfand

And the Nicknames:

a. Shaba
b. Cheesy
c. Master of All Things Edible
d. Fud
e. El Woppo
f. Jammer
g. The General
h. TT Boy
i. Kennedy
j. Waldo
k. Africa
l. Sexy American Girlfriend
m. Slacker
n. Scrappy
o. Scrutnia
p. Stork
q. Ether Phosphate
r. Thumb
s. Wiggles
t. Wombat
u. Squat
v. Buck
w. Ombake
x. French Fry
y. Johnny Holmes
z. Lurch

aa. The Irish Pub
bb. Supe
cc. The Queen
dd. Frenchie
e. Big Papa
ff. Keg
gg. Stos
hh. RAID
ii. "My Buddy"
jj. Keg
kk. Wart
ll. Wiggles
mm. Rerun
nn. Toast
oo. Fiesty Bi-sty
pp. Munch
qq. Merv the Perv
rr. Krazy
ss. King Dong
tt. Door
uu. Bruce Lee
vv. The Lemon
ww. Puff Daddy
xx. Captain Prucky

There will be a box in Wismer on Tuesday and Wednesday. Match up the letters and numbers. Don’t draw lines (we’re all about breaking social barriers). The winner will be announced on Friday. : )
Spring Service Success

by Beatrice May
Special to The Grizzly

Seventy-five student and parent volunteers came out last Saturday, April 19 and celebrated the arrival of spring by helping the local community in various service projects during Spring Service Day. Seventy-five is a record for this third annual program sponsored by U.C. HOT S.H.O.T.S., a student volunteer resource organization, and the Ursinus College Parents’ Committee.

Participants bundled up and headed out in forty degree weather to one of six project sites, offered this year. The sites included: the Norristown site of Habitat for Humanity, the Elmwood Park Zoo, St. James Episcopal Church, Meadowood Retirement Community, the Montgomery County Geriatric & Rehabilitation Center, and Helping Hands Adult Care Facility.

Volunteers were able to boost their construction and demolition techniques at Habitat, while others helped with painting at Helping Hands and the Elmwood Park Zoo. Geriatric Center participants played bingo with residents, while Meadowood students and parents weeded and mulched resident gardens. St. James offered raking and general cleaning around their cemetery.

Each person involved in this program was in some way or another, touched by the work they performed. One student who attended Habitat commented that he would like to start a group next year that will make regular trips each weekend to a Habitat house. The demolition work that his group accomplished was overwhelming and inspiring considering the short amount of time spent at the site.

Project committee members would like to thank everyone who bravely braved the extreme temperatures and wind, to come out and show their generous spirit to the surrounding community. Your work meant a lot to the people you served.

A World of Learning at Musser and Beyond

by Joseph Catalafano
Copy Editor

Five American Ursinus students attended a discussion with foreign students to talk about their educational experiences in their native countries. Disappointed with the lack of interest shown by Americans, the foreign students were extremely discouraged. After reading Isabelle Pijnakker’s article entitled “Ursinus Needs a Foreign Revolution” in the April 14, 1997 issue of The Grizzly, I was really hoping some students would show up to correct the “problem.”

Alas, attendance was minimal.

I was, however, enlightened by the wealth of experience that the (12+) foreign students volunteered to offer, only one of whom I knew beforehand. They voiced their feelings and concerns about Ursinus as an educational institution, often lamenting the lack of concern and understanding shown by their professors and peers. Many of our foreign exchange students are not used to writing papers, which is expected in nearly all of their classes at Ursinus. They are graded according to the same criteria as their peers who have been writing papers and voicing their own opinions for years. They receive Ds and low Cs from professors who do not take into account this cultural difference in values and educational structure. In Japan, students revere their professors and hold an attentive ear to everything they say—they are not supposed to voice dissent or their own opinion. In America, they are challenged to destroy this 15 year mold in a few months, and when they don’t live up to standards, they suffer dramatically. Many professors have acquired such low expectations of our foreign students merely because they do not evidence their intelligence “the American way,” whatever that is.

The catch-word has been multiculturism for the past few decades, yet we still seem to be Americanizing and stifling the wealth of experience and knowledge our foreign students have to offer by sticking to our old guns.

We are, in short, neglecting educational opportunity and individual potential when we do this.

I was delighted to sit and speak with the Musser students for over two hours, learning how much Americans take education for granted. Of course, many of the foreign students had misconceptions about higher education in America, believing that nearly 70% of U.S. citizens attended college, when, in fact, that figure is closer to 20%. Many such myths, including one about rich American college students, were also dispelled.

The event did not become a “bitching session,” of how disgruntled the foreign students are. They instead remained fairly objective when asked about differences in educational structure, but used subjective examples to support their points.

Naturally, the issue of indifference towards foreign students was broached, about which everyone had an opinion. The fact of the matter is that I was in a room of 12+ foreign students, and all of them felt separated from the student body and college life. Let’s not play the blame game, because it will get us nowhere. We are the hosts and they are our guests. Are we so far removed from our culture that hosts are to be indifferent towards their guests? Our foreign students are anxious to become more involved in campus activity. They even showed interest in arranging another such meeting as this one in hopes of more Americans attending. Some foreign students, however, admitted that many of their own do not get along (or perhaps do not know each other), especially those foreign students who do not live in Musser.

In my humble opinion, much of the “barrier” between foreign students and the student body at large resides in Musser itself. Clumping the majority of international students into one building, albeit one well removed from most campus activity, will obviously lead to the formation of cliques, a bond amongst foreigners that cannot be shared with the host. Of course, foreign students have the option of living outside of Musser, but those that do seem to be met with disapproval from the rest of the Musser posse (traitors!). Something must be done at Ursinus to prevent this wall from ever being built. Since this wall has already been built, however, we must now destroy it.

Next time you see a foreign student, introduce yourself and begin to talk. You indeed have much to talk about, and we all have much to learn.

Keep your eyes open for future cultural events.

What's Up In Wellness

by Cristin Veit
of The Grizzly

With classes ending and the summer quickly approaching, it is time to think about the fun times ahead. Most people tend to spend a great deal of time outside in the sun. However, with the sun comes a great tan for some people, but an awful sunburn for others. In both of these cases, the person may eventually be diagnosed with skin cancer. Therefore, it is important to be aware of the causes and symptoms of skin cancer. More than 600,000 Americans develop skin cancer each year.

Cancer is a group of more than 100 diseases, and they are malignant tumors which invade and destroy nearby healthy tissues and organs. Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States. It is reported by the National Cancer Institute that 40-50% of Americans who live to age 65 will have skin cancer at least once. The good news these days is that skin cancer is now almost 100 percent curable if found early and treated promptly.

Risk factors which increase the chances of getting skin cancer include:
- Ultraviolet radiation from the sun or artificial tanning beds
- Risk is greater for people with fair skin that freckles easily
- Where a person lives because of high levels of UV radiation
- Amount of exposure over one’s lifetime

The most common warning sign of skin cancer is a change on the skin, especially a new growth or sore. These sores are usually found mainly on areas of the skin that are exposed to the sun, such as the head, face, neck, hands, and arms. It is important to check freckles and moles on the body to see if there are any changes in size, appearance, or color because a change may indicate malignancy. If there is any question about the sore or mark, it is important to go see a dermatologist for a diagnosis. If detected early, treatment like radiation, laser, or freezing, is usually successful without recurrence.

Protection from the sun is important for everyone, including the “sun goddesses” who never burn. The damaging effects of the sun begin at an early age, so protection should start in childhood to prevent skin cancer later on. In the following preventative measures are recommended:
- Avoid exposure to midday sun (from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- Wear protective clothing such as sun hats and long sleeves
- Always use lotions which contain sunscreens with a high SPF
- Know your skin type and your body’s ability to handle the sun exposure
- Use your best judgment be careful not to burn!

Finally, when you are out basking in the sun and working on the perfect tan, remember to play it safe and not stay out too long. Looking good now could cause undesirable problems later in life!

Good luck on finals and have an excellent summer vacation!……Congratulations, seniors.
The Final Fan

By Joel Schofer
Sports Editor

You know that I’m a Philly fan, or at least I hope you do. If you don’t know that I’m a Sixers, Phillies, Flyers, and Eagles fan, then this is the first time you’re reading my column. Welcome to the Philly Fan!

Something even my regular readers may not be aware of, however, is that there are a whole lot of other things of which I am also a fan. Surprisingly enough, if you know me, there are also a lot of things of which I am not a fan. So, you all know I’m a Philly fan, but in this, The Final Fan, I’m going to tell you about other things, some of which I am a fan and some of which I am not.

I am a fan of a lot of the professors here at Ursinus. Dr. Hess, Dr. Tortorelli, Evita J. Shinehouse, Pam Chlad, Tina Walligum, Dr. Esch, Dr. Noveral, and Dr. Small are some of the reasons I like Ursinus. I can go up to Dr. Hess, slap him on the back, call him “big guy,” and he loves it. I can tell Dr. Tortorelli that the reason I’m not a chemistry major is because his bow ties are an embarrassment to the department and he, too, loves it just as much. Ms. Chlad and Dr. Walligum have always been known as Pam and Tina to me and all the rest of their students, and Mrs. Shinehouse’s first name really isn’t Evita, but she won’t mind that I said it was.

The kicker is that all of these professors are the best teachers I’ve had at Ursinus College. Their quality teaching and personal interaction with me are a large part of what has made my stay at Ursinus an enjoyable one.

There are a few faculty members, however, of whom I am not a fan. Dr. Andrew Price, of the chemistry department gives a test every year in Chemistry 112 that he knows 95 percent of the class won’t finish. When I took it as a sophomore, I actually finished it, but I told him (politely, believe it or not) that it was “way too long” of a test. Well, at the time he looked at me and said, “I don’t care.” Well, I got 100 percent on his little test and “I don’t care” if I rip on him a little in The Grizzly.

On the other hand, Dr. Peter Small, whom I’ve already mentioned, is both a professor and a dean, and makes an excellent dean. Dean Small knows what students want, but more importantly he knows the students. He teaches them. He interacts with them, and while it is true that he only teaches a small subset of Ursinus students, he’s at least teaching some of them. He sees the caliber of Ursinus students and he sees what they’re capable of.

Also, he’s one of the teaching faculty. He’s in the front line. He knows what it’s like out there, and from first hand experience. When he makes “damn” decisions that affect the faculty, he has a much better understanding of the professors’ plight and can make those decisions that much better.

President Strassburger, whose hand I will probably shake at least a few times over the next two years, may think that I’m “assaulting” him personally in my column, but I’m really not, or at least I don’t want to. It’s not his fault that he started as an outsider. Someone from Ursinus hired him. He didn’t take the presidency via a hostile takeover, although it would be kind of cool if he had, but he needs to regain the respect of the faculty and get to know his students better. He’s listed in the catalog as a professor of history, but he doesn’t teach any classes. Maybe he’s too busy to teach, but in my opinion he shouldn’t be.

When I first took the job as an RA in Commonwealth, all I heard was that it was a “party house,” that I was going to hate being an RA there, and that Chilson was going to piss all over the house. Well, we managed to keep “Junior” is his pants most of the year and my job, really, has been rather easy. These guys have done some things that I’ll never forget, but the most important thing they did was give me a little taste of what it feels like to be in a fraternity.

When I first came to Ursinus I thought frats were juvenile, and in some ways they are, but who says you have to be so grown up in college anyway? College is about fun and work, and the balance of the two. Personally, as Gina Cerulli will attest, I tend to place too much emphasis on the work part and need a little help, at times, having fun. These guys helped make sure I had fun, and I, in some ways, helped make sure they did too. That’s all I, as their RA, wanted to do. I just wanted to make sure they had fun, and that’s why I took the job.

Another group of guys, the guys in Wilk Three during my sophomore year, also made sure that I had a good time at Ursinus. Whether we were bandaging my door, sliding around the ground like lizards, attacking Crazy Bob with a baseball bat, or staying up until 3:00 A.M. discussing religion, we always had a great time and, for a semester, were as close as a group of guys could get. It was like we were a fraternity. It was what college is all about, and then, sadly, everyone went and joined their own fraternity.

I’ve got to tell Lori Lennon, after pounding her column after column, that I am a fan. She took her beatings gracefully, for I said some pretty nasty things, but she always knew I was kidding and that the reason I was doing it was because I liked her and because she could be embarrassed and take it. General rule: If I don’t make fun of you, I probably don’t like you. Maybe that makes me quite a bastard, maybe not.

The guys from Clamer, some of my best friends on campus, need to at least be mentioned. Whether it’s Anthony’s satanic ways and sexual stamina or Jeff Lehrman’s extraordinarily large... well, you just have to love those guys, but I’ve got to end by talking about my favorite student, Wendy Sands.

I am such a fan of Wendy Sands that after three and a half months of watching her games I went and bought season tickets, the stadium she plays in, and a fat diamond ring. Without her team, my stadium’s empty, and without my stadium, her team has nowhere to play. One is useless without the other, and I guess that’s the way it’s supposed to be.

The End, and a happy one at that.
**Sports**

**Softball Splits Doubleheader**

Trecroce Ties NCAA Record

Janetta Trecroce tied an NCAA Division III record with three home runs in the second game of a Centennial Conference double header with Gettysburg on Monday, April 21. The Bullets won the opener 2-1, but Trecroce’s bat led the Bears (11-3, 23-14) to a 12-4 win in the nightcap.

Trecroce led off both games with solo home runs. She then added a pair of three-run homers in the second game. She was 6-for-7 with eight RBI for the day. In the second game, her three homers, seven RBI, and 12 total bases were all Ursinus single-game records.

Also in the second game, Selena Trecroce was 3-for-4 with a triple, a run scored and a stolen base. Kim Reese was 2-for-4 with a triple and an RBI, while Carolyn Schweitzer was a career-best 2-for-3 with two runs scored and a stolen base. Winning pitcher Lisa Newmaster also had an RBI triple.

Ursinus ended the day in a first-place tie with Western Maryland atop the Centennial Conference standings.

**Golf Team Wins Four Matches**

Bishop Medals Twice

On Tuesday, April 22, the Ursinus golf team defeated Franklin & Marshall and Elizabethtown. Ursinus carded a 399 to 413 for the Diplomats and 435 for the Blue Jays. Rob Bishop and F&M’s Ryan Neff tied for medalist honors with rounds of 71.

Gary Knittel shot a 76, while Keith Maurer had a 79. Mike Spangler fired an 83, while Gino Cerulli and Dan Schott carded rounds of 90 and 93, respectively.

On Monday, April 21, host Ursinus defeated Moravian and Allentown in a non-conference match. Ursinus defeated Moravian and Allentown a 438, while Allentown posted a 436 and Moravian a 438.

Bishop won medalist honors with a 76. Knittel followed with a 79, while Brian Katits shot an 84, Spangler an 86, and Maurer an 89. Cerulli had a 94, while Schott shot a 95.

**Women's Tennis Jumps Record to 5-3**

Mystakas Wins Decisive Match

The Ursinus women’s tennis team defeated host Muhlenberg, 5-4. The win, coupled with a 6-3 win over Western Maryland on Tuesday, left the Bears with a 5-3 record.

Ursinus won two of the three doubles matches against the Muhlenberg Mules. Courtney Kraemer and Mari Aoki won the first doubles 8-4. Jen Rickards and Heather Williams won the second doubles by the same score. Rickards also won her second singles match 6-3, 6-2. Aoki was a 6-3, 6-2 winner in the third singles. The decisive victory came in the sixth singles match, where Helene Mystakas won a three-set match 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

With two matches remaining, the Bears are assured their first non-losing season since 1993 when Ursinus had a 4-4 campaign.

**Women's Lacrosse Downs Haverford**

Algeo Scores Eight Goals

Kris Algeo scored a career-best eight goals and assisted on two more Wednesday as Ursinus defeated host Haverford 18-13 in a Centennial Conference match. Algeo scored five of her goals in the first half as Ursinus claimed an 11-7 lead at the intermission. Missy Myers scored four goals and added two assists for the Bears, who also got two goals apiece from Denise Krch and Dana Curry. Amy Miminich and Kristen Calore both scored single goals.

Taryn Brackin had two assists, while Erika Johnston, Megan Larkin, Colleen Sabol, and Michelle Taconelli each had one.

Ursinus outshot Haverford 30-25. Joanne Kenney saved eight shots in goal for the Bears.

**Baseball Team Pounded by College of New Jersey**

Creelman Pitches Bears to 5-1 Win Over Swarthmore

Host College of New Jersey defeated Ursinus 16-1 in a non-conference baseball game Wednesday. The bright spots for the Bears were Tom Haberbusch’s 2-for-3 effort at the plate and Jeff Desimore’s RBI double.

Matt Wiatrak was the pitcher of record.

Brian Creelman scattered nine hits over seven innings and did not allow an earned run as the Bears defeated host Swarthmore, 5-1, in a Centennial Conference game.

Creelman struck out eight and did not walk a batter.

Ursinus broke open a scoreless game with four runs in the fourth inning. Offensively, Joe Sprague was 3-for-5 with an RBI, while Brian McTear, Dirk Cleveland and Donny Asper all had two hits.

**Yearbook Distribution:**

**Wednesday, April 30 in Duryea Hall**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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