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"Live the questions."
--Maria Ranier Rilke

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Several Students Opt for Alternative Spring Break

by Melinda Albert
of The Grizzly

Some people were planning trips south of the border where the weather was warm. Others opted to go home and catch up on some rest and relaxation. However 32 students and 2 staff members from Ursinus College spent Spring Break '98 in Chavies, Kentucky. No, Chavies is not some kind of exclusive southern resort town, but one of the sites for the Appalachia Service Project.

The Appalachia Service Project was the dream of Reverend Glenn "Tex" Evans, who saw the region's immense housing need, while ministering at a settlement in Frakes, Kentucky. The minister envisioned a way of serving the needs of these communities, while encouraging the church to be part of the solution. His plan matched church youth to home repairs in the Central Appalachia region. During the summer of 1969, the project's first summer, 50 volunteers repaired four homes. Now more than 110,000 volunteers from across America have repaired houses, and the Gospel has spread to many of them and the people whom they help.

Senior Sarah Fielding is a second year participant and just one of the people inspired the project's mis-

sion and philosophy. "I went last year and it was an amazing experience. I took on planning the service project because I couldn't see this trip not happening," stated Fielding, who is this year's Project Coordinator. As Coordinator, Fielding is responsible for overseeing the three committees that consist within the group of volunteers, including the finance, planning, and activities committee. Although the Activity Fee Allocation Committee (AFAC) funded most of the group's expenses for the Appalachia Service Project, the students also did on-campus fund raising. Fielding says that she had no trouble getting students to participate in this year's project. "Some students are new, and others participated last year," stated Fielding. Just several days ago, another participant added her name to the list of volunteers. This year's Appalachia Service Project Volunteer group was comprised of 6 freshman, 16 sophomores, 8 juniors, 2 seniors, and 2 staff members. Fielding admits that it is not hard to get volunteer support from the Ursinus community. "We set up a booth at the Student Activities Fair this past fall, and received a lot of positive responses. Although, in general, students have heard about the program from a variety of sources," stated Fielding.



One of the two groups of students who attended Alternative Spring Break in Kentucky: Left -Right (standing): Brian Strohecker, Coco Minardi, Harry(neighbor), Spencer Shelly, BethAnn Prause, Rita McDonald, Erica Dietrich, Susan Varghese, Melissa Barber, Juliette Van deGeer, Lisa D'Amico, Cindy(neighbor), Steve Graham, Barry Keppard(seated)

Freshman Melissa Barber first heard about the project while reading a magazine. She decided to participate because she was inspired by the founder's belief in his faith, and his desire to help others. "I've always had a concern for people and their welfare. I don't want to go just to say that I am doing something or going somewhere, but I want to give up my vacation so that I can help people have a better life," stated Barber.

Nicole (CoCo) Minardi ('91),

Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs, read about the project last year, and decided to go this year. "When I first heard about the project, I felt that it was right up my alley. I love to travel, I love being outside, and most of all, I enjoy helping people," admitted Minardi. Minardi feels that she has lead a privileged life, especially compared to the people of this region. "I hope this is an eye opener for me. I hope to expand and understand my appreciation of mankind," stated the

former Ursinus graduate.

The volunteers interviewed agreed that the service project signifies something special and unique in their lives. Perhaps this is why Rev. Evans states in the Appalachia Service Project's Theology, "We hold that every person wants essentially, four things: to be loved, to belong, to own something, to create something worthwhile." It is evident that these volunteers feel that they are attempting to fulfill some of these needs for the people of Chavies, Kentucky.

Doughty's Text Book Published

by
Maryann Moscariello
of The Grizzly

Dr. Ross Doughty, professor of history, recently published a book entitled *Students Workbook for the New World History*.

"The book is an essential study guide for a recently published history textbook entitled *The World's History*," Doughty said, "It is an overview of history from the beginnings of civilizations by Howard Spodek of Temple University."

Doughty is an Ursinus alumnus who has been teaching at the Col-

lege for twenty years. Doughty went on to receive his graduate and doctoral degrees from Harvard University.

He admitted that the text book was the first book in which his name was attributed. "I have done first time revisions and second editions to textbooks," he said, "but never had been singularly attributed."

When describing the study guide, Doughty explains that "the workbook gives specifications for the book as well as chapter outlines." He pointed out that the book gives an interpretative commentary for

each chapter and makes connections with previous chapters. The book also consists of study questions, multiple choice, essay and geography questions.

"What's interesting about Spodek's book," said Doughty, "is that the concept and topical application of the book came from a workshop funded by an NEH (National Endowment for Humanities) grant between 1992-1994."

He further explained how the book was conceived from a set of teachers' ideas implemented in courses taught locally.

With the publishing of a new

book by one of our own, students may be wondering if the book will be used here at Ursinus. "We may use the books here," he said.

When asked to describe the Spodek's textbook from which he wrote the workbook, he explained, "The good points definitely outweigh the weaker, and this made fashioning the study guide much easier."

When asked what he disliked about the workbook, he replied, "I would have left out the multiple choice, there is always more than one right answer, it programs students to look for the wrong an-

swer," he said. "Also, some students think I did this because of a personal bearing on the book, however, I get no royalties from it," Doughty revealed.

Doughty gave a brief description (Continued on page 2)

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In The News...

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of his conceptions of the textbook. He describes it as "visually nice," He admits, Spodek took a good approach and provided a "good balance between various regions,"

Furthermore, Doughty admits that he liked the textbook because it is arranged topically with sub-headings such as; Cultures, Settling, Imperialism, Religions, Migration and Change.

Doughty explained that some sections of the text dealing with Europe are weak, but that the strong points included Asia, Africa and America. Doughty said that the section on India is wonderful because Spodek's specialty is India. Nevertheless, Doughty was happy about his recommendation to provide the workbook for Spodek. One student agreed, "The more Ursinus teachers write books a better reputation is reflected upon the school."

Doughty concluded, "It is hard to get good history books," he said. Moreover, history always depends upon who is doing the analysis, "If we ask different questions, we will get different answers."

by Katrina Milton

News Editor

International News

Two Japanese Finance Ministry Officials were arrested for accepting bribes from financial companies. Government leaders, including the Prime Minister, called for the investigation. Another Finance Ministry called the arrest "extremely regrettable."

Glaxo Wellcome PLC said in London that they will cut the price for the AIDS drug AZT for pregnant women. This plan marks the first time a giant drug company has cut prices to help the poor countries most affected by the disease.

In Sri Lanka, Colombo, two shrapnel-laden bombs exploded outside of a crowded train station. The bombs were targeted for the Defense Ministry. Thirty-two people were killed and there were more than 300 people injured.

National News

Seventyplus Atlanta High School students were placed under arrest. They were charged with buying underpriced items from a classmate then selling them to other stores for cash. Police say that more than \$100,000 worth of merchandise was taken.

The hearing for the British nanny accused of killing a child in her care was postponed due to an electrical explosion. Ms. Woodward, the lawyers, and journalists were all in the 14th floor courtroom when several explosions erupted from the basement. The building was evacuated; prosecutors say that this will not effect the outcome of the case.

Change is coming for those who like to mix drinking and driving. The Senate has approved a new limit on blood alcohol levels, which will be .08. Any state that does not comply with the new rule by October 1, 2001, will lose 5% of its allotment from the new highway construction legislation.

The Supreme Court now says that same sex harassment cases are no different from male-female harassment cases and will be given the same treatment. This came to light after a lower court threw out a same sex harassment case because the harasser did not prove to be homosexual.

Scientists say that they may now have proof that lesbian and bisexual women are biologically different from heterosexual women. Sandra Witelson of McMaster University, a scientist that studies sexual orientation in relation to brain anatomy said: "The results support the theory that differences in the central nervous system exist between homosexual and heterosexual individuals and that the differences are possibly related to early factors in brain development." Other scientist have found no evidence to support this idea.

City News

Anthony Davis, a shooter, was

killed after the Boys Public League Championship Game on March 1. Police, who once thought that the shooting stemmed from an argument at the game, now say that this tragedy began the night before in South Philly. Anthony Davis leaves behind 3 small children, ages 3, 3, and 1.

Local News

Police arrested senior student Armen C. Zeibari of Wissahickon High School after he was found to be selling LSD on school grounds. The teen did not try to deny selling the drugs. He was arraigned and released on \$15,000 unsecured bail.

Edward H. Bishop of Limerick Township was arrested for sexually assaulting a child in his care. He is free right now on 10% of his \$35,000 bail. Prosecutors say that because there was no physical damage done to the child, they have withdrew the charges of rape, statutory sexual assault and sexual assault and replaced them with endangering the

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The 15th Annual Airband is coming soon. This year, all proceeds will go to help build the Mandarach Memorial Playground.. Tickets will be on sale from March 23rd to March 27th in Wismer Lobby A and are \$5.00. Tickets can also be bought at the door for \$6.00. The event will be held on Friday, March 27th at 8:00 p.m. in Wismer. If you have any questions call Barry at x3176 or Heather at x3523. If you can not attend, donations are being accepted in the Residence Life Office.

Voices in the Crowd

by Maria DeGracia

Opinions Editor

What are your feelings about the security on Ursinus' campus? Do you feel safe?

"Some feelings of uncertainty... Campus phones have been on and off for so long, that if you need to call for an escort, you can't."

Saramati Jayaraman—Sophomore Ursinus Student

"Comparatively thinking, it is one of the safest campuses in the country."

Sunitha John—Junior Ursinus Student

"I feel very safe, because it is a small campus and seems very private. I would never call someone to walk with me."

Inga Schmitz—German Teacher's Assistant

"I think it is a safe campus, but just like anywhere else, take precautions."

Jeanetta Jessie—Sophomore Ursinus Student

"I guess I feel safe on campus because I've never had an incident here. I can walk from Olin to Isenberg at midnight and feel safe."

Lesli Thomas—Junior Ursinus Student

"I don't see how many things can go wrong here. They've [Ursinus Campus] got their own little police force."

Joe McDermott—Sophomore Ursinus Student

"Why wouldn't I [feel safe]? I'm from Philadelphia [there is no comparison]."

Jowanna Gordon—Freshman Ursinus Student

"I feel rather comfortable, it seems like a safe environment. And we have security that patrols; and that adds extra security."

Rebecca Weller—Freshman Ursinus Student

Living arrangements in BWC and BPS are changing for the 1998-1999 school year. The idea is to make some of the floors co-ed by room instead of the existing co-ed arrangements by hall. How do you feel about this new arrangement? Are you in agreement?

"Well, to tell you the truth it doesn't concern my living arrangement for next year, but if it did I think that it is a good way to make friends of the opposite sex and actually establish friendships in which both sexes appreciate and respect each other."

Candice Capstick—Junior Ursinus Student

"I do not think that it is a big deal. Musser is coed door-by-door."

Damian Milillo—Sophomore Ursinus Student

"Yes, I think it would work because many other colleges similar to ours have their rooms this way."

Suzanne Alexander—Junior Ursinus Student

"I think that integrating a few of the halls in the dorms is a good idea. This way, the students have a choice whether they want to live closely to the opposite sex or not. It has worked in other schools and I think that it can work at Ursinus as long as some dorms remain segregated to fit everyone's preferences."

Lindsay Weltman—Sophomore Ursinus Student

"I think co-ed dorms can only happen if there is mutual respect on both sides. Guys and girls have different living habits."

Ngeuanema Kounlavong—Freshman Ursinus Student

"I think that such a decision puts a lot of faith in the students. I just hope that the students involved are mature enough to accept such a change."

Daneen Stamps—Sophomore Ursinus Student

"I feel that this decision should have been run by the students first because I know that I do not agree. It may lead to embarrassing situations and many trash problems. I mean, look at what happened to Beardwood! I don't want that at my school."

Jennifer Stellato—Sophomore Ursinus Student

"I feel that people should be allowed to live where they choose, but the school is going to have to accept responsibility for any eventual problems that this new housing invites."

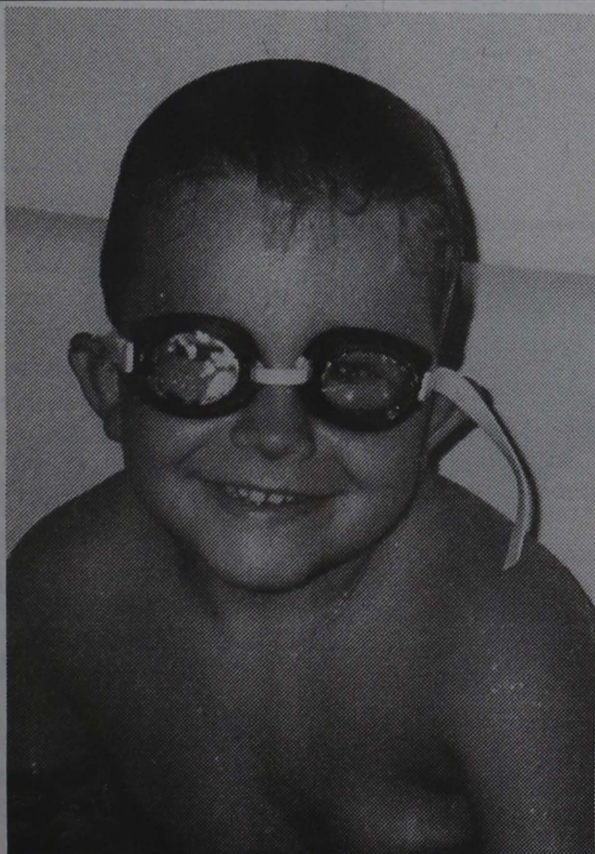
Paul Guidry—Junior Ursinus Student

"It's all good."

Kyle Kenyon—Freshman Ursinus Student

"Generally I have no problem with it but it might be a good change."

Rebecca Pape—Freshman Ursinus Student



Learning to swim in the tub, 1992

Alex Bishop.
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The Role of Security on Campus

by Justin Harrison
of The Grizzly

The status of campus security is always an important issue here at Ursinus, so this week *The Grizzly* is presenting you with the first two in a series of brief, informative, and interesting interviews expressing several points of view regarding the service that does everything from keeping our residence halls locked to guiding Zack's patrons across Main Street: The Ursinus College Security Department.

The first of the three interviews detailed here was a short correspondence via e-mail with Debbie Nolan, Associate Dean of the College and Dean of Students.

Justin: How do you feel the atmosphere and actual presence of security here at Ursinus compares to that of other schools similar in size and geographic setting (i.e. small, suburban, private colleges relatively close to major cities)?
Dean Nolan: Compared to other schools, we have the same amount of coverage, though some of our roles, like Paisley and Reimert desks are covered by students, while at other schools professional officers might get counted for these jobs. ...We have less professional officers than other schools.

Justin: If you could improve one aspect of security on campus, what would it be?

Dean Nolan: [We need to] continue to enhance the communication system, from a twenty-four hour dispatching desk, to phones around campus, to fire system tracking, etc...

Justin: How about something that has improved in recent years?

Dean Nolan: Same thing. We've made some strides with call boxes, new radio system, more fire alarm tracking, phone enhancements.

Justin: What campus issue, in your opinion, is the most problematic or presents the most common threat here (e.g. alcohol-related incidents, vandalism, non-Ursinus student incidents, etc.)?
Dean Nolan: Alcohol-related incidents are by far the most problematic.

Justin: Has there ever been a time when you didn't feel completely secure while on campus?

Dean Nolan: Like many students, I do a lot of walking around campus late a night. Sometimes dark areas along walkways get creepy. However, lighting has

increased a great deal, so I no longer have to walk long stretches in the shadows. I'm not really worried about dangers lurking. It's more that "fear of the dark" thing.

Justin: Do Collegeville Police officers have the right to enter without permission the following areas: (a) the campus area, (b) off-campus housing, (c) residence halls, (d) academic or administrative buildings?

Dean Nolan: CPD has the right to enter all spaces open to the public - academic and administrative buildings when open, our grounds when there is a reason to believe their presence is needed, and in our residence halls when police presence is warranted (i.e. emergencies, 911 calls, requests by a college official or a resident.)

Having read the administrative perspective, I moved on in search of a student viewpoint. It was at Paisley desk that I discovered Tom Howard, hard at work answering phone calls and eager to complain - er, comment.

Justin: So, Tom. What are the worst calls you get?

Tom: Disturbances in Reimert

and EMT calls. We used to get prank calls a lot, but now we have caller ID, so don't even try.

Justin: What are your everyday duties here? Give me an example of a typical day.

Tom: Weekends... signing in visitors, people checking ID's mostly; (Phone rings) taking phone calls for phone numbers... security calls for escorts and things like that.

Weeknights... calls for phone numbers, requests from students directed at security, alarm calls.

Justin: So how are your feelings on campus security in general?

Tom: Security gets second-guessed at almost every step of the way by many people. That one article last year calling [guards] "beer nazis" was out of line. They're doing the best job they can with the few officers they have.

Justin: You feel they need more officers?

Tom: They started this year with four officers trying to provide twenty-four hour coverage seven days a week, doubling up during "power shift" - which is ten to two on weekend nights for parties and stuff - since then we've hired two more who are working out well.

You try to make a schedule work with that many officers.

Justin: Last question: do you feel that the campus is secure?

Tom: I feel the campus is secure if people are smart about what they do. Most real problems come from people who are intoxicated and feel they have to go break stuff or get rowdy with people. There's no need for that. As for non-students, incidents usually don't happen except at houses - like that thing that happened at Commonwealth - or with people who are visiting other students. If someone is visiting you, it is your responsibility to make sure they follow the rules of the college.

Tom's opinions echo the opinions of Security Officer Cindy Zerr, who was enthusiastic about giving this reporter thirty minutes of her time to answer a few similar questions. Interspersed among her helpful and informative comments are several interjections by an obviously enthusiastic and rather eloquent Officer Hodgson.

Justin: Your name?

Cindy: Officer Cindy Zerr.

Justin: How long have you worked

as a security officer?

Cindy: Since 1989.

Justin: What are your typical daily duties?

Cindy: We do lockouts, escorts, bank runs, opening and securing of buildings, vehicle assists, vehicle lockouts, respond to fire alarms, handle incidents and do investigations. We do tickets, too. I hate doing tickets. We also do patrols and teach student awareness.

We're not here to bust on kids; we're here to help them as much as possible. At times we have to be hard-nosed, but we're here to be your friends. We also refer students to counselors and residence life. We work really closely with residence life.

Hodgson: We have a general overview of everything. Everything that occurs on campus affects us. We're enablers.

Justin: How about extra precautions on weekends? Do you have extra guards-

Cindy: Officers, please! They hate it when you call them guards.

Justin: Sorry. So I guess you have extra officers on duty during the weekend hours.

Cindy: We've got a "power shift"

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from seven to three - three AM, that is - and officers who come in from nine to five and eleven to seven, so there's always extra officers on duty. We have Reimert detail where students check ID's; we also have Wilk detail that goes up on weekends. We do more vehicle and foot patrols.

Hodgson: I feel an undercurrent of responsibility on this campus. That's a healthy sign.

Justin: Really? How so?

Hodgson: I feel that people are starting to take care of some things themselves before they come to us. If they're locked out, they go to an RA before they call security. Things like that. People are getting more responsible.

Justin: That's great. Not to change the subject, but what do you think is the worst problem with the general security conditions here? Feel free to speak your peace.

Cindy: A lot of freshman feel the peer pressure to drink or be in a fraternity or sorority, and that tends to cause problems. So if we see a student going in that direction, we try to convince them that there are other things in life besides drinking.

One of the problems with that is that a lot of students don't have transportation. A lot of kids say, "What is there to do other than drink?"

Justin: Can you make any suggestions?

Cindy: I think it would be really great if the school would run buses to South Street, the malls, maybe Friday's or the Zoo, anything. I think something like that would be an asset to the college and maybe it would keep the kids in line. The activities we have here on campus aren't really well-attended, especially on party nights, and buses stop running at about eleven o'clock. We're forcing these kids into doing one thing: sitting around and getting drunk.

I think regular bus trips, especially on weekends, would really help. (Reporter's Note: The existing buses Officer Zerr speaks of are Public Transportation service buses, e.g. Septa, not Ursinus-associated buses)

Justin: On the other side of the same issue, is there any particular problem that you think has improved in recent years?

Hodgson: Drinking. From our standpoint, we have not been notified of any alcohol poisonings this year...

Cindy: I think they're just not reporting them, but yeah, EMT calls have really gone down.

Justin: Oh, speaking of calls, I did have one technical question; I asked Dean Nolar, but I haven't

gotten an answer yet. I've heard all kinds of different things about the Collegeville Police Department's rights as to whether or not they're allowed on campus. Can they come in freely or does Ursinus College have private residency status?

Cindy: They can do whatever they want. They can do drug busts, alcohol arrests, whatever.

Justin: So they're allowed to enter residence halls without informing the college?

Cindy: Yup. Anything. They usually don't come on campus un-

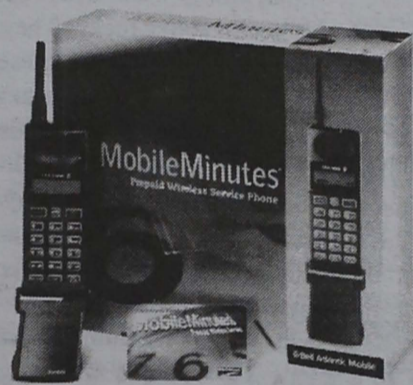
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less they're called, but there's nothing stopping them. Every time there's an EMT call with an ambulance they have to come along, and if they want, they can make arrests or do searches freely at that time. Justin: Thank you very much.

In addition to the above statements, Cindy voiced her strong opinions about the problems of alcohol abuse on campus, showing strong, almost maternal care and concern, especially for freshmen who come here and find themselves in unfamiliar settings, with

newfound freedoms, and under tremendous social and peer pressures. She also expressed her feelings on the importance of providing support and guidance first, and then discipline if necessary. The tremendous dedication and pride and deep personal involvement Officer Zerr maintains as head of security became apparent during this interview, and provided a refreshing, optimistic perspective on the state of security at this home away from home.

Oops!!!

Please note the following correction in the March 2 edition of **The Grizzly**:
-Pat Gross is an Associate Professor, not an assistant

Lou's MOVIE REVIEWS

Man in the Iron Mask is torture

Lou Nemphos

of The Grizzly

The Man in the Iron Mask: Riding high on the tidal wave *Titanic*, Leonardo DiCaprio finds himself once again on a sinking ship. Unfortunately, there aren't any boats in *The Man in the Iron Mask*.

The question one might ask is, how in the world can this movie be bad? It's based on Alexandre Dumas' classic novel, written for the screen and directed by Randall Wallace (he adapted *Braveheart*), not to mention it boasts one of the greatest casts ever assembled.

The answer lies in the downright atrocious screenplay by Wallace. It's so overly dramatic and far fetched the sincerity comes off as comedy, and the comic scenes make you want to get up and leave the theater. I wonder if the actors even read the script before agreeing to do the film. My bet is Wallace had incriminating evidence on all its stars.

The film is about a whiny King, Louis XIV (Dicaprio), and how secretly his twin brother Phillippe (also Dicaprio) is locked in an iron mask rotting in the dungeon. The three musketeers, Aramis (Jeremy Irons), Athos (John Malkovich), and Porthos (Gerard Depardieu) are now old and reminisce about the good old days. They are fed up with the way Louis XIV is running France so they devise a plan to switch the brothers. Ho Hum.

Gabriel Byrne plays D'Artagnan, the King's security advisor, but the musketeers best friend. He's torn between loyalty to the King and to his friends. Who cares? The movie is extremely predictable and just filled with numerous unnecessary

scenes. The action sequences are done poorly, and they are few and far between.

Right off the bat, *The Man in the Iron Mask* is annoying having to listen to the actors. It's much like going to an English for Foreigners class. Irons has a British accent, Depardieu's is French, Byrne's is Irish, Dicaprio's is American and Malkovich sounds a lot like Mr. Garrison from South Park.

What *The Man in the Iron Mask* will be remembered for is how much talent it wasted. Irons is the only saving grace of the picture, but even he almost seems embarrassed. Byrne and Malkovich just go through the motions and Dicaprio is solid as King Louis XIV. Where he falters is with Phillippe, because he plays a bewildered deer in headlights, not the complex, internally scarred character that Phillippe is.

The biggest raspberry goes to Depardieu. His portrayal of Porthos is one of the most despicable characters ever in film. He's supposedly the "comic" relief, but he is just disgusting and vulgar. He talks about big pink nipples, impotence and kidney stones, he gets defecated on by a bird, he constantly flatulates and tries to hang himself in his birthday suit.

Overall, this is one of the most disappointing movies I have ever seen. If I had to choose between seeing this again or wearing the iron mask for two hours, I'd wear the 40 pound iron mask, because there's no way it could hurt my head as much as this movie.

RATING: (out of 4 stars):
* (1 star)

Jerry Springer and The Modern Day Freak Show

By Joseph Catalano

of The Grizzly

I don't know how Jerry Springer sleeps at night. Instigating violence and parading freaks for an hour every weekday, he has become a modern day side-show barker. He purposefully finds people who hate each other and puts them elbow to elbow on national television—all with the expectation of swinging fists and multiple bleeps. Meanwhile, he innocently watches the match strike the powderkeg as if, "Gee. I never would have guessed Rachel's rage-against-the-world neo-nazi boyfriend would have a problem with her menage et trois with two black men. Go figure."

And he does this for America's wholesome enjoyment five hours every week. Two o'clock. Channel Ten. Monday through Friday. You can sit back, relax, and enjoy your Campbell's Tomato over some good old afternoon rioting. Thank God the kids are still at school (damn programmable VCRs).

It must have all started years ago when someone hit Geraldo over the head with a chair. I believe it was the episode with the KKK and a militant black power group, brought together for the first time to vent their frustrations on national TV.

Geraldo wore a bandage for months and soaked up the publicity, all under the humanitarian guise of "I was just trying to make peace. To do my part as a human." It was ratings week. Thanks for playing.

But at this very moment, someone with no conscious, or a contract with Satan, must have dropped the bomb: what a great concept for a talk show! Let's throw cats and mice on stage and hit record.

Where do they find these people?

Propose marriage on Springer? How romantic! There's a sure teller for the grandkids: "Jimmy, your grandpa finished talking about his former life as a drug-running teenage pimp, then he got down on his knees and asked me to marry him. After he socked one of his former sixteen-year-old cross-dressing whores in the mouth, I couldn't resist. Brought tears to these eyes, he did." Is it the appealing aura of national television?

And I don't know about you, but when I discover my girlfriend is a schizophrenic hermaphrodite who cheats on herself, the last place I wish to share my problems is two o'clock on Channel Ten, right after *All My Children*. They are obviously a different species, a few steps lower on the Great Chain of Being. Somewhere below insects, but above rocks. They do breathe.

And what do these guests do when they go home to Kansas? Do they have their friends come over and say, "Gee, Billy Joe. Saw you on Springer yesterday and I have one word for you. Fantastic."

How could you ever show your face in public again? This show has been gaining such a huge audience, people will recognize you. I realize that everyone deserves his/her few seconds of airtime, but how desperate are we? I'd rather be the guy blown into the camera on the eleven o'clock news El Nino footage.

These people must be actors, no? Ones who were passed over as extras for the next Ernest or Pauly Shore movie. Have you ever wondered whether such people exist? I have. Many times.

Or should we be more concerned about the people who tune in regularly? Do some of us have an

appetite for violence? For this is exactly what I think media moguls are tapping into for profit, and I think it's sad. Hence the \$19.95 (+ 4.95 s/h) video of the more explicit sexual and violent episodes of Springer deemed too racy for television. Hence a recent film, *Fierce Creatures*, also bases its plot on attracting more people to a zoo by promoting and displaying animal's violent tendencies—but who has the larger tendency, animals or humans? Hence more and more of our movies offer us increasing doses of glamorized violence; villains do not die just once, but many times. And the camera zooms in to show us every gaping wound and sudden jerk of a mutilated body. Can this be dismissed merely because that villain was a really bad man?

Sure, there are positive things to say about *Springer*. First, if we have a proclivity to violence, it's better to drain it five days a week then let it simmer until we grab a hammer and go to town. Second, watching freak shows definitely assures us of our own normality. Someone holding a gun to his head can tune in and think, "Man, I thought I was an outcast," while the rest of us can think, "Man, I thought my life sucked."

So maybe Jerry Springer is not demon spawn. Maybe he is doing America a service via his freak show. Either way, my humanity rebels.

What's Happening At U.C.

Jennifer Heil

of The Grizzly

As the second half of the semester gets under way, students on the Ursinus campus have an array of musical and intellectual experiences at their disposal.

Music tops the agenda this week as USGA presents the annual Airband concert, a night of lip-synching and laughter, on Friday, March 27 at 8 PM in Wismer Lower Lounge.

Students may also have a more serious musical experience this Sunday, March 29 as the Heefner Organ Recital performs at 4 PM in Bomberger Auditorium. The program features the premiere of a work by composer Eric Sessler, a doctoral candidate at the Julliard School of Music.

Ursinus students interested in building for the future may attend a Lecture given by Fred Sherman

entitled "Where to Invest in the 21st Century." The lecture will be held on Thursday, March 26, at 7:30 PM in Olin Auditorium.

As a last reminder to the class of 1999, senior portraits will be taken on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 23 through 25. Please call 1-800-826-0558 to make an appointment.

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Baseball Goes 7-3 Over Spring Break

by Stephanie Restine
of The Grizzly

Although warm weather was lacking, the Ursinus Baseball team jumped into the spring pre-season in Florida with great success. During the week of March 7-14, the Bears played 10 games and came away with 7 wins and 3 losses.

Ursinus had several notable wins against tough competition. UC bested the Rochester Institute of Technology by a score of 5 to 4. The winning pitcher was senior Nate Smiley, going for 7 innings with 8 strikeouts. On the offensive end, senior Jeff DeSimone went 2 for 3 with 2 runs scored, and junior Andy Hawkins delivered 3 RBI's while going 2 for 4. Ursinus also demonstrated prowess on the basepaths with 5 steals in 5 attempts.

The Bears also upset West Liberty, a Division II school from West Virginia, by the score of 12 to 8. Although allowing 8 BB, the winning pitcher, sophomore John Hollinger kept the team in contention throughout his 7 innings of work. Offense was the key for this game, and leading the team were senior Mike Romello (2 for 3, 4 RBI, 2 doubles, 2 runs scored), Hawkins (4 for 4, 4 RBI, 1 double, 2 runs scored), and senior Dirk Cleveland (1 for 3, 1 RBI, 1 triple, 1 run scored).

UC was also able to surpass a Pennsylvania neighbor, Alvernia, 5 to 3. Junior Dave Pierce was the winning pitcher with 5 innings on the mound. The Bears' strong relief talent was evident in the

performance of sophomore Matt Wiatrek. In the batter's box, sophomore Joe Sprague hit 2 for 4 with 3 RBI.

In the remaining games, Ursinus defeated Susquehanna, St. John's Fisher, and Clark, while losing only to Wesley, Bridgewater State, and St. Joe's, Maine.

"We did better than I expected," said Hawkins. "It just seemed like we had one person that picked us up when we needed it in every game."

After UC's strong showing in pre-conference play, both players and fans are justified in their optimistic predictions for the upcoming season. Junior Donny Asper remarked, "Overall offensively, the team produced more sacrifice bunts, hit and runs, and squeeze plays than we have in the past. The best we've ever done in Florida is 7 and 3. We also have the deepest pitching staff that we've had in a long time. With all the experience and depth of this team, we should be able to finish high in the conference standings."

The 1998 Ursinus Baseball team does possess the potential to go far. With 9 returning seniors, the team is reminiscent of the 1996 Conference Championship Bears which carried 7 seniors. If UC is capable of overcoming conference rivals Johns Hopkins, F&M, and Dickinson, Ursinus may have a chance at the Centennial Conference title.

The Ursinus Baseball team commences conference play at Gettysburg on March 28.

by Jacqueline Colvin

Sports Editor

The UC women's lacrosse team not only came back from spring break with a tan, but more importantly they came back ready to kick off their season successfully.

The lady Bears worked hard, concentrated on their play, and left their mark in Florida this past week. The team traveled to St. Petersburg, Florida to compete against various other NCAA teams.

Among the teams UC competed against were Division I programs, Temple University, Hofstra University, Wagner College, and Boston University. Other Division III teams participating were Rennsealer Polytechnic Institute, Rowan University, Mary Washington College, and Mount Clair University.

The team began their week of spring training with many practices and inter-squad scrimmages. The lady Bears took advantage of their opportunity to be together by working hard as a unit.

Sophomore, Madaline Dunphy, agrees, "The practices brought us together and helped us test our potential. We tried new things which made us more comfortable and confident using what we had practiced in games."

The team worked over, reviewed, and practiced many different aspects

Women's Lacrosse Gets Tune Up in Florida

of the game. They spent substantial time on offensive and defensive play, and their transition down the field.

The UC ladies started off their tough competition in the first round-robin tournament on Tuesday morning. The Bears played Temple, Yale, Hofstra, and Mount Clair. Each scrimmage was 25 minutes long and the teams were randomly selected to play one another. It just so happened that the first team we played was Coach Carrie Reilly's former team, Temple University.

The UC team matched up well against Division I powerhouse, Temple.

Sophomore, Ashley Claus, said, "Temple plays the same attack and defense as us. So, it was interesting to see our plays on a different level. Our team seemed to know how to defend them well and we held them to only four goals."

Another big scrimmage for the Bears was against Mary Washington College. The Bears, in the first half, were tired and played below their potential. At the half, the UC ladies were down 9-4, but at that point the game just seemed to start for the Bears. In the second half, UC held Mary Washington to no goals and triumphantly scored 12 goals. The lady Bears ended the scrimmage by winning 16-9.

Junior goalie, JoAnne Kenney, who had a shut-out the second half, commented, "After a slow start in

the first half, at half-time we began to focus on what we had to do. We simply went out there and did what we had to do to win the game."

After that win, Ursinus was confident going into their second round-robin tournament on Thursday. The lady Bears won four of their five games played that day. Included in this winning streak was their scrimmage against Rowan.

The Bears ended their lacrosse play on Thursday, and had the opportunity to visit Disney World on Friday. The lady Bears are ready to get their games started and are confident in their team's performance this season.

Coach Reilly said, "This week was great practice for our team. It's been beneficial in two ways. First, we will have a few games under our belt before we even step on the field to play. Secondly, we had a chance to bond together as a team."

Men's Lax Plays at Corestates

The Ursinus Men's Lacrosse Team suffered a 12-2 defeat at the hands of Albright College Saturday night at the Corestates Center in South Philadelphia. It was the first box lacrosse game ever for Ursinus.

Following a thrilling National Lacrosse League game in which the Philadelphia Wings were downed 15-14 by the New York Saints, Ursinus took the green pseudo-turf and did their best impersonation of a box lacrosse team.

Albright wasn't fooled.

After a slow start which served as a feeling out period for the two familiar field enemies in the National Club Lacrosse League, Albright scored seven unanswered goals to break the game open.

Ursinus, playing in only their second game of the season (the first being a 15-2 loss to Temple in a field game), was visibly tired after the first 20 minutes of play. Of the 12 Albright goals, 8 were the result of odd-man rushes and five of those were unimpeded breakaways.

The lopsided outcome could have been a lot worse had it not been for the solid play of junior goaltender Chuck Karns. Despite the lack of defense, Karns stood tall on several breakaways and finished the game (continued on p. 8)

Tennis Team Loses Opener at Albright

by Melinda Albert
of the Grizzly

The tennis team suffered a disappointing loss to Albright College last Tuesday. The team lost every set of each of their nine matches. The final score was 9-0 Albright. It was the Men's Tennis Team's first game of the season.

"I don't think we were prepared for that level of play . . . and we underestimated their abilities. I guess we just got shut out, it's as simple as that," said third year player Kartic Padmanabhan.

Although the team began practicing on February 1, it was still not enough to beat Albright.

"Our guys were tough and well prepared but they were

outmatched," admitted Dr. Del Engstrom, the team's head coach. He has been coaching the team ever since his arrival five years ago when Ursinus moved from the MAC Conference to the newly formed Centennial Conference. Dr. Engstrom acknowledged that the Centennial Conference has very strong teams that are difficult to beat.

"We are a young team," said senior Scott Hoffman. "A lot of upperclassmen are gone. We're still wet behind the ears. We're a strong team, but we are in a pretty competitive conference. Individually the team has excellent players, but they just need more collegiate experience."

Hofmann said that the differ-

ence between playing in high school and college is very shocking to many people. "The level of competition is greater and it's stronger . . . Most of the players have received professional training. Tennis is not the kind of sport that you just know how to play. It takes a lot of practice and dedication to really make it to the top," said Hofmann.

Despite their loss, both Padmanabhan and Hofmann seem optimistic for the future of the tennis team. "The coach is really great, and that's why you see the same people coming out for the team year after year. Things are run very well. Everyone gets along, and we'll try to build on this in the future," explained Hofmann.

"You have to just keep going in

there and give it your all," said Padmanabhan.

Hofmann, who has played for the team on and off for the past four years, feels that the only way that the team can truly get better, is by continuously attracting great high school players.

"The team has to perform and get more wins behind them. The more we win, the more momentum we can build up and the more support we will get from within the school. The more support we can get from within the school, the more we can begin to draw talented athletes from the outside . . . the better we can become," explained Hofmann.

Ursinus' next match is at home against Widener on Wednesday, March 25.

Vonnie Gros, Ursinus Legend Retires

by **Richard Neal**
of The Grizzly

A piece of U.S. Olympic history is leaving Ursinus in May. Vonnie Gros, the head field hockey coach at Ursinus for the past eight years, is resigning. Regarded as one of the most knowledgeable field hockey coaches in the world, Gros is the only head coach to lead the U.S. Field Hockey Team to a bronze medal in 1984. Gros has also coached the 1980 Olympic team and the U.S. World Cup team in 1979 to a third place finish and a sixth place finish in 1983.

A graduate from Ursinus in 1957, Gros has coached college field hockey at West Chester University and Princeton University before returning to her alma mater to coach in 1989. While at Ursinus, Gros has compiled a 65-90-9 record, but she has meant more to Ursinus than just wins and losses. Bill Akin, Ursinus Athletic Director, said, "What she gave the Ursinus' field hockey team was international recognition and credibility. Anyone who was anybody in the world, knew and respected Vonnie Gros." Gros has led Ursinus to playoff berths in the Eastern College Athlete Conference (ECAC) in 1989

and 1995, and last year to the Patriot League Playoffs.

Lauren Flanagan, a sophomore player on the field hockey team, is disappointed to see Gros leave. "We're real upset. She's a legend in field hockey. And we've been growing closer to her and getting so much better. We made the playoffs last year and now she's leaving. It's as if we're losing momentum."

Gros has held many honors, awards and an outstanding reputation as a coach. She has worked closely with the United States Field Hockey Association (USFHA) in developing and ensuring the future of the game. In 1996, she was named Field Hockey Developmental Coach of the Year by the USFHA. Gros is a member of the USFHA Hall of Fame, and the South Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Chester University, and Ursinus College halls of fame as well. Gros has also played on the U.S. National Team for 13 years, and has toured more than any other U.S. Team member: eight times as a player and five times as a coach.

Gros was the first holder of The Elenor Frost Snell Chair of Health and Physical Education and Coach of the Ursinus College Division I Field Hockey Team. As strong of

a presence and leader in field hockey as Gros was, she should be difficult to replace. Bill Akin feels that way.

"She's a legend. You don't replace a legend. It's sort of like Dean Smith [former coach] of North Carolina Basketball. You don't replace a legend. But they've changed coaches and they have had a good year. We've started the search for a new coach and hope to have a good field hockey season next fall. But it won't be the same."

Baseball Wins Home Opener

The Ursinus Men's Baseball team defeated Philadelphia College of Pharmacy on Friday 6-1.

Mike Boyer pitched two relief innings for the Bears to pick up the win in the home opener, while improving his overall record to 2-0.

The Bears (8-4) rallied for a four run burst in the fifth inning, snapping a 1-1 tie. Ben Mills singled in the first two Ursinus runs of the inning and finished the day 2 for 4 from the plate.

Ursinus resumes play on Wednesday March 25 at Rutgers/Camden.

Women's Lax Settles for Tie Against Rowan

Jacqueline Colvin
Sports Editor

The UC women's lacrosse team is ready to play rain or shine. Although many sporting events were canceled this past week due to bad weather, that did not stop the Bears from their usual aggressive play on the lacrosse field. On Thursday, March 19, the lacrosse team tied Rowan University 10-10 in a game played at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. The Bears had their game moved to the turf field at St. Joe's because their field was under water.

The Bears went into the game with reckless abandon, knowing they had an advantage over Rowan after beating them in Florida. In the first half of the game, the Bears rose to the occasion and dominated in every aspect, defensively and offensively. At the end of the first half, the Bears were winning 6-3. How-

ever, the latter part of the game seemed to be a different story.

"We definitely dominated in the first half, but when they tied us we seemed to get panicked. This caused a loss of concentration within our team," said senior captain Kris Algeo. Algeo, the first-home for the Bears, had a game high of 4 spectacular goals and 4 assists.

The Bears let down a little in the second half and gave Rowan a much undeserved chance to win the game.

"Rowan tied it up with us at the end of the game, which seemed to frustrate all the players," said junior attack wing, Erika Johnston. "They took every opportunity we gave them to come back."

The lead switched back and forth between the two teams in the last few crucial minutes of the game. When the clock had run out for the regulation time of the game, it showed a tie between UC and Rowan. Both coaches decided to

play a six minute over-time. In overtime, the Bears scored first with a little over three minutes to play. Then Rowan answered with a goal. The intensity on both teams continued to rise; however, the whistle sounded and the game was unfortunately over. Both teams were pressed with time, yet UC had to stop play and take home a tie. Algeo commented, "I know if we continued to play, we would have won in double over-time." There seemed to be no doubt about that, yet the Bears continue on with their season. The lacrosse team hopes to meet up with Rowan again in the NCAA play-offs to get a chance to redeem themselves and take the win.

Ursinus' next game is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 at Bryn Mawr College.

(LAX at Corestates Center Cont'd from p.7)

with 15 saves. In his second season as the Bears' net minder, Karns has become very familiar with his team's he's-not-my-man defensive philosophy.

"I was just wishing our team would notice the guys hanging back," said Karns. "Since there was no offsides, (Albright) was just breaking as soon as they got possession, so it did get a little frustrating."

Despite being peppered with shots throughout the contest, Karns felt it was a good experience to play a box game at the Corestates Center. "It was really a lot of fun," said Karns. "At one point I was getting heckled by the janitors behind the glass, but I didn't let it bother me. It was just a great time."

After Albright sprinted out to the seven goal lead, Ursinus closed the gap to 7-2 with consecutive goals by juniors Jude Blessington and Brandon Shepherdson in a 54 second span. However, that was as close as Ursinus would get as Albright finished with the last five goals of the game.

"We all played hard, but our fundamentals were lacking and that caused us to lose," said senior player/coach Bob Clements. He also pointed out that the Bears suffered because they were out of shape.

"We played well for the first half of the game, but then we got tired and kept giving them breakaways." The score aside, Clements agreed that the game was a good idea. "It was definitely worth it . . . It was one of the most memorable athletic experiences of my life. I'm really glad we did this."

Track & Field

The Ursinus Outdoor track team traveled to Lancaster, Pa. on Saturday for the Franklin & Marshall College Track and Field Invitational Meet. Several Ursinus athletes performed very well.

Andrea Lister was a double winner, taking top honors in both the triple jump and the high jump. Her winning leaps were of 32 feet 3.75 inches and 4 feet eight inches respectively. Nikki Morgan placed third in the long jump (14' 6.5"), while Kelly McCarthy finished first in the javelin with a throw of 114 feet 6 inches.

For the men, Yori Adegunwa took second in the high jump at 6 feet, and third in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of :53.3. John Nichter placed third in the 200m at :23.8. Anthony O'hara finished second in the javelin (166' 18") and Brett Nath placed third in the discus (121' 11").

THE SCOREBOARD

(for the week of March 16-21)

Women's Lacrosse:

Ursinus 10, Rowan 10
Middleburg 23, Ursinus 8
Senior Kris Algeo scored 6 goals and 5 assists in the two games played this week.

Men's Lacrosse:

Albright 12, Ursinus 2
Junior Chuck Karns had 15 saves in their game at the Corestates Center.

Baseball:

Ursinus 6, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy 1
Pitcher Mike Boyer improved to 2-0.

Men's Tennis:

Albright 9, Ursinus 0

Upcoming Events

Women's Lacrosse:

3/24 @ Bryn Mawr
3/26 @ College of New Jersey
3/28 @ Gettysburg

Men's Lacrosse:

3/24 Delaware Valley College
3/25 Lehigh University
3/29 @ College of New Jersey

Baseball:

3/25 @ Rutgers/Camden
3/26 Delaware Valley
3/28 @ Gettysburg

Softball:

3/24 Haverford
3/28 Dickinson

Men's Tennis:

3/25 Widener
3/26 @ Haverford

Women's Tennis:

3/26 Johns Hopkins
3/28 Swarthmore

Track & Field:

3/28 Ursinus Invitational

Golf:

3/26 @ Lebanon Valley vs. Leb Val and Messiah