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Where's Your Money Going?

by Joe Pope
of the Grizzly

Income investments are comprised of endowments and their invests. Endowments are gifts that are given that have to be invested and cannot be spent. Its income, however, can be used to fulfill the purposes for which the money is given. These differ from annual gifts that can be used for any purpose. “There are alumni, and others, who have generously contributed funds that offset income. Much of the cost of the education is funded by people who have contributed in the past or are doing so currently,” said Mr. Guilmette. “Much generosity is involved in the process, and students are the beneficiaries.”

Government support for student aid includes Pell Grants and Federal Work Study. Another form is the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Grant, which is a certain amount of money that the state gives to the college according to how many students are from Pennsylvania. This grant is used for general support. Miscellaneous income encompasses items such as application fees and various programs, including a health administration program that St. Joseph’s runs using the Ursinus facilities. This places the college’s total revenues for the 1997-98 year at $36,653,740, which is an increase of $1,243,982 when compared to the previous year’s $35,409,758. These figures demonstrate that tuition and related fees only account for approximately 55 percent of total revenues.

Financial aid is withdrawn before other expenses are paid. Internally funded financial aid is college money given to students to offset their bills. Externally funded financial aid is the aforementioned governmental support that goes out to the students through the college. This leaves $26,209,226 available for the college to use for operational costs.

Expenses include $10,652,503 for salaries, $2,652,782 for benefits, $6,258,573 for Educational Programming, $2,710,874 for Institutional Support, $2,659,417 for Maintenance, which is down from the previous year’s $3,226,213, and $1,073,483 for debtservice. Educational Programming involves all academic, academic support, student life, and food service departments. Institutional Support includes those expenses related to general administration of the college, such as fundraising, business, and admissions areas. Maintenance costs are those that relate to the operation and upkeep of college buildings and grounds. Debt service expenses are used for the repayment of the long term loans taken out for various purposes. The expenses total $26,207,632, leaving a net revenue of $1,594 per year.

Overall, the tuition has gone up at a decreasing rate, currently around four to five percent per year. Ursinus College costs for a full-time, residential student include $18,300 for tuition, $5,880 for room and board, $140 for the activities fee, and $80 for a wellness fee. That tuition level ranks as one of the lowest of the Centennial Conference, which includes Swarthmore, Bryn Mawr, Dickinson, Franklin and Marshall, Gettysburg, Haverford, Muhlenburg, Washington, Western Maryland, and John Hopkins.

Pfahler Hall Renovations:
The Sound of Progress

by Auson Eve Lutz
of The Grizzly

As Fall approaches, students casually stroll to classes all over the Ursinus College campus. They are starting to wear sweaters and boots, and they may hurry a bit as a particularly brisk breeze blows by them. The sun is shining as colorful leaves are dropping to the ground. Suddenly, the sound of a demolition crew at work rips through the air. People look around, bewildered by the disturbance in their lovely fall outing. The sounds are from Pfahler Hall’s construction crew as they renovate the science building. What is going on in there?

The Physical Plant’s Fred Klee has some answers. According to Mr. Klee, Ursinus is replacing outdated laboratory furniture and dealing with air circulation problems in the chemistry labs. “We have constructed an addition to the rear of the existing building. It has a classroom, science resource center (computer lab), an inorganic chemistry lab . . . and an organic chemistry lab,” says Klee. They have also renovated the lecture hall to make it more usable for a variety of course offerings. This sounds wonderful for the students with science related majors.

With new furniture and better resources, who could ask for more? Are the students appreciating the work that is being done in Pfahler Hall? Colleen Logan, a biology and pre-medical freshman said, “The construction is a disturbance during my classes in Pfahler Hall. The noise makes it hard to focus on the professor.” Logan believes that despite the inconvenience, “In the end it will work well.” “I think it’s worth it,” explained sophomore chemistry major Eric Neelans, “It doesn’t bother me but it is taking a bit long.” Sarah Lavigne a junior math major said, “[The construction is] not as bad as last year. I think what they are doing in the new wing looks really good.” The overall consensus between students seems to be that the construction is annoying at times, but it is a means to a beneficial end. When asked if his classes were disrupted by the construction noise, Dr. Eric Williamsen, who teaches a chemistry course in Pfahler said, “Occasionally, but we have a pretty good relationship with the construction crew.” He went on to say that if he has an exam scheduled he can let the crew know and they will refrain from doing any heavy-duty demolition at those times. “The building definitely needed upgrading,” said Williamsen.

Fred Klee claims that the remaining demolition will be completed during the semester break and that the reconstruction will start second semester. Both the faculty and the construction team are grateful for each other’s cooperation. Students seem to be anxious for the construction to be finished not only so the noise and the dust will stop, but also so they can start to use the new resources and facilities. The completion of the renovations is scheduled for sometime in the late spring of 1999.

Kenneth Starr's "XXX-Files"

by Mike Edwards
News Editor

On September 9, Kenneth Starr delivered 36 boxes to the House of Representatives. The boxes contained 2 copies of Mr. Starr’s findings during his investigation of President Clinton. The findings contained 14 boxes of supporting evidence and a 445 page report. The following night the report was posted on the internet, causing severe traffic problems across the net. Wired news and internet news source, says that hours before the report was published the Library of Congress was receiving between 80 and 100 hits per second. The Library of Congress was not expected to be able to handle the immense amount of volume, but many other news sites are posting their own copies of the report, which lessens the traffic to the Library of Congress.

Within minutes of posting the report CNN interactive,a CNN news site on the internet, was receiving approximately 300,000 hits a minute. Niall McKay, a Wired News reporter said, “the internet is standing up to an onslaught of traffic on what may turn out to be the biggest day in the medium’s history.” Although most sites handled the immense traffic well, there was another major concern. Due to the graphic content of the report, internet filters such as Cybersitter and Netnanny are blocking access to the report, denying access to many schools and libraries across the nation.
In The News...

International News
In Dubai, United Arab Emirates, the Iranians and Talibans have continued to threaten each other and tensions between them continue to rise at an enormous rate. Hashemi Rafsanjani, former president of Iran, has said that the Talibans will pay for the innocent lives they took. Taliban spokesman Zakll Ahmed Muttawakil said in response to Rafsanjani's comment, "We are not worried about Iran." "Iran will not attack." Iran has tried to initiate peace between them but the Talibans feel that it is a trap and continue to withstand from a truce.

The Clinton scandal has not only affected the U.S., but the entire world. Here are a few statements from around the globe about this ongoing saga.

Italian industrialist Umberto Agnelli said, "I believe that the U.S. A has such an important responsibility towards the world that a matter of this nature should at least have been postponed." "We always like to know who is with who, but we don't think that it is in any way related to his job and his public life," Jean Louis Demignieux, international director of France Television.

"It's not a very French approach," said Emmanuel Delhomme, a Paris Bookseller. "We're at the opposite of all that... because if tomorrow we had to do the same thing to our politicians, the Parliament would be empty."

"In Italy, government ministers have mistresses, and that is kept separate from their public life... A sexual affair would never end the career of an Italian politician." Luisa Arezzo, an editor at a Liberal magazine in Rome.

"The problem is that nobody will take Clinton seriously anymore." "I mean, what do you think Saddam Hussein thinks of him?" Zeev Chafetz, a prominent social commentator and Israeli American.

National News
Michael and Angeline Rogers of Chilton, Wis., were convicted and sentenced to one year in jail with ten years probation for the beating of their eight-year-old daughter. The parents claim that the child was a very difficult child and when the child psychologist didn't work, they became desperate and locked her in a dog cage the size of a 27 inch television. The first reporting of this abuse came as a result of her eleven year old brother, the oldest out of the four children, walked two and a half blocks in the snow barefoot to the police station to get help. The judge in this case, Circuit Judge Steven W. Belt was accused of sexual discrimination during a custody case. The parents Janice and Frederick DeLong III had both engaged in extramarital affairs, but Janice's affairs were with women. The judge awarded custody of their three children to Frederick and ordered that Janice tell her children, who are ages nine, seven, and five, about her sexual orientation. Janice DeLong appealed to the Supreme Court and won her case; Judge Belt's decision was overturned and his ethics questioned. Frederick DeLong had no comment but to say that the judge did not discriminate against his ex-wife when giving him custody of his children instead of her.

City News
Mayor Rendell is finally getting serious about Philadelphia's homelessness problems. Many of Rendell's associates have been appalled at how long it has taken him to act. City Councilman Angel Ortiz said, "What makes you think that if you didn't do it before, when you had the power, you're going to do it afterward because you have new legislation?" Rendell's vision for Philadelphia as a destination city is possible, but only after the homelessness is dealt with. Visitors are tired of being panhandled, business owners are tired of having their properties defaced with urine and trash, and the city has sent a wake up call that has finally been heard.
Has America Sunk to the Level of Terrorists?

by Brian Berg
of the Grizzly

Like most Americans, I was shocked and outraged by the recent terrorist bombing attacks on U.S. embassies in Africa. These attacks, especially the one on the embassy in Nairobi, killed and injured hundreds of innocent people—many of whom were innocent bystanders without any affiliation to the embassy. The heartless nature of this crime and the fact that those responsible might never be brought to justice infuriated me; how could anyone have such an utter disregard for human life? These terrorists, without warning or direct provocation, carried out an attack that violated international law and the established standards of international diplomacy.

While these attacks angered me as a member of human society, what disturbed me even more as an American, was President Clinton’s response to these terrorist attacks. In order to “teach them a lesson” so to speak, Clinton ordered the launch of Tomahawk cruise missiles against suspected terrorist sites in Sudan and Afghanistan.

Most Americans reacted favorably to this decision by the President, asserting that we were “right” or justified in our response. I think that this is a very hypocritical stance for the American public to take, and I disagree totally with the President’s ill-conceived plan to send a message to terrorists across the globe.

Our actions were no better than the acts of the terrorists themselves. Again, we reacted with the typical American attitude of an “eye for an eye,” without stopping to see whom we were really blinding. However, and more importantly to me, we, as typical Americans, did not stop to consider weather it was right for us to strike back, we just went ahead and did it, not caring about the consequences of our actions. There was virtually no way to know if the suspected terrorist sites that the cruise missiles blew up were actually the sites of those that carried out the embassy bombings.

The main thrust of the FBI investigation was in interviewing the hundreds of people who witnessed the bombing and from their testimony, trying to piece together what actually happened. Physical evidence—such as the vehicle that housed the bomb, security camera tapes of the incident, and bomb residue and fragments—was just starting to be gathered when the President ordered the strikes. Without this physical evidence, there was simply no way to be sure who carried out the bombings.

Some people argue that the CIA had intelligence information, and that the investigation by the FBI was just a front to keep the element of surprise with the United States, but I think that notion is completely false. Remember that this is the same CIA who earlier in the summer told us that India and Pakistan did not have nuclear weapons and were certainly not going to conduct nuclear missile tests. If two relatively small countries can hide something as large as a nuclear weapons program from the CIA, how difficult would it be for a small group of terrorists, using the entire globe, to hide from the same “intelligence” organization?

The United States builds itself up as the great guardian of democracy, due process and justice, but in acting with little or no information, we have shown just how much we value these ideals. The attacks were a violation of international law, and, if perpetrated against more powerful countries, could be grounds for declaring war.

But, the Sudan and Afghanistan countries have loopholes that the United States knew could provide a way to proceed with the attacks with little or no protest. (Sudan was trying to indite President Clinton in the International Court of Justice for unjustly attacking their country, but, to my knowledge, nothing has come of that action.)

In my opinion, it seems as if the terrorists have won. What they have done is caused us to sacrifice one of the most sacred of our democratic ideals, equal justice under the law, and essentially adopt terrorist tactics of our own. We, take most of our freedoms for granted, and seem to think that rights apply to the opinion of the majority, but we must keep in mind that the Constitution exists to protect the rights of the minority.

Even though those terrorists perpetrating a horrible act and should be brought to justice, they should still be afforded the same right to due process as an innocent man who has been wrongfully accused. If we continue to act without cause or justification and with disregard for our most fundamental political ideals, then the terrorists truly have won. The bombs they set off will not only destroy buildings and people, but will destroy the very fabric of our American democracy.

Academic Computing--Beneficial or Detrimental?

by Jill Gonzalez
of the Grizzly

The general consensus on campus from previous years concerning computing services has been feelings of frustration and impatience. But this year changes have been made in the department and so far the process of connecting personal computers to the Internet seems to be becoming easier.

Due to new memory configurations, many upperclassmen are still facing problems getting connected, but Dr. John King, the new director of computing services, feels that things will get better after changes are made to suit the new manner of connecting personal computers to the school’s server.

In the previous years, the students had to call and make an appointment for the servicemen to come to their rooms to get an Ethernet card installed. People were anxious and frustrated because they had to wait days and even weeks for their appointment and much time was wasted if furniture had to be moved or if the student was not in his/her room when the men came. For this reason, the students now bring their PC units to the computing services and they are able to have their computers ready the same day.

In addition, the configuration in the memory of the computer has changed. Previously, a certain address was coded into the personal computers and now each computer is assigned an individual address.

This doesn’t cause a problem for the freshman and the other students who are using the Ursinus server for the first time. However, students who do not yet have an individual address have to change the configuration themselves and/or make appointments for the servicemen to come to their rooms to change the information for them if they are unsuccessful.

Q: Do you think the process is better or worse this year than last year and why?

"Worse because I liked when they came to my room." Brandy Kline

"Better because we didn’t have to schedule appointments. We could just do it on our own and not have to worry about it." Andrea Koontz

"It’s the same as last year. Last year they took six weeks to get around to you." Pete Nicholson

"It’s much better because the guy that is the head of the department seems to know what he is doing." Karen Srebro

"I think it’s better this year because you’re more informed about the process and what you need to do." Stephanie Sullivan

Dr. John King believes that although things are still shaky at this point in time, he hopes that there will be fewer and fewer problems each year. As for now some students are still a little anxious and frustrated, but Dr. King feels that once these changes are made there will be only minor problems that can be solved over the phone.
How Efficient Will the New Mail System Be?

by Chris Cocca
of the Grizzly

I have to admit that not knowing my MSC number until I got here was a little inconvenient and a little annoying, but freshman lamentations aside, a new issue about student mail has people here talking.

The situation involves the decision to reassign MSC numbers to every student every year. Some students are upset over the change, having indicated that the Ursinus Student Government Association (USGA) will address the issue next year, helping to revise the situation. One plan already being discussed to remedy the situation is to go along with changing the box numbers next year, and then organizing them by class in the following year, with an incoming class taking the boxes of the previous year's graduated seniors.

It is important to also note that the decision to change the system was not made solely by the administration, students were a part of the committee that met last spring and recommended the switch.

While this is not the most polarizing of issues, there definitely are differing opinions and upset students. Matt Nichols, freshman Ursinus Student, who is annoyed at the prospect of having to give everyone he knows a new address next year, dislikes the change. However, others don't see this as a major impediment to student happiness or success. Ben Baehr, senior Ursinus student, feels “It's really not that big of a deal. The thing I was more upset about was that I didn’t know about the change until the day I came back, but the number change isn’t really a big deal itself”. Still others I talked with had no opinion; they just didn’t care.

So what happens if graduate schools, other important people, or institutions mail something to someone's previous year's address? Well, according to the mail staff, if mail should arrive with the wrong MSC number on it, they will attempt to simply match the name on the envelope with the current mailbox. If worst comes to worst and for some reason they are unable to cross-reference the two, they will send it back to the college post office where the correct number will be placed on the envelope and the document sent along its merry way.

At most, they say, this correction process will result in a one-day delay. And while this may not seem like a lengthy amount of time, let us not forget that the new system was designed to speed up the mail process, not slow it down.

If in its practice, it actually further hinders the chance of students getting their mail and getting it promptly, then this is an issue that will likely be further examined in time to come.

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Poets in Our Midst

by Audrey Molineux of The Grizzly

"Women are making poetry hot again," read the title of the Glamour Magazine article that included Doctor Jena Osman. Not only did she appear in Glamour Magazine, she also published many writings and recently won a prestigious award from Barnard College in New York.

"I was sent an e-mail from Heather Peeler, the director of Small Press Distribution and she wanted to recognize me in Glamour Magazine," said Osman. The article, which appeared in September's issue, named five new female poets. Along with this honor Osman also recently won The Barnard College New Women's Poet Prize for a book manuscript. BeCan Press will publish the book in April. Osman will then also have the opportunity to give a reading with the judge at Barnard College in New York City.

Osman has had many publications ranging from Books of Poetry, anthologized Writings, poetry in journals, and numerous essays. "I think that it's great that a mass market publication would do an article on contemporary poetry," said Osman, "I'd love it if there were as many articles on poetry as there were about makeup and hair in magazines like that."

Osman went to Oberlin College in Ohio and then received her Masters of Fine Arts and Creative Writing at Brown University. She then earned her Ph.D at The State University of New York in Buffalo and from there joined the Ursinus College's English department where she had taught English Composition, Play Writing, and most appropriately, Poetry for the past two years. Sophomore poetry student, Jill Gonzalez, commented, "Her class is inspiring because she has shown us how to express our ideas through different perspectives in poetry."

Osman hopes to show her students that they can experiment with language and have a lot of fun with it. "There’s this idea we sometimes have that poems should be very elegant and profound— but poetry can be really messy and lively too," she continued.

Anna Dyess, Lisa Ray and Ursinus College are "So Happy Together"

RLO=One Big Happy Family

by Stephanie Duncan of The Grizzly

Say the word authority and some people cringe at their imagination. To them authority is the person or group of people who can yell at them when they mess up or forget to do something. Here at Ursinus, authority has a new meaning. Not only does it mean cooperation and unity, but it also has the essence of family attached to it. The new Resident Directors (RDs) Anna Dyess and Lisa Ray have certainly made an impression on the Resident Assistants (RAs) as a whole.

Not only have Dyess and Ray been welcomed with open arms, they also have entered the Ursinus family with enthusiasm and a respect for their peers. The overall impression of the RDs is that they have found their niche and hope to stay supportive and a positive influence on the RA staff.

Beth Baran, an RA in Beardwood, Paisley, and Stauffer, says, "I love them! They both are very great people and they are really supportive. I get the feeling that if I had a problem I could talk to them easily and receive very good advice." Baran Believes that the RDs intend to work with the RAs instead of over them or against them.

Melissa Barbar, an RA in Beardwood, Paisley, and Stauffer, says, "They’re awesome," says Barbar. "They are great and down to earth. They’re also willing to be a part of the Ursinus family. Anna and Lisa are always willing to help. "Despite their newness to the situation, they have adjusted very well. The RA staff this year is great and Anna and Lisa make it one big happy family," explains Barbar.

Corrections From the Editor

Last week's issue of the Grizzly featured an article that gave credit to the incorrect author. Stephanie Duncan was supposed to get credit for an article. Sorry about this mistake it will never happen again.

Thank You.
Kristin Geist
Features Editor
The Man from La Mancha has Gone Home.

Throughout his career, Dr. Espadas was recognized as an exceptional educator and scholar. He was named vice president of the Middle Atlantic Council on Latin American Studies (MACLAS), served on the editorial board of professional journals and received numerous grants. He was also known among peers for his love of Spain and Spanish culture, a passion which he tried to pass on to his students by encouraging cultural learning and the study abroad program.

"He was instrumental in helping me get to go to Sevilla this past spring for Semester in Spain. He told me to have fun, and not to worry about my classes," senior Carrie Haslbeck, a senior Spanish and Communications major said. "He was instrumental in helping me get to go to Sevilla this past spring for Semester in Spain. He told me to have fun, and not to worry about my classes, that I would do great," senior Carrie Haslbeck said.

Dr. Espadas encouraged other kinds of non-classroom learning as well. He frequently pushed students to join clubs and play sports and regularly attended Wednesday night Spanish table and Spanish club "Cinco de Mayo" parties.

"Perhaps my most fond memory was my first visit to Spanish table, where Dr. Espadas threw mashed potatoes at me," Haslbeck said. "I think he could tell I was nervous, and after that day, I talked to him every day as he took a smoke break outside of Olin."

Like Haslbeck, many of Dr. Espadas' students say what will stand out most in their memories was his personality outside the classroom. They say they will always think of him as a caring man, laughing with them, talking sports with them, telling stories and spending time with students.

"He was very approachable with students — was always in a good mood," senior Kate Romano said. "He told great stories while we took our smoke breaks. I still look for him when I am passing by Olin."

Funeral services for Dr. Espadas were held on August 7 in Ciudad Real, but there will be a campus memorial service in his honor on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 3 p.m. in Bomberger Auditorium.

"Everybody loved Dr. Juan," Haslbeck said. "He was a truly great human being, and I feel very lucky to have known him. I only wish he could have stayed with us a while longer."

It was an unofficial Ursinus institution — Dr. Juan and "the smoke break."

"Whenever he was outside smoking on the front steps of Olin, there was always a group of people around him, talking and laughing," senior Fran Cunniffe said. "He was one of those really special teachers who just don't care about keeping a professional distance from their students. That's part of what made him so loved and well respected."

Dr. Juan Espadas, professor of Spanish at Ursinus for 26 years, died suddenly last month while visiting relatives in his hometown of Ciudad Real, Spain. For most of the Ursinus community, Dr. Espadas will be remembered for the gravelly voice and booming laugh that at times could be heard all over campus. But the students who knew him best say his impact on them went much further.

"It was obvious how much he cared about his students," said Carrie Haslbeck, a senior who, like Cunniffe, was one of Dr. Espadas' research advisees. "Working with him made us want to do well, not just for the grades, but also because we didn't want to let him down. In that way, he was like a grandfather to me."

Dr. Espadas was born in 1943 and emigrated to the United States in 1966. Before arriving in America he taught elementary and secondary school in Madrid and Ciudad Real. Dr. Espadas earned his B.A. and M.A. in Spanish at the University of Illinois and his Ph.D. in Romance Philology at the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the Ursinus faculty in 1972.

In a letter to faculty, President John Strassburger wrote, "His profound commitment to the college and to liberal education has made Ursinus, and all of us, better for his presence."

Dr. Espadas' students also said they believed he was unique as a professor. "He was supposed to have been my honors research advisor this semester," Cunniffe said. "I chose him because he's so amazingly intelligent and at the same time so easy to talk to."
Dr. Daniel Aldridge III is the newest member of the Ursinus College history department. Being the new kid on the block elicits both trepidation from the student body and high expectations from respective departments.

As far as History Department Chair, Hugh Clark, is concerned Dr. Aldridge is here to stay and his arrival comes with high expectations and a bright future at Ursinus. “The history department is really pleased that we could find someone of Dan’s quality. He will bring new dimensions to the department,” explains Clark.

Dr. Aldridge’s appointment is a changing of the guards of a sort, for the History department, with the regrettable retirement of Dr. Visser. Dr. Visser will leave Ursinus this year after many years on the Ursinus faculty. Dr. Clark expresses the sentiments of the whole department with the leave of Visser and the entrance of Aldridge saying, “Dr. Aldridge is not replacing Professor Visser, he is coming in at a time of Dr. Visser’s retirement. Dr. Visser will be sorely missed by the entire history department. We view Dr. Visser’s retirement with regret, it was a difficult decision to see him go.”

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Simon Says Bring Some Tissues

by Lou Nemphos

A&E editor

Simon Birch: I pose a simple and direct question: does size matter? Depending on what I'm referring to, there can be a number of answers, but let me be more specific, does the size of a human being matter? No, get your mind out of the gutter, the length and girth of a person. Yikes! This is tough to clarify.

Ian Michael Smith stars as Simon Birch, a misunderstood 12-year-old dwarf growing up in the town of Gravestown, Maine, a place where apparently size does matter. His parents ignore him and refer to him as a "peculiar" (his favorite word). He is treated like an outcast because he's a bastard. They do normal kid stuff like juggling 'tugging' never letting go. His ability to make you care and feel is why Simon's a great friend and star. He, along with a whole cast of memorable characters (Ed Norton), who had been in jail for a few years due to Worm's habit of gambling in a negative light, endorses it.

The Freshman wasn't the only thing new to the campus this semester. Photo by Ed Nyman

$15,000 in debt, so McDermott, in order to save his friend, must agree to pay Worm's debt for him. "Rounders" gives us some wonderful sequences of card playing, but it also gives us some awful, long spaces of dialogue that often do not make sense. McDermott's law professor Petrovsky (Martin Landau), whom McDermott befriended at a card table, spouts out a painfully trite tale to McDermott to help him solve his identity crisis: Petrovsky went against his family tradition of becoming a rabbi, because he didn't "feel" it inside him. This story, however, is far removed from McDermott's crisis. Petrovsky gave up being a rabbi, instead becoming a law professor. McDermott, as a result of these "stirring" words, drops out of law school and engages again in card-playing.

The film just seems to try too hard. At points, director John Dahl tries unsuccessfully for a film noir, melancholy look to the movie. He throws darkness over McDermott when in times of trouble, and he contrasts the dark, illegal gambling spots with the brightness of Atlantic City's Taj Mahal.

As I said before, it has been done before, many times before. What has not been done before, however, is McDermott's invigorated call to gambling after winning back his losses in an all-too-predictable game. Where other films cast compulsive gambling in a negative light, "Rounders" endorses it.

RATING: (out of 4 stars) **1/2

The most children are extremely cruel, but hey, kids will be kids. They call Simon "munchkin," "Thumbelina," and "the Hobbit" just to name a few. Then there's Joe (Joseph Mazzello), Simon's best friend. He looks past Simon's shortcomings to see the bigger picture. Simon is a great friend and Joe can relate to Simon in feeling like an outcast because he's a bastard child. His mother (the radiant and oh so lovely Ashley Judd) refuses to reveal his father's identity. She meets with an unfortunate accident (a very shoddy plot device) and the secret looks as though it will never be divulged.

They do normal kid stuff like play baseball, swim at the lake and talk about girls. Simon knows that his size hinders his chances with the ladies. When Joe tells him that one of their classmates thinks he's cute, Simon wisely replies, "She thinks I'm cute like a baby turtle. Girls don't kiss baby turtles."

Even the adults of Gravestown treat Simon with contempt. Reverend Russell and Sunday school teacher Ms. Leavey tear into Simon referring to him as a "screw up" and not "a normal person." Simon wants to know what "coffee and donuts have to do with God." Simon believes that he's an instrument of God and that "things will be different once God makes me a hero." His faith is unparalleled and you find yourself hoping Simon will find his calling.

Simon Birch isn't a great movie, and I'll go as far as to say that's it's not even a good one because it's tone is too inconsistent (it fluctuates from deadly serious to satire), the catch phrases (my personal favorite - "alligator blood") - applied to a player who can hold out for a lengthy amount of time), and finally the synthesis of the above for poignant lines such as, "If you can't spot the sucker in your first half hour at the table, you are the sucker."

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Rounders Doesn't Quite Cut It

by Jeff Church

A&E editor

All right, it has been done before: identity crisis, Russian mob, a debt that has to be paid on time. However, despite its triteness, Rounders gives us a good two hours of entertainment.

Its allure comes from its intelligence. Rounders screenwriters David Levien and Brian Koppelman have obviously done their poker homework: the basic terminology ("call," "high society," "the apple"), the catch phrases (my personal favorite - "alligator blood") - applied to a player who can hold out for a lengthy amount of time), and finally the synthesis of the above for poignant lines such as, "If you can't spot the sucker in your first half hour at the table, you are the sucker."

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Name the Statue Contest

The Grizzly is looking for names for the two lifelike statues on the Ursinus campus. And let me be the first to tell you, that the prizes this year are smokin'. So here's what you do: Name the statue and if your name's the best, you'll be the envy of the campus with your new statue! (It wouldn't be any fun if we told you the prize this early) Submit entries on a 3x5 notecard with your name and extension to the Grizzly story box, located on the second floor of Bomberger. Or, email the editor-in-chief Mr. Michael T. Bauer (mibauer). Don't delay - you may be the one to NAME THAT STATUE!!!!!!
Elyssa Rundle: The Spirit of the Paint

by Mindy Hackett
of the Grizzly

On August 4, the Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art opened the exhibit "Elyssa Rundle: The Spirit of the Paint," which will run through October 4, in the main gallery. The exhibit contains 50 works dating from 1976 to 1994. Rundle, a Philadelphia native, entered Moore College of Art and Design at age 37. In 1975 she graduated with a bachelor of fine arts. By the time of her death in 1994, Rundle had completed more than 2,000 paintings.

Rundle's style is abstract and uses many bold colors and rich textures. Her pieces are generally large in scale; many of them are up to 40 feet wide. In the New York Times, January 24, 1986, art critic John Russell stated that, "as a colorist, she takes big risks, not shrinking even from purple, the great deceiver, in combinations that ought to be catastrophic but somehow aren't."

In a catalog for one of her one-woman shows which highlighted her work from 1983 to 1985 and was exhibited in the Armstrong Gallery in New York City, Rundle was quoted as saying; "My work changes frequently. For years I worked with surface, splitting planes in two-dimensional space, learning, trying, changing. There was always and still is something I have to say."

Rundle had something to say when she painted over 50 portraits of AIDS victims from 1990 to 1992. The portraits were painted in conjunction with the Gay Men's Health Crisis and provided an expressive way for families and friends to remember their loved ones.

The exhibit has been funded by the Judith Rothschild Foundation. Before her death at age 71 in 1993, Rothschild wrote in her will that she wanted her estate to be used to establish a foundation devoted to gaining recognition for artists who did not become well known during their lifetime.

A public reception for the exhibit will be held on Sunday, Sept. 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. All students are welcome to attend. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

What's on tap at Ursinus

September 15-22:

Wednesday, September 16: Freshmen elections at lunch and dinner in the lobby of Wismer Center.

Wednesday, September 16: "Meeting of the Minds" USGA sponsors a question and answer discussion during common hour 12-1 p.m. in Wismer Lower Lounge, pertaining to "eating and living" on campus.

Thursday, September 17: Leader's Luncheon located in Wismer Parent's Lounge from 11:45 to 1 p.m.

Thursday, September 17: "Big Band Special" located in Bomberger Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Norman David, assistant professor of music will conduct the ensemble, which includes several members of the internationally-acclaimed Vanguard Jazz Orchestra and other local professionals.

Sunday, September 20: At 4 p.m. in Bomberger Auditorium, the Heefner Organ Recital by Richard Morris, who has studied with Virgil Fox, Nadia Boulanger, and Jean and Robert Casadesus.

Tuesday, September 22: "Spotlight: Michael Hale" in the Berman Museum of Art. Hale is a Collegeville resident, and he features the use of structure and color. Exhibit will run through November 8, and there will be an opening reception Thursday, September 24 from 6-8 p.m.

and don't forget:

Saturday, September 26: Family Day, which will include a faculty breakfast, student presentations, a country fair lunch, activities for the kids, and a student art show. It's gonna be dynamite!

Bored? Thirsty? Need a Caffeine fix? Come to the...
Congratulations Mark McGwire. You deserve some credit. The emphasis is on the word “some.” Not too much. Just some. McGwire hitting his 62nd homerun of the 1998 season is quite an accomplishment and the record will probably last for a while - or at least into the next decade. Big Mac should also send a thank-you note to both Mike “Meatball” Morgan and Steve “To The History Books” Tchasel, the guys who served up the 61st and 62nd gopher balls last week (not-so), respectively.

Despite all of this hoopla, I have to point out a few things about McGwire’s great but not-so-great record. Sure his homeruns are traveling further than a flight from Philly to Boston. Sure he’s doing it against specialized pitchers - Major League Baseball’s term, not mine.

Most impressed with is how Big Mac handled everything - with a classic professionalism that pro sports often lacks. I do, however, believe that McGwire shouldn’t have had that jazzed-up press conference sitting next to Sammy Sosa. It was bad enough that Sosa could barely speak English (his Dominican accent was tough) but then to have him take time away from Big Mac was inane to say the least. It served about as much purpose as a hood ornament on a 1978 Oldsmobile. I’m sure it made Commish “Proud to Be Your” Bud Selig happy though.

because this record was most definitely made to be broken. McGwire better savor the moment because it'll be gone quicker than a mad rush for the Delaware Power Ball Lottery tickets. Expansion’s coming back again and I’m sure the bio-gurus that mess with genetics and drugs will come up with something better than Creative in the next few years.

Whatever the case, the thing I'm most impressed with is how Big Mac handled everything - with a classic professionalism that pro sports often lacks. I do, however, believe that McGwire shouldn’t have had that jazzed-up press conference sitting next to Sammy Sosa. It was bad enough that Sosa could barely speak English (his Dominican accent was tough) but then to have him take time away from Big Mac was inane to say the least. It served about as much purpose as a hood ornament on a 1978 Oldsmobile. I’m sure it made Commish “Proud to Be Your” Bud Selig happy though.

New Addition to Ursinus Training Staff

Recently, Ursinus College has gained an array of new faculty members and among the group is Kathy Wright, a well experienced athletic trainer and administrator. Wright, who seems to have a genuine love for athletics, attended West Chester University for her undergraduate studies where she was a member of four sports teams including volleyball, softball, tennis, and badminton. However, it was long before her college years that Wright decided she wanted to do something else for a career and she thought, “I love it! Ursinus was on my list of five schools and I wound up choosing it. I am very happy to be having the Ursinus College experience.”

As far as her relationship with the student trainers goes, Pam Chlad feels that Kathy has been doing a great job, not only helping them to organize their hours but also by giving them in-service training. The response of the student athletes, those whose health and well being are in her hands, has been a positive one as well. “She has a great personality and has instantly fit in at Ursinus,” says Chlad. “She spends a lot of time with the athletes and they seem to respect her.”

Apparantly this overwhelmingly pleasant response to Wright is not quite a coincidence, since when asked what her favorite part of the job is, she said “The repartee between athlete and trainer... I can provide for them what they would not have otherwise. They need to know what is best for them.”

With her vast experience in athletic training, exercise sports science (ESS), and physical education along with her love of helping and teaching student athletes, Kathy Wright will prove to be a great addition to the Ursinus community.

Kathy Wright, new assistant athletic trainer at Ursinus

Photo by Ed Nyman
by Kim Inglot
Sports Editor

It was a tough week for the men's soccer team as they dropped two out of three games to bring their record to 2-4. On Wednesday, West Chester defeated the Bears 4-0 in a non-conference match. Senior fullback Jay Wilkes said, "We weren't running the ball well." Freshman forward Stephen Wilkes added, "We got some chances and should have finished on a couple of opportunities but we just couldn't get the momentum going."

Then, in the Wesley Tournament, the Bears won their first game against Marymount College 2-1. Ursinus was trailing Marymount going into the second half until Stephen Wilkes scored the goal in the win over Marymount.

Freshman forward Wilkes added, "I feel this could be a season. I feel this could be a turnaround year for the team." Saturday was a big day for the Bears as they played against Marymount College 2-1. Marymount again shut out an opponent. This also marks sophomore goal scorer of the Week.

The free safety of the Bears was a defensive standout this past weekend. He made another outstanding play on defense by having a successful field goal as a result of an Ursinus fumble. At the start of the fourth, Hinckle made another outstanding play when he blocked a punt in the end zone and teammate Chris Lieberman recovered it for the touchdown.

Women's Soccer

by Erny Hoke and Diane Johnson
of The Grizzly

The women's soccer team once again shut out an opponent, this time it was Washington College 6-0 on Saturday in a non-conference match-up. This improves the Bears to 3-1 on the season. Senior co-captain Dede Boies scored yet another hat trick, her second in two weeks. This also marks sophomore goal keeper Tracey Domena's third shutout of the season as she blocked five shots. Others to find the net in the game were freshman Liz Millinghausen, senior Ali Yeager, and senior co-captain Jen Mahoney.

Boies commented, "Our offense has really started to come together. We are able to move the ball up the field quicker and make better passes."

"The team has come out strong, despite all of our injuries in preseason. I feel this could be a successful season," added Mahoney.

In Centennial Conference, Boise was named to the CC honor roll. She scored the first hat trick in school history to lead the Bears to a season-opening win over Alvernia, 7-0. She later added a goal in the win over Chowan, then posted another hat trick in the win against Washington College on Saturday.

The Bears are on the road this week as they take on Swarthmore, Johns Hopkins, and Goucher. They will return home on Family Day, September 26th, to take on Dickinson.

Hinkle Named Player of the Week

by Erny Hoke
Sports Editor

Hinkle led the Bears with 10 tackles, including five unassisted during their 19-13 win on Saturday over Lebanon Valley College. Hinckle, who led the NCAA Division III in interceptions in 1996, also intercepted a first-quarter pass in the end zone and returned it 26 yards hauling a LVC scoring threat. Hinckle turned the tide of the game in the fourth quarter when he blocked a punt at the Lebanon Valley 27 and forced the ball into the end zone where it was recovered for a touchdown by sophomore teammate Chris Lieberman. That score put Ursinus on top, 12-10, with just over 13:00 to play. This honor is added to the list of Hinckle's additional accomplishments including being named to the First Team All-ECAC team in 1996 and 1997.

Field Hockey Drops Two Close Ones

by Erny Hoke and Diane Johnson
of The Grizzly

The Ursinus Field Hockey team lost two in overtime this week. On Wednesday LaSalle came out on top 2-1, and Lafayette 1-0 on Saturday. This drops the Bears to 0-3 on the season.

Sophomore Heidi Rhodes scored the lone goal against LaSalle and commented, "We started out slow, but then we managed to dominate the rest of the second half of the game and put more pressure on LaSalle." Then on Saturday, Lafayette topped Ursinus in a Patriot League match-up 1-0 in double overtime. Lafayette outshot the Bears 23-7, while senior co-captain Liz Ashworth played strong in goal while saving 16 shots. LVC had many quality opportunities including a near miss in the last few seconds of regulation. Coach Vonnie Gros had a positive outlook after the game.

She noted, "The depth of the squad (20 players seeing quality time) is a major factor in our improvement." Senior co-captain Jillian Grau said, "We played more as a team against Lafayette. We are working on better passing and stronger execution on the field. Our goal is to be a strong competitor in the Patriot League."

The Field Hockey team hopes to improve its record as they face games on the road this week against Lehigh and Drexel.

UC Cross Country

by Erny Hoke
Sports Editor

The Ursinus men's cross country team placed 14th at the Lebanon Valley Invitational on Saturday, September 12th. Senior Dan Tavarez placed 17th to set the pace for the men.

Meanwhile, the women's cross country team placed 20th. Erika Heil finished in 63rd place to lead the women.

The cross country teams are on the road until Saturday, September 26th at the Messiah College Invitational.
WEEK 3 NFL PICKS

BY KYLE AND BRIAN GOLDWATER

Kyle’s Picks
(10-4)

Brian’s Picks
(8-6)

Sunday, September 20th

NY Jets
Miami
New England
Kansas City
Green Bay
Minnesota
Buffalo
Seattle
Chicago
Denver
Philadelphia

Kyle’s Picks

Last Week’s Results

Indianapolis vs. NY Jets
Pittsburgh vs. Miami
Tennessee vs. New England
San Diego vs. Kansas City
Green Bay vs. Cincinnati
Detroit vs. Minnesota
St. Louis vs. Buffalo
Washington vs. Seattle
Chicago vs. Tampa Bay
Baltimore vs. Jacksonville
Denver vs. Oakland

Brian’s Picks

NY Jets
Pittsburgh
New England
San Diego
Cincinnati
Detroit
St. Louis
Washington
Tampa Bay
Jacksonville
Denver
Arizona

Monday, September 21st

NY Giants
Dallas

Kyle’s Picks

ND

Brian’s Picks

ND

Notes:

Philly vs. Arizona
Kyle: Hoying looks impressive in the first half, but Staley and Garner need to run for 100 yards.
Brian: Neither Philly nor Arizona have looked great but the arm of Jake Plummer should be enough to take the Eagles to 0-3.

Dallas vs. NY Giants
Kyle: No Aikman, no good!
Brian: The injury to Aikman is detrimental. The Giants should be able to take advantage of Jason Garrett. The Giants offense will be able to score enough points off of the Dallas defense which let up 42 points last week.

The Ursinus Women’s Volleyball team continues to excel, already surpassing last year’s 6-20 overall record within their first two weeks of season play. With wins over Washington (3-0) on Tuesday, September 8 and Immaculata (3-0) on Thursday, September 10, the Lady Grizzlies stand with an overall record of seven wins, one loss.

Ursinus defeated conference rival Washington in three straight games of 15-7, 15-3, and 15-9. Leading the way for the Bears with seven kills was sophomore Nikki DiMascio, followed closely by junior Colleen Reasor and freshman Nicole Debus with six apiece.

Other Grizzlies making significant contributions to the win were senior Erin Golembewski with ten digs and freshman Rebecca Chilcoat with nine points.

Assistant Coach Phil Landis (Ursinus ’97) commented, “The team as a whole played very well. Good defense was the key factor. We had strong blocking on the net and aggressive net play that we haven’t had in the past.”

The Bears continued their winning streak on Thursday, pounding opponent Immaculata with scores of 15-8, 15-0, and 16-14. In the third game, Ursinus made an exciting and impressive comeback from a 12-3 deficit.

For the offense, Ursinus had a total of 35 kills: 12 made by DiMascio, seven from senior Tracy DiSanto, and six contributed by Reasor. Chilcoat proceeded to add to the point total with 12 winning serves.

The Lady Grizzlies’ primary strength remains in their capable defensive play. Breaking a team record, captain DiSanto fought hard for 14 well-earned digs. Freshman Katie Shearer came through with five defensive blocks for the Bears.

The UC team members have their next chance to extend their five-game winning streak on Thursday, September 17 at home against Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.