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# THE GRIZZLY

Show me a sane man and I  
will cure him for you.  
-Carl Jung

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## History and English Departments Vandalized

Chris Rick

Staff Writer

Olin Hall English and history professors were recently the victims of vandalism when unknown culprits walked onto Olin's third floor and proceeded to rip down several displays in an unusually neat fashion. This has sparked concern among many Ursinus faculty members and security officers.

On Monday March 22, campus security was called into Olin Hall at 9:40 to examine the vandalism. "I was working on Monday morning, and I got the call", said officer Gary

Hodgson. "The act was strange because it was so neat. Usually the acts of vandalism aren't so neat"

The displays were mostly about graduate school programs, said Dr. Jon Volkmer of the English department. Information on the boards included graduate programs in English, history, and creative writing. Regardless of the actions or their targets though, some members of the campus are concerned.

Volkmer said he is upset about the actions.

"The thing that I think makes this act unacceptable is that the secretary has to clean it all up," he said. "Now she has to go and do it all over again because of some snot-nosed kids." He further commented that this is something that concerns him all over campus; the idea of students ruining the hard work of staff. "It's just childish," he concluded.

Officer Hodgson agreed, but said he thinks vandalism isn't the main problem.

"I don't know what the motivation for the acts was," Hodgson said. But, he said he thinks vandalism is "a secondary

problem."

"Booze is a problem," he asserted. "Alcohol is the likely motivation for many acts around campus; statues get knocked over, and toilet paper gets thrown all over the campus." Hodgson said he is optimistic about resolving these problems however, "An authority figure has to come on campus and draw some guidelines," he added.

The vandals are still unknown, and Hodgson said security currently has no leads.

## RPR Fulfills \$100,000 Pfahler Pledge

Andy Gerchak

Staff Writer

Drugs dealers aren't necessarily a bad thing. Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Pharmaceuticals, Inc. recently completed its \$100,000 pledge to Ursinus College. The international corporation, with headquarters in Collegeville and Anthony, France, paid its final installment of \$20,000 for the renovation of Pfahler Hall.

"When we started the Pfahler project five or six years ago, we estimated a price tag of around sixteen million dollars for the project," said Ursinus Vice President of College Relations, Kenneth Schaefer. "We began talking to individuals, foundations, and some of the nearby corporations who might be able to help us. Rhone-Poulenc Rorer came through with a \$100,000 pledge over five years."

Some Ursinus students have expressed disapproval, saying they would have liked to see the money go somewhere other than Pfahler. Sophomore politics major Dave Slavick said, "It's great that R.P.R. is giving money to the college, and it makes sense that they put money into Pfahler since that building will help breed potential employees, but it would have been nice if the money could have been used for scholarships and financial aid."

However, R.P.R. did not just hand the college \$100,000 to be used in any way. Explaining the financial gymnastics, Schaefer said, "The Board of Directors approved the refinancing of some college debt, borrowed some more, and received a bond issue in the

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Left:

The sign marking the pathway from BWC to Pfahler Hall promises a "Pfahler Hall for the 21st Century." The completion of Rhone-Poulenc-Rorer's pledged donation brings the project \$100,000 closer to achieving that goal.

Staff photo by Sue Fialkowski.

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# Administration to consider providing laptops for freshmen

Proposal under discussion would be as cost effective as updating labs, supporters say

Andy Gerchak

Staff Writer

Future Ursinus students may never have to worry about crowded or closed computer labs again, thanks to a new plan currently in the works with the Ursinus administration.

"We're looking at a plan to provide all incoming freshmen with laptops starting in the fall of 2000," said Dr. John King, Director of Computing Services.

King cited manageable cost, problems encountered when working in the labs and a different approach to education as reasons for the possible laptop program.

According to King, the laptop program will not be any more expensive than upgrading the current system, which is currently done every three years.

"I took a look at our networking infrastructure and what we would need to improve it in order to provide better service to the residence halls, classroom buildings, the offices and so on," he said. "I found it would cost pretty much the same to make the improvements that we

needed, regardless of whether we went to the laptop program or not."

He added, however, that each student will have a small addition to tuition as a result of the laptop they will receive.

King said he is aware that students have some difficulty working within the campus computer labs. The labs are often crowded with other students, and the labs' hours of operation often prevent students from working on projects late into the night. In addition, the sharing of computers is conducive to spreading disk and hardware viruses, and students are not capable of saving their work directly on the hard drive, which is more reliable than saving on disk. With personal laptops, students won't have to vie for spaces in Olin, Myrin, or any of the other labs for a chance to work on a computer, and they will be able to save their work on their own computer.

Sophomore computer science major, Brad Tobias, said he supports the program.

"Students having laptops will cut down on the congestion in the labs, and that way more classes can be held in those

rooms," he said.

Mike Wineburg, another sophomore, disagrees. "The computer labs we have are more than ample to serve the college's computing needs," he said. "I always have an opportunity to get on a computer. Sometimes I might have to go a different lab, but I can always find one."

In addition to possible dilemmas in the current labs, King stressed the changing methods of education as a factor in the potential addition of laptops. "The use of computers is becoming more important for students in terms of what kind of activities they're required to do, communicating with their professors, and accessing information," King said. "The laptop program makes sense because all students will have equal access to the same type of computing resources, which puts them all on a level playing field."

King explained the college's plans for integrating more computers into classes.

"We're going to work with the faculty in terms of incorporating the technology into the curriculum, using computing in classroom sessions, and to

communicate outside of the class." He also mentioned that outside sources will be called to campus to further this process.

If this plan goes through, the college will maintain its existing computer labs for several years, and then eliminate a portion of them. Some labs will remain open for the Department of Continuing Education's evening classes, and specialty labs, such as the Pfahler science resource center will continue to operate.

Senior Eric Trimmer expresses caution against cutting out too many of the labs. "You need to be prepared for what will happen if your laptop breaks down or has any sort of problems," he said.

King said he expects a decision to be made by May 1 regarding the decision to on whether or not to pursue the laptop program. If the college chooses this path, King said he is sure it will be an advantage to all students.

"Each year we'll get closer and closer to all students having laptops," he said, "but it won't be until the fall of 2003 that all Ursinus students will have laptops."

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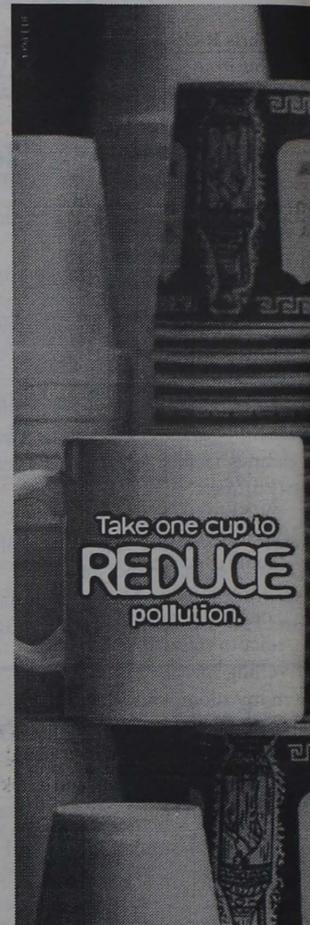
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area of fifteen million dollars." He continued, "We've taken about five million of that, replaced existing debt, refinanced it at a lower rate. Also, about ten million more was added in debt, and that has given us the construction financing.

"Of the sixteen million, we've raised \$13,700,000 in gifts and pledges and we are

working with board members on a list of more potential contributors," Schaefer said. "Over a period of three to five years, the entire sixteen million cost of the project will be in hand. That will enable the bond issue money to be replaced which gives us financing for other future projects."

The public affairs representative from Rhone-Poulenc Rorer was unavailable for comment.



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## Emergency Care

Chris Rick

Staff Writer

Have you or anyone you've ever known lost a body part, or a portion of one? I was screaming at my parents one day, yelling at them about the way we'd been getting along lately. Then, it happened. On Feb. 22 I slammed my finger in my bedroom door, and set in motion a traumatic period of several hours that required answers to such questions. What can you do in an emergency situation where the pain seems unbearable? How do you react to a situation that you are totally unprepared for, such as suddenly realizing that you've just lost part of your finger? Hopefully, the following account can provide you with some guidance if you should ever encounter such a situation.

I was arguing with my parents ferociously. I can remember raising my voice to yell at my mother, and then her yelling back at me to, "Shut up!" I was in my room with my girlfriend at the time. I looked for my shoes screaming every curse word I'd ever heard in my lifetime. I found them, and quickly put them on. Then, I stormed out of the room. I tried to slam the door as hard as I could. This created an incredibly painful problem.

I remember looking down at my finger, realizing that what had just happened was very bad. Seeing part of my bone sticking out of the end of my finger wasn't what I'd hoped to achieve by storming out of my room, slamming the door as I was leaving. I reacted as most would in a situation such as this; I was petrified, struck with the harsh reality of what had just happened.

The pain was unbearable; numbing and yet not a good kind of numbing. My finger felt like it was about thirty feet in diameter. Almost immediately though, I realized that what had happened required that first and foremost I remain calm.

Thankfully, my parents and girlfriend were there to help me. After their initial shock of what had just happened, they too remained calm. My father proceeded to the bathroom to get a towel for me, the whole time yelling at me, "remain calm."

My girlfriend was like a savior; she picked up the piece of my finger and took it with us to the hospital. We proceeded to my car where my father and girlfriend continued to persuade me

to remain calm. I managed to remain calm while my father drove to the Pottstown Memorial Medical Center Emergency Room.

Once in the E.R., I was placed in a room where the nurses could inject me with Demmoral. By this time, I was becoming less calm about the situation; I can remember kicking my legs up in the air to keep my mind off of my finger. But this seemed to be of no use, the situation now seemed like it had been lasting for an eternity.

The pain persisted. It even seemed to get worse as I had to relieve pressure from my finger; it felt like it was getting bigger and bigger. Yet the nurse made me realize that given the circumstances, remaining calm continued to be the easiest way to get through my predicament. It must have taken about five times, but finally the nurse was able to find a vein. I remember saying, "thank you", to her after she had just found a vein. From there, things continued to get relatively easier.

The X-Ray room was my next stop. By now I was completely calm, and my trauma had subsided considerably. The drugs really began to take hold of me by that point, and I was thankful for that. They seemed to make my eyesight somewhat blurry for the rest of the night.

Pain wasn't even an issue as I lie there having my finger X-Rayed. From there, everything is a blur to me. The only thing that I can remember is that I was taken back into the operating room, now even more docile than before.

The doctor proceeded to trim the bone down to a reasonable point; my finger couldn't be reattached due to too much damage to the nerve endings. This experience wasn't nearly so traumatic as the accident itself, I can even remember looking at the operation while the doctor was doing it. He proceeded to tell me to keep it wrapped until the next time I'd see him, retaining pressure on it until then. I received a very strong pain killer.

Before I knew it, my parents and my girlfriend were standing there, ready to take me home. I can remember thanking them as we drove home; everyone had remained calm, and that had made it a whole lot easier to deal with. With the help of my medicine and daily precautions, I ensured the full recovery of my finger. Most importantly though, I'd remained relatively calm after the accident.

## Graduation Reminder for Faculty and Administrators from the bookstore

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## Former CIA Agent Speaks at Ursinus

Richard Barret

Staff Writer

James Glerum knows things that most of us never will. The 33-year CIA veteran gave his thoughts and perspectives and shared some stories about his experience in the CIA last Wednesday in Olin Auditorium. His talk centered mostly around a question and answer session, where during which his audience frequently heard, "I can't go into that any further, for security reasons."

Glerum told his audience he had not planned to pursue a CIA career when he was in the U.S. Navy, until he stumbled across an application form and he filled it out. After starting out as a junior officer trainee, he went on to hold many high-level positions. He conducted and managed a wide range of covert action and paramilitary operations behind enemy lines and in denied areas in countries such as Laos and Nicaragua.

A member of CIA for over three decades, Glerum said he has noticed a lot of changes. When he joined in 1956, the Cold War was underway and it was the CIA's job to block the intentions of communist enemies. The CIA's focus he changed dramatically since then, Glerum explained.

"Times have changed though," he said, "these days narcotics are what we are working hardest on. Overall there are more problems to deal with today, than in years past."

Many of the operations Glerum was involved with had to do with covert actions. He oversaw secret operations in foreign countries where the CIA was trying to prevent terrorist attacks. A few of his other operations involved stabilizing countries in order to help with the training of police.

"Much of our efforts involve trying to

stop drug trafficking before it happens," he said.

When citizens think of the CIA, there are usually mixed feelings involved. "I think that they control a lot of what goes on in are lives and we don't even know it," remarked Sophomore Drew Owens. "I always wonder if they know something that the rest of us don't," added Junior Chris Ciunci.

Glerum said he realizes there will be this kind of feeling among the public because "Any organization that deals in secrets isn't always going to be looked upon as truthful or trusted." He said he believes that is why the CIA takes the blame when things go wrong in the country. Glerum said if people could see firsthand what the CIA is really like, their views would change immediately. He added that many people's views of the CIA are skewed by the news media.

Glerum said he believes that the CIA has the right not to let the public know every little thing that goes on.

"We have to tell the truth to congress," Glerum said, "but to the American public, sometimes lies have to be told for reasons of safety on the individual level and for the country as a whole."

Glerum admitted having been involved in operations in which people were killed, but he denied ever having knowledge or being asked to do anything illegal himself.

Emphasizing his belief in the need for secrecy, when asked about his wife, who was also a CIA agent until her death from cancer four years ago, Glerum said, "To this day, there are still things that I don't know about her and specific tasks she was in on, and probably never will."

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# Voices of Praise in Bomberger

**Juliana Hubbard**  
Of The Grizzly

In verse of the 51st chapter of Psalms it says "make me hear joy and gladness." That is exactly what Bomberger Hall was filled with last Saturday as Ursinus' Gospel Choir. Voices of Praise had its first annual Gospel Fest. The event featured area gospel choirs from both Villanova University and St. Joseph's University. The two-hour program featured selections from all the choirs and a special selection from three members of Voices of Praise.

The program consisted of traditional songs as well as contemporary ones. It also featured vastly different choir styles between the three different groups. Sophomore Rebekah Adens said she was quite impressed with Villanova's acappella interpretation of traditional gospel while St. Joseph's raw energy and zest inspired another student. Stephanie Puryear was "truly impressed with the First annual Gospel Fest because it was put together by the Gospel Choir which is a totally student run organization."

Voices of Praise started nearly two

years ago but just became recognized activity with a constitution this semester. It is comprised of 15 Ursinus students who range from freshmen to seniors and all are welcome to join. The director is Michael Adenaik, the assistant director is Dawn Chavous, their chaplain is Christina Johnson, Melissa Barber is the secretary and the historian/treasurer is Katrina Milton. Voices of Praise sing a wide range of spiritual, classical, and contemporary gospel music.

For such a young organization, Voices of Praise has been quite active on and off campus. They have participated in school events such as singing at the bookstore opening and co-sponsoring a dinner with UCF. Their main focus, however, has become off-campus performances at area churches. On April 16, they will be singing at Villanova University's Gospel Fest.

Asked if she likes working and being in the choir sophomore Dawn Chavous responded excitedly "It's great!" and went on to say she is thrilled to part of an organization that comprised of very talented individuals who use their voices to praise God.

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### RESIDENCE TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANTS

Computing Services is looking for students who are interested in assisting fellow students with computer set-up and use. Requirements are: understanding of basic PC and networking functions, knowledge of computer hardware and software, the ability to assist others in computer use, a strong sense of responsibility, excellent people skills, the ability to work independently and an interest in learning intermediate/advanced topics in PC support and troubleshooting. Each consultant will live in and be responsible for providing assistance to students in a specific residence hall. Consultants will assist the students in their Residence Hall to set up their computers and connect to the network and will provide ongoing help with computing and networking problems. The consultant may have to install a network card and appropriate software and troubleshoot any connection problems. Training will be provided. Residence Technology Consultants will be given priority in the room selection process this spring. Each consultant will receive \$1,200 a semester and be expected to work 10 hours a week. The consultants will return to campus for the Orientation period in August to assist with residence hall network connections. Applications are available in Myrin 303. They will not be reviewed after April 16.

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Computing Services is looking for students interested in providing technical support to computer users on campus. Requirements are: understanding of basic PC and networking functions, knowledge of computer hardware and software, a strong sense of responsibility, good people skills, and an interest in learning intermediate/advanced topics in PC support and troubleshooting. The consultants will install hardware and software, upgrade computers, troubleshoot and correct/repair various problems, and provide help desk and phone support. Training will be provided. Applications are available in Myrin 303. They will not be reviewed after April 16.

# CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY

**Vendor: Jem Craft**  
10 a.m. Olin Plaza  
**Faculty Meeting**  
12 p.m. Olin Aud.  
**French Table**  
5 p.m. Faculty Dining Room  
**Spanish Table**  
5:30 p.m. Faculty Dining Room  
**Japanese Table**  
5:30 p.m. Faculty Dining Room  
**UCF Worship Practice**  
6 p.m. WPL

**Literary Society**  
8:30 p.m. Java Trench (620 Main Street)  
**UCF**  
8:30 p.m. WPL

**USGA**  
7 p.m. WLL  
**Film Society**  
7 p.m. Olin Aud.  
**U.C. Blue Skies**  
7p.m. WPL

**Airband '99**  
8 p.m. WLL  
**Medieval Fest**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Helfferich Hall Gym

## SUNDAY

**Ecumenical Service**  
11 a.m. Bomberger Aud.  
**Mass**  
4 p.m. Olin Aud.

## THURSDAY

**Vendor: Jem Craft**  
10 a.m. Olin Plaza  
**Jobs: Olsten's Staffing Service**  
11 a.m. Wismer Lobby A  
**Campus Activities Board**  
6 p.m. WLL

## FRIDAY

**Student Time Sheets Due**  
**Undergraduate Economics & Business Conference**  
9 a.m. Olin Aud.  
**Lecture: Dr. Michael Tanner "Reforming Social Security"**  
1:30 a.m. WLL

## SATURDAY

**Movie: "Hush"**  
7 p.m. WLL  
**Ursinus College Concert Band**  
8 p.m. Bomberger Aud.

## MONDAY

**Medieval Fest**  
9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Helfferich Hall Gym  
**UCF**  
9 p.m. WPL

## Church on Film

### *The Matrix*

**Jeff Church**

*A&E Editor*

It is simply amazing what special effects in film can reproduce these days. Whatever the mind can conceive, a director can print on film.

*The Matrix* transcends these limits with breathtaking special effects the likes of which have rarely (possibly never) been done better. It is difficult for me to discuss this film without revealing crucial twists in the plot. However, I can safely say that *The Matrix* is a thoroughly entertaining film that leaves the audience agape when the film bends reality (I am reminded of *Dark City* last year) and cheering with the stunning visual effects and kung-fu action.

The film was written and directed by Larry and Andy Wachowski (their last outing—*Bound*, 1996). The film is anchored in such an interesting premise that I dare not reveal—The Matrix—or, as Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne) mysteriously states: “the Matrix is the wool pulled over your eyes to cloud you from the truth.”

The only difficulty with Wachowski brothers' premise is that they pursue it for the first hour and a half, consulting

the “oracle” who invokes the Delphic oracle's words, “know thyself” as the theme of the film (I guess “know reality” is more like it).

However, the directors fall back on stock sensationalism—gun fights, fist fights, near-death cliffhangers, etc. etc., all of which has been done *ad nauseam*.

*The Matrix* does, however, pull these action scenes off with surprising tinges of originality at points. The directors use of slow motion at some points is tiresome, but more often exciting.

The film is long—2 hrs. 10 min—but at the same time it is too short—it leaves intriguing premises hanging open and confusing. The screenplay is smart but not witty at all—the directors rely on a great special effects sequence and then a stupid look from Keanu Reeves to get laughs.

Overall, *The Matrix* explores new areas in the art of film—special effects, imagination, theme, reality—and for that, I am appreciative. The acting is mediocre at points, riveting at others—Laurence Fishburne as the single-sighted “sensei” provides a good contrast to Ted—I mean—Keanu Reeves.

**RATING: (out of 4 stars) \*\*\***

## Elia Kazan Controversy at the Oscars

**Jaime Chambers**

*Of The Grizzly*

Last weekend, the most important award ceremony for the film industry was broadcast. For the most part the Oscars' ceremony went as usual. Joan Rivers and her daughter interviewed all the celebrities before the show, as viewers at home watched them walked down the red carpet in their gaudy, overpriced fashions. There was no sign of a huge controversy brewing behind the scenes.

But the controversy started with the announcement of the Lifetime Achievement Award. The award went to director Elia Kazan, but not without a fight. It was obvious, through the very quiet applause, that many of the celebrities there protested his receiving this award on the grounds of his personal life. AnnaMarie D'Alessio, an Ursinus junior, recalled, “I couldn't believe the amount of people sitting with their hands folded during the announcement and acceptance of the award.” During the Red Scare, some of the directors, actors, and other film specialists who had communist list went to jail for contempt, but Kazan decided to turn in his list to authorities, and therefore, he remained free of any criminal charges. With this controversial fact in mind and

although it was totally legal to do so, many of the celebrities disagreed with the Academy's choice to have Kazan receive this year's Lifetime Achievement Award.

The actual debate comes down to whether or not a person's beliefs and strength of character should be considered for an award even if it is not part of the official rules and guidelines. The same debate rages within other forms of entertainment. The major League Baseball Hall of Fame has rejected Pete Rose, the player with the most hits in the history of the game, because of his gambling. In football, many believe that O.J. Simpson should be removed from the Hall of Fame because of the murder allegations, which were brought up against him. Many fans and critics from the sports world call for his removal even though he was never convicted of the alleged crimes and his on-the-field accomplishments have nothing to do with his personal life.

Kazan directed at least ten award-winning movies—is it possible to deny these great celebrities an award for their achievements?

## Literary Society

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your poetry, or just  
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## April is National Poetry Month!

To mark the occasion, the English Department will sponsor a Celebration of Poetry on April 14, at 12:15 p.m. in Pfahler Auditorium. Our resident poets—Professors Jon Volkmer, Nzadi Keita, and Jena Osman—will read poems they have written.

Do you have a favorite poem? Or maybe you have even written a poem

*April is the cruelest month, breeding  
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing  
Memory and Desire, stirring  
Dull roots with spring rain*

—T.S. Eliot, “The Wasteland”

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# Dawn of New Millenium Brings Fieldhouse to UC

**Brandon Bailey**

*Special to the Grizzly*

Collegeville- The campus of Ursinus College is known for the amount of rumor that can be heard on a daily basis. One rumor that many students here, including myself thought would never come true was the one about a new field house. When I was being recruited as a senior in high school almost every campus I visited promised new athletic facilities by the time I graduated, or at least some very expensive renovations. To this day the only school to make good on its promise has been Ursinus. A committee approved a proposal in late January to build a new field house.

Sophomore Pat Curry recalls, "It was neat, I think the wrestling team was one of the first teams to find out. During practice the doors to our room opened so the committee could watch us workout. When we found out we gave a deafening ovation."

"We hope the groundbreaking ceremony will take place in the fall of 1999; the location is still unknown except for the fact that it will be linked to Helfferich," commented Athletic Director Dr. William Akin. He added, "It will feature a six lane 200 meter track, three basketball courts, three volleyball courts, four tennis courts, and a pole vault pit that will fit inside the track. [Also included will be] netting to drop down for batting cages and dividers [along with] reserved time for intramurals and recreation use.

[Other amenities include] a 6,000-square foot fitness center, an aerobics/dance room, as well as a Lounge/Hall of Fame area, and maybe even a climbing wall."

When asked why the new gym is being constructed, Dr. Akin commented, "Renovations in Helfferich basement are crucial. The locker rooms need to be redone, and we need a new training room." These seem to be areas that are often neglected in the care of athletic facilities. Dr. Akin also expanded on the future plans of Helfferich stating, "Helfferich will continue to be the competitive facility for basketball, wrestling, volleyball, gymnastics, etc."

Students may fear a tuition increase. Win Guilmette of the Development office may help ease tuition anxiety, stating, "The field house will be financed through gifts. It will not be funded through operations so tuition revenues will not be used to fund the field house. The original gift of \$3,000,000 came from Marilyn and Drew Lewis. The Development Office is organizing groups of alumni to ask for other gifts to build the field house."

With the help of private donors and alumni the new field house has the possibility to far exceed the current facilities in Helfferich. Sophomore Brad Tobias gave his view, "Even though I won't get to use it as a student I'm still very excited about it. The equipment in Helfferich is okay at best for a college. It would be great if they could model it after the gyms at Swarthmore and The College of New Jersey." The gyms Tobias

mentioned are top of the line, state of the art facilities.

Head wrestling Coach Bill Racich concurred saying, "The equipment, and space we have here cannot accommodate the demands of our athletes. I'd like to see a cardiotheatre, (treadmills, stationary bikes and elliptical riders that are all electronically linked to TVs suspended from the ceiling) more free weights, and more current machines. A new training room is also badly needed."

Racich also made a decree for the coaches and administrators; "We need more office space. My office is currently shared by five different coaches, that's not fair to any of them."

Racich added another dimension to the positive impact the field house will have, "Recruits are attracted to new facilities. This will help us maintain the quality of athletes we bring in, in turn helping our programs stay strong."

True many, if not all of us, will never have the opportunity to use the facility as students. If you have a younger sibling who may attend UC, or care about the quality of athletes that are drawn to Ursinus, you should be ecstatic about the building. An architect will be on campus April 15 and will take suggestions from the students about what they would like to see in the new field house. Come out and let the architect know what you want. It's your voices that count!

## Brackin, Erdosy Players of the Week

**Stephanie Restine**

*Sports Editor*

Sophomore softball player Nicole Erdosy and junior lacrosse player Taryn Brackin were both honored as the Centennial Conference Players of the Week for the week of March 28 to April 3 in their respective sports.

Erdosy hit .526 on the week along with a .684 slugging percentage and a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage. As a major contributor to the Bears' upset of defending conference champion Western Maryland on April 3, Erdosy went 6-for-9 in the doubleheader with two doubles, three runs scored, and one walk.

On the week, Erdosy tallied three doubles, five RBI, and three walks. She is currently hitting .405 on the season with seven RBI and eight runs scored.

Co-player of the week for lacrosse, Brackin had a spectacular week with four goals against Franklin and Marshall on March 30 and three goals plus an assist on April 1 against Western Maryland.

During seasonal conference play, Brackin has now totaled ten goals and four assists.



## Career Best for Junior O'Hara

**Stephanie Restine**

*Sports Editor*

During the Colonial Relays held at William and Mary University on April 2-3, junior Anthony O'Hara placed sixth in the javelin competition with a throw of 61.22 meters. A career-long throw for the Ursinus junior, O'Hara earned qualification for the NCAA Division III championships. O'Hara was the sole Division III competitor to place within the top 11 finishers.

*Junior Taryn Brackin has helped lead the Bears to first place in the Centennial Conference with a 4-0 conference record.*

*Photo Courtesy of Ursinus Homepage*

# Softball Vies for Top Spot in Conference

**Stephanie Restine**  
**Walter Dull**

*Sports Editor*  
*Special to the Grizzly*

The Ursinus Softball went 5-1 on the week of March 28 to April 3. Winning twinbills against Gwynedd-Mercy and Western Maryland while splitting a doubleheader against Moravian, the Bears moved into second place behind rival Dickinson in the Centennial Conference.

On Saturday, April 3, the Lady Bears faced the defending conference champions, Western Maryland. Western Maryland was upset by Ursinus in both games of the doubleheader, losing to the Bears 11-3 and 11-10.

Leading the way for Ursinus by going 3-for-4 was sophomore Nicole Erdosy who also had a double and 2 RBI. Junior Lisa Newmaster went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, while classmate Jill Fennimore was also 2-for-4, providing the final run of the game with a suicide squeeze

bunt.

Freshmen Jennifer Baci and Sue Sobolewski were also key contributors in the win. Sobolewski went 2-for-4, while Baci was 2-for-2 with two doubles and three RBI.

Newmaster was the winning pitcher for UC, allowing only five hits in five innings of play.

In the second game against Western Maryland, Ursinus let up five runs to its opponent in the seventh inning, forcing the game into extra innings. However, in the ninth, sophomore Jody Smith singled to drive in the game-winner, scoring Erdosy from second base.

Erdosy and Baci continued to dominate offensively, going 3-for-5 and 3-for-4, respectively. Smith was also 3-for-5 in the game, while junior Kara Johnson and Sobolewski were both 2-for-5.

The winning pitcher for the Bears was freshman Kristin Kinelski, who came in to relieve starting pitcher senior

Kristi Ford.

On Thursday, April 1, the Bears split a twinbill with Moravian, losing the first game, 7-5 and winning the second, 4-2.

Johnson led the way for Ursinus with a three-run homerun in the second and going 3-for-4 up at bat. Fennimore contributed two RBI, while Sobolewski went 3-for-4 and classmate Liz Potash went 2-for-3.

In the second game, Moravian led by a score of 2-0 going into the top of the seventh and final inning. Tying up the game for the Bears was freshman Erin Cantwell with a two-run single. Pounding a two-run double, Erdosy drove in the winning runs for the Ursinus effort.

The winning pitcher for the Bears was Kinelski.

## Softball vs. Gwynedd-Mercy

On Monday, March 29, the Ursinus Softball team won both of its games in a doubleheader against non-conference opponent, Gwynedd-Mercy. The Bears won the first game by the

score of 3-1. In the close second match, the Bears didn't allow a "mercy" victory and swept the day with a 7-6 win.

The first game wasn't as close as sophomore winning pitcher Kelly Meyer tossed a five-hitter for the Bears. The guests were only able to score one run off the blistering pitches thrown by Meyer.

Offensively, Junior Jill Fennimore scored a run and drove in two more during the Bears' three-run fourth inning. Fennimore was 1-for-3 for the game. Sophomore Jodi Smith was also 1-for-3 with a double and a run scored. Freshman Sue Sobolewski had a good game for UC, going 1-for-3 while scoring a run.

The Bears fell behind early in the second game as the Gwynedd-Mercy squad jumped out to a huge lead, scoring all six of its runs in the second inning. However, Ursinus roared back and proceeded to score five runs in the third inning. The surge

was led by junior Kara Johnson when she whacked a two-run double.

The Bears evened the score with a run in the sixth inning. In the seventh inning with one out, Smith smacked a double and was knocked home by the game-winning single by Sobolewski. Smith was 2-for-4 with two runs and an RBI. Sobolewski was also 2-for-4 with a run scored and two RBI.

Smith said, "We had a great team effort to come from behind to win. This is an example of the "never give up" attitude that we believe in."

Sobolewski added, "It was nice to play as a team, and we came together. It really felt like we were playing as team, when we sometimes have problems when we fall behind."

The Ursinus Softball team travels to Richard Stockton College on Thursday, April 8, and to rival Washington on Tuesday, April 13 for doubleheaders.

## Baseball Downs Stockton

**Richard Barrett**

*Special to the Grizzly*

Not much could stop the Ursinus baseball team last weekend on March 27 as they swept a doubleheader at Richard Stockton College. With wind chills hovering near the freezing mark, the Bears pulled out two close wins 4-3, and 6-4, and the second game was decided in extra innings. They are now owners of a three game winning streak as they head into the week with an 11-6 record.

The Bears got a strong pitching performance out of junior Matt Wiatrak in the first game of the doubleheader, and the

offense provided a few timely hits to put some runs on the board. A game-saving catch from right-fielder freshman Shane Hobbs ended the Stockton threat in the final frame.

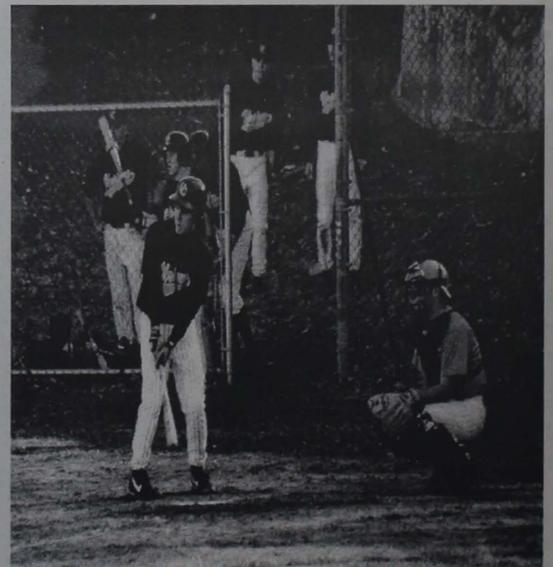
A two-run homer off the bat of junior Dave Pierce put Ursinus up by two in the last inning, but Stockton tied it up with two of their own in the same inning. A few Stockton miscues in the field combined with key hits put the Bears on top for good. Junior John Hollinger came in to relieve classmate Kyle Goldwater on the mound and recorded the save.

"They were both big wins against a good team," Pierce said.

In spite of the weather conditions Ursinus seemed unfazed, "We just tried to block it out and play," said junior short-stop Mike Ottey.

Playing opponent Gwynedd-Mercy on Tuesday, March 30, the Bears waited until the sixth inning to break a 3-3 tie when Kyle Goldwater's single scored sophomore Ian Savitz. Ottey's two-run single capped off a four-run seventh inning, which proved to be enough as the Bears held on for the 8-3 win.

Hollinger picked up the win on the mound while striking out four and allowing just two earned runs. "John gave us a real good effort out there," added Head Coach Brian Thomas.



*Junior Mike Ottey steps up to bat.*  
*Photo courtesy of Erny Hoke*

## UC Lax Claws Way to First Place

### Benjamin Baehr

*Special to the Grizzly*

During the weeks of March 21-27 and March 28-April 3, the Ursinus Lacrosse team took a commanding lead in the Centennial Conference, winning four games and only losing one. Despite falling to Division I College of New Jersey on March 25, the Bears readily defeated opponents Bryn Mawr, Gettysburg, Franklin and Marshall, and Western Maryland while remaining undefeated in conference play.

On Thursday, April 1, the Bears trekked to Western Maryland. Although faced with substandard field conditions and ultra-conservative referees, the Bears overcame the obstacles and won, 16-13. Western Maryland scored first, but UC came back with the next four. The Green Terror pulled within one goal at the half, but Ursinus had the first three goals of the second half and never looked back.

Junior Taryn Brackin and senior Erika Johnston each had three goals and an assist, while freshman Jaime Matty (1 goal, 3 assists) also totaled four points. Freshman Erin Fitzgerald (3+0), junior Ashley Claus (2+0), freshman

Leigh Voigt (2+0), junior Kristen Calore (1+1), and senior Jamie Eissler (1+0) all aided the Ursinus effort with goals.

On the defensive end, senior goalie JoAnne Kenney made 6 saves in 40 minutes while freshman goalie Jocelyn Erickson stopped 3 shots in the remaining third of the game.

On Tuesday, March 30, the Bears bussed to F&M and beat the Diplomats, a.k.a. the "Dips," 9-7. The game was rife with enthusiasm as several "Dip" fans arrived with letters painted on their chests that didn't spell anything in particular.

Voigt scored within a minute of the start, but F&M immediately tied it at one apiece. Ursinus then led 3-1 before tying again. The Bears had three unanswered goals before F&M to make it 6-4 at the half. Calore scored first in the second half, but the Diplomats rallied to tie the score at seven. That is all they would get, however, as Brackin scored two free position goals, and the defense held.

Kenney racked up 14 saves in goal, while the defense provided considerable protection. Brackin took over

the game with 4 goals and an assist while Matty (1 goal, 3 assists) annoyed the opposing goalie. Calore (1+1), Voigt (1+1), Johnston (1+0), Fitzgerald (1+0), and freshman Abby Ross (0+1) earned points as well.

In JV action, the Bears lost to the Dips, 4-3, as the late-afternoon farm smells started to waft over the fields.

In the previous week's action, the Gettysburg Bullets came to Ursinus on March 27 and got mauled, 18-7. Throughout the competition, Gettysburg was not satisfied with the officiating, even though UC was whistled for 50 fouls. Calore, senior Jacqueline Colvin, Johnston, freshman Diane Elia, and two Bullets' players all earned breaks for over-energetic use of the stick during attempted checks.

Ursinus gained a two-goal lead early in the game, but Gettysburg came back to tie it. The Bears roared back for six unanswered goals in the last 4:20 of the half to make the score 8-2. Both teams traded goals throughout the first 15 minutes of the second half before UC shut the Bullets down and scored the final five goals.

Fitzgerald led UC with 7 goals, while Johnston (2 goals, 2 assists), Matty (1+3), junior

Maddy Dunphy (2+1), Brackin (1+1), Calore (2+0), Voigt (2+0), and Claus (1+0) also put their marks on the score sheet. Kenney played an outstanding game for the Bears, making 16 saves.

On March 25, the Bears hosted the College of New Jersey and fell to the non-conference Lions by a score of 11-2. In the defeat, one corduroy-clad official highlighted the outing by telling Ursinus scorekeeper Scott McCoy how cute he was and later ordering the APes to stop mocking the Lions' goalie, much to their disappointment.

The Lions scored the first seven goals, but the Bears answered with goals by Voigt (assisted by Johnston) and Calore (from Brackin) within a minute to end the first half with CNJ leading 7-2.

Ursinus didn't score again, but the Bears' defense was rather blanket-like as they kept CNJ from scoring for the first 14 minutes of the second half and allowed just four more goals the rest of the way. Kenney played well, making 10 saves.

The Mawrters of Bryn Mawr came to play the Bears on March 23. Ursinus led 14-0 at one point en route to a 17-3 win, and Bryn Mawr made just 10 shots.

In the game, 26 different UC players saw action. Johnston led the team in points (2 goals, 2 assists,) while Voigt (3+0), Brackin (2+1), Matty (1+2), Claus (1+1), and Calore (2+0) also had multiple point games. Eissler, Dunphy, along with freshmen Melissa Martynenko and Sue Patton scored goals, while junior Trish Chazin and freshman Nicole Kaiser had assists.

Kenney started for the Bears in goal and shut out the Mawrters for 30 minutes with two saves. Erickson played the second half in goal, stopping two shots.

The Bears are now in first place in the Centennial Conference with a record of 4-0. The team will travel to Rowan on Thursday, April 8 for a 3:30 game and hosts Drew University next Tuesday, April 13 at 4:00. Come on out and support the Bears!



At Left: Free Position against the Bears

At Right: Jaime Matty hustles downfield

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## Baseball 2-1 in Conference Play

### Erny Hoke

Co-Editor-In-Chief

The Ursinus College baseball team improved to 2-1 in Centennial Conference action this week. The Bears split a doubleheader in Chestertown, Maryland against Washington College, losing 5-4 (10 innings) and winning the second 7-0. On Tuesday the Bears came from behind and beat Muhlenberg 8-5.

Ursinus stranded a total of seventeen runners in the opener against Washington, and only collected four hits, two of which were by Dave Pierce.

Junior Matt Wiatrak pitched a five-hit shutout in the nightcap, facing only three hitters over the minimum. Wiatrak also fanned seven in the game.

Andy Hawkins and Richie Barrett each went 3-4 with Hawkins driving in three runs and Barrett one. Pierce, Kyle Goldwater, and Joe Sprague all added two hits of their own.

On Tuesday, the Bears took on Muhlenberg at the Lehigh Valley Park. The

Bears fell behind early as the Muhles took a 5-1 lead in the second inning. Slowly chipping away at the lead, Ursinus took to the game over in the rainy seventh inning.

UC got four hits and five runs in the top of the seventh, behind the pinch hit double by Mark Toto that scored two runs.

Goldwater went the distance on the mound for the win.

After the second inning, Goldwater only allowed one hit, and sat down fourteen straight batters (from the third to seventh innings).

UC takes on Muhlenberg at home on Friday at 3:30 p.m. and then hosts Dickinson for a doubleheader on Saturday beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Come out and support Ursinus baseball.



### Centennial Conference News

Wiatrak (picture above) was named to the weekly baseball honor roll for last week after his exceptional pitching performance, that improves his record to 5-1 and ERA to 1.26.

Ursinus is second in the Conference with an overall ERA of 2.39. Two other UC pitchers have ERA's under 1.85-- Kyle Goldwater at 1.50 and John Hollinger at 1.82.

# UC Sports

## Thursday, April 8

Golf @ Moravian Invitational  
1:00 p.m.  
Lacrosse @ Rowan  
3:30 p.m.  
Softball @ Stockton  
3:30 p.m.

## Friday, April 9

Baseball vs. Muhlenberg  
3:30 p.m.

## Saturday, April 10

Baseball vs. Dickinson  
1:00 p.m. (Doubleheader)  
Golf @ Millersville  
1:00 p.m.

Men's Tennis @ Western MD  
1:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. Western MD  
1:00 p.m.

## Monday, April 12

Golf @ Franklin & Marshall  
1:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, April 13

Baseball @ Haverford  
3:30 p.m.

Lacrosse vs. Drew  
4:00 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. Dickinson  
3:00 p.m.

Softball @ Washington  
3:00 p.m.