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Floyd Takes Its Toll on Ursinus

The beginning of a new era for Ursinus athletics was initiated on Friday, September 17. The college broke ground for the new field house at 6:00 pm, despite the muddy remnants of Hurricane Floyd.

Attending the ground breaking ceremony were President John Strassburger, Ursinus College Board Member Marilyn Lewis, project fund-raising chairman Lew Dryfoos, ’59, Seth Bakes, ’48, and Seth Bakes, Jr., ’75.

The construction, presently being designed by the Cannon Group, will include a new 56,000 square-foot facility along with the drastic remodeling of the current Ursinus athletic structure, Helfferich Hall. The new field house construction will continue throughout the fall of 1999; the renovations of Helfferich Hall are scheduled to begin within the year.

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News Summaries

Weird News:

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey-Miss America 1999 Nicole Johnson spent her yearlong reign traversing the nation speaking about diabetes and helping to raise money for research. On September 15 makers of sugar substitute Equal offered a $10,000 donation for the American Diabetes Association’s research program in Johnson’s name, but, first, she had to kiss Wilbur, a black-and-white pig. Johnson puckered up and let Wilbur have it—right on the snout.

Local:

North Philadelphia-Two white officers were videotaped searching the inside of a man’s car, opening the trunk, and removing the gas cap. They then searched inside his pants. Robert A. Hluchan Jr., 27, is suing the city and the officers claiming that the officers acted unconstitutionally when searching Hluchan and that the stop was motivated by racial bias. Hluchan was a white man driving a black BMW in a predominantly black neighborhood and was seen leaving with his girlfriend, who is black, from her grandmother’s house.

National:

FORT WORTH, Texas-Larry Gene Ashbrook, 47, walked into Rev. Al Meredith’s suburban Wedgwood Baptist church on the night of September 15 and shot 14 people, killing seven. Ashbrook has been described as a loner and an eccentric and has displayed traits of paranoia and schizophrenia. Police cannot say what motivated Ashbrook to go on this shooting rampage.

World:

DILI, Indonesia-Indonesian troops prepared on September 10 to leave East Timor after pro-Indonesian militiamen went on a rampage of killings, looting, and arson following the August 30 vote for independence from Indonesia. Indonesian troops have flown many refugees into West Timor and brought rice and medicine to refugees who have fled the capital to the mountains. Peacekeepers are waiting in Darwin, Australia and are due to arrive this weekend, September 18, or early next week to start full-scale relief effort.

Beware of Main Street Intruder

Tammy Scherer

Staff Writer

Signs warning students to keep their doors locked are scattered throughout the Main Street houses of campus. They advise students to beware of a stranger that has been lurking around campus.

This comes as a result of an incident that occurred on the evening of Friday, September 10. The intruder, who was a guest of a student, was seen in several of the Main Street houses. Local police apprehended him later that night after fleeing from Isenberg.

Freshman Rachael Sterner, who resides at 732 Main Street, was spooked by the incident. “When I got back at 12:30am, I did not know about it," she said, "When I saw the sign the next morning, I was really scared. I was out alone walking in the dark the night before.”

“The biggest thing that we are doing is trying to educate students of the important role that the students themselves play in helping to keep our campus safe,” said Stephanie McNulty of Student Life, “We hope that when students encounter individuals that they do not know, in their houses or halls, that they will contact the Office of Campus Safety and Security immediately.” She also advises that students take the same precautions on campus as they would if they were at home in regards to whom they allow into their residences.

If students have any questions concerning campus safety then they may contact Residence Life Office at X2425.

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Ground Breaking at UC for Field House

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In recent years, the athletic facilities of Helfferich Hall had become increasingly inadequate to support the health-conscious Ursinus community. Senior lacrosse player Cara Riley remarked, “I definitely thought the facilities needed to be renovated. The conditioning and weight rooms were always crowded; it seemed like we always had to wait to use the machines.”

In an e-mail interview with News Editor Franceen Shaughnessy, President Strassburger explained the rationale behind the field house construction. Strassburger commented, “To maintain our leadership among liberal arts colleges, we have to add a facility that is worthy of our traditions and of the ambitions and talents of current and future students. Just as we had a 70 year old science facility to go with our leadership in science, so we have an outdated gym to go with our tremendous strengths in fitness, wellness, and athletics.”
New Library Computing System

Franccceen Shaughnessy
News Editor

For the few students who have finally been forced by their classes to visit the library this semester, they may have noticed the changes made to the computing system. The library now has a new, up-to-date computing system that should fulfill the needs of students, faculty, staff, and other patrons better.

Two major changes that have occurred include: 1) having replaced the old catalog terminals with iMac's and 2) installing a full-text periodical index system that will have links to other college's. John King, Director of Computing Services, explains that the iMac-computing lab was "grossly underutilized during the last academic year and its continued operation was hard to justify. A good use for the underutilized iMacs was, therefore, found."

According to King, the change in the periodical index will offer an interface that will be a Web browser; instead of previously using an interface with an old command line. King points out that "the library system is on a computer on our campus that is connected to our campus network and a Web browser is used to view it. A Web browser can also be used to access the Ursinus catalog, on a server on the Ursinus campus network, from the Internet."

Charles A. Jamison, Myrin Library Director, believes that people will not have problems with the change because they are already familiar with using Web browsers. He thinks that people "will actually find the new system easier to use then the existing system, because the programming of [the] current online catalog was done some 15 years ago...and is a text-only system."

Amanda Kindt, sophomore Biology major, agrees with Jamison saying, "[the new system] is faster and easier."

As for the beneficial aspects of this new system, Jamison states that, "students, faculty, and other patrons of the library benefit because they now have workstations in the library that allow connections to the many information resources we have placed on the library's webpage, as well as connections to the myriad of information sources on the Web."

Jamison explains that the modifications towards the library computing system are not completely finished. Students, faculty, staff, and other patrons of the library can look forward to some more modifications of the computing system occurring in the spring that will allow for better service when doing research. In the spring semester students can expect to see one of the bigger changes in the computing system when they introduce a new web-based online catalog system, which will allow access through a web page.

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Ursinus Biology Students Comb the Beaches in Woods Hole, MA

Stephanie Restine
Editor-in-Chief

Braving the chilly mid-May Massachusetts weather, seventeen Ursinus students pushed back their summer break to participate in the Marine Biology course based in Woods Hole, MA. During the weeks of May 16-June 5, the class gained knowledge both in the classroom and on the beach sites of the Woods Hole area.

For the twelfth consecutive year, Dr. James Sidie instructed the four credit Marine Biology course. Having previously attended a 12 week graduate course in Woods Hole, Dr. Sidie was able to construct a similar three week undergraduate course for the Ursinus students. Although the course length is much shorter than a typical four credit course, the supplementation of the text with in-depth hands on encounters with invertebrate marine organisms provides the students with an enriched learning environment.

Commenting on the educational aspect of the biology course, senior Andy Perri stated, “Woods Hole was a unique learning experience, since we were able to utilize the various marine resources offered to explore subjects not possible in an Ursinus classroom.”

Participants spent the first week (May 17-May 21) on the Ursinus campus in an extensive lecture series. After journeying to Woods Hole on May 22, the group worked in the field for the week, collecting myriad invertebrate organisms including periwinkles, sea stars, and pipe fish from different intertidal beaches every day.

In order to reach the beaches, students only had to travel approximately 20 minutes to access various marine ecosystems. The class collected and identified organisms from a rocky intertidal zone, a sandy beach, a salt pond, mudflats, a salt marsh, and a cold water pebble beach. During the fieldwork, students were able to observe first hand what they had learned in the lectures.

Within the final week of the class (May 30-June 5), students constructed their own research projects delving into the organisms or ecosystems which they had observed on the beaches. Studied subjects included the chemotaxis and eating behavior of sea stars, habitat preference of fiddler crabs, the isolation and characterization of marine Gram-positive bacteria, the circadian rhythm of phytoplankton, as well as many others.

While in Woods Hole, the students were able to utilize many of the beneficial resources that the area provided. The Ursinus students were permitted to work within the labs of the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL), which is based in Woods Hole. MBL also placed on one of the world’s largest marine biology libraries at the disposal of the Ursinus group.

In addition to the course work, students found time to enjoy the non-academic side of Cape Cod. Most attended a whale watch, shoving off from the docks at Provincetown. Others took in the sites at Martha’s Vineyard, touring the Chicama Vineyard and Gay Head Cliffs. During the breaks between lectures and field trips, many took advantage of the MBL beach for some fun in the sun or under the moon.

Reflecting on this year’s trip, Dr. Sidie remarked, “This was the most studious class we’ve had in a long time. We enjoyed one of the most outstanding whale trips of all time. One humpback whale completely projected from the water, two other whales wouldn’t leave the boat alone.”

Participating in this year’s trip were the following Ursinus students: seniors Brett Bertolino, Amber Cooper, Karen Morris, Huy Nguyen, Andy Perri, Carin Restivo, Stephanie Restine, Susan Varghese, and Erin Wirth; juniors Laura Cinotti, Kyle Kenyon, David Mapow, Marissa Pappas, and Tim Reverri; and sophomores Frank DeFazio, Lucas Dennis, and Glen Digwood.

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Dear Ann,

Simple Advice for Surviving Life in Collegeville

Dear Ann,

I’m really enjoying the college life but every time I’m invited to a party I always get chicken out and come up with excuses as to why I can’t go. My problem is I don’t drink and I don’t want people thinking I’m a “loser.” Is there anything I can do to feel more comfortable in these situations?  

--- Non-Drinker

Dear Non-Drinker,

Entering college and adjusting to a new lifestyle is one of the hardest things a teenager has to go through. You’re bound to face situations that may make you feel uncomfortable but the trick is to always be 2 steps ahead of the game. I, myself, am a non-drinker and just because you don’t drink you shouldn’t feel intimidated. First and for most never let anyone pressure you into something you don’t want to do. But if you find yourself at a party here a few things you can do.

1) Just say no, hey the way they see it is it’s more beer for them, honestly they really don’t care.  
2) Go with a bunch of non-drinkers, you’d be surprised how many people on campus don’t drink.  
3) Devise a plan w/your friends, if some of them drink you can always just hold a beer in your hand and switch w/them when they’ve finished theirs, no one’s going to notice how much you’ve drank.  
4) Just hold an open can in your hand and when you’re ready to go just put it down somewhere, through the course of the evening someone will pick it up and drink it.  

--- Hating it here

Dear Hating it,

No one ever said life is easy. It’s rough going to college; everything changes, including your friends. You may think you’re never going to fit in, but try getting involved, it’s a great way to meet people. Ursinus offers a variety of clubs and activities like, intramural sports, yearbook, theater, and newspaper just to name few. I’m sure you can find one that fits you. As for your roommate, it’s really bothering you to go to your advisor, RA, or even your roommate. Tell her how you feel, maybe the two of you can work out a mutual agreement. Don’t give up yet; every challenge with an open mind. At least give Ursinus a year to show you what she has to offer.
Life in Collegeville

The Tempest

Dan Reimold  
Features Editor

The rains came fast, furious. Fierce winds followed. Clouds clustered together in a darkened sky. Electricity flickered, fizzled and went dead early in the afternoon. Phone lines lost connection. Tree branches cracked and fell to earth. Classes, quartets and campus activities were canceled. The weather turned cold. Rain continued to fall.

Ursinus College was brought to a virtual standstill this past Thursday, September 16th, as the stormy effects of Hurricane Floyd battered BPS, wailed on Wissmer and inundated Olin with a devastating combination of wind and water.

The storm started in the predawn hours, continuing throughout the early morning and into the afternoon, finally fading as darkness fell over Collegeville and the campus of UC past seven that night. By then, the damage had been done.

Papers littered the walkways surrounding Wissmer. Small tree branches, cracked and torn loose during extended periods of high-speed, gusting winds, were scattered across Main Street and throughout campus. A particularly large collection of leaves, branches and tree boughs were huddled together in the grass on the side of Olin Hall.

The first official meeting of the UC chapter of the Best Buddies organization was canceled and rescheduled. The Tom Harrel Quartet, scheduled to perform Thursday evening, was promptly canceled as boatloads of raindrops fell, and swirling winds raged throughout the area. Certain morning, a majority of afternoon and evening classes were canceled due to Hurricane Floyd. Yet, an e-mail from the Vice Presidents at the college, acting on behalf of President Strassburger, assured faculty, staff and students that Ursinus College would continue to weather the storm and remain open during Floyd’s duration and in its aftermath.

Not in the news regarding the rainy onslaught was the indelible story of one UC frosh.

It was in the midst of the shower that a certain freshman found the eye of the storm and a new outlook on life.

The steady rain of early Thursday morning kept me from wandering to the musical clatter of my digital alarm and forced me to oversleep for the first time in my college career.

This presented me with a problem. I had ten minutes to throw back the covers, throw on some clothes, look in the mirror, race across campus, enter Olin 102 and take a seat in the back to be on time for Spanish 111.

And it was raining, pouring and my roommate was still snoring.

Frenetic thoughts raced through my dazed head.

ited class, no one will know. You can’t let everyone see your lazy-eyed, pajama-clothed, un-showered specter. Don’t even worry about it. No parents are here to roust you out of bed and get you moving. Your brothers aren’t screaming for you to get up and drive them to school. You’re not in high school anymore. Go back to sleep. It’s harmless.

I could have easily given in to my sleepy state that stormy morning and succumbed to peaceful slumber. Yet, despite my silent protests, I arose to face the day, dressed quickly, grabbed my schoolbag and umbrella and then bolted out of BPS like a man possessed, arriving at Olin just before Spanish started.

Fifty minutes later I was back in bed. But I had learned an invaluable lesson and made a shocking self-discovery about my inner strength and scholastic dedication in those ten minutes in my darkened dorm room. I had not given in or taken the easy way out. Even without prodding parents, screaming siblings or regard for my reputation.

That tempestuous Thursday I had fought back against my tired tirade, staved off sleepiness, battled the tempest swirling outside and within and came out dry on the other side.

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The Class of 2003, the First to Share in a Common Intellectual Experience

Megan Restine  
Staff Writer

The newly devised 1999 Common Intellectual Experience, formerly known as Liberal Studies Seminar, concentrates solely on the investigation and exploration of three profound questions: 1) What does it mean to be human? 2) How should we live our lives? 3) What is the universe and how do we fit into it?

Every incoming student is now required to take this class in hopes of discovering answers to these inquiries.

New to the course of study here at Ursinus College, Common Intellectual Experience was developed over this past summer under the advisement of Dean Judith Levy, Academic Affairs, and a handful of other Ursinus staff members. Stemming from their past practice in instructing liberal studies, it became their goal to create a course that would provide a unifying experience for all the incoming students to reflect upon, or simply to generate a “common intellectual experience”.

A group of twenty professors was selected to initiate this program. These professors, representing nearly every department of the school, met to discuss various ideas and strategies through which each could contribute his or her viewpoint and expertise.

As these educators met throughout the summer, they attempted to establish a curriculum that would break down the boundaries of discipline and be less departmentalized through discussion.

The syllabus was designed to bring about the analysis of historical, philosophical and political views relating to these main questions. The assignments consist mainly of selected readings and the discussion thereof. These readings are comprised of excerpts from the works of Shakespeare, Plato, Dante and Descartes to name a few. They were chosen to provide students with a progression of literature arising from the onset of writing to the advent of modern philosophy.

Dr. Del Engstrom, one of the pioneers of this curriculum, believes that this constant self-assessment will enable the students to “solidify their beliefs, values and perspectives, or perhaps, open a whole new realm.”

Every incoming student is enrolled in one of the twenty identical sections of LSS 100 and is required to attend this class twice a week. However, the innovative Uncommon Hour obliges the Class of 2003 to meet as a whole for about two hours once a week.

This set-up allows the students to connect by discussing the text, conversing about philosophy, debating over viewpoints or even complaining about assignments. This informal dialogue between peers is precisely what the creators had hoped for: a stimulating course that would encourage the contemplation of one’s beliefs and interaction between classmates.

Freshman Louis Skinner believes the “CIE is a great program because of its diverse curriculum. You learn about different topics, experience things that you normally wouldn’t have even looked at and get a chance to discuss these ideas with your classmates.”

As the first semester of this groundbreaking course is well underway, all appears to be going well. Student response is positive, professors are enthusiastic and deep and intense debate can be heard all over campus.

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Church on Film: Two new horror films are dead on arrival

Jeff Church
Staff Writer

Clinging to the long coattails of the two surprise summer hits "The Sixth Sense" and "The Blair Witch Project," "Stigmata" and "Stir of Echoes" offer little more than confusion and unoriginality.

"Stigmata" **
Frankie Paige

.... Patricia Arquette
Father Andrew Kiernan
Cardinal Houseman
.... Jonathan Pryce
Rated: R
Running Time: 102 minutes

The premise is intriguing - Frankie, a confessed atheist, mysteriously begins to receive the wounds originally inflicted on Christ. Father Kiernan tells us that only the most devout Christians have received stigmata, yet Frankie's wounds persist and worsen.

She becomes possessed and speaks in languages unknown to her.

The conflict is two-fold - first, Frankie experiences an internal conflict. Father Kiernan reveals that stigmata victims experience the most intense demon temptations. Second, Cardinal Houseman tries to maintain the status quo of the church at any cost.

The first conflict leaves the audience somewhat confused. To begin bluntly, Arquette, as an actress, is not interesting. She nearly was not believable as a real person, so I found myself pushed away from her struggle, rather than pulled into it, in order to sympathize with her plight. Moreover, the "temptations" were not explained clearly. Where do they come from? If she receives the same wounds as Christ, does that mean Christ felt these same temptations?

Better explained and more interesting is the second conflict - the politics of the church. Cardinal Houseman is chillingly hypocritical about not revealing the truth to the people.

As one of my fellow theater-goers commented, the ending strangely seems to be an attack on the Catholic church. I felt that the film was trying to go in many different directions at once, but could not decide on a clear path. The newcomer director Rupert Wainwright captures powerful moments, but fails to maintain a coherent story and rhythm.

"Stir of Echoes" **
Tom .... Kevin Bacon
Maggie .... Kathryn Erbe
Rated: R
Running time: 110 minutes

My best David Spade impression - I liked this movie better the first time... when it was called "The Shining." Or The Sixth Sense... or The Exorcist...

"Stir of Echoes" is a fusion between "The Sixth Sense" and The Shining.

"Stir of Echoes" is the second installment of the Festival, which will be shown in Olin Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 29th.

Whether for inspiration or for fun, the Christian music scene is sure to please

Kelly Tessena
Staff Writer

"WOW" is a two-disc compilation of contemporary Christian music from 1999. The silver disc features songs that would probably fit into the category of soft rock, while the green one has a more rock sound. Out of thirty songs, one dud isn't bad. Another unusual one is "God So Loved" by Jaci Velasquez. This is a slow kind of love song that is based on John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one begotten son..." and this Bible verse is the chorus.

Also notable is "Undo Me" by Jennifer Knapp, who may remind some a little bit of Alanis Morissette. Knapp's contribution is one of the faster, more alternative-sounding songs on the album, and it has a great beat.

A few of the songs on this album are, well, odd. "His Cheesburger" by VeggieTales is by far the weirdest. A guy with a really bad fake Mexican accent sings about someone who goes to a fast food place and tries to order a cheeseburger, but the place is closed. When one listens to the song, they may get the impression that they're missing some kind of joke. However, out of thirty songs, one dud isn't bad. Another unusual one is "The Devil is Bad" by The W's. "Unusual" is not meant in a bad way, though. This is an upbeat song with a lot of brass and the sound of 1920's swing. It definitely a fun one.

If you like contemporary Christian music, you may want to pick up this one. If you don't, you still might want to check it out, especially if you think of Christian music as only being "that stuff they sing in church." You might be pleasantly surprised.

On Campus Now...

The International Turning Exchange:

In Berman Museum, Upper Gallery, now through Sunday, September 26th.

International Film Festival Continues:

The Japanese film, "The Eel," which is the second installment of the Festival, will be shown in Olin Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 29th.

Sculthorpe Exhibition Open:

"Regions of Light: Painting, Prints & Drawings by Peter Sculthorpe" is open now in Berman Museum. This exhibition was held in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Museum.

New Santana is "Supernatural"

Chris Neary
Special to the Grizzly

The innovative Latin-blues-rock band Santana has been making waves recently in the music world with their fifth-fourth album release, "Supernatural," which, just this past week, became an R.I.A.A. certified "platinum" album, selling over one million copies in its twelve weeks on the charts. "Supernatural" is currently at number four on the Billboard charts, its highest position to date. The success of "Supernatural" is much attributed to Santana's first single from the album, entitled "Smooth," which features Rob Thomas of Matchbox 20 on vocals. "Smooth" peaked on the charts at number six only a week ago. With their unique and ever-evolving sound, Santana is always sure to please their fans, and this latest release is no disappointment.
Beyond Collegeville: Appraising Philadelphia’s Nightlife

Michael Pometni
Staff Writer

Friday and Saturday nights at Ursinus can definitely be characterized as eventful and full of activity. On any random weekend night, students can wander over to Reimert or a variety of the Main Street houses and be happily met by a lively party. In fact, despite Collegeville’s lack of entertainment, most Ursinus students choose to remain on campus during the weekends, fully satisfied with socializing amongst their friends or attending a fraternity or sorority party. Although these two options are both convenient and intimate, many students ask, “what is beyond Collegeville?”

As was explained many times to everyone when we applied to Ursinus, Philadelphia is a mere forty-five minute drive from campus. That’s a nice fact to know, but do Ursinus students know what the Philadelphia nightlife has to offer to a population of 18-22 year olds, mostly suburban teenagers? Some do, many do not.

For instance, Ursinus Grizzly cub fans have heard of the Philadelphia nightclubs, double the amount of coffeehouses and cafes. And most importantly, since the majority of us haven’t turned the big 21, it’s important to know that most of the above mentioned nightlife cater to an 18-24 year old crowd at least one night a week. Whether you choose to frequent “Evolution, Shampoo, Woody’s, Maui, or Baja,” says Lilly Ashhari, “clubbing is the only way to strut and show off...it’s the only chance I have to be truly racy.”

Many students from the area have the mindset that all the Philadelphia clubs are the same; a few students on campus, however, would tell you quite the opposite. Julie Fillman recalls how, “Philly is known to have the second largest Industrial/ Gothic scene in the country.” Shampoo and Woody’s, on the other hand, is well known for providing a safe haven for those dancers adhering to an alternative lifestyle. Popular radio hit music, large open spaces, and constantly changing crowds characterize Egypt, Baja, and Maui. The smaller, more specialized clubs, such as The Bank and Shampoo, says Fillman, “have a more dark and elitist atmosphere characterized by a regular crowd that acts as a catalyst for a camaraderie that exists among the dancers.”

The most important idea to keep in mind while choosing a club to go to is that not every club is for you. The Philadelphia nightlife is as varied as it is so people from all walks of life can find a club that best suits their personality and lifestyle. Danceen Stamps, who frequented The Bank her freshman year was disappointed when she went to Egypt, saying, “it was filled with overplayed music, greasy guys, and hoochi-mama girls... eww.” Danceen never went back to Egypt after that first time, but many other people did and continue to frequent that specific club, because it offers the “scene” that they best fit into. No matter what, if you want something different to do on Friday night, gather a group of your closest friends, get all “glammed out” and drive towards the city to find one of Philly’s finest hot-spots, and discover which club is to be your “scene.”

The Literary Society Explores the Heart

Matt Bunczk
Special to the Grizzly

“There is still a country to tell about. There is still a country to name. It is deep inside of you, And belongs to neither president nor king. It resembles the country that I search for in my heart...” (from Il me reste un pays by Gilles Vigneault)

There’s truth in the lyrics of Quebecois songwriter, Gilles Vigneault. In this modern age, we are reaping in the benefits of centuries of exploration and colonization. Beginning with bold explorers from a half of a millennium ago, new societies have been established in the wilderness of continents never imagined before. Perhaps curiosity or an innate drive to change, to improve or to evolve into something better is at the heart of these edifying adventures.

Today, the exploration continues. There is talk of colonizing the moon, Mars, or any other big rock that floats in space. Biologists, chemists, physicists, and others delve deep into the miniscule, sophisticated atomic workings of universal entities, resulting in two of the same sheep and, thanks to a hodge-podge of wires and circuits, in the capacity to manage information quickly and effectively. They work for the sake of improving our world. Despite the well-intended actions toward improving our earthly state, there is still discord resonating in the heart of humanity. Many individuals are not reaching their full potential, or exerting their presence as they would like in the world. Many are crushed by the burden of tradition-the obstacle of feelings, dreams, actions, or even noble wishes—the suppressor of deeds that may strengthen people for the task of improvement. They are often ridiculed or criticized for having innovative ideas, attitudes, or feelings.

As a result, people bottle themselves up. It is easy to avoid disgrace by smothering the self and conforming to others. But in doing so, it is not always clear that one is only denying his own nature and hurting the self. Luckily for Ursinus students, there is a healthy channel for the outpouring from the heart. Every Wednesday night at 9:00 p.m. in Zwingli Hall, the Literary Society assembles to share prose, poetry, and ultimately, what is on everyone’s mind.

Respect pervades the atmosphere there, inviting all to share thoughts and feelings without the fear of ridicule or negative criticism. While sharing is encouraged, everyone is welcome simply to listen and have coffee or refreshments.

This healthy outlet for the self lasts longer than the mere one hour per week. It is forever present in the spirit of those who attend Lit. Soc. The participants are always open to innovative ways of viewing the chaotic world. They are interested in what people say, express, and feel, no matter how far-fetched. Above all, they explore the domain of the human heart that Gilles Vigneault sang about, and that so many people are willing to forget about. They invite all to explore with them. They only request an opened mind.
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5:30 p.m. Faculty Dining Rm
UCF
8:30 p.m. WPL

Faculty “Drop-By”
12 p.m. Corson Board Rm
Field Hockey at Drexel
3:30 p.m. Philadelphia, PA
Volleyball vs. Widener
7:00 p.m. Helfferich Hall
College Choir
7:30 p.m. Bomberger Aud.
USGA
7:30 p.m. WLL

WEDNESDAY

Psychology Workshop: “Local Masters’ Degree Programs”
12:00 p.m. Thomas 323
Eating Disorders Anonymous
12:30 p.m. Olin 104
Careers: Graduate School Workshop
12:30 p.m. Olin 108

THURSDAY

The Race Committee Dialogue
10:00 a.m. WPL
TNT CDs
10:30 a.m. Olin Plaza
Careers: Resume Workshop
4:00 p.m. Olin 102

FRIDAY

Volleyball at Allentown Invitational
Allentown, PA

SATURDAY

Volleyball at Allentown Invitational
Allentown, PA
GMAT
9:00 a.m. Olin 107
Women’s Soccer vs. Franklin and Marshall
1:00 p.m. UC Soccer Field
Field Hockey at West Chester (V&JV)
1:00 p.m. West Chester, PA
Football at Western Maryland
1:00 p.m. Westminster, MD
Men’s Soccer at Johns Hopkins
7:00 p.m. Baltimore, MD

SUNDAY

Ecumenical Service
11:00 a.m. Bomberger Aud.
Field Hockey vs. Georgetown
2:00 p.m. UC Hockey Field

Arts: Heefner Organ Recital:
Alan Morrison
4:00 p.m. Bomberger Aud.
Mass
4:00 p.m. Olin Auditorium

MONDAY

Honors Colloquium
4:00 p.m. Wicks

Join the Grizzly:
Meetings held on Mondays at 7 p.m. on the third floor of Bomberger
ETS: Electronic Testing...Service or Scam ??

Michael Edwards  
Staff Writer

It's that time of year. When every senior who is thinking about going to graduate school gets ready to take whatever standardized test is required. We've all been here before. Everyone at Ursinus had to take the SATs or ACTs. In the memories that most of us probably don't want to relive. So now comes the next wave. GREs, MCATs, LSATs, subject tests...you name it and someone on this campus will likely be prepping for hours to do well on it. Many will do well on their respective standardized test; many will not do as well as they like, but let's take a minute to look at this process.

For seniors, about four years ago you sat down and took the SATs or ACTs to add that last required piece to your college applications. Even then, there was a sense of doubt. Could one test really show anything about what someone has accomplished in his or her four years of high school? Are these tests really that predictive of performance in college? How much do colleges really look at scores on standardized tests? These are just a few of the questions most of us were asking as we prepared for the SATs.

So now it's four years later and we find ourselves going through this vaguely familiar process as we prepare for round two of the standardized testing barrage. This time through, most of us will spend much more time preparing. After all, these are the big leagues. So we go out and buy prep material, from Kaplan, from Princeton Review, or from any one of the hundreds of companies that specialize in standardized testing preparation. Many of us will spend well over a $100 dollars to get prep books for these tests, not to mention the classes offered that cost over $1000 dollars. It's a big industry. And they have a captive market.

I'm going to talk mainly about the GREs here because I've already taken them once and I'm in the process of signing up for them again. First off, it's a monopolistic practice. I can't go to some other place and take a different standardized test. If I want to get into a graduate school that requires the GRE, I'm stuck with ETS and Sylvan Technology Center. "So don't go to a school that requires the GRE," I'm told. Well it's not really an option. The track I'm going to graduate school for there's NOT ONE SCHOOL that doesn't require the GREs. So lets take a minute and look at the GREs and all the red tape involved with these new Computer Adaptive Tests (CAT for short). First off, they're $100 a pop. That's a significant chunk of change. That's seven cases of Yuengling, or for you non-drinkers, many a meal away from Che' Wisme'. Now on to the scheduling aspect. The upside: you don't have to wait with dread for that one predetermined day to take your GREs...theoretically you can go and take them whenever you want. The downside: okay, so I can take them when I want to...or when those lovely people at Sylvan Technology Center feel like letting me. While the idea was to make taking the GREs a more flexible process, it has actually become a more frustrating process. Now I have to fight it out with the Sylvan people about when I can take this test. Lucky me. So I managed to schedule one this summer and I went and took it. It was no picnic. I don't mean to be bitter, but that man sitting next to me was about three coughs away from catching a serious beat down. Imagine if you will twelve computers packed side by side in this tiny room. Now, if everyone was taking the GREs that would be a start, but they're not. When I took my GREs, three people were taking their MCATs, two people were taking some wacky test I've never seen, the guy next to me and two others were taking the English proficiency test, and one other person was taking the GREs. So the guy sitting next to me barely understands English. I have nothing against this guy. I'm glad he's learning a new language, good for him. But I didn't need the Sylvan Technician standing next to me attempting to explain to this man what exactly he was supposed to do. It took him five minutes just to figure out how that tricky mouse worked. At least they gave you those little orange Styrofoam earplugs; you can throw them with amazing accuracy.

Check back next week as I continue my GRE inspired rant...we haven't even scratched the surface.

Racial Profiling: A Violation of Individuals Rights

Aaron Ranck  
Staff Writer

The monster known as racial profiling has reared its head once again. A minority woman named Celeste Goring-Johnson took her kids to the dentist, and while they were being treated, she decided to go across the street to buy ring guards for a few of her rings. While inside, the owner of the store locked the door and announced that a diamond ring was missing. Suspecting that Ms. Johnson had stolen the ring, he asked to search her handbag. She consented, and he found nothing. He then asked to search her pockets, and she refused. The proprietor informed her that he was going to call the police. Ms. Johnson agreed that that would be a good idea. When the police arrived, they questioned Johnson and then proceeded to search her. Still not having any evidence, the police decided to haul her off to the 61st precinct and have her strip-searched. As all of this was going on, Johnson's children were still in the dentist's office waiting for their mother. Despite having no evidence to go from and a strip search that found nothing, Ms. Johnson was charged with petty larceny. Ms. Johnson was charged because of her proximity to the crime scene.

The Johnson case is the most recent case of unequal treatment of minorities by police officers. The New York Police Department has come under fire recently because of the large number of minorities that are pulled over for traffic violations in comparison to the amount of white people that are pulled over. The American Civil Liberties Union has even filed suit against the state of Maryland for violating a 1994 law that prohibits unwarranted searches based on race. The ACLU is using statistics that show 70% of the people that were pulled over on Interstate Route 1-95 were minorities. 60% of those that were searched did not have any illegal substances on them.

While there is not an easy solution to this problem, I would suggest that much of the problem stems from the attitudes of police officers. Some people argue that studies show that minorities are disrespectful toward police officers when pulled over twice as often as white people are. They then conclude that if the minorities were to give more respect to these authority figures it would help to resolve the situation. I disagree with this argument, and would place most of the responsibility on the police officers. An analogous situation is the relationship between a teacher and her/his pupils. When a teacher gives students respect, she gets respect in return. This principle is demonstrated throughout learning institutions, and is relevant to the situation of racial profiling. We cannot allow the rights of minorities to be infringed upon, and I call upon the police departments to keep detailed records of traffic stops, including the race of the person stopped. The Justice department would be in charge of collecting such data. This bill is called the "Traffic Stops Statistics Act of 1997".
Money Talks.....

Question: How does Ursinus screw students out of money?

Michael Ramsey
Staff Writer

Mike Edwards, senior: “By charging me $6000 for a room where the electricity doesn’t work half of the time.”

Ervy Hoke, sophomore: “By making me pay $2 to park my car in a field of potholes.”

Nikki Kaiser, sophomore: “By charging some people $50 for air conditioning when some people get it for free.”

Nicolette Tropiano, junior: “We pay $20 for a parking permit and then we have to pay for tickets when there is not enough parking spaces.”

Jason Bugg, Alumnus Class of ’99: “I gave them my money for four years and yet they continue to badger me for more. Haven’t I given enough?”

Rob Brychta, senior: “The meager amounts allocated by Zack’s for the equivalency plan coupled with the extravagantly priced items leaves on unsatiated after dining.”

Hadley Schmoyer, senior: “Being a vegetarian, Wismer and salad bar I’ve ever been to.”

Adam Thomasson, senior: “By making us buy cases because of the *%#$& random keg rule.”

Angie Bates, junior: “Charging me for room damages for things they don’t fix.”

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Ryan Tiver, senior: “I pay an $85 activity fee for bad comedians.”

John Castorino, senior: “Everyway possible.”

If you have a question you think should be asked email it to miramsey@ursinus.edu

Winter or Summer in Mexico

Ursinus College in Cuernavaca

• Classroom study, homestay, and excursions
• 2-week winter study (Spanish 209) or 4-week summer program (Spanish 200)
• 2 or 4 semester hours, respectively
• Directed by Ursinus faculty member
• Internships can be arranged
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NFL Picks for Week 3: We'll try to get some right this week

Cory Braiterman

Agreeing with my predictions, the Titans pounded the hapless Browns. The punchless Eagles fell to a Bucs team that did everything in its power to try to give the game to Philly, but since they’re shooting for the #1 pick this year, they decided not to take it.

Thumbs down to the Vinny-less Jets who had no answer for rumblin’, bumblin’, stumblin’, Doug Flutie and the Bills, who ended up with the 17-3 win. Maybe this week, I’ll figure a few teams out.

Pick for NFL Week #3

Away Home
Atlanta - St. Louis
Cincinnati - Carolina
Cleveland - Baltimore
Denver - Tampa Bay
Detroit - Kansas City
Indianapolis - San Diego
Washington - New York Jets
Minnesota - Green Bay
San Francisco - Arizona
Chicago - Oakland

Atlanta vs. St. Louis
Defending NFC champs Falcons should outmatch the young, unstable Rams.

Cincinnati vs. Carolina
Look for Panthers TE, Wesley Walls to rack up a few more TD’s over a bad Bengals secondary.

Cleveland vs. Baltimore
Errict Rhett, the best ex-Buccaneer in the NFL behind Testeverde and Steve Young, ran for 100+ yards against a ferocious Steelers D should get even more against the expansion Browns.

Denver vs. Tampa Bay
Speaking of that other Florida team, look for Davis and Co. to finally get on track against an inefficient Bucs team.

Detroit vs. Kansas City
Maybe Charlie Batch can QB the Lions to victory after all. We’ll go with the undog here.

Indianapolis vs. Jacksonville
This should be a great game between 2 teams near the top of the AFC ladder. Look for Panthers TE, Wesley Walls to rack up a few more TD’s in this battle of offensive juggernauts.

Minnesota vs. Green Bay
James and Mannion sound more impressive than Harbaugh and Means.

Tennessee vs. Jacksonville
Do you honestly think that the Eagles can win a game? Well, maybe, but not this week.

Seattle vs. Pittsburgh
The Hawks have looked strong.

Chicago vs. Oakland
The Bears defense then held the Pack, and Da Bears almost beat Seattle but for a last second field goal. The Kansas City Chiefs, the same team that lost to the Raiders in week 2, the Giants got blown out by the Jim Harbaugh-led San Francisco 49ers. The only reason I’ll take the Pack in this case is because it is the not-yet Frozen Tundra of Lambeau Field. Otherwise its a toss-up.

Cory Braiterman’s "Sure as the North Pole is Cold Pick of the Week":
Oakland over Chi-town.

Aaron Hampton’s "Bet the Farm on This Pick":
Redskins over NY Jets.

Ursinus Football Conquers Franklin & Marshall in OT in Home Opener

Andy Maynard

The Ursinus Bears won their second game in a row Saturday as they defeated Franklin and Marshall 27-20 in OT. In front of the home crowd for the first time in 1999, Ursinus delighted the faithful with an 8-yard touchdown run on the second play of the overtime period. Scoring the winning touchdown was sophomore Shearrod Duncan, who had two touchdowns on the day, the other coming on a 9-yard scamper.

The Bears defense then held off the F&M Diplomats on their OT attempt. The key play was a sack by junior Pat DeBelle on third down, setting up a 4th and 18 which F&M was unable to convert.

The Diplomats had held a 20-12 lead late in the fourth quarter. However, Bears’ senior captain Kory Stauffer and junior Frank Vecchio teamed up for a crucial 9-yard touchdown. Sophomore Steve Sharkey ran the reverse in for the two point conversion that came with 2:41 left in regulation. This sent the game into the decisive overtime.

Vecchio ended up with 176 yards passing for the day, throwing a second TD toss to Sharkey earlier in the day. UC also finished the day with 156 yards on the ground, dominated by Duncan along with junior Joe Nangle and freshman Brian DiGiosio. Others contributing were sophomore WR/RB Josh Barr with two key catches and junior TE, Steve Sell, whose first catch this year set up the game winning touchdown in OT.

Defensively, freshman Dave Morris had a key interception soon after he replaced the injured senior CB, Jay Wisnisky. (Wisnisky went down in the first quarter with a broken leg.) Junior LB Joe Conte intercepted his 2nd pass in as many games.

The UC defense as a whole has proven to be amazingly stingy against the run, yielding 34 yards last week against Leb Val and only 30 this week. Currently the Ursinus Bears are 2-0 (1-0.) The team faces the Green Terror of Western Maryland next weekend.
Field Hockey gets First Win

Sue Patton
Staff Writer

The ladies of Ursinus field hockey continued their 80th season on Wednesday, September 15th. Although it had been raining for most of the day, the Bears came onto the field ready to get down and dirty with Lehigh. At the end of the first half, it was a scoreless game.

After the break, the Bears came back on the field, thirsty for a goal. Their thirst was quenched when sophomore, Julie Lowell outplayed the Lehigh goalie. Lowell then passed it off to senior Stephanie Sundberg who found the back of the cage.

Although junior Suzie Russo was able to fire off some pretty mean shots, the ball was unable to enter the cage.

Ursinus battled back on the defensive end as sophomore Alison Vasta and freshman Amy Transue consistently robbed the LaSalle players of the ball in their scoring zone. However, with less than ten minutes left of play, the referees made a questionable call that allowed LaSalle to set up for a penalty stroke. Monatesti was unable to prevent the ball as the LaSalle player whipped it out of her reach.

Senior Terri Savage attacks the ball during a women's soccer game this week. The Bears play at home this Saturday, September 25 against Franklin and Marshall.

UC Golf Takes the Tournaments in the Fall

Stephanie Restine
Editor-in-Chief

This fall, the Ursinus Golf team is getting an early start on its typical spring season. For their first tourney of the autumn season, the Bears competed in the Gettysburg Invitational on Monday, September 13. As a team, UC finished respectably in 11th place, topping Conference foes Gettysburg and Franklin and Marshall.

Leading the way for Ursinus was veteran senior Rob Bishop, finishing sixth individually with a score of 75. Juniors Dave Fisher and Bill Van Sant followed closely with rounds of 80 and 85, respectively. Sophomore Ed Jacobs took home a 94 for the team, while classmate Ryan Fink closed out the field for Ursinus with a round of 97.

Senior player Dan Schott commented, "This is pretty much how we expected to do at the first match of the year."

Reflecting on the team's performance, junior Bill Van Sant remarked, "The team overall finished in the middle of the pack, but we were definitely in the game."

The Bears look forward to their next match that will be held on Tuesday, September 21 at Edgewood in the Pines.

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