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Homecoming '99: Any Questions?

Stephanie Restine
Editor-In-Chief

Hold on to your hats, Ursinus, because this year’s Homecoming will incorporate somewhat prevalent changes. From the entertainment to the tents to the procession of Homecoming nominees, many aspects of the Homecoming events will have undergone modification.

During the past year, Mary Ellen DeWane, Director of Alumni Affairs, and Director of Special Giving Coco Minardi ran focal groups in order to assess the opinions of alumni attending the Homecoming festivities at Ursinus. Fifty-seven percent of the alumni who are not affiliated with a Greek organization did not feel welcome during the Homecoming weekend. The remaining 43% of the graduates were comfortable spending the time with their respective Greek organizations.

In order to eliminate the segregation of Greek-affiliated alumni from non-Greek alumni, DeWane and Minardi instituted changes to the traditional Homecoming events. In lieu of the fraternity/sorority tents present during the weekend, three immense tents representing the decades of graduation (40’s-50’s, 60’s-70’s, and 80’s-90’s) will allow alumni attending UC during similar time periods to be reacquainted.

DeWane explained, “Some alumni felt that they couldn’t come in (the tent area) last year. The non-Greeks felt that the Homecoming activities were only for the Greeks.” She continued, expressing the idea that the Homecoming events should be geared toward all of the alumni, not just certain groups.

The Ursinus fraternities and sororities have expressed opposition to this particular modification of the Homecoming events. Members of the Greek President’s Council, Mark Toscano and Carolyn Schweizer, stated, “On behalf of the Greek community, we were extremely disappointed that we weren’t informed of the changes to homecoming until it was too late.”

Moving from the rockpile near Helfferich to Paisley last year was a radical change. Last year, we also had to address the state law about the dispersal of alcohol in a public setting. We are trying to create an event inclusive of everyone, not exclusive.” DeWane also articulated that the changes to Homecoming this year are not all that “radical.” Instead, “DeWane claimed that last year’s homecoming marked the school’s major departure from traditional Homecoming events. “Moving from the rockpile near Helfferich to Paisley last year was a radical change. Last year, we also had to address the state law about the dispersal of alcohol in a public setting.”

The alcohol policy set forth during the 1998 Homecoming will be continued during this year’s festivities; participants over 21 will be able to purchase wristbands for $5.00 in order to procure alcohol and food in the tent area. However, in order to alleviate the long lines of communication will be smoother and enable us to participate in the decision making process.

Although the Greek organization tents will be replaced, Alumni Affairs hopes that students of all organizations will find a place for themselves among the alumni. Minardi commented, “(These changes) are not being directed at the Greeks, and there was no malice intended.”

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-----Toscano and Schweizer

"One America"

NiPun Suri
Staff Writer

"One America" is a theme originated by the United States Government in order to develop more of a cultural and racial awareness on college campuses. Dawn Chavous, supported by the Unity House, hosted an event on Friday evening, October eighth, in Wissner lower lounge, promoting this theme of cultural and racial awareness.

Some faculty members were also present such as, Spanish professor Dr. Cameron. Dr. Cameron felt that the film was interesting because "Higher Learning" itself involves the process of "unlearning" stereotypes and substituting them by the compassion. This process was eventually adopted by many of the characters in the film.

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Weird News:
DURHAM, North Carolina-Shan M. Tapp, 16, tried to rob a Central Carolina Bank branch Tuesday, October 5th, but botched the job when he dropped his gun, which fired into the ceiling, then fell without any money. Tapp dropped his 9 mm automatic handgun as he shouted orders at the people in the bank. The teenager is charged with attempted bank robbery and discharging a firearm into an occupied business.

Local News:
PHILADELPHIA-The Center City rapist is the most-wanted criminal. To date, he has raped, at least, seven women, murdering one. Police know he is nearly 6-feet tall and rail-thin at 145 pounds. He’s probably a loner and lives and works in the area where he attacks the women. He may believe that he can never have a girlfriend like any of the women he rapes. The Daily News has offered a $25,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the rapist.

National News:
WASHINGTON-Donald Trump will form a presidential exploratory committee. Trump is deciding whether or not to run for president. He will seek the Reform Party nomination. Formation of an exploratory committee allows him to collect donations. Trump said that the committee will focus on only giving him advice and that he will use his own money for the race. However, he will still accept the 12.6 million in federal matching funds the Reform Party is entitled.

World News:
LONDON-At least, 33 people have been confirmed dead and 127 people missing, when two packed trains collided this past week in Britain. Authorities believe the crash could have been prevented with the installation of a warning system. This system would have stopped one train from going through a red signal.

College News:
LAWRENCE, Kansas (University of Kansas)-Brandon Deines, junior, had his kayg party broken up when a Lawrence police officer entered his backyard. Deines said he got suspicious when the officer entered the house without permission. “We were pretty sure our rights were being violated,” said Deines. An officer can enter a house if: 1) given an invitation from an insider, 2) the officer has a warrant, and 3) there is a visible infraction.
Students Celebrate Berman Museum's 10th Anniversary

Kelly Tessene

The Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art celebrated its tenth anniversary this month. In honor of this occasion, Hadley Schmoyer, senior Politics/self-initiated Arts History major, and Allison Newkirk, junior Biology major, are displaying an exhibit entitled "Ten Years of Collecting: The Permanent Collection in Context." The exhibit features sculptures, prints, and paintings from the museum's permanent collection.

Newkirk related how they were responsible for all aspects of the exhibit, including framing, arranging the pieces, and deciding upon which ones to display. She further explained that the pieces that they were selecting had to represent the museum's collection as a whole, while, at the same time, highlight some of the pieces not displayed very often. Also, the pieces had to make a dramatic impression on students when seen.

"Our goal was to get students more involved with the museum."

One final, important factor that both students agreed upon was the fact that they had to select pieces that represented some of Berman's "mini-collections," such as the Japanese woodcuts and 19th century portraits.

Schmoyer and Newkirk worked on the exhibit as part of their Summer Research Experience. This experience offers students an opportunity to work closely with a faculty member on a project of their own interest. For their exhibit, Schmoyer and Newkirk grouped the pieces according to theme. By arranging pieces of a general theme in one grouping, they showed many different variations within that particular theme.

"Ten Years of Collecting: The Permanent Collection in Context" opened on October 5th and will continue through October 31st. The exhibit is located in the Upper Gallery of the museum, which is open Tuesday through Friday from 10am-4pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from noon-4:30pm.

Homecoming Changes

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associated with food and beverage attainment in past years, the caterers will also be providing four food and beverage stations.

Additionally, in expanding the inclusive nature of this year's Homecoming, the typical fencing will not surround the tent area. DeWane hopes that this modification will make the area more "user-friendly" since leaving or entering the tents will be much easier. The removal of the fence will make the area more accessible for people not wishing to pay for wristbands.

Aside from changes in the tent area, modifications will be made to the procession of Homecoming nominees during halftime of the football game. Instead of transporting the nominees in "mini-collections," such as the Japanese woodcuts and 19th century portraits. Schmoyer and Newkirk grouped the pieces according to theme. By arranging pieces of a general theme in one grouping, they showed many different variations within that particular theme.

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Although this Homecoming is marked by many changes, alumni and students are looking forward to this year's activities. Assistant Dean of Students Todd McKinney summarized the changes at Homecoming stating, "This year's event is a way of trying new and different ideas."
Old Men's at Heart of Ursinus
BWC: Place to be for some UC students

Dave Walker
Special to The Grizzly

Brodbeck, Wilkinson, and Curtis, better known as BWC, is the dormitory that lies closest to the center of the campus. It is often referred to as “Old Men's,” due to the fact that it was once an all-male building. It is generally occupied by sophomores who want to continue living in a dormitory, but would rather not live in “the Quad” again.

There are a couple of advantages to living in BWC. Primarily, it lies near the center of the campus, and so it is fairly close to Olin, Bomberger, the library, the cafeteria, and Reimert. These are all areas that many students frequent, so it is convenient to live in this vicinity. A student does not have to worry about walking miles on end to get to class.

Some of the rooms in BWC are larger than those in the quad. Both BWC and the Quad offer singles and doubles, and Reimert offers suites that hold eight people on average. Triples used to be offered in BWC, but do not at this time, explaining the larger room sizes. Therefore, if a Quad room seems too small, while a Reimert suite is too overwhelming, perhaps several rooms in BWC will do.

The interior halls and individual dorm rooms of BWC seem cleaner and in better shape than those of either the Quad or Reimert, at least at the start of the year. My room at the Quad last year had marked up walls and ceilings, and the carpet was unraveling. Both closet doors were broken, and the window screen was torn. This year, our walls seem generally cleaner, and only one closet door was broken. The carpet and the screen both seem to be in good shape. No, it’s not perfect, but at least it’s an improvement.

Not everything about BWC is superior to the Quad, however. The bathrooms in BWC are small. Each contains one toilet and, at best, two showers or two sinks. When the one toilet is broken, then, that bathroom is rendered virtually useless with the exception of the showers. Overall, the bathrooms are cleaner—since there is only one toilet, people seem less willing to make a big mess out of it—but they could stand to be larger and hold more toilets, sinks, and showers. The BWC building is a nice building to live in for a year. It’s not perfect, and few people would probably care to spend four years living in it, but functions well as a temporary home for the average student.

The Features Section will be reporting student evaluations of different campus housing options throughout this semester.

Homecoming Crossword: Name the Homecoming Nominees

Candidates Nominated by...
(Answers will be the nominee's last names.)

Across

21 - SUN
22 - Omega Chi
10 - Chi Rho Psi
16 - SUN
14 - Kappa Delta Kappa
12 - Sigma Rho Lambda
11 - Alpha Phi Epsilon
20 - Delta Mu Sigma
19 - Tau Sigma Gamma
17 - Phi Alpha Psi
16 - Pi Omega Delta
15 - Pi Omega Delta
14 - Kappa Delta Kappa
13 - RHA
10 - Chi Rho Psi
8 - USGA
6 - USGA
5 - Pi Omega Delta

Down

2 - Upsilon Phi Delta
1 - Sigma Chi Delta
7 - GSA
6 - SASA
4 - SASA
3 - Alpha Sigma Nu
2 - Upsilon Phi Delta
1 - Sigma Chi Delta

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Dan Reimold
Features Editor

The first month and one half of college I did not slay monsters, battle giants or end world hunger. I did kill a huge spider crawling atop my mini-fridge, endure my mom telling me how much I've grown each evening, and every time I visited home and storm Zach's in the dead of night desperately searching for leftovers to fill my empty stomach.

I did not run a four-minute mile, send the Stock Market soaring, win the National Spelling Bee with the word vivisepture (the act of being buried alive), or write the next great American novel.

I did jog two miles, find a quarter in a Beardwood lounge couch cushion, spell "lounge" wrong, and write a "stay-awake" remedy for staying up studying for exams and what looks to be caffeine pills.

I've been really concerned about my roommate recently. He has a lot of late nights staying up studying for exams and I've seen him taking what looks to be caffeine pills.

I thought he may have just taken these "stay-awake" pills a few times to remain focused while studying for tests but now I think he's taking them on a regular basis. I want to help him but don't know what to do. Does he have an addiction? Is there anything I can do or say to help him? Is there anybody who can help?

--- Concerned Roommate

Dear Concerned,

This scenario is all too common to college life. Students find themselves taking a few pills here and there to stay awake and suddenly find themselves addicted to them.

Taking any sort of medication, whether over the counter or prescribed, can be extremely harmful to ones health if abused.

--- Confused at UC

Late-Night Pill-Popping Common Problem on College Campuses

Ann Van Buren
Special to The Grizzly

Dear Ann,

I've been really concerned about my roommate recently. He has a lot of late nights staying up studying for exams and I've seen him taking what looks to be caffeine pills. He has become really moody lately and isn't sleeping at normal hours.

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But is it safe?

Talk to your roommate and tell him you're concerned that he may be developing an addiction to the pills. If he becomes angry and denies he's addicted don't continue to harass him about it.

Instead, I suggest possibly going to your RA or advisor for advice. You don't want to ruin your friendship, even though you're concerned about his well being. College can at times be stressful but there are other alternatives to alleviate stress than pill popping. The hardest thing is working out a time management plan so you don't find yourself falling into a potentially harmful situation.

--- Confused at UC

Climbing Mount Everest... and twenty other things I did not do during the first month and one half of my new life in Collegeville

Dan Reimold
Features Editor

The first month and one half of college I did not negotiate a peace settlement among warring nations, appear live in concert at the E-Center or scale Mount Everest sans Sherpa and oxygen tank.

I did break up a fight between two freshmen, sing in the shower and dash up the back entrance stairway to grab my room keys on the dresser.

I did not always rise and shine at dawn of a glorious new tomorrow with a clean-shaven face and a fresh outlook on life.

I did idle away hours playing video games, spending a hole in my savings, stub my toe on a chess piece, spend five painful minutes cursing at a chipped, pointy rook and gladly receive a letter from home.

The first month and one half of college I did not win the Pulitzer for my in-depth reporting on the life of an air-traffic controller.

I did not run off to Vegas to get hitched, lead a wide-spread, highly-publicized clean-up effort at the local community park, star in a Broadway revival or sing a Sonata for the Pope at the Vatican.

I did fold and fly paper airplanes, call that special someone to tell her I was thinking of her, clean my dorm room, put on an impromptu sock puppet show for a close friend and sing along with Blessid Union of Souls while playing video games, "She likes me..."

Instead, I did lay awake late most nights and think back on the full plate of memories served up during the past eighteen years.

And, with tears in my eyes, I smiled at the faint recollections of all the things I've done in my life thus far.

And soon enough each night, I did fall fast asleep and so it went that my first full month and one half stranded at the summit of the collegiate real world did not bring me any fantastic realizations about what my part in this role-playing game we call life would be.

In fact, it was just another ordinary late summer and early fall.

And I realized that I still had plenty of time left in my life to seize the day, slay monsters, battle giants, appear live in concert, get hitched, write the next great American novel.

And, of course, to scale Mount Everest. Without the Sherpa.

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OPINIONS

Lott’s lack of responsibility is a major threat to the security of the world

Joe Pope
A&E Editor

The display of partisan politics and the abuse of position over the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) are quite frightening. They are frightening because, when you stop to think about it, the security of the globe is being put on the line in exchange for short-term political maneuverings based on rash individual preferences here in the States.

In 1996, President Clinton signed the CTBT, and in early 1997 it was sent to the Senate for ratification. After blocking the efforts of Senate Democrats for two, long, inactive years, Senate Republican leader Trent Lott surprised the nation last week by suddenly announcing it would be rushed to the Senate.

Lott’s unprecedented and abrupt move would bring the CTBT to a floor vote without any hearings by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. By doing so, Lott, who is a strong opponent of the nuclear test ban, is seeking the treaty’s rejection. Senior administration officials and senators said they feared next week’s vote would fall short of the two-thirds majority needed to ratify the treaty and that rejection would draw condemnation of the United States by its allies.

We must stop and ask ourselves, “How responsible is this?” A defeat of the treaty in the Senate would make the spread of nuclear weapons more likely, encourage testing, and set a poor example for nations looking to the United States for leadership. It grossly irresponsible to rush to ratify something that carries as much weight as the CTBT, which is highly comprehensive and complex. Rather than full hearings and careful consideration, Lott would much rather have a rash and rushed vote, which would surely defeat the Treaty.

More than 150 countries have already signed the Treaty, but, to take force, it must be ratified by all 44 countries in the Geneva-based Conference on Disarmament that have nuclear reactors or research programs, including the United States. If we fail to ratify, then we send a clear message to the rest of the world that proliferation is acceptable, which destabilizes fragile regions such as the Middle East and South Asia.

It is important to remember the history involved with this issue and the benefits we as a society gain from it. The very first resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1946 was a call for nuclear disarmament. Our presidents, since the times of Eisenhower and Kennedy, have sought an end to nuclear testing. With the end of the cold war, we can, at last, stop it. American taxpayers have spent $5.5 trillion on nuclear weapons over 55 years. The CTBT strengthens our security against the nuclear danger so we can put our tax dollars to more productive use. With our country’s unmatched strength in conventional forces, it’s in America’s interest to halt nuclear arms testing and development everywhere.

An overwhelming 82 percent of the American people support the test ban treaty and want to end the nuclear danger. With such a high approval rating, how can our elected leaders even think about denying such a strong will of the public, especially on an issue this seriously clear? Our rejection of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty will signal that America has turned its back on its commitment in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty to proceed toward the reduction and eventual elimination of nuclear weapons, which will prompt a growing number of countries to withdraw from the non-proliferation pact.

Currently, President Clinton and many other senators, both Democrat and Republican, are responsibly seeking to counter Lott’s move and postpone the vote on the CTBT until months of necessary hearings and debate occur. To do so, they would need only half of the Senate to agree. If they are successful in their efforts, please utilize the extra time to contact your senators and urge them to carefully consider an issue whose impact will surely be felt for many years to come.

The Destruction of Chechnya: NATO’s Bloody Legacy

Brian Berg
Staff Writer

Taking a page from NATO’s Kosovo playbook, the Russian military last week began bombing “strategic” targets in the breakaway republic of Chechnya in an effort to suppress the republic’s increasingly militant separatist movement. The bombings have destroyed oil refineries, radio and television stations, power plants, and bridges as well as some military targets and have paved the way for Russian ground troops who have already begun launching their own attacks against rebel forces.

Chechnya has long been a problem for Boris Yeltsin’s shaky Moscow regime. A three-year civil war between Chechen guerillas and the Russian army in 1994 ended in complete disaster for Yeltsin when the Chechens inflicted massive casualties on Russian troops forcing Moscow to withdraw from Chechnya and admit defeat. The latest trouble in Chechnya began in August when a group of Muslim militants migrated from Chechnya to neighboring Dagestan seeking to set up an Islamic state there. Based in Chechnya, these rebels carried out a series of terrorist bombings in and around Moscow in an attempt to force the Russian government to comply with their demands. However, instead of negotiating with the Chechen rebels, the Russians decided to strike back and end the uprising once and for all.

Rather than risk another potentially disastrous ground war, Russian leaders decided to mirror the successful “zero causality” air war waged by NATO in Kosovo. Although Russian military leaders were highly critical of NATO’s tactics throughout the Kosovo conflict, they are now embracing the precedent set by the United States and its allies in the Balkans. Besides copying NATO’s targeting strategy and bombing tactics, the New York Times reported that Russian generals have gone as far as to give “NATO style briefings” complete with laser pointers and narrated video footage of successful strikes on Chechen targets.

From the actions of the Russian government, it is clear that the dangerous and misguided precedent for military intervention set by NATO in Kosovo may tragically become the dominant military doctrine of the 21st century. As we have seen in Serbia and as we are seeing again Chechnya, these types of bombing campaigns only punish the innocent. In Serbia, it was not Milosevic who was hurt the most by NATO, it was the Serbian people who suffered as saw their towns, cities, homes, and lives destroyed by NATO warplanes.

In Chechnya, the political situation is even worse than in Serbia. The Russians want the Chechen government to force Chechen rebels to lay down their arms and disband. This plan would be a good one, if not for one small detail: the Chechen government has no control over the rebel forces. The Russian solution to this problem is to bomb Chechen civilians and the government hoping that eventually, the people will stop supporting the rebels and pressure them to stop their activities.

As Russian bombs leave cities without heat, light, water or power, as an estimated 50,000 refugees flee their homes, as entire villages are decimated by Russian attacks, as innocent people are slaughtered in their homes and fields, the United States and its European allies stand virtually silent. Why? A condemnation of Russia’s actions in Chechnya would be the same as a condemnation of NATO’s own actions in Serbia and an admittance that NATO’s Balkan strategy was tragically flawed.

Rather than admit our mistakes, we must suffer through the torture of watching them be repeated as Chechnya is systematically destroyed by Russian bombs. Instead of creating a long-term political solution, Russia, like NATO, opted for the easy way out and only created another embittered, disillusioned generation poised to carry on the vicious cycle of violence and retribution, ensuring that real peace will never have a chance.

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"Ten Years of Collecting: The Permanent Collection in Context"  
*Through Saturday, Oct. 31*

Held in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Berman Museum of Art, the exhibition is curated by 1999 Ursinus Summer Fellows Allison Newkirk and Hadley Schmoyer with the support of the students in the Fall 1999 Museum Studies course. The exhibit will focus on the distinctive aspects of the museum's permanent collection, the donors who have contributed to its growth, and the contributions of students in the operation and curatorial work of the museum.

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**Pro Theatre presents**  
"Antigone" by Sophocles  
Domenick Scudera, Guest Director  
*Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday; Oct. 13, 14, 15, 16; 7:30 p.m.*

Sophocles' classic tragedy will be staged with a contemporary setting. Guest director Scudera founded Philadelphia's Theater Rumpus following three years as casting director for the Wilma Theater and seven as a freelance director. Tickets are $5 for general admission and $3 for students and senior citizens. Please call (610) 409-3604 to reserve tickets.
Three Kings provides an entertaining social-political commentary on the reality of Iraq

Joe Pope
A&E Editor

Set in late April of 1991 after the cease-fire agreement had been signed, the start of the film has something good. Three Kings starts to scratch the surface by displaying the lackluster interest taken by US soldiers in the war. Indeed, Kings portrays three anti-heroes - Major Archie Gates (George Clooney), Sergeant Troy Barlow (Mark Wahlberg), and Chief (Ice Cube) - to whom fate presents a sudden and random opportunity to live out the rest of their lives in luxury after the discovery of the “assmap,” which was concealed on an Iraqi air base. The map contains the locations of Saddam’s hidden bunkers. The three, plus Conrad Vig (Spice Jonz), decide to venture out without the knowledge of their superiors and come back multi-millionaires. Along the way, however, they are confronted with the harsh social and political conditions which the Iraqi people are forced to endure. Until this point, the audience isn’t quite sure what to make of our main characters, since their morality and intentions up to this point are more than a bit ambiguous. What ensues is their physical and psychological struggle to retrieve the Kuwait gold while aiding refugees. On the outside, Kings could be compared to a modern day Western. While it falls short of recent war films such as Saving Private Ryan, it is still more than capable of holding the attention of moviegoers with a typical display of war and violence. However, on the inside, Kings serves a different purpose. For those who are familiar with the struggle and the circumstances that were occurring in 1991 and are still taking place today, it was an uncomfortable but much needed reminder. The film criticizes the true intentions behind American foreign policy. While the cause of freeing the Kuwaiti state from the oppressive invasion of Iraq and the infringement of its sovereignty is just, Kings lesser than subtly implies that the motives were anything but moral. Perhaps some quotes out of Thomas Aquinas’ Of War are in order. It slams the methods employed by the US in the conflict, especially one used by President Bush in particular. Bush called for the Iraqi people to revolt and rise up, promising American support in their revolution if they did. However, after the cease-fire was signed, the US left the people of Iraq standing largely defenseless by themselves. The Iraqi Republican Guard brutally and mercilessly put down rebellion and slaughtered civilians, even with the use of napalm, while often times Allied troops stood nearby looking on. Kings largely points to this fact and its consequences. In this particular incidence, though, the three American rogues turn heroes in an attempt to save them as their conscience gets the better of them. All this they do in violation of US military policy and of the cease-fire agreement.

As an extra bonus, Kings makes digs at the impact the media has on policy makers as a press presence allows the three ultimately avoid court martial and arrest for their “illegal” actions. All of this bluntness is a refreshing portrayal of reality away from misleading official propaganda. However, some viewers may not have initially picked up on was the more accurate light that Hollywood for once has cast on Muslims. Kings helps to dissuade the inaccurate stereotypes of the people of the region that some of the more ignorant in this country hold, while subtly displaying the tensions between the different Muslim denominations.

However, not all facts were accurate, as the end states that all gold and other possessions were returned to Kuwait by Iraq. In fact, to this day the Allies maintain that Iraq has neither properly compensated Kuwait for the goods and resources stolen, nor has it returned or accounted for those abducted from Kuwait.

In sum, despite a few shortcomings, Kings is a worthwhile movie to see. It has a wonderful mix of drama and satirical comedy, which further draws the audience into the story. To mix serious scenes (the execution of the mother, the torture of the American soldier, the scene of the baby crushed under concrete, etc.) with other humorous scenes (the rebels seizing a tank, Saddam’s soldiers running away, the convoy of stolen cars, etc.) was a very good strategy. The addition of stop motion clips, graphic cut scenes, and grainy footage of the environment of Iraq, all serve to drive home the nature of the harsh reality that was Operational Desert Storm. All told, Kings will hopefully allow the viewer to appreciate the seriousness of the subject matter while simultaneously being entertained.

Three Kings

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If you read fantasy, you’ve probably heard of Terry Brooks, who wrote The Sword of Shannara, and the other books in that series. He also wrote another series, called The Magic Kingdom of Landover. Magic Kingdom For Sale - Sold is the first book in this series.

The story begins when Ben Holiday, a lawyer who had become disillusioned with his work and his life, found a strange item in a Christmas catalog. "Magic kingdom for sale," it said. The catalog promised that for one million dollars, a person could not only travel to the fairy-tale kingdom, but reign over it. Being a reasonable person, he knew that this couldn’t possibly be true, but he also knew that he needed a drastic change in his life. He needed a challenge and something to believe in. So he liquidated most of his assets and bought the kingdom. When he arrived, he soon discovered that the kingdom was for real. However, there were a few things that the ad neglected to mention. The magic that held the Landover together was failing, and the land was slowly dying. The people refused to recognize him as King. To top it all off, a hideous demon, the Iron Mark, had challenged him to a duel to the death. If he did not accept the challenge, he would forfeit the kingdom.

Terry Brooks’ style of writing is excellent. He describes the kingdom of Landover so vividly that you can almost see it, but without adding so much detail that it slows down the story. His portrayal of the characters in the story is also very good. Realistic might not be the best word to use, since many of them are mythical beings like dragons and gnomes, but they all possess very human personality characteristics. Even some of the villains have their good points; they aren’t completely evil. The reader can understand why they do the things they do and almost even feel sorry for them. Overall, this is an excellent book - the kind that makes you put off studying for bio or writing that LSS paper because you just have to find out what happens next.

* Upcoming Concert Events *

10/14 - Touk & Patti @ TLA
10/14 - Styx @ Tower Theater
10/15 - Tricky @ TLA
10/16 - Steve Earle @ TLA
10/17 - John Paul Jones @ TLA
10/18 - DJ Shadow @ TLA
10/19 - Macy Gray @ TLA
10/19 - Goo Goo Dolls @ Bryce Jordan Center
10/20 - Jimmie’s Chicken Shack @ TLA
10/21 - Buzzcocks @ TLA
10/22 - Galactic @ TLA
10/22 - Elvis Costello @ E-Centre
10/22 - Ben Folds Five @ Electric Factory
10/22 - John Mellencamp @ Sovereign Bank Arena
10/23 - Supertones @ Electric Factory
10/23 - Melissa Etheridge @ Tower Theater
Jeffrey Gaines Jams Again at UC

Stephanie Restine
Editor-in-Chief

On Thursday, October 7, Jeffrey Gaines brought his musical talent and lyrical stylings to Ursinus College. Equipped with only an acoustic guitar and his deep, gravelly voice, Gaines provided the student body with an entertaining and thought-provoking experience.

The casual atmosphere in Wismer Lower was a refreshing change from typical stadium concerts. Gaines was able to converse with the crowd as though the audience members were old acquaintances or peers. From Y2K to self-motivation to world travelling, Gaines touched upon a multitude of current issues with the captivated audience.

The set list of the performance varied from some of Gaines' older tunes, but seemed to concentrate on songs generated on his latest album, Galore. Stirring renditions of “Simple Prayer” and “Leave Her to Me” left the crowd in quiet contemplation. Gaines also performed “Right My Wrongs,” “Belle de Jour,” and “Everything,” all of which are found on the Galore album.

Most apparent during the concert was Gaines’ ability to combine a clean acoustic sound with powerful, well-structured lyrics. Many of his songs, whether upbeat or slow, carried a serious meaning. “Simple Prayer” attacks the horrors of war, while another Galore song, “Praise or Blame,” speaks out against the removal of American Indians from their homeland.

The Jeffrey Gaines concert at Ursinus was organized by the combined efforts of Joel Dion and CAB. Dion was able to contact Gaines’ manager through the assistance of his event at UC last fall. Once Gaines agreed to appear at Ursinus again, CAB president Roxanne Moore was able to organize the details of the performance.

Moore commented, “The concert turned out very well, and we were very happy with it. I’d also like to thank all of the people who helped set up and break down Wismer Lower Lounge.”

The concert was well attended, considering that the Thursday night performance deterred many who were preparing for Friday tests. However, the students present were impressed by the performance. Freshman Tim D’Andrea remarked, “Excellent, he reminded me a lot of Travis Allred. This was the best display on campus so far this year.”

Freshman John Craig was surprised by the performance saying, “I didn’t expect the concert to be very good, but it was.”

However, several students attending the concert last fall were not as enthusiastic. Senior Eric DeVanie, who attended the performance last October, commented, “I thought Gaines and the crowd were more into it last year, but he was still very good.”

Thanks again to Jeffrey Gaines for bringing a little bit of music and art to the UC campus.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 12 - OCTOBER 17

TUESDAY

Queen/King Elections
Lunch, Wismer
Depression Screening
2:00 p.m. Wellness Center
Queen/King Elections
Dinner, Wismer
College Choir
7:30 p.m. Bomb. Aud.
USGA
7:30 p.m. WLL

WEDNESDAY

TNT CD's
10:30 a.m. Olin Plaza
King/King Elections
Lunch, Wismer
Best Buddies
12:00 p.m. WPL
Psychology: Especially for Sophomores
12:00 p.m. Thomas 334
Soccer (M) @ Rutgers-Camden
3:30 p.m.
Soccer (W) vs. Bryn Mawr
4:00 p.m. UC Soccer Field

FRIDAY

Student Pay Day
Career: Enterprise Rent-a Car
11:30 a.m. Wissmer Lobby A
Volunteer Leadership Forum
12:00 p.m. Wismer Center
Alumni Awards Dinner
6:30 p.m. WLL
Arts: proTheatre presents "Antigone"
7:30 p.m. Ritter Center
UCF
8:30 p.m. WPL

THURSDAY

Career Services: Widener University Information Table
11:30 a.m. Wissmer Lobby A
Math and Computer Science Presentations
2:00 p.m. Pfahler 106
Faculty Lecture: "Smart Chemistry" by Ray Schultz
4:15 p.m. Olin 108
International Film Festival: "Danzon"
7:30 p.m. Olin Auditorium
Arts: proTheatre presents "Antigone"
7:30 p.m. Ritter Center

SATURDAY

Bear Pack 5K Run
8:30 a.m. Helfferich Hall
Parking Lot
Alumni Association Executive Board
9:00 a.m. Pfahler Hall
Homecoming Festivities
10:00 a.m. Paisley Beach
Open House
10:00 a.m. Pfahler Hall
Lacrosse vs. Alumnae
10:00 a.m. Lacrosse Field
Phi Alpha Psi Alumni Luncheon
11:00 a.m. Wissmer Staff Dining Room
Volleyball vs. JHU
11:00 a.m. UC Soccer Field
Field Hockey vs. Holy Cross
12:00 p.m. UC Hockey Field
Volleyball vs. Haverford
12:00 p.m. Helfferich Hall
Soccer (M) @ W.Chester
12:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Ecumenical Service
11:00 a.m. Bomb. Aud.
Field Hockey vs. Davis & Elkins
1:00 p.m. U.C. Hockey Field
Arts: Heefner Organ Recital: Robert Plimpton
4:00 p.m. Bomb. Aud.
Mass
4:00 p.m. Olin Aud.
Movie: "Water Boy"
8:00 p.m. WLL
Rugby Meeting
10:00 p.m. Keigwin Common Room

October 12, 1999
Field Hockey Downed in Fairfield

Sue Patton
Staff Writer

This Saturday, the ladies of the Ursinus field hockey team traveled to Fairfield University in Connecticut. The Bears left early in the morning to travel the four hours to last year's conference champions. The start of the half proved to be a very evenly matched until about ten into the half when the Fairfield Stags scored the first goal. And despite a good effort by the UC defenders, the Stags answered their own goal to make the score 2-0. The Bears' intensity picked up and soon paid off when sophomore Julie Lowell relaunched the ball from midfield and went on a breakaway. She outsmarted the Stag goalie and sent the ball flying by her to the far right corner of the cage. Unfortunately before the end of the half, the Stags managed to score another goal. During halftime, the girls knew that in order to win the game, they were going to have to come up with some tough defense and more scoring opportunities.

To the detriment of the Bears' cause, some close-calls by junior Katy Briner and Senior Steph Sundberg were unable to produce another goal for the Bears and the Stags came up with two more by the end of the game. All in all, the Bears were not completely frustrated with their performance despite the final score of 5-1. The team, as well as the coaches agreed that some good things did happen, and there were only a few minor breakdowns. At this point in the season, it is hard for anyone to understand how a score of 5-1 can be looked upon as somewhat positive.

The Lady Bears are continuing to get better and continue to work hard. All hope of getting into the Patriot League Tournament is not lost yet. However, Ursinus needs to win the next two Patriot League games against Holy Cross (Oct. 16.) and Colgate (October 30.) to be winners. Ursinus will continue to fight for the Patriot League title on October 15, against Holy Cross at 12:00 and then on the 17th with Davis and Elkins at 1:00. Don't forget to come support the Bears at Homecoming as they welcome back specially invited alumni. Following the Saturday game, there will be a ceremony recognizing the Bears 80th season.

Bears Senior Cornerback Dealt Leg Injury; Looks to Return

Cory Braiterman
Sports Editor

Surprisingly, Jay isn't even pessimistic about the injury. "It happens, I feel worse right now for Jeff [Ritschel] who's also out for the year."

That, too is another blow to the Bears D, as Ritschel and Morris were the starters after the loss of Wiz. The Bears pass defense has been able to withstand the pressure of losing its two starters, but many teams have taken to the air to gain yardage with the pair's absence.

When asked if a possible comeback was in the future, this reporter's first idea of comeback was, "Would you be able, if ever, to play not for the Bears, but even some football in the backyard with your family?" Amazingly, Jay replied, "I've got the crutches on for only 5 more weeks, and in the meantime, I can rehab the torn quad muscle that came with the break. If I can walk and run, I would love to suit up, even if I can't play, in the last game [Sat. Nov. 13 at Dickinson]."

Is it possible? Can someone with a severely broken leg come back within a two month span? Only time will be able to tell, but the upbeat Wiz seems to be a likely candidate if optimism is a prime factor in recovery.

UC Field Hockey celebrates 80 years of excellence on the field after Saturday's game.

UC Tackles Johns Hopkins 20-18

Andy Maynard
Staff Writer

The Ursinus Bears defeated the Blue Jays of Johns Hopkins 20-18 on Friday night at Johns Hopkins' Homewood Field.

Previously the Blue Jays defeated the Bears in five straight contests at Homewood Field in Baltimore. Ursinus is now 4-1 overall in the 1999 season with a 3-1 Centennial Conference record. This places them tied for second in the conference with Muhlenburg, as Western Maryland is undefeated at 5-0 in first place. Johns Hopkins fell to 3-2 overall in 1999 with a 2-1 record in conference action.

Freshman running back Brian DeGiosio exploded for two rushing touchdowns and 77 yards on 17 carries. DeGiosio's 31-yard touchdown run with 11:51 minutes left in the fourth quarter was the difference as JHU managed to pull within two points with 4:57 left in the game.

However, the offense held fast, holding on to the ball for all but 14 seconds of that 4:57. Junior quarterback Frank Vecchio passed for 252 yards and one 14 yard touchdown pass to junior tight end Steve Sell. For the night, he completed 20 of 36 passes. Sophomore running back Shearrod Duncan gained 33 yards on 4 carries, as fellow RB WR Josh Barr rushed 6 times for 37 yards and had a key catch late in the game. Kory Stauffer caught four passes for 61 yards. Senior Joe Nangle caught two passes for 52 yards including a 51 yarder that included numerous broken tackles to insure that the Bears could run out the clock.

Overall the offense gained 423 total yards, while the defense shut down running game of JHU, holding them to 120 yards on the ground. However, their offense usually garners over 250 rushing yards per game, led by Adam Gentile, who leads the Conference with 131 yards per game. The Bears D led by senior Mike Vecchio, Defensive Player of the Week for his 14 tackles against the Blue Jays, was impressive.

Next week the Ursinus Bears have their Homecoming game against Gettysburg in a Centennial Conference match-up. The Bullets of Gettysburg are 4-0 overall with 1-2 record against Centennial Conference teams.
Week 6 Picks: Karma kicks us.

Cory Braiterman
Aaron Hampton
Sports Editor
Special to the Grizzly

Last week, we were feeling pretty good about ourselves after a 10-win week. We made the mistake of patting ourselves on the back a little too much and the fates decided to trip us into a large pile of slime. Smelly slime. Lots of it. Let's review the picks and see how bad we did.

WON: Buffalo, St. Louis, Tennessee, Green Bay.

LOST: Cleveland, Minnesota, New Orleans, New England, Dallas, Detroit, NY Giants, Indianapolis, Detroit, Oakland.

Jacksonville and the Jets hadn't played yet at press time. Not withstanding that, assuming the Jags beat the Jets, the record for this week will stand at 5-10.

Assuming the Jags beat the Jets, the Miami defense is, they won't win if they don't score. A shuddering 3 points advantage going to the home team.

Titans at Saints: - The Titans have just too much firepower for the Saints to handle. Look for an average Titans defense to give Ricky Williams a good hundred yards, though.

Redskins at Cardinals: - Who can tell what a bye week can do to a team? In Washington, I doubt the newest offensive juggernaut is going to just roll over to a divisional rival.

Cowboys at Giants: - As good as the Big Blue defense is, they won't win if they don't score. A shuddering 3 points against the Cards ain't gonna do it against anyone much less a decent group of Boys.

Cory Braiterman's Its Like Shooting Fish in a Barrel Pick of the Week: St. Louis Rams over the Atlanta Falcons. 36-14

Aaron Hampton's Prime Choice Cut Pick of the Week: Washington Redskins over Arizona Cardinals. 31-24

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