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Black History Celebrated Across Ursinus Campus

Jean-Paul campus through several cultural and artistic events designed to educate the campus community. Junior history major Carmel Jean-Paul attended an event on Feb. 9 that featured a documentary called, "Eyes on the Prize". The content centered on the civil rights movement occurring during the 1960's. A 20 minute segment of the documentary focused on the struggles and hardships which many African-American families incurred in an attempt to overcome segregation taking place in American school systems. Jean-Paul reacted positively to the documentary. "Today's African-American community needs to continue the same type of unity and support systems displayed by those trying to desegregate school systems during the 60's... In order for us to accomplish this, we need to make more sacrifices as a community."

In addition to movie nights, there have been other events such as Black History Month Jeopardy, brief lectures given by several professors, and chapel services held throughout the month to honor, remember, and celebrate the past.

Paullette Patton played a key role in designing all of these events. "There are not a wide diversity of students who turn out at these events. I would love to see more student participation."

Dean of Students Todd McKinney feels that the country needs to be more conscious of the importance of Black History. "We need to incorporate black history more into overall American history rather than only being the focus of one month."

McKinney feels that there are a sufficient number of events in celebration of Black History Month on campus.

For anyone who has been unable to attend any events and who would like to attend in the last few days of the month, there will be a lecture given by Dr. Kenneth Richardson of the psychology department on the Wednesday, Feb. 23 at noon in the Unity House.

The final chapel service for the month will be held on Feb. 27 in Bomberger Hall at 11:00am.

 Greeks Fall Under Scrutiny

Stephanie Restine

As the recent crackdown on Ursinus pledging continues, this weekend was wrought with conflict between Greek organizations and the Ursinus Administration. Due to allegations of conduct violating college policy, the pledging activities of the sorority Phi Alpha Psi were suspended.

The mandate to suspend pledging was issued by Dean of Students Deb Nolan. According to Dean Nolan, Phi Alpha Psi was accused of directing pledge activities that were "perceived as humiliating and degrading" to the pledges.

The Greek Presidents Board has determined a sanction that is appropriate concerning the misdeeds of the sorority. The Judicial Board will hear this suggestion and will have made the final decision concerning the extent of the sanction by Tuesday afternoon.

The suspension of Phi Alpha Psi pledging follows directly on the heels of a separate dispute between a Greek organization and the administration. Last week, the members of the fraternity Beta Sigma Lambda

Arts Program To Expand At UC

Bradford Joyce

When strolling along the paths of Ursinus College, it is not difficult to observe the many renovations that are being made to many buildings across campus. It is in this spirit of improvement that further changes to the UC infrastructure are currently under serious consideration.

"The school's intentions are to increase the aesthetic value of the campus that is located behind the main buildings, as well as to improve the facilities of the school," Sally Widman, Director of College Communications, said.

There have been many ideas for improvement on campus.

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Students React Positively to Lecture of Nobel Prize Winner

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Strassburger noted that Edelman's research has revolutionized the way humans deal with disease.

Currently, Edelman has shifted his research into the study of the conscience mind. He is the chair of neurobiology at The Scripps Research Institute in California.

Edelman believes the human race is currently in a new type of revolution driven by technology and communication. The purpose of this new revolution is to unravel the mysteries of the human mind and make past philosophy about the state of "consciousness" a reality.

Dr. Edelman stated during his speech that this revolution calls for new ways of thinking and dealing with our perception of reality. The majority of Dr. Edelman's lecture consisted of his current research pertaining to the Theory of Neural Darwinism. This theory suggests that brain neurons are under an "evolutionary process" of selection and competition to form pathways in the brain.

Dr. Edelman has written several books on his theory. One was published in 1992, titled "Bright Air, Brilliant Fire: on the matter of the mind."

Dr. Edelman is currently unraveling the formation of the mind and the organization of a rational being in relation to the human brain and its nerve cell makeup. His attempts to duplicate the mind using a computer have been somewhat successful.

Students had fairly positive reactions to Dr. Edelman's lecture. "It was cool that a Nobel Prize Winner had graduated from Ursinus and the things he was researching were really fascinating," junior Erica Hartzell said.

A few students wished for more insightful commentary from the groundbreaking scientist. Dr. Edelman appeared to be "afraid to talk too in depth because the audience was general, but the research findings were pretty interesting," junior Matt Terenna said.

"I didn't see room for morality in Dr. Edelman's speech," sophomore Lucas Dennis said. He thought Dr. Edelman's theory was supposed to be of great moral fabric.

Many students also found the speech to be somewhat of a fund-raiser because Dr. Edelman seemed to be pleading for money from "private investors."

The lecture was followed by Dr. Edelman's induction into Ursinus' Tau of Pennsylvania Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Angry citizens have planned an phone-sex solicitation and unwanted connection fees.

Brazilians Arrested for Baring Bosoms on Beach

Rosemarie da Costa, a 34-year-old pet-shop assistant has been turned into a quasi-celebrity in Brazil after eager police arrested her for sunbathing topless on a public beach in Rio de Janeiro. The police action, stemming from a 70-year-old morality law that has not been enforced in decades, was immediately condemned the moment it became public. Angry citizens have planned an extravaganza entitled "Friends of the Breast" in protest of da Costa's arrest and in recognition of Brazilian women's right to bare their bosoms. As da Costa related, going topless was "a natural thing to do. It felt delicious."

Weird News

Dan Reimold
News Editor

Near Death Experience

"I believe in miracles." These were the words of Bossier City, Louisiana coroner Dr. Jack Grindle days after a nurse who suspected her patient was dead called him for confirmation.

81-year-old Helen Lafitte was found in her home by Grindle with no pulse or indication of muscle reflexes. He then had her transported to the coroner's office in a body bag for an autopsy under the belief that she was dead. Workers at the office soon discovered that the apparently deceased woman was breathing and still very much alive.

Lafitte is now resting comfortably at home, recovering from shock and happy to be counted among the living.

Bell South Mistakenly Solicits Sex to Jobseekers

"Hi, sexy. You've reached the live One-On-One Fantasy Line where the girls are always hot, and ready to fulfill every fantasy you've ever had."

This was the pre-recorded message callers received after a one-digit misprint in the new Bell South telephone directory mistakenly sent callers attempting to connect to the company's job-line to a phone-sex business charging up to $2.50 for connection charges.

After learning of the error, an embarrassed Bell South quickly installed an electronic intercept on the misprinted numbers.

Greeks Under Scrutiny

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were sanctioned for underground pledging. The fraternity members "were honest with us and we were willing to be held accountable," said Dean Nolan. The fraternity and the administration quickly reached a solution in the matter.

According to Dean Nolan, the recent administrative involvement in the pledging process comes as a response to the concern expressed by parents, faculty, and other students about pledging.

Expansion of Arts Program in the Near Future

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dent body with a greater diversity of academic interests, the current administration is looking for ways to increase funding. This would enable other programs to resemble the state-of-the-art sciences program that has existed for years at UC. Students agree that putting more emphasis on the arts would consequently allow Ursinus to become a more balanced educational institution.

Although many of the proposed plans are still in the early stages, many of the ideas were debated and considered at the Campus Planning Board Meeting held this past Thursday and Friday on campus, as well as over the past few months through discussions held with administrators and the board. All plans for change and improvement seem to be well received by students who are anticipating a bigger, better Ursinus in the years to come.
A pair of high school sweethearts from the town of Littleton, Colorado were shot and killed in a local Subway sandwich shop early this past week. The slain couple, both students of Columbine High School, is the latest in a slew of tragedies to hit the Denver suburb since the Eric Harris-Dylan Klebold massacre last April. Authorities have ruled out murder-suicide as a probable cause for the deaths and members of the community do not believe the shooting or the students' deaths were in any way related to the Columbine killings of the previous school year. Nevertheless, over 100 students stayed home from school the day following the incident.

"American Beauty", the dark satire of suburban family life in modern-day America, came out on top at the Academy Award Nominations ceremony held this past Tuesday, garnering eight nominations, including Best Picture, Director, Actor and Actress. The supernatural box office smash of 1999, "Sixth Sense", earned six Oscar nominations, including a Best Supporting Actor nod for 11 year-old Haley Joel Osment, making him one of the youngest nominees ever in the history of the awards program. On the other end of the spectrum, 79 year-old Richard Farnsworth was nominated for his work in the critically acclaimed "Straight Story", making him the oldest man ever to be nominated in the Best Actor category.

Reports from several top aides of presidential hopeful George W. Bush surfaced this past week indicating the Republican frontrunner has already doled out a subsequent four-week hiatus from television. CBS "Late Show" king David Letterman returned to work in top form this past Monday night, scoring huge ratings and big laughs among loyal late-night viewers. Letterman will work on a part-time basis in the weeks to come, welcoming Bill Cosby and Kathie Lee Gifford as guest hosts while he continues to recuperate.

The Philadelphia 76ers acquired Chicago forward Toni Kukoc late this past week in a trade that sent second-year guard Larry Hughes to the struggling Bulls and forward Billy Owens to the Golden State Warriors. Kukoc's répertoire includes a brilliant passing game, solid shooting touch and excellent individual defensive ability...

George W. Bush toppled his closest challenger John McCain by eleven percentage points in the pivotal GOP primary in the state of South Carolina this past Saturday, Feb. 19. "I'm relieved," Bush told supporters and the press after victory was confirmed in the early evening. "Relieved is not the right word. I'm excited and energized."

McCain, on the other hand, related to followers, "We have just begun to fight."
USGA held their second annual Greek Feud last Wednesday evening. Ursinus students were polled with various questions and the top five answers were on the board. Director of Residence Life, Stephanie McNulty hosted the Greek Feud. The first round of the evening was the main show case as defending champs, Upsilon Phi Delta matched up to battle Alpha Sigma Nu, who took home first place this year (photo above). Additional winners on the evening were Tau Sigma Gamma in a close second, Beta Sigma Lambda finished in third place, and Omega Chi took home the Spirit Award.

Question:
100 People Were Surveyed, And The Top Five Answers Are On The Board...

Why Do You Go To Wellness?

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Let's Play the Greek Feud!
What's Up In Wellness

When planning a healthy diet, it is best to first understand the basics. The Food Guide Pyramid was designed with the intent to help people develop a beneficial daily intake with six different stations for varied food groups.

At the top of the pyramid are the fats, oils, and sweets, which the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommends people use sparingly. In the next tier are the second and third groups: milk, yogurt, and cheese group and the meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs, and nuts group, each allowing for two to three servings. The third tier contains the fourth and fifth groups: vegetable group allotting for three to five servings, and the fruit group with two to four servings. Finally, the fourth tier has the sixth group, the bread, cereal, rice, and pasta group: six to eleven servings.

A recent study done on actual food consumption based on the Food Guide Pyramid had some alarming rates. Here were the results:

Fats, Oils, and Sweets: 3.5 servings
Milk, Yogurt, and Cheese: 1.3 servings
Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dry Beans, Eggs and Nuts: 2.2 servings
Vegetables: 2 servings
Fruits: 1 serving
Bread, Cereal, Rice, and Pasta: 5.1 servings

Needless to say, the average person is eating too little of the right foods and too much of the wrong ones. Now, for the people that are not content with their eating habits it is suggested to talk to your family physician or feel free to make an appointment at the Wellness Center for advice, x2412, or if off campus, (610) 409-3100.

Pat McGee at Ursinus College

On Saturday night, Helfferich Hall was the sight of the final stop for the Pat McGee Band before their national recording album will be released on April 11, 2000. Approximately 600 people were on hand at Helfferich to listen to the sounds of the Pat McGee Band. Pat and the other five members of the band will be back in the Philadelphia area after the release of the album at the TLA.

Upcoming CAB EVENTS

February:

24th Have Nots, an improv group,
in WLL, 8:00pm

26th MOVIE: The General's Daughter, in WLL, 8:00pm

March

2nd MOVIE: The Matrix,
in WLL, 8:00 pm

25th MOVIE: Notting Hill,
in WLL, 8:00 pm
After South Carolina: Can McCain be the Man for the GOP?

Brian Berg
Special to the Grizzly

Riding high on his 18 point victory in the Feb. 1 New Hampshire presidential primary, John McCain’s campaign headed into last Saturday’s South Carolina contest in what seemed to be prime position to again upset the political juggernaut that is the Bush 2000 campaign. However, as the results came in this weekend, analysts and political pundits everywhere once again learned the most fundamental lesson about politics: things are not always what they seem.

With a turnout almost twice of that in 1996 South Carolina voters, Bush reasserted his control over the Republican party with a 53 to 42 shellacking of McCain. Up until Saturday evening was, at least by the Washington Post, dubbed “too close to call.”

The results of this race underscore the current ideological tug-of-war that is occurring in the Republican Party. McCain, relying on the same strategy that won Ronald Reagan the White House in the 1980s, has targeted the main thrust of his campaign message at independent voters and disgruntled Democrats. As the results from South Carolina demonstrate, his strategy worked.

McCain’s main support came from the approximately 40% of South Carolina voters who identified themselves as independents or Democrats. While this is an impressive statistic, keep in mind that the other 60% of the electorate was made up by Republicans who voted in favor of Bush by a margin of almost 2 to 1. McCain, in adopting the politics of Ronald Reagan, did not go totally in the wrong direction: there are many more independents are out there and especially in the Clinton-era, many are disgruntled Democrats looking for an alternative other than Al Gore. However, in Reagan’s era, the conservative elements within the Republican Party held marginal power at best and did not pose much of a threat. But today, the middle-class, often Christian, conservatives are the new face of the GOP and wield a tremendous amount of clout within the party, as demonstrated in South Carolina.

While his centrist, reformist message may appeal to broad elements of the electorate at large, to many GOP ears it is the sound of betrayal.

I feel that McCain has the character, charisma and grass roots appeal to pose a serious challenge in the general election this fall. However, his largest problem will be getting the support of his own party over the next few weeks, especially in the upcoming contest in Michigan, which is neutral territory for both Bush and McCain.

Bush has smelled the blood in the water and is stepping up the negative attacks on McCain on such bedrock conservative issues as abortion, and McCain’s lead in Michigan is slipping. A Detroit News Poll had McCain ahead of Bush 49% to 42% in Michigan after his win in New Hampshire. After the loss in South Carolina and the new barrage of negative campaigning by George W., McCain’s lead has slipped and is now at 40% to 38%, essentially a statistical tie, counting the give or take 3% margin of error.

McCain may be able to pull out a victory in Michigan, but it will depend heavily on voter turnout and how he responds to Bush’s attacks on his conservative credentials. Overall, if John McCain is going to be the man for the GOP, he must start moving his message a little more to the right, but not so far as to alienate the Independents and Democrats that have been the heart and soul of his campaign. Either way, as primary season enters its final leg, it appears as if the campaign is really starting to heat up and it should be an exciting race to watch up until the very end.

The Pledging Debate Continues: The Problem of Hazing

John Grebe
Staff Writer

As pledging is going strong, I am still unable to understand why people will submit themselves to haz ing in order to gain acceptance. Some of the things that I have witnessed are not as bad.

I think it is acceptable to have the pledges wear an emblem to identify them with the fraternity/sorority that they are pledging. It is reasonable to have the pledges show pride and loyalty their fraternity/sorority and have them do things together as a group. Anything beyond this is unacceptable.

I strongly respect the few Greek organizations on campus that do not haze their pledges. It is good to know that there are people who are working to change pledging within the Greek system. It is true that people benefit from the close bond, unity, and friendship within a fraternity/sorority, but haz ing changes everything.

Consider the circus that Wismer has become. People “moo” at the milk dispenser and make love to the ice cream machine. One day I was barked at by some pledges of one of the fraternities.

Some of their stunts are dangerous. During a chair race a professor was almost run over. He was unprepared getting his lunch, but was luckily pushed out of the way by another professor. It should be safe to stand with your back turned without the danger of being struck by something or someone in Wismer. The sororities especially have been very inconsiderate with their use of the lounges in the Quad. The lounges are extremely popular meeting, studying and socializing places for the residents of the Quad. The lounges are now invaded nightly by a fraternity/sorority. The lounges are a common area and should not be sized for private use.

The most cruel thing that I have witnessed has been putting petroleum jelly and glitter in the hair of the pledges. I cannot come close to imagining what this is like. When I asked one of the members why she covered their pledges’ hair with petroleum jelly. She told me, while grinning, it was because they looked pretty like that. I asked her how they got it out of their hair. She told me how horrible of a time she had getting it out of her hair last year. She used mineral oil to help brush out the greasy mess and then dish detergent to get out the mineral oil, a long and tedious process. She knows firsthand the suffering it causes, yet takes pleasure in doing it to others.

I want to know when this cycle of torture and revenge will stop. I have been greatly disturbed by the abuse of the pledges.

We are members of a society that values human rights, but why don’t we defend our values on our college campuses?
**LETTER TO THE EDITORS:**

Written with unity, pride, and sisterhood for my sisters, PALS, and anyone who cares to listen.

Right now my head and my heart throb with confusion. Just yesterday I was told that I may lose the life as I know it. For those of you that share my support and giving me hope that we will come out on top.

How dare you ridicule and criticize a life that with your own free will you chose not to lead. I do not badger your world without letters that I do not live and therefore my letters from me, you never will. I always wear them, and I always will.

As hard as you try to steal my letters from me, you never will. I do not simply put my letters on my chest. They burn out from my heart and shine for all to see. With my own mind—mind that is free of anyone else—I chose to make the best decision of my entire life. My pride for my sorority pours from all of me.

I share my life, my secrets, and my love with my sisters. Many people live their life and realize when they are old that they can count on one hand the number of people they would die for and who would do the same for them. Right now, I can name fifty. The unity I have found with my sisters is a bond that no distance, no trouble, and no person could every break.

So, pout and whine and moan until you are blue in the face about the “horrors” of pledging. But, why during these past two weeks has the comfort and love and every other positive aspect of pledging constantly been downplayed and pushed aside? Every individual has a choice to pledge and may drop even after they’ve started. It’s been proven. So mind your own business.

I’ve often been asked if I would pledge again if I had to. Right at this very moment, I can give you God’s honest truth that I would in a heartbeat. So, exactly how torturous can it really be? You ignorant people who slander my letters in turn slander me because they represent who I am. What have I ever done to you for you to make me hurt so much? We cry every hour because of the hell you are putting us through, and we do not deserve it. You who cause me pain worse than a bullet are the ones who are truly inhumane—not us, as you so blindly claim. You poke your nose where it’s not wanted, and you waste your time trying to destroy us. We’ve been through this before, and we’ve come back stronger and tighter than anyone ever thought possible. I love my sisters with the deepest strength and devotion, more powerful than anything you’ll ever be lucky enough to dream about.

You try to hurt us with your lies, but we will not crumble. We will not lay down and die. As long as we know how to fight, we know we’ll stay alive. We will survive.

---Brandy Kline
Class of 2001

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**The Bear Truth**

*Column by Heather Gurk*

As one of my top irritations, it had to come up sooner or later. In this case, sooner seems better than later. Cell phones. Whereas they were once referred to as car phones, it would be incorrect to call them that now, for no longer is their use restricted to cars. They’re everywhere, and they’re annoying.

Few things aggravate me more than cell phones. I guess it has something to do with the fact that it’s hard to go anywhere without crossing someone with a phone attached to his or her ear. Whether I’m standing in line at the supermarket, at the mall, a restaurant, the gym, a movie theater or lounging on the beach, they never cease to appear.

Cell phones don’t just come in plain black either. Now they’re custom styled and colored with pesky little custom ringing sounds and ridiculous features like answering machines and voice-activated dialing modes. Though it may sound like it, I do not fault people for having cell phones. In certain situations, they prove handy and convenient, and are perfect for emergencies. My gripe concerns the reasons why and how often they are used. Several people have told me they use their cell phones for “emergency purposes” only. Well, how does one define an emergency? Does the “I’ve run out of gas on the turnpike at 3:30 in the morning” qualify? Sure. How about the “I’m going to be 10 minutes late for dinner” or the “I’m stuck in traffic and I’m bored, so let’s chat” call? Hmm...

Aside from the annoyance factor, cell phone use has been recently linked to forms of brain cancer, as well as to fatal traffic accidents. Whether or not you buy into the possible cancer link (the medical profession has yet to prove the claim), it’s hard to ignore the notion that talking on the phone while driving has a distracting effect on the driver. There have been cases of people running red lights and stop signs, or simply losing control of their vehicles because their hands are holding their phones instead of their steering wheels.

In today’s electronic world, people rely on machines and seem to be unable to live without certain forms of technology, namely cell phones. For some, the thought of taking a ten-minute drive to work without making a phone call is foreign. Next time you use your cell phone, consider this for a moment: If you had to give it up, what would you do without it?

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Thank you to all those who have supported us through this trying time.

Love,

The Sisters of Phi Alpha Psi and PALS
**Church on Film**

**Back in Black**

**Great War Films:** *Patton*

**Pitch Black**

Vin Diesel . . . Riddick

Quick plot synopsis: a spaceship hauling murderer Riddick crashes on a barren desert planet circling three suns. Eventually, he appears before an immense American flag in possibly the most famous opening sequence in film history.

Patton

George C. Scott . . . Gen. Patton
Karl Malden . . . Gen. Bradley
Directed by . . . Franklin Schaffner

My uncle loves this movie—probably because never before has a war movie captured such an eccentric, powerful charac­ter.

General George S. Patton, Jr. appears before an immense American flag in possibly the most famous opening sequence in film history.

*Patton* lives and breathes war. He imagines himself resurrected from great Roman epic generals who fought valiantly on the field of battle.

George C. Scott lives and breathes Patton. His portrait of the rise and fall of the controversi­al Allied general is momentous in film.

Scott plays Patton as Patton is— an epic hero in the wrong period of history.

**Church On The Great Films**

*The Third Man*

*Chinatown*

*The Bridge on the River Kwai*

*High Noon*

*The Searchers*

*2001: A Space Odyssey*

*Blade Runner*

*One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*

*Apocalypse Now*

*Full Metal Jacket*

**Valentine's Day Blues**

**Tumbling and Dancing with Words**

**Frannceen Shaughnessy**

Instead of organ recitals, Bomberg Auditorium went from music to literature when novelist Diane McKinney-Whetstone spoke Thursday night, Feb. 17. McKinney-Whetstone read from two of her four novels.

Her first reading was from *Tumbling*, which received national attention. *The New York Times Book Review* said *Tumbling* "captures the formidable struggle to protect both a community and a family."

*Tumbling* takes place in South Philadelphia around the 1940s and '50s. McKinney-Whetstone said the plot focused on the looming "threat of an expressway (being built) that would destroy the close-knit African American community."

This main plot of harmony and togetherness is juxtaposed against the discrimination pro­duced by the segregation during those times. "Although the community seemed ideal," McKinney-Whetstone stated, "the people didn't have the same opportunities outside."

The second excerpt that McKinney-Whetstone read came from her recently published book *Blues Dancing*. Like *Tumbling*, *Blues Dancing* 's setting is in the Philadelphia area. This plot, however, is that of a love story between college students who, as McKinney-Whetstone explained, "unwittingly dissolve into a heroine addiction."

"Enjoyed both excerpts," junior psychology major Madonna Green said. "Also, it was interesting hearing her (writing) process for the novel and her opinion about *Tumbling* and its charac­ters."

In a response to an audience members question, McKinney-Whetstone explained that she first begins with a question, such as "How can this happen?" and then a series of discoveries occur as she writes. "I don't know where I'm headed and my writing process is circular, or spiraling, as opposed to linear."

McKinney-Whetstone's work appears regularly in *Philadelphia Magazine, Essence, and the Philadelphia Inquirer Magazine*. She is currently teaching fiction writing classes at the University of Pennsylva­nia.

**Pat McGee: Pseudo DMB?**

**Stephanie Restine**

Editor-in-Chief

The pre-concert hype concerning the Pat McGee Band's perfor­mance at Ursinus was one of general confusion. Had anyone heard of this band before? Did anyone know what kind of music they played? The only info available before the concert vaguely confirmed that the Pat McGee Band (PMB-coincidence?) was equivalent to Dave Matthews Band II.

After witnessing the concert in Hellier Hall on Saturday, Feb. 19, I changed my mind. There were similarities of course; both bands depend on a mixture of acoustic and electric guitar for the melody of their songs.

On the other hand, the rich harmony of lead singer Pat McGee along with vocalists Al Walsh (swimmer extraordinary) and Jonathan Williams cannot be rivaled by DMB or many other popular bands at this time. A strong reliance on electric bass solos played by John Small added to the original qualities of the performance.

The element of the PMB that differed most from DMB was the employment of bongo drums by percussionist Chardy McEwan. How many times have you gone to a concert and been enthralled by a guy playing bongo drums in the back?

Unfortunately, the Pat McGee Band put on an excellent and emotionally charged show for a relatively small crowd. How­ever, many members of the audience had the opportunity to be introduced to a somewhat unknown group and walked away as instant fans of the Pat McGee Band.

Look for the release of Pat McGee's latest single "Shine" on April 11, 2000.
Music Review: Dr. John

Jeremy Fox
Staff Writer

Since 1928, The Keswick Theater has been unobtrusively nestled in the suburban town of Glenside. With its warm atmosphere and historic charm, it is one of the great venues of the Delaware Valley. Located on Easton Rd. and Keswick Ave., many a famous performer has made a stop here, the most recent being New Orleans' one and only Dr. John. On Saturday, Feb. 12, the Dr. brought the distinct sound of the Crescent City up north to a packed house of avid fans.

Born Malcolm John Rebennack Jr., Dr. John has been spreading the flavor of his Louisiana heritage throughout the world with a vocal and piano style that can be considered nothing other than truly unique. This past weekend, he and his four-piece ensemble paid tribute to the great Duke Ellington while simultaneously showcasing their bayou sound. With only bass, drums, and guitar to back him up, the Dr. was able to deliver his intricate piano melodies to the audience on top of a mild framework that enhanced the notoriety of his already unmistakable talent.

The show kicked off with a smooth version of Mardi Gras classic “Iko Iko.” The band kept this groove going for several songs until deciding to switch gears with a number off of their new “Blue Note” tribute album *Duke Elegant.* Ironically, this rendition of “Don’t Get Around Much Anymore” utilized a straight beat to present what is one of America’s greatest swing classics. This kind of innovation was characteristic of the evening, as the band later, went into a kind of avant-garde funk jam featuring the drummer on pan flute.

Rounding out the first half of the show was an old bluesy version of the song that allegedly got Leadbelly out of prison, “Goodnight Irene.” Although somewhat mellow, the show up to this point was a thoughtful blend of styles that catered to the active listener more so than to the dancer.

Following intermission, the Good Dr. slinked back on stage, with his stylish suit, cane, and black hat and decided to bring it up a notch, as he invited everyone to get out of their seats and into the spirit of Carnival. With snow on the ground and hot cocoa for sale at the door, the Mardi Gras feeling seemed to elude everyone. However, the liveliness and increased energy of the music was unmistakable. The band hit the audience hard with the 1973 hit “Right Place Wrong Time,” an inherently funky tune that helped establish a niche for New Orleans music in the mainstream. With other classics such as “Big Chief,” and “Such a Night,” thrown into the mix, Dr. John’s second set was clearly geared towards the enjoyment of the audience.

Although, I personally found the utilization of scat vocals, in lieu of a horn section on “Back to New Orleans,” to fall short of the mark, I certainly enjoyed myself. In that respect, neither Dr. John nor any other seasoned New Orleans performer will allow an audience to walk away unfulfilled.

So, what else is going on at the Keswick? The theater features national performers virtually every week for an average ticket price of $25.00. Some notable musical acts over the course of the next few months are: The Beach Boys, Gordon Lightfoot, Dave Mason, The Manhattan Transfer, and Tower of Power.

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, February 22

6:30 p.m.
S.U.N., Unity House

7:30 p.m.
College Choir, Bomberger Auditorium

8:00 p.m.
Sno-Core 2000—System of a Down, Incubus, Mr. Bungie, and Puya at the Electric Factory, 7th and Willow

9:00 p.m.
SERV, Office in BWC Basement

Wednesday, February 23

7:15 a.m.
Aerobics, Helfferich Dance Room

11:00 a.m.
Blood Drive, Ritter Gym

12:00 p.m.
Common Hour: Black History Month, Film Series, Unity House

Curriculum Discussion, Pfahler’s Musser Lecture Hall
Careers: “Planning Your Internship,” Pfahler 106

4:30 p.m.
Aerobics, Helfferich Dance Room

7:30 p.m.
Aerobics, Helfferich Dance Room

Friday, February 25

7:15 a.m.
Aerobics, Helfferich Dance Room

6:00 p.m.
Indoor Track at Centennial Conference Championships, Haverford College

7:30 p.m.
Aerobics, Helfferich Dance Room

Saturday, February 26

8:00 a.m.
Merit Scholarship Interviews, Wismer Lower Lounge

10:30 a.m.
Indoor Track at Centennial Conference Championships, Haverford College

7:00 p.m.
Gymnastics at Rutgers with Eastern Michigan

February 22 - February 28

Arts: proTheatre production of "Halves," Ritter Center

8:00 p.m.
The Have Nots, Wismer Lower Lounge

Folk singer-songwriter Slaid Cleaves at The Point, 880 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr

Sunday, February 27

11:00 a.m.
Ecumenical Service, Rev. Belva Brown Jordan, Bomberger Auditorium

4:00 p.m.
Heefner Organ Recital: Wolfgang Seifen, Bomberger Auditorium

Mass, Olin Auditorium

Gospel Choir, Bomberger 226

Monday, February 28

7:15 a.m.
Aerobics, Helfferich Dance Room

11:00 a.m.
Fraternity Sportswear, Wismer Lobby A

12:00 p.m.
German Table, Faculty/Staff Dining Room

8:00 p.m.
Alternative Spring Break, Wismer Lower Lounge

Ursinus College Senior Meghan Gualtieri, an English and Theatre Arts major, will direct her original play Halves at the college’s Ritter Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, and running through Saturday, February 26.

The play, the product of Gualtieri’s efforts as an Ursinus Summer Fellow, explores the artistic aspirations of two women, Elizabeth and Fiona, living together in a New England cottage at the close of the nineteenth century. It also examines the attempts of two modern day men to solve the mysteries that cloud the lives of Elizabeth and Fiona. Halves paints four portraits of four lives in flux and details how these lives become inextricably intertwined.

Featured in the play are Professor Patti Schroeder as Elizabeth, students Melissa Moyer, Jeffrey Church, and Rick Bechtel as Fiona, David, and Max respectively.
So you think there's nothing to do at Ursinus?
Check this out:

-- The next episode of I, Claudius will be shown on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 11:30 am in Olin 009.

-- Dr. Stacie Olson delivers "A New Look at Tut's Tomb," the final lecture of her three part series on Egypt, on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 3:00 pm in Pfalmer 100.

-- "Eyes of the Prize" will be shown in Unity during the noon common hour on Wednesdays throughout February.

-- Dr. Ronald Hess will present a William Wilson Baden Faculty Lecture on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 4:15 pm in Olin 108.

-- Wolfgang Seifen will present a Heefner Organ Recital on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 4:00 pm in Bomberger Auditorium.

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Written & Directed by Meghan Gualtieri

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Glah, Druckenmiller Shine at CC Swimming Championships

Sophomore Lindsey Glah stole the show for the Ursinus women, taking fourth in the 100 butterfly (1:02.27), fifth in the 200 butterfly (2:18.27), and eighth in the 500 freestyle (5:31.44). Glah was also an integral force in the Ursinus effort during the relay events. The relay team of sophomore Victoria Barrucco, sophomore Denise Jaskelewicz, Glah, and freshman Jen Tate hustled to the wall in the 200 medley relay, finishing sixth with a time of 2:00.65.

Also participating in the relay events for the Bears were sophomore Shanna Beliaeu, sophomore Nicole Gaughan, and freshman Jess Rearick.

In the men’s events, sophomore Pete Druckenmiller excelled for the Bears, placing sixth in the 100 breaststroke (1:02.90) and eighth in the 200 breaststroke (2:19.31). During the finals, Druckenmiller consistently dropped hundreds of seconds from his times in the trials.

Sophomore Ryan Michaleski was the other Ursinus men’s swimmer to participate in the finals. Michaleski took eighth place in the 100 butterfly, finishing in 56.54.

The UC men contributed commendable performances in the relay events of the competition. The relay team of sophomore John Montgomery, freshman Dan Augelli, Michaleski, and Druckenmiller took fifth in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:43.43. Edging out Western Maryland by less than a second, the UC relay team of Michaleski, Augelli, freshman George Breuninger, Montgomery brought home sixth in the 200 freestyle relay.

“I think everyone swam really well,” Montgomery said. “We had 43 best times, and that was a great accomplishment.”

“All the hard work that we’ve been putting in since mid-October has finally paid off,” Michaleski agreed. “Our coach was pushing us toward Champs, and everyone did really well.”

UC Wrestling Falls Short in Centennial Championships

Tim Noone
Staff Writer

The UC Wrestling team finished second in the Centennial Conference Championship. The team was led by Allred(184), and Josh Moyer(149) also had solid performances finishing third in their respective weight classes.

“Pat Curry is a well disciplined individual with a good work ethic...”
-Senior Andy Ashton

UC Spring Sports Preview

Sue Patton
Staff Writer

The spring semester is in full swing, and that means spring sports. Although it doesn’t look like spring will be making an appearance any time soon, all the athletes are very excited for the warmer weather.

Tennis

The Ursinus men’s and women’s tennis began practice about two weeks ago. Junior Meaghan Kussel commented on the beginning of practice, “We have to travel to our practice courts and there is limited space, but we get enough practice time and it is going well for both teams.”

The women’s team is especially excited about only losing one senior and they feel they have enough young talent for success this season, and future seasons.

Track and Field

Track and Field is looking forward to improving on a good season. They too are receiving a lot of young talent and they are excited about having head coach John Marshall for his first year with the Bears. Junior Andrea Lister commented, “His experience at a Division I school is really going to benefit us. We have great depth with a lot of freshman and sophomores who will carry this team now and in the future.”

Baseball

The baseball team is coming off an extremely successful season which fosters high expectations for the 2000 season. Senior Matt Wiatrak admits, “There are high expectations but we have almost the same nucleus coming back. We lost two great players, but we have guys who can step up.”

The guys are eager to get outside once the snow melts, but these conference champs are testing their patience inside Helfferich gym.

Lacrosse

The 2000 women’s lacrosse team is also getting ready to meet the high expectations that followed winning the conference last season. Coach Reilly commented, “Coming off last year’s success, the girls learned what it took to get as far as we did. This year, they are working even harder to surpass last year’s success.”

That work is taking place in Helfferich gym as well and at 6am. However, Reilly insists that the early workouts are going to pay off in May when the team makes it past the semi-finals all the way to the NCAA Division III Championship title.

Softball

UC softball team is looking forward to improving on a successful season. According to sophomores Alison Vasta and Liz Potash the team is excited about new young talent. The team is looking to live up to high expectations with the help of new assistant coach known as “Coach Terri.” She’s a good coach and we’re going to learn a lot from her,” commented Potash.

Golf

The golf team kicks off during spring break when they travel to Pinehurst, North Carolina. They will train constantly and play important matches against tough competition.

“We have spent the winter getting physically fit and mentally preparing for the season that is quickly approaching. We’re gonna do it for the Gripper!” commented junior Dave Fisher.


**Gymnastics Trounces School Record at Marranca Invitational**

Stephanie Restine  
*Editor-in-Chief*

On Sunday, Feb. 20, the Ursinus Gymnastics team took on Ithaca, Cortland, Cornell, Wilson, and Brockport in the Harriet Marranca Memorial Invitational. Finishing third against non-divisional competition with a 180.375, the squad bested the school record for a team score of 180.250 set at ECACs last season.

UC fell to second place Ithaca College by only 0.275 points in the overall team score.

In the team competition, the Ursinus team won first on vault with a score of 45.825, Ursinus Women's team topped Ithaca College by only 0.275 points in the overall team score.

Stephanie Restine also broke the team event record with a 180.375, the squad bested the school record for a team score of 180.250 set at ECACs last season.

 Desiree Yuhasz rounded out the all-around competitors for Ursinus, placing fourth and seventh, respectively.

Scoring a 9.300, freshman Reyna Hochstedter prevailed for first place on the vault. Ng received a 9.400 on the beam.

In the final event of the day, Johnson placed sixth on the floor exercise with a 9.325. In this meet, we really pulled together as a team," senior Cindy Leahy remarked. "We didn't look at the standings during the meet and just concentrated on doing well personally. Our goal wasn't to win; it was to do our best and have fun."

Ursinus will take on Rutgers University at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

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**Men's Basketball Ends Stellar Season**

Cory Braiterman  
*Staff Writer*

Once 16-6 with a playoff berth almost assured, the Bears dropped three straight, including the latest one in Washington.

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, was the start of the skids for the Bears, as they dropped a 79-73 decision to Gettysburg. The Bullets were able to knock off the Bears on the Bullets' home turf. Sophomore forward Alan Karafin led the Bears with 14 points in 16 minutes. Freshman center Dan Luciano had 13 boards to lead the most rebounds in the game.

With that loss, the Bears were now tied with the Muhlenburg Mules for first place in the CC East with one game left. Based upon solid defense, the Mules had racked up an identical record to the Bears going into Saturday's contest in Allentown. With five players in double figures, Muhlenberg captured its second straight CC East basketball crown. Dan Luciano paced the Bears with 12 points and seven boards.

The Bears were in a do or die mode against the upset Washington Shoremen.

Senior Rob Bishop went down in the first minute with a knee injury of unknown seriousness. Fellow senior Chris Ciunci did his best to make up the slack shooting 80 percent from the three-point land. Junior forward Richie Barrett notched in game highs in both points and rebounds with 19 and 7. Senior guard Luther Owens scored 15 points and dished out six assists.

Washington advanced on an 80-76 victory that ended a great season for the Bears. Four starters will return for the Bears next season. We wish all the Bears and especially Rob Bishop and Chris Ciunci the best of luck in all their pursuits.

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**Sports Profile of the Week: Christopher Ciunci**

Andy Owens  
*Staff Writer*

**Year:** Senior  
**Major:** Communications  
**Sport(s):** Basketball  
**Position:** Forward

**Accomplishments this season:**
- Averages 10.6 points per game  
- Team Captain  
- Named Centennial Conference player of the week not once, not twice, but thrice - Third consecutive year as a starter

**What teammates say:**
Junior Amit Podhurst: "Chris is a great asset to our team. He gives us leadership, enthusiasm, and composure, as well as a great all around floor game. His kindness and generosity also influences our team. Over the winter break most of the other players would go home after practices, but it was not something that was convenient for me. Chris realized this and invited me to stay at his house. It was great."

**Best college sports moment:**
"The greatest moment in my college sports career has not happened yet."

**Favorite class at Ursinus:**
Psychology 100 taught by the staff

"In the next few years..."
"I would like to be in the possession of own business and hopefully still be involved with basketball in some way or another."

"Ten years from now..."
"I see myself spending a lot of time shooting hoops with Chris Jr. in the driveway."

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**UC Men's Basketball Team**

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