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Celebrating Diversity: A Week of Education and Enlightenment

Megan Restine
Staff Writer

Diversity Week was coordinated by the Unity House. The purpose of this special interest house is to promote diversity and harmony among students. Each day a special event was arranged by these students and sponsored by various organizations on campus.

Monday evening kicked things off with a trip into Philadelphia to visit Tierra Colombiana, a Cuban restaurant. Sponsored by the Unity House and led by senior Monyca White, several students planning to study abroad in Spain and other enthusiasts gathered to give them a chance to experience Cuban and Colombian culture.

Tuesday night posed the question, which sought a “final answer.” Organized by senior Dawn Chavous and sponsored by USGA, the event cunningly revealed itself to be a presentation relating discrimination to all students, faculty and administration in attendance.

On Wednesday afternoon, Ara Brown, SUN, and USGA held a very intriguing exercise in Thomas Hall. “Major vs. Minor” was an experiment in understanding discrimination. Presented as a discussion about the differences between Science and Humanities Majors, the event cunningly re-

Questions Arise Over Accuracy of UC Student Election Results

Dan Reimold
News Editor

On a sunny mid-April Thursday, the issue of diversity took the Ursinus campus by storm. Diversity Week is a series of programs held annually by the Unity House. From heated debates, to ethnic celebrations, to hit game shows, this week was filled with events with the purpose of getting students better acquainted with diversity.

For the first time, an electronic voting booth was used to make voting and tallying faster and more efficient. Slight problems with the booth occurred for about fifteen minutes during the dinner rush and some questions have been raised over lost votes and the possible effects it might have had with election results. "From my understanding of the situation, it was reported that at max, five to seven votes may have been missed due to the...mechanical failure of the voting machine," current USGA President Andrew Haines said. "This was not deemed as a sizeable enough loss to have an entire new election.”

The final decision on the legitimacy of any election on campus is made by the Executive Board, comprised of the current USGA officers.

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Time flies like an arrow.
Fruit flies like a banana.
--Groucho Marx

S.T.A.R. To Shine in Sexual Assault Awareness Week

Nipun Suri
Staff Writer

In recognizing sexual assault awareness week on the Ursinus Campus, Students Together Against Rape (STAR) has organized several events for this coming week to inform students about sexual assault and rape, as well as to advise the U.C. community about sexual assaults. Tuesday night there will be a T-shirt design contest. Students are encouraged to come to W.L.L. from 6:30-8:00 and design T-shirts supporting sexual assault awareness.

On Wednesday, a short film produced by Ben Jackendoff, called, "No...Please" will be featured in W.L.L. from 12:00 to 12:30. This film deals with sexual assault awareness and the consequences of sexual assault and rape.

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Awareness of Sexual Assault to Be Spread
This Week Across Campus

and the winners of the contest will be announced on Thursday.
Meghann Kissel, a junior math and computer science major and STAR president, feels that the purpose of the organization and this week is to "make students aware that sexual assault or rape does happen and there are methods of protecting yourself from this crime."
In addition, the vice-president of STAR, communications major Shannon Kissel, wants students to know that, "this organization is a support system designed not only to inform students about sexual assaults and rapes but also to offer advice and guidance in confidentiality to victims."
Ursinus' sexual assault policies have been hung up in the bathrooms of all the academic buildings. The same policy can be found within the Ursinus student handbook on pages 19-20. If anyone has any questions or comments about STAR or the upcoming events they can contact Shannon or Meghann Kissel at X3461 or Nicole D'Angelo at X3355.

CAB, RHA, USGA and Class Election Results Are In

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manning the tables at the time of the difficulties felt that the amount of students approaching the booth was not substantial enough to warrant a call for re-election.
Even more, the $450 expense of bringing back the electronic booth for a day on campus was a factor in the decision to accept the initial election results.
"We hope to continue the use of the electronic voting machine for elections," Haines said. "This was our first year doing it this way and we now know how to better the elections in future years."
E-mails were sent out to winners and losers before midnight on the 13th by Haines himself, offering either congratulations or condolences. Terms for the newly elected officers are set to begin during the Fall semester.
Among classes, current sophomores had the highest showing at the polls. However, overall voter turnout among student constituents was low. This was due to a number of factors. "Many students made the comment that they did not vote because almost all the candidates did not have a competitor and they felt there was no real reason to come out," Haines stated after the election. "We, the student government, along with the class officers, hope to tackle this issue next year and create a more competitive election."
The official election numbers are kept private, per policy, but the following is a list of winners and the positions they have been elected to undertake.

CAB
President---Jennifer Repetto
Vice President---Shannon Kissel
Treasurer---Meghann Kissel
Corresponding Secretary---Alison Wagner
Recording Secretary--- Roxanne Moore

RHA
President---Cynthia Neff
Vice President--- Dana DelleDonne
Secretary---Andrea Lister

USGA
President---Andrew Haines
Vice President--- Heath Potts
Treasurer---Tim Burton
Corresponding Secretary--- Dave Brown
Recording Secretary--- Kelly Rothermel
Historian--- Krista Bailey

Class of 2001
President--- Katy Briner
Vice President--- Lori Kruk
Secretary--- Andrew Haines
Treasurer--- Tim Burton
Fundraising--- Suzanne Schramm

Class of 2002
President--- Branden Brooks
Vice President--- Debra Sarmento
Secretary--- Amber Natale
Treasurer--- Joseph Pope
Social Chair--- Casey Aivazian

Class of 2003
President--- Edwin Chacko
Vice President--- Liza Woltjen
Secretary--- Megan Restine

Diversity Week: Education and Enlightenment

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by the Unity House, Class of 2002, Class of 2003, USGA, and SUN, "Do You Want to be a Millionaire?" was a combination of television game shows "Greed," "Twenty-One," and "Who Wants to be a Millionaire." Contestants were paired together randomly obtaining cash rewards for correctly answering trivia questions. Audience participation was greatly encouraged by the $200 worth of incentives provided by the Ursinus Bookstore.
Chavous is the Unity House coordinator and primary force behind the "Millionaire" event. "I think it is very important for college campuses to have diverse programs. Diversity Week is a great way to promote that. If a person attended even one of the programs, they may have taken something away that will greatly help them in the future while interacting with others," Chavous said.
The grand finale came on Friday night with the Latino Festival. Following the tradition of the past three years, junior Enid Colon, along with freshman Lesha Gonzalez, sophomore Rosabelle Diaz, Multicultural Services, ALMA, and the Unity House, helped bring this celebration to the students. The evening was filled with ethnic foods, poetry, professional dancers, and a performance by the ladies of Upsilon Phi Delta.
"I thought it was a great cultural experience," Colon said. "It came off really well. We had a lot of help from faculty, staff, students, and everyone involved."
This year's festival was dedicated in loving memory of Dr. Shirley Eaton, professor of Spanish.
Extra! Extra!

**Dan Reimold**  
News Editor

**World News**

**Mystery Blast Buries Hundreds**

Congo---A mysterious explosion on Friday April 14 at an international airport in the Congo has left over 100 dead and more than 200 others seriously injured.

Some have blamed the blast on a short circuit within the airport hangar while others believe a soldier emptying a cargo plane full of weapons dropped ammunition and initiated the deadly inferno.

"First there was the big explosion. Then we saw rockets and shells flying," a witness sadly recalled a day after the incident. "People were running everywhere but the hangar collapsed before many could get out. Soldiers were running. The bosses were running. Poor people were running. We were all the same in the face of death."

The Red Cross is still desperately searching the hangar using crowbars to find any survivors.

Estimates indicate the death toll could rise higher than 200 and the Congolese government has set up an investigative commission to look into the cause of the explosion.

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**Collegiate News**

**High-Brow Punishment**

Connecticut---Seventeen Eastern Connecticut State University students who violated various minor campus policies during the previous semester were sentenced this past Thursday April 13 to attend the opera "Tosca," in lieu of community service or other punishments.

"I got caught with beer in the dorm. They have a lot of things you can do like pick up trash. This seemed like the best way," sophomore Kevin Bochicchio commented. He then added, "And it was awesome. I wasn't expecting anything. I'd do it again voluntarily."

Over 30 students joined the offending colleagues out of curiosity for a night at the opera and were also delighted at what they found.

"I loved the show," one sophomore related at its conclusion. "It's definitely not punishment. It's a privilege."

**Los Angeles---Hard-rock icons Metallica have officially filed a lawsuit against the popular Internet music-sharing service Napster and three major universities who, unlike two hundred other colleges across the country, have not yet banned the controversial software.**

Yale University, USC and Indiana University were all cited in the suit filed in a U.S. District Court in Los Angeles this past Wednesday, April 12.

The schools, along with Napster, are being accused of copyright infringement, unlawful use of a digital audio device and violations of the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

The schools were named, in part, explains Metallica's attorney Howard King, because, "It takes more than Napster. How these universities allow their band-mates to share music with each other is firmly within their control."

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**State and Local News**

**Man to Fight Cell Phone Ban**

Hilltown Township, PA---A Berks County man found guilty of violating a cell-phone ban in Hilltown Township has vowed to appeal all the way to the US Supreme Court to get the verdict, and the township ordinance, overturned.

Dan Young, 42, was pulled over for speeding and erratic driving by Hilltown police this past February 10 and was cited, upon inspection, for using his cellular telephone while operating a vehicle, an act recently banned within the township limits.

The ordinance was put into place after the death of two-year-old Morgan Lee Pena, who was hit by a motorist failing to brake at a stop sign because he was dialing a number on his cell phone.

"I think it's substantiated what we're trying to do, which is save lives," Hilltown councilman Kenneth Bennington responded after learning of the verdict.

The judge ruling in the case made his decision based on the laws of the township and related that it will be left to the higher courts to decide the constitutionality of the ordinance.

"I guess we're going to appeal this thing," Young related to reporters outside the courtroom after the ruling. "I kind of expected to lose today. But I think it's a wrong law. I truly do not believe that [cell phone use] impacts how people drive."

innocent of the crime for which he was tried. Robert Washington, 23, and his mother are both being held behind bars in contempt of court for reacting to the jury's not-guilty verdict with jubilant shouts of victory. "It was as if he had caught the winning touchdown and spiked the ball in front of the defensive back," Judge George Gallagher stated after the incident. "I didn't hear a word. All I saw was the physical response and it was totally inappropriate."

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**Weird News**

"Soldiers were running. The bosses were running. Poor people were running. We were all the same in the face of death."

---Witness to the Congolese Airport Explosion

**Very Excessive Celebration**

A man charged with murder was thrown in county jail this past week by an irate district judge after being found innocent of the crime for which he was tried. Robert Washington, 23, and his mother are both being held behind bars in contempt of court for reacting to the jury's not-guilty verdict with jubilant shouts of victory. "It was as if he had caught the winning touchdown and spiked the ball in front of the defensive back," Judge George Gallagher stated after the incident. "I didn't hear a word. All I saw was the physical response and it was totally inappropriate."
Race Debate Heats Up During Diversity Week Deliberation
Students and Faculty Dispute Affirmative Action

Lauren Cysky
Copy Editor

On Tuesday, April 11, a debate concerning affirmative action and its position at Ursinus College took place in Wismer’s Parents’ Lounge. The debate was mediated and opened by senior Tulio Albuquerque. Dr. Steven Hood of the Politics and International Relations department introduced why it is a necessary discussion on campus.

“If affirmative action policies are practiced on college campuses they will help erase race and gender boundaries in the workplace and in society as the graduate student is placed in society,” Hood said. “As long as there are differences in race and gender, there will always be a need for affirmative action.”

Arguments against affirmative action and the lower standards that are supposedly set to allow minorities to qualify in job placement and educational institutions also ensued.

Dr. Rebecca Evans of the politics department also took part in the debate. She sees affirmative action as being necessary for providing equal opportunities to everyone. She would face.

“I would like to see a system established that is fair to all people, regardless of their ethnic background that is solidly based on traditional liberal values,” Dr. Daniel Aldridge of the history department said. He supported the idea that everyone should be placed on the same level when applying for a position or college admission, regardless of skin color.

“The reason we must resort to affirmative action measures in college admissions is because there is not a sufficient percentage of African American and Latino students who would be admitted under normal circumstances,” Aldridge said. "SAT scores and high school GPAs can be irrelevant in determining a person’s potential to learn in a college environment. Instead, the overall educational situation should be improved nationwide.

To junior Aaron Rannek, affirmative action is something fairly new yet necessary in American society, “In my opinion, we need to realize that 30 years of affirmative action isn’t long enough time to solve a major societal problem,” he said. “Affirmative action should stay, being the best solution available.”

“Affirmative action is an irrational, discriminatory practice that promotes mediocrity, punishes excellence, and cheapens the honest accomplishments of minorities,” junior Neil Shah said. He sighs the main problem of affirmative action to be the idea that standards are lowered to allow minorities into jobs and colleges.

About 30 students and professors attended the hour and a half, heated debate and were active participants.

“The debate was really interesting,” sophomore Dave Brown said. “Most, but definitely not all of the people in attendance were willing to listen to everyone’s points and actually get something out of the experience.”

Currently, Rice University is looking to ban affirmative action measures when it looks to hire faculty and staff next year. In Florida, Governor Jeb Bush is attempting to eliminate affirmative action considerations for college admissions as well. The plan would take the top 20 percent of graduating classes, regardless of race or gender.
What's Up In Wellness

Victoria Scheinfeld
Special to The Grizzly

Spring is a major season where people increase their amount of physical activity. Whether it is a pick-up basketball game, a school sport, or a jog around the block, people are outside working out and having fun. However, with the increase of physical activity also comes the increase of potential injuries. Injuries can range from broken bones to cuts and scrapes, most of which are preventable.

First of all, to prevent injuries, one should be familiar with the activity in which they are participating and know the possible risks they are taking. One should always wear protective equipment that is in good condition and that fits properly. Always warm-up before an activity. A good warm-up increases the body’s temperature as well as the heart rate. Make sure to stretch after warming up. Stretching before a warm-up could cause muscle strain and ligament sprains.

To prevent injury during an activity, stop if you feel faint, dizzy or short of breath. Always be aware of your surroundings to avoid anything potentially hazardous. Also make sure to cool down after an activity. Stopping physical activity abruptly can result in muscle cramps, soreness and stiffness and can also increase potential for fainting and dizziness due to blood pooling.

To cool down, gradually decrease workout intensity and stretch afterwards. If an injury does occur, seek help immediately from a coach, trainer or the Wellness Center. If you have any questions please stop by the Wellness Center at anytime or call extension 2412.

The Grizzly would like to congratulate Copy Editor Lauren Cyrsky following the publication of her editorial "Alternative Spring Break: The Best Decision of My Life" in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Sunday, April 16.

Weekly Weather Forecast

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Horoscopes

by The Sisters of the Stars

Aries (March 19-April 19)
Don’t give in to temptation. Although you may find yourself in an awkward situation, don’t take advantage of those around you. Know when to walk away and know when to run.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
It’s 2pm, and you can’t believe your neighbors could possibly want to listen to that song AGAIN. Sharing space in the dorm can be a drag, but you’re going to have to deal. Talk to those bass-pumping, volume-loving neighbors and look to compromise.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Late night hours and trips to Wawa are starting to wear you down. Although you’re starting to think that your “hell week” will never end, don’t give up. Your hard work will pay off in the end if you just stick to it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
The end of the school year is quickly approaching, and you haven’t quite figured out what your post-semester plans are going to be. Don’t panic; there’s still time to get things together. Keep your eyes peeled for that golden opportunity just around the corner.

Leo (July 23-August 22)
Beware of what your body language is saying to others. The opposite sex can be very easily confused about the signals you might not even know that you’re sending. If you’re feeling a little uneasy with the situation, bring it out in the open.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)
Warm weather (what warm weather?) is just around the corner and that 1:30pm Psych Lab is looking kind of dull next to hanging out on Paisley Beach. Put those sunglasses aside, and make your way to class. Other nice days await, but that film on the narcolepsy won’t.

Libra (September 23-October 23)
Know when to admit your mistakes. If you’re wrong, don’t be afraid to say it. People will appreciate your honesty and integrity. If you own up to your erring ways now, you can bypass repeating them in the future.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21)
Getting sick of misplacing your keys or just trailing off in the middle of a story? Forgetfulness is often a sign that you have too many other things on your mind. If something’s bothering you, talk to your best bud/roommate/mom and try to sort things out.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)
Spring is a time for new beginnings-start thinking about giving up some of those bad habits. Whether it’s biting your nails or too many Marlboro’s a day, your will power can get you through.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)
Pay attention to your dreams. Your subconscious may be trying to tell you something that you might not want to hear. Minds work in mysterious ways; maybe you should stop and listen once in a while.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)
The green-eyed monster has reared its ugly head once again. This time you’re the one seeing green about that person your significant other seems to admire. Stand confident in the strength of your relationship.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)
It seems as though bad luck is on your side and you’ve been feeling a little bit down in the dumps lately. Although you might think that you can’t do a single thing right, everything will turn around. Be confident in yourself. Your actions, and your spell of bad luck will come to an end.
The Bear Truth

Column by Heather Gurk

Even though the weather has been a little wacky as of late, spring has arrived. Its effects are noticeable everywhere - in the blooming of flowers, the fresh morning rain, the budding trees and, of course, road construction.

Every year around this time, the road workers of America emerge from winter hibernation, decorate the roads with blinking orange detour signs, dig up the asphalt with their little jack hammers and all the while, create havoc and headaches galore for drivers. At least, this is the way it is funny that when a road is opened after having been blocked off for weeks, it never seems to look any different. And, I might add, most roads that are “fixed” never appeared to have had a problem in the first place. It makes you wonder what they are doing all that time to roads that seemed fine as they were, minus a few potholes here and there.

The detour that is currently affecting me and thousands of other drivers is on Route 29 between Schwenksville and Collegeville. The road is closed for a three-mile stretch, and the detour is expected to be in effect for several more months.

Detours that involve a road actually being blocked off from traffic not only present hassles for drivers, but for businesses as well. I read an article in "The Philadelphia Inquirer" last week that highlighted several businesses along Route 29 that are suffering because of the road construction.

Drivers that would normally pass these places, such as restaurants and gas stations, are diverted to other roads. Less passes—by mean less business, which is spelling disaster for at least one local coffee shop and gas station. Relief seems to be nowhere in sight for these businesses.

Road construction is everywhere I turn. Even the road I take because of the detour is under construction of its own! Herein lies my question: if so much construction is being done in the way of paving, filling potholes and sinkholes, and replacing underground gas pipes, and construction of this type has been going on for as long as I can remember, why is Pennsylvania always number one on the list of the worst roadways in America? Aren’t we shaped up by now?

PROFILE OF A PROTEST:
It turns out some people actually do care

Sue Fialkowski
Staff Writer

This weekend I and two other Ursinus students, Tom Howard and Dave Owens, went to a protest. The slogan that brought us there wasn’t Save Baby Seals or Free Mumia. It wasn’t to Free Tibet or to Save the Rainforests. It doesn’t have pure emotional appeal to the average person and many don’t even know what it means. Say noto the IMF and World Bank. Despite that, 10,000 marched on Washington this Sunday because they believed in it.

What are the IMF and the World Bank? When people asked me what I was doing this weekend, many were confused by my response. Some didn’t even know what these organizations were, much less why people were protesting. For people who aren’t economics or politics majors, international organizations aren’t a daily topic of conversation. The IMF is the International Monetary Fund. The IMF and the World Bank distribute loans to underdeveloped nations. In return, the countries have to change their economic policies, pay back the loans, and just as important, pay back the interest. The criticism is the economic changes they mandate and the excessive interest they charge are crippling the poor nations and

increasing global poverty and inequality. The IMF and World Bank policies benefit the corporations and the industrialized nations not the billions in poverty. It was difficult for me to explain all of this to people why I was going to DC. The three of us weren’t even going for the same exact reasons. It’s even more difficult for me to explain why there were so many different people attending. There is no one group leading the movement against these faceless entities. Socialists, environmentalists, labor unions, communists, anarchists, and dozens of others who don’t have a convenient label marched side by side. There were people from all over the country and from widely varying points of view.

The most remarkable aspect of the protest is the lengths people were willing to go. There was a legal hotline to call if you were arrested and protestors had the number in marker on their arm. People were blocking streets and risking arrest. I want to stress, though, that at no time did I feel threatened by any protestor.

While they might have been practicing civil disobedience, they were in no way violent. One organizer I talked to said they were expecting tear gas and rubber bullets on Monday. I cannot imagine these peaceful crowds being dispersed with gas and bullets. That picture didn’t seem consistent with reality or our democratic system.

If I have to use one word to describe the protest it would be amazing. To see so many people who truly did care and really did believe in change in the world gave me hope. The problems of global poverty and devastation seem overwhelming, but this weekend, for the first time, I believed that if there is an active and dedicated movement, change can occur. The horrible problems and horrors that afflict the world are not a given. We cause our own problems. Since we cause them, we can also fix them. This may sound like the idealism of a young college student and it just might be. But hey, someone has to hope.
Dear Editor:

Amadou Diallo was shot 41 times by the New York City police for pulling a wallet out of his pocket. He was brutalized with a toilet plunger and suffered permanent injury due to the same police department. In Los Angeles there is the ever-expanding Rampart scandal, where police planted drugs and guns on people to incriminate them and even shot and handcuffed a person in the head and then helped send him to prison. A few years ago in Philadelphia, there was a similar police scandal. The US media treat these incidents as aberrations with no real systemic cause, and even liberals and leftists maintain that all is needed is civilian oversight. I disagree with both these viewpoints.

The police in the United States serve the same purpose domestically as the military and the CIA do in foreign countries—to keep poor people in their proper place. For example, the CIA overthrew a government in Guatemala on behalf of American oil companies, eliminating governments that were responsive to the needs of the poor. The CIA is to protect capitalism. At times the National Guard can serve this same function. On April 20, 1914 the Colorado National Guard opened fire with machine guns on a tent colony of striking miners, killing men, women, and children in what became known as the Ludlow Massacre.

Corporate crime in terms of pollution, unsafe working conditions, unsafe products and wars to protect their interest costs the country far more lives and property loss than all the crime committed by poor people. Yet, how many corporate executives does one find in prison? If anyone doubts my analysis, just read “A People’s History of the United States” by Howard Zinn. The documentation is very extensive.

Gary Sudborough
Bellingham, CA

The primary purpose of the police is to repress dissents, strikes, demonstrations and any organized threat to the existing property relationships in society. In other words, the function of the police is to protect capitalism.

Damage policy is garbage

After having attended Ursinus for nearly a year, I have been watching a particular school policy being carried out that is decidedly unfair. When damages are found in the residence halls of our community, it is well known to everyone that the cost of the repairs is charged evenly between the students who reside there. Where one can become confused is why myself and others have to pay for the inconsiderate destruction and vandalism of other students. I propose that Ursinus should hire more employees to patrol the hallways and to keep an eye open for students whose treatment of Ursinus property is not acceptable.

It seems that until Ursinus discontinues choosing the easy way to pay for the damages by arbitrarily charging innocent students, myself as well as fellow students, should not pay for damages that we did not commit. Not only is this method of financing damage repairs unfair, it is also unrealistic. When fellow Ursinus students and myself enter the working world, and live in our own houses, I hope that we do not have to assist in paying for the damages that occur on a neighboring property. Where has one ever heard of a neighbor paying for another’s excessive trash, broken showerhead or damaged furniture?

This method is counterproductive; instead of teaching responsibility to the students, it encourages a lack thereof. A student can destroy anything and merely allow his or her fellow students to pay for it without being punished for their own mistakes. Ursinus needs to undertake a more active approach in trying to end the careless destruction of school property by taking preventative measures towards the purveyors of these dastardly deeds.

Bradford Joyce
Class of 2003

Profile of a Protest: Pictorial Documentary

Tremendous puppets displayed the political thoughts and emotions of the protesters. These figurines were confiscated by the police.

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"High-class" demonstrators wielded banners protesting current economic policies.

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Paul Owen
Directed by . . . Mary Harron

American Psycho is the story of a man who does not exist—or at least that’s what Patrick Bateman claims about himself in the opening sequence. The irony that director Mary Harron establishes is that Bateman is obsessed about his outward appearance (leading to a long catalog of his shampoo products and a libidinal-comparing business-card swapping scene) while at the same time there is nothing on the inside that prevents him from doing what he wants.

Unfortunately for the many women of his life, Bateman has a bloodlust that can never be satisfied (there are a few great voice-overs in which Bateman deliberates about his meaningless, unquenchable, murderous rage).

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RATING: (out of 4 stars) ***

Keeping the Faith

Ed Norton . . . Father Brian Finn
Ben Stiller . . .
Rabbi Jacob Schram
Jenna Elfman . . . Anna Reilly
Directed by . . . Ed Norton

On the other end of the film spectrum, Keeping the Faith is a refreshing, creative romantic comedy. This film is the story of a Catholic priest and a rabbi—sounds like the beginning of a joke...

But director Ed Norton succeeds with an innovative, hilarious script. Finn and Schram are young and progressive preachers of an “old tradition with a new age twist.” Ben Stiller looks like he is doing stand-up comedy rather than preaching, but at the end of his sermons, the moral always appears.

The cast, dialogue, and directing are strong (especially the supporting character-roles—yes, that is Milos Forman as a Catholic priest!). I had a few problems with the overall script, such as the film is structured around a flashback made by Ed Norton in a bar. However, the film is primarily about Ben Stiller’s private relationship with Jenna Elfman. What’s the deal? How would Ed Norton know the events that went on behind closed doors?

Of course the film is maddeningly formulaic. Of course there has to be the necessary Hollywood happy ending (which transcends the rules of millenia-old faiths, by the way). Of course the end is sentimental and inconsequential. But getting there, laughing at the jokes and watching Ed Norton’s first, effective directing stint, is worth two hours.

RATING: **1/2

Machinal Directing Compelling

Jeff Church
A & E Editor

Domenick Scudera masterfully wove innovative design and directing into a tepid script in proTheatre’s Machinal, which appeared last week in Ritter Center.

Good directing calls attention to its own creativity. Great directing transfixes the audience’s attention on the action of the play itself, while at the same time infusing and augmenting the play with creative energy. Scudera succeeded with the latter.

The opening scene of the play is set deep in the dregs of the business world. Scudera calls for a drum rhythm to pierce the darkness. It sets the monotonous rhythm of the business world for Helen—first the drum, on the pulse of monotonous, constraining life, then a typewriter, then an adding machine, then a telephone switchboard. All these sounds that underscore Helen’s constraint in life come from a part of the stage sequestered from the main set. It is bathed in darkness and represents the “machine” of the title, the various voices, sounds, and personalities that constitute the machine of society, churning out individuals one by one.

But Helen realizes that she is not to be one caught in the mores of society. In beautifully constructed set-design, windows with no walls attached are placed at many points on stage. When Helen reaches the height of her suffocation by the “machine,” a window is lowered to center stage, between the audience and Helen. Scudera simultaneously separates and fuses Helen with the audience with this technique.

With the window, he intentionally highlights the “fourth wall,” which bars the imaginary world of theatre from the real world of the audience—we can imagine a wall between Helen and us much better if a window hangs from that wall. Simultaneously, we see Helen’s immense desire to escape, symbolically expressed by a possibility to break through the fourth wall.

Scudera, employing these techniques and many others, augmented a fairly trite and stilted play (how many times are they going to say “freedom?”) with innovative techniques that did not overshadow, but rather subtly underscored.

proTheatre's Machinal a Masterpiece

Jennifer Heil
Staff Writer

On Friday, April 14, 2000, about 40 lucky people witnessed one of the best proTheatre performances in a long time.

proTheatre’s Machinal, a French feminist impressionistic play, overcame this heavy-handed description successfully and without preaching. Indeed, it is one of a select few plays that attempt at intelligent subtext and succeed.

Machinal, written by Sophie Treadwell in 1928, and directed on the Ursinus stage by Visiting CST professor Dominick Scudera, involves the story of Ruth Snyder, the first woman to die in the electric chair. The play debuted just eight months after Snyder was put to her death and is a combination of Treadwell’s dual roles in life, that of journalist and playwright.

Machinal, which is French for mechanical, uses expressionism to show the machine as metaphor for alienation and social limitation. It was an engaging story that kept the audience rapt for the entire hour and a half run of the show.

Undoubtedly, intelligent and mature acting was one of the best aspects about this performance. Every actor shone in his or her role, giving enthusiastic and insightful performances. What makes it even sweeter was the fact that the cast of Machinal included both seasoned and unseasoned players.

Senior Meghan Guaitieri lent herself in a sensitive and thought-provoking performance to the lead role of Helen in this, her final proTheatre production.

The production itself was excellently organized and managed. The costuming of the play was exceptional, with many authentic-looking outfits for the players. One surprise of the production was the exceptional lighting technique used to manifest the changing moods of the scenes. The way that lighting, which often is a part of theatre that goes unnoticed, was used for Machinal was very well thought out and fit perfectly with the feel of the play itself.

The Cast and Crew of Machinal

Directed by . . . Domenick Scudera
Lighting Designer . . . Shannon Zura
Board Operator . . . Clifford Greer
Costumer . . . Cornota Harkins

Helen . . . Meghan Guaitieri
Mr. J . . . Nathan Rosen
Dick Roe, Prosecutor . . . Tom Howard
Helen’s Mother . . . Diana Dabkowska
Various Roles . . . Melissa Grecco, Dan Griswold, Margot Hill, Kurt Miller, Leah Miller, Drew Petersen, Michael A. Pomante, Caitlin Sigler, Daneen Stamps, Jennifer Stellato, Dave Trimmer

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CD Review: The Counting Crows, *This Desert Life*

Chuck Pulsfort  
*Staff Writer*

Since the release of *August and Everything* in 1993, the Counting Crows have been looking for a new hit album to send them straight back to the top of the charts. Lead singer and songwriter, Adam Duritz, can make his Los Angeles style blues sound cheerful. In recent years he has not put together a first-class album. In 1999, the Counting Crows finally came out with a superior third studio album, *This Desert Life*. *Desert Life* is not exactly upbeat, but instead features a more bluesy sound. The band’s third studio album, *This Desert Life*, starts with a vow to get back to the release of *This Desert Life*. This song starts with a vow to get back to the airwaves, due primarily to its magnificent guitar riffs and rhythm.

The same ideas can be found on the second track “Mr. Potter’s Lullaby,” and the slower-paced third track, “Amy Hit the Atmosphere.” “All My Friends” possesses a superb melody, and in “High Life,” Duritz, creates a stellar combination of discursive strings, out-of-this-world synthesizers and cosmic basses. “St. Robinson in his Cadillac Dream” encompasses all of the best qualities of Duritz with his combination of his blues style and spectacular instrumentals. Duritz’s entire theme throughout *This Desert Life* is being able to put L.A. in his rear view mirror. Even though some of the ideas about coming and going, and loving and losing, are not upbeat, the Counting Crows combination of great ideas and a killer sound make this a fantastic album.

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**Literary Society**

**Every Wednesday Night 9:00 p.m.**

Zwingli Java Trench

Read or listen to original poetry

**Blues Historian and Novelist ARTHUR FLOWERS**

speaks tonight, Tuesday, April 18 on the "Delta Oracle: A Griot Speaks in Tongues." at 7:30 p.m. in Pfahler Auditorium

**Monday, April 24**

7:15 a.m. | Aerobics, Helfferich Dance Room |
12:00 p.m. | German Table, Faculty/Staff Dining Room |
4:00 p.m. | Senior Exit Interviews, Olin 109 |
4:15 p.m. | Lecture: Visiting Professor Michiko Oda, Olin 108
Bears Lacrosse Squad Continues its Winning Streak

Sue Patton
Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 13, the ladies of the Ursinus lacrosse team traveled to northern New Jersey to take on Drew University. Coach Carrie Reilly was especially excited about her team playing on the field of her alma mater, and of course, beating the team she used to play for.

The first four goals of the game were scored by Ursinus and tough defense kept Drew out of their offensive zone. The defense only fell three times to Drew's tricky offensive plays. Meanwhile, Ursinus continued to round up the goals and ended up with seven by the completion of the first half. There would have been two more if the referees hadn't disallowed goals scored by sophomore Erin Fitzgerald and senior tri-captain Kristen Calore. The goals were disallowed on the account of a player being inside the crease. Both calls were questionable.

The girls' confidence level during half-time was high. With only a four goal lead, the bears still had some fighting to do. "We never had any doubts that we could win the game," said senior defender Cara Riley.

"Defense was working well together, shutting them down in their zone and in the mid-field. And offense was making crucial goals. We were excited to start the second half."

As the game continued, the goals kept coming for Ursinus. Drew simply could not catch up to Ursinus lead despite scoring six more goals in the second half. The closest they came to taking a lead was during the middle of the half when the score was 9-7, Ursinus. By the end of the game, Ursinus had pulled ahead to 14.

Drew only managed to score two more goals.

Sophomore defender Diane Elia goes for a ground ball and defends the circle for the Bears. Staff photo by Erzy Hoke

Scoring big for the Bears was sophomore mid-fielder Erin Fitzgerald with five goals. "My head was in the game, and I had some great help from the rest of the offense," Fitzgerald said. That help most likely came through sophomore offender Jamie Matty who had seven assists along with one goal. Fitzgerald was named to the Centennial Conference honor roll for the week of April 17. She tallied 11 goals; five against Drew.

Other scoring contributors included sophomore offender Leigh Voigt with four and, senior tri-captains Taryn Brackin and Calore who both added two. Brackin and Calore also played a major part in controlling the mid-field with caused turnovers. Calore caused four while Brackin caused three.

Coming into the game, Ursinus and Drew had a very similar record. The only losses for both teams were to The College of New Jersey and Gettysburg. Ursinus travels to Bryn Mawr on Tuesday. They are looking to continue their seven game winning streak. Come out to their last home game on April 25 while they continue to fight for the conference with Haverford.

Playing from the Other Side: UC Athletes Turn Coaches

Diane Johnson
Sports Editor

Many athletes have not experienced the game from the coach's side of the field. Here, the game is much different. However seniors Kevan Schaeffer, Mike Boyer, and juniors Tim Noone and Brian Skellan have experienced both aspects of the game. Schaeffer and Noone both coach freshman junior varsity team at Archbishop Carroll high school. Skellan is the pitching coach for Malvern Preparatory high school's varsity team and Boyer coaches the JV head coach.

Schaeffer also coaches with Noone at Carroll. Schaeffer played first base, pitcher and outfield for Nativity high school. Carroll's freshman JV team is 7-4 and the both coaches have high hopes for the remainder of the season.

"I get just as nervous as a coach before a game as I do as a player," Noone said. "It's really rewarding to help the kids learn the game and how to play with a positive attitude."

Skellan is the pitching coach for Malvern Preparatory high school's varsity baseball team. Skellan pitched at Malvern and played on Ursinus's baseball team his freshman and sophomore year. "I feel satisfaction when I see the players improve," Skellan said. "I love to watch them work on what I taught them and apply it to the game."

Malvern is 5-4 and they are hoping to advance in the Catholic Academies league playoffs.

Boyer coaches at his alma mater Pottsgrove high school. Boyer mostly concentrates on pitching and spends most of his time with the team helping them train during pre-season. "It's different being on the other side. It's an interesting transition from college life to high school," Boyer explains. "I want to be a teacher and I like to be around high school students. Coaching is a great stress buster to my hectic college schedule."

Students rarely get the opportunity to experience the game from every aspect. Coaching can be a rewarding experience for anyone who willing to give back to others.

"I think it's great for the guys to give back to their high schools as coaches," junior Francis Donato said. "Their players really admire and respect these guys for volunteering their time to teach them how to play the game."
The Ursinus softball team went 6-2 this past week improving their record to 28-8. The team improved to 8-2 in Centennial Conference play.

The Bears opened up the week against nationally ranked Rowan University. The two teams split the double header. Rowan took game one by a score of 4-3. Sophomore Sue Sobolewski went 3-for-3 with an RBI. Senior Lisa Newmaster scored a run and drove one in while going 2-for-4 at the plate with a double.

Newmaster helped propel the Bears to victory in the second game by a score of 3-0. She shut down the 16th ranked team in the nation to only one hit on her way to the shutout. She also blasted a solo homer in the first inning while collecting another hit throughout the contest. Junior Catcher Jody Smith added the other two RBI’s in the fourth and sixth innings respectively.

“The offensive assault stayed alive in game two as the Bears picked up a 9-1 victory. Newmaster drilled a two-run homer, while Sobolewski and junior Courtney Quinones each added a double. The freshman duo of Jess Troutman and Prendiville each collected two hits.

The Bears then went on to sweep Lebanon Valley College. Freshman Denise Bozenski pitched her way to a 4-0 victory while striking out seven and only allowing five hits. Senior Kara Johnson knocked in three runs on two hits including a triple.

“The Bears lit up the Lebanon Valley pitcher by knocking around 14 hits in the 13-5 victory in the second game. Prendiville lead the surge by going 3-for-4 including two doubles, scoring two runs and pounding in three runs. Freshman Kim Paulus had a big day at the plate as she scattered three hits around the field. Johnson kept the momentum going as she had three runs batted in and a double. Quinones added two hits, while Newmaster picked up the victory in the complete game.

“Usually in lineups only the top four batters can hit,” said Prendiville. “However in ours not only can the nine players in the lineup hit but anyone coming off the bench will get a hit and help out. This gives us a major advantage over other teams and we use it to our benefit.”

The team plays conference foe Haverford at home at 3:30 pm on Tuesday in a double-header. The Bears are on the road on Thursday to face Eastern College and on to Gettysburg on Saturday to play a double-header.

Kevin Wilson
Staff Writer

Profiles Of The Week

Eboni Woodard
Year: sophomore
Major: ESS
Sports: Track and Volleyball
Favorite Class at Ursinus: Care and Prevention with Dr. Davidson
Most Memorable Sports Moment at Ursinus: “Taking second place during last year’s indoor track season at the Colonial Conference Championships really strengthened my confidence and my love for the sport.”
Accomplishments: Placed second at Centennial Conference Indoor Champs 2000; Qualified for ECAC’s in the triple jump
What teammates say: Junior Nola-Rae Cronan: “Eboni is really hard working and she adds a lot to our team. She is extremely team oriented and she tries to do everything she can to prepare her teammates for competition.”

Ryan Warden
Year: sophomore
Major/Minor: History/Education
Sports: Track and Football
Favorite Class at Ursinus: Psychology 100 taught by the staff
Most Memorable Sports Moment at Ursinus: “Last year I had a real blast coming in second place in the conference.”
What teammates say: Sophomore Rich Toth, “He can do anything with a javelin. He sometimes acts like he is going to hit me with it but I never get worried. He’s just that good.”

“A Few Years from now”: “I want to be doing the same thing that I will be doing a few years from now.”
**Bears Gear Up for CC Playoffs**

**Erny Hoke  
Features/Photography Editor**

The Ursinus College baseball team improved to 18-8 and 7-1 in Centennial Conference action this week with a sweep of Haverford (8-2; 19-3). Meanwhile, the Bears dropped a non-conference match-up against College of New Jersey 15-3.

Junior Dave Hunt picked up the victory on the mound with a complete game four-hitter. Hunt struck-out nine Fighting Black Squirrels in the win over Haverford.

Senior Joe Sprague pounded his first homerun of the season, a solo shot, to pace the Bears offensively. Senior Kyle Goldwater, juniors Jeff Ritschel, Mark Toto, and Richie Barrett also each collected two hits on the day.

Bears Gear Up for CC Playoffs

Freshman Rob Albert took the loss on the mound for the Bears on Wednesday as the College of New Jersey tallied 20 hits in the 15-3 victory. Senior Jim Ward and junior Brian Carney both had two hits in the loss.

Ursinus then came back on Friday to score in 6 different innings en route a 19-3 win over Haverford. The Bears produced behind the plate, with 21 hits, led by a 3-3 performance by junior Ian Savitz, sophomores Ryan Smith and Jesse Murren, and freshman Jason Marakovits each added two hits of their own in the victory.

Senior John Hollinger struck-out six while scattering seven hits in the complete-game victory.

The Bears then were rained out this weekend with Centennial Conference foe Johns Hopkins. Ursinus is 7-1 in CC action, and one and a half games in first above Hopkins. Ursinus is currently ranked 4th in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

"The season is now in our hands. We control our own fate and need to play each game as it is the Conference title game," stated Smith.

Hunt and Sprague were named to the CC Honor Roll this week for their exceptional performances last week. Sprague hit .400 with 4 runs scored and 4 RBIs. Hunt threw a complete-game four hitter against Haverford to receive this honor.

UC is in action this week at home on Tuesday (Muhlenberg) and travels to Muhlenberg on Friday.

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