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UC Class of '04: Welcome to a Journey of a Lifetime

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For new freshman at Ursinus College, the journey must have been agonizing. Filling out endless scores of applications, taking campus tours halfway to nowhere and back, fretting and fussing until the deadline arrived.

A record-high 380 first year collegians choose to attend UC this fall of 2000, after undergoing the nerve-wracking rite of passage known as the college selection process. Full of tears, insecurities, doubts, fears, worries, wonder, hope, anticipation and impatience, first year students arrived by the carload this past Thursday Aug. 24, prepared to leave the past behind and begin a new journey, into adulthood, the workforce and the real world.

The make-up of the largest class in UC history includes seven National Merit Scholarship Finalists, eleven high school valedictorians or salutatorians and one hundred forty-three National Honor Society members. Forty-five members of the class of 2004 were Student Government Association executive officers while in high school, 56 were sport team captains, 28 were editors of school publications and 124 involved themselves in the fine arts, either through drama, writing, artwork or music. The most impressive stat, 237 current freshman spent time volunteering.

As for starting at UC, freshman Clint Thiering said, "I'm ready to have the time of my life."

Campus Security Puts Safety First

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Co-Editor-in-Chief

Security at Ursinus College no longer exists. The new buzzword reverberating on campus is safety: Campus Safety.

A brand-new, completely re-modeled and relocated college safety program was finalized this past summer and will be serving the campus indefinitely starting now in the fall.

"I'm looking to make the department better," Dean of Students and Head of Safety Todd McKinney said recently. "We're looking for our officers to be professional, to be courteous and to be responsible in their dealings with everyone."

The most noticeable change in Campus Safety, formerly Campus Security, is the appearance and dress of the five officers on staff.

No longer are the officers outfitted in black and adorned with a police badge or patch. The new look is a red polo shirt, sans badge, bearing the Ursinus logo, along with comfortable black khaki pants.

The outward appearance, McKinney noted, was a most important part of the transformation process.

"Right now the image is, 'Oh here comes security, they're the bad guys,' and we don't want that. We're not a police force...we try to be more of an educational mission as opposed to a punitive, reactionary, bad-guys-in-black-uniform type of deal."

Officers are now also being...
Students React to Parking Fee Increase

Danica Godri
Staff Writer

Beginning this year, Ursinus students will be charged fifty dollars for a campus parking permit. This represents a one hundred fifty percent increase from the twenty dollars students were charged in past years.

"Our former fee was relatively low for the amount of energy and time that we expended on registering everyone, getting everything set up in the computer, writing tickets and then processing those tickets," Dean of Students Todd McKinney stated. "In some instances, our officers spent a great deal of time doing that stuff. The new increase in fees will offset some of those costs. Also, were looking to do some of the improvements to the parking areas."

Campus Safety officer J.R. Hodgson stated that, "Most other college campuses are charging about the same, or even more than Ursinus will be charging this year. Our fee has been very inexpensive, and it is still on the lower end of prices of other colleges around."

At this time, it appears commuters will also be charged a fifty-dollar fee for the parking permit. In years past, commuters had paid half the normal charge to commuter residents students.

Some commuters feel that the price should be lower or that special commuter spots should be made available.

UC Junior Mariana Morris comments, "Even though it is kind of inconvenient that the price has increased so much just over the past year, it is understandable. Some of my friends at other colleges are still paying as much as one hundred dollars or more for parking permits." I just hope the higher permit price goes towards something useful for the campus.

Junior Aki Watanuki agrees. "There isn't much you can do about the price increase. Plus, it's not really that bad, considering the prices of other college's parking permits. Senior Pete Nicholson had a different take on the increase, stating, "It's ridiculous. My car isn't even worth that much!"

Campus Safety Changes

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required to spend half of each shift away from the patrol van, either touring campus on foot or on one of two new Trek bicycles, purchased this summer. The hope is that this change will increase the visibility and coverage of the officers. Another physical alteration students will notice is in the location of the main office. The center of operations in Reimert is no more. The new home for Safety is in Wismer Center, directly to the left of the main dining hall entrance.

"It does centralize us to the center of campus," McKinney relates, "but it also gives us more visibility...we're right between two main dormitories, BPS and BWC."

The move also opens up additional residential space for students in the Reimert Complex.

The money to make the change from Security to Safety, in name and in spirit, was not originally earmarked in the budget.

"We had not allocated money for [the changes] going into the school year," McKinney said. "At the end of the year, seeing where our resources were, we decided to purchase those things now."

The new dress, stationary and logo, design on vehicles, Trek bicycles, signage for the new office, as well as training programs for officers in basic first aid and CPR, was made possible using funds from the general operating budget.

Currently, five officers serve on staff, with plans to add a sixth in the near future. Two officers are new to campus this semester.

Officer Gary Hodgson, who has served on staff for over a decade, is enthralled with the changes.

"I don't feel like I'm coming to work anymore," Hodgson said. "Our old uniform set us apart from students, the new non-uniform incorporates us with the student body of Ursinus."
What's Happening Around the World

Tammy Scherer
News Editor

World News
A different kind of survivor

Cancer patients from the United States along with cancer patients from Japan climbed Japan's tallest mountain, Mt. Fuji, on Tuesday, Aug. 22. The journey up the 12,460-foot mountain was organized by Andrea Martin of the Breast Cancer Fund, a non-profit organization based in San Francisco, and was supported by Dr. Jinroh Itami, a Japanese cancer specialist. This is the third climb of its kind up Mt. Fuji. They hope to help motivate cancer patients to be survivors.

National News
National oil supplies at twenty-four year low

The price of crude oil will again rise as officials report that the oil inventory of the United States is at a 24 year low. The country has not seen supplies at these extremes since the oil crisis in the 1970s. The price of oil has continued to rise over the past several months because the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has cut back on fulfilling requests for more oil. Consumers can expect to see a continual rise of price at the gas pumps until oil production increases.

Local News
KOP Inn safe and sound in its new home

The historical King of Prussia Inn has finally made it to its new home on Bill Smith Boulevard. The Inn crept along area roads for 27 hours on 168 rubber tires and 21 hydraulically powered dollies in a project led by International Chimney Corp. of Buffalo, NY. The move, costing nearly $1.6 million dollars, was planned since the early 90s, experiencing delays because it interfered with PenDOT's highway expansions plans for Rt. 202. The Inn reached its new destination on Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Weird News
Fans invaded by swarms of ants

Fans were invaded as they settled in for a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers and the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday night. Swarms of flying ants entered the new stadium in the middle of the first inning, forcing many fans to leave the stadium. The swarms of ants finally departed the stadium sometime during the third inning only after many fans already left the game.

Detroit officials expect the ant invasion to continue to plague the city for the next week.

Quotes of the Week

"Moscow is the capital of a country at war. People should live accordingly."
---Alexander Musykantsky, Moscow's city information minister, in Time magazine, in response to a recent deadly bombing in Pushkin Square, often compared to Times Square in New York City

"I want them to say, 'Here come the love children.'"
---Dean of Students Todd McKinney on the reaction he would like for UC students to have upon seeing Safety officers approaching.

Chemistry Course Canceled

Dan Reimold
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Science of Chemistry, an introductory four-credit laboratory science course, has been canceled for the fall semester due to lack of student interest and enrollment. "This cancellation should not impact any students pursuing a chemistry major or minor, a biochemistry major, or a biology major or minor since Chemistry 100 is a course designed for non-science majors and is not counted towards the major or minor," Chemistry Chair Dr. Victor Tortorelli stated via email.

The Registrar's office indicated only three students had signed up to take the course in the spring and over the summer, below the minimum number required by the Dean of Students for a class to be held. All students in need of the class to fulfill a science requirement will have the opportunity to enroll for spring semester. The amount of student interest at that time will again dictate whether the course will run. "My hope is that we will have enough students interested in the course to offer it again this spring," Tortorelli said. "But I am not sure."
UC Gets Wired: New Laptop Program Debuts

John Grebe  
Staff Writer

Starting with the fall semester of 2000 semester, every incoming freshman student will be issued an IBM ThinkPad laptop computer in the new program. The program ensures that all students have equal computer access and that nobody is without a computer because of finical reasons.

The laptop program will create an environment in which computer resources can easily be integrated into the classroom. Professors can now easily post class related material on the Internet and have class discussions out of class in computer chat rooms. The program will also make sure that every student develops the computer skills that are vital in today's workplace.

At the same time only the freshmen students will be issued laptops. After the four year transition period is over every UC student will be included in the laptop program. "We're excited about this program, and eager to begin," Dr. John King, Director of Computing Services said. "The laptop initiative brings Ursinus into the front ranks of liberal arts colleges. We are one of only a few colleges of our type with such a program in place.”

The IMB ThinkPads will come with a complete collection of preloaded software. According to the Ursinus website, the software collection includes the following programs: Microsoft Office Professional 2000, MS Front Page 2000, MS Visual Studio 6, Derive, SAS, Internet Explorer 5.5, Netscape Communicator 4.7, Real Player G2, McAfee Virus Scan, and Dialup Networking.

The laptop program will greatly improve Ursinus' computer accessibility, which was rated the 55th "Most Wired College" by Yahoo before the laptop program. Chances are the new laptop program will raise Ursinus' standing in Yahoo's national rating system.
This Week in Pictures...

August 24-28

Above Left: An Upperclassman fills out a form for the registrar during Sunday's registration.

Above: President Strassburger enjoys a moment with freshmen after the Convocation Ceremony Friday morning.

Above Right: The UC Bookstore is packed to the gills during freshmen move-in day on Thursday.

Right: A crowd of students, faculty and staff gathers outside of Bomberger. Zacharias Ursinus serves as look-out.

Right: Freshmen get wild 'n' crazy during Playfair this past Thursday night.
What This Campus Really Needs... 

The issue: The new Field House will bring UC to the forefront in athletics. But what about areas of academic and residential life that need expansion and improvement?

The ongoing construction of the field house on this campus, in its current state, is the equivalent of staging a sideshow with no main attraction. Yes, sports are an important, viable, life-enriching activity, even at the Division III level, and many students participate, either interscholastically or through intramurals, on the field or in the stands, over the course of their collegiate career.

The memories and friendships that are made and lessons of teamwork and dedication that are taught make a difference and can be called upon in the real world.

But, on our Collegeville campus, the importance of classroom curriculum and residence life experience, UC’s main attractions, seems to be taking a backseat to these extra-curricular activities.

With the addition of a second athletic building, combined with the re-done outdoor track, clean-cut football grass and pristine field hockey grounds, the administration seems to be placing athleticism ahead of intelligence in the game of life.

Having top-notch athletic facilities is excellent and important for reputation, avoidance of injuries and school pride and enthusiasm. But should these things ever take priority over matters of academic and residential concern?

panded weight room and rock climbing wall. What we need is a brand-new, state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center, to enable students to enjoy a theater experience outside the black box.

What we need is an all-new, on-campus, not-just-freshman-friendly dormitory, offering interested upperclassmen a chance to experience a real-life dorm environment after their first year here.

What we need with new student after year, is to have the living and learning portion of our collegiate experience catch up, and ideally surpass, the growth and improvements being made in the area of

Our View: A field house is nice, but non-essential. Constructing a new dormitory for students to live in and a performing arts center for students to learn would be money much better spent.

Sports.

Fine, the football program packs the stands and attracts the students. But we, as students, are the ones footing the bill for a UC education and filling the classroom seats, living god knows where on Main Street.

Don’t we deserve more? For now, the administration says no. Because, by the time a new dorm and performing arts building are erected, we will be UC alumni.

The field house may help students run faster, jump higher, be stronger. But we can’t help but feel we may be missing out on something more.

Tuition Rises, Why Not Scholarships?

Brian Berg
Opinions Editor

As the fall term begins and college life once again resumes, so too does the inevitable financial crunch that many families feel due to the rising costs of higher education.

It is common knowledge that the tuition and fees at Ursinus have consistently and steadily increased for the past few years and it is reasonable to understand that some increases in tuition and fees are necessary in order to keep a small liberal arts school such as Ursinus competitive. What I fail to understand is why some forms of financial aid, specifically merit-based scholarships, cannot be adjusted to compensate for these increases in the costs of our education.

The current educational philosophy of Ursinus College is to take learning out of the classroom and foster an interactive intellectual community and centric to that vision is the attraction and retention of bright, motivated students. Although Ursinus does seek to actively attract these types of students by offering scholarships for academic achievement, leadership, and service, once these students have been “hooked” and enroll at Ursinus, they find out quickly that the buck does indeed stop here.

As tuition dollars figures rise, merit scholarship dollars remain in a state of stagnation leaving many of Ursinus’ best and brightest caught in the middle. While most parents will complain about rising tuition, few are in a position to really do anything substantive other than make irate phone calls to the financial aid office or complain to the administration. Ursinus is fully aware that faced with the prospect of pulling their child out of school or simply finding a way to make ends meet most parents will do what they have always done: sacrifice for the welfare of their child.

The fundamental question facing parents is not whether or not a family can afford Ursinus, it is a question of whether a family wants to afford Ursinus and most families value education enough that they will find a way to pay. But should it really be this way? What ever happened to the school caring enough about education that it is willing to sacrifice profit to support those students who actually believe in building the type of intellectual community the college is striving to create?

High ideals and innovative grand visions for the intellectual future are fine, but the administration should be pragmatic enough to realize that by not adjusting merit scholarships to compensate for increases in tuition that Ursinus is abandoning the very students it needs to turn those dreams and goals into concrete realities.

What is Your Opinion??
Send an e-mail to Brian Berg or Megan Restine and see your response in next week's Grizzly.
Wake Up America, We Have A Race!

Brian Berg
Opinions Editor

Well, it's finally official - the United States now has a full-blown Presidential race on its hands for the first time in about 20 years.

While Republican Presidential nominee George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore have been on the road for months, until a few weeks ago this year's campaign was shaping up to be yet another foregone conclusion masquerading as a "real" election.

Heading into his party's convention, Republican Presidential nominee George W. Bush enjoyed a huge lead in the polls, had the support of the media, and seemed a lock to walk away with the Presidency in November.

As the Texas Governor made his way to Philadelphia, the spotlight came to rest on the other members of the Bush family.

Nephew George P. Bush and wife Laura Bush both gave prime-time television speeches and the presence of Florida Governor Jeb Bush and the family patriarch, former President George Bush Sr., completed the image of America's newest "political dynasty."

With a commanding double-digit lead in the polls following the convention, it seemed as if the public was now squarely about the upcoming election was shaping up to be yet another foregone conclusion masquerading as a "real" election.

The spotlight was the convention. Although most of the media agreed that the Republicans put on a better show, the American public was much more receptive to the message and especially the new, morally upright, post-Clinton image of the Democratic party.

As a result of this image overhaul, the Presidential race is now a statistical dead heat and while it remains to be seen if Gore's bounce in the polls will be permanent, it seems clear that we now have a real race on our hands.

If Gore sticks to his issue-oriented campaign and allows Lieberman to become the "moral" voice of the Democratic ticket, expect the convention bounce to stick and for George W. Bush to come out swinging as November draws closer.

The "Other" Half: How the VP's Stack Up

Brian Berg
Opinions Editor

In a normal Presidential race, most of the attention is usually focused on the Presidential candidates themselves. But, with so many other aspects of Campaign 2000, this year's race defies the norm as the vice-presidential candidates are turning out to be just as important as their presidential counterparts.

The VP selection process played out more like a soap-opera than a calculated, political process with speculation and intrigue dominating headlines for weeks before the respective picks were announced.

However, for all of the drama, this year's vice-presidential candidates have had a tremendous impact on the election. Bush's selection of Dick Cheney as his running mate came as a bit of a surprise for most analysts since Cheney was the head of Bush's vice-presidential search committee. While the Bush campaign was leaking word that it was considering Colin Powell for the VP slot, Cheney was quietly making his way to Wyoming where he changed his voter registration so he would be eligible to run with Bush.

While a Bush-Powell ticket would have been virtually unstoppable, a Bush-Cheney ticket is almost as formidable. Cheney brings much needed credibility in the areas of foreign policy and national defense. After miserably failing a foreign policy "pop quiz" given by a reporter earlier in the campaign, Bush needed to solidify his international credentials and the addition of a well-respected former Defense Secretary did just that.

Cheney will also be able to bring the conservative wing of the Republican party back into the GOP. His conservative credentials are impeccable but could be damaged in the long run.

While in Congress, Cheney voted against a bill banning cop-killer bullets, voted against the Clean Air Act, and voted against sanctions for South Africa condemning apartheid. It does not take a genius to figure out that Cheney's Congressional voting record will be a major source of ammunition for the Gore campaign.

Democratic VP nominee Joseph Lieberman also brings conservative credentials to his ticket, but rather than drawing fire, Lieberman's conservatism is just what Gore wants in the spotlight.

An Orthodox Jew, Lieberman brings the religious morality and upright image of America to the center-right, traditional liberals and younger Democrats are feeling alienated from the party and are seeking validation from more progressive candidates such as the Green Party's Ralph Nader taking important votes away from Gore.

Overall, the vice-presidential race is turning out to be just as important as the presidential race and there is no doubt in my mind that sparks will fly when Liberman and Cheney finally get the chance to square off in a televised debate this fall.
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Making the Most of Your Ursinus Experience

A Letter of Welcome to First Year Students

Dr. Paul Stern
Special to the Grizzly

Small classes, close friendships with classmates, frequent contact with interested Professors, living in dorms just minutes away from academic buildings, all in an idyllic setting... The admissions brochures were right; your Ursinus experience will be much different from what you would have experienced at a large state university. But while these characteristics are important, they make possible the most significant difference: the kind of education you'll receive here, a liberal education. A central part of that education is a course that every first-year student experiences in the first semester: The Liberal Studies Seminar—The Common Intellectual Experience (CIE).

What is The Common Intellectual Experience? It is a course in which you will confront the questions each of us must face, questions about love and friendship, happiness and death, God and nature. In this course, we confront them through encounters with the most profound answers given throughout human history, in written texts or in works of art. Now, it's a troubling fact that while these answers may each be profound, they also differ in significant ways. Socrates' view of happiness may well be unacceptable to Jesus; the way of life advocated by Buddha will clash directly with the way of life advocated by Descartes. When the authorities disagree, there's no other way than to attempt to evaluate these ways of life for ourselves, trying to make clear why we find one irresistibly attractive and another totally objectionable.

This is a task best done together because if we don't engage in discussion with others, it's too easy to presume we know things that we may not. It's too easy to be assured that our beliefs are obviously superior to those held by people in any other place and time. But if we take this easy way out, we'll never really know whether we're right about the most important thing: how we should live our lives.

In the CIE we meet in small classes so that everyone has the opportunity to make the arguments supporting his or her views, to listen carefully to others' arguments, to accept or reject every position based on careful deliberation. This activity is, of course, nothing other than conversation. It would be strange to confine this particular conversation only to the classroom. The issue of how I should live my life is not simply a "subject" in school, a narrow technical matter. Nor is mastery of it demonstrated by filling in bubbles on a scantron sheet. It's a problem that informs or ought to inform our every waking hour. Because every first-year student is engaged in the study of the same set of readings, you should always be able to find someone who wants to stay up talking as late as you do. And this is perhaps the chief reason for the residential character of this college. No doubt, the college enjoys being in the hotel business. But it is this question of the right way of life, the question at the very heart of your liberal education, that dictates the residential character of the college. For this question bears not only on your classroom performance but on your life. And so you study, talk, and live in one and the same place.

Instructors from nearly every discipline teach the course. No one of us is an expert on all the material we'll be studying. But the questions we're studying are those that animate and underlie each of our separate disciplines. More importantly, each of us is intensely interested in these questions not only as physicists or historians or economists, but as humans. Each of us understands that reflection on these questions is a lifelong journey. This course is but the first step.

As the semester proceeds expect to find yourself confused, disturbed, or angry. Because this conversation may involve challenging beliefs you cherish, it requires some courage. Expect also to find pleasure and satisfaction as you see the progress you're making on your way. Whatever you end up thinking, if you take the course seriously, you won't return from this journey the same person; you will be changed because you will better know yourself.

The Common Intellectual Experience is only beginning its second year. The course is still a work in progress. This year's CIE has been changed in various ways in response to comments and suggestions from last year's students. You have the same opportunity to express your thoughts about the course. Please e-mail your questions, comments or suggestions to me at Stern, Paul. I hope you have a very rewarding semester.

"The issue of how I should live my life is not simply a "subject" in school, a narrow technical matter... It's a problem that informs or ought to inform our every waking hour."

---Dr. Stern

Words of Wisdom from UC Class of 2000...

"Enjoy campus life! Go to as many campus events as possible: movies, lectures, magicians and parties! Study abroad. Take a break from Ursinus life and return with a new appreciation for this country and school."

---Amanda Fishwick
The Secret to Success in the Real World: Big Dreams, a Good Dictionary and Dance Lessons

Marc Goldman

Special to the Grizzly

Turned down by ex-Mayor Rendell, Bill Cosby, Rosie O’Donnell and Dick Vermeil, the Bensalem High School graduating class of 2000 was forced to sleep through their school officials droning on through commencement this past June. Well, I had an alternative choice. Me.

Maybe I haven’t saved Philadelphia from the tentacles of bankruptcy, been a TV spy and doctor, worn a Superbowl ring, or hosted the Tony awards. But I have learned a few useful things in 48 years.

My own son graduated this past June from Neshaminy High in Langhorne, PA. Over the last 18 years I gave him more advice than Ann Landers and Dear Abby combined, or so he says. Here is some advice that gave my own son and wish that someone gave me when I graduated high school.

Dream Big

Congratulations are in order for the Bensalem High graduates on their commencement speaker choices. Although they were not available, their choices show that they understand that to achieve great things with your life, you must dream big. To make those big dreams come true you need to set goals, write them down, and keep them close to your heart. The president of Cisco, John Chambers, carries his goals on a badge that he wears to work along with his identification badge. It must work - Cisco is the most valuable company in the world, recently surpassing Microsoft.

Become a millionaire

Every high school graduate can become a millionaire. You don’t have to win the lottery, have rich parents, get a job that pays big bucks, or have Regis say to you: “Is that your final answer?” Instead, starting at age 20 and ending at age 65 just take $2.27 every day (the price of a Big Mac) and invest it in the stock market. Over the 40 years you will invest just a little over $30,000. Yet, due to the magic of compound interest, whichever Albert Einstein called “the most powerful force in the universe,” and this from the guy who came up with E=mc2, your $30,000 will magically be worth $1,000,000,000.

Buy a dictionary

Buy a good dictionary and make it your best friend. Since I graduated high school 31 years ago, college 27 years ago, and law school 24 years ago, the book I use more than any other is my dictionary. It helps me write better by correctly spelling words and finding the precise word to convey my meaning. In preparing this speech I checked my dictionary to spell tentacles. Can you imagine my embarrassment had I substituted an “s” for the “n” and an “i” for the “a”. Even spell check would not have bailed me out from that faux pas. The dictionary keeps you from looking stupid, something we all strive for.

Dance

My son says that guys who can dance “get girls”. Well, I am not talking about getting girls, but getting a life. I am also not talking about dancing physically, but rather metaphorically.

Last year I saw the play “WIT”. The main character is dying of ovarian cancer. She is a John Donne scholar and dissected Donne’s line: “Life, death”. Life, separated from death, by a comma. Our lives hang precariously on nothing more than that comma.

My own comma has wavered more than once. As a young child I almost fell out of an open hotel window 8 stories high. Another time I was drowning in a swimming pool but my father dove in fully dressed and pulled me out before I went under for maybe the last time. And when I was your age and working as a cashier in my parent’s small grocery store, my father saved me once again calmly telling me to open the register and give the money to the robber whose gun was pinching my stomach.

My last comma quivered several years ago. I was crossing Broad Street in Philadelphia on one of those perfect end of summer days with the sun massaging your face, making your mind wander. I didn’t realize that because of construction the four lanes had been cut to two changing the traffic flow pattern. I looked one way and seeing no cars I crossed thinking that traffic was coming in only one direction. Suddenly, I heard screeching brakes and smelled burning rubber and turned to see the almost certain car crash. As I turned, the car screeching to a halt was stopping to avoid hitting me. I reached out and touched its hood, reassuring myself that my comma was still in place.

While you control achieving your goals, becoming a millionaire, or using a dictionary, no one controls their comma. So each new day celebrate your comma by following the advice of the current hit country song sung by Lee Ann Womack: “And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance, Dance... I hope you dance...I hope you dance...I hope you dance...”

Words of Wisdom from UC Class of 2000...

“Be careful who you hook up with. It’s a small school, meaning you’ll be sure to see them again.”

—Stacy Dennery
Politics Major

“Work hard but remember to relax and have fun with the friends that will last a lifetime.”

—Carolyn Schweizer
Biology Major

“Don’t be too quick to judge others; its a small campus and you don’t want to make too many enemies right off the bat. Oh yeah, and always cut open the chicken nuggets before you eat them!”

—Ray Wilt
Biology Major
**Dear Diary,**

**August 23rd**

Dear Diary,

Well, this is it. Tomorrow, I leave for Ursinus. Today was complete chaos in my house. I made four last minute trips to Walmart and two to the grocery store for my mom. My parents threw me a "Farewell and Good Luck" dinner in which my two best friends were invited. Just as we all finished dinner, the doorbell rang. All of my friends were at the door holding balloons and cards to surprise me with their goodbyes.

This is rough being the first one to go. When they left a few hours later I cried like a baby. What am I going to do without them? If only this were my first day of my Junior year and all of my high school friends followed me to college.

I will be honest with you, I am scared to death. I know I won’t be able to sleep tonight. I feel sick to my stomach already. What if I don’t find a group of friends? What if the workload is more than I expected? Do I get a campus job? What is the party scene like? I have so many questions with no answers. I hope tomorrow never comes.

**August 24**

Dear Diary,

My first day at Ursinus is officially over. I woke up and felt fine for the first ten seconds. And then it hit me: today I was leaving home for the first time.

We loaded everything into the cars and I said my goodbye to my best friend. The girl, who NEVER cries, broke down, sobbing uncontrollably.

On the ride up, I tried to finish my assigned summer reading but failed two pages into chapter ten. I still have eleven more chapters to get through before tomorrow!??

When we finally pulled up behind the Quad I saw tons of people who would shortly become my classmates. They were carrying trunks, suitcases, refrigerators and the occasional couch. I didn’t know where you could fit one in these rooms!

I met my roommate and she seems nice. I guess time will tell. This roommate thing will be a huge adjustment for me. I have never had to share my room with anyone. Now I have to live with someone else in what feels like a two-foot by two-foot cell.

Saying goodbye to my parents was much harder than I ever imagined. Don’t get me wrong; I am excited to be here, finally on my own. But I now realize how much I have taken my parents for granted all these years.

Everything from food on the table to clothes on my back was just expected and I am feeling right now: scared, happy, lonely, depressed, and excited. I am not so sure about this college thing.

**August 27**

Dear Diary,

I apologize for not writing the past few days. I have been so busy with all of this Orientation stuff that by the time I get back into my room I am exhausted. I am out before my head even hits the pillow. Overall, Orientation has been great. I have met so many people in the past few days that I don’t know how I am going to remember all their names!

I met a nice group of people that I know will be my friends. After the second day, I thought for sure I wouldn’t meet anyone. But, as soon as I met Linda, Joan, Nick, Julie, Jim, Tom, and Stephanie, I knew I had found my friends.

The upperclassmen arrived today. I’ll admit that I am a little intimidated. I feel like I am wearing a sign that says: “LOOK – I am a stupid, gullible FRESHMAN.” Classes start tomorrow, so that should be interesting. What is that going to be like? I have Bio 111 bright and early at 8 a.m. I can’t wait. Even though parts of college will be rough, other parts will be a BLAST! I think I am going to like it here.

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**Commuters are Students Too!!!**

**Danica Godri**

**Staff Writer**

While there are only a small number of students not residing on campus, those freshmen that decide to commute to Ursinus may find it harder to meet new people and fit into the Ursinus community.

However, Ursinus’ New Student Orientation Program allows commuters to feel just as much a part of the UC community as the resident students do. In addition to the usual orientation activities, commuters have their own “getting to know you” session. On the back lawn of BWC, freshmen commuters became acquainted with each other and hear from others about commuting life.

As a part of the Orientation Program, the commuters spoke about the free time they would have between classes during the semester. Commuters can take a break or study just about anywhere that a resident student would, such as in Wismer Lower Lounge, on a bench outside, in the library, or a friend’s room. But they also have their own “Commuter Lounge” located in the basement of Bomberger Hall. Here you will find many chairs, couches and tables used for studying or chatting with others.

“It is a great place to hang out between classes and either study or meet new people,” junior Alan Silverstein, president of the Organization of Commuting Students (OCS) said. There are lockers available for the storage of personal belongings, provided that you bring your own lock. There is also a separate kitchen area available for storing cold lunches brought from home or for heating up meals. Other amenities include a bathroom, apay phone, an “on campus” phone and vending machines. The lounge remains open until 11 on weeknights and 9 p.m. on weekends.

OCS conducts many activities through the year, including several fundraisers, such as a toy drive, a trip, and a banquet at the end of each year. Last year, the students traveled to Washington, D.C. for their trip.

“Most commuters do not participate in campus life, so there is the lounge and the club activities to keep them involved,” Silverstein said.

Freshman commuter Dana Mazzenga, however, knows she will participate in campus life. “I don’t think I will have any trouble getting involved at Ursinus, since I plan to join many activities on campus.” Although most commuters either bring a lunch from home or buy lunch at one of the many places in Collegeville, meal plans are available for students who wish to eat in Wismer and at Zack’s. Meal plans in Wismer range from 10 – 50 meals a semester, and, as much as $300 of Zack Power can be purchased per semester at a discounted rate. The Dining Services Office, located in Wismer Center, is available for more information or to set up a meal plan.

The commuters may not live on campus, but they have as many opportunities to involve themselves with campus life as a resident student does.

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Finding a New Home at UC

Shannon Kissel  
Staff Writer

August of 1997 was perhaps the most exciting, and frightening, time of my life. I was about to take on a very important challenge, college. I was scared because I was leaving behind my parents, friends and my boyfriend of two years. They were the people who had done so much for me in the past and been my crutch when I was down. I was not sure if I could survive nine months at school without them. I remember arriving at Ursinus in late August on a hot Wednesday afternoon. I dragged my life up the stairs to the third floor of Paisley. My room seemed so small and I was not sure how I would fit everything I had brought. What I remember most about that day was saying goodbye to my parents. My twin sister, Meghann, and I asked them to leave right after we got settled so that we would not be crying when we had to go to our first hall meeting. I hugged my parents extra hard that day, knowing I might not get to do that for a long time. I stared out the window for a long time after they drove off. The next few weeks were real hard for Meg and I. We called home at least three times a day, crying, wondering just when it was going to get better. I can remember my mom telling me that I needed to be patient and make some friends. Meg and I locked out in a way not all freshmen do. We had a great RA that really cared about how we were adjusting. She would come by our room a few times each day so we could talk or cry or let out whatever emotions we were feeling. She to this day has stayed one of my best friends. She really had an incredibly positive impact on my freshman year. My advice to freshman is, if you have the opportunity to become friends with your RA, do it. Don’t be afraid to ask for their help when you need it and have no one else to talk to. Also, make friends with others on your hall. Again, some of my best friends three years later are girls that were on our hall freshman year. Soon after my parents had gone and our first hall meeting was complete, the orientation events began. I went to most of the events, skipping out only on the random “get to know one another” games. That was something I regret about my orientation program. I remember looking out my dorm room window seeing all these happy faces and wondering how they had all become friends so fast. I remember wondering, “when was I going to start smiling?” I wanted to go down and meet my classmates but I couldn’t get up the courage. I wish to this day I had participated in the games at Orientation; it may have made my first few weeks a lot whole easier. The community service project is one event that sticks out in my mind most as I think back to the start of my collegiate career. We were on our way to Cobbs Creek and, instead of talking to my classmates like everyone else, I sat hiding my face against the window with tears streaming down. I wanted to stop crying but I couldn’t. Two of the Orientation Assistants came over to Meg and I and sat to talk with us. They explained to us that they too, once went through the same thing, that we were not the only ones who were lonely. Even though we showed it outright, there were many other freshmen that were just as scared and homesick as we were. That day, I decided I wanted to become an Orientation Assistant in the future, while at the same time realizing just how friendly the student body at Ursinus really is. As the school year started, I found myself so busy with work that I had much less time for being homesick and upset. However, I still felt as though I was never really going to gain a lot of friends. Then came the Friday night my RA came back from a party, knocked on our door and dragged us out with her. We soon learned that the key to having fun and making friends was taking the initiative, going out and meeting new people. The hard part is finding the courage. That is one of the great things about Ursinus. It doesn’t matter who you are or where you come from, you can go to practically any party and hang out with whomever you wish. Most of all, I love that I can walk down the brick path or into the cafeteria and almost everyone I walk by will pass with a smile. Over the past three years, Ursinus has come to be my home away from home. I have gained incredible friendships and experiences here. Going into freshman year, I would have never thought that I would be so lucky and that all those tears and worries would quickly be far in the past. My best advice for this year’s freshman class: go out, meet people and ask questions. College is your new home; a place where you can be who you want, experience a whole new side of life, while taking care to be smart and safe while doing it. And most of all, remember you are not the only one scared and homesick out there. Find others who are in your position and attach yourself. That person may end up being your best friend for the next four years.

Food for Thought: Eating Right at Wismer

John Grebe
Staff Writer

Chances are in addition to your concerns about classes, you are also concerned about the food here at Ursinus. You may have heard negative things about the Wismer dining hall, long lines, food shortages or lack of variety, to name a common few. But fear not! It is not as bad as many people may tell you it is. In my opinion, many people feel that they need to complain about something and the food at schools often ends up being the popular target. It is true that everything in Wismer is not perfect but the best thing is the variety. As long as you are not a fussy eater you should have no problem. If you find that something is not to your taste, do not feel that you have to eat it and get up and get something else.

If you are unable to find anything on the meal’s main menu, there are always other things to eat. You can always make yourself a salad or sandwich at the bar in the middle of the dining area. If that does not suit you, it is possible to pick up pizza or some type of pasta at lunch and dinner. If all else fails there is always the barrels of cereal are always a last resort. When you are finished with your main course you can pick up some fruit, ice cream or stop by the dessert table, which offers a very nice variety. The most helpful advice that I can give is not to just get in the first line when you enter without seeing what is there first. If you have the time, I recommend walking around and seeing what they have before you get your food so you do not miss popular favorites such as wings and tacos. Chances are your concern will soon change from finding food that you like to making sure you do not gain too much weight. If you do not want to gain, I suggest eating in moderation and not having a large desert with every meal. If you are in a hurry and do not have time for a sit down meal at Wismer, there is always Zack’s Grill, an alternative fast food style dining hall with the option of the meal becoming take-out. However, the cash equivalency often limits what you can get without paying extra with either Zack Power or cash. Lunch is easier to fit into the cash equivalency than dinner, so unless you eat dinner late, I recommend going to dinner at Wismer instead of Zack’s. The other problem with Zack’s is that it gets very crowded at lunchtime. In general Zack’s is a nice alternative to Wismer without going off campus or worrying about the price.

What Is Your Opinion???
What do you think of food at UC? Let us know at grizzly@ursinus.edu and see your comments in next week's paper.
Getting Involved in UC Clubs, Organizations

Geoffrey Brace
Staff Writer

Welcome to Ursinus College! Now, find something to do.

I came to Ursinus from a massive high school with a successful music program, thinking I would continue my music interests. I never thought I would become involved with so much more. I must admit I did not go to any meetings of the various organizations on campus until about October. When I arrived, I was initially not sure if I was at the right place at the right time.

However, these fears quickly dissolved as I was greeted by handshakes and questions, questions that were asked by people who wanted to know me better. In only one year, I went from being a general member to being part of the local and state chapter's executive board. The moral of this story: Go for it! Don't be afraid to get involved. It will make your college experience that much more exciting and memorable.

Here's a simple guide to help you find an activity that's right for you:

1. Identify - Figure out what you like. Are you into sports, current events, politics, writing, art or leadership? Whatever you decide, you can be guaranteed that there is almost always something up your alley.
2. Ask - Question others around about various activities. And don't just ask freshmen. I was glad to meet a couple of sophomores to point me to the Meistersingers. Also, if your interest has a major tied to it, go to the department professors and ask them.
3. Go! - Let's face it. You can't do anything if you don't actually go. So get out there and involve yourself. There is a publication on campus called the "Gazette", which lists all activities, their meeting times and locations. Take a look and then go to the meeting. Also, read your "Bearfacts" e-mails. They have the meeting times and locations for the meetings about 2 days prior and continue publishing until the meeting takes place.

After these three steps, if you still don't have a clue, go to your freshman advisor. My advisor pointed me in a number of helpful directions. Also, talk to your professors. The stuff the tour guides told you about professors actually caring about students' campus involvement wasn't just a selling item. It was the real deal.

Above all, remember you are at a college. In addition to exploring social interests, you are here to explore and identify your academic interests. Take advantage of what's out there and come out to a meeting or two.

Staff Writer
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CIE: One Student's Perspective

John Grebe
Staff Writer

As part of the Ursinus core requirements all freshmen students must take the Common Intellectual Experience, also known as CIE. CIE also serves a transition course from high school to college. CIE is in my opinion a combination of an English and history class with an emphasis on critical thinking on the topics and how it relates to us. The grading is divided into two main parts: participation in the discussions and papers. It is very important to keep up to date with the reading because a large part of your grade will be based on your ability to discuss the reading material. The readings come from a variety of sources, and you will probably enjoy some of them and dislike others. The more you keep up on the readings the more you can contribute to the discussion and the higher your discussion grade will be.

The second part of the grading is the papers. It is very important that you do all of the papers and follow the directions. Compare the topic and the peer review sheet guidelines to make sure your paper follows what your professor is asking for. Also do not forget to explain yourself fully and back it up with examples from the readings. I strongly recommend that you take advantage of the writing center on the third floor of Olin. The writing center is staffed by English majors, who will look over your papers and make suggestions on how you can improve it, including grammar and the structure of your paper. Even if you feel that you are a good writer, I still urge you to use the writing center, the staff knows how the professors evaluate papers. I wish you luck with your studies here at Ursinus, and remember above all else not to fall behind in your studies.

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Final Words of Wisdom from the UC Class of 2000

"Keep an open mind to those around you. The learning experience of College is more than just academics."
---Jeff-Thomas Eberhardt
Business Major

"Make friends with Residence Life because later on you will need there help and they might consider helping if you have already made contact. Watch out for parking tickets. Just because there should be a parking spot that doesn't mean you can park there. Don't steal the big cups from Wismer or they will be taken away.
---Katie Buchert
Biology Major

"Respect those around you. Four years is a long time to hold a grudge. Don't drink too much. Try to go to Wismer breakfast at least three times a week. You'll be surprised at how much more energy you have.
---Carlos Ciruelos
History/Politics Major

"Don't get drunk EVERY weekend, there are other things to do. Use your AFAC money every semester, you already paid for it so you might as well use it. This is college; have safe sex."
---Katie Buchert
Biology Major

"Don't make your academics your only focus here. If it snows, go sledding on trays. If it rains, play football in the grass. Support our great sports teams - it's fun and free! Visit the Berman Museum often. If you believe in something, defend it. If something's wrong, work to change it. Apathy begins and ends with you. There are hundreds more things that make Ursinus great...make the most of your time at UC! Good luck to everyone."
---Carlos Ciruelos
History/Politics Major

Remember that you are now an adult. This isn't high school. Question everything.
---Timothy Weir
English Major

"Keep your mind open to all organizations...whether it be greeks, literary societies, or activities/service groups. Learn to throw a ping pong ball into 16 oz solo cup. One word: condoms. And most importantly, never, ever, ever try to hide a chicken as a pet."
---Corey Krejcik
President, UC Blue Skies
Church on Film: Summer 2000

Jeff Church
A+E Editor

4 Stars (out of 4 stars)

BLOOD SIMPLE **** This release of the 1984 film by Joel and Ethan Coen surpasses the original. The visuals are digitally enhanced, and all the "boring parts have been cut out," as the introduction wittily points out. Blood Simple is the Coen brothers' first film, as they later went on to write, produce, and direct Fargo, one of the best films of the 90's (and on the AFI top 100 list) and The Big Lebowski, an eccentric and bizarre romp through deceit, sex, affairs, and murder.

Blood Simple captures the beautifully drawn, idiosyncratic characters, the witty, colloquial dialogue, and the amazing camerawork of the later two films, but Blood Simple somehow hones the storyline down, makes it tight and simple, surrounding only the four main characters (including Dan Hedaya and Frances McDormand) in one sleepy, northwestern town. The powerful scenes are suspenseful yet humorous in their absurdity. The characters feel realistic—they are imperfect—they make mistakes. By the end of the film, all of the characters have blood on their hands.

SAVING GRACE **** Brenda Blethyn and Craig Ferguson (the boss from the Drew Carey Show) star in this hilarious British comedy. Brenda Blethyn's character inherits an enormous debt after her husband commits suicide. Without any professional skills, armed only with her "mastery of gardening," she helps Ferguson's character cultivate marijuana and find a dealer to sell the drugs to. Saving Grace, like other British comedy imports (The Full Monty), presents characters in desperate situations using situational comedy to lighten their mood, deepen the emotion, and solve their problems. Saving Grace achieves a level of insight into human emotion, desperation, and love without digging into sentimentality. It stays light and witty on the surface dialogue, leaving the audience to infer the problems festering beneath.

3 1/2 Stars (out of 4 stars)

THE CELL ***1/2 "Whoa."—to quote Keanu Reeves from the Wachowski brothers' The Matrix, which shares distinct similarities to The Cell. I say "whoa" because The Cell offers such deeply creative, pensive, and breathtaking approximations of the human mind that fans of The Matrix can only stare in awe.

Where the Wachowskis' film could have explored more about the world of the mind rather than simply firing off endless rounds of ammunition, The Cell begins.

The title itself—"The Cell"—flashes onscreen in the first minute of the film above an immensely open desert, and immediately a contrast is formed. The Cell refers to many things in the film—not simply the cell the murderer imprisons his victims in, but the "cell" of the mind as well, which we find is not a cell at all from the opening credits. Rather, the mind is infinitely vast. It holds the surreal images we all conceive but only artists like Salvador Dali can reproduce.

The Cell also refers to the mind and personality of the murderer under investigation. Jennifer Lopez, a government psychologist, enters the mind of the murderer (Vincent D'Oonoiro) and witnesses the immense pain that was inflicted upon the murderer as a child. The child became imprisoned within this violence and eventually reproduced it himself.

As the machine in The Cell purports to do, the film itself "maps" the human mind. Directed by Tarsem Singh, the most unique and stunning film of the year, The Cell impresses the audience in a race-against-time situation with characters we care about and visuals that astound us.

Tops at the Box Office

1. Mission: Impossible 2 197M
2. Gladiator 182M
3. Perfect Storm 173M
4. X-Men 148M
5. Scary Movie 147M

With Dinosaur, What Lies Beneath, Big Momma's House, The Patriot, Nutty Professor 2, and Chicken Run breaking the 100M-mark

Unfortunately, the film was not among the very best of the summer due to shoddy effects (the Coliseum was done poorly) and a weak villain. Joaquin Phoenix played his part well, but the screenplay portrayed him as a jealous brat in a powerful position. An epic hero deserves an epic villain—anything less and the audience is left unfulfilled. The emperor did kill Maximus' wife and child, but that was merely an evil act, easily avenged. If Maximus had to overcome enormous evil (like Laurence Olivier in Spartacus), the film would feel more balanced, more powerful, weightier.

ME, MYSELF & IRENE ****
The Farrelly Brothers' weaker film in a few years, measuring up to There's Something About Mary and Kingpin, yet still
getting lots of laughs, either from Jim Carrey’s tomfoolery or the director’s shock tactics. Moreover, Carrey’s three sons in the film nearly steal the show with their rampant expletives.

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE 2 ***

After complaints of an overly complex first installment of M:I, John Woo gives us a childish simple plot, but a half-hour of some of the most amazing action I’ve seen in film.

NUTTY PROFESSOR 2: THE KLUMPS ***

This was a raucous comedy where the jokes did not take center stage to the action. Murphy was uncanny, playing over roles, often simultaneously, in the film. The comedy was boisterous toilet humor, and the plot was campy, but it slowly formed into a good, fun summer flick.

THE ORIGINAL KING S OF COMEDY ***

Spike Lee directs this documentary of the “Kings of Comedy”—Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley, Cedric the Entertainer, Bernie Mac. Really, this film was a taping of a single standup show delivered before 50,000 people in a Charlotte stadium. The film offers hilarious joke after joke, but sometimes I wished we could be privy to more of the back stage scenes that Lee presented us.

SCARY MOVIE ***

I almost feel bad admitting I laughed often at this movie. Most of the laughs come from the utter grotesque, shocking images that the directors push in your face. Director Wayans pushes what may be uncomfortable to many people and offers us a bizarre situation, with laughter as the only defense mechanism to get out. Some ingenious comedy, but the comedy only plays for its own sake—the screenplay was written in the form of a string of gags, much like a SNL episode.

SHAFT ***

Samuel L. Jackson plays a role seemingly made for him, even though Shaft is a remake of the early 70’s blaxploitation film starring Richard Roundtree (who plays a minor role in this version). Surprisingly, Shaft contains relatively little sexuality compared to its 70’s counterpart—the 90’s version decides to remain with close-quarter action scenes and power relationships between the good guys and the bad guys, but also amongst themselves.

X-MEN ***

X-Men is another film in which the action and special effects are really the only things that matter. Some of the best eye candy of the summer, X-Men imagines that humans evolve into a superior race with super powers. These super powers carry the film—that, and supposing what the filmmakers have in store for the sequel.

SHANGHAI NOON **1/2

An entertaining summer action film, Shanghai Noon stars Owen Wilson and Jackie Chan, who sacrifices great action sequences in favor of trying out comedy. Chan still has some impressive moves, but he should really stick to action.

GONE IN SIXTY SECONDS **

An innocuous car theft movie directed by Domenic Senna, Gone in Sixty Seconds gets two stars from me not from the car chases (which were pedestrian) or Nick Cage’s acting (no Leaving Las Vegas), but for that beautiful Ford piece of art that careens around town and is pushed to its limit.

PERFECT STORM **

Wolfgang Petersen (Das Boot, Air Force One) gives us great, edge-of-the-seat special effects, including a ship traversing a hundred-foot tall wave. Unfortunately, the story is so overshadowed by the good special effects, that eventually, we just don’t care about the people—I’ll have to call it the Jurassic Park syndrome.

THE REPLACEMENTS **

Keanu is at it again! With his dull stare and monotone voice, Reeves tries to be the leader and the hero, the voice for second-rate individuals everywhere. The film itself is chock full of really bad acting. Gene Hackman snoozes his way through, while the team dances to “I Will Survive” which tries too hard to be poignant for the replacement players’ situations. The actors and the screenplay cannot fit the demand.

SPACE COWBOYS **

Writer / Director Clint Eastwood and Tommy Lee Jones embrace their old age in a light-hearted and funny first act—they compete against astronauts half their age. The second act falls flat, however. It doesn’t even seem to be part of the same movie; there is a drastic tone change between the two acts—where the first act is funny and ironic, the second becomes increasingly serious and dramatic. The audience is not ready for such a change and is consequently kept at an arm’s length from the catharsis at the end of the film.

TITAN A.E. **

Don Bluth’s not-so-triumphant return to animation, Titan A.E. contains some intriguing moments, but overall lies shallow. There really are no original ideas here—it is basically a piece of art that became visible before our eyes, Titan Man digresses into—in short—a horror flick. It might as well have been Jason or Freddy invisible—it didn’t matter. Producers of summer movies think that the American audience is so easily frightened and amused by insipid and hackneyed screenplays? Why not—do something creative with invisibility, since it is fascinating in itself?! I guess they had a better idea—“what works once will work over and over again.”

THE PATRIOT 1/2

Here, Roland Emmerich takes a break from Independence Day-type sensationalized violence and sentimentality and goes for the good ol’ red, white, and blue. Mel Gibson dashes, slashes, kills and rallies an army with the American flag, convinces his mute daughter that he’s not all that bad, weeps over the death of his son, weeps over the death of his other son, weeps over the death of his daughter-in-law, fires muskets, and—almost FOUR HOURS LATER—wins the American Revolution!!! Wait—maybe Emmerich does not stray too far from Independence Day…he tries to stuff every cliché ever made into four hours of ACTION-PACKED ENTERTAINMENT. However, former UC student Tom Howard DOES make a cameo as a drummer boy. Sorry, Tom, you couldn’t save the movie.

BATTLEFIELD EARTH *

An atrocity film that I really cannot figure out at certain points, it is so inconsistent that the film borders on incoherence and unwatchability. John Travolta, the head of the baddies, tells the head of the humans to mine some gold for him. The head of the humans goes to Fort Knox, takes the GOLD BARS, and gives them to Travolta. He doesn’t suspect a thing! We kill all the baddies due to the absolute incompetence of the screenwriters. I think.

GODZILLA 2000 *

I gave this one one star simply because the filmmakers went back to 60’s special effects and stuck a guy in a rubber Godzilla suit. Also, the final line is so ludicrous that it is so memorable. I won’t give the last line away, but—wow—what were these guys thinking? It is so difficult to tell sometimes if the writers / directors are going for irony or seriousness. All I know is there will be plenty more Godzilla movies where that came from.

THE ART OF WAR 1/2

And the worst movie of the summer award goes to…The Art of War. This film offers absolutely nothing as far as originality, creativity, or even entertainment goes. It is simply painful to watch. 15 minutes into the film, we began audibly making fun of the movie (sorry to whoever was in that showing), poking fun at such varied topics as Wesley Snipes’ stunning acting, the interchangeable U.N. and U.S., and the plot twist that comes out of nowhere and is extremely anti-climactic. Sure, J.Tu, the author of The Art of War, even though he can’t speak English and would be stunned by moving images, is STILL rolling in his grave.
UC Student to Appear on Jeopardy!

Genevieve Romeo, Junior English Major, will vie for $50,000 and a brand new Volvo in this year's Jeopardy college tournament.

Romeo was selected for Jeopardy out of a group of 140 Philadelphia-area college students and hundreds of others nationwide.

The tryouts began with a fifty-question general trivia test. Those who scored well on the written test competed in Jeopardy mock games in order to familiarize the students with the game setup.

"A lot of people seemed nervous," Romeo commented, "but I wasn't...I figured, if I get on [Jeopardy], I get on; if I don't, I don't--this won't change my life." Only 15 were chosen nationwide to compete in the Jeopardy college championship.

The tournament will be filmed in Seattle on the weekend of September 15th. The 15 competitors will be split into groups of three in normal Jeopardy game style. The winners of each of these games will advance to the semifinals, along with the four highest scorers advancing as wildcards. The winners of the semifinals will compete in a two-game final, and the player with the highest cumulative score of both days wins the $50,000 prize.

Quarterfinal contestants each receive $2500, semifinal contestants receive $5000, and the second and third place finishers win $15,000 and $10,000, respectively. Additionally, Jeopardy matches the winnings of the top three finishers in the form of a scholarship donated to the winners' colleges.

What does Genevieve think her chances are? "It depends on the categories...If there are questions about Romantic poetry or pro wrestling I'll do great."

Romeo is the first student to represent Ursinus College in the Jeopardy college championship. Although she is thrilled about getting on this prestigious trivia show, she is trying to keep it low key. "I'm trying not to be too excited, because if I get too worked up, my brain won't function."

The Buzz

Padraic Maroney
Special to the Grizzly

I Know What They're Doing Next Summer

Despite the mixed reviews of the sequel, the horror movie "I Know What You Did Last Summer" will spawn a second sequel. This time, however, we will not get to see a hook-wielding fisherman chasing a voluptuous Jennifer Love Hewitt. Columbia Pictures has said that the latest installment will feature a brand-new cast of characters and will be set in the wilderness. Jennifer Love Hewitt and Brandy have signed on for another sequel, so a cameo role for both is possible.

Hunchback of Your Life

Jennifer Love Hewitt may not be chased this summer, but she does have another sequel in the works. She is going to contribute her voice, along with those of Demi Moore, Kevin Kline, Haley Joel Osment, and Jason Alexander in a sequel to "The Hunchback of Notre Dame". Hewitt will voice the role of the love interest of Quasimodo, the famed Hunchback from the original film.

Behind-the-Scenes Entertainment News

La Femme de WB

Fans of "La Femme Nikita" may rest easy now that the show is in talks with a major network to be saved and moved.

"Dawson's Creek" meets "The Real World"

Danny from "Real World: New Orleans" is going to appear on "Dawson's Creek". His character is going to help bring upon the exit of Andie (Meredith Monroe), who will be admitted into college early.

Morissette sponging her life

Alanis Morissette is at work on her next album. The album will chronicle her life over the past few years. No date has been set, but the it should be out early next year.

La Femme Maroney is a student at Bucks County Community College. He writes this column for the Bucks County Courier Times.
Left: The Football squad takes time out to help out some future gridiron stars.

Below: Cheerleaders work out a routine for the upcoming season.
Field Hockey Team Set for Breakout Season

Lauren Cyrsy
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The UC field hockey team is looking to remake a name for itself in both league and non-league play this season through strong leadership and contributions from freshmen.

"I see us surprising some teams this year in both league and non-league play," head coach Laura Moliken said.

Along with solid defense stemming from the goalkeepers, UC should show great improvement on the field from last year. Returning seniors Katy Briner, Diane Johnson, Susie Rhodes and Heidi Russo anchor the team and provide much-needed leadership.

The team is looking to improve on its 3-14 overall record of a year before.

---Head Coach Laura Moliken

UC Field Hockey
2000 Roster

Seniors -
Katy Briner
Dianne Johnson
Heidi Rhodes
Susie Russo

Juniors -
Lindsey Glah
Julie Lowell
Tara Lucas
Liz Umbro
Allison Vasta

Sophomores -
Sandra Fetterman
Morgan Harris
Krista Marino
Nicole Monatetti
Amy Transue

Freshmen -
JoAnne Barbieri
Stephanie Grady
Jackie Kram
Megan McCormick
Amy Midgley
Jessa Shellaway
Catie Welsh
Amanda Young

UC FIELD HOCKEY
2000 SCHEDULE

Sat., 9/2 TEMPLE 1p.m.
Sun., 9/3 at Monmouth 12p.m.
Wed., 9/6 LASALLE 3:30p.m.
Sat., 9/9 at Lafayette 12p.m.
Fri., 9/15 at Georgetown 4p.m.
Sat., 9/16 Catholic (at Georgetown) 1p.m.
Wed., 9/20 at Lehigh* 4p.m.
Sat., 9/23 WEST CHESTER 1p.m.
Wed., 9/27 BUCKNELL* 4:30p.m.
Sat., 9/30 FAIRFIELD* 2p.m.
Sun., 10/1 at Drexel# 7p.m.
Sat. 10/7 DAVIDSON (Homecoming) 2p.m.
Sun., 10/8 VIRGINIA* 12p.m.
Sat., 10/14 at Holy Cross* 1p.m.
Sun., 10/15 at Albany 1p.m.
Sun., 10/22 at St. Joseph's 11p.m.
Wed., 10/25 RIDER 3p.m.
Sat., 10/28 COLGATE* 1p.m.

* Patriot League Game
# at St. Joseph's
~ at Villanova
Football Program Looks to Build on Success

Joseph Botillo
Special to the Grizzly

The 2000 football season kicks off the season with leftover feelings of unfinished business. Their hope of winning the Centennial Conference was left unfulfilled despite a 9-1 regular season record. The Bears started their presence into the 2000 season with 17 of 22 starters returning. Although, the presence of such players as graduates Anthony Ciarello and Michael Vecchio will be missed, the Bears have many juniors and sophomores ready and eager to fill the shoes of those bears that have left. The returning offensive line led by senior captain Mike Kochler, performs both on and off the field. The high powered offense is led by senior captain and quarterback Frank Vecchio who is also a role model for all incoming freshmen.

The defense is led by junior captain Paul Graham and senior captain Kevin Wilson whose ferocity on the field sets the tone at practices as well as games.

The Bears are taking a lot of experience into the 2000 season. With Helfferich Hall still undergoing renovations. Despite their lack of locker rooms and having to lug their equipment back and forth to practice, the Bears training camp went off without a hitch.

The Bears managed to put on a good show during a scrimmage against Susquehanna this past Saturday. The team looked sharp finishing the game in a 21-21 tie. The scrimmage was a good indicator for what work needs to be accomplished to have a repeat of last season.

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The Bears open up the 2000 season Sept. 9 at home against Lebanon Valley. They look to begin the season with a lot of intensity as they hope to capture the Centennial Conference Championship and second consecutive playoff birth. While a lot has been said about the Bears, perhaps the quote which best defines the 2000 season comes from sophomore corner Eddie Lee: "There isn't much to say. Just come watch." Go Bears!

Player's Quote

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---Joe Petsko

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UC FOOTBALL
2000 SCHEDULE

Sat., 9/9 LEBANON VALLEY 1 p.m.
Sat., 9/16 at Franklin and Marshall 1 p.m.
Sat., 9/23 WESTERN MARYLAND 1 p.m.
Sat., 9/30 at Swarthmore 1:30 p.m.
Sat., 10/7 JOHNS HOPKINS 1 p.m.
Sat., 10/14 at Gettysburg 1:30 p.m.
Sat., 10/21 at Wooster 1:30 p.m.
Sat, 10/28 MUHLENBURG 1 p.m.
Sat, 11/4 KEAN 1 p.m.
Sat., 11/11 DICKINSON 1 p.m.

Centennial Conference
Preseason Football Poll

Western Maryland is the prohibitive favorite to make it 4 in a row according to the head football coaches and sports information directors in the Centennial Conference. The Green Terror received 9 of a possible 14 first-place votes for 94 points in the annual pre-season poll. Ursinus, who finished second in the CC with a 6-1 mark, was the second choice with 4 firsts and 76 points. The Bears welcome back 16 starters and 59 lettermen from a squad that was 10-2 overall a year ago and won an NCAA playoff game.

--- Steve Ulrich
Men's Soccer Program On The Rise

Lauren Cyrsy
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Years of experience have UC's head coach of men's soccer, Ed Jackson setting high expectations for his team's upcoming season. "I think this could be their year," he said.

Returning players make a winning season possible, with freshmen adding to the strength of the team. With practice only being held for a little over a week, it's hard to tell what new players will stick it out for the long haul. The team currently has 34 participants and will need to look ahead to future games to test their talents.

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MEN'S SOCCER
1999 Key Stats

Steve Wilkes, 19 Games Played, 4 Goals, 2 Assists, 10 Pts.
John Moline, 18 Games Played, 3 Goals, 1 Assist, 7 Pts.
Christopher Got, 19 Games Played, 2 Goals, 1 Assist, 5 Pts.
Matthew Finnegan, 18 Games Played, 2 Goals, 4 Pts.
Mark Jackson, 18 Games Played, 2 Goals, 4 Pts.
Jonathan Miller, 15 Games Played, 2 Goals, 4 Pts.
Scott Hussey, 14 Games Played, 1 Goal, 1 Assist, 3 Pts.
Christopher Warwick, 15 Games Played, 1 Goal, 2 Pts.
Mark Drinker, 19 Games Played, 1 Assist, 1 Pt.
Jim Kapler, 18 Games Played, 1 Assist, 1 Pt.

Goalkeeping

B.J. Callahan, 10 Games Played, 62 Saves, 2.89 GAA
Tim McDonald, 6 Games Played, 37 Saves, 1.52 GAA
Alan Cohen, 4 Games Played, 25 Saves, 3.75 GAA

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MEN'S SOCCER
2000 SCHEDULE

Sat., 9/2 URSINUS INVITATIONAL
LYCOMING 1p.m.

Sun., 9/3 SUSQUEHANNA 11a.m.
Wed. 9/6 at Wesley 4p.m.
Sat. 9/9 SCRANTON 1p.m.
Wed., 9/13 WIDENER 4p.m.
Sat., 9/16 at Franklin and Marshall 2p.m.
Sat., 9/23 JOHNS HOPKINS 12:30p.m.
Wed., 9/27 SWARTHMORE 4p.m.
Sat., 9/30 at Washington 1p.m.
Wed., 10/4 WEST CHESTER 4p.m.
Sat., 10/7 DELAWARE VALLEY 11a.m.
Thurs., 10/12 at Messiah 7p.m.
Sat., 10/14 DICKINSON 1p.m.
Sat., 10/21 GETTYSBURG 1p.m.
Wed. 10/25 at Haverford 3p.m.
Sat., 10/28 at Western Maryland 1p.m.
Wed., 11/1 at Alvernia 3p.m.
Sat., 11/4 MUIHLENBURG 1p.m.

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Coach's Quote

"I think this could be our year."
---Head Coach
Ed Jackson
Women's Program Looking to Score Big

Megan Restine
Opinions Editor

After a relaxing summer break, the women's soccer team is ready to kick back into action.

Arriving early for pre-season training, the girls are well-prepared and excited for the season to come.

The Lady Bears finished strongly during the 1999 season. This successful year harvested new school records and several shutouts.

Additionally, players Courtney Barth and Kelly Meyer were named to the second team All-Centennial Conference.

Returning as a senior captain, Meyer is very enthusiastic about the year's possibilities.

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Volleyball Team Set to Kill Competition

Meghan Beck
Copy Editor

If asked how the 2000 season looks for the UC women’s volleyball team, Assistant Coach Margaret DiAntonio’s reply will be positive.

“They’re going to be awesome!”

This year’s team is led by senior captains Jody Smith and Nikki DiMascio and consists of four new freshman players as well as returning teammates.

“A great group returned for this year as well as four freshman who each contribute their individual strengths to the team,” Smith said.

Head Coach Lisa Cornish as well as Assistant Coach DiAntonio show the team new drills to help them prepare to become contenders in the Centennial Conference playoffs.

This year’s main goal for the volleyball team is to win a place in the top four spots to qualify for the playoffs this season. The girls are ready to improve last year’s record and are prepared for an exciting fall season.

Coach’s Quote

"They're going to be awesome!"

---Assistant Coach
Margaret DiAntonio

VOLLEYBALL
2000 SCHEDULE

Sat., 9/2 at CNU TBA

Wed., 9/6 WASHINGTON 7p.m.

Tues., 9/12 at Neumann 7p.m.

Thurs., 9/14 IMMACULATA 7p.m.

Sat., 9/16 Lebanon Valley Invitational TBA

Mon., 9/18 at Widener 7p.m.

Wed., 9/20 at Gwynedd-Mercy 7p.m.

Fri., 9/22 Allentown Invitational TBA

Wed., 9/27 FRANKLIN & MARSHALL 7p.m.

Sat., 9/30 Kean & USP played at Cabrini 12p.m.

Mon., 10/2 at Goldey Beacom 7p.m.

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VOLLEYBALL
2000 ROSTER

Seniors
Nicole DiMascio
Jody Smith

Juniors
Becky Chilcoat
Nicole Debus
Katie Shearer
Ati Watanuki
Eboni Woodward

Sophomores
Rebecca Outten

Freshmen
Jen Nolan
Marie DeFeliciantonio
Laura Dougherty
Angela Kotwicki
XC Squad, After False Start, Ready to Run

The sudden departure of the Head Track and Field Coach left the men’s and women’s cross-country team without a coach and, for a time, without a team.

Lauren Cyrsky
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Last Tuesday the fate of the men’s and women’s cross-country team was indefinite. Head Coach John Marshall resigned, leaving the athletic department and the team unsure of where the season would be going. Thankfully, the search for a replacement was successful.

“We just don’t want to take anybody,” Assistant Athletic Director and baseball coach, Brian Thomas said.

After interviews were conducted, a UC alumnus and former cross-country team member was hired to take charge of the team.

Neil Shafer is now a coach where he was once a student and competed on an undefeated team for his career. Hopefully Shafer knows the secret to the success of his former team and can apply that to UC’s program.

Shafer offers years of coaching experience on the middle school, high school, and collegiate levels. He also volunteered his time to UC as an assistant coach after he graduated.

The schedule is indefinite for the cross-country season, yet will be made available as soon as possible.

No Routine Season for Cheerleading Squad

Megan Restine
Opinions Editor

As the fall weather quickly approaches and football practice kicks into gear, you know that this could only mean one thing. That’s right! The cheerleading season is upon us once again!

This year, the Ursinus Cheerleading squad is led by co-captains senior Kelly McGuffin and junior Nicole Gaughan.

“We’re all very excited about the upcoming season. Everyone on the team gets along really well. We’re looking forward to going out and having a great time,” McGuffin stated enthusiastically.

Arriving early for a pre-season camp with coaches from Ameri-Cheer, the girls feel they have a good jump on the year to come.

Well-prepared for an exciting season, this team cannot wait to see everyone come out and help them support the UC Bears Football team.

Cheerleading 2000 Roster

Kelly McGuffin
Nicole Gaughan
Amy Garber
Denise Jaskelewicz
Stephanie Parker
Megan Restine
Jessica Braun
Colleen Boyle

Bridgette Strecker
Katie Sullivan
Tara Spahr
Faith Lockner
Kimi Morello
Arin Carratello
Dawn McGinty
Nicole Masi

The squad practices hard on the track in preparation for fall football. Senior co-captain Kelly McGuffin is excited about the upcoming season.

Player’s Quote

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--- Kelly McGuffin
Co-Captain
Field House Construction Behind Schedule

Today UC looks more like a construction site than the setting for the new sports complex - the Floyd Lewis Baker Field House. With an assortment of dirt piles, random ditches, and a half-erected steel frame, it's hard to imagine where the new indoor track, rock climbing wall, weight rooms, and renovated team rooms will be. Needless to say, construction is suffering from only minor delays.

Two weeks have been lost in constructing the basement to the future field house due to slow delivery of materials, which is beyond contractors' control. Steel for the frame of the field house was delayed three months, affecting the construction of the indoor track facility. Along with the student body, President of UC John Strassburger finds the situation to be "frustrating to everyone."

Sometime in the fall the fitness and dance room additions to Helfferich will start.

The weight room equipment has been temporarily relocated to Ritter Gym.

September 17, 1999 marked the groundbreaking for the construction of the Floyd Lewis Baker Field House, an addition to Helfferich and an expansion of fitness facilities for students and staff. In the spring of 2001 another groundbreaking will take place for the new residence hall, with its completion date not yet known.

UC Grad Brackin Earns Post-Grad Scholarship

Taryn Brackin, a 2000 graduate of Ursinus College, has been awarded one of 15 postgraduate scholarships through the NCAA's Women's Enhancement Program, which was established in 1988 to create better opportunities for women in coaching, athletics administration, officiating and athletics support services.

This year's postgraduate scholarships are being awarded to women who have completed an undergraduate degree and are seeking admission or have been accepted to an NCAA member institution's sports administration program or related program that will assist the applicant in obtaining a career in athletics.

--- Steve Ulrich

This Week in Sports
August 29- September 4

**FOOTBALL**

**FIELD HOCKEY**

No Game Scheduled

Sat., 9/2

TEMPLE 1p.m.

Sun., 9/3

LYCOMING 1p.m.

at Monmouth 12p.m.

Men's Soccer

Sat., 9/2 URSINUS INVITATIONAL

Sun., 9/3

LYCOMING 9a.m.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

TBA

Sat., 9/2

at CNU TBA

Men's Soccer

Sat., 9/2 Ursinus Invitational

Sun., 9/3

SUSQUEHANNA 3p.m.