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Are E-Mail Messages on Ursinus Accounts Private?

Ryan McLeod
Grizzly News

The debate on issues of privacy on the Internet and World Wide Web don't fall far from Ursinus students' ears. With e-mail quickly becoming the dominant form of communication on campus, many students are beginning to wonder if it's also the safest, most secure form as well. Speculations abound as to who has access to the campus e-mail accounts. Could anyone within Computing Services, students or staff, potentially be reading students' mail or sharing it with administration or faculty? An e-mail message must travel a certain path before it reaches its final destination. Once a user clicks 'send,' the message leaves his or her computer and goes to the network mail exchange server. If the recipient is also at the college, it is put into his or her mailbox right on the server, from which the recipient will download it when the mailbox is checked. This server is under the control of Computing Services. When asked if he felt his mailbox was safe, one student replied, "No, I don't really feel secure." Others even believe that the computing services staff regularly read their email. One student, who asked to remain anonymous, claims, "I know they're reading my email; that's why I never send anything important through the school account. I use hotmail instead."

Computing services, however, refutes this claim. Reading a student's email "would be extremely rare," Dr. John King, computing chairperson said. There is a policy to which the college must adhere. According to this policy, "Computing Services reserves the right to police user activity. When they become aware of..."

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Lack of Communication the Culprit in Parking Ticket Woes

Patty Quinn
Grizzly News

There is some confusion among the students, Campus Safety, and Dean Todd McKinney concerning the sudden abundance of tickets administered to the UC community. With an increase in permit fees and no added room to park, some students are up in arms about the tickets they have received.

"It is frustrating when two authoritative figures say contradicting things," junior Corey Harkins said about her futile ticket contesting attempts. In the past two weeks, multiple students have received tickets for the lack of a parking permit decals on their cars. Most students, like Harkins, are saying that they just don't have the 50 dollars in their pocket to pay for the permit. "I had to transfer my money from one bank over to Harleysville," explained Harkins. "Forgetting it was Labor Day, I tried to transfer my funds, but obviously it was closed. I got my ticket that day." Harkins later took her ticket to Campus Safety who sent her to McKinney. "They said he would take care of it, implying it would be waived," she said. Harkins later found out that she had no chance of having that fee waived. Apparently, Harkins, like most students, misunderstood the contesting/ waivers policy. Tony, one of the newest members of Campus Safety, doesn't enjoy giving out tickets. "Most students see us as tyrants and that is not our intention at all," he explained. "We do what we are told to do by the Administration."

"Students are told that if they are not satisfied with their ticket, they can go and see Todd," he said. "That doesn't automatically mean that he is going to or has to waive it. But, if Safety made a mistake with the administering of a particular ticket, Todd will override us and waive the fee. What students must un..."

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Outside News UC Should Know

Local News

Local Candidates Face Off in a Debate

U.S. Rep. Joseph M. Hoefell and Pa. State Sen. Stewart J. Greenleaf met on Sunday for their first debate. The two are running for the 13th Congressional District Seat. Hoefell, the Democratic candidate said that he wants to work on diminishing the national debt. He also expressed his support for changing social security to include prescription coverage for elderly Americans. Greenleaf responded with a plan for Social Security that will allow for only minimal privatization of drug plans. The two candidates will face off three more times before election day. The general election falls on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

World News

Health Officials Predict Bad Flu Season

World health officials are preparing for what many believe will be one of the worst influenza seasons in recent years. Officials feel the world is overdue for an influenza epidemic. Approximately every 30 to 40 years, a new strain of the flu is formed that can be far more deadly than the ordinary flu. An outbreak of this type has not occurred in nearly 32 years. In the last century, a new flu strain has occurred in 1918 when over 20 million people died worldwide.

Weird News

Sheep Rescued From Alpine Rockslide

Three hundred and sixty-two sheep were trapped when a landslide occurred last week in the Alpine Mountains of Switzerland. The woolly creatures were saved on Friday when Swiss Rescue Helicopters came to their aid. The rescue was funded by the Regina service. The sheep were flown across the rock pile and then left to wander off on their own.

Quote of the Week

"Please God let it pour tomorrow. Let it thunder. Please God let it thunder. I just want to sleep."

---Diane Johnson, on her desires for the future weather, in order to get some much-needed rest.

E-mail Privacy on Campus Accounts

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Violations, either through the normal course of duty or by a complaint, it is their responsibility to initiate an investigation."

According to the document, the computing staff must respect user privacy "by seeking permission to examine the content of e-mail and other private files."

However, the document continues that, Computing staff may examine content in instances where user permission cannot be obtained and the content of e-mail may jeopardize the security of systems, safety of users...or in cooperation with law enforcement agencies."

Furthermore, King explains, "There are a few system administrators who have [e-mail] system access, James Shuttlesworth and Rick Bogdan." Therefore, according to him, these are the only two people who could potentially gain access to a user's account.

Generally, students should not be concerned about having their e-mail read, computing services said. Though there are situations in which the computing staff would initiate an investigation, they seldom would go so far as to read a student's mail. According to King, "Last year, a student reported threatening and harassing e-mails to the Dean of Student's Office. Ursinus Computing Services cooperated with the Dean of Students Office to investigate the incident. The thrust of the investigation was to confirm from where and what account the threatening and harassing e-mails originated." The messages from this account were not read.

To learn more about computing rights and services via the web, go to computing.ursinus.edu/ ResponsibleUseOfComputingResources.htm.

Tickets Blamed on Lack of Communication

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McKinney also noted that he is always willing to listen to students if they have a valid objection about their ticket. But, he adds, "The excuse that the time the office is open for permit purchases, 7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., is inconvenient, is not valid."

All students received a mailing from McKinney and Campus Safety outlining explicitly all the rules, regulations, and guidelines regarding parking on Ursinus' campus. They hope that this will cut down on any confusion that has suddenly arisen concerning the privilege of having cars on campus.

Ryan McLeod is a Grizzly News Reporter.
From Chess to Diving: New Clubs To Make Splash at UC

Shannon Kissel
Staff Writer

This year numerous students are attempting to start new clubs on campus. Ursinus’ process of starting a club allows anyone who has an idea to present it to USGA for consideration.

The development of new clubs varies from a chess club to a dive team. Freshmen Matt Miller and Frank Romascavage are interested in starting the chess club. It is for anyone who already knows how to play or for those that are interested in learning. They are currently looking for students to join as well as a faculty advisor.

Freshman Chris Kriegner’s idea is for a UC Dive Team or UCDT. UCDT will make it possible for anyone who is interested in becoming a certified scuba diver to do so.

The club does not stop there. They hope to make trips to dive twice a month. “The dive team is also committed to the scheduling of dive trips easily suited for students’ schedules and budget,” Kriegner said. “This is also a great way to alleviate stress, to gain further knowledge of the sport, as well as the usage of this sport for educational purposes.”

When freshman Brice Shirbach tried to start a ski and snowboard club here on campus, he was informed that a club similar to this already exists, the Outdoors Club. He was also told that there is no current president and that perhaps he could rejuvenate the already existing club. Shirbach says he’s up to the challenge and already has some great plans. “The club includes possible trips to the northeast, and preferably a trip out west. I’d have to see how much money the club receives and what kind of fundraising we could do,” Shirbach said.

“Other organizations do not lose money if new groups start up,” Andy Haines, President of USGA said. “New groups do have the ability to obtain funds through AFAC. This is possible since the process is set up to only allocate approximately ninety percent in the spring. This allows ten percent for the fall semester to handle new groups. With more and more groups forming, and most of them coming for AFAC funds, it is conceivable that the Student Activities Fee could go up ten to fifteen dollars over time.” He also mentioned that within the past three years the fee has increased 35 dollars.

In order to form a new organization, a student must write a constitution for their organization. They also must show that legitimate interest by students on campus exists. A faculty advisor is also necessary for their club.

Once the student has completed this process the constitution is handed over to USGA. They then discuss this club at their meeting and evaluate whether the club would overlap with an already existing club. After it has passed USGA, it moves on to Student Activities and Service Committee where they do the final steps of checking the wording.

942, 944 Main Street Leave Much To Be Desired

Tim Noone
Staff Writer

The 942 and 944 Houses, located on Tenth Avenue and Main Street, are the houses furthest west of campus. 942 houses 13 students with a mixture of Beta Sig brothers along with junior and senior friends who have lived there for years. 944 houses 18 students, mostly from the former ZX fraternity and others that are friends of the former Zetans.

Students living there feel these houses provide excellent location due to their access to many things. The houses are close to campus as well as the ‘Trappe Shopping center where one can fulfill needs from clothing to dinner. “I often take a stroll, late at night, to Clemens Market, attempting to fill my unbearable hunger,” senior Frank Donato stated.

Despite the positive appearance of the outside of the houses, the students living there feel many problems exist with each house. “Maintenance has attempted to improve our living arrangements but they are reactive, not proactive,” senior Brian Skellon, a 942 resident, said.

Skellon is referring to numerous occasions that he says dates back to last year when the residents at 942 were left with no showers after two ceilings caved in. “Only after the ceilings collapsed were the maintenance men here, not making improvements but correcting errors,” Skellon said.

At 944, “We have a great bunch of guys living here and they all take care of one another, making my job much easier than it could be,” 944 Resident Assistant LeeBrodowski said. He claims that the residents clean up after one another and attempt to make the living environment a better place for each student.

Despite the friendly atmosphere at 944 junior Steve Sharkey said, “There is only so much we can do as students.” Sharkey is referring to all of the bumps and bruises the house has after so many years. “We didn’t have a dryer (for clothes) for over a month last year because it was broken and there always seems to be a broken door or window.”

Residents feel that their living environment is less than ideal and would appreciate a more involved role from UC maintenance.

Sophomore Class to Hold Special Election

Sophomores regretting that they did not run for a class office last spring now have a second chance. The positions of social chair and treasurer were not filled in the election last fall, and a special election will be held for these positions.

The position of treasurer includes being in charge of handling the class funds, while the social chair must organize activities and community service projects.

USGA e-mailed the entire sophomore class last week informing them that the positions were available and that anyone interested could run. This time, they received a much better turn-out. As of now, the candidates for social chair are Christopher Bustos, Eli Goldstein and Jessica Rareick, and the candidates for treasurer are Giuseppe GuglielmeUo, Jessica Mannon, Brandy Dell, and Kyle Shonberger.

“We’re really glad that so many people have decided to participate,” Edwin Chacko, President of the Sophomore class said.

USGA is accepting potential candidates until this Wednesday, Sept. 20. If anyone is interested, e-mail either Edwin Chacko, Liza Woltjen, or Megan Restine. USGA encourages all sophomores to vote in this election.

--- Cara Negali, Grizzly News
Ecstasy, GHB Suspected in Death of Johns Hopkins Student

Tom Gutting
Johns Hopkins

(U-Wire) BALTIMORE -- The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in New York City is still investigating the July 22 death of Johns Hopkins University undergraduate Jamie Wiest, 21. According to the New York City Police Department, however, drugs were likely involved.

Wiest, a rising senior and Biomedical Engineering major, collapsed at 6:50 a.m. at Twilo, a club on West 27th Street that was holding an all-night party. Paramedics rushed him to St. Vincent's Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 7:55 a.m.

Ellen Borakove, director of public affairs for the Chief Medical Examiner, said that Dr. Barbara Sampson, who performed the autopsy, is awaiting test results before declaring the cause of death.

"We're still pending," Borakove said. "It can take anywhere from six to eight weeks to get the test results back."

Eyewitnesses told police that they saw Wiest take a drug -- ecstasy, according to some -- shortly before he passed out on the floor of the club, which is a converted warehouse located in Chelsea.

Club owners refused to comment on Wiest's death.

Peter Sullivan, a lawyer for Twilo, disputed the claims that Wiest ingested ecstasy, a drug that can lead to overheating, an increased heart rate and dehydration.

He told the New York Times that Wiest took gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB), a popular form of the "date rape drug."

Results from toxicology, histology (tissue) and neuropathology (brain) tests will determine what drugs were in Wiest's system, Borakove explained.

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Texas A&M Student Arrested: Sent Harassing E-mails to Mother of Slain Girl

Brandy Cree
Texas A&M

(U-Wire) COLLEGE STATION --- A Texas A&M University student was arrested Friday and charged with sending harassing Internet messages.

James Fenner Montier, a junior business administration major, admitted to the University Police Department (UPD) that he sent the messages to a woman via a Web site created as a memorial for her 14-year-old daughter, who died in a 1999 car accident, said Bob Wiatt, director of UPD.

"We contacted [Montier] Friday," Wiatt said. "He admitted doing it, and we arrested him.

Wiatt said the first occurrence was an "obscene" text message sent on Aug. 8. A second message was sent later that day and included a "very horrible" image in addition to a text description of Montier's sexual fantasies, which included the girl's corpse.

"The text that accompanied that [second message] was about the most revolting thing I have ever seen in my life. He was talking about what he was doing with her daughter," Wiatt said.

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Montier could not be reached for comment.

Wiatt said the girl's mother contacted him on Aug. 17 and claimed that the message came from an A&M lab.

Wiatt said the woman's claim was investigated and both messages were traced to the A&M campus. The first was sent from Montier's residence hall room in Hobby Hall, a Northside coeducational residence hall. The second message, sent later that day, was sent from the student worker office in the Student Computing Center (SCC), Wiatt said.

Wiatt said UPD investigators were able to pinpoint Montier because he was logged on to the computer from which the message originated at the time it was sent.

"They have certain privileges to manage the print queues, but those are only granted to their work account," he said.

Wiatt said Montier intended the messages as a prank, but discovered he had sent Internet messages to other people.

"We were able to verify that Montier sent similar messages to a lady in Indiana and England, who also had Web sites for their child who had been killed recently," he said.

Montier sent "similar graphics and text" to the other two mothers, Wiatt said.

Montier has been charged with a Class-B misdemeanor, which could carry a punishment of 180 days in jail and a $2,000 fine.

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Teen's Death Affects U. Penn's Gene Therapy Trials One Year Later

Nadine Spitalnick
University of Pennsylvania

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA -- Jesse Gelsinger thought he could help change the world.
The teenager hoped that by enrolling in a cutting-edge gene therapy study at the University of Pennsylvania, he could end the suffering of people plagued with inherited diseases similar to his own.

However, before researchers could even finish the study, Gelsinger was dead, the field of gene therapy was turned upside down and Penn was the object of intense nationwide scrutiny.

Sunday marked the first anniversary of Gelsinger's death -- the first reported fatality in the 10-year history of clinical gene therapy trials.

While experts in the field have said that the researchers are not directly to blame for the Tucson, Ariz., teen's death, during the past year the University has reviewed and reformed its research protocols, and Penn's Institute for Human Gene Therapy -- where Gelsinger was a patient -- has fallen from its prominent perch atop the field to being restricted to research on animals and cell cultures.

Following Gelsinger's death, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration launched an investigation and suspended all of Penn's clinical gene therapy trials in January and refused to lift the ban in March, after alleging that the IHGT engaged in patterns of negligence. But IHGT director James M. Wilson -- a onetime star who was recruited by top Penn administrators to start the nation's first gene therapy institute in 1993 -- has consistently defended his work and maintained that there was nothing he or his colleagues could have done to prevent Gelsinger's death.

But the negative attention paid to Wilson, the IHGT and Penn administrators, attention that also unleashed extensive debate about the entire area of medical research on humans, was called "an embarrassment" by University President Judith Rodin.

"Penn's reputation is not fundamentally marred by a single incident or a single accident," Rodin insisted.

But, "it's made us realistic about the consequences of our missteps."

Gelsinger suffered from Ornithine Transcarbamylase Deficiency (OTC), a rare inherited liver disorder that inhibits the body's ability to produce enzymes that break down ammonia, a by-product of protein digestion.

He died four days after being infused with a viral vector that would bring functioning genes to his liver.

The potentially corrective genes could have produced the missing enzymes, but instead the infusion initiated a response that officials said ultimately led to organ failure and death.

Penn is no longer manufacturing the vectors -- used to transfer the genes into a subject -- for human research, according to Provost Robert Barchi.

However, he added, "The IHGT is still manufacturing vectors for things that have nothing to do with human research."

According to Stephen Eck, co-director of the cancer gene therapy programs at the IHGT, Penn "didn't want the liability for manufacturing the viruses, now that there are other commercial resources" that can make the vectors instead.

Eck maintained however, that there was no evidence the viruses produced at Penn for DNA packaging was unsafe.

Penn's decision to stop manufacturing its own vectors came along with changes in oversight for its research, and an attitude that the Institute could not sacrifice safety and reputation for a leading position in the field.

"It has given us the opportunity to really examine everything we're doing," Rodin said.

The University has reviewed its policies based on recommendations made by an external review committee, appointed by Rodin to examine the school's human gene therapy research protocols after the ban was placed, and Barchi's special committee of faculty members who are reviewing all of Penn's human subject research.

Rodin said officials plan to expand the monitoring of the Internal Review Board for all of Penn's research interests.

"There's no question that Penn will be the strongest, the tightest, the most reviewed," Rodin said.

Paul Gelsinger, Jesse's father, originally stood by Penn researchers, but when he testified in front of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Public Health in February, he looked back.

"I was fairly naive to have been as trusting as I was" of the Penn researchers.

Sale of Dissertations, Theses Online
Upsets Some Scholars

Remi Bello
Univ. of Texas-Austin

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas -- Graduate dissertation and thesis authors nationwide are denouncing what they call unauthorized commercialization of their scholarship on the Internet.

The controversy arose after hundreds of scholars learned that a commercial Web site called Contendville.com was selling the doctoral dissertations and masters theses of Canadian and American authors, including ones at the University of Texas at Austin, seemingly without their permission.

Established last July, the consumer-oriented Web site advertises the sale of the scholarly papers through an agreement with UMI Dissertations Publishing, a company that has worked with graduate schools nationwide in storing, indexing and selling theses in various forms.

Last June UMI contracted with Contendville.com, making it an advertising and distribution portal in an attempt to expand access to graduate research work. UMI's database has been available through other online providers in the last decade.

"There are a lot of students who are not aware of the fact that UMI has the right to sell dissertations," said Cindy Rosenthal, director of public relations for Contendville.com, adding that students can request that their work be removed from the site.

In response to student discontent, Contendville has placed a statement on its Web site explaining its relationship with UMI.

"I think if they analyze the situation they'll see that they are being treated fairly; it seems as though they were not aware of their commitment when they turned in their dissertations," said William Savage, UMI director. "We are trying to provide as much exposure to dissertation research as we can."

The contract that students sign with UMI to archive and publish their theses and dissertations includes a clause that allows UMI non-exclusive rights to sell their scholastic work, Savage said.

Officials said the confusion may have arisen because students don't read their contracts with UMI before signing them and so are unaware that UMI has legal and commercial rights to their work.

"The teenager hoped that by enrolling in a cutting-edge gene therapy study at the University of Pennsylvania, he could end the suffering of people plagued with diseases similar to his own. Before researchers could even finish the study, however, he was dead."
Family Day Preview: Student Achievement Takes Center Stage

Chris Cocca
Features Editor

Saturday, Sept. 23, is Family Day at Ursinus, an annual event welcoming families of Ursinus students to campus to meet their child's professors and share in the intellectual experience of the college. In preparation for the annual event, students, faculty and staff have worked together with Family Day Co-Chairs senior James C. Tigget, a computer science major from Philadelphia, and junior Erica Henniger, a psychology major from Whiting, N.J., to create a day of enjoyable educational activities.

Student artwork and presentations on academic and personal achievements will once again be featured this year. Parents and families will also have the chance to cheer on Ursinus athletic teams as men's soccer plays Johns Hopkins University, football takes the field with Western Maryland College, and women's field hockey takes on West Chester University.

The Family Day Committee and the Ursinus College Arts and Lectures Committee are co-sponsoring the staging of the play "Max in Hollywood, Baby" by Brat productions at 2 p.m. in the Ritter Center. The play is one of five to be presented at Ursinus that weekend as part of Ursinus' "On the Fringe Festival." The festival, organized by Domenick Scudera, assistant professor of communication arts and theatre, was inspired by the Philadelphia Fringe Festival. First held in 1997, the Philadelphia Fringe Festival encourages the intermingling of the lively and the visual arts, and has become an annual event in Old City Philadelphia.

Other plays featured during Family Day are "Good Country People," by Bloody Someday Productions at 7:30 p.m., and "Neo-Futurist Plays from Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind," which features 30 audience interactive plays in 60 minutes, at 8:30 p.m. All plays will be performed in the Ritter Center.

Other planned activities include a country fair complete with games and music, and a candlelight dinner with entertainment provided by Ursinus College musicians.

Ursinus families arriving in the area on Friday, Sept. 22, also have the opportunity to see two evening "Ursinus On the Fringe" performances in Ritter Center. (See adjacent article for more information about the Ursinus Fringe Festival) At 7:30 p.m. the Pictitious Theatre Company will present "The Happy Organ: An Allegorical Spectacle," directed by Scudera. Woman Next Door Productions will present "Wing Span" at 8:30 p.m. "Wing Span" is written and produced by Arden Kass. All "Ursinus On the Fringe" performances are free and open to the public.

Schedule of Events
Family Day 2000
Saturday, September 23rd

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A Look at Last Year's UC Family Day...
Roving Reporter
"How would you feel if Computing Services was able to read your e-mail?"

"I would be really upset. You should have the same rights using Ursinus mail as you have with mail from the post office."
---Iesha Gonzalez
Junior

"I would be upset because I get a lot of mail that I don't want people reading."
---Heather Nalesnik
Freshman

"I feel that it is a total violation of our privacy. It's like opening someone's postal mail. It's just wrong."
---Mike Travers
Junior

"In certain situations, like cases of harassment, I could understand why the school would need to access our mail, but other than that it's an invasion of privacy."
---Andy Haines
Senior

"I don't really mind; I've got nothing to hide."
---Adam Keagy
Freshman

"I think that is an invasion of privacy. I don't think computing services should have that kind of access to our personal mail."
---Cara Nageli
Sophomore

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Off The Mark

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Henninger and Tigget: Profiles of UC Students Behind-the-Scenes of Family Day 2000

Name: Erica Henninger
Year of Graduation: 2002
Major: Psychology
Minors: Biology and Human Behavioral Development
Accomplishments:
- Member of Psi Chi Honor Society
- Dean's List
Favorite Class: Abnormal Psychology with Dr. Chambliss
Hobbies:
Spending time with friends and family
Best memory at UC:
"Finals freshman year...I think we spent more time laughing than studying."
A few years from now, you'll be:
"In graduate school, hopefully!"
Ten years from now, you'll be:
"Finished with school (finally), working as a psychologist, and starting a family."

Name: James Tigget
Year of Graduation: 2001
Major: Computer Science
Minor: Art
Accomplishments:
- UC Gospel Choir
- Treasurer for S.U.N
- Treasurer for UC Chapel Committee
- Co-Chair for Family Day
- S.U.N. Activity Committee Co-Chair
Favorite Class: Philosophy
Hobbies:
Basketball
Artwork
Photography
Best Memory at UC:
"Too many to recall!"
A few years from now, you'll be:
"Graduating from grad school."
Ten years from now, you'll be:
"Working out of my home with my own computer programming or graphic design company, making good money."

In accordance with the Ursinus College Faculty Handbook, student comments on teaching effectiveness are invited at the time of a faculty member's review for tenure.

Although student letters must be signed to be considered, student names may be withheld, upon request, when their comments are shared with the Promotion and Tenure committee, and the faculty member.

This year, the following members of the faculty are being reviewed for tenure:

Dr. Holly Gaede (Chemistry)
Dr. Anthony Lobo (Biology)
Dr. Linda Thiel (Mathematics)
Dr. Eric Williamson (Chemistry)

Your feedback is strongly encouraged and will assist the committee in their review process.

The most helpful way to provide this feedback is in the form of a letter that includes specific examples to support your comments.

Letters should be sent to Dean Judith T. Levy, Office of the Dean by October 1, 2000.
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Letters to the Editor

I heartily agree with the article that you wrote on page 6, Brian. ("Tuition Rises, Why Not Scholarships?" V.25 I.1)

I find it amazing that institutions of all kinds can justify charging more money for goods & services and give little in return. Unfortunately this problem is not just happening at Ursinus College. This happens all the time in industry today. The value of the stock of the company that I work for has more than doubled over the past five years. Investors and executives are profiting from the increased value of their portfolio. However my salary has barely increased during that same time period. Companies and universities are actually quite the same. Big business! By the way, why does Ursinus College need a fountain on campus? I question the location of the fountain and the cost. It seems to me that the money would be better spent on fixing up the existing campus structures, maybe sometime after Family Day not just right before. Most college campuses do have fountains but many today are being filled in with flowers and concrete. Gee, I wonder why? Please think about writing an article about the new fountain on campus.

—Parent of Current Student

Fun of Living Like a Freshman

Lauren Cyrsky
Co-Editor-in-Chief

It happens every year. A new class arrives and all hell breaks loose. Freshmen, I will guarantee that it will happen to you next year too. Upperclassmen are critical; we get displaced from living accommodations, you're all motivated to do well in classes while we're sick of it (yeah, that'll last...) and you're all faster and more agile on the track and on the field than us, the old guys. Don't worry - you'll put on those 15 pounds soon enough.

But, I have to say, I'm enjoying this year - so far. I don't want to jinx it. I'm living in a single in the Quad. At first I was really hesitant. "Big mistake," I thought. Who wants a bunch of frosh running around, exploring their newfound freedom, right outside their bedroom door? After a summer of working at a camp with 300 kids from six to 15 years of age, I thought I was ready for anything.

So far, there has been NOTHING. I mean, nothing. Maybe it's my location (across from the bathroom and next to the stairwell) or the fact that I'm an "upperclassman" and obviously just sooo intimidating, but I rarely get anything more than a smile.

"It's almost like reliving that first year of college. Staying up late, talking and smoking, playing ball sports in the narrow hallways, mudsliding on concrete, and all the guy-girl connections are what makes being a freshman fun."

peek in my always open door (the air circulation in there SUCKS), and an occasional "hi" from people passing by. My music can't be that bad...

Ok, ok... there are the occasional weekend mishaps - I'm convinced that's how my dry erase marker got stolen off my door. Nobody sober does that. That's just a minor thing, anyway. No one's made too much of a mess in the bathroom. Thanks girls. And I guess every freshman on my floor has late classes or doesn't shower beforehand, but I never have trouble getting a shower in the morning! That just makes my day. It's all the small things...

Plus, I have no clue who lives next door to me, so I play whatever music I want as loud as I want. Everyone else seems to do the same. My floor only vibrates every once in a while. I can deal, though. It's usually Billy Joel, DMB or Phish. Keep it up whoever lives under me in Paisley 1. I think most importantly though, is that I'm realizing that I'm glad to be living where I am afterall. It's almost like reliving that first year of college. Staying up late, talking and smoking outside on Paisley Beach, playing ball sports in the narrow hallways, mudsliding on concrete, and all the guy-girl connections are what makes being a freshman fun. Coed floors are great, don't you think?

So, now that I sound like a complete parent, I just wanted to say thanks for being such a fun bunch of kids. I hope everyone continues to enjoy Ursinus as much as I have and still do. You're all off to a good start.

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Grizzly Crossfire

How Do Students Stand on Abortion?

Pro-Life

Slavery was justified because without it, the economy would collapse, and the lives of plantation owners would be ruined forever. Ironically, we condemn such an excuse of then... but yet we tolerate today.

Ever since that fateful decision in Roe vs. Wade on Jan. 22, 1973, people throughout the nation have been presented with a new issue: Is abortion right because otherwise it violates a woman's choice as to what she can do with her body, or is it wrong because one is killing someone's life.

One of the greatest arguments for the pro-choice movement is that the government has no right to tell a woman what to do with her body. The truth is, it does. Our Declaration of Independence ascertains that it does: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men..." Some may answer this by saying that the framers would have never imagined abortions to play a role in any part. Some are surprised to learn that court cases dealing with abortions date well back into the 1600s. Because the unborn is a matter of life, the government does in fact have a right to intervene.

Now some may argue that life does not begin at conception, and that all the time before birth is simply human potential. I find some shortcomings with this statement. Going by this, a fetus, for example, born prematurely at seven months is considered to be a living human. However, if another fetus is nine months old, it is not considered life, even though such a child is much more developed and, as a result, is not considered just "human potential" as much as the other? This simply does not make sense.

In Roe vs. Wade, the court, in its majority opinion, ruled that woman's right to choose was based on the 14th Amendment. I have a great difficulty seeing how as I look at the context and purpose of it. The 14th Amendment was written after the Civil War that formally abolished slavery, outlined the punishments and readmission procedures for Confederate States, and the handling of debts.

Now, I do believe that the government has the responsibility to provide for these women so that they can have their children by making adoptions easier for parents, by providing the necessary care needed to preserve the life of the child, and by banning abortions where applicable.

I know that there are stories of women who haven't gotten pregnant. One may have gotten pregnant in high school, for instance. To have this child would mean a heavy financial burden for her parents, boyfriend, and herself. She would have to give up dating, socializing, and extracurricular activities.

Perhaps she would be humiliated, as people around her would talk behind her back when they start to notice. Indeed, having an abortion would rid her of these worries.

It would make her life a lot easier.

But one moment, doesn't this alternative not sound like the situations with which this article begun?

We would sacrifice another's life and liberty to make it easier on ourselves? Let's hope history doesn't repeat itself!

Pro-Choice

For the duration of time that it takes me to type this up, I am pregnant. Usually I'm really safe when it comes to sex and I take all the necessary precautions. I'm not "easy" and I don't "sleep around."

But, then something unpredictable happened. The condom broke. I didn't freak out at first - those sperm have to swim far!

Anyway, I'm pregnant. I have just become a statistic. Do I really want a child at this time in my life?

I'm pro-choice. Life is such a precious thing. My mom would encourage an abortion, based solely on the fact that such a thing would "ruin my future" and cause multiple complications for her as well. I would support giving it up for adoption, but I think that would haunt me more than getting an abortion.

So, I get one. Does my life go back to normal? No. Does my outlook on life change? Yeah, that was probably the most selfish decision I've ever had to make. I screwed up, big time. My life is far from normal now. No one knows about the abortion except me.

Yet, now I am able to continue with all my school-related activities and graduate on time. Torn, accomplishing that much is worth a lot. I think when I do decide to have children, I know it'll be the right time.

Am I encouraging abortion? Hardly. There are certain cases where it is very questionable. Should every crack whore and prostitute that gets pregnant be allowed to abort an unborn child? I don't think so. There is an amount of responsibility that people need to obtain as human beings.

Should rape victims be able to terminate a pregnancy when the conception of the child will be forever etched in her mind? To me, abortion sounds like a reasonable option. Not because of the future of the child, but because of the mother's sanity.

"Abortion is such an emotionally based decision that it's impossible for any one person to tell another individual that it's 'wrong'."

Sometimes we have to pick and chose with peoples' lives. Sort of like a divorce. I don't think parents should stay together just to maintain the image of a stable family because that is what society says is acceptable. It is much more realistic to split up a hostile environment so that bad feelings can dissipate. In a situation like this, the child's future is more important than that of the parents'. Other times, problems can be worked out and benefit both the parents and the child. Sometimes people have to put their lives over another's to help a situation, and vice versa.

My beliefs also stem from a strong background based on freedom of thought. Basically my parents let me believe whatever I feel is right or wrong. In some cases, I'd be off the mark and suffer the consequences. I have learned to learn from my mistakes.

Being pro-life seems to be deeply imbedded in some peoples' minds through brainwashing. I could see where they get their passion for life from. I think anyone who witnesses a newborn baby with his or her proud parents would protest abortion at the time. Yet seeing a drug-addict mother give birth to an unhealthy, drug-dependent child makes me want to cry. Is it fair to bring something to life that is doomed to encounter problems for the rest of its life?

I support abortion, though I wouldn't hesitate to condemn it. It is such an emotionally based decision that it's impossible for any one person to tell an individual that it's "wrong". I respect a person's decision on the matter. In the end, she is the one who's going to have to live with the outcome of the decision that she has made.

"Did you ever stop to think why Norma McCorvey, the Jane Roe in Roe vs. Wade, is now a pro-life advocate?"
Sink or Swim: Students React to Future Fountain

Katie Lambert
Special to the Grizzly

Wouldn’t a fountain with lots of flowing, sparkling water look pretty on our lovely campus? Wouldn’t it attract eyes when walking to classes, sports practices, and parties? Wait a minute...parties? Uh-oh. Parties mean drinking. Drinking means drunkenness. Drunkenness means unruly behavior for about 95% of the people on campus. Would that fountain look good with 95% of the people on campus in it?

Sure, the fountain they are putting in right among BWC, Reimert, Thomas, and Pfahler is going to be visually attractive, calming (nothing beats the sound of running water), and it will without a doubt give off an aura of peacefulness and serenity. However, one must consider the many faults in this new attraction. What about late-night swimming and wading sessions when no authority figures are around, or when a little too much alcohol has flown through a student’s veins? What about when a shindig starts to disperse in one of the main street houses and everyone decides to head over to Reimert for a little post-party partying, or vice-versa? What if students cannot quite make it to the bathroom in one of the suites in Reimert and decide to simply relieve themselves on the way in the brand-new, conveniently located fountain? Does this really sound like such a great idea after all?

Junior Denise Jaskelewicz has mixed feelings about the new attraction on campus. “I think a fountain would look great on campus, but what happens when everyone’s drunk and decides to go for a swim? That can’t be safe. Well, I guess it wouldn’t happen all the time, so I say just put the thing in.”

UC Students: Your Body is a Temple!

Megan Restine
Opinion Editor

Growing up, my mother, a registered nurse, would always tell me that “your body is a temple.” Humoring her, I would always nod with a smile and a giggle thinking that it was silly for my own mother to tell me something that seemed so obvious. Unfortunately, it was not until just recently that I realized the utter importance of her message. I would like to begin by saying that in my writing this, I am not claiming to be perfect. I am not trying to spout some lesson and take a “holier than thou” stance, nor am I trying to pretend that I am free of all sins and flaws. I am, however, going to relate a few observations I have made as of late, which have deeply disturbed me.

In my time at Ursinus College, I have quickly come to the realization that we are free here to do many things that we would not have done under the direct supervision of our parents. Aside from leaving homework until the last minute or having one too many beers, one of the most blatant and noticeable of this is the involvement in many promiscuous and intimate relations...that’s right, sex.

Now, by no means am I trying to claim that all sex is inappropriate. I firmly believe that if two people who are in a committed relationship deeply love and respect one another, sex can be a natural and beautiful thing. The problems I find lie in the numerous random acts of meaningless sex that have come to be entirely too frequent and commonplace among Ursinus students.

It’s no secret that many of the students here attend parties, have a few drinks, meet someone who they find relatively attractive at the moment, and then sleep with them that very same night. For many, this is the first time they have ever seen each other, and for others, they don’t even know (or remember) the other’s name. I find this notion shocking and inconceivable. I really do not understand how people can take part in this. Sex is intended to be a special and treasured occurrence shared between two people who genuinely care about each other and spending the night with a person you have just met and barely know cannot possibly constitute that same ideal.

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Recent studies have shown that women in their teens are much more susceptible to STDs because of the stage of development of their cervixes. Adding fuel to the fire, college females are at a greater risk of developing the human papillomavirus, a very serious disorder that can lead to cervical and vaginal warts, among several other symptoms. Women are also vulnerable to getting pelvic inflammatory disease, which can clog the fallopian tubes and leave a woman unable to have children. Additionally, men and women alike are at risk for HIV, herpes, crabs, chlamydia, pubic lice, gonorrhea, and syphilis.

These are just some of the reasons why the frequent involvement of students in such an abundance of casual sex upsets and disappoints me so much. People are simply not thinking. No one cares what the consequences of their actions might be and they rarely ever stop to acknowledge the fact that these risks exist. I just cannot fathom how people can have such a lack of respect for themselves and others. We need to realize that by doing these things, we are hurting our health, our minds, and our reputations. I know that I am not your mother and that I have absolutely no authority to tell you what to do or who to do it with, but I urge you, at least, to listen to my mother’s words: “Responsibility is the key. Get on the pill and use a condom. And just please, be safe.”
Campaign 2000: National Missile Defense

Brian Berg

One of the most important debates that no one seems to be partaking in during Campaign 2000 is the issue of whether or not the United States should construct a National Missile Defense (NMD) system. With the booming economy, the end of the Cold War, and the overwhelming superiority of the U.S. military, it seems that national security, foreign policy, and the National Missile Defense debate have been pushed to the back burner by both Presidential candidates.

Both George W. Bush and Al Gore are in favor of constructing a National Missile Defense system for the country, but each candidate has his own spin on the issue. George W. Bush and most of his Republican colleagues in the House and Senate support the implementation of a full national and theatre missile defense system while Al Gore only favors a national ballistic missile defense system. The difference is subtle, but basically both candidates have simply blown off the issue in favor of prescription drugs, education, and health care.

But, just because the Presidential candidates aren’t talking about National Missile Defense does not mean that it is not a critical issue for the United States: indeed, it might be the most critical issue in the entire campaign. The construction of a National Missile Defense system could completely destabilize the delicate nuclear balance that has existed since the 1950’s and once again raise the specter of world-wide nuclear annihilation.

It seems to me that neither candidate has put much thought or consideration into this issue and instead have just adopted the same prevailing conventional wisdom and outdated security thinking underlying the idea that has been circulating in Washington D.C. uninterrupted since the 1970’s.

The idea behind National Missile Defense is a rather simple one: construct and deploy a system of advanced radar systems and interceptor missiles that will detect nukes launched at the United States and knock them out of the sky before they have the chance to hit a city or strategic target. While this may sound like a great idea in theory, in practice National Missile Defense is a failed science experiment and a black hole that has been sucking billions of dollars from the pockets of American taxpayers for well over three decades.

According to the United States General Accounting Office’s May 2000 report Status of the National Missile Defense Program, the Pentagon will be spending approximately $36.2 billion dollars developing a missile system that has yet to have any demonstrable progress in the design, development, or testing phases.

The most recent failure for the National Missile Defense system came a few short months ago when, once again, an interceptor missile failed to destroy its target in the third of a series of Pentagon-ordered NMD tests. The second test, held in January 1999, was also a failure as the interceptor missile malfunctioned, this time just moments before impact with the dummy nuclear warhead. The October 1999 test was technically a success, but as the General Accounting Office Reported, “the October test was not designed to rely on actual NMD system elements such as sensors and a battle management, command, and control system to guide the interceptor into relatively close proximity to the target before the kill vehicle located it. Instead, data from test range instruments and the target directed the kill vehicle until it was close enough for the kill vehicle to autonomously locate the target and collide with it.” More simply stated: the test was rigged so that it would be a success.

Technical failures aside, the basic, underlying premise of the National Missile Defense program is rooted in strategic thinking that is grossly outdated and is sending U.S. national security policy spinning in completely the wrong direction. With enough time, it is plausible that scientists and the defense contractors they work for will come up with the machinery and methodology to make the technical aspects of missile defense a reality, but this fact will still not give the system any strategic merit if it is ever deployed.

National Missile Defense is based on the premise that the most plausible and immediate threat to the national security of the United States is a ballistic nuclear missile launch by a so-called “rogue state” such as North Korea, Iran or Iraq. However, this type of thinking reflects a fundamental lack of understanding of the current threats facing the United States in our new post-Cold war security environment. While the rogue state missile launch scenario might be one possible threat to U.S. national security, one must ask with the current peace talks on the Korean peninsula, a new moderate regime in Iran, and strict UN weapons monitoring in Iraq, is it a likely scenario?

In my mind, the answer to this question is a resounding “no” and while we should not ignore the threat that rogue states pose to the United States, we must realize that a nuclear missile launch by any of these nations is a remote possibility at best. It is a much more likely possibility that one of these states would sponsor a terrorist who would leave a suitcase in front of the Capitol building and in a few hours incinerate Washington D.C. These types of suitcase nuclear devices pose a much greater threat than ballistic missiles, yet initiatives keeping them from the hands of terrorists and preventing them from penetrating the borders of the United States do not garner nearly the attention or funding that they deserve.

If the United States is to successfully meet the national security challenges of the coming century we must wake up and realize that National Missile Defense is not the catch-all answer. In order to safeguard the United States from the nuclear bogeyman it is critical that we balance our security strategy on several pillars, including counterterrorism and nuclear non-proliferation and not parade National Missile Defense as the only solution to our security problems. Our security thinking must reflect an accurate assessment of the threats facing the United States rather than the outdated thinking that due to defense contracting dollars has bought a place in our national security strategy. Its time for the Presidential candidates to wake up and realize that National Missile Defense is just as important an issue as any other and should not be blown off in favor of more headline friendly topics: our security depends on it.
Church on Film

Nurse Betty

Renee Zellweger . . . Betty Sizemore
Morgan Freeman . . . Charlie
Chris Rock . . . Wesley
Greg Kinnear . . . George McCord

Directed by . . . Neil LaBute

I don’t think *Nurse Betty* could make
a decision about anything—a constantly
shifting tone, surreal characters who
tend to act all-too-realistically, and a
hazy father-son relationship contribute
to lose the audience. Suspension of
disbelief can go so far (and you need a lot
of it in this film), but eventually a con-
voluted plot and theme suspended me from
the film.

However, *Nurse Betty* would offer
some clear insights, yet these insights
are really appalling if you realize their
implications. Betty Sizemore is a small-
town girl stuck in a loveless marriage,
and she dreams of “making something
better out of her life,” an impression she
received from watching a soap opera
constantly. In the end, “making some-
thing better out of your life” becomes
starring on a disgustingly melodramatic
soap opera—a show that we see people
stare at like zombies. Are there sublimi-
nal messages in the show that turn your
mind to mush, or what?

So—the first conclusion the film of-
ers: a good life consists in perpetuating
an industry devoted solely to sheer gluttonous sensationalism. The second con-
clusion arrives near the end of the film,
where the retiring hitman Charlie tells
Betty that “it isn’t the [1940’s] anymore—
you don’t need anybody.” In the end, we
see Betty jubilant, walking the streets of
Rome, alone. I see this kind of existential
philosophy in many movies recently.

Granted, independence is great—when
someone like Betty relies on her sleazy
husband so much that he takes advantage
of her, and she doesn’t have the will to
fight back—I would say that she needs

RATING: (out of 4 stars) **

The LANTERN

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This Week at UC: Sep 19 - Sep. 26

Tuesday, Sept. 19
11:00 a.m.
Career Services: Job Direct Live/(until 1 p.m.) Wismer Lobby
7:30 p.m.
College Choir, Bomberger Auditorium

Wednesdays, Sept. 20
12:00 p.m.
Common Hour: International Program, Pfahler Auditorium
Common Hour: Post Graduate Workshop, Thomas 323
12:30 pm
Common Hour: Careers: Killer Resumes, Olin 108
7:30 pm
International Film Festival: “All About My Mother,” Olin Auditorium

Thursday, Sept. 21
4:15 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22
7:30 p.m.
Arts: Ursinus On the Fringe: “The Happy Organ: An Allegorical Spectacle” Ritter Center
8:30 p.m.
Arts: Ursinus On the Fringe: “Wing Span” Ritter Center

Saturday, Sept. 23
FAMILY DAY
9:00 a.m.
Registration and Continental Breakfast, Wismer Dining Hall
10:00 a.m.
Student Presentations, Olin Hall
11:30a.m.
Country Fair, Campus Front Lawn
1:30 p.m.
Student Art Show, Olin 104
2:00 p.m.
Children’s Activities, Wismer Lower Lounge

4:00 p.m.
Catholic Mass, Bomberger Auditorium, S.U.N. and A.L.M.A. Reception, Unity House
5:00 p.m.
Buffet Candlelight Dinner, Wismer Dining Room, Protestant Worship Service, Bomberger Auditorium
7:30p.m.
Arts: Ursinus on the Fringe: “Good Country People” Ritter Center
8:30 p.m.
Arts: “Neo-Futurist Plays from Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind” Ritter Center

Sunday, Sept. 24
11:00 a.m.
Ecumenical Service, Bomberger Auditorium
4:00 p.m.
Mass, Bomberger Auditorium
The Barenaked Ladies have returned again writing their humorous lyrics in their new album Maroon. The group, that made its career on nonsense words to keep the rhythm of a song, tries to continue where they left off in 1998 with their last album, Stunt. BNL uses humorous lyrics and an upbeat rhythm in Maroon, but they expanded into serious and somber themes.

BNL kicks off Maroon with “Too Little Too Late” which is a fast beat that makes the listener bounce along in his background. The song itself tells a humorous story about a guy promising his girlfriend that he would try harder to keep them together, or is it too little too late.

BNL continues using this type of swinging rhythm, in “Never Do Anything.” In this track, songwriters Ed Robertson and Steven Page, told about a lazy man claiming that he could do anything he wants, if he felt like it. In the lyrics, you can see the creative way that Robertson and Page work the nonsense lines of the song into the rhythm. For example, in the middle of the song BNL starts off serious, “Don’t write me off as an also ran/Just mark me down as an angry man.” Then the lyrics, work in their nonsense, “Got a big chip, want a fat lip? /How about a mouth full of Chiclets?” Then they go back to telling the story, “Life has passed me by, but it’s not my fault.” Then they get their last little funny line in their with “I’ll lick my wounds, can you pass the salt?”

When BNL branches out from being jokesters to solemn storytellers, Maroon falls apart. Their final song, “Tonight is the Night I Fell Asleep At the Wheel,” is just terrible. The beat of the song reminds you to a circus with its musical ups and downs. The lyrics of the song start out pleasantly, telling about how a guy is driving home to be with someone who is on his mind late at night and falls asleep at the wheel. The lyrics take a quick turn from telling a bubbly story to sing about a chaotic mess. The man crashes, destroys his car and dies, and says, “You were the last thing on my mind.” The lyrics to the song now give me terrible nightmares about clowns and the big top.

The first half of this album is terrific, including BNL’s hit single “Pinch Me” but the last six songs in Maroon are horrible with the worse being the song “Sell, Sell, Sell.”

If you are a true Barenaked Ladies fan then I recommend that you purchase this CD to expand your collection. For everyone else out there, this is just an average album that really is not worth the fifteen dollars.

RATING: (out of 4 stars) **

On "The Fringe" for Family Day

Tisha Callery
Jeff Church
College Comm.
A+E Editor

Five theater companies, all performers at Philadelphia’s Fringe Festival 2000, will bring a gala weekend of theater to the Ursinus College campus on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 22 and 23. The events have been organized by Domenick Scudera, assistant professor of communication arts and theatre, and are part of the college’s Arts & Lectures series. All performances will be presented in Ritter Center and are free and open to the public.

Scudera, a long time advocate of the spirit of the Fringe Festival, stated that “fringe suggests edgy, on the edge. A lot of the plays are modern, controversial, experimental, risky.”

Two performances are scheduled for Friday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. The Fictitious Theatre Company will present "The Happy Organ: An Allegorical Spectacle." Directed by Scudera, "The Happy Organ" is the story of a man’s soul-searching journey for the true meaning of Art told by two crazed "Renaissance men."

Woman Next Door Productions will present "Wing Span" at 8:30 p.m. "Wing Span" is playwright/producer Arden Kass’ multi-media performance based on a multi-disciplinary group of artists’ collective and unpredictable reactions to a classical work of art.

Saturday, Sept. 23 is Family Day at Ursinus, and the Family Day Committee is co-sponsoring a 2 p.m. staging of “Max in Hollywood, Baby” by Brat productions. Suitable for all ages, the play is an adaptation of a book by Maira Kalman.

Max, a dog, is summoned to Hollywood to direct a major motion picture. The result is called a “sugar smackin’, rootin’-tootin’, high-spy, sci-fi, kissy-kissy, melt-in-your-mouth, madcap musical journey.”

On Saturday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m., Bloody Someday Productions will perform “Good Country People.” Freely adapted from a Flannery Connor short story, the play made its theatrical premiere at the Fringe Festival. The three-person Southern gothic drama tells about a one-legged Ph.D., her meddling mother and a traveling Bible salesman.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, at 8:30 p.m., the Quarry Theatre will perform "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind," featuring 30 plays in 60 minutes. Plays will be "ordered by number" and randomly selected from your very own menu. If the 30 plays are not done in 60 minutes, you could be the "official audience member" who will decide whether the show goes on or not.

First held in Philadelphia in 1997, the Philadelphia Fringe Festival encourages the intermingling of the lively and the visual arts. The festival has become an annual event in Old City Philadelphia.

Attest ing to the avant-garde nature of the Fringe festival performances, Scudera commented, "You can see normal plays at any time, anywhere. This is the time to see odd stuff, not in the mainstream, all under one roof."
Film Society Gets 2 Thumbs Up for Movie Buffs

Kate Juliano
Staff Writer

Are you a student who loves movies? What about movies that leave you thinking about the bigger picture? If you answered, “yes” to both of these questions, then the Ursinus College Film Society is probably a good organization for you. The Film Society’s main goal is to show movies that its members feel are interesting as well as beneficial for fellow students to see. They offer a wide variety of diverse films that they hope will attract students to come out and have fun, while learning about different aspects of both history and present-day life from many different angles.

Jeff Church, president of the Film Society, had this to say about the organization’s goals: “The film society members try to choose a plethora of films that are classic, but also accessible.” He also comments that in the past, films like “Dr. Strangelove,” “The Sting,” and even Jackie Chan’s “Rumble In The Bronx” were available for students to see.

As far as plans for the upcoming year go, the Film Society is expecting to show “Goodfellas,” “...and some other early 90’s, late 70’s [movies].”

Currently, the Film Society’s next viewing will be on Tuesday, September 26, in Olin Auditorium. The film is a student documentary about the protests of the World Bank. When asked about the film, Church remarked, “It should be controversial and will spark a lot of debate.”

The Film Society shows a film every other Tuesday. The club’s next showing will be the documentary on September 26. Come out and see what the club is all about!

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The Buzz

Padraic Maroney
Staff Writer

Rosie O’ in Yuletide Mood
Sugar Ray, Jewel, Ricky Martin, Dixie Chicks, Destiny’s Child, Marc Anthony and Jessica Simpson have all agreed to duet with Rosie O’Donnell on her second Christmas album that will be released later this year.

When in Rome...
In one of the most bizarre movie crossovers, Universal is planning to make a “Roman comedy”, that is said to be a cross between “American Pie” and “Gladiator”.

Mandy a Princess?
Mandy Moore has signed on for her first movie role in the movie “The Princess Diaries”. Also starring in the movie is Erik Von Detten (Odd Man Out).

Pumpkin’s Last Stand
After Virgin Records decided not to release the final Smashing Pumpkins albums, consisting of leftover tracks from the “MACHina/Machine of Gods” album. The band gave the 25 copies to selected fans and have decided to put up one track on www.spiff.org everyday.

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Behind-the-Scenes Entertainment News

Lauren Cyrsky
Co-editor-in-Chief

“Darwin Awards celebrate Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution by commen-
rating the remains of those who bettered our gene pool by removing themselves from it.”

Some people are so stupid, there’s even a website devoted to all the moronic things that humans are capable of doing. Sure, everyone makes dumb mistakes once in a while, but now you can find out all the ones that other people have made so you can avoid them.

Check it out. There are people in Gloucester, England who break bones and even come close to dying when they chase seven-pound cheese wheels down the really steep Cooper Hill. The prize for the chivalry they exhibit - they get to keep the cheese they catch. Unfortunately, this story was only awarded an honorable mention status by the Darwin Awards committee. There’s a video to watch if you don’t believe me.

Think that would be odd enough to earn a top honor? This guy in New York nearly decapitated himself when part of the fireworks display he was anticipating to show at a party malfunctioned. He peered down the tube it was to launch out of to find out that it was only delayed. Uh, duh...

But hey, maybe you’ve done something worthy of public ridicule. Feel free to send it into the guys at www.darwinawards.com. I’m sure they wouldn’t mind.

There’s also a section where unique Darwin items can be bought. Have you always envied that guy’s car with the cool fish decal with "Darwin" written inside it? Well, money on over to your computer and look it up (www.darwinawards.com) already. Better yet, enter a story win a t-shirt or sticker. Don’t worry; if your life is just too boring, you can always buy one (a-t-shirt, that is!) Check out www.EvolveFISH.com for a more extensive selection of stickers, decals, pins, and t-shirts to express your true feelings on political, social, and religious issues currently plaguing society today.

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Eve’s Scorpion Side
Rapper, Eve, is currently finishing work on her sophomore album, “Scorpion”. This album is said to be more grown up.

Felicity Banks on Banks
Tyra banks will be joining the cast of “Felicity” as a love interest for Scott Foley’s character Noel, on the upcoming season of the show.

Pdraic Maroney writes this column for the Bucks County Courier Times.
Knight Fired:
"General" Bids Farewell to Hoosier Faithful

Amy Orringer
Indiana University

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON— "The General" had his last stand Wednesday night in front of more than 6,000 people.

Coach Knight bid Indiana goodbye in an emotional speech in Dunn Meadow.

Bob Knight fans and protesters from across the region turned out to hear what he had to say. Knight addressed every­thing from his future plans to the reason for his termination.

"This was an opportunity for coach Knight to address the students and hopefully take care of some of the questions and suspicions of the students," said Zeta Beta Tau President J.J. Flotken, a senior, "and put closure on the situation."

Some audience members went to praise coach Knight, and some went to see him go.

"I came to see my dream come true," freshman Elizabeth Craig said. Craig, a friend of Kent Harvey, supports the university's decision to fire Knight. Some Knight supporters traveled far to see coach Knight speak.

Jack Briggeman came early from Tell City, Ind., to get a position in front. "Bobby Knight is a God ... I wanted to make sure we see him," he said.

Knight, with wife Karen and lawyer Russell Yates, arrived at 6:30 p.m. to a deafening cheer from the crowd. Multi-colored posters with creative catch phrases all had the same basic message: We support our coach.

Knight started his speech by recognizing his wife's efforts to keep him focused on the importance of students to the basketball program.

After coach Knight kissed her, Karen Knight said, "I hope what he just did won't be termed inappropriate physical contact."

After the cheers subsided, Knight started his speech with the crowd's full attention.

"I'm here, talking to you as students in the Year 2000, but what I think I am really doing, is talking to all students who have attended the university since 1971," he said.

Knight elaborated on how the basketball program has been a cooperative effort by many parties, but particularly the students. Current students and the students over the past 29 years made him proud and have stuck with our coach.

"One thing I have always taken pride in, with the student body, is how hard the students had rooted for us," he said.

Knight said he believes the traditional Assembly Hall, one he has "tried to keep free from commercialism" will have to start advertising more to make up for lost contributions to the basketball program.

"You will see a new Assembly Hall, I'm sure," he said. "When you go there this year there will probably be ads in it, for everything from dog biscuits to Pepsi-Cola, I would imagine."

Volleyball Struggles To Dig Out A Win

Diane Johnson
Sports Editor

The volleyball team took fourth place at the Lebanon Valley College Women's Invitational this past weekend. Senior captain Nikki DiMascio was named to the all-tournament team. Saturday DiMascio had 10 kills and 12 digs but the Bears lost 3-0 (13-15, 6-15, 5-15) to King's College. Freshman Laura Dougherty and senior Jody Smith each added 9 assists.

In the second round of the tournament the Bears defeated St. Mary's 3-0 (16-14, 15-8, 15-12). Freshman Marie DiFeliciano had 11 kills and DiMascio added 9 kills and 18 digs. "We played well considering both of our middle hitters (junior Katie Shearer and freshman Jen Nolan) are injured," senior student coach Dana Delledonne said.

In the final round, the Bears suffered a 3-1 loss to host Lebanon Valley. DiMascio played strong for the bears and registered 12 kills and 27 digs. "The third match was a great team effort. Most players were playing different positions but I think everyone compensated and tried to pull it out in the end," Delledonne said.

Monday night the Bears played Widener University. DiMascio registered 12 digs and 12 kills for the Bears, but that was not enough for them to take home the win. The Bears suffered a 3-0 loss in the end.

The Bears are currently 4-5. They will travel to Gwynedd Mercy College on Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Men's Soccer Suffers Upsets Despite Great Effort

Brandy Kline  
Special to the Grizzly

In an exhausting effort on their home field on Wednesday, Sept. 13, UC Men's Soccer fell to Widener University in double overtime with a final score of 3-2.

Just over ten minutes into the game, junior Steve Wilkes gained an assist as he passed the ball to junior Scott Hussey, who scored the first goal for the team. With only 15 minutes left in the game, the duo struck again. This time Hussey handled the assist, and Wilkes finished for the goal.

Sophomore BJ Callaghan held strong in goal with two saves for the day while the offense easily outshot Widener 23-11.

Sophomore Mike Papenberg sums up the defeat with the acceptance that "we had our chances to put them away, but we couldn't finish our opportunities."  Traveling to Lancaster, Pa last Saturday, UC took on the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats.

Fighting to keep control of the ball with impressive passing and individual footwork, the team’s effort finally paid off as Wilkes scored an unassisted goal in the 39th minute.

Despite defensive pressure from sophomore keeper Tim McDonald who had four saves, F & M fought back with two goals in the final 20 minutes to defeat the bears with a final score of 2-1.

Sophomore Jim Kappler called last week’s losses disappointing because “the team chemistry is there, but we just haven’t gotten it together yet.”

Women's Soccer Off to Best Start Ever

Danica Godri  
Staff Writer

Junior Goal Keeper Erin Cantwell had 7 saves for the Bears against Washington College last weekend. Last season, the Bears fell to the Shorewomen 1-0 in the last 5 seconds of regulation time.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, the Ursinus Women’s Soccer team registered their fourth win of the season, improving to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the Centennial Conference. Against Washington College, the Bears won the game 1-0, recording their fourth shutout in the five games this season. The Bears are currently atop the Centennial Conference soccer standings, and have their best starting record in history.

This looks to be an especially promising season, mostly due to the number of skilled players on the team. “This year we have enough talent and depth to maintain control of the game throughout the entire 90 minutes of play,” senior co-captain Molly Walsh stated.

In the game against Washington, Ursinus outshot the Shorewomen 19-15, while Erin Cantwell registered 7 saves for the Bears. Sophomore Courtney Barth scored the Bears’ lone goal in the 73rd minute of play, but the defense prevailed again as yet another shutout was attained.

“The win over Washington meant a lot because we had an unfortunate loss to them last year,” Walsh stated. “We kept composed, played physical, and did not let up.”

The Bears are looking to upset a lot of other soccer teams this season. This Saturday the 23rd, they will travel to Lancaster where they will look for their third Centennial Conference win against Franklin & Marshall (3-2, 0-2).

This Week in Sports

Football

at., 9/23 Western Maryland 1 p.m.

Cross Country

Sat., 9/23 at Messiah Invitational

Field Hockey

Wed., 9/20 at Lehigh 4 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

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

Men's Soccer

Sat., 9/23 Johns Hopkins 12:00 p.m.
Field Hockey Comes Home With First Win

Diane Johnson
Sports Editor

Friday Sept. 15, the Bears traveled to Washington, D.C. to take on the Georgetown Hoyas. The Bears dominated the first half forcing the Hoyas to turn over the ball and lose possession. "Our passes have gotten more accurate. We play a lot better this year than last on turf," senior captain Katy Briner said.

The Bears solid defense held the Hoyas 0-0 in the first half. "We organized our defense from the start and marked up tight in the circle," sophomore defender Amy Transue said. "In the second half we kept our intensity up, but we didn't capitalize after they scored their first goal."

However the Bears couldn't put the ball in the cage and suffered a 3-0 loss to Georgetown.

Saturday the Bears bounced back and beat Catholic University 3-2 in overtime. The Bears intensity and quick passes allowed them to move the ball down the field into their scoring territory. Senior captain Susie Russo scored the Bears first goal on a penalty corner at the end of the first half.

"Going into overtime, our confidence led us to completely dominate on the field."

-Sophomore Nicole Monatesti

In the second half the Bears junior forward, Julie Lowell took the ball down to the circle and put in the second goal for the Bears. But Catholic came back to put two points on the board putting the contest into a 15 minute sudden death overtime.

"Going into overtime, our confidence led us to completely dominate on the field. It felt as if nothing held our offense back," sophomore goalkeeper Nicole Monatesti said. "Everyone on the team did what they had to do." Monatesti had three saves for the day. In the first few minutes, the Bears took over and Russo fired a shot in the circle to win the contest. "It felt great to bring home a "w," Russo said. "We now have to concentrate on our league games in the next few weeks."

The Bears are back in Patriot League action on Wednesday when they travel to Bethlehem to play Lehigh University. The Bears beat Lehigh 3-1 last season. This Saturday, Family Day, the Bears will take on West Chester on their home field at 1 p.m.

UC Athletes of the Week

Heidi Rhodes '01
Field Hockey

Nickname: None
Major/Minor: Psych/Bio
Hometown: Vestal, NY
High School: Vestal High School

Highlight This Past Week: Heidi's solid defense makes her one of the Bears' leading defenders. She had an assist against Catholic last weekend.

Athletic Accomplishments:
• Co-captain
• named to the Patriot League Academic Team

Teammates Say:
Senior Katy Briner: "Heidi is determined and a hard worker. She has a great work ethic and never gives up on the field. I know she's always going to be there to back me up on the field. She plays with a lot of heart."

Activities/Experiences at UC:
• President of Alpha Sigma Nu
• Student Athletic Advisory Committee

Favorite class at Ursinus: Community Psych with Dr. England

After Ursinus, I see myself...
"going to grad school to get a masters in developmental and educational psychology and eventually getting married and having a family."

Kevin Mallon, '01
Football

Nickname: None
Major: ESS/Buisness
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
High School: Germantown Academy

Highlight This Past Week:

Athletic Accomplishments:
Kevin came back this season after suffering from a hand injury his junior year
• CC Defensive Player of the Week

Teammates Say:
Junior Lyle Hemphill: "Kevin is a great role model. He works really hard in the off season. During the week we stick Kevin in a cage. On Saturdays we let him out."

Favorite class at Ursinus: Kinesiology with Tina

After Ursinus I see myself...
"becoming a success in my field and maybe having a family somewhere down the road."

By Diane Johnson, Sports Editor
UC Undiplomatic In 41-7 Drubbing of F+M

Tim Noone
Staff Writer

Sophomore Chris “Snake” Rahill torched the Diplomats of Franklin and Marshall 41-7 on Saturday afternoon at Williamson Field in Lancaster.
Snake, who filled in at quarterback for the injured senior Frank Vecchio, completed 17-25 passes for three touchdowns to guide the Bears to their second win of the season.
Along with his passing touchdowns, Rahill added a rushing touchdown for a stellar day, ultimately being awarded with the Centennial Conference’s Offensive Player of the Week.
“I just tried to go out there and get the job done the best I knew how,” the humble Rahill said. “The support of my teammates and coaches helped me to have confidence in myself. I owe a lot to the line and receivers; they made me look good.”

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---QB Chris Rahill

The Grizzly squad took a huge bite out of the F & M football program this past weekend. They face the Green Terror of Western Maryland this coming Saturday, Family Day, at home starting at 1 p.m. Photo Courtesy of Joe Luskas

The defense was lead by the fabulous freshman Tommy Reilly, and juniors Mark Hineman and Eric Cowie. Reilly had an interception, two sacks, and eight total tackles while dominating the undersized F&M squad. Hineman led the team in tackles with 11 and Cowie added two interceptions to the mix.
Emotional leader senior Pat DeBelle also added two sacks on another solid defensive effort by the Bears.
Fifth year senior linebacker Joe Conte said about Reilly, “He’s got great instinct and he’s got so much heart... he kind of reminds me of a younger Joe Conte.”
It was this instinct and heart that lead Reilly to be awarded with the Centennial Conference Defensive Player of the Week.
Even with all of the standouts on Saturday, all of the players agree it was a team effort and a team win.
Whenever a player goes down there is always someone there to pick them up.
Teamwork is at the heart of the Ursinus Bears Football team and that is what they will need next Saturday.
The Bears go against conference favorite Western Maryland here at Patterson field for Family Day.

Sophomore Chris Rahill

Freshman Tom Reilly

Best of luck to the Bears!