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Student e-mail service altered after spate of abuse

School-wide mailings now off-limits to students; New online Announcement Board touted as alternative

Cara Nageli
Grizzly News Editor

Campus-wide e-mail, which is available to all students, has recently been used for purposes other than those initially intended.

Along with campus-wide e-mail, new accounts became eligible with messages for lost items, searches for rides, and backlash against previous e-mails.

In order to solve the problem of e-mail abuse, Computing Services has eliminated student access e-mail distribution. Instead, a new system, the Ursinus Forums Announcement Board, has been implemented and allows students to get personal messages to the entire campus community.

This new message board is easy and effective to use. Students, faculty and staff can access this system from the Community Tab by logging into UC Online.

The types of messages that will be available through the announcement board will be club and organization announcements, information and announcements about events and activities on campus, lost and found items, ride requests, and a sound-off section in which students can say whatever they feel.

"The opportunity to engage in dialogue with others and to have a free exchange of ideas is, indeed, important, and we will work to ensure that the use of the electronic message board encourages such discussion," John King, Chief Information Officer, said. Students have mixed opinions on the new system.

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National sorority to open UC chapter

Pathe Quinn
Grizzly News Staff

Word around campus is that there are a few national sororities and fraternities in the midst of beginning chapters right here at Ursinus College. One sorority is Sigma Sigma Sigma (otherwise known as Tri Sigma) Tri Sigma will become just another option for girls on this campus.

Along with campus-wide news, personal messages to the entire Ursinus community.

What are the benefits of a national sorority? It means sisters, across the United States believe in the same principles and ideals, while at the same time all being individuals. Even more gather students.

New curriculum to emphasize diversity, fine arts

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Grizzly News Editor

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News in Brief...

Threat of serial bomber creeps closer to Collegeville

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Ursinus students react to court's ruling that Napster must shut down

**Cara Reinert**

**Assistant News Editor**

On Monday Feb. 12, a federal appeals court in San Francisco issued a decision on Napster, the now famous music file-sharing program which millions of people were violating copyright laws.

This landmark decision could pave the way for further internet regulations.

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco affirmed a lower-court decision that Napster must stop.

Many students feel that this decision will help put an end to downloading illegal songs.

"This is a huge victory for Napster," said senior Rebecca Schubert. "This is a major step in the right direction.

"I think it's just a matter of time before we see a change," said sophomore Jonathan Silberman. "We need to start thinking about the future.

"I think it's time for us to move on and start downloading legally," said freshman Elizabeth Delaney. "I think it's a great service and one that we should all be using.

"This is a huge step in the right direction," said sophomore Megan Hopper. "I think it's time for us to move on and start downloading legally."
E-mail abuse has spurred announced board phenomenon; Will it really catch on?

Hazing still prevalent during 'her new member education'

At the same time, unless the college adopts a new code better, it is useless and the hazing problem will remain.

The OBSERVER
By John Grebe

Once again the induction of new members into the fraternities and sororities is going to be done at Ursinus College.

Though the process was formally known as pledging it has now officially taken the name of "New Member Education," due to the fact that the term pledging implies hazing.

As of now it will clearly admit that there are so many open signs of hazing as there were last year (and have found enough proof that it is still occurring regardless of the new anti-hazing policies and the new "New Member Education"

But before I will mention that I recognize that Greek organizations are beneficial to their members and there are developments among level of friendship among them.

However, there have been at least two traditional "pledging" experience and feel that I recognize that Greek organizations are beneficial to their members and that it is obvious not beneficial to people and in my opinion neutralizes most of the benefit.

As of now I have only confirmed that there is at least one Greek organization at Ursinus that does not have new members but this hopefully will be changed with this year's pledges.

At the same time I know for a fact the new policy is not working and that people are still submitting themselves to hazing in order to gain social acceptance within a group.

We cannot and I believe that in general that the people who pledge have somewhat of an idea of what they are getting into but they underestimate the intensity of the process.

I also recognize that once someone is with the pledging team that they will suffer a much heavier social backlash if they quit as compared to a non-pledger.

This year that would take place if they end the pledging period, I realize that the policy is working in a certain extent because there are not the disturbing signs of opening up and public humiliation that went on last year.

Further I have seen that most of the people that chose to pledge but have not gone through the entire process.

Winter has been much calmer this year, which is a drastic improvement compared to the circus that last year became with pledging and doing silly tasks like making love to the ice-cream machine.

However I have personal experience and know that there is no proof to the contrary and the process of the new anti-hazing policy, many of the organizations are simple more rigid and more discrete about it.

These organizations continue to have in secret, but what exactly they do, I don't know.

I have seen that some new members have heard and feel that they would have had some warning of what "pledging" looks like ahead of time so they could prepare themselves to have their hazing.

Now isn't this a snick down on the rational of the anti-hazing policy because it is classified as physical abuse?

In a previous column I also examined some plan separated wooden paddles that were left in the hands of a friend of a friend whose roommate was pledging.

I am not sure if any of these were the paddles that would be decorated and later used in a "smack-down" or not.

What I did want was that there would be a stricter email to the entire campus.

Brian is as simple as not the "adult" but do have your opinion on gun control or as serious as smashing the car windows of people that were involved in "hazing"

At the same time I have observed (and shamefully elementary school anymore and that the real world is not very kind to people that chose to pledge but have not gone through the entire process.

I realize that the pledging activities have also been affecting people that are not directly involved with it.

I have found incidents of dad's pledge brothers that were suffered with something that needs they have in the community and not just the pledging team.

It is one thing to abuse the people that choose to pledge but it is entirely different when pledging starts to affect the entire campus population, such as the case of the laundry rooms being messed up.

Everyone should not have to check to make sure the washer and dryer are free of foreign material that may damage their clothes and then end up waiting longer for the few that have not been messed up. I realize that the pledging problem has existed for years and is not going to go away overnight.

The college is working on the problem and has accomplished visible progress from what I am certain since last year, which I am sure.

At the same time, unless the college enforces the new code immediately the hazing problem will remain.

There is more than enough suspicion to suspect that there is some is no longer very much and I will continue on with time.

Welcome to the board
E-mail abuse has spurred announced board phenomenon; Will it really catch on?

Brian Berg
Grizzly Opinion Editor

In the wake of the latest round of mass e-mail abuse, the College has taken steps to protect all of our anxieties from unwanted, time-wasting, and meaningless electronic mail invasions.

While at first this might seem like a good thing, the fact that supposedly "adult" college students cannot even be trusted with the responsibility to regulate their own electronic mail is a sad commentary on the maturity level of the student body here at Ursinus College.

Although I did not enjoin get a few email messages a day, I can understand why some lost their keys, ID, or sometimes their whole yearbook would make a campus wide plea for help.

I have no idea what the return rate was for these misplaced items but I can tell you that it was better than people did the same for their keys.

At one time or another we have all experienced the frustration of misplacing our keys or wallet is it is only natural to look for help in these types of situations - although amusing I could understand where these people were coming from.

Overall except for a few recent abuses the College has taken steps to regulate the debate on the UCCD website but I don't think that to keep pestering responses to the entire campus.

However, in spite of this, prejudice was ignored and were not the students responsible for the entire campus and there was no bringing up the idea of the UCCD website and urgent students to continue the debate on the UCCD website but I don't think that to keep pestering responses to the entire campus.

The fact that the college had to step in and take such a step is essentially re- voking mass e-mail pre-empted from sending volumes about the current maturity level on a campus where common sense seems to be the exception rather than the rule.

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GRIZZLY CROSSFIRE

SHOULD DRUGS BE LEGALIZED FOR CIVILIAN USE?

Absolutely not a chance

Cherie Abern is a Ursinus freshman and unlicensed major.

The debate over drug legalization in the United States is a complex and controversial issue. Seventy percent of drug users in the country are now under the age of 20, which is the most vulnerable segment of the population.

People who are of the opinion that drug addiction is a disease are convinced that legalizing drugs will lead to a reduction in drug use and addiction, and that this will help solve the severe implications that such a sickness would have on society.

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Living in 21st-century America, the thought of legalizing drugs seems like a common sense approach. However, there are many who believe that legalizing drugs would lead to an increase in drug use and addiction, and that this would further exacerbate the problems we are currently facing.

Faraz Rana

The controversies surrounding Clinton's latest attempts to purchase office space in Campagne Hall Tower should be labeled the title, "Democratic toble." The controversial office space is seen as a symbol of the controversy surrounding Clinton's conduct.

The bottom line is that Clinton was never a member of the Democratic Party. He made it very clear that he was running as a Democrat.

I found Saifuddin's ads to be just another example of the same tactics used by his father, who, despite his many failures, was able to hold onto power for so long.

Also, artists who are injured by their performances are getting much deserved exposure through Napster.

But this is not the time to be�...
Hannibal frightens, fizzes; The Pledge delivers

Jeff Church

Hannibal

Anthony Hopkins ... Hannibal Lecter
Johanna Moore ... Clarice Starling
Ray Liotta ... Toby ipad
Directed by ... Ridley Scott

Fresh off his last, more successful directorial stint, Gladiator, Ridley Scott seems to try too hard in this film so that it feels stilted, forced, even convoluted ever captured on celluloid.

The lack of focus originates from the film’s lack of center. In DeSantis’ Silence of the Lambs, Clarice Starling portrayed originally and well by Jodie Foster was undeniably the heroine and the center of the film. We were history of the decency into the mas­sacre-dominated world, Graham of a madman, and the sadist trail of murders led by a serial killer. In Hannibal, on the other hand, Scott never really decides whom he should highlight, or how we should even feel about these characters. The stories of Clarice, Hannibal, and Pazzi seem to get almost equal screen time. As a result, we’re left not really sure whom we should sympathize with. Are we supposed to feel sympathetic for Clarice? She’s not given enough screen time, and when she is on screen, she is controlling, cynical, no idealistic victim of male-dominated world. Silence of the Lambs. Are we supposed to feel sympathy for Hannibal? Scott seems to motion in that direction, but how can we come to grips with sympathizing with him, after the gruesome final scene? David Mamet co-wrote the film, adapting it from the novel of the same name. Mamet infuses the script with some of the harrowing, gripping dialogue that made the first film great. Mamet especially empowers the harrowing film, which took place in Italy, and surrounding the smugly detective Pazzi.

There are moments in the film that really soar—Pazzi to get a fingerprint from Hannibal, and gets it in an unusual way. However, despite these gripping moments, Hannibal never really comes close to attaining the greatness of the first film. RATING: (out of 4 stars) **

The Pledge

Jack Nicholson ... Jerry Black
Benicio Del Toro ... Toby iPad
Wendelth Aaron Eckhart ... Stan Keeler
Robin Wright Penn ... Lori
Directed by ... Sean Penn

Sean Penn’s first directing attempt since The Crossing Guard (where Jack Nicholson delivered his last great performance), The Pledge again places Nicholson in the forefront, with powerful results.

Nicholson delivers a performance that reminds us why he is one of the great American actors. With subtle intensity and a dominating countenance, Nicholson plays Jerry Black, a树立 Police officer. Black is a bachelor, and we can see why—he is consumed by his work, by his pursuit for the truth, that he even uses his girlfriend Lori’s daughter as bait to capture the “real” criminal. Pazzi draws on the tradition of the great monomaniacal character (Abel from Moby Dick), whose very pursuit consumes and destroys him. Penn’s quest for truth demolishes his relationships, his love, and eventually, himself. Nicholson’s performance coupled with Penn’s great, graphic imagery would have made this film really powerful if it weren’t for certain moments that really don’t fit.

The pace is a little slow at points, but effectively used by Penn—again, altogether we see Nicholson descend into madness.

RATING: (out of 4) ***1/2

THE DOLMAN PRIZE

Endowed by the generosity of the late Geoffrey Dolman, the Dolman Prize annually honors the Ursinus College Senior whose portfolio of creative writing in any genre or combination of genres is deemed outstanding by an outside judge.

Guidelines:
• open to full-time day students of senior standing in any major
• portfolio to comprise up to 20 pages of creative work, double spaced
• student’s name should appear only on a cover page which also gives campus address and phone, plus title for the entire submission
• portfolio should be paginated successively in upper right-hand corner
• portfolio should be submitted to Mrs. Connor in the English Dept. office, Olin Hall, third floor

Deadline: Noon, Friday, February 23, 2001

All Seniors Invited to Submit

Prize will be conferred at Awards Banquet in April

The Dolman Prize carries a cash award of $200

POETRY CORNER

Submit your poem to The Grizzly via grizzly@ursinus.edu as an attached word document.

Untitled

by Kathryn Chapman

In a dark room, I can see things clearly.
In the closet...a soldier crouches, fighting a war inside of himself.
In a corner...curled up, a man sits, accepting his everything to everyone.
Lying on the floor...a monk reflects, aware he is having the realization that she cannot be...
In another corner...a woman, clutching her head, in a place few people will ever be.
At the foot of the bed...a couple embraces, in a place that only they know.

The Buzz

Behind-the-Scenes Entertainment News

Patrick Marmar

Grizzly & HT-Writer

MTV goes Opera

Keynote Speaker of Destiny’s Child has signed to star in the MTV television movie, "Carmen" based on a 19th century opera. "Carmen" is going to premiere this spring on the music network.

Creek" drops character

"Dawson’s Creek" will be going through a turbulent next few months. Not only is someone going to bite the big one before the end of the season, but only four cast members will be making it to next season.

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Dave Dabbs in Film

Diane Warren didn’t have a good experience making films before. His film version of "Where the Red Fern Grows" ran out of funds, but he is now looking into the movie ‘24 hours’, playing op­posite Courtney Love and Charlie Theron.

Urban Sequel

Despite the horrible box office results "Urban Legends: Final Cut" experienced, Columbia pictures is looking to make the sequel. Supposedly, if the movie does get off the ground, it will be a teaming of all the surviving cast members from both movies, Jennifer Morrison (Amy in "Fif­ ied Cure") is currently reading a script for the movie.

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UC’s Creative Writing Magazine

THE LANTERN is now accepting submissions for the spring/summer issue

Email all poetry and prose as a MS Word attachment to lantern@ursinus.edu

DROP OFF all visual artwork in the box on the 3rd floor of Olin

$50 poetry prize! $50 prose prize! $50 cover art prize!

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The Ursinus Bears wrestling team has made the Centennial Conference Championships for the first time in 10 years. The team's hard work and dedication have paid off, as they have qualified for the national championships. This is a significant achievement for the team and represents a turning point in their history.

In the Centennial Conference Championships, ten of the top wrestlers from each weight class, were selected to compete at nationals, with Ursinus sending several athletes. The team's success is a testament to their hard work and dedication.

The Ursinus wrestling team has been successful throughout the season, with many achievements to their name. They have won several matches and have shown great improvement in their skills.

This is a significant moment for the Ursinus wrestling team, and they are excited to represent their school at nationals.
UC Track team looks ahead to conference champs

Guisto, Hussey lead women to win in season finale

Grizzly Sports

Thursday February 22, 2001

Gymnastics team beats Springfield, takes fourth at Invitational conference. The women also defeated non-conference team Roosevelt College on Thursday, Feb. 15. Freshman center Kate Guisto scored 22 points and had eleven rebounds in the 86-48 win. Junior Katie Scherer added 14 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore Kara Morris also made 12 points for the Bears. Guisto won an honorable mention on the All-American Conference Basketbell Team.

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The Centennial Conference Championships will be held at Haverford College on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16 and 17. Bulldog Yogi said, "We are ready, and we are ready to go to Haverford and kick butt."