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Baby Dies from Lack of Medical Attention, Parents Charged

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An Oregon couple is facing criminal charges in the death of their 15-month-old daughter. The baby died of an infection that went untreated due to the parents’ practice of faith-based healing.

Carl and Raylene Worthington could soon face charges of criminal mistreatment and manslaughter. While practicing the faith-based healing taught at their fundamentalist church, the Worthington’s actually broke laws set in place over a decade ago.

In the 1990s, laws were passed to help decrease the deaths of children born into families who practice faith-based healing: After a number of deaths coming from families belonging to the fundamentalist church, these laws were deemed necessary.

In 1999, the laws were made official and several lives were saved. Until recently, it appeared that the law was putting an end to these deaths, which were typically caused by parents ignoring easily treatable medical emergencies.

These medical conditions were never addressed since the Worthingtons did not take their daughter to routine medical examinations. The Oregon couple decided to exercise their beliefs and the teachings of their church, the Followers of Christ. The church is known for its teachings against medical assistance. They also have a number of families who had stillborn children or other fatal complications from unassisted childbirth at home. Most of these church members treat deathly ill children with prayer.

The Worthingtons may soon be doing time in jail. If convicted on manslaughter charges, the couple could spend more than six years behind bars. However, if convicted only on the mistreatment charges instead of manslaughter, the Worthingtons may only serve up to a year in prison. Oregon’s chief deputy district attorney Greg Horner told sources that the couple has been released on $250,000 bail.

Horner was unsure if the Worthingtons were able to pay for lawyers to back their case since their phone number had been disconnected. Unable to reach the couple, Horner tried their calling their church. He was greeted with an unidentified man who proclaimed, “We’ve been told ‘No comment.’”

This is not the first time the Oregon couple has been under close investigation. With the death of their baby boy back in 2001, family members told the police the child was stillborn. Thus, the investigation was closed with no criminal charges. But this time around, the Worthingtons will have a different story to tell.

Back Again: It’s The Weekly Edition of This Day in History

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It’s getting warmer outside, the flowers are in bloom and the end of the semester is in sight, but something’s missing: your weekly fix of useless facts and trivia! Dry your tears and read on because the following paragraphs highlight the most pertinent historical events for the date, April 10, 2008.

1866
The American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) is Chartered

After visiting England’s Royal Society for the Prevention and Cruelty to Animals (founded in 1840), a leisure class American man by the name of Henry Bergh came to America and pleaded his case for “the mute servants of mankind” (www.aspca.org).

Shortly after, the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) was given a charter in New York. The ASPCA sheltered stray animals, helped farmers care for their livestock and aided the authorities in the prosecution of game-law violators (www.infoplease.com). This organization began with a full time staff of only three, but has grown tremendously over the past 142 years.

Today the ASPCA continues to rescue animals (mostly domestic pets) that have been poisoned or abused. The ASPCA is also works to pass humane laws.

1912
The Titanic Sets Sail

T he Titanic, a steamship from England’s White Star Line, set sail on its voyage from Southampton, England to New York City on April 10, 1912. The ship was one of the largest moving objects ever built, measuring 883 feet long and 92 feet wide, and costing $7.5 million to build (about $400 million today). The passenger total reached 2227 and only 705 passengers survived the ship’s collision with a giant iceberg on April 14, 1912. It took the Titanic about two hours and 40 minutes to sink.

After years of searching, the wreckage was finally located in 1985, 12,500 feet below sea level, about 350 miles southeast of Newfoundland (www.infoplease.com).

1947
Robinson Signs with the Brooklyn Dodgers

Prior to becoming the first African American baseball player in the major leagues, Jack Roosevelt Robinson was an outstanding college athlete at the University of California at Los Angeles. Robinson then moved on to graduate from officer candidate school and become a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

He faced a tremendous amount of adversity from fans and other players throughout his career, but persevered and was voted the National League’s MVP in 1949, after producing a batting average of .342 with 37 steals and 124 runs batted in.

Robinson ended his career after the 1956 season, but in 1962 became the first African American player to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame (http://encarta.msn.com/encyclopedia_761574436/robinson_jackie.html).

1970
Paul McCartney Announces the Official Split of the Beatles


The Beatles released albums in 1964, 1966 and 1967 and acted in several movies. On this day in 1970, Paul McCartney announced their split, claiming that the band had fulfilled their potential (http://www.infoplease.com/epa/A0154662.html).

Wasn’t that fact-tastic? For more facts and useless trivia visit http://www.infoplease.com/dayinhistory.
News

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Dancing at Lughnasa, opened last night on campus! The Celtic inspired play, directed by Beverly Redman, will be running every night at 7:30 p.m. through this Saturday, April 12, 2008, in the Lenfest Theater.

Dancing at Lughnasa was written by Brian Friel, and is set in Ireland in August of 1936. Michael Evans, the narrator, recounts his stay at his aunt's house when he was only seven years old. Along with his aunt, there are her four sisters, including Michael's mother, Christine. While he retells his story, his five aunts come in and out of the scene continuing his thought process.

During the play, the audience can certainly question how precisely Michael Evans remembers the days of that summer and how accurately all of his information is. Dancing at Lughnasa deals with a man that has possibly recreated a completely new memory. However, it still deals with prominent issues at the time and an iron bond between sisters. In doing so, his story never seems to be finished. An endless amount of smaller memories make their way through. The play in fact is based on Friel's five aunts. Michael Evans, according to the play, would have also been the same age as Friel.

As it is true within most history, words are not enough to capture the experiences that past societies have endured. Dancing at Lughnasa shows that bits and pieces of a memory can be strung together, but the event can never be recaptured because dramatic feelings cannot be expressed clearly through words. The actual events surrounding the Celebration of Lughnasa and the praises and rituals of the Celtic people can all be recorded. However, that energy can never be recreated authentically on stage. Dancing at Lughnasa promises not to disappoint. It was amongst the top plays of the decade and was released in Britain, Australia and the United States.

Again, the play continues tonight until Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lenfest Theater of the Kaleidoscope! Tickets are $5 for general admission and $2 for students and senior citizens.

For reservations please call (610)-409-3795.

News in Brief: All International

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North Korea has cut off talks with South Korea following controversial comments made by a South Korean general. The officer in question made remarks stating that South Korea would attack North Korean nuclear installations in the event of an attack on the South involving atomic weapons.

North Korea has claimed that the South is pushing the ties between the two nations to "confrontation and catastrophe." This comes amidst rising tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

North Korea has threatened military actions against the South in retaliation for this perceived insult. Ties have become especially strained between North and South Korea since President Lee Myung-bak took office in February with promises not to disappoint. Some of the highlights include a food eating contest and the Luminaria ceremony. From start to finish there are various events including three that will be playing through on the night.

Relay for Life is a cherished event to many members of the Ursinus Community. Whether they relay because they are a survivor, have been affected by cancer or relay to support those around them dealing with cancer, people participate in this event for very personal reasons.

Out of respect to the participants of Relay please remember that Relay for Life is a dry event. No alcohol will be permitted on the Relay for Life premise and again, out of respect, refrain from attending the event while intoxicated.

Stop by to support fellow classmates and community members who are relaying and to partake in the various activities. Many teams will be fundraising during the event selling food, face painting and hosting other activities.

If you would like to donate to Relay for Life it is not too late! Donations can be given online at www.ucrelay.org, where one can direct their donation to a team of their choice. Donations will also be taken at the event. Relay for Life is one of the most exciting nights on the UC campus, don't miss out. Have a blast while attending the events and happy walking to the Relay for Life participants!!!

Friday, April 4, 2008

Following an extremely controversial election in Zimbabwe, sitting president Robert Mugabe and his challenger Morgan Tsvangirai are likely to face each other in a runoff once the Electoral Commission releases the results of the March 29 presidential race. This suggested run-off comes during a delay in releasing the results has many worried that it leaves the chance for the results to be tampered with.

In addition to efforts to eliminate the disease carrying insect, there are various events including three that will be playing through on the night.

No Mugabe's own party is split, as half believe the 84-year-old president should step down while others feel he should stay in power, but the party will not oppose a run-off should one be required.

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All of this drama comes as the Zimbabwean government is cracking down on opposition party figures and foreign journalists. Last Thursday, two journalists and 20 members of the MDC were taken into custody. The journalists were charged with violating journalism laws. The New York Times and Britain's Sunday Telegraph are working to secure the releases of their correspondents.

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The Brazilian newspaper O Globo has reported lack of beds in municipal hospitals and long waits for patients to be seen by a doctor.

Dengue is commonly transmitted by mosquitoes. It appears in two different types: one is a fever which also causes a rash, muscle and joint pain and vomiting. A more severe form, known as hemorrhagic dengue, can cause damage to blood and lymph systems and causes bleeding under the skin and on the gums. This form of dengue can be fatal, but has only been found in a minority of cases reported in Brazil.

The policy for containment of this outbreak has been to try to curb the mosquito population in the area. In addition to efforts to eliminate the disease carrying insect, residents have been asked to protect themselves by wearing long sleeved clothing and eliminating potential breeding grounds by covering areas of stagnant water.

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Features
Yes, It's a “Positions” Article

When I began writing this column, I promised myself that I would focus on pertinent, sexual issues (topics that are informative and fun, so that you are not bombarded with a sexually-transmitted infection article every week), so that the articles would be educational and taken seriously.

My editor commented that she liked the fact that my articles weren't trashy, and didn't discuss topics such as "favorite positions." From then on, when any one would ask me to write an article about positions, I would scoff and make comments like, "That's where sex columns go to die," because I assumed that sexual positions was simply not a respectable topic.

LANE TAYLOR
Everything You Never Knew You Wanted to Know About Sex

This is regrettable, because seeking out positions that enhance one's sexual pleasure and connection with one's partner is certainly respectable (and hopefully celebrated). This week, I'm shaking off my sex columnist-snobbiness to tackle sexual positions.

In order to write an appropriate and informative article on positions, I knew I'd have to open up my old friend, the Everything Great Sex Book. The first thing that the authors recommend when attempting new positions is to prepare yourself to communicate openly with your partner. It’s important to feel comfortable sharing your wants and needs with your partner and to actively listen to his or her wants or needs in order to find positions that you both will enjoy.

The authors also note that searching out new positions can enhance one’s sex life significantly, because certain positions can increase pleasure, and communicating and learning with one’s partner can enhance the relationship. Attempting new positions may also aid couples that haven’t quite found the “perfect fit;” in other words, couples that experience pain or any lack of pleasure or sensation during intercourse may find that other positions provide more pleasure and enhance their sexual experience.

The authors suggest thinking twice before abandoning a position, noting that slight movements and pillow placement can significantly alter the position. They suggest trying such slight movements as shifting the position of a leg and/or adjusting the balance of body weight. Pillows can also be useful when positioning oneself; consider placing a pillow underneath you or your partner’s buttocks to raise the pelvis. Pillow placement can also prevent a member of the couple from feeling uncomfortable. For instance, a pillow can be placed behind a neck, head, knees, etc. to prevent cramping or other muscle aches, or behind a head to prevent the loud and occasionally embarrassing head-to-the-headboard issue.

When looking for new positions to try, think about what you’re looking to get out of the experience. If you’re looking to achieve more or better G-Spot stimulation, the book lists “The Missionary Position” and its variations (wrapping your legs around your partner, as an example), “The Yawning Position” (the woman lies down and places her legs up and over her partner’s shoulders), “The Splitting a Bamboo Position” (the woman lies down and places her stretched-out legs along her kneeling partner’s torso), positions in which women straddle their male partners while the males are lying down (a.k.a., “Woman-on-Top Positions”), and rear-entry positions as great ways of achieving G-spot stimulation.

If you’re seeking to enhance the experience of a male partner, the book suggests “The Yawning Position” and “Woman-on-Top Positions” (in which the woman’s hands are free to caress and stimulate her partner), and rear-entry positions.

Now that I’ve finally stepped off my silly pedestal to tackle the important issue of sexual positions, I hope that you’ll in turn have the nerve to tackle a few yourself.

Airband’s 25th Raises $3100 for the Laurel House

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This year marked the 25th anniversary of Airband, an annual charity event coordinated by Residence Life (Res Life). By the end of the night $3100 were given to the Laurel House. The Laurel House is the only domestic violence agency serving Montgomery County. Their mission is to provide a safe haven for abused women and their children, to raise public awareness about domestic violence, and to advocate for social change against domestic violence. Pizza was also sold to raise money for this charity.

The judges for Airband were Erin Dickerson, Roger Farka, Charlie Jamison, Jared Rodrigues, Melissa Sanders and Marci Stehan. Five different trophies were awarded, for the categories of Best Comedy Act, Best Costume, Best Creativity, Best Choreography, and Best Crowd Pleaser (Overall).

Resident Advisors Danielle Langdon and Alex Peay were the emcees for the night and helped keep the audience entertained in-between acts.

This year, there were six performances. The first of the night was “Escape Velocity Presents Going to Space.” Choreographed by Catriona Whitehead and Roger Lee, Escape Velocity put on a comical act about space aliens invading the earth. Their choreography was amazing as expected, and this group went home with the Best Choreography trophy.

The second act was “Both Sides of Love,” performed by Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. These girls performed a routine about two very different types of women: one a goth-rocker and the other a girly princess. Both of these women wanted the same man and Tri-Sigma told their story with a comical twist.

Relationship Status Quo, a group of wrestlers and friends, put on a funny skit as usual. They performed a piece titled, “Batting for Both Teams.” Relationship Status Quo won Best Comedy and Best Crowd Pleaser (Overall). With a Baywatch theme and boys in spandex pants, how could you not give them an award?

Tau Sigma Gamma (Tau Sig) performed “Conference Crashers” and gave the audience a taste of what it is like to party at other schools such as Johns Hopkins, Gettysburg, F&M, Swarthmore, Rutgers, and of course, Ursinus. From the looks of it, Ursinus is the best college to party. Tau Sig took home the trophies for Best Costume and Best Creativity.

“Hit Me Backstreet One More Time” was performed by Upsilon Delta (U Phi D). Sisters dressed up as NSync and the Backstreet Boys battled-danced until Britney Spears showed up to out-do them all. Michael Jackson made an appearance and definitely put on a show that the audience loved.

The last performance of the night was Residence Life Presents, “Dance, Dance, Evolution.” The Residence Advisors (RAs) were inspired by the popular YouTube video, “The Evolution of Dance” and created their own rendition. The songs Y.M.C.A., Soulja Boy, and yes, even the Chicken Dance were part of this crowd pleasing performance.

The RAs worked hard to put Airband together and with ticket sales and donations, they were able to give $3100 to the Laurel House. This charity fundraiser has been a fun event to attend every year for the past 25 and hopefully will continue for years to come.
A Senior's Helpful Hints for Class Registration

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It's that time of year again when everyone must start picking their classes for next semester. There are some college experiences more exciting than scheduling, it's full of endless possibilities! Although choosing classes is an awesome time for some, most might find the process somewhat stressful. In order to ease some of those worries, I have been given the task to compile a couple of tips that everyone should know about for registration.

Tip 1: Take some time in between some of your ultimate frisbee games and peruse the course catalogue. You don't want to meet with your advisor and have no idea what classes are offered. Walking in unprepared will only make you set up really great study sessions, but you will probably also be able to get away with not buying the books.

Tip 2: In regards to 8 a.m. courses: do not take 8 a.m. courses. Why don't you want to take 8 a.m. courses? Because, they are at 8 a.m. If I don't want to even be awake that early, there is no chance I want to be in a classroom that early. Plus, by not taking 8 a.m. courses you are freeing up your evenings, which is always a good idea.

Tip 3: In general, try to steer clear of courses that have the word advanced anywhere in it, they tend to be tough. Also, I would try to avoid any classes that have numbers in the 300's and 400's; they aren't very conducive to a good time.

Tip 4: Take classes with your friends. Not only can you set up really great study sessions, but you will probably also be able to get away with not buying the books. Books are expensive, and you should try to borrow off of your friends whenever possible. With all the extra money you save, just imagine the beer and hoodies you could buy!

Tip 5: Make sure that you hand in your slip with the classes on it before 12 p.m. in the afternoon on your class's assigned day. Everyone that hands it in before 12 p.m. has the same chance to get into all of their classes; after 12 p.m., it's first come, first serve. I find a tailgate outside of Corson is a great way to ensure that you hand your registration form in on time. Now, most people know to hand it in before 12 p.m. so it's not really giving you much of an advantage, and I'm not cool with that; I need a competitive edge. Try paper clipping $10 to your slip when you hand it in and watch yourself not get waitlisted for any of your courses!

Tip 6: Some people worry about what they should do if they don't get into a class they were planning on taking. Now, I'm not a real worrier (I prefer to look at the silver lining of things), but do you get waitlisted, think of it as the Registrar's way of telling you to make the upcoming semester an easy one. Replace whatever course you would have taken with Livin' 101… my favorite course.

Tip 7: Don't do drugs.

Tip 8: Before you decide on a course, you might want to consider which professor is teaching it. Now, all the professors here are great (especially the ones I have now…), but I'm talking about other factors in regards to them. For example, where do they live? If they live really far away, there is a good chance that when it snows, they might cancel class; I love snow days. Just something to consider.

Tip 9: There are several core requirements that Ursinus has deemed necessary for you to experience in order to graduate. Try looking for classes that cover both of these requirements as well as the requirements for your major. You'll be killing two birds with one stone, and knocking out the requirements like that will allow you more freedom with choosing classes later on; you could take a course like Grillin' and Chillin' 270.

Tip 10: Ten tips are too many tips. You're welcome.

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Career Corner: Want a Global Career?

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International careers do not just happen; they are planned and built up over a period of time. International employers insist that you have international experience before sending you to work abroad. The key to gaining international experience is to dive into all things international while you are at school. You need to build up a host of international experiences before you are ready to start applying for professional international jobs.

Here are four smart ways you can build your cross cultural experience, without leaving campus.

1. Network with at least three international experts in your field of interest. For example, write papers and do research that require you to speak directly to someone working internationally in your field of interest.

2. Guide foreigners who are new to your country. You can act as a tour guide for visiting professors, assist with foreign student orientation, work with refugees or teach English as a second language.

3. Befriend foreign students on your campus. Join foreign student social circles on campus, visit with them in their homes, become familiar with their food and social behavior, try to pay a visit to them and their families in their home country, and actively participate in foreign student associations.

4. Become socially active and knowledgeable in a culture other than your own. Hang out at ethnic social clubs, learn to dance to African or South American music, become knowledgeable in one or more fields of ethnic music, focus on the writing or history from one region or country, learn ethnic cooking, or join an internet club with foreign members. This kind of experience sends a strong message to international employers who will be looking at your resume.

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Opinions
There Will Be Sequels
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In early January, I had the pleasure of watching Paul Thomas Anderson’s There Will Be Blood on a ninety-foot movie theatre screen. Not only was it Academy Award-winner Daniel Day-Lewis a force to be reckoned with, the film itself captivated me like nothing I had ever witnessed before. With its sweeping camera shots, unbelievable set designs, and brilliant messages about capitalism and corruption, There Will Be Blood surely delivered on its promise of greatness. The problem was – I was the only person in the entire theatre. No friends, no theatre patrons, not even a janitor – just me. It was difficult to really feel the complete emotion of the film by myself. There was no one to high-five when Daniel Plainview (Day-Lewis) slapped Eli Sunday (Paul Dano) repeatedly in the face for attempting to embarrass him. And there was certainly no person to turn to when Plainview ended the film with an attempt to kill the good guy at the line of people who were standing at the opposite end of the building. They had gathered in front of the Alien vs. Predator: Requiem door, eagerly awaiting an hour and a half of mindless gore and dialogue that would surely make the Alien vs. Predator film seem like a worthy contender. How could these people pass up an opportunity to witness a masterpiece in filmmaking for a chance to see a monotonous popcorn flick with more CGI than the battle scenes in Lord of the Rings? Because it’s a sequel – that’s why. And it is exactly what is destroying all signs of creativity in film today.

If you don’t believe me (or if you just don’t want to), take a look at the top-grossing films from last year. Sure enough, the top four are sequels (Spiderman 3, Shrek the Third, Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End). It is interesting to note that not one of these scored higher than a 60 on Metacritic.com (which bases that score on reviews from critics all over the country). While those films received poor reviews but raked in the cash, the year’s Best Picture, No Country for Old Men, finished a distant thirty-sixth in terms of box-office gross. Creativity and originality are being killed faster than the newest Spiderman villain in exchange for bigger explosions and louder action. Think the head of a movie studio wants to take a chance on a little indie project when he’s got the next comic-book hero waiting in the wings? Sure, this year brought us films like Juno and The Wrestler and Battle Creek, but we’re slowly being separated further and farther from the kind of movies that restore our faith in filmmaking and Hollywood.

I’m not the only one shaking my head at the state of film in American culture. A few months ago, the Academy Awards hit an all-time ratings low when only 32 million people tuned in to see No Country for Old Men receive the Best Picture Award. 32 million may seem like a big number, but consider this: 97.5 million people watched the Super Bowl this year. While Hollywood insiders and outsiders argue whether the Oscars really represent the best cinema of the year, this much is true: we simply don’t care about good films anymore. When Titanic won 11 Oscars and became the true “king of the world” for one night in 1998, 55 million people tuned in to watch it live. Since then, the number of Oscar viewers has been on a steady decline. We’re becoming less concerned with the award-winners and more interested with the big budgets. Nowadays, big budget usually equals big gross (unless, of course, you’re Kevin Costner) and we now know where all those big budgets go – straight to the next comic-book or superhero sequel.

Who would have thought an entire film genre could materialize and sustain because of the endless number of sequels and prequels that invade our multiplexes? Where did our faith in filmmaking and Hollywood go? I’m sure nobody would have the slightest clue. For those who really love filmmaking and Hollywood, the only thing they require is the same solace in: I don’t think that spring will dry up anytime soon. If you don’t believe me, just look at the top grossing films from 2006. Sure, there were sequels and threequels that invaded our multiplexes, but we’re slowly becoming less concerned with the award-winners and more interested with the big budget. So, how can we fix the situation? How can we make our movies original again? How can we bring back the love of filmmaking that we once had? It’s time for new talent to come out and show us what they’re made of. There are still a lot of us out there who love film and want to see good films again.

CfD in Brief: Heston, Disease, Fools
Heston Dies, McCain Continues Search
With the death of epic screen actor/rifle aficionado Charlton Heston on Saturday, April 5, Senator John McCain’s short list of Vice Presidential choices grew ever shorter. Indeed, in the past few weeks, there were rampant rumors that Senator McCain had been courting Mr. Heston as a running mate. Mr. McCain has consistently refuted such rumors, but one of his top aids, on condition of anonymity, stated, “Mr. Heston would certainly have brought a lot to the ticket. His resume is impeccable!” When asked for further clarification, he said, “Well, his support of the Second Amendment is certainly representative of a core conservative principle. He also, much like Senator McCain, had the unforgettable and life-changing experience of being held captive by a foreign race. And we cannot forget his great service in exposing the unspeakable true nature of one of America’s favorite snack foods.”

“Are you suggesting that Mr. Heston’s role in the Planet of the Apes and Soybean Green would have qualified him to serve as Vice President?”

“Hey, if Hillary gets to count her time as First Lady as ‘experience,’ it seems only fair. Oh! And I almost forgot; he delivered the Ten Commandments! Talk about someone who could’ve captured the evangelical voters!”

UC Gripped By A Strange Disease
The Ursinus College Wellness Center has reported a bizarre increase in students complaining of “malaise, an inability to focus and an intense desire to be somewhere else,” states one student employee. The ailment has not yet been identified, but Wellness center employees have taken to calling it “Senoritis” given the demographics of the disease’s victims. While the Wellness Center has not released any information regarding treatment of the disease, one sufferer suggests, “Alcohol seems to help my symptoms.”

Other symptoms may include “a marked propensity toward procrastination and sloth,” unrelenting apathy and what is known in the vernacular as “phoning it in.”

April Fool’s Day a Resounding Success
Ever since we at CfD delivered the best April Fool’s Day prank ever in an article entitled “A Fond Farewell” in the March 30, 2006 issue of this fine publication,* we have expected the firm hand of retribution to strike upon us. When April Fool’s 2007 came and went, we figured that early April is a busy time of year for college students. We can’t fully expect our loyal readers to take the time out of their busy schedules for silly pranks. But when April Fool’s 2008 came and went without retribution, we became suspicious. Alas, we have figured it out. The lack of pranks is a prank in itself. You our loyal readers are suggesting “Hey losers, you don’t have any loyal readers.” That’s a good one! You really had us going. But seriously, you can shout “April Fool’s” anytime now...

Matt and Dan are beginning to feel the symptoms of the strange ailment mentioned above. Send “Get well soon” messages to matflyntz@ursinus.edu and dasergeant@ursinus.edu.

*For you Freshmen and Sophonores who missed out on this classic CfD (I pity you), you can read it here: http://www.ursinus.edu/resources/grizzly/053006O.pdf.

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I’m torn. See, ever since I fell victim to a misguided act of editorial intervention sometime last semester, I’ve been meaning to write a column that could act as a little introduction to the gratifyingly precious but occasionally rewarding world of twee (not TWEEN), or, if you prefer, twee pop, indie pop, C86, anorak, etc.

There’s a problem, though – as much as I’d love to make this a very-special 18-page monster Grizzly in which I go on and on about Cub and Tulleycraft and Dressy Bessy and the Beat Happening and the Undertones (and and and...) I’m pretty sure nobody would really give a shit past the first couple of paragraphs. So, yeah. My burning indignation at this little type-o (for Christ’s sake I don’t even remember what the article was even on) wound up shelved in favor of, you know, some crap about mixtapes or some other novel thing. Whatever, I consoled myself, who needs to know about it these days anyway?

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**“Cube” (1997)**

There’s something to be said for simplicity. All too often, we’re more than content to plop ourselves into a theater to see the new summer blockbuster with a budget bigger than the gross national product of some third world countries. That’s why it’s so refreshing when a flick comes along that manages to not only tell a gripping story, but to do so on a shoestring budget that still manages to sneak in some really badass gore. This week’s movie just happens to fall within that category (what a coincidence, right?). With that, I give you, “Cube.”

Seven strangers wake up to find themselves in a bizarre prison made up of cubical rooms. The mathematician, the doctor, the architect, the autistic man, the cop and others try to escape their imprisonment and not only survive the traps but each other, all while working to figure out who put them there in the first place and why.

“Cube” is a fantastic example of how not to overthink a movie. The whole film was shot in one fourteen-foot cubical set, yet the crew still managed to give different “rooms” personality through some really diabolical and twisted traps that have been copied again and again. The laser grid that slices people into neat cubes in “Resident Evil”? You saw it here first. One could even argue that “Saw” ripped off the idea of putting strangers together in an enclosed environment and forcing them to work their way out from this flick.

A lot needs to be said about the production design and atmosphere of this movie. The filmmakers managed to induce an almost constant sense of claustrophobia, a feeling that becomes more and more pronounced with quicker cuts as the movie progresses. On top of that, the cast is constantly surrounded by a bizarre motif of triangles within the square panels of the walls, constantly drawing the viewer’s eye like a page out of some sketchbook. One final touch is the manner in which the characters time machine in their garage, a device that has implications far more reaching than they could possibly have imagined. This is a movie that will confuse you, trick you and, in the end, absolutely pull the rug out from under you. You cannot watch “Primer” less than twice in order to understand it. I wish I was exaggerating, but if you want a movie that will hurt your head, hop on Google and look it up, where the filmmakers were kind enough to post it for the global audience. That’s it for this week. See you here next time with “Leatherheads.”

Alex Ernst found himself cheering at the doctor:s wish I was exaggerating, but if you want a movie that will keep it real. I don’t know if everyone else heard, but apparently there are some sort of presidential nominations coming up. Now usually I try not to stay from ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN News, but the other day I felt adventurous so I started channel surfing. I was hit with nonsensical news coverage about this election and updates about all the candidates. This got me thinking about my political views and I realized I don’t have one single opinion about politics, so join me if you will, as I try to formulate some opinions regardless of how absurd or politically incorrect they may be, utilizing my real keeping ability.

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**Opinions**

**Keeping it Real with Politics**

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Dubble Vision: Ramblings

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Well I think I’m about zero for a million on my predictions now. Tyler Hansbrough lied to me. North Carolina will not be winning the tournament this year. My bracket is busted. Stupid Kansas.

It’s like I’m cursed. Whatever I say the opposite happens. Like I swear it’s not a lie when it comes out of my mouth. But somehow, the universe shifts and screws me in the end. I said the Patriots were going to win the Super Bowl. I said the Phillies were going to beat the Rockies, same goes for UNC against Kansas. Man I suck. Did you notice how I stayed away from Bears Basketball? They had like a 27 game winning streak.

But you know what? I like to think I’m a “glass half full” kind of guy, so I’m going to work with this. Here goes:

The Sixers and Flyers will both lose first round of the playoffs; Phillies will not win the pennant; The Soul will lose to Dallas; Kansas will beat Memphis.

There we go, just giving it a little test. I’ll see how these work out before I use my powers on Ursinus sports. Sorry I just had to get that off my chest.

Today I come to you with some secret information. Something that apparently nobody knows about. The Philadelphia Wings. Everybody please raise your hands if you have heard of them, and yes I mean that literally (reading my article).

In field events, senior Jillian Proniewych won the shot put with a throw of 31-08. Proniewych set herself personal goals for this season as well. “I’ve improved in shot put and my times for sprinting have also gotten better. As for javelin, I hope to break 100 feet by the end of the season. That’s basically my one goal for this season,” she commented.

The men also had a successful afternoon. Senior Brandon Evans won the 300-meter dash in 36.05 and finished the 200-meter dash in 22.08. In hurdles, senior Matt Granteed won the 110-meter hurdles at 15.00, and the 400-meter hurdles at 57.94. Sophomore Travis Youngs also stepped up by winning the triple jump with a mark of 43-05, while fellow sophomore Kyle Fox dominated the javelin throw with a toss of 189-11. In relay, the UC men won the 4x100-meter relay with a final time of 43.89.

“My story is about the revolution of the living room. We had to keep the kids from coming near the TV. We set up a table for them to play with the TV,” says Proniewych.

With positive leadership from the seniors and diligence from the freshmen, the Bears are on the track to success. Both the men and women’s team will be participating in the West Chester Invitational #2 on April 11 and April 12, 2008. Take some time out of your busy days to wish them luck!

Men’s Golf Swings Into Season

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The Ursinus College Men’s Golf Team kicked off the spring portion of their season on March 25 with the Gettysburg Spring Invitational held by Gettysburg College. The team placed eighth out of eleven teams with a total score of 349.

After two solid performances during play in the fall, the team geared up for action again as the temperatures started to rise and players headed back out on the courses. Ursinus participated in invitational at both Susquehanna College and Gettysburg College in September and October of 2007. In play at Susquehanna, the team placed sixth out of nine teams and earning their low score of the 2007-2008 season thus far of 332. At the Gettysburg Invitational several days later, the team managed to take tenth place out of the thirteen competing teams.

The eager team members were prepped and ready to tee off when they arrived at Gettysburg in March. The team low score was achieved by junior David Kargman who finished with an impressive 85 strokes. In a close second, freshmen teammate Austin Anthony finished with a score of 86 on the course. Another low scorer for the team was senior Bo Maguire who trailed Kargman and Anthony closely with a score of 87.

Two other noteworthy course performances both came from freshmen teammates. Davis Howley helped the team’s effort by scoring a 91 on the day and Chris Capone also finished respectively with a score of 97.

With seasoned Coach Ted McKenzie leading the team for ten straight winning seasons, the Bears hope to pick up momentum as the weather gets warmer and the rest of their season unfolds. The team’s next scheduled play will be held at the Elizabethtown Invitational held at Elizabethtown College on April 10, 2008 at 12:00p.m.

Fans can catch the UC Men’s Golf Team in their home match of the season held on April 15 at 1:00p.m. We wish the team best of luck for winning season in their spring play. GO BEARS!

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