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Inside Scoop: Students petition for Comcast Cable

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It's been talked about all around campus. Students have gone around requesting other kids to sign it. An e-mail has been sent to practically the entire student body. People have been talking about it for days. The petition to change to Comcast Cable is the big talk around Ursinus lately.

This request has been signed by over 300 students and that number continues to grow as more students become aware of it. The petition simply states that "First, we are approximately charged \$7,150 for Room & Board, which is an exorbitant amount. All rooms have the necessities such as water, electricity, and bedding. However, extra luxuries are necessary in order to make our time spent at Ursinus more enjoyable."

The petition then goes on to say that with Comcast Cable, students can get local channels and watch local teams such as the Phillies, Flyers and Eagles when they are playing because a good number of students attending Ursinus reside in the Philadelphia area. It also has a movie channel and offers several educational programs.

This is a great way to please the student body and make life outside of school a little more pleasurable. The students aren't really asking for much and the fact of the matter is that kids from this area love their teams and they would like to enjoy themselves when not in class and be able to root for their hometown teams. With a movie channel, students are guaranteed great movies and new movies recently released from the theatres to watch and take pleasure in. Believe it or not, this can be a great way to have students interact with each other. When watching the Eagles or Phillies, most students here watch it with their buddies. It's a great way to spend some quality time with your college friends and relax.

If you haven't seen the petition or would like to sign it you can go to <http://www.petitiononline.com/UCTV/petition.html>. It's quick, easy and it is a great idea to have the cable here at Ursinus changed to Comcast. The petition is still going around campus and hopefully with enough signatures, this minor change on campus can be a major contributor to making college life here at Ursinus a little more enjoyable.

SERV members attend national conference

(Article Courtesy of www.NCEMSF.org)

The twelfth annual conference and tradeshow of the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation (NCEMSF) was held February 25-27, 2005 in Philadelphia, PA. 580 representatives of campus EMS organizations from 73 schools across the U.S. attended the conference, hosted in conjunction with Ursinus College Student Emergency response Volunteers (SERV) and Villanova University EMS (VEMS).

NCEMSF is a professional network of campus EMS organizations and their members. The annual conference is an opportunity for campus EMS providers to convene and share ideas.

"What is most impressive about campus EMS groups is that much of this service to campuses is primarily being provided by students attending those colleges and universities," said Dr. George Koenig, NCEMSF President.

Poempalooza tonight

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I don't know about you, but for me the words "free, food, and music" normally guarantee my appearance at any campus activity. Well, this year's Poempalooza, which will take place today at 7-9:30 in WLL, offers all of the above plus more.

Some of you may recognize this event; it's been around since 2000 when visiting Professor Valerie Martinez started it. Her initial hope was that the event would erase the stigma behind poetry so that people of different disciplines can come together and enjoy it. Since her departure in 2003, the event has been continued by our own Professor Keita. And, as most things do with time, the event has received tune-ups of all kinds to keep it fresh and live at Ursinus.

As you may already be aware, Poempalooza features faculty putting on performances as dead poets, student slammers who compete against each other, and student poetry readings. So come early for a good seat. Past paloozas have been very popular and well attended. Plus, this year there are a few new influences, such as music by Ursinus students.

Professor Keita suggests that one of the biggest changes that happened to Poempalooza since Professor Martinez left Ursinus is that the event is now more student-run. "I wanted it to be something that students had investment in," Professor Keita says.

The whole event really is a collective effort. With organizational collaborations between students and Ursinus staff, advertising by groups like LitSoc, Berman Buddies and WVOU, event recording by Media Services, help from the Theatre department, donated funds to the Creative Writing Program, almost everyone has had a shaping hand in helping to continue Poempalooza. Even Professor Keita's family has helped the event by creating flyers. Poempalooza 2005 is certainly an anticipated event on Ursinus campus, and that is the event's mission. Poetry is no longer for the shy bookworm. It really has become more of a popular medium in today's society, and Poempalooza proves that poetry can be enjoyed by all people.

So, don't miss out on the fun on March 31, from 7-9:30 in Wismer Lower Lounge. Be there! Competition is stiff; the winners are voted by the audience; trophies are handed out. All in all, it's a lot of fun. But most importantly, the event is for people of all disciplines.

"Students are taking leadership roles and often fully run these services. They range from providing basic first responder services to full paramedic level ambulance services serving the campus and in many cases the surrounding community. This allows students to develop leadership, communication, and decision-making skills while positively impacting other people's lives."

This was the largest NCEMSF conference to date," said Dr. Scott Savett, NCEMSF Vice President. "Collegiate EMS organizations from across the country were able to share information on how to implement or improve campus EMS at their school. Being able to ask a large group of people specific questions about campus EMS operations is a huge benefit." Koenig added, "Ursinus and Villanova should be commended for their work to make this conference a success."

"This year's conference seminars included 24 lectures ranging from the treatment and management of various traumatic and medical emergencies to the legality of patient refusals to the importance of clinical quality improvement in EMS. Other lectures discussed bioterrorism, medical ethics, HAZMAT in the campus chemistry lab, and major incident pre-planning as well as other workshops related to campus life such as stress management and confidentiality. The keynote address "Wounds that Kill" was delivered by John Pryor, MD, FACS, EMT-P, a trauma-critical care surgeon at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center who also happens to be a collegiate EMS alumnus from SUNY Binghamton.

For more information about NCEMSF, please visit the foundation's website at www.ncemf.org. The 2006 NCEMSF conference is scheduled for February 24-26, 2006 - location still to be determined (RFP available online).

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Senior speaks about giving back

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Looking back on the past four years, there have been many things I've learned. Some things were bound to happen; such as the fact that I *can* actually use a scatterplot outside of the classroom (thanks, Professor Goebeler!) and now have a better grasp on what it "means to be human." This knowledge will serve me well in the world, and I feel fortunate to have learned it at a great school like Ursinus. But classroom knowledge aside, do you want to know one of my most challenging and rewarding accomplishments at UC? I'll give you a clue, it had nothing to do with science, as this psychology major only took "baby bio" and I'm not referring to breaking in three new swim team coaches in four years. Ok, because I've never had patience for guessing games, I'm just going to tell you.

Phone-A-Thon. That's right. Phone-A-Thon.

Oh sure, it started out simply enough. A few friends and I signed up to, "make a few dollars chatting on the phone" with alumni. We knew some graduates that went to our respective high schools and had a blast talking with others at Homecoming that fall, so how hard could it be? We trained and practiced calling and were set to go. But then I actually had a real phone number in front of me; attached to a name, a class year, and (gasp) *an amount to ask for as a donation*. I didn't know who I was kidding, sitting in that booth with my headset on. I had trouble asking my parents for \$40 for new contacts, let alone \$100 from someone I've never met.

But once we started talking, it was smooth sailing. The alumni were thrilled to hear from current students on the happenings of the school. We connected over classes, professors, athletics and Greek affiliations. And they were happy to contribute to Ursinus, sharing how much the school did for them; from the fellowships to the network connections to the quality of education that other schools couldn't match. In turn, I informed them about what was happening at UC, and how their gifts were directly affecting students' lives.

My work on the Phone-A-Thon segued into a job in the Office of Alumni Relations, where I learn all about how alumni stay involved in the life of the college. It's not all just hanging out at Homecoming or cheering on the winning basketball team. These people are sincerely committed to

giving back to Ursinus! They come back and advise students on career panels. They go to college fairs in their towns to represent Ursinus. And they give money to help the school.

Speaking of giving money, did you know that we are in the middle of a capital campaign? (Do you even know what a capital campaign is? Since I didn't I'll clue you in...) It's a major fundraising drive to bring the college to the next level (think PBS Fund Drive kicked up about a thousand notches). In just 18 months, "Taking Our Place" (the campaign for Ursinus) has raised \$85 million in gifts from alumni, parents and friends of the college (note: this is in addition to the donations that the school receives every year in the Annual Fund). This is money coming from people who believe so much in the mission of the college that they actually *give back* to Ursinus. Look around you. Contrary to popular belief, the buildings you see – most recently the field house, fitness center and new performing arts center – are not being built by your tuition dollars. Let me repeat that just in case you skimmed over the information: these new facilities are built with donations from alumni and friends, *not* our tuition dollars!!

Campaigns help hire new faculty, keep the labs up to date, your scholarships funded and generally provide you with the means to keep moving forward with your education. Not to mention, the great opportunities – many times at no cost to you (remember; according to college students, free = best thing of life!) Take those Wynton Marsalis poster you see on your Main Street house and in Wismer. It's a free concert with a jazz legend at the opening of our performing arts center – and the majority of tickets are reserved for students! Plus, if you're quick enough to score a ticket, you'll be able to meet some of the major benefactors whose donations made the new center a reality.

So go and camp out in Wismer Lower Lounge starting at 11:30pm on April 1st for the free tickets to the Marsalis concert. Take advantage of those opportunities around you ... because sooner or later you're going to find yourself less than 8 weeks left til graduation wondering where the time went (and for those of you who can relate – be kind to those Phone-A-Thon callers in the fall!!).

Get amped for Airband!

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You've seen the posters, read the emails, heard the talk – clearly, this year's Airband on Friday, April 8th is not to be missed! Every year, Ursinus holds a huge lip-synching "dance off," to a packed audience in Wismer Dining Hall. Faculty judges carefully review the acts and award trophies to the best groups. For months now, the Residence Life staff has worked tirelessly to organize the event and devise strategies to fundraise for their very worthy charity, the Lea F. Sullivan Anti-Violence Scholarship Fund. Get Amped for at least nine, amazing acts by your friends, classmates, and even your RA's or HC's! Look out for door prizes like the IPOD Shuffle and gift certificates to Philadelphia sports events and favorite Collegeville locations, as well.

Between the well-attended Drag Show, Date Auction, and other fundraising events on and off campus over the past months, Airband itself, while it will surely be amazing, is not all there is in terms of fun. The events leading up to Airband have added to the campus atmosphere. Student and faculty attendance and participation in events and sales such as the duct taping in Olin Plaza, bagging for donations at

Clemens, coin drops, silent auction, Crazy Carl's night, cookie sales, etc. has helped to raise a donation just shy of \$5,000 at this point. The donations to the Lea Sullivan Anti-Violence Fund steadily rise (check the thermometer in the Wismer lobby!), as donations continue to roll in for this fund that both honors the memory of the extended member of the Ursinus family, Lea Sullivan, while sending the very important message that violence cannot be tolerated.

In the time between now and the much-anticipated Airband, you can still get in on the action. Buy a pin from Res Life to support the Lea Sullivan Fund for \$2 in the coming weeks. On April 1st, tag along for a scavenger hunt for just a \$1 beginning in Wismer at 6:30. And, don't miss the Penny Wars, which go from April 4th through 8th. If you still want to perform, Airband continues to accept registrations, available in the Res Life office. This year's team of RA's who have worked dedicatedly to plan a memorable Airband for us all are proud and humbled to present the Lea F. Sullivan Anti-Violence Fund as this year's charity, and are pleased to put on an Airband to remember on Friday, April 8th, at 8pm.

No boredom allowed

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B-O-R-E-D-O-M is a seven letter word that certainly should not enter your vocabulary this spring at Ursinus. There are plenty of exciting activities planned for all students.

The much anticipated Airband is on Friday, April 8th. Airband is a lip-synching competition where groups of students and teachers dress up in wild costumes, choreograph dances, and lip sync to their favorite songs.

The next night, Saturday, April 9th, CAB, Campus Activities Board is sponsoring an on-campus concert. This year's band will be Collective Soul, an alternative rock group who was popular in the mid-nineties. After being out of the public eye for a number of years, the band released a CD in 2004 entitled "Youth." Buy your tickets for \$5 in the Student Activities Office now!

Another event on campus is the Ursinus Jazz Ensemble concert on Saturday, April 2nd at 8 pm. The concert, held in Bomberger Auditorium, will be performed by the talented musicians of Ursinus College and will include Jazz selections such as Morgan Lewis' "How High the Moon" and Kurt Weill's "Mack the Knife."

Taking a break from homework during the week or spending a few hours at a sports game is the perfect way to support our Bears and even get a great tan! To see a complete list of all spring sports schedules, check out the Ursinus website and click on "Athletics," or check out the backpage of the Grizzly!

With all of these events happening on campus there should be little time for boredom. Spring into April by getting involved and showing support!

Don't even say you're bored!
Here's your guide to Spring events.

MARCH

- 31 - Digital Sculptor's Lecture, Pfahler Aud.
- 31 - Poemalooza, Wismer Lower Lounge
- 31 - Tsunami Relief Concert, Bomberger Auditorium

APRIL

- 2 - Ursinus Jazz Ensemble Concert, Bomberger Aud.
- 2 - Bowling Trip (RHA)
- 3 - Salvador Dali exhibit, Philly Art Museum (CAB)
- 6 - Marlon Simon & the Nagual Spirits, Bomber. Aud.
- 8 - AIRBAND, Wismer Dining Hall (Res Life)
- 9 - Collective Soul Concert, Helferich Gym (CAB)
- 9 - Choir Concert, Bomberger Aud.
- *Meistersingers & College Choir
- 9 - Hoh Daiko Drummers, Bertram Museum
- 10 - Basket Bingo (USGA)
- 13 - Day of Silence (GSA)
- 15 - Tsunami Relief Movie Marathon, TBD
- 17 - MS Walk @ Elmwood Zoo (Hobson Hall)

Week of 17th - Spring Fling Events

Sunday: Casino Night; Tuesday: RHA Glow-in-the-dark Volleyball; Wednesday: Talent Show; Thursday: Robert Channing; Friday: Laugh Off; Saturday: Concert & picnic

- 21 - Performing Arts Center Opener
12-4pm, Various Events (More info TBA)
8pm Wynton Marsalis performs
- 27 - Jello Wrestling for Tsunami Relief, TBD
- 30 - Gospel Choir Spring Concert, Bomberger Aud.

Erectile Dysfunction (ED) in young men

There are many words that can alter the face of a relationship: commitment, infidelity, and honesty, to name just a few. When a word or phrase such as one of these makes a person uncomfortable, one's first instinct is avoidance, despite understanding that things we hide away tend to appear despite our best efforts. This week, I'm proposing another method of handling these situations—confrontation. Specifically, we will be confronting an issue involving a great deal of stigma for men and couples: Erectile Dysfunction (ED).



LANE TAYLOR
Everything You Never Knew You Wanted to

Erectile Dysfunction is such a tough topic because many men who face this condition feel inadequate, that their masculinity is somehow lacking. Recognizing that ED does not degrade one's character or gender identity is an important first step in managing this condition. I sought the advice of the Net Doctor at <http://www.netdoctor.co.uk/index.shtml>, courtesy of the United

Kingdom, who informed me that in men our age, ED is not often caused by an underlying medical condition. In fact, the most common cause of temporary ED in young men is anxiety. This means that mental anguish may affect your plans for the evening. Often, stress and problems in the relationship affect sexual activity, emphasizing the importance of communication in a relationship. Depression and bereavement can also hinder one's ability to maintain an erection. When these feelings take over, ED often accompanies them. The amount of sleep you get

can also affect sexual performance, which is easy to solve, as soon as you're willing to put down the game controller and pick up a pillow. An additional feeling that may lead to anxiety is guilt. Often, people who feel guilty about their sexual activity find it difficult to enjoy, and for men, this

can manifest itself in Erectile Dysfunction. Common causes of sexual guilt are unresolved feelings that the specific activity one is involved in is dirty, inappropriate, or wrong. If these feelings persist, the best treatment is counseling.

Alcohol use is another possible cause of ED, meaning that drinking too much won't just affect class in the morning and a clean carpet. If a large amount of alcohol is imbibed on a consistent basis, drinking less will improve blood flow and the ability to achieve an erection.

If anxiety is not affecting one's daily life but he is still suffering from Erectile Dysfunction, there are several medical conditions that can induce this problem. Arteriosclerosis or other heart or vascular diseases increase the risk of ED. Smoking also increases the risk because it increases this risk of heart and vascular diseases. Major surgery can increase the risk as well, especially surgery involving the abdominal cavity and prostate gland. Diabetes has a

harmful affect on blood flow, and as a result has claimed the title as the most common cause of ED. In addition, certain medications, including those used to treat high blood pressure, ulcers, and depression, can inhibit sexual appetite or blood flow to the penis.

However disheartening this may sound, I am happy to report a substantial silver lining. Modern medicine has made impressive advances in the treatment of erectile dysfunction. For those who suffer from dysfunction due to medication, the cure could be as simple as talking to one's doctor, who can prescribe a medication that does not affect sexual activity. Other options include talking to one's doctor about treatments specifically for erectile dysfunction, such as Viagra, Cialis, or Levitra. For those who find these prescriptions ineffective, they can talk to their doctors about several surgical options, although this step is not usually necessary.

Help Hobson help others

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If you have not noticed the emails you have been receiving from Resident Director (RD) Brian Stephenson about SPINT house projects, stay vigilant for your opportunity to get involved and contribute to some good causes. The Ursinus College House Coordinators (HCs) of Special Interest Houses on campus Tia Larese, Meg Bickel, Dina Yarmus, Joe Potts, Anna King, Chantell Johnson, and Kari Baker, as well as Assistant Resident Director (ARD) Laura Bickert have been busy planning some projects for which they need your help. Recently, Tia Larese, HC of Hobson House (the community service house), has helped in promoting several projects her house is doing.

Hobson House is collecting Teddy Bears to be donated through the Methacton Women's Performance Group to Nehemiah's Way, which will go to shelters to help give comfort to some needy children. Collection is occurring from Wednesday, March 23, until Friday, April 1. All the Teddy Bears must be new, but there is no need for them to be expensive—all contributions are greatly appreciated! Drop-off boxes are located in Corson, Olin, Pfahler, and Wismer.

Another Hobson Service Project is taking place on Saturday, April 2, from 9am to 12pm. Hobson House will be volunteering to clean up Valley Forge National Park. Students will clean hiking trails that were damaged during winter by the weather. Please email Dennis Vondran (devondran@ursinus.edu) for more information regarding this particular project.

In addition, Hobson House just recently conducted Data Match surveys. Tia Larese and some of her residents sat in Wismer lobby last week, bringing Ursinus students the opportunity to find their perfect match for just \$2 in support of Airband. Students who participated in Data Match will receive their top 10 male and female matches on the weekend of Airband, which is April 8, 2005.



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

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Ursinus students build house during Spring Break

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For most college students, Spring Break is a week to relax after midterms, get a tan, or visit friends. However, for the 20 Ursinus students that went to Kansas City, Missouri, the week was a chance for them to give back to the community. Alternative Spring Break has been running on Ursinus' campus for a number of years and typically involves students working together on various community service projects. This year, students drove 18 hours to Kansas City, where they worked with Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity is an internationally run nonprofit Christian organization. Its programs encourage all people to assist in building affordable and decent housing for those without adequate shelter. They have built homes for over 900,000 people worldwide since 1976. Volunteers along with homeowners join together under trained supervision to build these houses.

Seniors Laura Bickert and Nicole Borocci have been attending Alternative Spring Break for three years now. They began planning this year's trip all the way back in October. They contacted Habitat's headquarters in Georgia to make sure that the host site was approved.

Nicole Borocci says, "We usually pick a warm area to travel to so that we have a break from winter." Campus-wide emails were then sent out to Ursinus students to generate interest. Unfortunately, interest exceeded availability, as over 60 students responded, and only 20 students were able to attend.

Funds for the program were generated by the attending students. Students raised \$300 each through coin drives and various donations from churches, local businesses and professors. These funds were used to rent vans, pay for meals, and finance extra excursions, such as going to the movies and attending a comedy show.

While in Kansas City, students stayed and ate at a local homeless shelter near the construction site and got to learn a lot about the local area. However, the real project began when they reached the construction site and received their building assignments for that year. This year, students accomplished the preparation of siding, building a porch, and finishing the inside of the house as groundwork for painting.

Cynthia Ritter, a junior who attended Alternative Spring Break for the first time, mentions, "I felt like I was being productive and doing something really worthwhile."

Aside from construction, students had many opportunities to socialize with each other. Laura Bickert states, "My favorite part of the week was that I got to meet people from Ursinus that I wouldn't usually meet on campus." Other favorites included a Kansas City barbeque and riding around in the backs of trucks with contractors. "I wouldn't usually get to do things like that," asserts Nicole Borocci.

To follow up with this philanthropic effort, a Habitat for Humanity Club is in the making at Ursinus College. The program intends to travel to Norristown to work. Interested students should look out for campus-wide emails with more information. Students looking to attend Alternative Spring Break next year should expect to see information announced next fall.

Study Abroad cancellations

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Upon arriving back at campus after Spring Break, many students received a huge shock and great disappointment when they were informed that the acclaimed Ursinus in London and Ursinus in Madrid programs are not taking place for the fall 2005 semester. These two faculty-directed programs needed a certain number of students in order to continue, but were cancelled due to a lack in interest. Unfortunately, the faculty had to make the difficult decision to sacrifice Ursinus in London and Madrid because running them with a lower number of participants would have created a tremendous financial strain on all the study abroad programs for this upcoming year.

It is important to recognize that not only were students very disappointed by the cancellations this year, but faculty as well. Dr. Jay Miller, director of the London program, Paula Alvarez, director of the Madrid program, Melissa Hardin, and Dean Lucas were among those faculty members most disappointed because they were personally invested in the programs; a great deal of time and effort was lost because of these cancellations. Melissa Hardin expressed that it was very unfortunate that these two particular programs had to be cancelled because both programs provided excellent and unique internship opportunities to Ursinus students.

Fortunately, the students who applied to the UC in London and Madrid programs who met the criteria were offered other options, such as applying to Study Abroad independently through a Butler program. Those students who applied and did not meet criteria, on the other hand, can apply again next year. Ursinus in London and Ursinus in Madrid may be offered in upcoming years, but after their sudden cancellations this year, this is not certain. The faculty must now consider what programs and how many programs to offer in the future, because it is clear that offering all five Ursinus programs for the fall (London, Madrid, Florence, Tuebingen, and Seville) may result in one or more cancellations due to low numbers.

Melissa Hardin, director of Study Abroad at Ursinus, urges students to express what places interest them the most so that in the future faculty will have a better idea of what locations will receive enough applicants. This year, while London and Madrid did not receive enough applicants, Florence and Tuebingen received a surplus of applications, resulting in many students being turned down.

So, these disappointed Ursinus students will have to make the choice to either put in the work to go to these locations independently or to reapply next year in the hopes that the same programs are offered. The Ursinus community can only wish the best for its renowned Study Abroad program.

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Uncle Sam wants you--look for a red, white, and blue job

Did you know that more than half of the nearly 1.9 million full-time federal employees are eligible to retire in the next five years? This creates incredible opportunity for young people interested in public service careers. Unlike some other employers, the federal government is never going to go out of business. So, good government will always need good people to protect the interests of American citizens.

A recent study identified the top five growth areas in the federal government. These include

1. **Security, Enforcement and Compliance Assistance.** This area includes jobs as inspectors, criminal investigators, compliance officers, security guards and airport screeners.
2. **Health.** This includes all healthcare personnel, including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and medical technicians.
3. **Engineering and Sciences.** This includes jobs as biologists, botanists, chemists, and all engineering disciplines.
4. **Program Management and Administration.** This consists of a very broad category of administrative positions, including program managers and analysts.
5. **Accounting, Budget and Business.** The Internal Revenue Service is the predominant area of growth, as it steps up hiring of revenue agents and tax examiners.

For your questions about jobs with federal agencies, attend a special Career Services program on **Public Service Careers** on Wednesday, April 6, at 4:30pm.

You can also look for more information on the Web at

- www.calltoserve.org. A federal jobs one-stop shop.
- www.opm.gov. The government's HR agency, the Office of Personnel Management, provides employment forms and benefit information.
- www.usajobs.opm.gov. The federal government's main site for job openings.

A conversation with Mike Ditty

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On my way to class this morning, I observed something strange in the Ritter parking lot. There was a blue SUV running idle in the middle of one of the lanes, and nearby was a man sticking bits of paper on assorted vehicles.

It was the first time I've ever seen Campus Safety in action in giving out tickets to cars at the Ritter lot. Intrigued, I had managed to meet with Mike Ditty, head of Campus Safety, later that day. In the back of my mind, I held all the various complaints from different people about parking at school—namely that there are no convenient spots, and when they do find a spot (illegally), they get ticketed.

That in itself isn't so bad, except when they note that for the previous days (or weeks, or months, or semesters, depending on who is telling the story), cars have been in that very spot and have not been ticketed.

This painted a mental image of a bunch of campus safety officers hiding behind trees and waiting for a certain person to park their car in a certain spot, then jumping out and nailing them with a ticket.

After talking to Mike Ditty, I found that this was not the case. "Because you don't see a ticket on the car doesn't mean it's not there," he said.

Ah, so he's suggesting that although the physical evidence is not present, doesn't mean that it hasn't been ticketed. Since I've heard many students' perspectives on what it is like to get ticketed, I asked Ditty what it was like from the Campus Safety perspective.

"There are cars in the lots 24/7, and although we try to get every lot in order, with one or two officers, it's hard to get them all," said Ditty. "First we go for the unregistered vehicles, and we give warnings to the registered vehicles. For those who are registered, it should come as no surprise since we give them warnings and it shows up on their bill."

Devious.

"We also target those who park in danger areas and in handicapped spots."

That's so unfair.

"We probably waive as many tickets as we bill because the students come and *talk* to us, and not argue," said Ditty.

Wait, they waive tickets? Why?

"Parking is a fact of life," Ditty notes. "Employees have to walk across campus too, and the priority for students is to get an education, not to find a parking spot."

I mentioned that sometimes there isn't a place to park conveniently by the Main Street houses. He shrugged and said, "We can't add more parking on Main Street. [Ursinus] College can't do anything about it. There's no secret that there's a shortage of parking on Main Street, the students know this."

He also pointed out that there are those who drive their cars to the gym, taking up places on the campus side of the street. Meanwhile, residents of the dorms sometimes drive their cars and park in the Main street lots for social aspects, thus taking spots from the residents.

Also, there are no designated parking lots. In other words, students who live in Reimert are not designated Lot B by the gym, where students who live in Musser are not designated the lot behind Hobson and Sturgis. Ditty informed me that it is unlikely that there will ever be designated spots.

However, with campus drive being closed soon, they are greatly expanding the B lot. "There will be more parking, but a bit more walking," said Ditty.

Then again, it is not as if the campus is that big. Chances are, unless a student is coming from somewhere as far off as Clamer, a walk from Musser to Ritter takes about five to ten minutes. Compare that to larger schools where students who live on campus still have to drive forty minutes to their nearest class. Suddenly, a little walk doesn't seem so bad.

The last thing Ditty pointed out to me was that if any students had any questions or issues, those at Campus Safety are very willing to talk to students and address any of their concerns.

I have to admit, after my visit, I no longer picture the officers of Campus Safety as a bunch of masochistic people hiding behind trees out to get me and slap a ticket on my car. They're actually reasonable and kind human beings who are willing to listen and talk to students. They try to be as fair and consistent as possible in giving out tickets to illegally parked cars. And to be honest, except in a case of an emergency, there should be no reason why people should park illegally. There's probably a good reason for that spot being illegal in the first place.

Experiencing the London perspective

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During the last semester, I was in London with the Ursinus program. While there I was placed in an internship with an English literacy charity. The social atmosphere within the charity was markedly different than any workplace I had seen in the United States. The social atmosphere within the British workplace was notably more open than within the American workplace.

The first of these differences was in the way Brits break up their work day. The amount of tea breaks that my internship staff took within a day was almost unfathomable. They also never went to make tea just for a single person; they would make a cup of tea for almost everybody in the office. Furthermore, the amount of time wasted socializing within the office was in many cases quite excessive as business oriented conversations would usually degenerate into social banter.

However, from these multitudes of social conversations, I learned many things about the general world view of the British people. I was particularly impressed by the amount of world

political knowledge almost all of the members of my office possessed. They all had taken a very deep interest in the American political and were as up to date on the current events of the topic as I was. They all also had a very firm grasp on the current European politics. More surprising than that, especially coming from a very un-environmentally conscious culture, I was amazed by how aware of environmental issues most of the members of my internship were.

The more social aspect of the British office culture that I came into contact with was their great affinity for drinking at almost any point in the day. Jackie Taylor, the administrator of the office, was well known for splitting bottles of wine with the office secretary during lunch, and she was quite open about this practice. A few other members of the office often went drinking at the pub on late lunches, came back to the office for two hours, and then went back out to the pub after work. Though the excessive amount of drinking that sometimes occurred appeared like it might sometimes be detrimental to the functioning of the office, it did seem to provide for

very strong friendships among the office employees. On one occasion I went out with the group to a pub after work. Though I knew that they enjoyed drinking, I was surprised that they were all prepared to drink on a week night.

All the above mentioned characteristics of my office differed strongly from the jobs that I have held within the United States. It is not nearly as common for co-workers to go out socially with their co-workers. As a country, we generally keep our social life and our work life as two separate entities. From the great friendships that I saw all around me at my internship, it seems that the British method might lend itself to a more cohesive, though sometimes intoxicated, work place. Furthermore, it opened my eyes greatly to how ignorant Americans are of the world around them. Hearing all the global political conversations that took place within my office made me realize how very little I know about global politics. Though I knew I was no expert on the subject, I do feel that I am more aware than most of the citizens of my country. Realizing how ignorant I was by a British standard was truly eye opening.

A new drink: Water from the body

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According to Kevin Chamers, managing director of Crestridge, a Nevada-based investment firm, 1.8 billion people in the world's population have never had a drink of fresh water. This is especially a problem in third world countries where there are no water purification devices. Crestridge has been researching water purification technology for the past two years, as has recently teamed up with NASA to propagate a bizarre new technology.

This new water purification system, as invented by NASA scientists, can change an astronaut's sweat, respiration, and even urine into drinkable water. Scientists boast that the water this new technology produces from bodily fluids is even purer than regular tap water.

According to Robyn Carrasquillo, who is chief of the environmental control and life support division at Marshall, the facility in which this new technology was invented, "They just breathe and exercise, urinate into the urinal and our system handles the rest." Amid cacophonous groans and ewws, scientists still plan to use this technology, which is the size of two large refrigerators, and it will be providing fresh water to an American astronaut and a Russian cosmonaut in space in about 2 years. In the meantime, smaller versions of this technology will be distributed on earth.

Humanitarian organizations are already planning taking the technology over to Iraq and tsunami-ravaged countries in Southeast Asia. Before this new technology there seemed to be no way to transport clean water affordably across to globe. With this new technology, water costs \$0.0079 per liter as opposed to \$0.39 per liter without it.

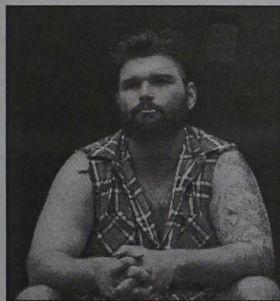
The lower costs of water under this new system could be caused by the incredible accessibility of urine and sweat as opposed to sending trucks and building massive pipes to pump water up out of the ground. Though this prospect of drinking recycled human urine does make most squeamish, the possible worldwide benefits that this technology could provide way outweigh any minor hesitation.

Around the city in 80 hours

So yeah, remember spring break? That glorious week you spent procrastinating the shitload of work you were assigned over it? Well, while most flocked to sunny beaches, I found myself swept on a whim to the historic Carter Hotel in New York City. The lobby and elevators were beautifully decorated with quilt-like arrays of area rugs, as were the hallway walls. In fact, carpet was even nailed to the wall to serve as a headboard...talk about luxurious.

Now for \$79.99 a night (I guess that's cheap; I usually pay by the hour), I wasn't exactly expecting a feather Duvet and wireless internet (Ok, let's be honest, I just searched "duvet" online and I'm still not sure what it is). However, I did expect functioning heat. And it didn't help that the curtains billowed out when the wind picked up due to one poorly installed air conditioner.

We called down to the front desk and got their typical terse response: "We have problems; we can't help you." Earlier, we called to ask where the towels were, and they replied "look in mirror," and hung up. I thought they were advising deep introspection, but it turns out we didn't notice the towel rack above the



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mirror (perhaps the towels would have been more noticeable if they weren't so small that only a five-foot-nothing hundred-pound-soaking-wet girl could use make up of them...luckily, I had brought one along...a five-foot-nothing hundred-pound-soaking-wet girl, that is...I just had to make due with the little towels).

Plan B was to steal some extra blankets from the uncleaned, unlocked room next door. We figured since our blankets would be between us and the stolen sheets, we wouldn't touch whatever the previous occupants of 1133 got on the sheets (we managed to spill an ash tray on our sheets, so we assumed it couldn't get much worse.) Then we noticed the bloody towel in 1133's bathroom and decided to brave the cold.

Since the cold-assed room's cable consisted of four channels, we decided to leave the room and actually see the city. After being forcibly dragged to every shoe store in NYC, I skipped some quarters across the pond in Central Park Holden Caulfield-style and visited FAO Schwartz of Home Alone 2 fame.

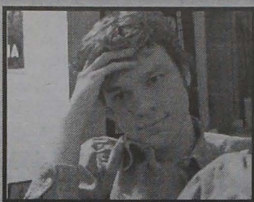
At night, I took what little money I didn't spend on shoes and headed out to bars. While most NY bars charge 4, 5 bucks a beer, Senior Swanky's on Bleecker Street just happened to have dirt-cheap beers, mixed drinks, and shots from 10 to close. Needless to say, we didn't quite achieve the bar hopping that we had planned for the night, and after realizing we could no longer comprehend the subway system, hopped a cab home.

As much as I love to complain, the impromptu trip to New York was just about the capstone of my college career. If I can offer any advice, don't worry about booking a hotel the night before, or how you'll get there, just friggin' do it. You won't regret it.

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It's the Mind

One must applaud Kevin Spacey for having a good heart. He risked a great deal in an effort to bring the late Bobby Darin's music back into the spotlight. And his attempts, in the movie *Beyond the Sea*, its soundtrack and subsequent concert tour were good, no matter what the critics might say.

But as the true fans know, Darin's legacy will never fade so long as we continue to celebrate and pass down his music. I first heard Bobby Darin singing "Spish Splash." I was just past baby stage at the time, and I remember jumping up and down. That alone was not significant, as I jumped up and down a lot as a child. But when I heard that same song, years later, I danced along to it once more, as if I was a child once again. I knew then that this was a song, and an artist, I would have to seek out. And so my dedication to Mr. Darin began.

How could one man accomplish so much in only thirty-seven years? He played several instruments, he sang, he acted, he wrote, he was an all-around entertainer. It was sheer enthusiasm, the need to accomplish something and to do it well. How else could one explain an artist who recorded rock and roll, folk, big band, and an album of Ray Charles covers?

Of course, with so many styles and so little time, he was never fully on top of his game. He was a perpetual rising star in whatever field he tried. When he started getting noticed as a rock and roll star, he switched to Sinatra-style crooning. Who knows where his movie career, with one Academy Award nomination in the bag, could have gone? His folk period was, undeniably, not the strongest stage of his journey, but then it wasn't as bad as many of the groups that spent their lifetime recording folk music.

There are those who argue that Darin would have never reached the top of his field in any musical genre, because he simply wasn't great enough. He was good at any number of things, but not great in any one particular. Maybe this is true, but that he was good in so many makes him great. His collective effort, the heart and soul he poured into every attempt he made, is more than enough to secure his place in a musical Mount Rushmore.

And there is something that one automatically catches onto when listening to Bobby Darin sing. Something you don't always get listening to his contemporaries. That is a sense of fun. He sounds as if he is enjoying himself immensely, and as a result you enjoy yourself as well. And if I had to guess, I would imagine he was enjoying himself as he ticked another goal from the list. One is left only to guess how many more hats Bobby Darin could have successfully worn had his weak heart not finally given out. I for one would have loved to hear the Bobby Darin punk album.

But what he has left us with is a catalogue of passionate, fun, and, dare I say, great music, which will endure far longer than, no offense to Kevin Spacey, any tribute to him could.

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Rednecks and Hillbillies: The New Border Patrol for the US

Five years into this new millennium thing and all I see are reruns; the same reality shows, same crappy, non-flying cars, and the same wars. First we had Persian Gulf II, and now we're facing down the barrel of the Mexican War: Part Dos. And we owe it all to the Minuteman Project.

For those of you who are blissfully uninformed, the Minuteman Project is group of some 500 flag-waving American citizens who are concerned about the amount of illegal immigrants entering the country, particularly in the Arizona area. They watched as the U.S. Border Patrol raised the number of agents operating in Arizona from 1,700 to 2,100 in 18 months. But still, the aliens just kept coming. So instead of waiting around for Congress to do something about it, these Minutemen decided to do take responsibility into their own hands. They grabbed their guns and headed for Arizona.

That's right — the goal of the Minutemen Project is to gather up a group of civilians and have them "assist" the local border patrol by tracking down illegal aliens entering the U.S. Because, as we all know, when adding 400 more trained federal agents doesn't solve the problem, adding a bunch of untrained hillbillies to the mix will certainly cure whatever ails you! In fact, most of those recruited so far seem to have absolutely zero experience in border security. But hell — how hard can it be, really?

Before signing up to be a Minuteman, one must undergo a rigorous, foolproof background examination check (gotta weed out those wackos!), including answers to these tough questions: name, address, brief statement

why one wants to participate in this project, and amount of time one desires to participate. Oh, and if you have a gun, feel free to bring that along too!

Surely by now you are all thinking, "If ever there is a recipe for success, it would read: mix a bunch of rednecks, a healthy sampling of hunting weaponry, and a dash illegal immigrants into a remote desert region, and bake for as long as humanly possible! BUT WAIT! Surely our wet-blanket federal government will find some way to rain on this parade of wonderfully competent thinking!"

Actually, no.

The U.S. government has no plans of stopping this heavily-armed vigilante group from going on their glorified hunting expedition to the Arizona border. What they do intend to do, however, is keep a close eye on those little rascals, and so help them if even *one* illegal immigrant is hurt/maimed/killed by a Minuteman, by golly, that Minuteman is going to be grounded for the whole week!

On a much more foreboding final note, Mr. James W. Gilchrist, the man at the head of the Minuteman Project, ends his website, www.minutemanproject.com, with a quote from Ezola Foster:

"It is a sad day in America when the law-makers side with the law-breakers against the law-abiding citizens."

There's a joke in there, Mr. Gilchrist. The truly sad thing is I don't think you get it.

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Fitzgerald returns to coach women's lacrosse

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Since graduating from Ursinus in May of 2003, life for Erin Fitzgerald has been anything but normal. In the two short years she has been away from campus, she has kept herself quite busy. She spent the last two seasons as the top assistant coach for LaSalle University Women's Lacrosse, coordinating the defense and designing and implementing a new recruiting program for the Explorers. She also has served as the head coach of a SEPA Club Team, spent one season as a member of the Burnside Lacrosse Club in Adelaide, South Australia, and has worked the Princeton, Villanova, Swarthmore and Future Stars lacrosse camps.

Just this past spring, it was announced that Fitzgerald would be returning to her alma mater as the head women's lacrosse coach. She returns to coach one of the most successful Division III women's

lacrosse programs (5 national championships) in the country; a program which she contributed to greatly during her career.

Fitzgerald became the first woman in Ursinus College history to be named First Team All-American and First Team Academic All-American. She was named Centennial Conference Player of the Year in 2003, and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Fitzgerald returns to coach a young, talented team that saw their 2004 season end in a tough 24-11 loss to fifth-ranked Gettysburg in the Centennial Conference semifinal playoffs last season.

Led by 2005 preseason All-Ameri-

can selection Kyle Kauffman, the Bears have the leadership and experience to make a strong run at the Centennial Conference championship. Kauffman welcomes fellow senior Aubrey

Andre into the midfield, as well as junior Ashley Ettinger. Ettinger is the team's leading goal scorer so far this season with 7 goals.

After a brief trip to Florida for spring training, the Bears returned home and opened their regular season against non-conference opponent Stevens Tech on March 3. A strong performance by Ettinger (4 goals) and sophomore midfielder Logan Conklin (2 goals) wasn't enough as the team fell in double overtime 7-6.

The women's lacrosse team opened Centennial Conference action with a big 10-7 win

over rival McDaniel in Westminster, MD on March 19. Ettinger and Andre each had 3 goals along with a pair of goals from junior midfielder Erikah Weir.

The Bear's tough non-conference schedule continued on March 22 with a match up with nationally ranked (4th) College of New Jersey. A pair of goals from sophomore attacker Lindsay Givens and 15 saves from sophomore goalkeeper Aimee Wright wasn't enough to tame the Lions who won the game 16-3. The Bears will hit the road for a pair of away games Thursday, March 31 at Haverford and Saturday, April 2 at Franklin and Marshall before returning home again Wednesday, April 6 against Muhlenberg. Game time is 4:00 p.m.

Erin Fitzgerald has played and she has coached. She knows how to score but most importantly, she knows how to win. With the combination of the new head coach and the talent and experience of this team, the Ursinus Women's Lacrosse team will certainly be a force to reckon with in the Centennial Conference this season.



Chemistry is the ingredient for success

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Spring is in the air. Fresh from spring break, we can all feel the weather beginning to warm up. And what better sign of the arrival of the new season than that softball has begun.

The Ursinus softball team is off to a great start this season, led by captains Eileen Caldwell, Marci Logan and Ellie Knise. So far, the record is 12 wins, 2 losses, and we can only expect to see this trend continue.

The team is working hard this year, with two hour practices five times a week, in the hopes of hosting and winning the Centennial Conference Championship, which Ursinus hosted and lost last year. With strong defensive players like shortstop Marci Logan, and catchers Eileen Caldwell and Kelly DeBow, along with a constantly improving offensive game, there is a good chance of winning the championship this year.

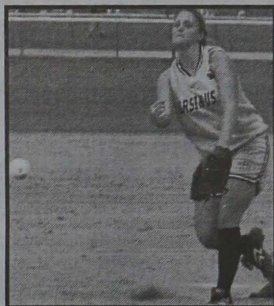
The softball team spent their spring break in Florida, where the girls had the opportunity to bond with one another, as well as play together.

"Our freshmen are amazing," said cap-

tain Eileen Caldwell. "They've added so much depth to an already powerful team, especially offensively, which we've lacked in the past. Everyone is pretty positive, too, which only makes us stronger."

This strength will certainly help the team as they enter the upcoming week, which is sure to contain some challenges. On Tuesday, the team faces Rutgers - Camden, which, although not a conference game, is a Division One school, and is a tough team to compete against. Then on Saturday, the girls face McDaniel, the team that beat them to win the Conference Championship last year. The team is confident in their abilities, however.

According to Caldwell, there is "amazing team chemistry on and off the field," which is sure to help them face any challenges they may meet throughout the rest of their already successful season. We can only hope to see them continue their success and finish the season with the championship.



Men's lacrosse team loses in a nail-biter to F&M

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Last Saturday, the Ursinus Men's Lacrosse team dropped a heart breaker to conference power house Franklin and Marshall. The Bears entered the game with a 1-3 record, but were optimistic about facing a conference opponent.

The Diplomats came out strong and hopped on the board first, but the resilient Bears answered with a goal from Anthony Tori. The Diplomats again got on the board to make it 2-1, but again the Bears countered and tied the game. The game continued to go back and forth leaving it tied at four a piece going into halftime. The Diplomats took the field in the third period, and turned up the pressure on shooting the Bears 21-3. Franklin and Marshall broke the tie at 12:17 with an unassisted goal.

Although down once again, the Bears kept their composure and clawed their way back with a goal from Matt Davis to retie the score.

But Franklin & Marshall again fought off the resilient Bears and finished off the period with a pair of goals to take a 7-5 lead.

The Bears' Mike Stein made the game interesting to start the fourth period, netting two goals off assists from Anthony Tori and Dane Mangin to knot the game at 7-7. In the sixth minute, the Bears were given a penalty and the Diplomats snuck one by the solid Matt Orlando with 5:57 remaining. Following the goal, another penalty was given to Ursinus, keeping Franklin and Marshall up a man.

The Diplomats finished the game scoring with 5:26 left on an unassisted shot to make it 9-7. The Bears continued to fight, but ran out of time and had to settle for a tough loss.

Overall, F&M out shot Ursinus 51-19 in the game, including a 30-8 margin in the second half. Matt Orlando helped the Bears stay in the game with 25 saves, but the Diplomats proved to be too tough. The Bears take on first place Washington in a Centennial Conference match up this Saturday at home.

