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To squat or to cluster? That is the question

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Choosing a new place to live is always stressful, but this year students have been particularly worried about one rumor floating around campus: Some fear Ursinus is going to do away with “squatting” in Reimert, the practice that allows students to reserve their current rooms or suites for the next academic year. “I really hope they don’t get rid of squatting!” said Katelyn Klepacki, Class of 2020 and a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma. “I think the squatting of Reimert system works pretty well. It lets different organizations keep their suites that they have had for years.”

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—Melissa Sanders Giess
 Director of Residence Life and Associate Dean of Students

“The Grizzly” is here to tell you: Fear not. Yet. Squatting will remain in effect for this year’s housing lottery. But the Residence Life Office is considering phasing out the practice, with potential changes to Reimert suite selection expected as soon as the 2021 academic year.

Squatting is the traditional method of retaining a space in Reimert. By passing suites down from one class to another, many sports teams and Greek organizations have retained their spaces for multiple years. They appreciate the sense of history that continued housing provides their organizations.

Junior Kiley Addis, who is helping coordinate housing for sorority Tau Sigma Gamma, expressed concerns about how the removal of squatting in Reimert will affect her organization.

“It’s a little frustrating having to stress about where to put people,” Addis said. “It’s kind of difficult having this space for like a long time. Most suites in Reimert have been ten years and going for a lot of organizations so how are you going to strip that away from people.”

Junior and Reimert resident Jake Menzer explained that organizations like to retain certain suites to build friendship within their groups. Menzer shares Reimert 201 with several other members of the men’s swim team. The team has occupied the suite for the last three years and shared it with members of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity last year.

“A lot of organizations are built around the suites they have squatted. Like for example swimming is 201, track is 203 and [Alpha Phi Epsilon] is 310. Getting rid of squatting would end a lot [of] traditions in these organizations... and get... rid of the camaraderie formed by them,” Menzer said.

But over time, Residence Life has come to believe that squatting can lead to problematic tendencies.

“More and more often, we’ve had students say that they feel a pressure to live in a Reimert suite even though they don’t want to live in a Reimert suite,” said Melissa Sanders Giess, director of resident life and associate dean of students. “They felt an obligation to do so, either from upperclassmen or from alumni even. Sort of passing down the expectation that the suite stay in that organization or that team. That’s a lot of pressure for any student, but especially for a first or second year student.”

In the meantime, Ursinus is implementing a new type of housing approach called Cluster housing. Cluster housing is specifically designed to allow friend groups to have more options to live near each other. It focuses less on where you’re living and more on whom you’re living



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with.

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 Class of 2020

“So basically what we’ve learned over the past few years by facilitating our process... is that students have anxiety about not being able to live with their friends... Cluster housing will allow groups of 3, 5, 6, or 8 students to essentially apply for housing together as a group... Potentially you and seven of your friends could all live to-

gether in one of the main street houses, which we think would make the community more vibrant, make people more excited to engage in the programming offerings that we have, and make people feel more comfortable,” Giess said.

Students in organizations have concerns about how this will affect their ability to live together. “There are many organizations that are going to be struggling because of this. It basically prioritizes anyone who’s not affiliated with an organization. Even though they’re trying to make it seem that clustering is helping people, it’s more just stressing us out because squatting is an easier process,” Addis said.

Conversely, some look at

clustering as a promising development. “While there will be less options open to us from a housing perspective, the elimination of squatting gives us more opportunities to move in collectively and create our new clusters,” said Sean Lewis, president of Pi Omega Delta, POD.

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—Sean Lewis
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HEP professor goes on a revelatory journey

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Dr. Denise Felsenstein went to Cuba with 18 other people in a group sponsored by MEDICC., which is a non-profit organization that wants to bring health care providers from America abroad to learn about other health-care systems. Felsenstein believes that the U.S. and her Ursinus students, could learn a lot from Cuba's health care system. "By taking some concepts of health care Cuba has . . . we can implement low cost health care in the United States that emphasizes and promotes staying healthy. . . . and maybe we should start looking at more education to our population in staying healthier and integrating more health-related messages into our media," she said.

Cuba has a much lower GDP per capita than the U.S., according to the World Bank. Therefore, it is highly intriguing that the World Health Organization ranks Cuba just two spots below the United States in health outcomes. Felsenstein went to Cuba in an effort to find out why this incongruity exists.

Felsenstein also saw a country that invests a great deal of time and effort into its health care. She said Cuba was interesting because even though it has less money than the US, it still was able to help its population: "Their public health outlook is focused on keeping their population healthier. . . . they have ads that are only health related," she said. Additionally, she observed how when CNN had its commercial segments in Cuba, there would be health PSAs. Furthermore, billboards were not covered with celebrities or other superficial things. Rather, "the billboards we did see were



Image courtesy of Dr. Denise Felsenstein

about staying healthy," she said. For example, billboards often displayed protective measures encouraging people to stay sexually healthy or to eat health related food items.

Cuba also sets up its communities to help people the best they can. Cuban citizens have communities that are centered around a consultoria that houses a doctor and her or his family, as well as nurses and their families. For more specialized care, community members go to a polyclinic with each province of Cuba being responsible to report the ministry of health for annual reports on the health of their community. Furthermore, every family gets at least one home visit every year and one clinic visit. "In the home visits, they look for areas that could affect the health. . . . for instance if there are any infestations. They look at the infrastructure where they live," Felsenstein said. Thus, looking at the patients is not just about health, but also how their homes affect them. That way, people

can make plans for how they can live healthier next year. The health ministry then can suggest things if, say, a certain province has a high number of people getting sick.

Another key to Cuba's success is that they focus on both primary care and secondary care, with primary care being prevention and secondary care being fixing what is already wrong. Additionally, "Their philosophy is centered on solidarity. You are only as good as the weakest link. So it is up to us to rise up the weakest link. . . . To provide health care and addressing everyone's needs" observed Felsenstein. She believes that the US would do well to think about following Cuba's example, so that we can fix our health problems.



Word on the Street

How do you think construction on UC Commons is going?

"In Tim Allen's "The Santa [Clause], his son Charlie says seeing isn't believing, but believing is seeing. However, I'm having a hard time believing that there's any other construction."

-Sam Pope, 2019

"I think it's a really cool idea, I'm just not sure if students will end up using it. I'd prefer repair or expansion of preexisting buildings such as Ritter."

-Lindsey O'Reilly, 2022

"I honestly have no idea. I don't see that side of campus much, so it's just sort of there."

-Sophie Worthington-Kirsh, 2019

"It's going pretty slow. However, I think they'll get a lot done during the summer"

-Floyd Curry, 2020

"I think the process for the construction site is very slow, but I am hopeful that it will be finished by fall 2019."

-Zonia Rueda, 2019

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The application process for SPINT housing, special application housing, and affinity housing will stay the same. Residence Life will hold several informational meetings, called mixers, on the new housing process. The first meeting occurred Monday

Feb. 25. The second meeting will be held Friday March 1, at noon in Phfaler's Musser Auditorium. For additional information, students should attend their RA's hall meeting on fall housing or visit the Office of Residence Life's open hours for housing on Friday from 1-4 p.m.

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SUN event concludes black history month

The event featured performances by students and an alumnus



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On Feb. 23rd, the event “Substance for Our Souls,” hosted by Sankofa Umoja Nia (SUN), the Black Student Union, took place in Bomberger. The event is described by SUN as an annual celebration of “black history, black culture, and black excellence.” It was the final SUN event of this year’s Black History Month.

Kayin Chambers ’19, a member of SUN, felt “very excited” for the event “Substance of Our Souls.” “The event is intended to showcase soulful talents, in celebration of Black History Month,” Chambers explained. The event “included various performances

of all types, including dance, poetry, step, and many more.” Chambers really enjoyed the participation of the students and believed it made a big impact. “What makes the night so special is that many of the performers are current Ursinus students. It’s a special moment when students are willing to overcome vulnerability, to showcase their gifts with our community.”

Senior Donnay Burden, and President of SUN, said “the event went well. We all had a great time. The good food, vibes, and performances were great.” Donnay was in the Seis Mic Step Team performance.

Fourth-year Shelby Carmichael was thrilled about the

Voices of Praise Gospel Choir performance. “Our a capella performance was great,” she said. “We did a nice rendition of ‘Better is One Day’ by Trey McLaughlin.”

Substance of Our Souls also saw the return of some Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. past members. Alumni Kiera Taylor-

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Class of 2019

Jones ’16, and the Sigma Gamma Rho Step Team, performed a step

dance. Returning to her alma mater, Kiera said, “it’s a great feeling to know that Substance of Our Souls and the [Seis Mic Step Team] are still here. I had fun.”

Other performers were Shelsea Deravil, who shared a poem, and Brandon Winfield, who sang “Glory” by Common and John Legend. First-year Nathan Antwi was the night’s host, and some Tau Sigma Gamma members came out to watch and support.

Of the events run by SUN during Black History Month, Chambers explained that this was their last of the month. “We’ve already had a game night and movie night this month.”

Another SUN event that occurred during Black History Month was “Black Card Revoked Night,” which happened on Feb. 5th, meant to test your knowledge on black history and culture. There was also “Black Women’s Community Building and Activism In the Black Power Movement,” which took place on Feb. 21st and featured Ashley D. Farmer, a historian of black women’s history, intellectual history, and radical politics. This event was a part of the Reverend Charles Rice Guest Speaker Series.

Chambers went on to describe what makes SUN events so exciting. “It’s always a great time when you can get the community together, in a non-academic setting, and do something fun in a relaxing atmosphere,” Chambers said. “Stay tuned for more

events to come in the following months!”

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Ursinus makes impressive list

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Ursinus was recognized on “Business Insider’s” underrated institutions list. UC ranked 29th on the national list, which was compiled using rankings from the college preparation and admissions consulting firm CollegeVine. The “Business Insider” list sought to recognize colleges that “[scored] better on those measures than their traditional rankings from publications like ‘US News and World Report’

would suggest.”

Schools were evaluated based on several metrics including “cost of attendance and financial aid, career outcomes, and overall return on investment,” and given a score out of 100. In these categories, Ursinus scored 92 on career outcomes, 88 on cost and financial aid, and 90 on return on investment for an overall score of 90.

The “Business Insider” list is the latest in several recent recognitions Ursinus has earned from national publications. In Novem-

ber, “College Consensus” named Ursinus a top innovative college, according to the UC website, and the school’s ranking jumped three spots from 2017 to 2018 in the “U.S. News & World Report” rankings. Additionally, CollegeVine ranked Ursinus as number 4 in the top underrated colleges in the Mid-Atlantic region. They cited CIE and the new Open Questions core curriculum as reasons that UC made the list.



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Eye-opening experiences in Limerick, Ireland

Sophia DiBattista's explorations abroad

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If you can study abroad, do it. The satisfaction of being in a new place opened my eyes to so many opportunities. I am studying at University of Limerick (UL) in Limerick, Ireland. My experience so far has been so rewarding, warming, and awe-inducing. It seems like my every moment has been filled, and I owe it all to the people I have met here.

People in Ireland are the kindest individuals I have ever had the pleasure of meeting, and as a newbie to the area, their welcoming atmosphere is much appreciated. At the university, I am a member of the Drama Society, the Drama Society's Writers Group, and I'm also currently starring in a student-written production called "Cider & Sand." These activities have been the best

part of Ireland for me. While the scenery and travel locations are amazing to visit, the people I have met top the picturesque spots. They are the best, most eccentric people, and I fit right in with them. I honestly feel like I'm a part of a family despite being from another country.

However, since I'm involved with student organizations, I have had less free-time. Time has also been scarce because I go grocery shopping every week and cook my own meals. When I first chose to study abroad, I had other options that included picking a meal plan, but I decided against having one. I felt that this could boost my independence, and it has so far. I need to plan out what to buy, how to budget, and when to do all my shopping. Once I got a routine down, I started living on my own with

ease. Now I feel more comfortable with my surroundings, going to the Limerick City Centre on my own, and being an international student.

Coming to Ireland, I was excited rather than scared about being an international student. I knew it wouldn't be the easiest life, especially since I am unfamiliar with the area. Someone who wants to study abroad should not let this stop them. The experience that I am having at UL could not be traded for anything. The people, the activities, the change of pace, and the various types of classes make this journey "good craic," as the Irish would say.

If any student is debating whether to study abroad or not, I say to go for it! The opportunity is made available to anyone, so take advantage of it. You won't regret it.



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View from Limerick, Ireland.

Fridge of the week

Third-year students Daniel Walker and Rob Wilf understand the importance of hydration and cheese products. Don't ask about the limes.



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Religion battles science in “Agnes of God”

Ursinus College production includes nuns, fake blood, and plenty of mystery

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Do you like nuns and fake blood? Or perhaps just being entertained by a myriad of talented student performers? Look no further. Ursinus College Theater Productions is ready to perform another great show! This semester is particularly eventful for the department: not only is a student-written piece being produced, but also there will be two shows performed consecutively one day after another. One of these plays is “God of Carnage” by Yasmina Reza. The other play being performed is the revered show “Agnes of God” written by John Pielmeier.

Based on real events, “Agnes of God” tells the story of a young nun, Agnes, who mysteriously gets pregnant and gives birth to a baby, which is found dead in her room. Agnes seems to have little understanding of what has happened, so a psychiatrist is called in to evaluate her. While evaluating Agnes, the doctor is confronted by Agnes’ Mother Superior, who aims to protect Agnes, and in doing so creates suspicion around herself. This play asks audiences: is everything truly what it seems?

“Agnes of God” centers on a debate between religion and science, represented by the Mother Superior and the psychiatrist, respectively. Myla Haan ’21, who plays Agnes, said, “I think [the community] will be really intrigued by this show, just the topics and the discussion of science and religion in general.”

Caroline Bormann ’21, who plays the doctor, says, “I think it’s also important for a college campus; we are in this kind of transitional phase where I feel like our parents are more religious than we are and so it’s this kind of battle of your own morals in terms of faith and science.”

Haan explains that the story is thrilling because, “There’s a large amount of mystery to it, which is extremely intriguing.” The outcome of the play remains a mystery to even the cast: “Even as we are leading up to the show dates, we still don’t know what’s going on... The last scene turns everything upside down, and it is so fun to do,” Haan said. Some of this intrigue surrounding the show involves fake blood, which, coupled with the fake vomit that will be used for the other show, “God of Carnage,” is prompting director Domenick Scudera to possibly include barf bags with the programs for the shows. This would be a first in Ursinus history.

Another first at Ursinus, students were asked to assistant direct “Agnes of God” and “God of Carnage.” When asked about her experience as assistant director, Sienna Coleman ’20 said, “It was really interesting to see the show over and over again, and to be able to see the actors really take on the roles that they were playing.” (Sienna Coleman is the features editor for the Grizzly.) When asked about what the audience should take away from the show, Haan stated, “Keep an open mind to everything, you don’t know what everyone’s situ-



Photo courtesy of Domenick Scudera

Myla Haan ’21 stars as Agnes, a nun accused of murdering her baby.

ation is.”

“I don’t know if there’s a grand takeaway to it,” says Bormann, “but in the wise words of Dr. Livingstone, ‘there’s always more than meets the eye.’”

“Agnes of God” will be

performed at Ursinus on Feb. 28 and March 2 at 7:30 p.m., and on March 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Blackbox Theater in the Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available online. Tickets are \$8 for general

admission and \$5 for Ursinus students, faculty and staff. Visit the Ursinus website for more information.

Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<i>Study Humanities and Save the World</i> 12:00 p.m. Bears’ Den	<i>Housing Information Mixer for All Students</i> 12:00 p.m. Musser Auditorium	<i>God of Carnage</i> 2:00 p.m. Blackbox Theater	<i>Agnes of God</i> 2:00 p.m. Blackbox Theater	<i>Nonprofit Careers & Post-Graduate Service Panel</i> 5:30 p.m. Bears’ Den	<i>S.I.S. (Sisters in Spirit)</i> 4:30 p.m. Bomberger Meditation Chapel	<i>Vinyasa Yoga</i> 12:00 p.m. Floy Lewis Bakes Center

U.S.'s nuclear intervention in Japan was justified

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President Donald Trump's recent decision to withdraw from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces treaty has reawakened the discourse surrounding the U.S.'s historic use of nuclear arms in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

Some of us today believe the use of the bombs to end the war was a war crime. Those who believe such notions are misguided about history. I often lament that many people in our society have lost confidence in our national institutions, and this lack of confidence has resulted in a moral relativism that insidiously perpetuates apathy. The decision to drop atomic bombs on Japan shortened the war and saved hundreds of millions of lives.

Those who believe dropping the bombs was a mistake allege that Truman only committed this act in order to intimidate the Soviet Union. But according to Wilson Miscamble, professor of history at Notre Dame University, Hiroshima and Nagasaki were two military industrial targets

that were bombed in order to push the Japanese towards an unconditional surrender.

If the United States could use tactical atomic bombs to force a Japanese surrender from the air, then the United States could avoid a costly ground invasion of Japan. The Imperial Japanese army and navy had put up fierce resistance, which caused mass American casualties. According to military historian and "Weekly Standard" writer Richard P. Frank, it was estimated by Secretary of War Henry Stimson that a successful invasion of Japan would cause over a million American casualties.

It is important to point out that the atomic bombs were far from the most devastating attack made by the United States in the Second World War. By the summer of 1945, Japan had been subjected to months of grueling air raids from Allied bombers. Far more Axis civilians were killed in the firebombing campaigns of the war than during the deployment of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Opponents of Truman's deci-

sion further argue that the atomic bombs were unnecessary because Japan was on the verge of surrender. However, the pro-war factions of the Japanese government wanted to keep the conflict going for as long as possible. As cited by the PBS-affiliated program "American Experience," Japan's military hoped to lure the Allies into a "Ketsu-go," a decisive battle, where the Japanese could snatch victory out of the jaws of defeat. It would take the intervention of the Japanese emperor on behalf of the peace-faction to get the Japanese government to surrender to the Allies.

The dropping of the atomic bombs shortened the end of the war, averted the necessity for an invasion of Japan, saved millions of lives on both sides, and ended the Japanese Empire's conquest of the peoples of the Far East and Pacific. I believe that we should criticize our leaders, society, and institutions in order to be patriotic, but trying to make America's smart decisions to end World War II into something we should be ashamed of is unwarranted.

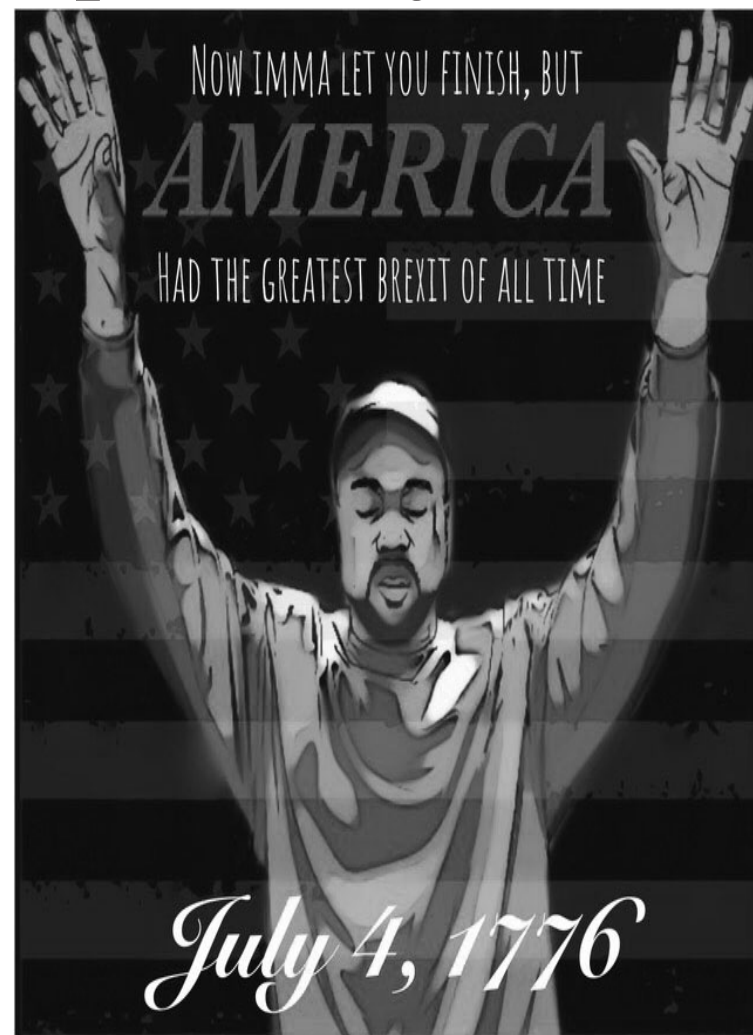


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U.S.'s nuclear intervention in Japan was NOT justified

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When I was in high school, an A.P. U.S. History teacher posed our class the question: should the U.S. have dropped the atomic bombs on Japan during World War II? The class muddled through a few answers, covering everything from how it was necessary to end the war to considering it retribution for Pearl Harbor. The response was overwhelmingly in favor of Truman's decision to drop the bombs, until one student raised his hands and said that his grandparents had lived in Hiroshima at the time. He was thankful they had survived. His vulnerability introduced to a group of predominantly white 16-year-olds the idea that there were people on the other end of this thorny debate, not merely national prestige.

The debate over whether or not the U.S. was right to use atomic weapons during World

War II has never really died. A 1946 article from "The Atlantic" raises the issue and it ultimately lands on the side of Truman. In modern discourse, the debate resurges occasionally on V-J day or the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. One "New York Times" article from August 2015 received thousands of responses from readers giving their opinions on the issue. Some of the most poignant include an appeal never to use the bombs again and charges that Truman was a war criminal. Currently, Trump's withdrawal from the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces treaty has reignited debates about the use of nuclear weapons. As time has went on, it is clear that more and more voices are willing to take the unpopular opinion that the U.S. was wrong to drop the bombs. I personally don't know why the sheer immorality of using atomic weapons wasn't recognized by the broader public from the onset.

Dropping nuclear bombs on

Japan in order to end World War II led to a massive amount of civilian casualties. Per RealClearPolitics.com, 200,000 Japanese people were killed and another 100,000 were injured. Of those injured, many eventually died from those injuries. While the common argument goes that more lives were saved than were lost, many of the estimates I found in U.S. discourse focus primarily on the value of American lives. A "New York Times" article from 1995 notes that 200,000 to 500,000 Americans could have been killed in a ground invasion of Japan, but doesn't note the number of Japanese lives that could have been lost. Later in the article, it notes that figures of potential American lives lost were often inflated by Truman to increase his popularity and that the "worst case scenario" casualty estimates from 1945 stated only 220,000 American casualties would result from a ground invasion — fewer than the number of Japanese peo-

ple who were killed or injured by the bombs.

Furthermore, according to a RealClearPolitics.com article from 2015, General Douglas MacArthur, future president Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Brigadier General Carter Clarke all expressed misgivings about dropping the bombs and claimed it was unnecessary. The article even cites a Clarke quote from "The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb," by Gar Alperovitz which reads, "they knew that we didn't need to do it, we used [Hiroshima and Nagasaki] as an experiment for two atomic bombs." By the time the bombs were dropped, Japan was badly beaten and American military leaders knew it. The decision to drop the bombs was merely a show of power.

Why then is the myth that the atomic bombs were necessary to end the war so persistent? One doesn't have to look far back in American history to see how this country glosses over its brutal

treatment of people of color as necessary for White Supremacy to flourish. This narrative is rampant in every piece of American history from the slave trade to Native American genocide to Japanese internment camps. As our flagrantly racist President withdraws from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces treaty, it is important for Americans to reckon with the United States' ugly, racist history with atomic weapons. We need to know that it wasn't necessary to drop the bombs. It took a 16-year-old Japanese-American kid begging others to recognize his humanity for my classmates to even consider changing their minds. Many of them never did. I hope others will be compelled to simply sit down and do the research to see how horrific the bomb droppings really were. In the age of the internet, we shouldn't need people of color to continually rehash their traumas for white people to recognize their humanity.

The “Did you guys seriously forget how good I am?” Award: Courtney Cortese



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Senior Courtney Cortese impressed in her freshman campaign in 2016. She played in all 17 games for the Bears, scoring 19 goals, corralling 36 draw controls, and scoring six goals in a game once.

Cortese unfortunately tore her ACL and missed her entire sophomore campaign, and during the pre-season of her junior year, she tore the other ACL, causing her to miss yet another full season.

On Feb. 23, Cortese got to play in her first game in nearly three full years against Albright, and it looked like she had missed no time at all.

The Malvern, PA native notched three goals and one assist, as well as four draw controls in the game. All five of her shot attempts were on goal in the contest.

After a performance like that, I found myself wondering, “Did I really forget how good Courtney Cortese is at Lacrosse?” I won’t be making that mistake again.

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Success doesn’t come easy for anyone, and while Williams Jr.’s natural talent is evident right from the opening tip, it is the countless hours of work he has put in when nobody’s watching that he believes allowed him to get to this moment.

“Knowing that in order to play, I would need to put in countless hours trying to perfect my craft is a major factor in my success,” Williams Jr. said.

Williams Jr. also stated that he knows that there are more than a few people who have helped him get to this level.

He said, “Definitely my parents, Allen Watson (trainer from home) and the Ursinus College Men’s Basketball team.”

Ursinus fell in the Centennial Conference semifinals on Friday night, Feb. 22, ending their season.

The Bears were ultimately defeated by Johns Hopkins by just a seven-point deficit, and the difference, ironically, was their relative ineptitude from distance. Ursinus was the most efficient team from three-point territory all season, but went just 3-19 from behind the arc against the Blue Jays. Hopkins nailed seven triples in the contest to edge out Ursinus.

While Williams Jr. and the Bears season ended in a disappointing loss to Johns Hopkins, it is important to understand the magnificent career that Williams Jr. put forth over the past four years here. He finishes as the all-time CC leader in three pointers, 1,000 point club and three consecutive trips to the CC playoffs.



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Coach Mercadante was able to follow some of Ursinus while he was at Del Val, but once he got to campus he was able to see what this team could do.

“Although I was familiar with the program and personnel, it wasn’t until I got on campus and met with all of our players that I realized how much potential this group truly had,” he said.

Mercadante enters his first year with some talent returning from last year. Bobby McClure is entering his junior season and led the Bears with 33 goals in 2018, Hakan Atillasoy was third on the team in goals with 17 in his rookie campaign, and senior Peter DeSimone is aiming at both the goals and total points record for Ursinus. He currently sits in 6th for both with 83 goals and 123 points.

DeSimone is excited to have Coach Mercadante at the helm given his experience in the conference.

“As someone who had already coached and played in the Centennial Conference he has a tremendous understanding of this conference and what it takes to

build a great program.” DeSimone said.

Along with his experience, Mercadante also brings a level of energy and passion that you see in a young coach in his first season with a new program.

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—Gary Mercadante
Ursinus College
Men’s Lacrosse Coach

“I think one of Coach Merc’s biggest strengths is how lively and energetic he is. You can tell that day in and day out he is excited to be the coach of Ursinus College. He’s also extremely positive and always upbeat about not only this team but the program moving forward,” DeSimone said.

DeSimone acknowledges his previous coach, but is ready to charge headfirst with his new coach.

“Coach Steele was a tremendous coach and did so much for

this program in his tenure but I am extremely excited for Coach Merc’s tenure and see great things this season and moving forward.” DeSimone said.

With the season still in the very early stages, this Ursinus team is still putting everything together and looking to improve every day.

“Our focus from Day 1 has been to be better today than we were yesterday,” said Coach Mercadante.

It is a long season and Coach understands how to manage this spring sport by taking it one day at a time.

There are many reasons to be excited about this season and what this team can do. They’ve already gotten off to a nice start this year, when they defeated nationally ranked #17 Stevenson 13-9 in the season opener, launching the Bears into the national rankings, where they now sit at #20.

Ursinus followed up by defeating a talented Mary Washington team, ranked #20 in the nation during the preseason, on Feb. 23 in a double overtime victory, by the score of 10-9.



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Coach Mercadante was a two-year captain at Dickinson College and served as an assistant coach at UC for four years.

Scores as of Monday, February 25

M. Lacrosse (2-0)	W. Lacrosse (0-2)	Track and Field	M. B-Ball (15-11)	W. B-Ball (17-10)	M. Swimming (6-2)	W. Swimming (9-0)
February 19: Cabrini: 16	February 19: Ursinus: 6	February 23-24: Centennial Conference Championships:	February 22: CC Semifinals (@Swarthmore Coll.):	February 19: CC Opening Round: Muhlenberg: 38 Ursinus: 57	February 21-24: CC Championships:	February 21-24: CC Championships:
February 23 (2OT): #20 Ursinus: 10 Mary Washington: 9	February 23: Albright: 13 Ursinus: 10	Men: 5th - 86.5 pts Women: 5th - 77 pts	Johns Hopkins: 67 Ursinus: 60	February 22: CC Semifinal: Ursinus: 51 Gettysburg: 74	4th - 527 total points	1st - 816.5 total points

Men's Hoops eliminated in CC semifinal; Williams Jr. ends career as CC record-holder

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Eric Williams Jr. has been a staple on the Centennial Conference hardwood for head coach Kevin Small and Ursinus College for the past four years.

The senior from Plainfield, New Jersey, and a graduate of the Hun School of Princeton recently finished a remarkable campaign for the men's basketball team. Williams Jr. will certainly go down as one of the greatest to ever step foot on the Helferrich Hall court for the

Bears.

Williams Jr., who has averaged 13.3 points per game over his illustrious career is a versatile scorer. However, it is no secret around the Centennial Conference that Williams Jr. is at his most dangerous from beyond the arc. Williams Jr., who led the conference in three point percentage this season, has been deadly accurate from three throughout his career in Collegeville.

During the 2018-2019 campaign, Williams Jr. broke the all-time record for triples in a

career. On a vintage Williams Jr. night, the senior went 10-16 from three as Ursinus outgunned Muhlenberg 81-78 on Feb. 13, totalling 30 points on the night.

Williams said, "[It felt like] a weight off my shoulders."

He believed that other teams in the conference were going to make it difficult for him to get the record.

He also said, "The bench going crazy and just feeling like I accomplished a huge goal [made it an unforgettable night]."

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Eric Williams Jr. wrapped up his career as the all-time Centennial Conference leader in three-pointers made. He finished with 313 triples and hopes to play overseas after graduation.

New Lax coach, Mercadante, off to impressive start

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Ursinus College Athletics has a tendency to bring alumni and former coaches back into their programs. And this summer, Ursinus was looking for a new head lacrosse coach. They found one in former Bears lacrosse coach Gary Mercadante.

Mercadante is entering his first year at Ursinus as a head coach. He was an assistant for the Bears from 2009-13, in which capacity he had multiple responsibilities including defensive coordinator.

After his time at Ursinus, he went on to become the first men's lacrosse head coach at Delaware Valley University starting in 2013. He helped build the program from the ground up and in his first four years led the team to 22 wins and a conference playoff appearance.

"Through the many challenges of starting a collegiate program, I was able to learn and grow over those four seasons as a recruiter, mentor, and head coach, which I believe ultimately prepared me to return to Ursinus and lead this program," Mercadante said.

Former Ursinus head coach Jamie Steele stepped down this offseason after nine years as the head coach for the Bears. Coach Mercadante was excited to get the opportunity to return to the Bears after being chosen for the job from among several strong

candidates.

"I was thrilled at the opportunity to not only return to coaching in the Centennial Conference but to be a part of our athletic department and the Ursinus community again. . . Ursinus is a special place that offers our student athletes a highly competitive athletic environment with an outstanding academic support system to excel both on and off the field," Mercadante said.


Coach Mercadante understands a lot about the Centennial Conference from his assistant coaching days, but also when he was a student-athlete. He was a four year lacrosse player at Dickinson College where he was a captain for two years. He knows the challenge of playing lacrosse in such a competitive conference and he can use that experience to help mentor the team.

"Understanding the demands and challenges of being a student-athlete in the Centennial Conference helps me relate to the current experiences of our players both on and off the field. We compete in the best Division III lacrosse conference in the country and that drives our work ethic in everything we do as a team," Mercadante said.

In being a part of the top conference in the country, Mercadante understands the challenge that is in front of his team.

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Upcoming Games

Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	Sat. Cont.	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday
#20 Men's Lacrosse: 4 p.m.: vs. #18 Cortland		Gymnastics: 1 p.m.: vs. West Chester	#20 Men's Lacrosse: 2 p.m.: @#14 Chris. Newport	Baseball: 1 p.m.: vs. Delaware Valley	Softball: 2 p.m.: Double Header @Delaware Valley	Men's Lacrosse: 4 p.m.: @Montclair St.
Women's Lacrosse: 4 p.m.: @#20 Rowan		Men's Tennis: 1:45 p.m.: vs. Swarthmore			Baseball: 3 p.m.: @TCNJ	
			9 p.m.: vs. Arcadia			Women's Lacrosse: 7 p.m.: vs. #3 TCNJ