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## Drone policy brings safer skies

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If you have ever felt tempted to use drones to cheat on tests, your chance has passed you by. Ursinus College has begun to push its policy concerning drones on campus: you cannot use them without explicit permission.

“All members of the College community, including faculty, staff and students, as well as visitors to Ursinus College, are prohibited from operating Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UASs), also known as drones, without (1) obtaining, prior to operation, written permission from the Vice President for Finance and Administration or General Counsel and (2) providing, prior to operation, written notification to Campus Safety,”

the policy states.

“According to *“The Seattle Times,”* in 2015 a woman was knocked unconscious by a drone during an annual pride parade.”

Director of Campus Safety John Bera says that the drone policy was “a collaboration with members of the college including Student Affairs, Deans’ Office, Administration, Risk Management, Athletics, and Legal Counsel.” The policy “was designed to maintain a safe and secure environment for our community and to comply with local, state, and federal laws/regulations applicable to drones.”

With the policy, the college is following in the footsteps of other schools, like the University of Indiana, which introduced drone restrictions in 2015. In an interview with *“Inside Higher Education,”* a school official explained that the school was concerned about the drones being a “huge liability exposure for us.” According to *“The Seattle Times,”* in 2015 a woman was knocked unconscious by a drone during an annual pride parade. There is also the danger that drones could violate personal privacy, such as when *“Inside Edition”* reported on a man using a drone to follow his wife, whom he suspected of having an affair.

Despite these dangers, if you still want to use a drone, one of the key guidelines of operation

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## Word on the Street

*What do you think about these wild weather changes?*

“It shows that climate change is not a hoax”  
-Tom Bantley, 2019

“I’m ready for spring”  
-Avery Sicher, 2020

“I think they’re insane and obvious signifiers of global climate change  
Makes me wonder what is ahead.”  
-Kaitlyn Lawrence, 2019

“While I love going for hikes in February, this is a really stark – and sad – reminder of how climate change is impacting the planet.”  
-Jess Greenberg, 2021

# A quick word on Wellness

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Recently, Ursinus' Wellness Center Crisis Hour has changed from 3- 4 p.m. to the hour earlier of 2-3 p.m. As such, we at "The Grizzly" felt it was important to inform the Ursinus public what the Crisis Hour is for, and what the Wellness Center has to offer.

I sat down with Dr. Thomas Mack, who is currently serving as the interim director of counseling and wellness at Ursinus college after Jessica Parrillo, director of counseling and wellness, accepted a position at Drexel University's Counseling Center. Dr. Mack has been here since 2014, and has played an integral role in all areas of the Wellness Center, including its expansion and growth. He advocates for mental health and awareness, and occasionally runs mindfulness meditation meetings for the purpose of bettering sustained mindfulness practices.

**So Dr. Mack, what is the "Crisis Hour" for, how is it impor-**

**tant, and how is different from a typical therapy meeting?**

The daily crisis walk-in hour is from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. each weekday. The appointments available during this time are intended for emergency situations only. Generally, these appointments are shorter than a regular counseling session, usually about 20-30 minutes in duration so that safety can be assessed and more immediate plans and coping strategies can be discussed. The crisis hour is important because it allows for students with serious concerns to be seen for a same-day appointment. This way a student can be connected to an appropriate level of care or a plan can be created for their continued care at Wellness.

I want to stress that if a student is experiencing immediate safety concerns, either in relation to themselves or others, that they can come to Wellness at any point during regular business hours (9am-5pm) and we will make arrangements for them to see the counselor on-call as soon

as possible. If the emergency occurs after hours, then students should contact Campus Safety.

**In general, what would you say is the mission of the Ursinus College's Wellness Center?**

The mission of the Counseling Center is to provide quality psychological interventions, outreach, and consultation services to address the emotional, intellectual, cultural and social development of our students. We support students in exploring and furthering their sense of selves by facilitating interpersonal and experiential insight, fostering effective communication and coping skills, and promoting independence, personal responsibility and respect for all forms of diversity. Under this mission we provide individual counseling, group counseling, campus outreach and consultation to our students.

**How do you think mental health on campus can be improved? Can it be improved?**

were no policies regulating the use of drones on campus, so using the drones over Patterson field was never an issue.

Ursinus students had diverse

*"I do believe there needs to be a policy here to keep the community safe at all times."*

— Matt Trainor  
Class of 2020

reactions to drones: "I didn't even know about the new policy on drones here at Ursinus, but, I think that's pretty interesting because I do believe that there needs to be a policy here to keep



Photo courtesy of Ursinus Communications  
Dr. T.C. Mack shares information about changes to the school's Wellness Center.

**What are some ways the Wellness center has promoted mental health, and how can we learn to promote it within ourselves?**

selves, appropriately managing stress is imperative for everyone.

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While there are many different ways to promote mental health on campus, the Wellness Center has participated and will continue to participate in national screening days. These tabling events allow students to complete free screening measures for anxiety, depression and eating-related concerns, as well as to gain important information about getting help if they are concerned or are experiencing mental health struggles.

While each student's mental health needs may be unique in terms of what they need to do to promote mental health in them-

the community safe at all times" remarked Junior Matt Trainor. "I feel Ursinus definitely created this new policy to keep users and student's safe at all times because drones can be very dangerous. I know from experience with drones in the military," he elaborated.

"I think that only a small population of people on this campus benefit from drone use, while the majority of people aren't affected by it. I can see

Dr. Mack elaborated that Wellness gives examples to aid students in deciding whether they need to go to the crisis hour. For instance, whether they have been or considered hurting themselves or others, as well as feeling out of control with alcohol or drug use. Finally, Wellness also offers strategies to handle one's stress through the acronym, SMART, which stands for Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-based. These strategies encourage students to know about their support system and the ability to be positive about oneself.

how they can be considered annoying but I haven't come across any problems." said senior Jack Lilly, class of 2019.

For students who desire to fly their personal drones on campus, it is imperative that they follow the guidelines provided in the new policy on Unmanned Aircraft Systems at Ursinus. Also, it is important to always remember to be safe and aware of your surroundings when using drones on campus.

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of any UAS on campus includes designating areas of use on campus: Practice Field South, Practice Field North, and Wilkes Field are the three designated areas that allow for general use with prior permission. The FAA regulations, which the school used while creating its policy, also include flying below 400 feet and remaining clear of surrounding obstacles, maintaining a visual on the aircraft at all times, not flying within five miles of an airport, and not being careless or reckless with the aircraft during times of use.

About two years ago, the

Ursinus Football team purchased drones to help film practices on Patterson Field. The idea was to allow the coaching staff to tape entire practices from a bird's-eye view. By utilizing a different viewpoint, the team hoped to enhance both its performance and its knowledge of the game. Drones have also been used for advertising and marketing purposes according to Carol McMillin, the college's environmental health and safety risk manager.

Use of the drones on the football field did not last long. The coaches preferred the two film viewpoints they have always used: one from the press box and one from a lift standing behind the endzone. At that time, there

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# The new V.P.'s agenda

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On February 1, 2019, Dr. Heather Lobban-Viravong officially began her role as Ursinus's vice president for college and community engagement. Prior to her promotion, Lobban-Viravong had served as special assistant to the president, a position she assumed in July 2018, working to bring together academic and student affairs.

As part of her new position, Lobban-Viravong will be working to create a more diverse and inclusive campus environment. She will be putting the issues "high on [my] agenda." The work "is ongoing and while we've made progress in some areas, there is still a lot of work to be done," Lobban-Viravong said. "Despite taking on some new responsibilities, I am committed to this work, which among many other things, means continuing to identify ways to bring the campus community together."

Lobban-Viravong said her experience at Ursinus so far has been positive: "I like Ursinus and the Ursinus community very much. Although I've started making meaningful connections with faculty, staff, and students, I still have a long way to go to connect across these groups, and I'm trying to identify more op-

portunities for doing so."

Touching on the importance of bridging academic and student affairs, Lobban-Viravong said that working more closely with students will bring a more "holistic" experience for students on campus. "The higher education landscape has changed dramatically over the past few years in how it thinks about the students' experience," Lobban-Viravong said. "It used to be very compartmentalized, but now there is greater recognition that student learning is not limited to the academic realm, but is informed by all aspects of the student experience."

**"Heather has taken the pulse of our campus and has become a thoughtful contributor among our leadership team."**

—Brock Blomberg  
President

Lobban-Viravong found her role on campus in connecting faculty with student affairs to make the Ursinus community closer. "The faculty and student affairs staff at Ursinus all do an amazing job to support the academic and residential experience of our students, and these two

areas have already found points of connection. My work will involve bringing greater integration to the two areas in ways that will further reinforce and capitalize on the work that's already being done," she said.

Diversity for Lobban-Viravong includes all different aspects of the Ursinus community, including the religious experiences of students. Dr. Alexandria Frisch, Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies and adviser of Hillel, explained how Lobban-Viravong stopped by a weekly Hillel board meeting "along with Dean Schneider to discuss their work on developing a set of institutional values for Ursinus College." Frisch pointed out how the Hillel students enjoyed such attention, going on to say that Lobban-Viravong "has taken the time to get to know the Hillel community by coming to one of our Shabbat services and dinners."

"She and I also collaborated on programming the first ever MLK Shabbat dinner. Together with Rev. Ofori, we used that communal dinner as a forum for discussing how religion can be used as a form of resistance," Frisch went on to further explain. "Hillel has definitely benefited from Heather's focus on diversity on campus."



Photo courtesy of Ursinus Communications

Heather Lobban-Viravong was promoted to Vice President for College and Community Engagement this winter.

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—Heather Lobban-Viravong  
Vice President for College and  
Community Engagement

In an email announcing Lobban-Viravong's new role, President Blomberg wrote, "In her short time here at Ursinus, Heather has taken the pulse of our campus and has become a thoughtful contributor among our leadership team."

# Ashley Henderson joins IIE

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In September of 2017, The Institute for Inclusion and Equity made significant changes. Among those changes were moving locations from Unity House to Lower Wismer. Now, the Institute is continuing to grow by welcoming its newest staff member Ashley Henderson as assistant director of inclusion and equity.

According to a school-wide email sent out by Dean Terrence Williams, the presidential advisor for inclusion and equity, Henderson originates from South Philadelphia and graduated from West Chester University and Indiana University of PA. She previously worked at Chestnut Hill College as the assistant director of admissions and an

adjunct instructor. She was also an academic advisor at Gwynedd Mercy, and a special events coordinator at Cheyney University. In her previous roles, Henderson supported diverse learning, academic advising, and program planning. As assistant director for inclusion and equity at Ursinus, she advises student groups, works with Student Affairs, and does program planning. Henderson said the job is a lot of work, but she hopes to make things positive for students.

Henderson's individual goal

**"I have seen her take action. She's willing to step in and help"**

—Grace Brittingham  
Class of 2022

is to add to the student experience—specifically for people of

color—and have some tangible effect on campus. In terms of IIE goals, Henderson hopes to establish monthly programs this semester. She also would like to see past traditions such as senior banquets continued and expanded. In the future, Henderson plans to bring additional speakers to events, and work with SUN, the Black Student Union, on developing a financial literary series. The series will help students learn more about financing and debt. More information on it is yet to come.

Many things attracted Henderson to Ursinus. The fact that it is a liberal arts college made it stand out from most schools in the Philadelphia area. In addition, Henderson was attracted to the faculty and staff, their passion, and support for the students. Although she is still adapting to things, she likes the

Ursinus environment. Henderson said she "enjoys meeting the wonderful students...knowing about the organization(s) and research opportunities that they embark on... [I am] immersing myself to build connections... I am still navigating, which will inform me more on the students [as] I continuously learn the things [they] face."

**"Ashley came full of enthusiasm and brought the same energy when she began her position."**

—Terrence Williams  
Presidential Advisor for Inclusion and  
Equity and Asstiant Dean of Students

Speaking about her new supervisor Dean Williams, Henderson said he "is fun to work with and very encouraging."

Henderson's work thus far has received positive reviews from students and faculty alike, including Williams. Williams said, "she was the exact person I was looking for. I was very impressed by her, she came to the interview process fully prepared and took time to answer questions asked. She didn't answer them just to answer them, or because she just wanted to. Ashley came full of enthusiasm and brought the same energy when she began her position."

"She's very nice and a good source," said first-year Grace Brittingham. "She's making connections with people, and so far, I have seen her take action. She's willing to step in and help." Stop by Henderson's office in the IIE to chat and say hello.

# Job, Internship, and Networking Fair

## Fridge of the week

*Explore career opportunities on February 20*

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The perfect place to prepare for and possibly dive into your future after college is Ursinus' upcoming Job, Internship, and Networking Fair on February 20. The fair will be held in the Floy Lewis Bakes Center from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Ursinus will welcome employers who are interested in speaking with students about many different opportunities, ranging from full-time jobs, part-time jobs, summer jobs, and internship opportunities. Michele Poruban of the Career and Post-Graduate Development Center explains that the Job, Internship, and Networking Fair will be a good opportunity for students to network and get valuable experience speaking to professionals and employers.

Employers attending the fair include: Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, Birch Run Financial, City Year, Glaxo-SmithKline, Elmwood Park Zoo, Devereux Pennsylvania, NBCUniversal, Marine Officer Program Philadelphia and many

more.

Poruban adds that one way students can prepare for the fair is by practicing their introductions. Students should include their name, year, education, work and volunteer experience, strengths, accomplishments, knowledge, and interest in particular organizations that will be at the fair.

While it may seem like the fair is geared toward juniors and seniors, students from any class are welcome to attend. Sophomore Shura McCartin wishes she had attended last year.

McCartin said, "I haven't really looked into anyone going yet or who's going to be at the fair, but I regretted not going last year just to even get the experience."

A visit to the Career and Post-Graduate Development Center can also help students prepare. Students can make an appointment to meet with a member of the career office to go over their resume or they can drop in during walk-in hours from 2-3 p.m. each week day.

At the fair, there will be a

professional photographer who will be offering free headshots for students that can be used on a LinkedIn profile or other job searching networks.

Along with the professional photographer, many employers at the fair will be Ursinus alumni who will be wearing ribbons on their name tags that specify they are alumni. Poruban hopes that this will allow students to feel more comfortable when approaching a table at the fair and encourages them to be themselves and discuss common interests with the alumni running the tables.

Millie Drury '21 believes the fair will provide her with opportunities to meet potential employers. "I think it'll be good to just kind of meet people and see what's out there," she said.

Poruban encourages all students to attend and explore the job and internship opportunities available. It will be extremely beneficial to get a head start at a fair like this; it is never too early to begin making those connections.



Photo courtesy of Ursinus Communications

Students and employers at the job and internship fair in 2018.

Brittani Schnable's fridge carries her senior-year night-out essentials: gluten free beer and plenty of hard liquor.



**Calling all interesting fridges!** If you have a refrigerator you would like featured in the Grizzly, please email [sicoleman@ursinus.edu](mailto:sicoleman@ursinus.edu)

# LGBT Tea Time: a safe, open, and supportive event

## *LGBT community members gather for open dialogue*

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Originally, LGBT Tea Time was a group of friends led by former GSA president Robin Gow '18 that would meet casually to talk about their experiences as members of the LGBT community. Cyn Ercole '21 was inspired to reestablish the event "so that LGBT students on campus could talk about LGBT issues. I wanted to create space for all people on campus where we can come together as an LGBT community and have open dialogue."

Ursinus "hasn't been as open" as Ercole would have hoped. Ercole explains that LGBT community members have talked to her about harmful experiences: "within the community we are open, but the school is not quite as liberal in that sense." This is why she "wanted to do something more for the campus... wanted to somehow make it better."

When Ercole explained to her advisor, Dr. Kara McShane, that she saw this need in the community, McShane suggested that an "inclusivity grant would be perfect to apply for." Ercole wrote a proposal stating her vision and got a grant which enabled her to make the event as easy-going as possible, with catering for tea, coffee, cookies and desserts.

On January 28, Ercole started off the first event with an ice-breaker and brought a few questions for discussion. She said, "I wanted to ask questions that weren't entirely queer stuff, to help us get to know each other

more."

Ercole revealed that "the turnout was way better than I expected," and she loved seeing faculty and staff in addition to students. She said, "I saw my friends there, it was awesome to see people I knew come and support me and each other."

"It's surreal to think that I'm the one who put this together," Ercole said. "People are thankful for the gathering, for an opportunity to talk and be with each other on campus. It was really very nice to have positive feedback from people who have wanted a space that is very inclusive, positive and very chill at the same time," Ercole said.

Des '22 shared that LGBT Tea Time "was a casual and open experience that also totally embodied the safe space that I wanted. I'm looking forward to more fun events."

McShane felt that LGBT Tea Time was "a really valuable opportunity for us to gather a community across student, faculty, & staff lines. (It was really wonderful to have staff attend!) Students tend to have opportunities for informal gatherings, particularly with folks who have a shared affinity (like LGBTQ folks): I'm thinking about groups like the GSA or spaces like Queer House. But there are many fewer chances for faculty & staff to gather informally in general, let alone within those affinity groups. So, supporting events like this one seems to me to be an important way that the college shows support for the LGBTQ community here. I also really value the chance to gather



Photo courtesy of Cyn Ercole.

Cyn Ercole '21 reestablished and hosted LGBT Tea Time because she wanted to do more for the community.

a little more informally with students, and I think it's important for them to see and know that there are LGBTQ faculty & staff who can empathize with some of their experiences."

The next LGBT Tea Time will focus on sharing personal experiences. Ercole felt this was an important topic because "the


queer community on campus is very friendly and we talk, but there isn't conversation of what we experience as queer individuals. That's important for dialogue so no one is alone in their experience." Ercole will be hosting this teatime in Olin 104 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on February 26. She would like to welcome "students,

faculty and staff who are part of LGBT community and any friends or allies in support." And that's the tea on LGBT Tea Time.



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### Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<i>The Vagina Monologues</i> 7:00 p.m. Bomberger Hall	<i>L.A.X. Presents: Movie Night</i> <i>Institute for Inclusion and Equity</i> 5:00 p.m.	<i>Philly Field Trip to Wemilere: Parade of the Orishas</i> <i>Meet at Institute for Inclusion and Equity</i> 3:00 p.m.	 <i>Chapel Service</i> 12 p.m. <i>Bomberger Meditation Chapel</i>	<i>CPD Extends Walk-in Hours</i> <i>Today</i> 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. <i>Bomberger 110</i>	<i>2019 Job, Internship &amp; Networking Fair</i> 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. <i>Floy Lewis Bakes Center</i>

## The elitism of Davos is repulsive and out-of-touch

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The world witnessed 2019's Davos World Economic Forum from January 22-25. Davos is a yearly forum at which the world's richest and most powerful individuals, including billionaires and former political leaders, meet in Switzerland to discuss global issues. Davos is a repulsive symbol of out-of-touch elitism: to put it more specifically, the self-aggrandizing behavior of the super-rich at Davos fails to acknowledge that the class divide which they embody is, in many ways, the cause of America's and the world's problems. The fact that we follow and care about what billionaires have to say is an ominous symbol of the decline and corruption of American

democracy.

Davos shows that the super-rich are wildly out of touch. Some focus on philanthropy while doing everything in their power to avoid paying taxes. Dutch historian Rutger Bregman summarized the issue of tax avoidance best when he said that not being able to discuss tax increases at Davos is like not being able to discuss water with firefighters.

All the talk of philanthropy at Davos ignores the fact that issues such as questionable financial behavior, poor treatment of workers, and environmental issues - all of which pose great challenges to the world today - have been tolerated by the billionaire class for decades. The issue with Davos is that it celebrates the idea that the super-rich control the system

and normal people are getting shafted. Most Americans feel like the game of life is rigged against them - and the thing is, they are completely correct. According to the Economic Policy Institute, from 1973 to 2017, net productivity among American workers increased by 77.0%, while hourly pay has only grown 12.4%. Essentially, productivity has dramatically increased but wages have stagnated, resulting in a world where American workers are working more for less with increasing costs for necessities such as food, housing, healthcare, and education. This phenomenon can be seen here in Pennsylvania where towns and neighborhoods that used to be prosperous and productive are now blighted because their well-paying jobs were shipped off to China and Mexico.

It doesn't sound very American to me.

The most disheartening aspect of Davos is that it shows how the United States and the world as a whole serve the interests of the very rich instead of normal working families. For example: according to a 2014 study by Princeton University professor Martin Gilens and Northwestern University professor Prof Benjamin I. Page, public policies that the rich disagree with only get passed 18% of the time, while policies that the rich support get passed 45% of the time. In other words, what normal people want is not a priority in Washington. As Gilens and Page's study concludes, "Americans do enjoy many features central to democratic governance, such as regular elections, freedom of speech and

association and a widespread (if still contested) franchise. But we believe that if policymaking is dominated by powerful business organizations and a small number of affluent Americans, then America's claims to being a democratic society are seriously threatened."

However, there are policies that can be applied to reduce the influence of the super-rich in politics. The people need to push for anti-corruption legislation, campaign-finance reforms, and electoral reforms that empower small-dollar donations and local action as opposed to limitless corporate money in campaigns. These reforms would give the average person more power in our system and would help to roll back the power of out-of-touch elites.

## Climate denial is more malicious than ignorant

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Like many of you, I spent my first two weeks back at school fending off the bitter cold and navigating walkways fraught with ice and slush. Though many praise it as the season of snowy fun, the arrival of winter brings with it a season-specific set of bugaboos: the realization that you've been tracking melted snow and salt crystals through the halls of your dormitory, having to bundle up in a manner befitting an Arctic explorer for the sake of a five-minute run to the C-Store, and the inexplicable natural phenomenon which dictates that, no matter how severe the weather gets, classes will somehow never be canceled. But of all these perils, none strikes more fear and dread into my heart than the fact that, somewhere in America, a political pundit - amateur or otherwise - is holding up a handful of freshly fallen snow and proclaiming "See, you guys? Global warming CAN'T be real!"

Regrettably, climate change denial is a phenomenon with which those of us in the 18-22 age bracket are being forced to reckon. As reported by the Alli-

ance for Market Solutions, 70% of millennials say that climate change will affect them in their lifetimes. Efforts to raise awareness of climate change have increased over the past few years, particularly in the years following the election of Donald Trump - a long-time climate change denier - to the presidency. At first glance, it would seem that Trump's refusal to accept the inevitability of irreversible climate change stems from his unwillingness to learn anything that is new or conflicts with his set-in-stone worldview. But it is worth noting that Trump's prideful ignorance functions less as a personality quirk and more as a tool which he uses to strategically gain the trust of uneducated members of the American working-class, an act of political kayfabe which paid off handsomely in November 2016.

It would be too easy to brush off climate change denial as the sole purview of Fox News grandpas, "rednecks," and other populations which are traditionally coded as ignorant or stupid. The most frightening thing about the right-wing fixation on climate change denial is that it spans virtually the entire spectrum of American conservatism, from

the most radical fringes of the alt-right to the button-down conservatives who brand themselves as "moderate Republicans" or "classical liberals" and occupy a comfortable niche in the mainstream press. Of the latter, none are more prevalent than "Daily Wire" editor-in-chief Ben Shapiro, who started said conservative news outlet with a generous donation of seed money from petroleum billionaires, the Wilks brothers, and currently haunts the YouTube recommendations of every right-leaning male between the ages of 13 and 36. During the 2016 presidential campaign, Shapiro was a leading voice in the moderate Republican "#NeverTrump" movement, and has received harassment from white supremacists and Trump fans for publicly distancing himself from the more overtly Nazi-ish elements of the contemporary right-wing - including his former "Breitbart" colleague Milo Yiannopoulos.

But although Shapiro might protest it, he is more like Trump than he thinks - at least in one particular regard. You guessed it: Shapiro has a decade-long history of climate change denial. One need only scroll through the litany of articles tagged

"Climate Change" on the "Daily Caller" website to bear witness to articles branding public figures from Bill Nye to Bernie Sanders as leftist Chicken Littles for daring to suggest that climate change might begin to drastically affect the world in the next couple years.

It would be one thing if climate change denial were but a fringe theory floated about by the farthest reaches of the right, an ideological bedfellow to conspiracy-theorist visions of HAARP-controlled weather machines and chemicals which, when placed in the water, will inevitably turn the frickin' frogs gay. But as noted by leftist podcaster and Twitter personality Matt Christman, "every right-winger, from the president down to your Chili's manager Facebook uncle, has taken the Black Pill." The term "blackpilling" is commonly used by far-right trolls to denote a nihilistic justification for ignoring or relishing in human suffering. So remember: the next time you see someone hold aloft a snowball and declare global warming to be yet another liberal hoax, despite a wealth of scientific evidence stating otherwise, remember this - they might not know it, but they want you dead.

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“Our team ran twice a week and lifted three days a week. Aside from this, we also held captain’s practices to help get back in the swing of things. It will be awesome to see the hard work pay off,” Nunziata said.

*“It will be awesome to see the hard work pay off.”*

— Matt Nunziata  
Class of 2020

The Bear’s team goal for this season is to win the Centennial Conference Championship. A lofty goal for an Ursinus squad scheduled to face off against six teams presently ranked in the top 24 in the NCAA, including three within the Centennial: #6 Gettysburg College, #17 Franklin & Marshall College, and #10 Dickinson College.

“Our team goals are to improve our record from last year and ultimately win a conference championship. We also want to win a national championship as all collegiate athletes should,” McClure said.

Ursinus won their first scrimmage on Saturday, Feb. 9. They will begin their regular season this coming Saturday, Feb. 16 against #18 Stevenson and they will begin their season in earnest with conference play kicking off on March 23 against #6 Gettysburg.



# Love and Basketball. . . and Tennis

*Former high school couple set to become the next power couple of UC athletics*

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Two high school athletes from Central Pennsylvania who hit it off, thanks to a pair of best friends, decided to become a couple and both chose to bring their academic and athletic talents to Collegeville to continue their careers with the Bears at Ursinus.

Ryan Hughes and Brenna Trkula have been together for two years now.

Hughes, a three sport athlete at Middletown High school, was introduced to Trkula when he was a freshman at high school. Sadly, Hughes had zero game and was friend-zoned a week later. Trkula, a tennis player at Susquehanna Township High, gave him another chance a couple years later and they haven’t looked back.

They both decided to come to Ursinus because of the school’s great history.

“Everyone thinks just because I’m his girlfriend I followed him here, but I loved everything about Ursinus and I love the tennis coaching staff. We both knew that no matter what, we would stay together and support each other’s decision,” Trkula said.

Now as members of the class of 2022 at Ursinus, they are trying to continue their success on their respective courts after their great high school careers.

Hughes, a basketball, football, and baseball player in high school, decided to continue with basketball at the collegiate level. At Middletown he averaged 21 points per game and finished as the second highest scorer in school history with 1,796 points over his career. He was a three-time first team All Mid-Penn Conference selection, and as a freshman was awarded second

team all-conference.

Trkula played soccer and basketball her freshman year at Susquehanna before deciding to try tennis her sophomore year. She started late, but picked up the sport at a very fast pace due to hard work. As a senior she really hit her stride, becoming a state tennis qualifier, and PennLive all-star selection. She placed third in districts and second in the Mid-Penn conference to finish out her high school career.

Both support each other on the court tremendously.

“She supports me by coming to my games, sending me good luck texts... If I had a bad game she reminds me that I’m a good player and to use it as motiva-

tion,” Hughes said.

The love gets shared right back.

“Ryan supports me a lot; from good luck texts, coming to my matches, cheering me up after a rough day, to coming to the court with me and just hitting. I’m really grateful to have him and his support,” said Trkula.

Now becoming collegiate athletes, they are going to need that continued support to keep their success going.

Hughes has started his career off strong for the Bears in his rookie campaign. Averaging 9.3 ppg on 50.3 percent shooting with 3.7 rebounds per game and 2.5 assists per game, Hughes has helped the Bears to a 14-9 record

and has played some of his best basketball during their recent seven game win streak. Trkula has been to as many games as possible, cheering on Hughes before her season begins.

With the tennis season starting in the Spring, Trkula is excited to begin her collegiate career for the Bears.

“[My biggest] team goal would be [to] have a winning season and an individual goal would also be to have a winning season and have a consistent serve,” Trkula said.

This athletic sports couple is poised to wreak some havoc in the Centennial Conference for some years to come.



Photo courtesy of Ryan Hughes  
Ryan Hughes and Brenna Trkula began dating in their junior years of high school. Now, Hughes and Trkula are ready for athletic success in men’s basketball and women’s tennis, respectively.

## Scores as of Monday, February 11

Wrestling (7-3)	Gymnastics	Track and Field	M. B-Ball (14-9)	W. B-Ball (15-8)	M. Swimming (6-2)	W. Swimming (9-0)
February 2: Gettysburg: 13 Ursinus: 26	Feb. 9: @Cortland (with West Chester) 3rd of 3 (186.150 pts)	Jan. 19: Collegetville Classic: Men: 9th of 24 Women: 2nd of 19	Feb. 6: Washington: 83 Ursinus: 67	Feb. 5: #23 Gettysburg: 82 Ursinus: 70	Feb. 2: Ursinus: 152 Washington: 103	Feb. 9: Ursinus: 112 Bryn Mawr: 75
McDaniel: 16 Ursinus: 25			Feb. 9: Ursinus: 81 Johns Hopkins: 90	Feb. 9: Ursinus: 64 McDaniel: 53		



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The Ursinus College Men's Lacrosse team went just 3-11 last season, but they won their preseason tune-up and are poised to make a run in the CC once again

# Men's Lax prepped for start of season

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As February progresses, the Ursinus College Men's Lacrosse Team is eager to begin their 2019 season on the 16th.

Junior Bobby McClure is excited for a fresh start this year

after a down season for the men's lacrosse program a year ago, in which they went just 3-11 overall and 2-6 in Centennial Conference play.

McClure said, "What excites me about this season is a new chance to make a name for ourselves any way we can. I'm also very excited to play with the group of guys we have now."

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McClure led the Bears in total scoring, tallying a team-

leading 33 goals along with 11 assists to notch 44 total points.

Coming off an injury last season, junior goalkeeper Matt Nunziata said, "I'm excited that I will be able to play lacrosse again."

The Bears have put in the work during their offseason to prepare for competition.


"During the offseason the

team has been following a great program put together by our strength and conditioning coach, Eric Hoffman, and we have also been finding time to get shots in and hit the wall whenever possible," McClure said.

Nunziata also remarked on the off-season work.

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## Upcoming Games

Wednesday	Wed. Cont.	Friday	Saturday	Sat. Cont.	Sunday	Tuesday
Women's Basketball: 6 p.m.: vs. Muhlenberg	Men's Basketball: 8 p.m.: vs. Muhlenberg		Track and Field: vs. Keogh Invitational @Haverford Coll.	Men's Basketball: 1 p.m.: vs. F&M	Wrestling: vs. Williamson, Penn State Mont Alto, and Penn State Schuylkill	Gymnastics: 1 p.m.: vs. West Chester
			Men's Swimming: 11 a.m.: F&M Pre-Champ Invite	Women's Basketball: 5 p.m.: @Johns Hopkins	Men's Lacrosse: 7 p.m.: @#17 Stevenson	Women's Lacrosse: 4 p.m.: vs. Cabrini