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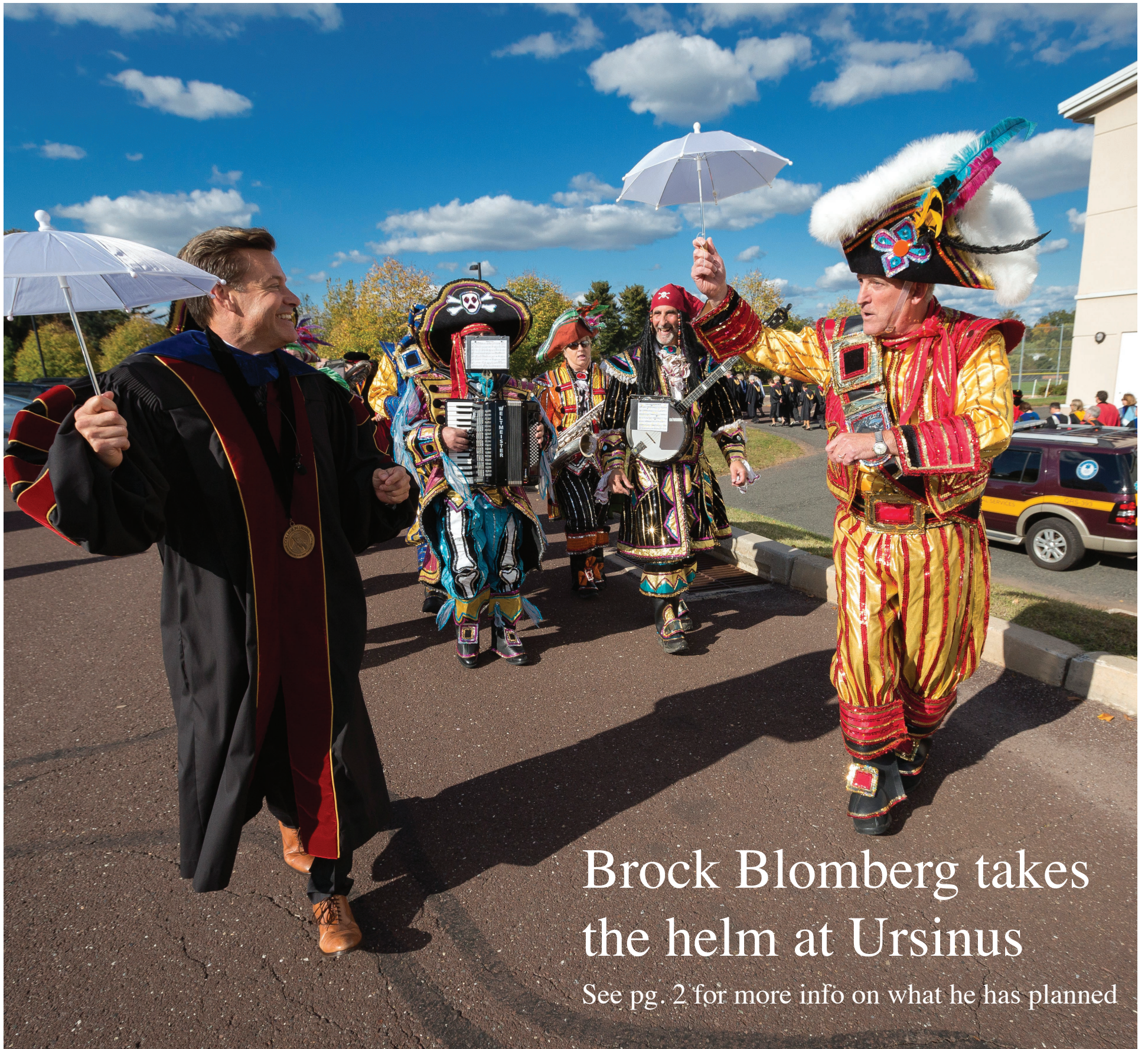


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New President on the Brock



Brock Blomberg takes
the helm at Ursinus

See pg. 2 for more info on what he has planned

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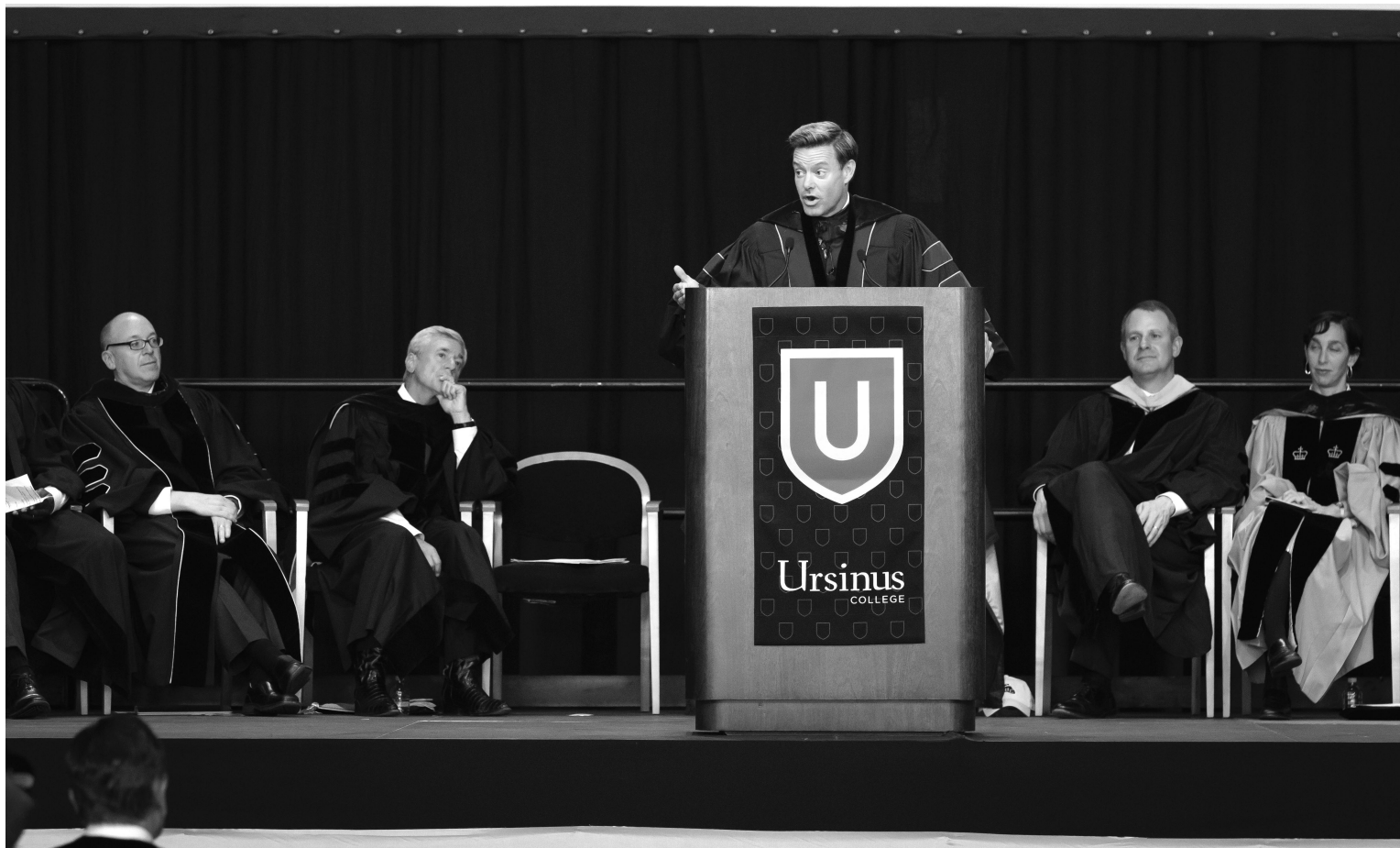


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President Brock Blomberg addresses a crowd of alumni, students, faculty, family, and representatives from neighboring institutions at his inauguration ceremony on Oct. 16. Pictured here are Gregory Hess, Alan Novak, Michael Marcon, and Stephanie Mackler, all of whom also spoke.

Blomberg installed as 17th President

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On Friday Oct. 16, Ursinus inaugurated Brock Blomberg as its 17th president. The program, which occurred on homecoming weekend, involved a number of distinguished guests speaking and welcoming Blomberg to the Ursinus community.

The ceremony, which was hosted by Alan Novak, chairman of the Board of Trustees, was held in the Helfferich Field House. The audience consisted of alumni and students, and faculty and staff proceeded in wearing academic regalia.

Prior to the ceremony, a symposium exploring the ideas of in-

quiry and innovation was held in the Lenfest Theater.

The symposium featured keynote speaker Jamaica Kincaid, a renowned novelist and short story writer, and allowed Ursinus students and faculty to present their own research to the audience. Faculty members Susanna Throop, Joel Bish, and Lisa Grossbauer spoke, as did seniors Dorinda Ma and Ed Malandro.

The official installation ceremony involved a select group of speakers presenting President Blomberg with books that they thought represented the Ursinus community and experience. The books, like the speakers, were varied, and included "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" from

student body president Abi Wood, and "The Epic of Gilgamesh" from Dr. Aakash Shah, Ursinus's first Rhodes Scholar who spoke on behalf of the alumni.

Gregory Hess, president of Wabash College in Indiana, introduced Blomberg. Hess and Blomberg are personal friends. They worked together at Claremont McKenna College and studied together at Johns Hopkins University pursuing their doctorate degrees.

In his speech, Hess discussed the current climate of hostility and doubt that liberal arts colleges nationwide are dealing with, but also how now more than ever is when people need liberal education. Hess also praised Ursinus,

saying that it is a place "where words like rigor, ambition, judgment and consequence still have meaning."

Blomberg's speech closed the ceremony. He praised the Ursinus community, saying: "I have learned, perhaps more than anything else, that family is at the foundation of Ursinus."

He also discussed his own history, and how important accessibility to higher education is, saying that it was important to him because neither of his parents had pursued traditional college degrees.

"[Ursinus] views its socioeconomic, ethnic, and cultural diversity as a treasure, not a hindrance or an obstacle or something that

has to be solved," said Blomberg.

New strategies for enrollment were discussed, as were new ways to attract a diverse range of students. "We can take Ursinus from being a college of opportunity to being the college of opportunity," said Blomberg.

Blomberg also unveiled the blueprint to a new program that will help cultivate the relationship between Ursinus and the greater Philadelphia community. Throughout his speech, Blomberg discussed a walk that he took through Philadelphia when he first arrived, where he encountered a wide variety of people. This walk led Blomberg to develop a way to reach out to local alumni and community leaders in Philadelphia.

"I have learned, perhaps more than anything else, that family is at the foundation of Ursinus."

— Brock Blomberg
President

The program, which he called a "completely immersive academic and residential opportunity in Philadelphia," will involve "faculty and students working closely together in a manner that empowers intellect, awakens moral sensitivity, and challenges students to improve society."

"This is a signature opportunity for Ursinus," said Blomberg.

After his speech, Blomberg was escorted out by a mummies band, a Philadelphia tradition that involves a band in gaudy costumes playing upbeat music. Blomberg led the procession of faculty out to the music.

Video of the ceremony and additional information on the speakers and Blomberg can be found online at ursinus.edu.

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Blomberg begins new era with intellectual discussions

The president is bringing a tradition of his own to campus—Algonquin dinners with seniors—that are intended to stimulate honest, smart dialogue

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Brock Blomberg is wasting no time in his aspiration to start new traditions on campus. His latest endeavor, Algonquin dinners, began a couple weeks ago and will continue for the coming weeks. The dinners are for seniors only.

Blomberg says he knew that in previous years, seniors had dinner at the president's house. He says he wanted to continue with something similar, but also to keep in touch with Ursinus culture. Blomberg based his idea for the senior event off of historical Algonquin dinners where intelligent people would sit around a table and discuss current topics and issues of the day.

"My idea for this is to have the same sort of experience, not over a table, but over at the presi-

dent's house," Blomberg said. "So what I would really like to do, and we've already started it, is to have students come when they're seniors, in a more formal setting, and enjoy a conversation at a real sort of cocktail party, and experience some things they have or may not have experienced before."

Blomberg says he hopes that the dinners serve as a transitional experience for seniors. He explains by saying that since seniors are close to being alumni, this formal experience can help them in terms of conversations with alumni and faculty. Seniors are encouraged to bring a faculty member to the event, and Blomberg says all guests will be treated equally in terms of speaking.

"I don't think it's meant to be scripted," Blomberg said. "It's not set up to be cliquey and clus-

ters of people."

Blomberg says his biggest hope is that the dinners become a memory for students. He says he hopes that when students look back on their time at Ursinus, the Algonquin event is at the forefront of their memory.

At this time, Blomberg says he doesn't plan to hold dinners for the seniors at the end of the spring semester, but he says he is "always open to listening to suggestions."

Jenn Grugan, who will be attending the next Algonquin event, says she is excited to see what people bring up in the discussion and how the discussions evolve.

Seniors should look out for emails with the date of the event they are invited to. The events are being planned based on where seniors lived during their freshman year.



Photo courtesy of Beth Farrell

Chris Jablonski and La'Shante Cox were voted homecoming king and queen at the homecoming football game.

5 questions with Brock

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Award-winning economist Brock Blomberg has just been officially installed as Ursinus College's 17th president. Known for his bottomless energy, fierce drive, and flawless hair, Blomberg has already introduced a number of ideas to move Ursinus forward. A transplant from southern California, where he taught and held an administrative position at Claremont McKenna College, Blomberg has also been acclimating quickly to Pennsylvania and the greater Philadelphia area. Here are some of his thoughts about his new home.

What has surprised you the most about the Ursinus community?

I am surprised at how welcoming everyone is—especially the students! I love the fact that everywhere I go, students are eager

to meet me and tell me about all the wonderful stuff we are doing in and out of the classroom.

How are you preparing for your first Pennsylvania winter?

Hmmm. Good question. I certainly don't have the clothes for it yet. I guess this will be a great opportunity to develop my fall and winter fashion sense. Hey, I like that!!!

You've had the opportunity to travel around the country meeting Ursinus students and alumni this summer. Have you heard any particularly interesting stories?

Where do I begin? Each place had its special moments—from intimate lunches in San Francisco to large dinners in New York. I can tell you in each place there were transformative stories about the relationships that we develop here and beyond, the experiences inside and outside of the

classroom and the environments in labs or cubicles. There's just something special about Ursinus.

If you could have dinner with any three CIE authors, who would you choose?

I would love to eat with Galileo. First off, I love Italian food. Second off, I would love to hear his ideas on science and religion. Understanding and appreciating the known and unknown is a core part of humanity.

What is your favorite thing about living on campus?

Accessibility. I love that I can drop in on a field hockey or football game. It is so nice to be able to run into Wismer and grab a bite with students. I really appreciate seeing the faculty in their offices and in the classroom. Broadly speaking, this is what one thinks of as community!

Homecoming Court Crowned

Chris Jablonski

La'Shante Cox

Jablonski is the head game-day worker, the sports information assistant, the color commentator for men's and women's basketball, the president of the student athlete advisory committee, and a member of the baseball team. He was named First Team All-Centennial and led the conference in homeruns.

Jablonski says he has never been nominated for something like this before, so the experience was new and exciting.

Jablonski's friends describe him as personable, jolly, and funny.

Cox is the president of SUN, the president of Seismic Step, the promotional manager of Escape Velocity, and the historian and secretary for Kappa Delta Kappa sorority. She works two jobs in the Unity House and the Kaleidoscope, but she says her heart is on the dance floor. She has danced in every UCDC performance during her time at Ursinus.

Cox's friends describe her as proactive and responsible, passionate and respectable, and say she is a loyal friend.



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Ursinus students dance at President Brock Blomberg's Inauguration Ball at the Phoenixville Foundry. Students and faculty were invited to celebrate the momentous occasion with food, dancing, and live music played by the Ursinus Jazz Combo.

A taste of the workplace

Externships give students the opportunity to shadow professionals in their fields of study

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This year Ursinus students will have the opportunity to apply for externships hosted by 37 different employers representing a wide variety of career fields. Career and Professional Development has encouraged all students, from freshmen to seniors, to apply.

"The externship program is a shadowing opportunity for students to connect with an alum or friend of the college, so the student basically has the opportunity to shadow and take the career for a test drive and see a little bit of what goes on behind the scenes with different careers, different positions and different titles," said Michele Poruban, assistant director of Career and Professional Development.

Externships are usually three to five days long and take place over winter break. Two of the externships, one at Chenoa Manor and the other at the Wildlife Refuge with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, will be hosted over

spring break because most of the work for them is done outdoors.

Poruban said that the program has helped many students advance their careers. She said that in previous years, externships have helped students make connections that they used for references for graduate schools and to get jobs.

Externships also allow students to learn more about the fields that they are interested in. Last winter, Brian Thomas, a junior, shadowed legislative assistant Geoff Brace in Allentown. Brace works for Pennsylvania State Representative Mike Schlossberg.

During his four days, Thomas would do research and then use his research to discuss the language that he and Brace would use in drafts of bills.

"We would make pitches to the State Rep., so we had to come up with a pretty cohesive and strong argument for why the legislation matters, because the Rep. would be putting his name on it to make it public," he said. "So throughout

my time there I had the chance to work on improving my research, writing, persuasion, and oral presentation skills."

One of the bills that Thomas worked on was about increasing apprenticeship opportunities in Pennsylvania for people who are interested in jobs that do not require a college degree.

Thomas said that he was able to get a good glimpse into what a career in politics is like during his four-day experience.

"I learned that working in the State Government is a super hard and time consuming job and it takes a lot of commitment," he said. "It may not be the angle I want to take with my own career, it but it was still a super beneficial experience. Studying politics can be very abstract, but seeing it up close and personal helped make it more concrete for me."

This year, the deadline to apply for an externship is 11:59

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A historic moment celebrated in a historic place

Students and faculty 'Brock out' at the Phoenixville Foundry with Ursinus's new president

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Last Friday, the Ursinus community celebrated the inauguration of President Brock Blomberg with a formal gala at the Phoenixville Foundry. The foundry is not just a venue for special events; it is also a part of Pennsylvania's rich history.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Phoenixville saw an industrial boom and became a well-known manufacturing center for iron and steel. The town's location on the Schuylkill River and French Creek aided in its growth and success. The foundry has become a symbol of the town's industrial heyday. It was built in 1882 and was owned by the Phoenix Iron & Steel Company. Iron was made there until the 1970s.

After the steel industry declined, the Phoenixville Area Economic Development Corporation took ownership of the building and raised money to restore the building and make a visitor's center on the site.

In 2006, the Hankin Group, a real estate company, acquired the building and created a plan to make an event space in the foundry that was modern but still preserved the industrial character of the building.

Now, the Phoenixville Foundry has 18,000 square feet of event space used to host weddings, cooperate gatherings, and other occasions. Inside, the wooden crane used to lift the iron and steel is still in its original location. It is thought to be the largest and last cantilever crane of its kind left in the United States.

Word on the Street

What was your favorite part of the homecoming and inauguration festivities?

Why?

"My favorite part was the Lantern reunion. It was really cool to meet past editors; there was an editor from the 1950s there."

— Brian Thomas, 2017

"My favorite festivity of inauguration was the video they showed before any speech was made. Seeing all of the different faces that make up the Ursinus community and knowing a lot of the people who were in those pictures tied together a lot of what was said in the future speeches. The ending of the video also showed our logo with all the different pictures behind it, which again showed how we are all unified at Ursinus. My favorite homecoming festivity was being able to meet a lot of alumni who were part of my sorority."

— Maddie Mathay, 2017

"The football game because it was fun cheering with all of my friends. It felt like we were all a family."

— Julia Doresheimer 2019

Dr. Hess has good chemistry with freshmen students

Science professor honored with first-year advisor award

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Every year Ursinus College gives an Excellence in First-Year Advising Award to one professor in order to recognize exemplary work as an advisor for first-year students. The winner is chosen by a committee of previous award-ees based on student nominations. This year's recipient is Dr. Ronald Hess, the David Laucks Hain Professor of Chemistry.

Dr. Hess was announced as the winner of the award at the Ursinus Day Academic Convocation on August 28.

Hess was pleasantly surprised to hear that he had been named the winner of the award, but was also slightly embarrassed to be singled out.

"We are blessed here at Ursinus with an awful lot of people who are very good advisors who take a lot of time with their students...There are a lot of deserving people, so you don't get too high with the victories or too low with the defeats," he said.

Hess felt appreciative of the award, but also says there were other professors whose work is just as commendable.

For Hess to receive the award means that he's doing well with the work he believes he should be doing. Hess is genuine about the work he does as an advisor and as a professor. He hopes to be beneficial in helping students pick classes and stresses the importance of being available to his students.

Hess makes sure his students know that he is there for them

"If I open up and let them know that I care about them, then they're more willing to come to me if they have a problem."

— Dr. Hess
Ursinus professor

anytime they need him.

"What I hope to accomplish [with my advisees] isn't really something for me but for them. I certainly hope that I can be genuinely helpful in course selection, but I think more important than that is getting to know people," said Hess.

Hess believes that teaching should extend beyond the classroom, especially at the college level. He considers several of his former college professors to be his heroes.

"They were inviting; if you wanted to talk to them they were there for you to talk to," he said. These former professors greatly impacted his teaching style.

Hess wants all of his advisees and students to know that he cares about them. For Hess these aren't just empty words. He invites all of his students to visit his office so that they have a chance to get to know each other.

"If we get to know each other better, it's better for all of us. If I open up and let them know that I care about them, then they're more willing to come to me if they have a problem."

According to sophomore Hailey Donahue, Hess lives up to his

invitation.

"He's more than willing to help anyone anytime with things academic, but also makes himself available just to talk about dogs or trains and creates nice relationships with his students."

For Hess's students his desire to build relationships is evident and appreciated.

"[Hess] sincerely cares about his students and anyone can see that, and if you're one of his students, you can tell how passionate he is about being a part of your education," said Donahue. "I would consider him such a good professor because he really cares about his students."

"I'm trying to make certain the students know I care, not neces-

"Hess sincerely cares about his students and anyone can see that."

— Hailey Donahue
Ursinus sophomore

sarily by what I say, but the way I deal with them," Hess said. "You can say an awful lot without saying a word...There are the things that are obvious; you answer questions about courses. But I really think the role of a first-year advisor goes far beyond that."



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Dr. Ronald Hess, professor of chemistry, sits at his desk with a molecular model that he constructed. Hess was this year's recipient of the Ursinus College Award for Excellence in First-Year Advising.

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p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23. Most of them will take place from Jan. 4 - 8 or Jan. 11 - 15. In order to apply, students need to submit a resume that has been approved by Career and Professional Development in addition to an essay that answers the questions, "Why are you interested in doing an externship and what do you hope to gain from the experience?" and "How do you plan to prepare for and make the most of your externship?"

Housing for externships is not provided by the college, but Poruban said that most students have not had a problem making arrangements in the past.

"There was a student who lived in Allentown, but her externship was in Philadelphia, so she stayed with a friend who was in the suburbs of Philly and took the train in," she said. "So I defi-


nately think that if there is a will there's a way."

Poruban encouraged students who are hesitant about doing externships to apply.

"Definitely think out of the box, cast your net as wide as possible. Every experience can lead you to different twists and turns towards your own career path," she said. "Take a look at all of the opportunities, because there's a good chance that something has at least a piece of what you're interested in. Even if it may not be the exact path that you're thinking about going down, it can give you some insight into at least a part of it, and absolutely an opportunity to make some connections with potential mentors."

For more information about the program and the application process, visit <https://www.ursinus.edu/offices/career-and-professional-development>.

Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
CIE Writing Workshop: Perfecting Your Thesis Statement 10 - 10:30 a.m. Room to be announced	Alumni Career Day and Chemistry Tea Pfahler Hall 210 3:30 p.m.	Bike with Brock 1 p.m. Olin Plaza		Education Minor Information Session 12 - 1 p.m. Bomberger 128		International Film Festival: Lore 7 p.m. Olin Auditorium

Should UC ban cigarettes?

Colleges stoke flames with new no-smoking policies

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In the United States alone there are 1,620 college and university campuses that enforce smoke-free policies and ban cigarettes everywhere on school property. In Iowa and Arkansas, all private institutions are smoke-free by law, and in Pennsylvania there are 11 higher education schools that have also adopted this policy. What would it mean for Ursinus to embrace a smoke-free culture?

My guess is that many students would fight it kicking and screaming. In fact, there are many schools where the policy is simply falling flat. According to Trevor Hamblin, a student attending Truman State University in Missouri, many people are ignoring the newly introduced policy altogether, which may largely be due to the lack of repercussions for anyone who is caught smoking. There is simply no threat.

But there is a threat. A very daunting and destructive threat that is actively harming the Ursinus community whether you

smoke or not.

I fully agree that every individual should be able to decide what goes into his or her own body. Unfortunately, the reality is that many nonsmokers inhale carcinogens from streamline smoke, also known as secondhand smoke, which is emitted in smaller particles and therefore easier to inhale, according to the American Cancer Society. Smokers love to debunk the ill effects of secondhand smoke, but the reality is that there is no safe level of exposure, period.

Yes, those who directly smoke cigarettes will face much more severe health problems than those who breathe in secondhand smoke. But again, there is no safe level of exposure, and claiming that just being around cigarettes is not harmful is an ignorant and naïve statement.

Nonsmokers and smokers alike should have the autonomy of deciding what toxins enter their body. Many campuses, however, have decided that the particular right of smoking cigarettes should be moved to the backburn-

er and replaced with the broader priority of promoting a safe and clean campus.

Even with the health risks, it will require more than just a ban on cigarettes to change smoking culture. Ursinus sophomore Oriah Lopez, an occasional smoker, stated that “a ban would certainly encourage me to smoke less, but when it comes to smoking socially, I don’t see many people altering their behaviors.” On other campuses such as Truman State University, this type of behavior is evident. Banning smoking on campus will have the greatest effect on when, where, and with whom students smoke, not if they smoke.

If we wish to ban smoking for the purpose of protecting nonsmokers from nonconsensually breathing the toxic air, this may be effective. However, it would probably be just as effective for nonsmokers to avoid cigarettes around campus. Truman State University also experienced increased litter from cigarette butts all over campus, since butt disposal stations were removed

when the ban was enacted.

The effects that smoking have on an individual are thrown around constantly, and I’m sure that smokers are tired of hearing them.

It goes without saying that smoking is bad for you, very, extremely, horrifically bad for you. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, smoking causes 480,000 deaths in the United States per year. It is seemingly impossible to find a solution that allows individuals to breathe the air of their choice and

to improve the health practices of the school as a whole. After all, half of all U.S. smokers die prematurely, according to Dr. Otis Brawley, the chief medical officer at the American Cancer Society.

My position is torn but partial to the reality in which everyone enjoys nontoxic air. Ultimately, if the school were to enforce a policy such as this, they would necessarily need to hold a vote in order to assess how the student body would acclimate to this cultural modification.



Photo courtesy of Alexis Primavera
Cigarettes litter the ground at the entrance of Reimert Hall.

New film “Green Inferno” rates 3/10

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Those familiar with the genre of “shock horror” are a particular brand of filmgoers. Instead of watching a film to gain insight into a concept, to root for a main character, or to get wrapped up in a film’s universe, those who watch “gorefests” essentially enjoy being made as uncomfortable as possible. Typically, the quality of shock horror films range from so cringe-inducing one feels the need to pause the film and think about one’s life for a while, to mildly comedic and sometimes boring. On the former side of that spectrum, films like “The Human Centipede,” “A Serbian Film,” and “Cannibal Holocaust” come to mind. On the latter side of that spectrum, unfortunately, are films like Eli Roth’s latest directorial effort “Green Inferno.”

With its uninteresting and often frustrating characters, nauseating cinematography and editing, but mostly confusingly distorted or just plain bad effects, all one can hope to gain from watching “Inferno” is quite a few laughs and even more moments of confusion.

The film focuses on a group of college-age activists who travel to Peru to “save” a rarely-seen tribe of natives. The film’s main protagonist, Justine (Lorenza Izzo), becomes increasingly concerned with social activism in third world countries and is eager to travel to Peru to save a native tribe. The group is led by Alejandro (Ariel Levy), whose accent is so thick I’m not completely sure what he’s saying most of the time. Accompanying Justine and Alejandro are a range of characters that each fill in their horror movie tropes so well it’s hard to view them as real people at all. There’s

the scared guy that really likes marijuana, the fat guy that likes the main girl, and the useless girl whose role is to be scared and then have a death scene. None of this is done ironically, like other films such as “Cabin in the Woods” have done in the past. The story itself is just as bland (who would have guessed the tribe they were trying to protect turns out to treat them with hostility?). Aspects of the plot seem just mechanically thrown in for no reason at all other than “well that’s what usually happens in these movies.”

But as I mentioned above, shock films aren’t about the characters, plot, or message. They’re about the blood and gore, and the film’s ability to make you want to turn away from what’s happening on screen. Unfortunately, this film’s editing and special effects nullify both of these aspects. That’s not to say there is no gore

in this film, because about halfway through every other scene becomes a death scene, where characters are torn apart, mutilated, and eaten alive, all for the sake of “shock” (if I could convince at least one person reading this review NOT to watch this movie around adults, I would be happy, and so would they). But the problem I kept having was that I could not actually see what was going on, because the camera kept focusing and unfocusing on extremely shaky footage, cut together like someone put the initial shots through a blender. All of this was especially disappointing, because most of the effects themselves (save for a few poor uses of CGI) looked pretty great. It turns out Aaron Burns headed up the effects for “Inferno” (he worked on “Machete,” another gory film that is done well), and I was disappointed to see his FX

work hidden by poor editing and directorial choices.

It may seem as though I did not enjoy myself during this movie. This is far from the truth. I could not stop laughing through most of the second half. However, I also laughed my way through movies like “Sharknado” and “The Room,” and this does not make them quality films; rather, it shows that quality does not always correlate with enjoyment. This works the other way, too. Many people would find “Citizen Kane” boring despite the fact that it is considered one of the greatest films of all time. I can only recommend “Green Inferno” to anyone looking for an extremely low-brow horror movie. Luckily for the filmmakers, that demographic is one of the largest out there. While I did enjoy laughing at how bad it was, that doesn’t change how bad it was. 3/10.

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They will face conference opponent McDaniel away on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The women's team started its season strong, winning eight of the first nine games. The Bears have since lost three of their last four games, but still stand with a record of 9-4. One of these losses was to nationally ranked conference opponent Swarthmore.

Contrary to the men, the most challenging part of the women's schedule is the latter half. Junior captain Jeannie Jasinski says the second half competition will be refreshing and will test the team to its full ability.

Head coach Kelly Wakeman notes that this season the women have scored more goals than in any prior season. She is concerned with how the team ap-

proaches and maintains leads, because this is a new occurrence for most of the team. However, this is not necessarily a bad problem to have from a coach's perspective.

The women have posted shutouts in seven of their nine wins this season, showing that they have been able to hold the lead.

According to Jasinski, a key aspect to their success this season was that the team was able to build off of last year's success. During the 2014 regular season, the women won their last four games before falling to Johns Hopkins in the Centennial Conference playoffs.

A philosophy that the women are trying to follow for the final stretch is "to push ahead." Wakeman says that "taking a day off leads to an off day." However, she is still concerned with conserving players' minutes and making sure

each player is as healthy as possible for the final stretch of the season.

The women, similar to the men, have three of their four final games against conference opponents. Since the Centennial Conference is one of the stronger conferences in the nation, playoff spots can come down to the final game of the season.

The women hope to continue to succeed on the field as they head into playoffs. The 2014 season ended with a loss in the semifinals of the playoffs, but the women hope to grow from there and go farther than in any previous year.

The women will be in action Saturday, Oct. 24, at home against conference foe Dickinson.



Photo courtesy of Morgan Larese
Ursinus's Dean DerSimonian looks to control the ball during the Bears' 3-1 loss to Washington College on Oct. 17.



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President Brock Blomberg runs out onto the field with the football team before the Homecoming game against Juniata on Oct. 17. Despite the extra support, the Bears fell 21-17.

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After actually attending Ursinus, she noticed that although she is close to home, she might as well be in a whole new state. "I don't feel like I'm in my hometown at all," Rauh said.

She feels that this school is a totally different world than what she grew up knowing, even though it is ten minutes away from her house.

Since Rauh is extremely close to her family, she never gets homesick. She knows that if she were to ever need anything, her parents aren't too far and can drop off anything she needs.

The only times she has seen her parents so far have been when they dropped stuff off or when they come to her home soccer games. Rauh has been home a few times since being at school. She has gone home to watch her dog, and also to get a good night's sleep in her own bed.



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Scores as of Monday, Oct. 19

M Soccer (1-8-3)	W Soccer (9-4)	Football (2-4)	M & W XC	Field Hockey (11-3)	W Golf	Volleyball (5-14)
Oct. 10 @ Johns Hopkins UC: 2, Johns Hopkins: 3 Goals (UC): Ryan Butler, Justin Mendez	Oct. 10 @ Johns Hopkins UC: 0, Johns Hopkins: 4	Oct. 17 vs. Juniata UC: 17, Juniata: 21 Corey Kelly: 119 yards rushing, 1 TD	Oct. 17 @ Gettysburg Invitational Men's: Team finished 14th Women's: Team finished 13th	Oct. 17 vs. TCNJ UC: 2, TCNJ: 1 Goals (UC): Danielle Stong, Megan Keenan	Oct. 14 @ Alvernia Invitational Women: Team finished first (first tournament championship in school history)	Oct. 10 @ Johns Hopkins UC: 0, Johns Hopkins: 3 Oct. 12 @ McDaniel UC: 0, McDaniel: 3 Oct. 14 vs. Swarthmore UC: 0, Swarthmore: 3
Oct. 17 vs. Washington College UC: 1, Washington: 3 Goals (UC): Ryan Butler	Oct. 14 vs. Swarthmore UC: 0, Swarthmore: 3	Kyle Adkins: 9 tackles, 1 fumble recovery Matt Raymond: 4 catches, 96 yards		Oct. 18 vs. West Chester UC: 3, West Chester: 6 Goals (UC): Amber Steigerwalt, Devin Brakel, Megan Keenan		



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Joe Alesio, 15, throws the ball in during the men's soccer game on Oct. 17 against Washington College. The Bears lost the Homecoming game 3-1.

Men's and women's soccer look to end seasons on a high note

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Fall break is considered to be the midpoint of the fall sports season. Many teams on campus take the time to rest and recover for the home stretches of their seasons.

The men's and women's soccer teams, however, have used this time to practice and hope to make the latter part of their seasons successful.

The men have not followed the plans set out for them at the conclusion of the 2014 season. Before the 2015 preseason began, three starters from the 2014 team had announced they would not be

returning to play in the fall.

Though a tough blow to handle, head coach Kyle Rush took on this challenge with the utmost professionalism. "We have built this team with players in mind that did not return this year. We have quickly shuffled the deck, and the people that stepped up have been absolutely incredible," Rush said.

Although the men's record stands at 1-8-3, it has no reflection on their level of play. Every game has been within two goals.

Six of the team's games have gone into overtime, including a 2-1 double-overtime loss against Franklin & Marshall, the top-ranked Division III team.

Rush says that small adjustments on the field can clear some of the issues up. Junior captain Ryan Molyneaux adds that tactically the team is in good shape. "We are there, we're just not getting the results," Molyneaux said. "When it comes to the second half of the season, we're going to look to keep doing what we're doing."

The men's final stretch of the season will not be as difficult as the first half, according to Rush. Three of the last four games on their schedule are conference opponents, making them must-win games to make a playoff run.

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Distance doesn't matter *Two women's soccer players come from very far apart*

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Ursinus is welcoming to all. It doesn't matter if a person is from miles away or is in the direct proximity of the school, Ursinus becomes home to people from all over the world and with different backgrounds.

Colleen Becker, a freshman soccer player, is from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. How did a girl from Florida find out about a small school in Collegeville, PA? "I heard about it from Kerry Goldstein," said Becker. Ironically, they are now teammates.

While Becker was in high school, she used to go to Sea Isle Beach in New Jersey. That is where she met Goldstein and where they used to play soccer with each other on the beach.

Before she talked to Goldstein, she was unsure if she wanted to play soccer at the collegiate level. She started thinking about the possible options of playing, specifically at Ursinus.

Becker knew all along that she wanted to go to school in the northeast United States. All of her siblings went to school in the northeast and her mom grew up in the northeast, so Becker wanted to experience what it was like.

Although she knew she wanted to come to school in the northeast, she was hesitant about coming to Ursinus specifically. After doing some research about the school, she quickly realized the quality of Ursinus's academic programs.

The transition from Florida to Pennsylvania was a smooth one, according to Becker. A big contribution to the transition was the soccer team. Everyone on the soccer team was extremely friendly and welcoming and made Becker feel as if she was at home.

Her mom still comes up from Florida often to support her as well. Being states away doesn't stop Becker's family from making an appearance to see her and support the team.

It is hard not to get homesick, Becker says, and being a plane ride away makes it a bit harder. When she does get homesick, she can talk to her friends who give her comfort. She is never truly alone while being away from her immediate family.

Bridget Rauh, on the other hand, had a completely different experience than Becker. Rauh is also a freshman on the women's team. She is from Collegeville and lives approximately 10 minutes from Ursinus.

Rauh didn't want to come to Ursinus initially because of how close she lived to the college. Her parents were big supporters of the school because of what they've heard and because of its academic reputation.

Rauh was accepted into other schools; however, what made her commit to Ursinus was the opportunity to play soccer. Even after committing, she wasn't too enthusiastic about attending.

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Upcoming Games

Friday	Saturday	Sat. Cont.	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	W Soccer vs. Dickinson, 1 p.m.	Volleyball vs. Dickinson, 11 a.m.			Field Hockey @ Catholic, 6 p.m.	Volleyball vs. Muhlenberg, 7:30 p.m.
	M Soccer @ McDaniel, 1 p.m.	Volleyball vs. King's (Pa.), 3 p.m.			W Soccer vs. Eastern, 7 p.m.	M Soccer vs. Haverford, 7:30 p.m.
	Field Hockey @ Dickinson, 11 a.m.					
	Football @ Susquehanna, 1 p.m.					

