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## UC Bikeshare program looks to make changes

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In a tiny storage room in the basement of BPS sits Connor Murphy, the leader of the Ursinus Bikeshare program. He has grease on his hands and he's sweating. His hat's on backwards and he has a trimmed beard. There are 10 bikes lining the room, stacked against various pipes and the walls. His bike is turned upside down. Murphy '16 runs the bike shop through the Sustainability Office, which allows students to rent bikes any time during the day for a one-time \$10 fee. After that, students are free to rent bikes as many times as they please. Murphy takes care of all of the bikes after they've been mangled. He changes tires, fixes chains, realigns wheels, and gets his hands dirty making sure that the bikes

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— Angel Bolanos  
Bike Rider

are all set to go.

Murphy is an avid biker. He says he has "ridden from Ursinus to my home, and from my home to Ursinus; approximately 130 miles both ways. The first time was mid-March 2015 in two days; I slept on the riverbank of the Delaware. The second time was January 2016 in two days; I spent the night at a friend's apartment in Philadelphia." He thinks it's "good exercise and an environmentally conscious way of traveling."

Murphy has been working at the Bikeshare program for about two years now. His most important job is "membership recruitment, making sure that we have people signed up, generating funds. We've got all the tools we need, all the parts we need, all the cleaning equipment we need, so funds for that. Doing all the maintenance on the bikes. Keeping track of them with the program online which campus safety uses. Maintenance is the biggest thing." He also says he "teaches classes and holds events, and teach[es] people how to do repairs." He tries to get the word out by "sending out emails, but people will just find me. I get stopped on campus a lot, and I get phone calls."

Angel Bolanos '18 is an avid biker who needed a bike repair recently and went to the shop. A resident of Clamer, he uses his bike for transportation to campus. He thinks that there are "tons of benefits of having a bike on campus. There's a beautiful breeze outside. It's a great way to get out of the pollen. And it's a great way to avoid teachers. I bike all semester, because I live on Main Street, far away at [Clamer] house."

Bolanos says that "people love riding bikes, I love riding bikes, and we need someone with expertise in fixing bikes. A few days ago my chain popped off and I went crashing. We need someone with astute knowledge about bike repair. I feel safer that way."

Murphy says he wants to make significant changes to the Bikeshare program. He sees a problem with the bikes—he would like to add "some taller ones. We have

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Photo courtesy of Alex Sutton

Alyse Brewer '17, left, and Kayla O'Mahoney '18, right, organized the first disability awareness week. The week will include education, talks, and panel discussions.

## UC to hold first disability awareness week in April

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Ursinus College will soon be holding its first Disability Awareness Week, organized by junior Alyse Brewer and sophomore Kayla O'Mahony. Disability Awareness Week will take place April 10-16, with two events taking place throughout the week.

The first is a talk on Tuesday, April 12, by Maria Lepore-Stevens, a professor of disability studies at West Chester University, and the second is a film viewing followed by a panel discussion on Thursday, April 14. Both events are open to anyone within the Ursinus community.

Although there are just two events, O'Mahoney and Brewer are calling it a week in order to put the campus in the mindset of thinking about disability throughout the whole week. The week is sponsored by the UC Ambassadors and the Center for Academic Support.

According to Brewer and Shammah Bermudez, the interim assistant director of the Center for Academic Support, Lepore-Stevens' talk will focus on a presentation on visual impairment and visible disabilities as well as working with people with disabilities and disability etiquette. The talk will take place from 7-8 p.m.

in the Bears' Den outside of Upper Wismer.

The film viewing and panel discussion will focus on what it is like to be an individual with a disability. According to O'Mahony, the video is short, only 15-20 minutes long, and will be followed by small group discussions led by volunteer students with disabilities.

Afterwards, everyone will gather together again for a discussion with a panel of about four students and Bermudez, who will be talking about their experiences

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with disabilities.

In his portion of the panel, Bermudez will be discussing his experiences working with students with disabilities.

Bermudez explains that “we all kind of take for granted what we have... the abilities we have. Getting up in the morning and being able to do something simple as get up, get dressed, eat breakfast and go to school... it may not be as easy for someone with a physical disability.”

What Bermudez has taken away from working with students with disabilities is that they “often just want to have the same experiences as everyone else... and sometimes because of their disability, people have a difficult time looking past that disability, they see them as a disability, and that’s the identity that society and individuals give them.”

This oversight is why O’Mahoney and Brewer are organizing the disability awareness week.

While as Bermudez claims people often cannot look past visible disabilities, Brewer explains that individuals with invisible disabilities “face a different kind of discrimination, face different kinds of adversities, because people don’t see it, and they don’t notice.” These two events are designed to raise awareness of disabilities, as well as to help fight ableism, which is discrimination against people with disabilities, according to the organizers.

O’Mahony defines ableism as “any kind of negative attitude held towards people who are ‘not normal.’ And so it can take many forms,” such as “rejecting someone from a job because they’re in a wheelchair... or when students judge other students who have extended time or when people invalidate other people’s mental

health experiences [by] not believing someone is depressed.”

In order to fight ableism, people need to become more aware of the validity and experiences of individuals with disabilities, according to the O’Mahoney.

Looking forward, Brewer and O’Mahoney hope to host a disability awareness week every semester while building up the number of events. According to Brewer, in the fall they hope to end the week by doing the accessibility icon change.

“The current icon that you think of for disability is just ... a still wheelchair,” said Brewer. But following a movement that was started by New England activists Sara Hendren and Brian Glenny, according to Billy Baker of the Boston Globe, Brewer and O’Mahoney hope to update all the spots on campus to be a moving wheelchair, “so that promotes a more positive connotation of disability.”

Having the symbol be a wheelchair in motion moves people away from “the idea that just because you’re in a wheelchair you can’t move” or that you don’t “have a normal life.”

Disability Awareness Week, now and in the future, is about opening people’s eyes to the truths about disabilities in order to become more accepting and understanding of individuals with disabilities, according to the organizers.

As O’Mahony said, they plan to “get the community active in opening dialogue about disability and understanding disabilities better and how to talk about them and how to view and perceive disabilities more positively.”



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The Ursinus Bikeshare aims to offer students an alternative form of transportation, along with a fun hobby available right on campus.

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45, 46, maybe 50 centimeters, and tall people will need something like 60.” The current supply of bikes are the same size, and for taller students, it’s uncomfortable to ride on such small bikes. He’s interested in buying different sized bikes to accommodate more students. Also, he’s interested in buying bikes where the tires are

significantly “fatter,” or larger, than a normal bike. “I’d love to get a fat bike,” he says. “That would be great to have during a snowstorm.” He’s done a lot of changes already: “I’ve reduced the size of the fleet, we have a lot of bikes out there that don’t get used, so I did some analysis and found that only some of the bikes were used. It’s a lot of wear and tear on the bikes...”

There’s growing concern about

the environment today, about pollution, and about unhealthy lifestyle choices. Riding bikes, he says, encourages healthy exercise. That’s why Murphy and the Office of Sustainability want to support the Bikeshare program. Murphy encourages students to take advantage of the program. “Earth week, we’re having a bike ride. President [Brock] Blomberg might be attending. You should come out,” he said.

# Course registration timeline

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As the semester winds down, students from all classes will register for Fall 2016 classes online using Grizzly Gateway. Students who wish to register should go to

the plan and schedule tab in the Academic Planning section. In order to register, students must first meet with their advisers. Their advisers have to sign off that they met. The class of 2017 started registration on April 4 and can register until April 6.

The class of 2018 will register from April 7 through April 11. The class of 2019 will register from April 12 through April 14. Students who are waitlisted for classes can reach out to the professor of the class to try and make arrangements.

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From April 7 through 10, students will perform "Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992" in the Blackbox Theater. Written by Anna Deavere Smith, the play is composed of monologues by real-life people connected directly or indirectly with the unrest in Los Angeles following the beating of Rodney King. The actors in the play perform multiple roles, reciting lines taken verbatim from interviews with the playwright. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$2 for students and can be purchased online at [ursinus.edu/tickets](http://ursinus.edu/tickets).

## Update on academic affairs office change

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President Brock Blomberg took to email this past week to inform students, faculty, and staff of changes happening in the administration office.

"[Thursday] afternoon, I shared the news with all Ursinus faculty that Associate Dean April Edwards Kontostathis has agreed to serve as the college's interim vice president of academic affairs and dean of the college," Blomberg wrote.

The email came after Terry Winegar, vice president for academic affairs, left his position.

Blomberg says now he plans

to engage the campus and faculty in the search for the next dean.

"I next plan to actively engage the campus, beginning with faculty, in the coming months to better understand the qualities that Ursinus would like to see in our next dean," Blomberg wrote. "I am committed to listening to our faculty, staff and students, and collecting your thoughts on not only the qualities of our next academic dean, but also the process and scope of the search."

As for whether the search will be conducted internally or externally, Blomberg wrote that "all options are on the table regarding this search."

## International Perspective

### *Cultural approaches to accepting visitors and foreigners*

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When I came to the U.S., I was surprised because Americans treated me the same as other students in the U.S. They seemed not to care about my nationality, appearance and language inability.

In contrast, I walked in a mall with my foreign friend in Japan in the spring of last year, and people stared at us. It might have been because foreigners are rare in my home-city which is located in the countryside.

Japanese people don't hate people from other countries, but it seems that they don't want to accept them. Based on both of my experiences, I feel that the Japanese clearly distinguish people who are in their community or not, and they value a sense of being in a community.

Based on statistics from June 2015, the total Japanese population was 127 million, and there were 2.5 million foreigners in Japan.

Thus, foreigners accounted for only 0.2% of the total population. Compared to Japan, the foreign born population in the U.S. was 12.9% of the total population in 2010. That is more than about 80 times the Japanese data. Also in Japan, 99% of the population speaks Japanese as a mother tongue, but 20% of people in the U.S. don't use English in their home.

I think Japanese and Americans have a different attitude toward foreigners because they have a different background and philosophy. As historical background, Japan is an island country, and it is not easy to emigrate from other countries.

In addition, a national isolation policy was adopted in the 17th century and some say that made the Japanese more introverted and shy. Sometimes Japan is called a homogeneous society, and the U.S. is called a melting pot. The U.S. has a history as an immigrant nation, and there are many races and ethnicities in one country.

Americans have their roots

around the world. Based on a census in 2010, 72.4% of the total population in the U.S. was White, 16.3% was Hispanic or Latino, 12.6% was Black or African American, 0.9% was American Indian and Alaska Native, 4.8% was Asian, and 0.2% was Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander. Those differences between the U.S. and Japan obviously affect peoples' attitudes.

In my opinion, the Japanese attitude is also caused by the Japanese sense of belonging. The Japanese classify others as "in" or "out."

If they are not in a certain group, people who are not in the group are treated in a different way as members of the group regardless of whether they are foreigners or Japanese. These groups can be a family, friends, school mates, colleagues, and any other groups. Subconsciously, Japanese think that foreigners are out of the group of Japanese, so they do not treat foreigners equally.

However, this sense also works in a good way; for example, the relationship between clerks and customers. Customers are always "out" of the community which clerks are "in." Clerks treat customers warmly in many places in Japan.

Japanese think they cannot communicate frankly or rudely with people who are "out" of their community. To talk to people who you don't know is considered to be a rude action in Japan, so Japanese hesitate to talk to strangers. If they need to talk to them, they use respectful language with them. Because of this, I think the Japanese hospitality is rated high compared to other countries.

Both the difference of the historical background and the intensity of the sense of belonging make the difference in attitude towards foreigners in Japan and the U.S.

When I came to Ursinus College, students and staff welcomed me warmly. And I felt relieved and became happy because of their attitudes and behaviors. I think that it is difficult to get these

reactions from most Japanese.

I think Japan should learn from the U.S. in terms of accepting others. And also the Japanese should stop keeping others at a distance from them with maintaining respect for others. At Ursinus College, we have a good chance to know many nationalities because there are many students who have different backgrounds from all over the world.

In order to understand others, we need to examine others' history, geography, social structure, and so on. The more we understand others' nationalities, the more we accept the differences with each other.

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# Kaleidoscope turns ten

*UC theater and dance students prepare for a concert to celebrate the performing arts center's tenth anniversary*

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This year's Spring Dance Concert will honor the 10th anniversary of the Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center as well as the new curriculum for the dance program at Ursinus. The Kaleidoscope is home to all of the students involved in dance, theater, and other productions. It is the place where almost all of the performances, guest speakers, and special ceremonies are held.

The concert is produced by Professor Karen Clemente, and co-producer Jeanine McCain. The concert, titled "Regenerate," features five pieces, including African dance and hip-hop, that are choreographed by professionals hired by the college to work with the students. The other three pieces are very different. One is a video projection by Jeanine McCain, another is a student-choreographed piece by Rachel Glick and Brittany Hawley. The final piece is a secret piece worked on by all of the dance professors.

With the new curriculum, dance majors and minors now have the opportunity to discover. Dr. Clemente said, "The most

distinctive part of this new curriculum is the way we are creating equity in our dance technique offerings." This means that certain dance forms are no longer the preference by the department. This allows the students to have a broader selection on the type of dance they choose to study.

"Our concert really reflects this newness of the curriculum as well as the celebration honoring the 10th year of the building, and just this energy toward looking forward," Clemente said.

There are about 30 dancers from all over campus taking part in the concert, as it is not a requirement to be a dance major or minor to perform.

Junior Rachel Glick, the choreographer and dancer for the student piece titled "Condemnatory," said, "I think why it's so special to me personally [is] just because we're a liberal arts school and Kaleidoscope is my building, it's just so gorgeous and beautiful and we're fortunate to have it."

Although Glick has been dancing since she was a child and has been dancing at Ursinus since her freshman year, this is the first time she has choreographed a piece, as the program just started

having student pieces last year.

"Dancing is just the perfect way to express myself, it's such a mind and body connection," Glick said.

The student piece is set to have major crowd interactions with real life stories about stereotyping and labels. The piece includes phrases from the dancers on everything from interpersonal struggles including sexism and anti-Semitism to peer pressure about sex and drinking.

"I'm excited to put this thing that I have worked so hard on out there, but at the same time I am nervous because this is so close and important to me," Glick said.

Glick and her co-choreographer Hawley came up with the idea for their student piece when they were partners for a previous Capstone seminar.

"I think everyone should come, because I feel like this show will be able to captivate people of all ages, and everyone has worked so hard," Glick said.

The concert is scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. April 14-16 in the Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center. Students, faculty, and locals are welcome.



Photo courtesy of Ursinus College Communications

The Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center houses two theaters, a dance studio, a scenery shop, and multiple classrooms. Over the past 10 years, countless theater and dance performances have taken place there.

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## Word on the Street

*What is your favorite place to study or do homework on campus?*

*Why?*

"I'd say the classrooms in Olin because I find it easier to do work in a classroom setting."

— Michael Heimbaugh, 2017

"My favorite place when it's warm would definitely be Paisley Beach. It usually has a good amount of shade and the grass is cool on a hot day. It's also usually relatively quiet, so it gives me space to focus on work."

— Devin Kenney, 2019

"I actually like working in Upper, especially in the morning. It's quiet enough where I can get my work done, but there's still some noise, so it reminds me of a cafe in some ways."

— Alessandra Psomaras, 2018

"I usually like to do work in the library because it's quiet, and it's a place where I can really focus."

— Katie Madden, 2019

"I like to do work in my room because I can play music, and I don't have to be super quiet."

— Julia Dorsheimer, 2019

## A poetic start to spring

*In honor of National Poetry Month, students and staff fill April with full slate of celebrations*

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At Ursinus, April is more than just the beginning of spring and warmer weather. It's also National Poetry Month, and many students are planning events to celebrate throughout the month. The students of the Writing and Arts House have taken the lead in ensuring that students across campus are exposed to poetry this April.

As a culmination to National Poetry Month, the Writing and Arts House will be hosting an event to celebrate Poem in Your Pocket Day on April 28. Organized by sophomore Sarah Gow, the event will serve as a way for students to connect through poetry.

On this day, students may choose to carry a poem with them throughout the day to share with others. Students may choose a poem on their own or even write one themselves, but Gow will also provide a basket of poems

in the Myrin Library for people to take. At 8 p.m. in the Writing and Arts House, located on Main Street in Zwingli Hall, students will gather together to share and discuss poetry and enjoy refreshments.

Gow was first introduced to Poem in Your Pocket Day in eighth grade, when her literature teacher shared with her what became one of her favorite poems, "Hope is the thing with feathers" by Emily Dickinson.

Gow says she believes in the power of poetry, explaining that Poem in Your Pocket Day allows people to connect and share their own ideas and experiences while discussing poetry as a vehicle for expression. It is also an opportunity for students who may not normally interact with poetry to become involved, and introduces students to the Writing and Arts House community.

"I think the day kind of embod-

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# Getting down to business

*Ursinus to host annual undergraduate economic conference*

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While Ursinus may be known for its long history of science programs and its pre-med track, the school's business department has been taking a great deal of progressive steps to put Ursinus on the map for well-known business schools. One major reason for Ursinus' growing reputation in the business world is the Omicron Delta Epsilon Undergraduate Economic Business Conference.

Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE) is an international honor society in the field of economics.

Students who display high academic achievement in economics can gain acceptance into the society. ODE has been a part of Ursinus for many years, but what many don't know is that every spring Ursinus hosts the ODE business conference.

The ODE conference at Ursinus began 25 years ago and has occurred in April ever since. It consists of five to twelve schools in the region with as many as nine students per school attending.

The conference takes place in the morning and 30 research papers are presented. Students present their own research.

After a student presents, there will be two discussants that review the presentation and make suggestions on how to make the research better.

Typically, discussants will be students in their junior year, preparing them more adequately for their senior-year research.

This year the conference will be held on Friday, April 15, with around five schools attending. The schools are The College of New Jersey, St. Joseph's Univer-

sity, Villanova University, Lafayette College, and Ursinus.

According to the Ursinus website, it is expected that over 65 students will be in attendance with around 20 students from Ursinus.

Professor of business and economics at Ursinus Andrew Economopoulos said that the ODE conference is a great opportunity for current students.

"The ODE conference allows students to experience what professional economists do. That is, to perform research, present it, and receive feedback from other individuals," he said.

In addition, Economopoulos believes that the experience can

**"T**he ODE conference allows students to experience what professional economists do."

— Dr. Andrew Economopoulos  
Business and Economics Professor

prove to be very valuable in itself.

"We felt that this type of experience was valuable because students need to learn how to articulate their research and share it with others in a group setting," he said.

This semester the business and economics department is offering three capstone seminar courses for students in the major.

In all three classes students are asked to perform research and complete a research paper for a topic of their choice.

Two of the classes, one taught by Economopoulos and the other taught by Professor Scott Deacle, are modeled off of the format for the conference.

In classes, students present their research to the class and

then two discussants are assigned who must have a presentation highlighting room for improvement.

Economopoulos calls the procedure, "a mini version of the conference" and some of the students in the Capstone classes will present their papers at the conference.

One student, senior Jaime Bocanumenth, will be presenting the research that he has done on issues surrounding social trust and its effects on the economy as a whole.

He even references Ursinus president Brock Blomberg in a published paper that highlighted terrorism's effects on the economy. Bocanumenth applauded Blomberg for his help on the paper.

"President Blomberg had no problem meeting with me to discuss my paper. He gave me some helpful advice that definitely improved the foundation of my paper," said Bocanumenth.

Many students and professors said that ODE will be an opportunity for Ursinus business students to share the research that they have done for the past months.

## Update: Time Capsule ceremony date changed

The ceremony to place Ursinus' first time capsule below Pfahler tower has been moved from April 1 to April 22 at 11:30 a.m. Additionally, the suggested donation per organization to place an item in the time capsule has been reduced from \$20 to \$10. For individuals to place an item in it, the suggested donation is now \$5.

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ies what poetry means to society in that poems are a way of us connecting ourselves to the common human experience and sharing that with others," she said.

In the weeks leading up to Poem in Your Pocket Day, Gow encourages students to attend Literary Society meetings, which are every Thursday at 7 p.m. in Olin 104. Students may choose to bring their own original writing to share, poetry or otherwise, or just relax and listen to others.

"It's wonderful to hear the voices of student poets on campus," Gow said.

Senior Blaise Laramée added that "every Thursday night at Lit Soc is Poetry Month for us. Eighty percent of the pieces people read are poems. It's by far the preferred form. Short and sweet."

Additionally, Ursinus' literary magazine, The Lantern, will be launching April 13. The Lantern will be hosting the launch in Bomberger to celebrate the release of the diverse collection of student material.

Professor Anna Maria Hong also explained that the Advanced Creative Writing Capstone class will be presenting poetry about the deadly sins at CoSA on April 21.

Between these events, poetry lovers have many opportunities to choose from this April. However, as Gow explained, poetry at Ursinus is intended to be accessible to everyone.

"Poetry involves taking down your inhibitions, your prejudices, your insecurities. Poetry is healing, poetry is release," Gow said.


In fact, poetry has been so influential for Gow that she hopes to incorporate it into her future career. "I want to be a counselor, and one thing I want to pursue is the extreme healing power of poetry and literature," the English and psychology major said.

Gow hopes that through National Poetry Month, other students will be as affected by poetry as she has been. "I don't think we value poetry enough - it's beautiful." She encourages students, "Express yourself! Be free!"



Photo courtesy of Blaise Laramée  
Solana Warner, Madison Bradley, Courtney DuChene, Ray Macedonia, and Megan McTaggart participate in a discussion during the weekly Literary Society meeting.

## Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2nd Annual Brownback Anders Alumni Professions Career Fair Bear's Den 6:30 p.m.	Chemistry Seminar Talk with Professor Benny Chan Pfahler Hall 208 12:15 p.m.	Jazz Ensemble Bomberger Auditorium 7:30 p.m.	Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992 Blackbox Theater 2 p.m.		A Holocaust Survivor Speaks Musser Auditorium 5 p.m.	Graduate School 101 Olin 108 6:30 p.m.

# Tuition increase goes unexplained

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I have loved my almost four years at Ursinus. However, one thing that has always bothered me, as I'm sure it bothers almost every other student on campus, is everything surrounding tuition and the total cost of attending this school.

As I'm sure everyone is aware by now, our tuition is rising yet again. According to the Ursinus website, next year's tuition will be \$49,370, room will be \$8,220, and board will be \$4,100 for a whopping total of \$61,690.

According to collegecalc.org, in the 2014-15 academic year, the tuition of Ursinus was \$45,890, which was 82 percent more expensive than the national average (\$25,218) for private non-profit four-year colleges. According to the collegecalc expense ranking, we are the 57th most expensive school in the country. We are the seventh most expensive four-year school in Pennsylvania.

I know that school is expensive. Like I said, I love this school and I understand that we have some pretty great opportu-

nities awarded to us. But it does not seem like those opportunities should cost us over \$60,000, especially when we are compared with other schools. For example, according to the Forbes college rankings for 2015, the top school in the country is Pomona College, a school in Claremont, California, with a student body population of 1,610. Pomona's tuition for this upcoming year will be \$47,280 and the total cost will be \$62,632. On that same list, we are ranked number 203, yet our annual cost is only about \$1,000 less than that of the top college in the country.

Now with Ursinus charging their student body so much money, you would think that we are financially stable. According to Forbes' College Financial Grade Ranking, that is not exactly the case. This list ranks schools by how financially sound they are. This list takes into account numbers such as endowment assets, expendable assets and instructional expenses per student. (To find out everything that goes into this list, read "Behind Forbes College Financial Grades.") We come in at No. 330, earning a

"GPA" of 2.65. As the 57th most expensive school in the country, you would assume we were doing better than that.

My next problem with our annual cost is the constant increase. When I started here in the fall of 2012, the total annual cost was about \$54,000. Within my time here, it has increased about \$1,800 per year; total cost for the 2015-16 academic year was \$59,400. Next year, tuition will go up about \$2,200. There has been a lot of speculation about why there is an increase. I have heard students say they think that because of the norovirus outbreak, we need to be more up to health codes, and that will be more expensive.

I have heard others say that they think the school is hiring more deans and that will cost us more. Some think that it is because of the Philadelphia Experience. To find out what the real deal was, I emailed President Brock Blomberg, who directed me to our Vice President of Enrollment, Dave Tobias. Tobias said in his email, "I wanted to let you know that tuition has in-

creased this year in line with our increases from past years (in other words, this is not a new phenomenon)." He also said that "the strategic direction of the college and the events of this past year, as well as hiring practices, are not the reason for the increase."

I understand that Ursinus, as well as many other schools, increases its tuition every year. My concern is, how are these increases explained? In 2010, Ursinus tuition was \$38,670. In only six years, that has increased by almost \$11,000. Does this mean that by the time the incoming class of 2020 graduates, the total cost of Ursinus will be almost \$70,000? Inflation is obviously a factor, but it does not increase as fast as our tuition has. According to Startclass.com, U.S. inflation in 2009 measured at a -.04 percent change since the previous year, while Ursinus increased tuition in 2009 by 4.8 percent.

Overall, the lack of accessibility we students have about why our tuition is increasing is dubious and concerning. When I first heard that tuition was going up, I looked through my emails and

found nothing on the subject. I asked around, and eventually acquired a letter that was sent to the home of a junior explaining that the tuition will increase by 3.5 percent, but the letter never explained the reason for the increase. I then emailed two deans and received no response, emailed the president, and was finally directed to someone who would respond with answers. However, I am still not fully satisfied. In my email, I said, "I just really want to let the students know where their money is going in a clear manner." I did not receive an answer to that request. As students of Ursinus College, who will most likely end up paying about a quarter of a million dollars for our time here, we should know where our money is going. This should be easily accessible information to all students.

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# Students must recognize sexual assault on campus

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The Wednesday before spring break was a busy time. Midterms, last-minute assignments, and packing for a sweet week home were on many people's minds. The end was near! But for a group of individuals working on a combined Bonner project and Ricochet piece, it was anything but a normal Wednesday.

A brave group of women stood in a circle, some wearing only underwear and some fully clothed, in Olin Plaza. They were demonstrating that despite what anyone wears, no one deserves to be assaulted or harassed. Various people working with the demonstration handed out teal ribbons to passers-by that represented support for sexual assault survivor month, which is in April.

I proudly took a ribbon. I was glad that this issue of sexual as-

sault and harassment, which plagues colleges across the country, was being directly addressed in a public place. No words were needed to explain what this demonstration was for, though an email went out from the Bonners later that day to describe what the demonstration was addressing and that if people were interested in seeing more they should attend the Ricochet performance on April 19. The demonstration was (to me) handled professionally and maturely, though I still heard students complaining about it. "It's not a big deal," I overheard a student in Wismer saying. "It's not like that even happens here. I don't know why that had to be such a big deal."

Well, from the stories I've heard from friends, as well as situations I have witnessed, sexual harassment and assault are present on this campus just as they are on other college campuses across

the country. It is "a big deal." The "Ursinus bubble" does not magically keep sexual harassment and assault off of our campus.

It's dangerous and foolish to act as though there is not a problem just because you haven't heard the stories or seen tragic events happen with your very eyes. We need this awareness brought to campus, and I am so glad it has been brought to our attention. Caylon Fowlkes, a peer advocate here on campus, echoes the importance of this awareness, saying, "Sexual assault, from what I see, is something that is often not taken seriously; things get confusing behind closed doors and no one likes to talk about it. It's something that should not be taken lightly and we all need to get in the habit of talking about sexual assault no matter how guilty, or awkward, we may feel. We need to practice humility; that will help us take a step back

from ourselves and see the situation from the [victim's] point of view."

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As Caylon says, ignoring this problem because it's awkward or uncomfortable does not stop the sexual incidents that happen on college campuses. The 2007 Campus Sexual Assault study done by the U.S. Department of Justice reported that one in five women experience sexual assault during their college career. It's clear that with the many occurrences of this issue, it needs to be addressed on campuses across the

country, not just our own.

I think that sometimes with these demonstrations bringing to light the issue of campus sexual assault and harassment people might feel as though fingers are being pointed or there is someone to blame for these issues. There's not. There is no blame being placed on men or women or any other specific group. The point of the demonstration is to get people talking, which leads to understanding, and then problem solving. The point is to get a conversation started in order to work towards creating a better, safer, environment for everyone on campus.

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Callie Crouse '19 is second on the team with 12 RBIs and 19 hits and tied for second with a .365 average.

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a two-game set against Elizabethtown on April 7. Through 18 regular season games, the Bears have a team batting average of .271 and have scored 79 total runs. These next few games are critical for the Bears, as they will help to set the tone for the end of the season playoff push.

In what seems to be a common trend among Ursinus sports teams this season, the softball team has been led by a talented freshman class. "I think the freshmen have a lot of expectations," Donato said. "We have about seven freshmen in the starting line-up."

Donato herself has had a successful freshman campaign. Through 18 games she is batting .365 with 8 RBIs and 23 total hits. Not to be outdone, fellow freshman Kayla Quinn boasts an impressive .378 average, which is currently the ninth best average out of all Centennial Conference players. Quinn also has stolen seven bases this season, which also ranks among the best in the conference. Ursinus also saw

impressive performances from Crouse, who is batting .365, and has 12 RBIs so far this season.

The Bears have been bolstered by an impressive freshman class, but have also gotten big performances from Heinke. The captain is batting .288 and leads the team in RBIs with 18. "There is something to improve upon, but giving everything I have each game is all I can do," Heinke said.

Looking ahead, the Bears are hoping to finish the regular season strong and make a push in the conference tournament.

"Our goal was to make the conference tournament this year, and potentially win the conference," Heinke said.

With hard work, grit, and determination, the Bears have proven that they can compete with top level teams, and they will have to show this again as they look to move past preseason conference favorites Gettysburg and Haverford. The Bears have lofty goals, and the road to making them a reality begins now.

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all the ingredients in the recipe for success are coming together for the women.

The women are off to a promising start, posting a 5-4 overall record and 1-1 conference record. With six games yet to play, the women have already surpassed their win total from last year when they posted four wins.

The Bears clawed their way to two consecutive out-of-conference victories, defeating Albright and Cabrini to clinch their first two wins of the season. The Bears also had an impressive noteworthy loss. When the Bears took the field against St. Mary's, they were defeated 10-8, but all of the goals were scored by freshmen. Deliberti and Hagan agree that the class of 2019 is special, and

this game confirmed their beliefs.

It was not until the eighth game of the season that the Bears faced off against their first conference opponent in Swarthmore College. In a thrilling overtime game, Ursinus defeated the Garnet 12-11. McNeave was the leading scorer for the Bears, netting four goals in seven attempts.

Hagan has been impressed with how the season has begun. "I think we are progressing at a solid rate," Hagan said. "Each game has gotten more challenging and each game has prepared us for the next competitor we face. We have been taking these challenges in stride."

Most importantly, the Bears are spreading the scoring around. In each game a different player scores, making the Bears illusive when it comes to scouting. Cur-

rently, over half the girls on the team have scored goals and a quarter of the entire team has over 10 goals on the season.

The Bears have begun the meat of their conference competition with the remainder of their season against conference foes. Each game is considered a "must-win" for the Bears, but judging how the season has gone thus far, they will be taking it in stride. The combination of an athletic freshman class, good team camaraderie, and the will to win should propel the Bears to the upper half of the conference rankings this season.

The Bears can be next seen in action on Patterson field on Saturday, April 9, at 1 p.m.



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The women's lacrosse team are in a position to make a push for the playoffs, as the Bears' last seven games come against conference opponents and three of those games are at home.

**Scores as of Monday, April 4**

M Lacrosse (8-1)	W Lacrosse (5-4)	Baseball (15-8)	Softball (8-10)	M(8-2)&W(6-3) Tennis	M&W Track and Field	M&W Golf
<b>April 2 vs. Dickinson</b> UC: 14, Dickinson: 10	<b>April 2 @ Dickinson</b> UC: 8, Dickinson: 13	<b>April 2 vs. Gettysburg</b> Game 1: UC: 7, Gettysburg: 3 Sean Pisik (W, 4-1): 8.0 IP, 2 ER, 10 H, 5 K	<b>March 29 vs. Franklin &amp; Marshall</b> Game 1: UC: 3, Franklin & Marshall: 2 Callie Crouse: 2-for-4, 2 RBIs	<b>April 2 vs. Dickinson</b> <b>Men:</b> UC: 3, Dickinson: 6 <b>Women:</b> UC: 4, Dickinson: 5	<b>April 2 @ Dan Curran Invitational, Widener University</b>  Highlights: Senior Erich Keyser finished fourth in the 400 hurdles for the men and senior Kristen Prijs finished third in the 400 for the women.	<b>M: April 3 @ Eastern Invitational, Rising Sun GC</b> Fourth place out of six teams.  <b>W: April 2 @ Gettysburg Invitational, Hanover CC</b> Second place out of seven teams.
Goals (UC): Gerard Brown, Mike Durst (2), Sam Isola, Matt Cioeta, Steve Mussoline, Patrick O'Donoghue (2), Ian Desenberg (2), Peter DeSimone (4).	Goals (UC): Courtney Cortese (2), Bridget Sherry, Kaci McNeave (2), Devin Brakel, Amy Kohout, Jules Krasutsky.	Game 2: UC: 6, Gettysburg: 12 Kieran Geyer: 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 HR, 1 R, 3 RBIs	Game 2: UC: 2, Franklin & Marshall: 5 Zoe Heinke: 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 BB			

## Softball makes push for conference playoffs

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As the midpoint of the season approaches, the Ursinus College women's softball team appears to be gaining momentum as Centennial Conference play heats up. Fourth-year head coach Samantha Campo, captains Casey Derella, Meredith Watters, Zoe Heinke, and the rest of the Bears are hoping that a strong finish to the season can propel the Bears to a strong showing at the conference tournament later this spring.

"A goal for the rest of the year would be to continue playing as a team and make it to the playoffs," freshman outfielder Samantha Donato said. Currently, the Bears are fifth in the conference standings with a record of 2-2; their overall record is 8-10. With just a bit more than half of their games remaining, the Bears have plenty of time to improve their standing.

While most students at Ursinus were at home enjoying spring break, the women's softball team was hard at work in Clermont, Florida. For the first time in program history, the Bears held spring training practices and games in the Sunshine State.

In what was a great test for Ursinus, the Bears came out of the Florida swing with a respectable 5-5 record. While in Florida, the Bears were on the offensive, cranking out an overall team batting average of .318. "This was our first year going to Florida so we saw a lot of great competition that forced us to fight for and earn every win," Heinke said.

Upon returning home, the Bears' home-opening doubleheader against Lebanon Valley and their following series at ninth-ranked Salisbury were postponed due to weather. As the weather cleared, Ursinus opened its 2016 home slate with a non-league doubleheader against Delaware Valley. After dropping the first game, the Bears were able to split the series thanks to an 8-4 victory in game two.

The Bears then hit the road for Bethlehem, PA., where they were to face off in a doubleheader against the Moravian Greyhounds, ranked 21st in the country. The Bears played the Greyhounds well, but eventually dropped both games by scores of 2-1 and 2-0. These games are two of the closest contests that the Greyhounds have played to date. "The team was expecting to 8-run rule us," Heinke said. "We did not make it easy for them."

Ursinus then returned home to open conference play, splitting a pair of one-run games with Dickinson. The Bears split their most recent series as well, winning in dramatic fashion against Franklin & Marshall when freshman Callie Crouse drove in fellow freshman Brittany Gasser to complete the walk-off victory.

The Bears will travel to Washington College for an April 5 doubleheader against the Shorewomen, who currently sit atop the Centennial Conference standings. Ursinus will then return home for

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Photo courtesy of Eden Abrams

Margaret Philbin '16 is one of five seniors on the women's lacrosse team, which has been bolstered by the play of the eight freshmen on this year's team.

## A fresh start

Rookies lead turnaround, push women's lax to 5-4 record

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Young and talented. This is the best way to describe the 2016 Ursinus women's lacrosse team. The Bears are playing an exciting brand of lacrosse that has not been seen for a few years. Coaches are excited for practice, players are raring to compete, and the women are playing as a team.

The women have a host of familiar faces returning to their lineup from a year ago and a number of new ones to boot. About 30 percent of the team consists of freshmen, and each freshman has already made a meaningful impact on the team.

Senior captain Mary Deliberti notes that freshmen Kaci

McNeave, Bridget Sherry, and Courtney Cortese are making some serious progress despite being only first-year players. "They are a big presence on the field and it's really exciting," Deliberti said. "They don't play scared, they don't play like freshmen. Our coaches have given them a lot of trust and responsibility and they have run with it."

Not only are McNeave and Sherry having an impact on the lacrosse field, but they are also making waves in other sports as well. McNeave was a force on the basketball court, playing minutes in about half of the Bears' contests this past season. Sherry is a part of the nationally renowned field hockey team. She received second team All-Centennial Con-

ference and second team NFHCA All-South Region team recognition.

McNeave and Sherry aren't the only two-sport athletes on the women's lacrosse team. Senior Devin Brakel, who also plays field hockey, and junior Danielle Kenny, who also plays volleyball, round out the group.

The Bears only lost one senior, Kitty Dawson, to graduation from last season. For the Bears, Dawson was the go-to player, but 2016 holds new options for Ursinus. Coach Katie Hagan believes that this season has seen the emphasis taken off one individual player; accountability is now on the entire squad. That being said,

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### Upcoming Games

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sat. Cont.	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>W Tennis</b> @ Alvernia, 4 p.m.	<b>Baseball</b> @ Muhlenberg, 3:30 p.m.	<b>M&amp;W Track and Field</b> @ West Chester Invitational, West Chester University	<b>W Lacrosse</b> vs. Bryn Mawr, 1 p.m.	<b>W Golf</b> @ Methodist Invitational		<b>Softball</b> @ Immaculata, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
<b>Softball</b> vs. Elizabethtown, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.	<b>M&amp;W Track and Field</b> @ West Chester Invitational, West Chester University	<b>Baseball</b> vs. Washington College, 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.	<b>M&amp;W Tennis</b> vs. Johns Hopkins, 1 p.m.	<b>M Golf</b> @ Rosemont Spring Invitational, 11 a.m.		<b>Baseball</b> @ Franklin & Marshall, 3:30 p.m.
<b>M Golf</b> @ Elizabethtown Blue Jay Classic, Hershey CC		<b>Softball</b> @ Gettysburg, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.	<b>W Golf</b> @ Methodist Invitational			<b>M Tennis</b> vs. Washington College, 4 p.m.
			<b>M Golf</b> @ Rosemont Spring Invitational, 11 a.m.			<b>M&amp;W Golf</b> @ Ursinus Spring Invitational, 1:30 p.m.

