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While in New York City, the class visited the U.S. Mission to the UN. Students spoke with an alumn, Carolyn Strainic, who works at the mission.

Investment club back in business

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The Investment Club, a popular group for business and economics majors, is back after a six-month hiatus. The club held its first meeting of the semester last Tuesday night.

The club, which has been a staple at Ursinus since 2003, has a new president but the same goal, which is for students to advance their knowledge of the complexities of the stock market. The Investment Club does this through stock market and investment simulators that are modeled after the real-world financial markets.

According to its website, the club “offers workshops on various issues related to the financial markets: basics of stocks and bonds, ways to select stocks and bonds, understanding the measurements used in evaluating stocks and bonds.” But that’s not all. The Investment Club also hosts a number of guest speakers and a competitive stock market game each semester.

Club president Anthony Chang said the club has many goals, one of which is “to learn about the complexity of financial markets, securities, and institutions, the analysis of those systems, and to effectively communicate their understanding of investing to others.”

But it is not exclusively for those with career aspirations of working on Wall Street, according to Chang. “[We want members] to learn how to manage personal finances as well,” said Chang.

Despite its absence the investment club has 23 members with many more prospective students becoming interested in the club.

Billie Buckwalter, a junior

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Politics class goes to NY for model UN

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From March 20 through March 24, a handful of Ursinus students had the opportunity to partake in the first of two Model UN conferences taking place at the Sheraton and Hilton Times Square in New York City. Led by politics professor Dr. Becky Evans, Ursinus represented the country of Canada in several General Assemblies throughout the week, and two students portrayed France in a simulated Security Council.

Having participated in Model UN conferences since 1966, Ursinus sent more than 20 students to the conference this year, joining 2,500 other students from almost 100 countries.

“Students play the role of delegates from different countries

and negotiate solutions to real-world issues using the policies and perspectives of their assigned country,” said Evans when asked for an overview of the program.

The issues discussed over the four-day event included disarmament and international security. Delegates discussed the “multilateral approaches to combatting the treaty of transnational organized crime,” according to Evans. Students also drafted resolutions regarding the Economic Commission on Latin America and the Caribbean and discussed issues such as disaster risk education, education, transportation, and human rights protection.

Delegates also participated in UNICEF assemblies, which focused on supporting programs to end child marriage, as well as developing strategies to attack drug trafficking and the funding of ter-

rorist attacks.

International relations and theater double major Blake Thomson '18 attended the Model UN conference for the first time as a requirement for his international relations major.

“The experience of working with students from all over the world is incredible,” said Thom-

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— Blake Thomson
Student

son. “We are taught to put the country in which we are representing’s opinion first.”

Still, the delegation had time to meet with other students in a

less formal setting. “Once committee is over we have the opportunity to discuss real issues with people from places so foreign to the U.S., which is amazing,” said Thomson.

While some students enjoyed their time at the conference, others were less pleased by the way that some students handled themselves on the trip, feeling that the value of the opportunity wasn’t fully appreciated by those present.

Sophomore Roseangela Hartford experienced her first Model UN conference this past week, and said that several students on the trip joked about the prevalence of homelessness in New York City throughout the trip, finding it “ridiculous” to be

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housed in the “extravagant and luxurious Sheraton Hotel” while discussing the issues of poverty, lack of education and the depletion of natural resources in third world countries.

“Several students were sleeping, talking, and barely even looked up from their smartphones during the closing ceremony at the UN General Assembly,” said Hartford. “This astonished me.”

According to Hartford, some students took this as an opportunity to see firsthand the importance of learning about issues such as poverty.

The Model UN conference is designed to present an opportunity for future world leaders to practice their interactions with other extremely well-learned delegates, to hopefully work together

to one day solve international problems on a much more permanent scale.

Evans returned to campus with the news that Ursinus’ delegates were recognized for their hard work during committees. The delegation was awarded with an honorable mention for its “accurate representation of its country’s position, participating in committee, and making proper use of the rules of procedure.”

For students looking to be more present and active in the practice of creating and initiating foreign policy, or for those simply looking to gain a fresh perspective on the current status of international relations, Model United Nations provides a clear path towards the acquisition of such knowledge, Evans said.

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business and economics major, has joined the club, and hopes to use the opportunity to gain experience for a potential career in the financial sector.

“It really interests me because of the real-world experience it will give to someone that aspires to work in finance,” said Buckwalter. “Although simulators are not played with ‘real’ money, you still get the experience of watching the markets and trying to make money in a competitive environment.”

The club has hosted a stock market competition in the past for students and faculty members in the Ursinus community. The club’s website says “students, staff and faculty are given \$100,000 in virtual money and compete for the highest performing portfolio.”

Programs like these are unique to the Investment Club, and are some of the only options for students to practice financial skills outside of the classroom. It also

provides students with a lot of learning opportunities in a casual setting.

Another feature of the club is for guest speakers with knowledge in the field to come and share their expertise with members of the club. This gives students a unique opportunity to learn from those who work in the complex world of finance every day.

This semester, the Investment Club will be running a simulated game in which the winner gets a \$25 gift card to Wawa. And for those looking to earn a little extra cash this semester, the club has a goal of “maybe even starting to help everyone on some REAL investing,” according to Chang.

For those interested in joining the investment club, look for Chang’s emails or attend one of the club’s Tuesday night meetings.



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UCSG to hold exec. elections

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In the midst of this hectic election cycle, it is important to remember which elections can really have an impact on students the Ursinus College Student Government elections. This year members of the student body will be able to elect the president and vice president, the social chair, and the treasurer. The student body will be able to vote for their favored candidates on March 28-30.

Incumbent presidential candidate Abi Wood encourages students to vote in the student government elections.

“Student Government has an insane amount of power that is not seen by everyday students,” said Wood. Wood cites her track record of making changes to the campus sexual assault policy and introducing much-needed textbooks into the library as a way to save students money as examples

of how the student government is impacting students every day. President of the class of 2018 and vice presidential candidate John Thomas also encourages UC students to vote. He says voting in the elections “can actually make a difference” and that it’s “better for students to represent student interest; we can’t just leave it to the administration if we want our voices heard.”

Each of the candidates running for Student Government positions this spring had to submit a paragraph about their prior accomplishments and goals for student government to be approved by the UCSG election committee, chaired by Krista Snyder.

The candidates running are Robert Rein and John Thomas, as one ticket, as well as Wood and Karla Pisarcik for president and vice president, respectively.

Rachel Weil, Elizabeth Iobst, and Gabby Lomanto are running for social chair, and Dylan Ammons, Angel Bolanos, and Lily

Talerman are running for treasurer.

Each of the nominees offers a different passion for student government. Wood is involved with Student Government because she believes it helps her “create a legacy for Ursinus students.” Wood said that she has great ambitions for the Student Government during the upcoming year. She wants to modernize the campus drug policy and increase student involvement with administrative decisions.

Weil says Student Government “ties in with a lot of her other activities on campus” and helps her “address their needs.”

Rein is involved because he believes his perspective can help the student body. “Due to my involvement around campus I believe I have a greater perspective of what the students’ wants and needs are,” said Rein. “I un-

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Photo courtesy of Kevin Moore
Karla Pisarcik, left, is currently the vice president of the UCSG. Abi Wood, right, is currently the president.

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Q and A with president and VP candidates

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The Grizzly recently sat with the candidates for UCSG president and vice president to ask them questions from our readers. The candidates for president and vice president are Abi Wood and Karla Pisarcik, respectively, as well as Rob Rein and John Thomas. This is an excerpt from the full interview, and the questions have been mildly edited for clarity.

Question: In your opinion, what do you think are the most pressing issues for Ursinus students on campus? As president/vice president, how would you address these issues while advocating for the student body?

Wood: Beyond the sexual misconduct policy, another big issue on campus is making sure that the discrimination policy, on the basis of any difference between people, is clear and is ready to be used in traditional cases. We're currently working with student organizations to review it and propose changes. It is about continuing to make sure that this policy applies to people of different races, genders, sexual orientations, nationalities, religions, etc. Race may be the most important—but the goal is not fixing a race issue. Rather, by cleaning its language, we will make the policy strong enough to fix any issue of discrimination so that it may address religious and gender intolerances as well. It is crucial to provide this resource so we may give any student support after an incident. Every student on campus has something that makes them different from

another student—thus, every student could potentially be discriminated against. It may not be you now, but it doesn't mean you won't be next—so every student should care.

Rein: Student participation in student government and students not having their voice heard. The Student Senate does not have a booming voice on this campus; it has failed as a majority. We were formed to make student committees, veto legislation (that was going to be passed for the student body). I consider myself accountable for that as well, as a member of the Student Senate. I should have looked into this and advocated more. Now is the time for me to change this problem. Encouraging student participation allows the student body to become more informed on the issues. Being informed leads to higher education; and, as a result, happier students.

Thomas: On the whole, people do not know what the UCSG does, and they are not aware of how much power they really have. Each class, club and activity on campus has a representing senator who can voice concerns for you. It is really important that we make people aware of what is going on. The current executive board does not make monthly general announcements of what they are doing in the Senate. In our minds, the solution is not emails—they're great, but sometimes they go right into the trash bin. If you have been following our Facebook campaign page, "The Change Ticket," we have been putting up videos. If we can

channel that sort of social media interface, beyond posts and tweets, we can start a committee dedicated to informing students that way with the media and communications department. For example, having a show in Ritter. It may sound goofy and ambitious, but if we want to get people excited about this, we have to tailor [our agenda] to their needs.

The Grizzly asked students to anonymously provide what they thought were the most pressing issues on campus:

Diversity—Minority students often worry about the palpable lack of diversity on campus. How would you support underrepresented minority groups, such as those of race/ethnicity, transgender, disability and mental health?

Wood: Trying to address diversity as a whole, while tackling every single kind of diversity, is hard. You are not going to be able to just make lives better for students of color on campus—because they're not just people of color. You know what I mean? There are so many different aspects of every person...you don't know that person's economic background, that person's gender, their sexual orientation, their religion, etc. Instead, try to fix every aspect of life on campus to help in more ways. For instance, this past year, we started the Textbooks for Pilot to help people who were struggling economically, from lower class families. When your family cannot pay...there are so many different situations that will end you—that will put you in a spot where you don't have money to pay for credit cards, for college

itself. The resource in the library helps every student, even the most financially well-off student can benefit. Creating those kinds of programs tackle all of those issues and you are able to help each student.

Rein: To fix diversity, we must fix our entire anti-discrimination policy. I am guilty of not actually reading it thoroughly, but I understand the issue enough to know that it doesn't cover every single base. The LGBT, Hispanic, and African-American communities are not well-represented in the current policy. It is very easy for people to be discriminated against on campus, and that's a huge issue. This may sound harsh, but the truth is: how can we be a diverse community if we are not comfortable with being diverse? By tackling discrimination, prospective students and recruits will be able to see that we have an open, loving community where there is no hate. The changes may not happen within one or two years, but over time they will develop.

Yik Yak—How would you address incidents of discrimination, like Yik Yak's masked platform for anonymous derogatory language and other profane hate speech?

Pisarcik: Yik Yak is anonymous. The two most important things to do are ensuring accountability and encouraging a sense of community cohesiveness. Our Student Senate is comprised of many different people—we try to get every club, every sports team, based on our rules for membership. The Student Senate is a safe

place where we have talked about these issues before. It is important to promote the idea that we are all in this together—that we all want the same thing out of this experience during these four years. The problem will be overcome when there are people in place to promote these ideas to the rest of the student body. We have been supporting and showing our faces at different demonstrations, like at the student-faculty meeting where SUN came in and talked about the fourth CIE question. So I think that's an important role that we've played—that we've been involved in these conversations, that we've been showing our support, our face and say "Hey, what can we do to help you?" It doesn't matter where you stand on the issue. We have excelled at providing an advocacy support role, a liaison between the administration and the students, and we have no plans on going anywhere but beyond from here on that with positive vibes.

Rein: Yik Yak is very tough to deal with, and it is impossible to fully negate [the app's hate]. Our goal is to try and lessen [the hate]. At the following Senate meeting, I plan on forming a subcommittee on tackling discrimination that consists of one member from every student organization on campus—big, or small. From the smallest group, UC Republicans, to the biggest groups, Sigma Pi or the football team.

For the full interview, visit ursinusgrizzly.com



Photo courtesy of Alexis Primavera

Rob Rein, left, is running for UCSG president for next year. John Thomas, right, is aiming for vice president.

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derstand the hardships of student athletes. I understand what studying for hours on end entails and pulling all-nighters feels like. I understand the joys of participating in extracurricular activities. I understand what the student body wants and I believe I can succeed in taking the responsibility and privilege of serving my student body."

Thomas believes his involvement in Student Government can help improve working conditions for the cleaning staff, especially after the norovirus. He also wants to increase the connection between the UCSG and the rest of

the campus community.

The candidates all encouraged the student body to "like our campaign Facebook pages" and, of course, to vote and get involved with the UC Student Government.

"Student Government is a great way to make change on this campus," said Weil.

"I believe that if the Ursinus student body were to participate more than it already does, it would bring more attention to the issues of the campus," said Rein.

There will be a candidate forum on March 30 at 8:30 p.m. in Pfahler Auditorium for students to hear more from the candidates and ask them questions.

A new platform for student expression

Ursinus students write for Odyssey, a news and social content website

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On Facebook or Twitter, you may have seen articles by your fellow Ursinus students titled “American Asian Food: A Brief History With Commentary” or “How I Avoided Catching The Ursinus Plague.” These articles may be drastically different in content, but they are both articles published by the online publisher the Odyssey.

The Odyssey is a “hybrid between a publisher and a social content platform,” according to Angelina Matarozzi, an assistant managing editor for the Odyssey.

Many companies follow a “top-down” structure, meaning that their content is based around topics and certain people who are popular at the moment. The Odyssey has taken a different approach to content development. Essentially, anyone can write about whatever they feel is relevant and important to them.

The Odyssey mainly engages with a network of millennials, and its open structure allows its content to be more democratized

and diversified compared to other news companies, according to Matarozzi.

The Odyssey is a young company, started by a college student who felt that there was a lack of a platform for students to express their ideas and experiences.

The Odyssey first launched on college campuses. Currently it is expanding to create geographic communities and is involving alumni in their network.

How does an Odyssey community start?

Usually, college students are recruited to make collegiate communities.

In a community, the Odyssey looks for “a staff of 12 content-creators and writers who will join onto our team and provide their thoughts on a weekly basis in article form that will get published,” said Matarozzi.

The Odyssey at Ursinus College launched with 17 staff members.

Writers are encouraged to contribute articles about things that may not be in the news, or their

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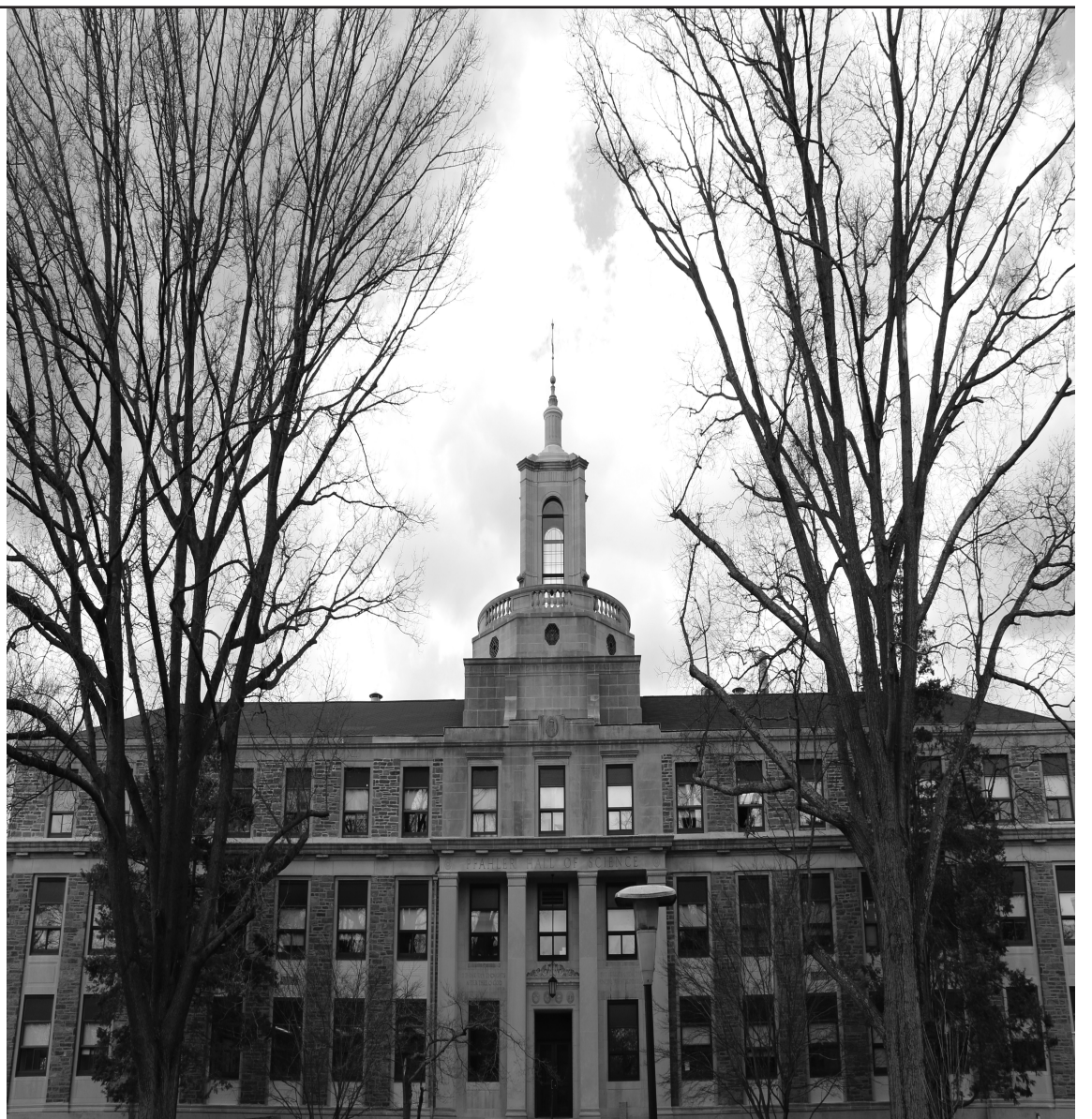


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Instead of being buried, Ursinus' first-ever time capsule will be placed in the room below Pfahler tower. It will be opened 25 years from now, and students will be invited back to the college to open it.

Leaving behind a legacy

Students create Ursinus' first-ever time capsule

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The Ursinus College ambassadors and the sorority Omega Chi are creating a legacy here at Ursinus. They are starting the first-ever time capsule.

The capsule was originally a CIE proposal through the UC ambassador program by junior Dayna Honrychs last year, but they ran out of time before it could be put into motion. However, this year senior Bryan Carter had his CIE team collaborate with Omega Chi, the sorority Honrychs is a part of, to make the time capsule happen.

“We were talking, and we think it’s the perfect way to embrace legacy on this campus, and to leave our mark before any of us graduate,” Carter said.

The cost per organization to place an item in the time capsule is \$20. The team leaders are expecting items such as t-shirts, pictures, and mascot-stuffed animals from various fraternities, sororities and sports teams. They are also encouraging departments, faculty, and friend groups to participate with anything they would like to put in as well. The leaders said they don’t want to put restrictions on what is to be placed in the time capsule.

Instead of the traditional way of burying a time capsule, the Ursinus time capsule will be placed in the room below Pfahler tower as it’s very unlikely any construction will be done on it. The team leaders hope that those who participate will return to campus in 25 years and re-open the time capsule.

Carter explained, “We don’t know what’s going to still be here in twenty-five years, what buildings might be reconstructed, what changes [President] Brock Blomberg will bring, so we want to do something that will commemorate our time here.”

While the time capsule is meant to be creative and fun, the leaders are more focused on the fundraising aspect; the money raised from the event will be donated to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital in support of pediatric cancer.

Honrychs said, “I just think it’s something that is really exciting, because not only is it giving individuals on campus a chance to be a part of history, but it’s

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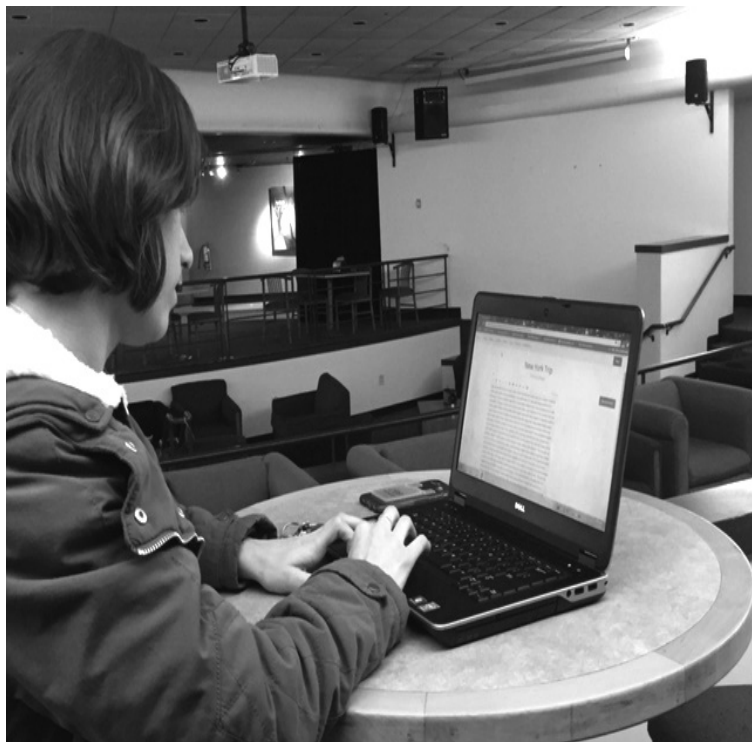


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Alex Nigro '18 works on her latest article for Odyssey. About 20 Ursinus students now write for the website.



Photo courtesy of Ursinus Communications

On March 24, Ursinus College's 34th annual airband took place in the Lenfest Theater and featured a total of nine acts. Seismic Step, above, won best overall after receiving over 250 student and faculty votes.

Word on the Street

If you could put anything in an Ursinus time capsule, what would it be? Why?

"I would put in my photo booth photos from homecoming of this year. Sophomore year has been my best year so far, and I have changed so much from the beginning of this year until now. The two people featured in these photos are two of my best friends here that have helped me through a lot during this year and last."

— Katrina O'Donnell, 2018

"I'd put in a vial filled with norovirus infected saliva so future generations can remember the tragic events of 2016."

— Andrew Stetser, 2019

"I would put a video of an Escape Velocity show because they're always really good and maybe people could watch it and get ideas for their shows in the future."

— Leah Grudberg, 2018

"I'd put in a ridiculously elaborate map of Ursinus with interesting stories from each building from my time."

— Chi-E Low, 2016

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also giving us an opportunity as a school to give back."

Junior Emma Anderson, who is also involved in the production, added, "I'm really excited because it's never been done before. I'm just excited to see what everyone puts in, and how it comes together, and I am definitely excited to see what Brock puts in... if he does."

As of now, the event is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 1, in Olin Plaza around noon. A

representative from each organization will place its item in the capsule, and then the Ursinus bear and President Blomberg will walk the time capsule to the place where it will remain for the next 25 years.

"We hope people come, even if they aren't donating, to watch. We are also going to be selling T-shirts to all students to wear the day of [the event]," Carter said.



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own personal perspectives.

There are several types of categories students can write under, which include lifestyle, "500 words on," humor, and news.

Writers emphasized that the Odyssey was a place where they felt they could truly express themselves because there are no restrictions on what they can write about.

Sophomore Alexandra Nigro stated that writing for the Odyssey about a relationship was a cathartic experience for her.

"So my first article was 500 words to the person and how I felt, which was really great because I didn't necessarily feel comfortable expressing it in such an open way, but being able to write it and get out how I really felt was great... I felt that I would write it on the Odyssey so that other people could understand what I was going through," said Nigro.

Senior Chi-E Low stated that one of the reasons she decided to join the Odyssey was to reach out to international students and give her perspective on her own experiences being an international student.

"I'm actually hoping to write an article about...some issues

that internationals go through that most local students don't understand [or] have never heard of," said Low.

Articles are due every Saturday at noon.

Once the articles are edited, they are published and shared on social media websites such as Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest.

In fact, the promotion of articles is almost solely through social media networks.

No money is spent on marketing.

"We believe in organic social sharing. The way that our content gets out to the world is...sharing [it] on your personal network and then that gets shared with someone else's personal network and that gets shared with someone else's personal network, and before you know it, a really well-crafted article has virality...We don't really spend the money to promote it because we feel like everyone's personal network is the best way to go," said Matarozzi.

She also said that Odyssey's diversified content, unique structure and novel marketing strategy have allowed it to expand and has set it apart from other companies as a leader in the industry.

Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Addiction Psychiatrist, Kevin P. Hill, M.D. Musser Auditorium Pfahler Hall 7 p.m.	Capstone 2020 Floy Lewis Bakes Center 11 a.m.	First Aid/CPR/ AED Certification Olin Hall 103 9 a.m.		Tamagawa Taiko Drum and Dance Performance Lenfest Theater Kaleidoscope 7 p.m.	Video Games and Latin America: A Cultural History Pfahler Auditorium 4:15 p.m.	Making Sense of Financial Aid Bears' Den 12 p.m.

“This election is about you”

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What does the Ursinus Student Government actually do? This question has been asked countless times to me during this year as both John Thomas and I campaign across campus. It's a good question, but the one that really needs to be answered for students is: “What can the Ursinus Student Government do for you?”

The Ursinus College Student Government's constitution states that the student government is “the governing and representative institution of the student body. It seeks to foster student unity, establish better student-faculty and student-administration cooperation, pursue and defend students' interests, and develop and maintain the quality of student life on

campus.”

Our ticket, The Change Ticket, believes that the student government is currently failing the student body of Ursinus because of the failure to adequately communicate with all student organizations and to collaborate together with students to solve the issues of Ursinus.

While this past year's student government has contributed to the student populous with initiatives such as providing textbooks in the library for students to borrow and reforming the current sexual harassment policy, the government has yet to reach its full potential. In order to truly fix the issues of discrimination and sexual harassment, communication and enabling student participation will be key.

The keystone of this entire

campaign is to increase student participation by enabling students to collaborate with the student government. We hope to achieve this by creating sub-committees through the UCSG Senate in order to tackle each issue on campus. Such issues that our ticket wishes to tackle are discriminatory problems, sexual harassment, and improving Wismer for vegan and vegetarian students.

By creating sub-committees for each issue, we hope to get more students to participate and coordinate with the student government to not only fix the issue but to have the ability to say they contributed to reforming the campus themselves. The number of issues at Ursinus College range from discriminatory issues to the minor issues of not having enough trash cans on campus,

and if elected as president I plan to tackle every single one of these issues.

“The keystone of this entire campaign is to increase student participation by enabling students to collaborate with the student government.”

To truly tackle these issues effectively the student government must coordinate with not just the faculty of the college but with the student body as well. We believe that getting the students actively engaged in the affairs of student government will correlate with the protection of the autonomy of the student body.

Furthermore, we believe that participation will further edu-

cate students on campus with the pressing issues such as discrimination and sexual harassment on campus. By educating students on these issues we can then formulate ideas and reach a larger audience with our initiatives than any past Ursinus College Student Government.

Student participation and engagement are key to finding success to these issues not only because it educates students but will also emphasize that we, the student body, have the power to accomplish. It will help bring the entire community closer together than ever before.

At the end of the day this election is not about whether or not Robert Rein or Abi Wood becomes the president of the student government; this election is about you.

Advocacy on issues you care about

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As a busy Ursinus student it's easy to feel disconnected from the work the student government does, but somebody has to put the time and energy into doing this work. For the last two years that has been me. I put in an average of 12 hours a week in the Student Government. The executive board commits triple that amount. We do so much on campus that people never see, and a lot of our work involves things students take for granted.

The Student Government deals with issues every day that affect students in real and important ways. Most students don't have time to look at the student handbook regularly, and certainly don't think about who wrote it. They also think organizations like AFAC are run by the administration, and almost no one realizes that there are students who serve on important committees of the college that help set the direction of future years. The Student Government has a hand in all of those things.

Looking at each candidate's plans for policy changes is crucial when choosing a candidate because the impact the UCSG can

have is massive.

The UCSG called for changes to the sexual misconduct policy and worked with the administration to make sure the policy students wanted and needed was being enforced. We changed the policy to make sure students could use it as a guiding principle about consent in sexual encounters and to make sure it was thorough and not open to interpretation. Our new policy can help students who may have been survivors of sexual misconduct in any form, as a resource for the help they might need.

“My goal has been and will be to make sure any student who cares about these issues has his or her voice heard.”

While most students on campus now take it for granted, Reimert courtyard didn't always have an open container policy. This was implemented by a previous student government. Ensuring that this stays the same is an ongoing battle with many administrators and sometimes even local government. This, along with the necessary system of the Reimert cleaning rotation, is some-

thing that the student government needs to always be ready to fix. Because of the amazing work of the Reimert subcommittee, the Executive Board was able to take a step back from that this year. But when this kind of system isn't functioning, Reimert has been shut down from all social events until the UCSG can reach a new agreement with the administration.

Another commitment of the Student Government is the judiciary. Often when a student is accused of a disciplinary infraction he or she ends up going to a committee called the hearing panel. This committee is comprised of faculty members as well as students. The UCSG selects the students to serve on this committee every year. Without students who are intelligent, unbiased, and ready to take on this enormous responsibility, the punishments for disciplinary infractions are out of student control. Making sure each case has the right people serving on the panel is crucial for a fair process to occur—and is vital to protect the rights of all students.

These three things are just the beginning of what the Student Government has a hand in. We are also in the process of making major changes to the anti-dis-

crimination policy and the drug policy on campus because of the changes students have called for and because of changing legislation in the state.

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We are also half way through the approval process of changes to Five Star, the Greek Standards policy. These kinds of changes take major work and planning from the student government, and the ability to work with administrators to make sure students' voices are heard. This is something that our opponents Rob Rein and John Thomas have no experience in, and they simply won't be able to make the changes necessary to these policies in time to have an impact on students. They also will likely not be able to pull together the votes needed to change these policies now.

I'm not expecting every student to get involved in changing these policies because most students have other priorities. My goal has been and will be to make

sure any student who cares about these issues has his or her voice heard so that the UCSG can go into these discussions and fight for the necessary changes.

Students without experience in policy changes can't do the necessary work to make the changes happen.

I'm not expecting you to care deeply about this stuff all year round. I am, though, asking that when you go to vote, you choose based on our records, our experience, and our commitment to being serious about this stuff. Each ticket is calling for change, but only one team is telling you what they want to change in terms of the real issues, and how they will be able to change it. The reason for that is simple: Karla Pisarcik and I know what needs to change and how to change it and have made similar changes this past year. Our opponents have never looked at campus policies before, don't know where they want to start, and don't know how to get it done.

Ursinus, it's crucial that you take this election seriously, because whether you pay attention or not, these discussions are happening and you need to have experienced representatives in order to get the changes you need.

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singles player at McCaskey High School in Lancaster, PA, Lynch has made his mark on the Ursinus men's tennis team. Lynch has started at one point or another all four years as a Bear, and in 2015 Lynch was second on the team with 15 singles wins. Lynch is known for his passion and leadership as a team captain.

#4: Chanton Phan (junior): A recent transfer to Ursinus, Phan began his collegiate career at Division I Rider University, where he started for the Broncs. Since arriving in Collegeville, Phan has not looked back. So far, Phan has accumulated a 7-2 record, establishing himself as a key back-of-the-lineup player for the Bears.

#5: Paul Vecchio (freshman): A Central Jersey native and former number-one player at Hillsborough High School, Vecchio came to Ursinus as a one-star recruit. So far, Vecchio has proved himself to be a rock at number-five singles, where he only lost three games combined on the team's spring-break trip. In addition, Vecchio's strong volley game and hard serve have allowed him to have success at number-one doubles with Max Oberholtzer.

#6: Peter Shields (sophomore): A Connecticut native and former starter at the Hotchkiss School, Shields came to Ursinus as a walk-on, where he impressed Smith and asserted himself as a starting lineup player for the Bears. Last year, Shields had a wrist injury that restricted the use of his left hand. However, he managed to have many important wins for the Bears, specifically against Gettysburg, where he battled to win a clutch third set super-tiebreaker.

Henry Burke (junior): Burke came to Ursinus as a one-star recruit. However, after having shoulder surgery last year, Burke has had some restrictions. Recently, he has gotten in matches

at third doubles, where he is undefeated so far in 2016.

Jordan Hodess (junior): A West Chester native, Hodess was another walk-on player for the Bears. He has had playing time at number-six singles, where he has had a lot of success. In 2015, Hodess's 6-1, 6-1 victory against Cornell proved to be key in a crucial 5-4 victory for the Bears.

Jake Lachowicz (freshman): Another South Jersey native, Lachowicz comes from Delsea Regional High School, where

Before the loss to nationally ranked Swarthmore, the Bears got off to the best start in program history with a 9-0 record.

he was a standout player for the Crusaders. During the Bears' spring-break trip, Lachowicz won his first collegiate match in style against Kings College at number-six singles in a super tiebreaker.

While the roster for the Ursinus men's team looks more ready than ever for a breakout season, the coaching staff for the Bears has also had some significant changes. Accompanying Pete Smith this 2016 season are coaches Kristie Berdy and former Ursinus men's tennis player Evan Lord.

Lord brings a lot of experience to the coaching staff as the assistant tennis professional at Radley Run Country Club. In addition, Lord was a member of the 2013 men's team. "It's great to be back with the team again," Lord said. "I know this team has what it takes to get to the next level, and I am looking forward to the ride."

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than me," Neff said. "With being how competitive our house was, I always wanted to bring home a report card with better grades."

Being named an All-American and Scholar All-American isn't an easy task, which is why Neff is constantly working hard. However, Neff doesn't flaunt his personal accolades, such as being named a preseason All-American coming into this season.

He credits his defense and the rest of the guys in front of him for the awards he receives on the field. The award that Neff takes the most pride in is being named a Scholar All-American. "That was probably the coolest one just because it made my parents really happy and because it's not all about sports," Neff said. "To have the grades as well as playing well, it's probably the most important thing, especially for my future."

Although his passion for the game comes from within, he praises his parents for the work ethic and intensity they have instilled in him. "No matter what it is I do, I always have the drive

to be the one who is working the hardest and putting in the most time," Neff said. "I saw this growing up with both of my parents truly caring about what is going on at work and how they can improve."

As for his passion for lacrosse, he fell in love with the fast-paced nature of the game. "In just a matter of seconds, one team is able to score three goals and take the lead," Neff said. "Being a goalie, I like being the one who could take that goal away from a team."

The three losses to Gettysburg last season, particularly the one-goal losses in the Centennial Conference final and the NCAA second round, are all that is on Neff's mind right now, though. "Just knowing how much that sucked losing by one goal, that's definitely the biggest motivation," Neff said.

Neff has led the Bears to a 6-1 start this season as the team heads into conference play and an eventual rematch with Gettysburg. He is working hard every day, and his teammates certainly take notice. "He will work as hard as he can to accomplish his goals," said Lo-

gan Panaccione, a senior captain. "He is his own biggest critic and is very hard on himself, but this drives him to work harder and practice more."

Whether in the classroom or on the practice field, everybody knows they will be getting Neff's best. He improves everybody around him, and his teammates are grateful to have such a hard worker behind them. "Every day I've gotten to practice with a top goalie in the nation," Brown said. "It makes me feel comfortable if I score on him in practice, knowing that that same shot will go in on almost any goalie in the country."

He knows he has one last chance. He doesn't care about the three All-Centennial Conference teams or the three All-American teams he has been named to. He cares about putting every last ounce of energy he has into his senior season of lacrosse and finally winning the Centennial Conference championship, ideally by getting revenge on Gettysburg.

"I don't think that drive will ever go away, which will always help bring out my intensity," Neff said.



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Paul Vecchio '19 has started the season with a 5-1 record in his dual-meet singles matches at number five. Vecchio and the Bears will look to continue their success Thursday at Cabrini.

Scores as of Monday, March 28

M Lacrosse (6-1)	W Lacrosse (5-3)	Baseball (13-6)	Softball (7-9)	M Tennis (7-1)	M Golf
March 26 vs. Swarthmore UC: 18, Swarthmore: 8 Goals (UC): Mike Durst, Logan Panaccione, Pat Bernicker, Matt Cioeta, Tim Miller, Steve Mus-soline (3), Kerry Kynett, Ian Desenberg (4), Peter DeSimone (4), Tucker Noel	March 26 vs. Swarthmore UC: 12, Swarthmore: 11 Goals (UC): Franny Liberatoscioli, Courtney Cortese, Bridget Sherry (2), Kaci McNeave (4), Lindsey Grabell, Taylor DeBernardi (2), Devin Brakel	March 26 @ Penn St.-Berks Game 1: UC: 2, Penn St.-Berks: 3 Austin Feuerman: 1-for-3, 1 RBI Game 2: UC: 13, Penn St.-Berks: 1 Seth Regensburg (W, 3-1): 7.0 IP, 0 ER, 3 H, 8 K	March 26 vs. Dickinson Game 1: UC: 0, Dickinson: 1 Brittany Gasser: 1-for-3 Game 2: UC: 3, Dickinson: 2 Callie Crouse: 1-for-1, 2 RBI, 1 BB	March 23 vs. Swarthmore UC: 0, Swarthmore: 9 March 28 vs. Wilkes Postponed	March 22 @ Eastern Spring Invitational, St. David's GC Fourth place out of six teams. Anthony Barbine placed tenth with a +11



Acing the competition *Men's tennis gets off to historic start*

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The Ursinus men's tennis team is locked in and ready to go for the 2016 season. The team began its season in stellar form, winning its first seven matches, including the first five in Orlando, Fla.

This was the first time in team history that the men went undefeated on spring break and it was the best start to a season in program history. Since then, the Bears have defeated Lebanon Valley College and last year's Landmark Conference Champions, Juniata College.

Most recently, on March 23, the Bears fought hard but lost their first Centennial Conference match against Swarthmore College, which is currently ranked number 31 in the nation.

With a team that head coach Peter Smith calls "quite possibly the best men's tennis team in school history," the Bears are looking forward to a season that may hold many historic surprises—and complete a building process that began three seasons ago.

In 2013, the Bears finished fifth in the conference and qualified for the Centennial Conference playoffs for the first time in school history. In addition, the team defeated Dickinson College for the first time in school history and it defeated Washington College for the first time in 30 years. The team fought hard and lost a close match to Swarthmore in the conference semifinals.

While 2013 is now history for the Bears, that season lives on with two players who are current-

ly in their final season representing the Bears. They are the senior captains Dalton Lynch and Tyler Arsenault.

This season the Bears have already won half of the matches won in 2013, and with the momentum of this historic start, the team is on the map again in the Centennial Conference. With the addition of players like freshman Paul Vecchio and junior transfer Chanton Phan, the team has solidified a reliable bottom of the lineup that can contend with many of the top teams. Here is a scouting report on this year's lineup:

#1: Max Oberholtzer (sophomore): One of South Jersey's best tennis talents in the last couple of years, Oberholtzer came to Ursinus as a three-star tennis recruit. Unfortunately, a back injury kept him out of play last year, so this is Oberholtzer's first season for the Bears. Thus far, Oberholtzer has an 8-2 record for the Bears with solid wins over Juniata and Lake Forest College's number one players.

#2: Tyler Arsenault (senior, captain): Another South Jersey native, Arsenault came to Ursinus as a two-star tennis recruit and semifinalist in the annual South Jersey High School Tennis Championships. He currently has 99 wins and will become only the second player in program history to reach 100 wins with one more victory. In 2015, Arsenault was voted second-team all-Centennial Conference at first doubles.

#3: Dalton Lynch (senior, captain): A standout number-one

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Brian Neff '17 was named a third-team USILA All-American following the 2015 season and a Division III Preseason All-American coming into the 2016 season.

Neff strives in net

On and off the field, Brian Neff has proven he's a winner—but that hasn't kept him from striving for even more success

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Most players would be discouraged after giving up the winning goal in double overtime in an NCAA tournament game—but not Ursinus's Brian Neff. Motivated to avenge the tourney loss to Gettysburg last season, Neff has come back this season hungrier than before, looking to help the Bears advance even further this season by putting in the extra work.

After coming so close to beating Gettysburg, the second-ranked team in Division III, there was a bitter taste left in the goalie's mouth. "Right after that game I immediately started thinking about next year and the next chance we'll get to play Gettys-

burg," Neff said.

A senior from Ephrata, PA., Neff is the backbone of the Ursinus men's lacrosse team. Even after being named a first-team All-Centennial Conference selection, third-team USILA All-American, and USILA Scholar All-American, Neff wasn't satisfied. He even led the team to the most wins in school history and its first-ever NCAA tournament victory in 2015.

It's easy to become complacent and satisfied with success. But Neff never stops working. He expects to get better everywhere he goes. "He's become so successful because he tries his best at whatever he does," said Gerard Brown, a sophomore midfielder.

"Some players become satisfied with success, but he always wants to become better."

Neff didn't start playing lacrosse until the seventh grade, when he was forced into net because the team he was on didn't have a goalie. His coaches knew he had good hand-eye coordination, so they threw him in net. He did well, and he hasn't left since.

Neff's been a competitor all his life, no matter what the circumstance is. Whether it's winning a lacrosse game or getting good grades, he's had a strong work ethic throughout his entire life. "I had two older sisters growing up who are both probably smarter

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Upcoming Games

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sat. Cont.	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
M Tennis @ Cabrini, 3:30 p.m.	M&W Track and Field @ Dan Curran Invitational, Widener University	M&W Track and Field @ Dan Curran Invitational, Widener University	W Lacrosse @ Dickinson, 1 p.m.	W Golf @ Franklin & Marshall Spring Invitational, Overlook GC, 11:30 a.m.	W Golf @ Muhlenberg Invitational, Lehigh CC, 12:30 p.m.	Softball @ Washington College, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Baseball vs. DeSales, 3:30 p.m.	M Golf @ Susquehanna Invitational, Susquehanna CC	Baseball vs. Gettysburg, 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.	M&W Tennis vs. Dickinson, 1 p.m.	M Golf @ Eastern Invitational, Rising Sun GC, 12:00 p.m.		Baseball vs. Muhlenberg, 3:30 p.m.
		M Lacrosse vs. Dickinson, 1 p.m.	W Golf @ Gettysburg Invitational, Hanover CC, 11:30 a.m.			W Tennis vs. Haverford, 4 p.m.