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Photo courtesy of Sharon Hansen/Career and Professional Development

At the 2015 fair, students roamed the fieldhouse meeting and interacting with potential employers, getting professional photos taken, and learning about various agencies and organizations.

Clearing the path to a Career

Over 50 organizations will be at this year's Career Fair

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The annual Job, Internship and Networking Fair will be held on Feb. 17, from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m., offering the chance for students to meet personnel from many different fields.

"The fair will feature employers who are interested in talking to Ursinus students about full-time, part-time, summer employment and/or internship opportunities," Career Services wrote on its

website.

The fair features employers from more than 50 organizations from all different fields. Students are given the opportunity to meet with the employers, share their résumés, and network with each organization.

Sharon Hansen, associate director for employer relations in Career Services, says one of the most important tips for students intending to attend the fair is to be prepared.

"Each student should take a

look at the list [of organizations attending] ahead of time and prepare a résumé geared towards the organizations they are looking at," Hansen said.

If students are unsure of which organizations they will be speaking with or inquiring about, they should have a general resume prepared.

For students who want help improving their résumés, Resumania, a résumé workshop, will be held in the days prior to the event. Students can also email

Career Services to set up an appointment for résumé help.

At the fair, students will be offered a free professional photograph. These photographs are useful for digital networking sites, such as LinkedIn.

After the fair, Hansen says it is important to email the employers that students talked to, checking in for updates on open positions. Hansen adds that students should also keep an open mind about career paths and options.

Ursinus to host popular author

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On Feb. 3, Ursinus College will welcome author John Keene for a reading from his most recent collection of short stories and novellas, "Counternarratives."

Keene hails from the midwest; he was born in St. Louis in 1965. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard and an MFA from New York University. After graduation, he became a member of the Dark Room Collective, a community of fiction writers and poets of color who came together not only to share their work but to also provide each other with support and mentorship. His earlier published works include a novel, "Annotations," and a collection of poetry titled "Seisimos."

Currently, Keene is an associate professor of English and African American and African studies as well as a professor of the Master of Fine Arts creative writing program at Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey. Prior to his work at Rutgers, he held teaching positions at Brown, Northwestern, and New York University.

In May of last year, New Directions Publishing released Keene's book "Counternarratives." The collection of short stories and novellas combines facts about the past and includes historical figures, composers, and literary characters. The publisher's description of the short

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Companies and grad schools seek out Ursinus alumni

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Ursinus College seniors who are graduating this May are at an advantage for many different opportunities. Post-graduation can be an extremely stressful time for graduates as they search for different jobs or graduate school programs to attend.

Many different local companies and institutions place Ursinus students above other applicants. A number of employers have contacted students with opportunities.

Companies like Freedom Mortgage and graduate school programs like The New York Institute for Business and Finance are some of the opportunities that are available for Ursinus graduates.

These programs have expressed interest both in Ursinus students and the potential to hire students after graduation.

Freedom Mortgage is a New Jersey-based national leader in real estate financing for consumers and businesses.

The company is a premier non-bank real estate lender and is the seventh largest in the nation, according to officials from the company. The company offers graduates a one-year training program that in turn gives the trainee opportunity for more growth in the field.

"Freedom is very interested in talking with seniors and graduate students about careers in mortgage finance with a company that takes great pride in its 25 years of

service to its customers, as well as industry-wide recognition as one of the fastest-growing mortgage lenders," Henry Drennan, an official from the company wrote in an email.

The New York Institute of Business and Finance, located in the heart of Wall Street, is offering a summer program for graduates that will help them develop a deep understanding of business strategy, global management, international finance, and business law, according to a professor from the institution.

"Ursinus College has significant value to offer its students. We believe that at our institution, your students will grow willing to pursue the opportunities embedded in studying business and finance in New York City," said the professor.

Chris Jablonski, a senior graduating in May, says it is a stressful time trying to figure out his plans for after graduation. Jablonski is in the process of applying to several different job openings.

When asked what the hardest part of the application process was, Jablonski said, "Preparing for the interview because each job and company is completely unique and different. In the interview, you never know what to expect."

Many companies and programs in the surrounding areas are looking for Ursinus students to fill their openings. The values students gain during their time at Ursinus make them desirable candidates to many employers or graduate programs.

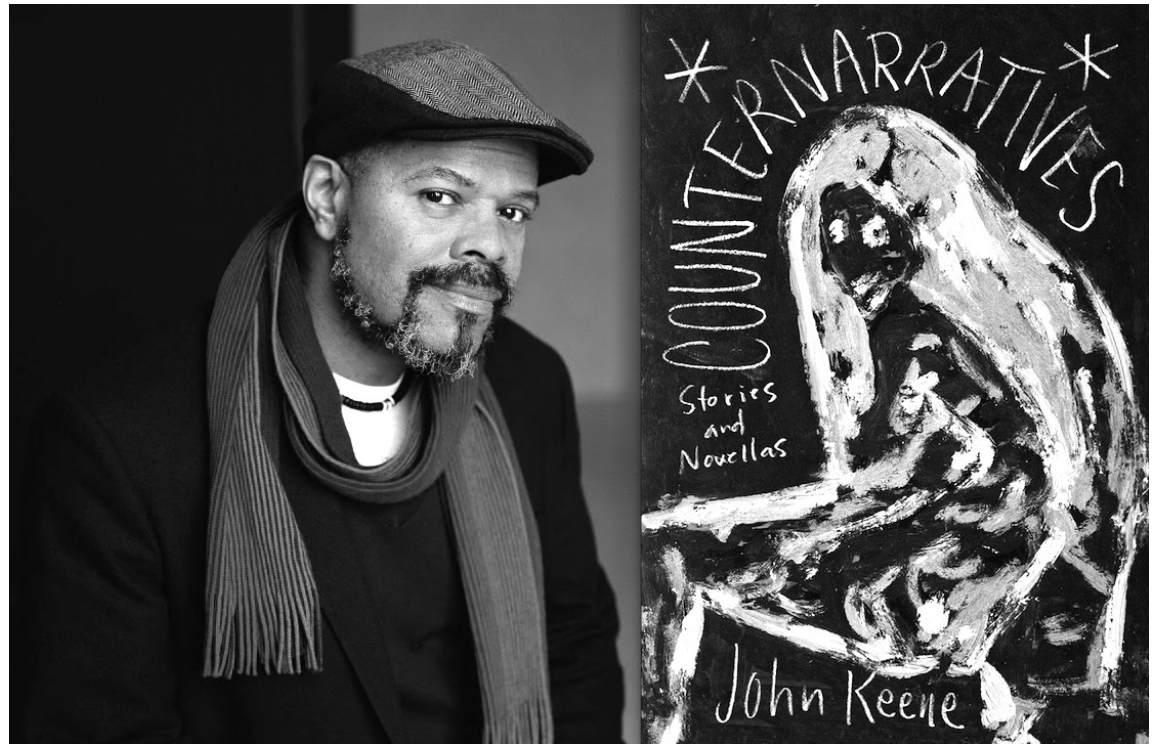


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John Keene will be coming to campus on Feb. 3 to read some of his short stories. Keene is an associate professor at Rutgers University in Newark, N.J.

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story collection asserts "Novellas and stories draw upon memoirs, newspaper accounts, detective stories, interrogation transcripts, and speculative fiction to create new and strange perspectives of our past and present."

Anna Maria Hong, visiting professor of Creative Writing at Ursinus, says the novel contains perspectives from a variety of people living in the Americas, including a person escaping slavery in Brazil, African American soldiers in the Civil War, and even the literary character Huckleberry Finn.

With such a unique approach to conveying American history, the book, not surprisingly, has received commercial success. Hong, who saw Keene give a reading at "Thinking Its Presence: Race, Creative Writing, and Literary Study," a conference at the University of Montana, said, "I was enchanted by his stories.

He struck me as a really interesting person, so I thought he would be a great person to have read here." She added, "I thought he would be great with relating to students since he is a professor at Rutgers."

When asked who should come to the reading, Hong answered with an enthusiastic, "Everybody!" Although the reading will especially appeal to any person who is a part of the two major programs co-sponsoring this event, Creative Writing and African American and Africana studies, those interested in gender and women's studies and English would likely be interested as well.

Hong added that students interested in the arts, history, and contemporary literature should also attend due to the subject matter and characters featured in Keene's new collection of novellas.

At the very least, audience members can expect an entertaining evening, according to Hong. Hong described Keene's talent as

a storyteller, saying, "He is just a mesmerizing reader, so at the very least I think there will be a lot of enjoyment in hearing the story. His stories also appeal to me because they're very thought-provoking, so I think people will come away with a deeper sense of American history among other things...The stories are informative as well as entertaining."

Prior to the reading on Feb. 3, there will be a reception for Keene at the Writing and Arts House in Zwingli Hall on Main Street from 5:30-6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., the reading will begin in Olin auditorium. Following the reading there will be a brief question and answer session and a book signing. The Ursinus bookstore will have copies of "Counter-narratives" available for purchase at the reading.



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Several Collegeville retailers offer student deals. Marzellas, the pizza shop on Main Street, offers \$1 slices from 9-10:00 p.m.

Businesses offer student discounts

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Looking for ways to save some cash for the spring semester? Currently there is a plethora of student discounts being offered in the Collegeville area for Ursinus students—everything from great food to getting your hair cut. Here are some deals being offered by local businesses.

Marzellas on Main Street offers \$1 slices from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Mint Hair Salon offers 20 percent off with a student ID.

McDonald's offers 10 percent off with a student ID.

Shagun Indian Restaurant offers 20 percent off with a student ID.

The Collegeville Bakery offers 10 percent off with a student ID.

The Trappe Tavern hosts multiple promotion events, including "100 nights until graduation" for seniors.

Piccolo Amore offers 10 percent off for students and staff.

Fashionista's Hair Salon offers 10 percent off with student ID.

Collegeville Yoga Bar offers 20 percent off of classes.

Letter to the editor

Talking about depression with nuance

Following heart surgery in 2007, I obsessed over taking my own life. I couldn't cross a bridge without thinking about jumping off it. After therapy and medication, I healed and became healthy again.

That is, until I decided to stop taking my antidepressants. After all, who wants to have to take pills? Every person craves the need to feel strong and independent, and taking pills, especially for mental health reasons, can chip away at those feelings of strength. After sporadically "self-unmedicating" for several weeks, my obsession with suicide returned and I couldn't eat or sleep. Death seemed preferable to all the pain I felt inside, and I was torn between rejecting to take my pills at all and swallowing the whole bottle in order to reject life.

Six years later I'm not only ac-

cepting life but living it fully. For me, that means taking medication on a daily basis, not because of a lack of strength, but because of a chemical imbalance.

I applaud Maria Miller for sharing her story in last week's issue ("Student Raises Funds to Prevent Suicide"). I also insist that associating the use of medication with a lack of strength has toxic implications. I've heard from too many people on this campus, including RAs and others who should know better, the "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" mantra of dealing with mental illness. I stand by Miller in her call for us to talk about mental health, but I ask that we carefully consider our choice of words in the discussion.

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International Perspective

Cultural differences in parties

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I still remember the excitement I felt when I was told Ursinus College is a party school when I was picked up from the airport. To be honest, in China, people talk about how crazy the American parties are: drinking, dancing, and releasing stress and energy together all night long. These stories tempted my curiosity a lot. And finally, I had a chance to witness what these mysterious parties were really like.

The first big party I went to was the freshman dance party. Everyone was in formal dress and gathered on the dance floor. Some students were really hyper and dancing, some of them were just shaking their shoulders or swinging their bodies with the tempo, and others just stood there. "It seems interesting, but where are the crazy ones?" I thought.

I did try to join some groups, but as I did not know the people, I just could not let go and enjoy. However, someone just jumped into the center of the group and was waving and doing some incredible moves. "And here comes the crazy one," I smiled.

I could not help but laugh as I saw his dancing, and I believe students around him also felt his energy. People were whistling, and a few more got into the center, doing dance combos with the guy.

It was amusing for me. Nevertheless, I left early. I listen to top chart songs a lot, but I did not know most of the songs played at the party. I could not be that open in front of so many strangers. People treat parties differently in my culture and American culture. American culture handles parties in a more appropriate way.

This is weird and I do not know why, but Chinese teenagers always hold parties in karaoke. For example, if I were going to have a party, the first thing is to figure out which karaoke.

And then I will send out a group message to inform my classmates or friends. We will sing songs one by one, and some may throw dice or play card games. Sometimes we will have

dinner by sitting around a big table like a traditional Chinese dinner, or buffet.

But we will always be with people we are familiar with. In America, in the opposite way, it is common to hold a big party and let people who are interested in joining come.

What I want to say is Americans do not feel awkward in front of strangers, and make friends quickly and easily. I do not think a Chinese person or even an Asian can do that.

"I am glad that I have the chance to study abroad and get to know what parties really can be."

— Jim Yichi Zhang
Ursinus Freshman

A main cause of the differences could be cultural. Chinese people are timid and Americans are sociable due to different cultures and educations.

We do not usually say hi to strangers but Americans do a lot. Chinese do treat people politely, but not very enthusiastically. American people are really kind, and when they talk, it seems they know each other for a long time.

When talking about parties, some old or traditional Chinese may have negative thoughts and think that it is all about wasting money on alcohol and sexuality. In fact, as an adult and high school graduate, we do drink a lot at parties.

Nevertheless, after I came to the U.S, I noticed that we can have an ice cream social party, a barbecue party or you name it, which have no alcohol, no sexuality, and no messing up involved. People go there just totally for fun, and I really appreciate it.

Chinese people consider that you must drink at a party, so they drink. However, the kind of parties mentioned above can also let everyone have fun in a very healthy way.

I came up with an idea for the misunderstanding of American parties among most Chinese. Most people do not have the time or money to come to America.

They can only get to know it by news and films and there is lots of negative news, or parties with drinking, smoking and sexuality in films.

Therefore, people begin to believe parties are all about alcohol, weed, sex, and that parties are bad, which now seems absurd and sad to me.

I am glad that I have the chance to study abroad and get to know what parties really can be.

However, it is unwise and stupid that people think they already know everything, and even reject to know what party really is.

I would like to present this fascinating culture to them. There is no shame to party and enjoy your lives. Study hard and play hard.

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Jordan Miller '16 has been an RA for three years and has worked in the Campus Safety office for two years. Originally an RA on Main Street, Miller has found a new home as one of the 15 RAs who look out for the residents of Reimert Hall.

The ups and downs of being an RA in Reimert

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Reimert: It's the place where the majority of the parties on campus are thrown on Friday and Saturday nights, and when the weather is nice you can see the occasional student spending time outside on Sunday.

However, for a small number of dedicated students, Reimert is a place to make sure that their peers are safe. These select few students are known as the Reimert resident advisors (RAs).

The crew of Reimert RAs consists of RAs who live in Reimert, North/Richter Hall, New Hall, or the Ninth Avenue Apartments, which are right behind Reimert.

The RA of the Ninth Avenue Apartments, junior and first-year RA Veroneka Mikhail, wanted to take on the duty of becoming a Reimert RA because she viewed it as a "learning experience and tak[ing] me out of my comfort zone."

Prince Patterson, who is also a junior and first-year RA like

Mikhail, lives in Reimert. Patterson wanted to become an RA in Reimert because he realized the strong sense of community the dorm has.

"My favorite thing about being a Reimert RA is that I get to pick who I live with. RAs in other areas do not get to pick any portion of their residents," Patterson said.

Veteran resident advisor Jordan Miller says she has learned a lot about herself while being an RA since her sophomore year. She spent her sophomore year as a Main Street resident advisor and has spent the last two years in Reimert.

"Being an RA teaches you a lot about yourself—what you're good at, what you don't like, where your strengths are—many that you didn't even know that you had before. I learned that I'm really good in crisis and high emotion situations, but I can also balance that with my ability to talk to people and gain respect. I'm involved in a lot on campus, and Reimert is the place where all

of that can come together," Miller said.

Just like Patterson, Miller agrees on the sense of community that Reimert has, making it unique compared to all the other dorms on campus.

However, there are certain downsides to being a Reimert resident advisor. For Patterson, his least favorite aspect of Reimert is how loud it can get during the week because of music playing.

For Mikhail, it is the weekends she has to be on duty. "Going through parties to check the bathrooms is my least favorite thing. The parties become very loud and crowded, which makes them hard to navigate through," Mikhail says.

Similar to Mikhail, Miller says that weekend duty can be stressful, especially if it is a difficult or busy night. "My least favorite part [of being] on duty is when students are rude or disrespectful to myself, my partner, or campus

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Fighting off the freshman fifteen

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"The freshmen fifteen." It's a phrase every college student has heard, and most likely has feared.

Gaining weight in college can happen for a variety of reasons, and one of them is poor eating habits.

This semester, some students are being more proactive by eating healthier and utilizing the services Wismer has to offer.

One of these services is Simple Servings.

Simple Servings is a station in the dining hall where food is served in smaller portions with the absence of unhealthy ingredients including gluten, soy, and wheat.

Freshman Julia Dorsheimer said, "Simple Servings makes it easier for me to eat better, and I try and get something from there as often as I can."

Simple Servings is not the only resource students can turn to. Wismer also offers a vegetarian and vegan section. There is also a salad bar, and a yogurt and fruit station.

All of these stations in Wismer have been there since last semester, but some students are just now realizing their benefits.

"I decided to eat healthier this

semester because I'm really busy and can't always make it to the gym. I thought it was going to be a lot harder, but I have so many options that I didn't even know about," Dorsheimer said.

Freshman Lexi Short said that with field hockey season coming to an end and spring break coming up, she needed to make a change in her eating habits as well.

"Look good, feel good. I think everyone should try and eat better in college," Short said.

Short agrees that Simple Servings has helped her the most.

"The Simple Servings [station's] selection is great because it's better food, and it's stuff that is good for you like vegetables," she said.

Some could argue that Wismer can make it challenging to stick to eating healthier.

"I mean, it does get a little hard walking past the dessert section and all of the ice-cream, but you just have to remember why you started in the first place," Dorsheimer said. "I would say what sometimes hinders me the most is stress-eating with snacks and stuff. I rarely have a problem with Wismer," Dorsheimer said.

Short agreed, saying, "Late-night snacking is what gets me."



Photo courtesy of Alexis Primavera

Wismer Dining Hall provides UC students with dozens of different dessert options each week. At the start of the Fall 2014 semester, the dessert station was placed next to the exit, which some students say makes them more likely to grab a dessert on their way out.

A new face on campus

Ursinus welcomes Shammah Bermudez to Center for Academic Support

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A little while ago, in addition to the flood of emails students usually get on returning to campus for clubs, campus events, classes, and deadlines, they all received an email from Shammah Bermudez. In the email Bermudez said he hoped students had a good winter break and introduced himself as the new interim assistant director of the Center for Academic Support.

The Center for Academic Support handles first-year support, academic probation, general problems, and tutoring at Ursinus. It is located in the basement of Myrin across from Tech Support.

Bermudez specifically handles accommodations for students with documented disabilities. Prior to working at Ursinus, Bermudez worked at Delaware County Community College for six years.

Delaware County has 14,000 students, 600 of whom came through Bermudez's offices.

He worked not only on the main campus but also at five or six branch campuses.

Jan Levingood, a co-worker and one of the people responsible for hiring a new interim assistant director, had nothing but good things to say about her new colleague.

"[We] struck gold...In a short time [Bermudez] has made inroads with everyone here. We were looking for both good experience and the right temperament," she said. "[Bermudez] is seasoned, the work comes to him easy. [He] is a great asset."

Bermudez had nothing but good things to say in return about

the college.

"Every student that I've met has been really engaging, really welcoming"

— Shammah Bermudez
Interim Assistant Director
Center for Academic Support

"Every student that I've met has been really engaging, really welcoming," he said. "Clearly, Ursinus students have a passion for learning and a passion for being involved. It's great to see."

Bermudez is the first man to be hired in the Academic Support Office since its inception.

Levingood said he stood out because of his experience and his passion for the job.

"I've always been interested in higher education," Bermudez said. "People in my life work in higher education, and through them I became really interested... I love working in student affairs."

Bermudez boasts a bachelor's degree in psychology from Widener University, a master's degree in higher education leadership, and is now finishing his doctorate in higher education leadership from Widener University.

He also has 10 years' experience working in post-acute brain injury rehabilitation and working with individuals with other traumatic brain injuries.

He has assisted with reintegration back into the community, job coaching, and daily life.

"I love working with college students. I work with students who have documented disabilities... we ensure students have access to the campus, to programs, to classes, to the education experience," he said. "We work

with students to help them be successful, to ensure their experience at Ursinus is fully accessible."

Along with helping students, Bermudez is a big fan of the University of Notre Dame football team.

He's also looking forward to seeing Ursinus athletic teams in action.

"I am looking forward to going to the different games, the different events on campus, student programs, concert events... I know that Ursinus has a great basketball team, football team, and women's [field] hockey [team]," he said.

Bermudez enjoys his life and his job.

He said he wants the best for the students on the campus.

"It's really important to get out and support, to get involved. Not just to see the students in the office, but to get on campus and go to the games, interact with students...It's a great way to support the students and be a part of the Ursinus community," he said.

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Word on the Street

What new options would you like to see in Wismer and why?

"More tacos and churros because tacos and churros are awesome." — Katherine Clark, 2016

"More fresh berries because berries are healthy and yummy." — Veronica Gonzales, 2017

"Frozen yogurt because it's healthier and fresher than ice cream." — Sarah Gow, 2018

"Bring back the waffle maker!" — Jordan Miller, 2016

"More veggie/fruit options because there are few and I need the nutrients." — Sam Hageman, 2018

"More roasted veggies in Hometown/Vegetarian. They are always dripping in oil or have salt/pepper spices on them, and all I want is plain vegetables." — Madeline Troutman, 2016

"Omelette station!" — Casey Hamilton, 2017

"Chinese food station." — Alyson Kinney, 2017

"Bring back the normal coffee creamer!" — Maddie Mathay, 2017

"Breakfast all day!" — Sophie Snapp, 2017

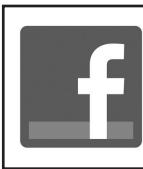
"Late night Lower again!" — Nicole Pacera, 2016

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safety," Miller said.


Overall, these three resident advisors enjoy everything that comes with being an RA for Reimert Hall, even though they said it could be challenging and frustrating at times. Each has been able to take each experience they have had as a learning opportunity

about themselves and also as an opportunity to meet people they never thought they would have met before.



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Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
SPINT Brainstorm Session Bear's Den 7 p.m.	Ursinus Founders Day Celebration Wisner 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Resident Advisor Applicant Individual Interviews Residence Life Office 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Super Bowl Party Lower Wismer 6 p.m.		Dan-El Padilla Peralta to Speak Blackbox Theater 7 p.m.	Elephant Conservation in Africa Olin Auditorium 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The elephants aren't in the room

Poll probes pupils on pressing politics

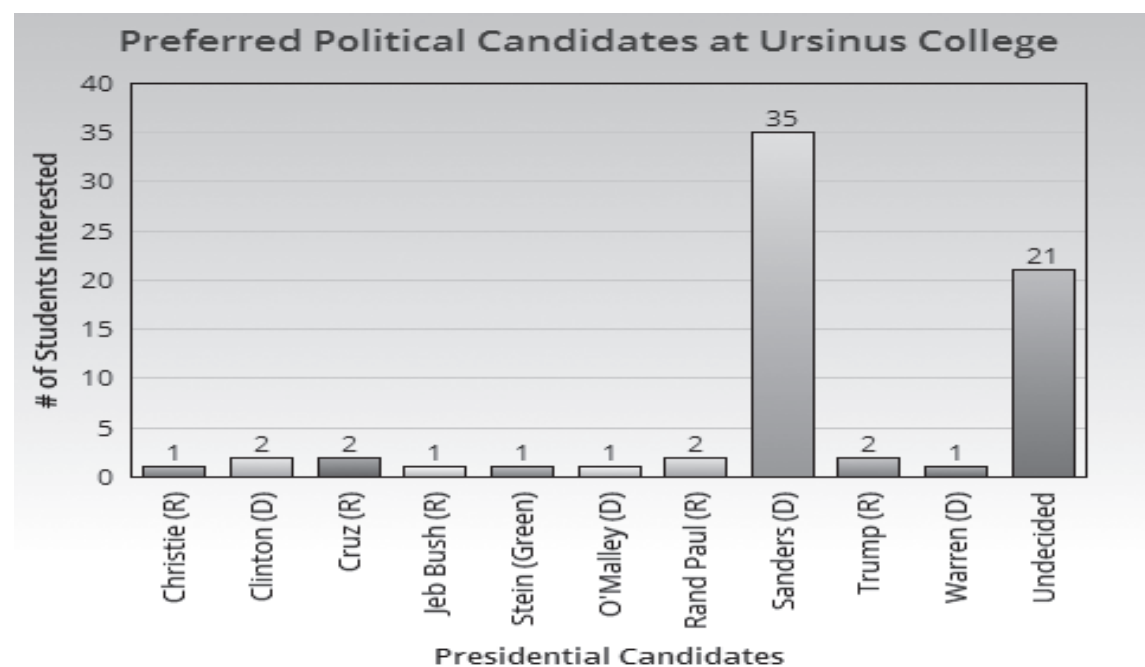
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The political fervor emanating from media outlets can be felt from the national level to the local as the upcoming presidential elections take the nation's, and indeed the world's, attention. With the first major nominating event, the Iowa caucus, held on Monday, February 1, and the first presidential primary vote happening in New Hampshire on February 9, each of the various presidential candidates have been stepping up their campaigns in anticipation. Presidential debates and candidate rallies are some of the most-viewed events in the United States.

Though to some the mania surrounding the upcoming elections may seem ever-present, the enthusiasm is not long to last. And in places like college campuses, once hotbeds of political action and activity, political inactivity may now be the norm. Ursinus College is no exception.

According to the Ursinus College Communications Office, the student body is comprised of about 1,600 students from 12 countries and 35 states. Seventy Ursinus students were polled for this article regarding their political practices and choices in the upcoming election. Forty percent of those polled were currently registered as Democrat, while 12.5 percent were registered Republican. Of those polled, 29 percent were people of color (POC), and 71 percent were white; no POC said that they would vote for any of the Republican candidates, whereas only white people polled said that they registered as Republicans.

Of the people who identified as women, 31 percent registered as Democrat and 9 percent as Republican. Forty-one percent of people who identified as men were Democrat, 17 percent as Republican. Similarly to POC, queer or LGBTQ+ people, who made up 7 percent of the polling body, were of various political af-



Presidential Candidates

Chart courtesy of Andrew Tran

filiation (Independent, Democrat, Green), but none were registered as Republican.

Ryan Zeitzer, a senior classics and chemistry double major, intends to vote for Sen. Bernie Sanders. Zeitzer says that he is hesitant to believe that Sanders will bring about great change, but is willing to place his faith in him as a potential presidential contender. "The fact that you are starting off with a campaign which is focusing on smaller donations, almost entirely coming from individuals, as opposed to corporations...it's a step in the right direction. [Sanders] is not going to solve everything, but if he gets success then it might at least cause a shift in how politics work in America." Fifty percent of students polled stated their interest in Sanders.

In contrast, approximately 3 percent stated that they would vote for Donald Trump in the general elections. A senior business and economics major explained, "He's an a**hole, but at least he's honest and isn't really into bull**ing people. I want Trump to become president because I feel like he would actually make a difference. Too many presidents have come and gone without trying to upset everyone. Effectiveness should replace po-

litical correctness, and I think this is the kind of change America needs."

However, perhaps most relevant, as shown in the chart above detailing the potential votes of the student body, is the second highest figure: a full 30 percent of students either aren't sure or are indifferent about which political candidate to vote for. In the poll, approximately 31 percent of students are not registered for any political party.

In places like college campuses, once hotbeds of political action and activity, political inactivity may now be the norm. Ursinus College is no exception.

Sometimes there are reasons why an individual is choosing not to vote for elected officials. Juan Lopez, a junior politics major registered with the Socialist Workers Party, said that he would not be interested in voting in the upcoming primary or general elections. "As a radical leftist, I believe in equality for everyone," says Lopez, "and I believe that the only way to truly achieve that is through the dismantling

of the capitalist bourgeois state. Thus, engaging in bourgeois politics goes against my values, and against the revolutionary ideals which I espouse."

To be frank, most undecided voters aren't as distinct in their views as Lopez, and it often comes down to political indifference. Especially among students, who often lead lives of high academic and social stress, the grand scheme of democratic politics in the United States may not exactly be the highest priority.

This poll refers to the presidential general elections every four years; voting for the chair of your local county isn't as "sexy" as the leader of the United States of America. Whether or not the political activity of the campus should be changed is another topic of debate, but it can be certainly said that Collegeville, Pennsylvania, isn't holding a Democratic or Republican National Convention anytime soon.

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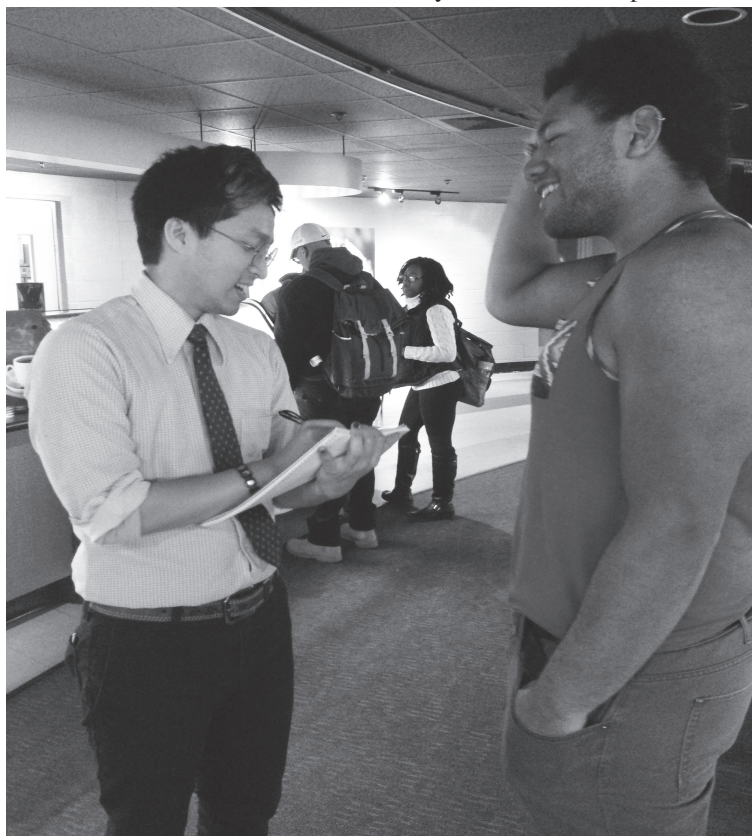


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For this article, Andrew Tran (left) polled 70 Ursinus students. Antonio Goode (right) tells him about his political stance in Lower Wismer.

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schools they had toured on the East Coast, Ursinus was the only school in which they had an overnight visit.

Both brothers had determined their decision was between Cornell College, located in Mount Vernon, Iowa, and Ursinus. For the twins, going to the same school was not always in the cards, but as fate had it they both ended up settling in Colledgeville.

Once they stepped foot on campus they began to make a difference. Both brothers are biology majors on the pre-med track with hopes of becoming physician assistants in the near future.

The twins both began research their sophomore years, and it has progressed as the years have gone by. During the previous summer, they both participated in the Summer Fellows program, which then translated into honors research.

Not only are they a part of research, but they both belong to the Beta Beta Beta biology honor society. Christian is a two-time Scholar All-American and is on track for his third such honor this season. He has also been named to the Dean's List the last two semesters and is poised to do so again this semester.

Keven is also a two-time Scholar All-American, with hopes of adding a third laurel this season. He has been a member of the Dean's List for the last three semesters. Keven also earned the highest academic honor for the Centennial Conference in 2015, when he was named the wrestling Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Not only are they impressive off the mat, but on the mat they are an even deadlier one-two punch. Keven starts at 133 pounds and Christian completes the combination at 141 pounds. This season, both wrestlers were voted captains and have been leading the team to some impressive vic-

tories all year. Both wrestlers are currently nationally ranked.

Last season Christian finished as the Centennial Conference champion at 141 pounds and is looking to retain his title. Christian had also placed in every tournament the previous season. This season has featured another strong start, and he is looking to make some moves come postseason.

Keven, who finished third last season at the CC Championships, is off to a hot start, capturing titles at the Fall Brawl and Messiah Invitational and placing at the Petrofes Invitational. Keven only has two losses on the season, both of which came nearly two months ago at the Petrofes tournament.

What do the coaches have to say about them?

"These two young men are the model of a student-athlete... they work hard on and off the mat, they're brilliant in the classroom," Racich said with a smile. "They do everything I ask and then some. They are special young men and we are lucky to have them."

Racich also raves about how special they are as wrestlers. They have a unique body type for wrestlers, many of whom are small and stocky. The twins, though, are long and thin, which gives them huge advantages in bouts; they can dictate the way a match goes just by the length of their bodies.

"They are coachable and they listen...they know that they don't know it all," Racich said. This, according to the coach, is what makes them different from the rest.

What's next for them? One word: nationals. Both athletes are looking to compete on the ultimate stage, and looking to come home with hardware.

They will both be in action Saturday at Johns Hopkins University against Johns Hopkins and Gettysburg.



Photo courtesy of Henry Gustafson

Paul Cottam '19 is one of three international players on the men's basketball team. His teammates, Patrick Mekongo '17 and Remi Janicot '18, are from Cameroon and France, respectively.

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He joined a recruiting website to get his name out to American universities, and he was contacted by many junior colleges and prep schools, along with Division III schools such as Ursinus College. When Cottam was talking to different coaches, he said the Ursinus coaches stuck out to him as they made the emails personal and wanted him to be a part of their squad.

"I could tell when coaches just plugged my name into a general email, and the Ursinus coaching staff didn't do that," Cottam said. "They talked about my stats and film, so I could tell it was personalized and they did their research on me. That really made me interested in the school."

"We were interested in Paul the first time we saw his film,"

said Kevin Small, the head basketball coach at Ursinus. "The athleticism that he showed was very unusual for a guy his height, and his potential is through the roof," Small said.

Since arriving on campus, Cottam has experienced the American way. The hardest obstacle that he has had to overcome is being away from his family, as he left behind three siblings in England, including his twin brother. "It's hard to be this far away from my family, especially for this amount of time," Cottam said.

However, there are many aspects he likes about his new home. "The facilities that are available here are incredible," said "Tall Paul." "And the food is much, much better over here," he said with a chuckle. Cottam is now also able to watch the NBA without having to stay up until the

wee hours of the night.

"Back home if I wanted to watch NBA games I had to stay up until 2-3 a.m. because of the time difference," Cottam said. "There were many nights that I ended up sleeping on the couch trying to catch the end of the games."

Being able to watch professional basketball players more often and having the facilities that are on campus available to him, Cottam has felt his game improve. He can be seen in the gym by himself, working on his game.

He is waiting for his time to shine in a game, and he knows that his time will come. For now, he is focused on getting better and taking in the whole experience. "Not many kids get the opportunity that I have, and I am not going to waste it," Cottam said.

Scores as of Monday, Feb. 1

M Basketball (9-9)	W Basketball (7-10)	Wrestling (12-3)	M&W Track & Field	Gymnastics	M Swimming (6-3)	W Swimming (9-0)
Jan. 27 @ Muhlenberg UC: 57, Muhlenberg: 43 Brian Rafferty: 14 pts., 7 reb., 8 ast., 1 stl.	Jan. 27 @ Muhlenberg UC: 49, Muhlenberg: 73 Olivia Kane: 10 pts., 1 reb., 1 ast., 1 stl., 1 blk.	Jan. 30 vs. McDaniel, USMMA, Washington & Lee @ Muhlenberg College UC: 29, McDaniel: 9 UC: 28, USMMA: 16 UC: 40, W&L: 13	Jan. 30 @ Patriot Games Invitational, George Mason Highlights: Erin Farrell finished third among Centennial runners in the 200-meter dash, while Drew Mackin finished second among collegiate runners in the 800	Jan. 29 @ West Chester University WCU: 190.875 Temple: 189.575 UC: 186.925 Centenary: 177.900	Jan. 30 vs. Washington College UC: 112, Washington: 150 Highlights: Junior William Benn finished first in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke and contributed to the 400-yard medley relay victory.	Jan. 30 vs. Washington College UC: 164, Washington: 93 Highlights: Senior Corinne Capodanno captured victories in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle and contributed to the 400-yard medley relay victory.
Jan. 30 vs. Dickinson UC: 69, Dickinson: 67 Joseph LoStracco: 17 pts., 10 reb., 3 ast., 1 blk.						



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Christian and Keven Hoogheem will both look to make their mark during the Centennial Conference Championships, held Saturday, Feb. 13, at McDaniel College.

From across the Atlantic

Freshman basketball player waits for his time to shine as he becomes acquainted with the game

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Paul Cottam patiently waits for his shot. With his elbows resting on his knees and hands folded, he sits on the edge of his seat in the Floy Lewis Bakes Center. After each basket for the home team he quickly rises and applauds. He can be seen from anywhere as his 6'9" stature makes him the tallest in the building. He sits back down and assumes the same position. Each word of encouragement is heard along with his smooth British accent by his teammates who make their way back to the bench.

For the kid that came to America to play basketball, his opportunity has not yet come, but his enthusiasm hasn't wavered. "I love the game of basketball, and I have a great opportunity to learn," said the 19-year-old. Learning is what led him to Ursinus.

Growing up in Bristol, about a two-and-a-half-hour drive from London, "Tall Paul," as he is known around campus, played a variety of sports. He played soccer, rugby, and even tried martial arts, but none of them caught his attention enough for him to take them seriously. It wasn't until he saw an ad in his local newspaper from his favorite store, Big and Tall, that he discovered what would soon become his passion.

Cottam had always been the tallest kid in his neighborhood, growing to be 6'4" by the time he was 14 years old. He didn't have many options for shopping and had to go to Big and Tall for his clothes. "They were one of the few stores that had clothes that actually fit me," Cottam said. When the store put an ad in the newspaper saying that it would give a 100-pound voucher to the tallest person to attend a basketball camp, Cottam thought it would be a great opportunity to get 100 pounds for his next shopping trip.

"I never played basketball before, so at first I was going solely for the voucher," Cottam said with a laugh. "After playing for a while, I realized I liked it, so after that I didn't miss a practice." He became addicted to the sport and couldn't get enough of it. He was constantly working on his game, mostly in the post, as his 6'9" frame allowed him to tower over most of his opponents. When he wasn't in the gym, Cottam was watching film or putting together his highlight tape in order to get looks from college coaches across the Atlantic.

"I hung out with friends here and there, but I really focused on basketball and worked hard to get my name out there," Cottam said.

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Dynamic Duo

Wrestling twins continue to succeed on and off the mat

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"They are a coach's dream," brags Ursinus wrestling coach Bill Racich.

When the class of 2016 arrived on campus in August of 2012, very few people knew who Christian and Keven Hoogheem were. Since then, things have certainly changed. Today the twin wrestling tandem are prominent leaders of the campus community. From the biology labs to the wrestling mats, they have left their mark on Ursinus.

Growing up and going to

school in the small Chicago suburb of Deerfield, the Hoogheems always had a love for the sciences. It wasn't until seventh grade, however, that they realized they had a gift on the wrestling mat as well.

"We didn't come from the most athletically gifted family," Christian said. "We have an older brother. He wrestled his eighth-grade year. When we entered middle school, the coach was like, 'Why don't you come out for wrestling?' It turned out we were pretty good."

From that point on, the twins never looked back. They contin-

ued through high school and ended up moving on to the collegiate level, where they dominate today.

When looking for a college, the brothers say wrestling was not the number-one priority. "We both looked for a small school with wrestling options and a good science program," Christian said. Keven said he had read about Ursinus in the acclaimed book "Colleges that Change Lives" by Loren Pope, and that is how they first heard about the school. The pair fostered interest in the school and decided to visit. Out of all the

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Upcoming Games

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sat Cont.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
W Basketball vs. Haverford, 6 p.m. M Basketball vs. Washington College, 8 p.m.	M&W Swimming @ Franklin & Marshall, 6 p.m.	W Basketball @ McDaniel, 1 p.m. M Basketball @ McDaniel, 3 p.m. W Swimming vs. Bryn Mawr, 1 p.m. Wrestling vs. Johns Hopkins and Gettysburg @ Johns Hopkins	M&W Track and Field @ Frank Colden Invitational, Ursinus College Gymnastics @ Temple, 1 p.m.	W Basketball vs. Washington College, 7:30 p.m.		M Basketball vs. Franklin & Marshall, 6 p.m. W Basketball vs. Franklin & Marshall, 8 p.m.