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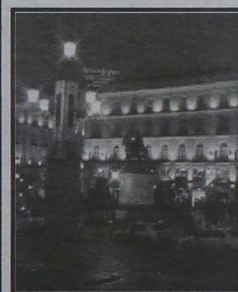
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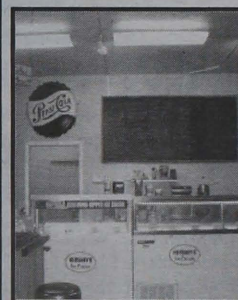
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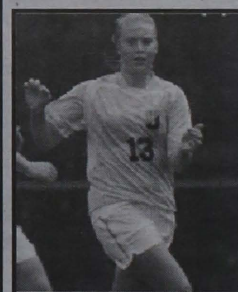
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CONNECTIONS Comes to Campus

## UC Tuition Series Part 1: Fire Safety on Campus An Overview

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Each Ursinus student is paying \$1,800 more in tuition this year than last year. Ursinus' tuition increased approximately 6 percent from \$29,650 to \$31,450. We've joined the Ivy League—in terms of tuition. This year, nearby Penn charges \$32,364; Harvard, \$32,097; Yale, \$31,460; and Princeton, \$31,450. How about neighboring private schools with student numbers similar to UC? Bryn Mawr, Swarthmore, and Haverford all cost around \$31,000 per year. While all of these tuition costs are comparable, our room and board runs around \$2,000 to \$3,000 less.

Ursinus accrued \$2.7 million from the tuition increase this year. What exactly will this money pay for?

"Tuition is the amount we charge students for education services," said Winfield Guilmette, Vice President for Finance and Administration. Tuition supplies about 75 percent of the operations costs of the college. Examples of these costs are: departmental allowances, lab equipment, sports funding, faculty and administrative salaries, heat and air-conditioning, AFAC budgeting and laptops. Pecuniary gifts from friends of the college pay about 15 percent of operational costs, and the annual \$5 to \$6 million of interest created by Ursinus' \$100 million endowment covers 10 percent of operational costs.

Tuition covers many necessary costs of operating Ursinus, but not all. How are the remaining expenses managed? Project funds cover the cost of new buildings and significant renovations. These funds originate from loans and fundraisers, like the \$115 million Taking Our Place campaign. For example, the \$25 million Kaleidoscope performing arts center was built from Taking Our Place funds. No building on campus is built or renovated using tuition money.

Mr. Guilmette commented that high tuition costs are to be expected from a private institution versus a public school. However, public school tuition is increasing at a faster rate than private school since the costs covered by taxes are exceeding the taxpayer funding. Guilmette also mentioned that getting into classes is more difficult at a public school, so a student might spend five to six years getting an undergraduate degree. Public school students may pay less, but they may also lose several years of wages while getting enough credits for graduation. Additionally, as students of a small school, Ursinus pupils enjoy such benefits as a low student-teacher ratio and opportunities for undergraduate research.

In 1997-1998, Ursinus tuition was \$17,170 per year. Why have costs increased so rapidly? Students are demanding more and more, Guilmette pointed out. Modern conveniences like wireless internet connection, cleaning service in the dormitories and laundry facilities all equal a bigger price tag. Furthermore, in order to continue attracting the best students, Ursinus must keep providing amenities equal to or better than those of competing schools – and that means that Ursinus has to keep up with the Joneses (or the Princetons).

Consequently, tuition is increasing more next year, according to officials in Corson.

If you have any questions or concerns about an aspect of tuition you'd like us to investigate, please send an email to: <kelandis@ursinus.edu> or <mehelzner@ursinus.edu>.

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Ursinus College had a facelift over the summer to improve fire safety in some dorm rooms older than most of the professors here. All dormitory halls and Main Street houses have sprinkler systems that will help prevent serious fires.

Andrew Feick, Director of Facilities, and the Board of Trustees have been working on getting sprinklers installed into all the dorm rooms since the Seton Hall University residence hall fire in January of 2000. Three college students died and 54 were injured in the blaze that occurred on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor lounge of one of their dorms in South Orange, N.J.

There have been no problems recently with fires on campus, but installing sprinklers is becoming more common in colleges across the country. On January 4, 2005, the "College Fire Prevention Act" was mandated by Congress in conjunction with the Department of Education.

The sprinklers will only be triggered in the rooms which have the hottest temperatures. Once the sprinklers have water flowing, they will activate the smoke alarm if it hasn't been activated already. Vandalism and playing with the pipes in the rooms might also set off the sprinklers. Students that tamper with the smoke alarms pose an additional risk to increasing fires in the dorm rooms.

With older buildings on campus, some made of more combustible materials than others, the risk of fatal fires increases without the sprinklers. Because some of the buildings were older, those dorms presented the biggest challenges for mounting and installing the new pipe system. In many of the Main Street houses and BPS the pipes are visible because of this. Some of these pipes were painted to blend in to the wall as best they could.

Justin Zeigler, a senior living in Schaff Hall, feels that "the new sprinkler systems were probably mandatory to keep these buildings up to date with fire code, but I felt like they could have done the installation of the piping better. These pipes stick out all over the place and the mercury meters sit there on a ceiling where if you are over 5'11" you are going to bump them and set them off."

Similarly, Angela Sterner, a senior in Keigwin, thinks that "they're ugly in [my house] because they haven't painted them yet . . . and while I think they're good, they make me more nervous than anything."

Sophomore Willie Katinowsky, living in Reimert, says "I'm glad the school spends money on updating safety equipment, however spending money on new sprinklers is probably a waste, because if by the time the sprinklers would even go off, Reimert would be a pile of waste."

Many of the academic buildings also have the sprinkler systems, and if they don't already, they will be getting them during renovation. "Bomberger Hall will be the next academic space to get sprinklers when it is renovated," says Andrew Feick.

For more information on the "College Fire Prevention Act" and other fatal fires that have occurred on campuses nation wide, please visit this website:

<<http://www.theorator.com/bills109/hr128.html>>.

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## Study Abroad in Madrid Returns

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Ursinus students will again have the chance to study abroad in Madrid, Spain, after this fall's planned trip was



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canceled due to short notice and low student enrollment last spring.

Cindy Biel, Assistant Professor in the Spanish Department, will be leading the trip abroad in the fall of '06. She is optimistic that if things are planned earlier and she starts getting the word out now, then she will hopefully have more students sign up for the three month program

scheduled for the 2006 fall semester.

Junior Jan Cohen is very excited that Professor Biel will be offering this program again next fall, because she had signed up for the canceled trip and was very disappointed when it fell through.

"I am conflicted," Cohen states, "because the trip would make my senior year very busy next year. However, I don't know when I'll have the chance to have an experience like this again, and it will help me grow as an individual. Taking advantage of studying abroad will be really freaky, but liberating at the same time."

Studying abroad is one way to fulfill the Independent Learning Experience (ILE) that is required of all students prior to graduating from Ursinus. It also serves as the abroad experience required for Spanish majors.

According to Professor Biel, the Ursinus in Madrid program, which began in 2003, targets students "who wish to continue the study of Spanish beyond the language requirement, those who wish to major or minor in Spanish, and those who wish to complete an internship in an international setting."

Students stay with a host family in Madrid for three months while they complete 16 credit hours for the semester. Students engage in an eight credit, five week intensive language class taught by-trained native Spanish speakers at the International House of Madrid. And Professor Biel also teaches one or two additional courses.

Students take part in a six week community practicum which places them in local schools, businesses and organi-

zations in an attempt to improve communication skills and create appreciation for local Spanish culture.

While studying in Madrid, there are opportunities to travel, visit Madrid's many cultural sites, and partake in the thriving nightlife of the city. And other than airfare costs, the Ursinus tuition covers the cost for studying abroad.

Usually sophomores, juniors and/or seniors participate in the study abroad programs offered by Ursinus. For more information about Ursinus's study abroad opportunities, refer to the study abroad department's website which can be accessed on the college website. If you have any questions after looking at the site, please contact Study Abroad Coordinator Melissa Hardin in Olin 219 or at ext. 2749.

If interested in taking advantage of this study abroad opportunity, stay tuned over the next few weeks for emails that will be going out to all students. Also, make sure to attend any informational meetings that will be offered throughout the year, so that you too can be a part of this exciting upcoming program.

## Campus drive removal

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It may have come as a shock to some students this fall who were expecting to be able to drive across campus, but the plan to remove the road that once connected North to Riemert has been in the works for over five years.

The two million dollar road removal and parking lot improvements are all part of Ursinus College's Master Plan for the campus. This Master Plan was completed early in the year 2000, and was conceived with the help of WRT Architecture, a world renowned landscape architecture firm.

The administration intends to turn Ursinus into a pedestrian or walking campus, meaning that all parking lots will be on the perimeter of the college. In the coming years, the parking lot near Zack's and the parking lot in front of Ritter will succumb to the Master Plan for a pedestrian campus.

Winfield Guilmette, head of finance administration for Ursinus, said, "Removing the road changes the whole look and character of the college, it's nice to walk through campus and not have to worry about traffic."

The college will provide additional parking by converting the old field hockey field, located behind North Hall, into a parking lot.

Student reactions to the removal of the road are mixed. "I like the way the campus looks now, but it's really annoying not to be able to drive across," said Jack Cowden, a junior at Ursinus. Jack's sentiment seems to reflect the majority of Ursinus students. However, while there are students focused on the negative aspects of the road removal, some students see it in a more positive light.

Thomas Herman, a junior, commented, "Whether or not students like the removal of the road, all the new construction is turning Ursinus into an even more beautiful place to go to school."

## Upcoming RHA Events

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Attention Ursinus students: don't miss your chance to get FREE barbeque, s'mores, candy apples, wings, chicken fingers and cookies!

These goodies are some of the many enticing offers that Residence Hall Association (RHA) is hosting for the student body throughout the semester. RHA is also improving your chance to be heard on pertinent issues and concerns.

RHA had its first meeting last week to discuss upcoming plans. These plans include annual monthly programming, starting with an Oct. 2 Fall Barbeque on Paisley Beach. The barbeque will run from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will include food, available sports equipment and a DJ from WVOU.

The Fall Festival will take place later in the month, on Oct. 19, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Olin Plaza. While you enjoy s'mores, candy apples, hot chocolate and apple cider, (back by popular demand from last year's festival) you can take part in the bungee bull competition!

On Nov. 2 you will have the opportunity to compete in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Wing Bowl, a wing eating contest that will take place before the 8:30 p.m. Eagles game.

And if you're the type of person who stresses out during exams, don't miss the Dec. 12 Exam Breaker and Gingerbread House Making Contest. You can compete in the contest, watch a holiday movie and eat chicken fingers and cookies. "I am very excited about what we have to offer as an organization this year," said RHA president Kate Conner.

Conner and the RHA executive board are making changes this year in hopes of building RHA into a more prominent governing body on campus. The biggest change they are making is the implementation of "Senators," 23 students that have been picked from residence halls around campus to act as liaisons between their residents and RHA.

Senators will discuss a specific topic of concern within the Ursinus community with RHA every week. "I want the student body to know that any concerns they have can and should be brought to RHA because we have the resources to help them bring about change where [it is] needed," Conner said.

The executive board also strongly encourages all students to come to them with new event ideas.

"We're always looking for new ideas to draw people out," said RHA treasurer, Derek Zimmer.

If you have any ideas that you would like to see become a reality on campus, you still have the opportunity to join RHA. They meet on Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in Olin 101.

If you have any questions concerning RHA, contact Kate Conner at <kaconner@ursinus.edu> or RHA advisor Steve Larson at <slarson@ursinus.edu>.

## Club Spotlight: *Le cercle Français*

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If you're still undecided about being committed to a club, language clubs may be for you. Through them, you learn about other cultures, and the clubs give you practice speaking a foreign language in a friendly environment. *Le cercle Français* is one of the oldest language clubs on campus.

How old, you ask?

Try thirty years old. That's right: for thirty years, the French Circle has been around welcoming the curious and learners of the French language.

Each year, the members of the French Circle organize a reception, usually in one of the cultural buildings on campus such as the Berman Museum, where students gather to chat with the French teachers and learn about the existing programs and activities that the French circle offers.

The reception, which lasted approximately an hour, was a nice opportunity for many students, some majoring

in French, to converse and meet French students and learn a little bit about the culture itself. Students also heard stories from people who have been studying abroad in Francophone countries for some time.

The French Circle has been organizing trips to French restaurants, museums, and other activities over the past few years. Junior Katie Perkins, who is the president of the French Circle, stated that the reception has always been held each year so the club can meet new members, talk to them, and see what interests them. For students who are learning French, Katie has this practical advice: "Stick with it and don't give up."

Finally, it is Katie's hope, along with all the executive board members of the French Circle, that the French Club continues to grow at Ursinus.

## Backed up your computer lately?

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Computers can be very fickle pieces of machinery. One day they can work perfectly fine and the next they can be dead. With their death also comes the risk of loss. As the semester progresses students and professor alike have more documents and files that are crucial to the completion of the term, so it is imperative that these files not be lost.

There are several ways to back data up, so that if your computer crashes your files will survive. One way to save your files is by burning the needed documents to a CD. This is accomplished by opening the Roxio Easy CD creator (a program which is installed on every Ursinus laptop).

The program may be found by going to the "Start" button and choosing the "Programs" menu. When that list of options opens move the mouse to the folder with the name of Roxio Easy CD Creator 5. Then click on the "Project Selector" icon.

To make a CD that will back up your files, roll your mouse over the "make a data CD" and click on "dataCD project."

A large white box within the window has the headings of "name," "size," "type," and "modified." Open the folder that contains the files you wish to burn to the CD. Highlight the file by clicking on it and then drag it to the aforementioned white box. Repeat this process until the CD is full (you can tell by the blue bar at the bottom of the screen), or all of the files that you wish to burn are in the box.

When the files are all there insert a CD-R into the CD drive of the laptop. When you are ready to burn the CD push the red 'Record' button, which should cause a box to pop up. There is a button that says "Start Recording," push it and then you're off!

Just wait until the computer says the CD is finished being recorded and then you can use that CD anywhere! Plus you have a good backup of all of your important files.

Alternatively you can save your files to the "R Drive," located on the campus's network. There are several hundred megabytes there for everyone. You must be connected to the Ursinus Network for the next several steps to work.

To access this space, go to the "Start" menu and choose the "Run" option. In the dialogue box type R: and wait for it to load. When it finishes loading, you can copy and paste all of the needed data to the box.

If you are unsure what copying and pasting is, it involves choosing the files you wish to move, clicking on them (using the ctrl button when clicking allows you to select more than one object). Once everything is selected, right-click on one of the selected items. Choose the option that says copy. Then move to where you wish to move them, right click there, and choose the 'Paste' option.

Backing up your files is recommended not only by the Technology Support Center (x2244), but also by the computer industry in general. For data that is not backed-up can potentially be lost.

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## Internships = Success

How do college students spell success in today's job market? I-N-T-E-R-N-S-H-I-P-S. Academically oriented work experience can provide you with the tools you need to compete for jobs. Here are a few reasons why internships pay off.

1. Apply classroom theory to life situations
2. Develop self-understanding, self-discipline, and confidence in your abilities
3. Develop networking/mentoring relationships
4. Learn more about a chosen industry or field
5. Evaluate potential career choices
6. Investigate organizational culture
7. Develop career-related and transferable skills
8. Develop a competitive edge for the job market and/or graduate school
9. Paid internships help supplement academic/tuition costs

Finding an internship is a time consuming activity. If you are thinking of participating in an exceptional internship next summer some of the deadlines are as early as next month. Starting early will help you get the internship you really want!

Here is a list of a few summer internships whose deadlines are quickly approaching.

- § U.S. State Department – November 1<sup>st</sup> (applications available in the CSO)
- § Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) – November 1<sup>st</sup> (applications available in the CSO)
- § Vanguard – November 25<sup>th</sup>
- § The Boston Globe – November 1<sup>st</sup>
- § The Washington Post – November 1<sup>st</sup>
- § National Security Agency – November 15<sup>th</sup>

# The Seven Day Itch

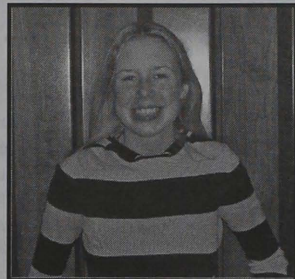
Normally, when we think of genital infections, our minds immediately leap to disturbing thoughts of gonorrhea, syphilis, genital herpes, and other sexually-transmitted infections that we work so diligently to prevent. However, with thoughts of terrifying consequences such as Chlamydia and HIV haunting the mind of the sexual individual, little room is left in school curricula for the infections, that while rarely life-threatening, are common and present irritating symptoms and problems with which many persons are forced to cope. This week, we delve into the infections left behind and learn how to defeat the 7-day itch and its consequence of the dreaded public scratch.

A common vaginal infection that causes frustration for many women is the yeast infection. Yeast infections are caused by an overgrowth of *Candida albicans*, a naturally occurring substance in the body. This overgrowth can be attributed to causes such as: birth-control pills, pregnancy, diabetes, antibiotics, and AIDS (Bodyandfitness.com). Changing the temperature in the vagina can also cause growth. According to Planned Parenthood, infections can also be caused by a partner whose yeast amount affects the balance in the vagina.

Common symptoms of vaginal yeast infections include a white discharge with a thick consistency that resembles cottage cheese, irritation of the labia and other skin around the vagina, burning, and itching (UrologyHealth.org). If you are experiencing these symptoms and have never been diagnosed with a yeast infection, the safest plan is to consult a medical professional before seeking treatment. Most treatments are available over the counter and can be found and purchased at local drug and grocery stores. These treatments usually involve creams that are inserted nightly for one, three, or seven days. (Consult with a medical professional regarding which treatment plan is best for you.) Oral

yeast infection treatments are available via prescription only and usually involve one pill that is taken at any point during the day. Some (not all) oral yeast infection treatments conflict with birth-control pills and it is important to discuss the current medications you are taking with your medical professional.

Another genital infection that afflicts both women and men is infamously referred to as jock itch. This condition usually affects men more than women, and it is a fungal infection caused by the growth of *Trichophyton rubrum*.



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Know About Sex

This is also the same fungus that causes athlete's foot and other fungal body infections. *T. rubrum* growth can be initiated by anything that provides enhancement of a moist and warm environment, including wearing clothing that is moist and sweaty and wearing clothing in layers.

Jock itch usually appears as a red, itchy rash that begins with the folds of the groin and then progresses to the inner thighs. The edge of the rash that is progressing is often scaly while the skin involved in the rash exhibits a reddish-brown color. The penis and scrotum are not affected by jock itch; however, if the rash has also extended to include

genitalia, the culprit is probably a yeast infection (Dermatology.about.com).

Again, if this is the first time that you are experiencing symptoms, a medical professional should be consulted to ensure a correct diagnosis. Jock itch can be treated by over the counter anti-fungals such as Lotrimin, which can also treat athlete's foot. If you have both infections, it is important to treat the athlete's foot as well because it will prevent the jock itch from reoccurring. Your medical professional can also prescribe a prescription anti-fungal if needed (Intelihealth.com).

## Local Focus: The Drift Away Cafe

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At a 5-minute walk down Main Street, the Drift Away Café is Collegeville's newest local hot spot. According to owner Jill Rees, the shop, which offers a variety of coffees as well as Hershey ice-cream flavors, stemmed from a comment made by her daughter that every college town needs a café.

With discounted prices for students, music, free wireless internet, weekly entertainment and a slew of other perks, students and Collegeville residents alike will indeed find it difficult not to stop in for a quick treat. "Drift Away Café is a wonderful addition to our cozy little borough," states Dean Nolan.

"They serve great ice-cream and coffee, and [the environment] is very college-friendly. We are fortunate to have this business just a short walk from campus."



President John Strassburger concurs. "I think the Drift Away Café has given a whole new life to downtown Collegeville," he comments.

"It is the perfect after-dinner destination or Saturday morning stop. People who have not tried it should go immediately!"

In short, whether you are interested in finding a comfortable niche to type up that 10-page paper or simply inclined to just sit and admire the café's locally-contributed artwork (to which Ursinus students are encouraged to contribute) over a bowl of ice-cream, the Drift Away offers it all.

# Features

## WVOU Fall lineup

<http://wvou.ursinus.edu/wvou>

Start the week off right with these great DJs!

6-7: Lisa Governa  
7-8: Paul Vassilev  
8-9: Chris Rogers  
9-10: Lindsay Salsmann

Case of the Mondays? Not with WVOU!

3-4: Christopher Matsagas  
4-5: Laurel Salvo  
5-6: Ian Eglinton-Woods  
7-8: Julia Black  
8-9: Kristina Cerchiaro  
9-10: Chris Curley  
10-12: Ben Isser

Tuesdays got ya down? Let our DJs pick it up!

3-5: Sean Neil and Zac Tompkins  
5-7: Kristi Blust  
7-8: Chris McLaughlin  
8-9: Natalie Rokaski  
9-10: Chris Croarkin

Get over the hump with WVOU!

9-11 am: Josh Delano  
3-4: Tim Garay  
7-8: Matt Boice  
8-9: Alex Sasso-Karelitsky  
9-10: Matt Coulson  
10-11: Erin Corrigan  
11-12: Jonathan Kieran

Our DJs kick off the "unofficial" weekend!

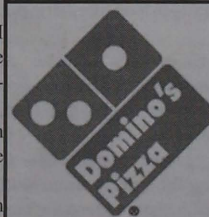
6-7: Scott Jones  
7-8: Jon Gaggs and Brandon Brown  
8-9: Ashley Higgins  
9-10: Tim Smith  
10-11: Elsa Budzowski  
11-12: Greg Diamond  
12-1am: Justin DeAngelis

Ready to party? We are!

1-3: Blaine McEvoy and Brenden Connor  
3-4: Lauren Vaughn  
8-9: Claudia Harper

Saturday... Need I say more?

3-4: Zach Gallimore and Andy Brienza  
5-6: Jonathon Reth  
6-8: Drew May and John Conte



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## A Week of Walks

### Main Street Walks for STD Awareness

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Sex and sexually transmitted diseases were the topic of conversation last Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the track.

The Main Street Resident Assistants sponsored a walk to raise awareness of STDs on the Ursinus College campus. The event featured informational posters about diseases around the track, music playing over loudspeakers, free condoms, pencils and water for participants.

Organizers Lydia Sanchez and Alex Miron, both Main Street RAs, manned the table welcoming supporters to the track. Sanchez explained that STDs are a big problem on college campuses and she thought a walk would be one way to raise awareness.

The walk raised money for Planned Parenthood of Collegeville, who donated condoms in support of the event. Sanchez added that Planned Parenthood has always encouraged events like this one.

"We did this same walk last year," said Sanchez, "and we raised about \$240 for Planned Parenthood then."

According to the Center for Disease Control's website, one in five college students will contract an STD. The CDC also states that about 19 million STD infections occur annually, almost half of them occurring in students aged 15 to 24.

Junior Lynne Erickson attended the event with a few of her friends. When asked why she wanted to attend the walk, Lynne said STDs are something that more people need to know about. "Since I have five friends with me today," she explained, "I figured one of them, statistically speaking, has an STD. I'm here supporting friends, supporting others."

## An update from Mexico

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I am what you would call an optimist. I like to think that things are never as bad as people claim they are.

Above all, as a student studying in Mexico, I would like to believe that the average Mexican is moving away from his almost inescapable poverty. I envision masses of mexicanos moving into the middle class, buying cell phones, new or fairly new cars, and homes. But of course, the statistics, those nasty, stagnant statistics that say 40-50% of Mexicans live in poverty, stand in the way, and, as some suggest, things are getting worse. Drilled in my head, over and over again, is that horrid phrase: "the gap between the rich and the poor?"

This August I arrived at the beautiful Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, just a few hours southeast of the world's largest city. Like all Mexican universities, the UDLA is a rich kid's paradise. It is very easy - too easy - to disappear into this world, reappear nightly to go clubbing, only to disappear back into it once again. In the towns and in the city of Puebla, I can see the poverty, and yet it is so distant. It is easy - again, too easy - to ignore. So exactly where is this "gap" people keep telling me about?

About 25 minutes from my college is a borough called Lomas de Angelopolis. In this affluent suburb of Puebla you can find anything you could possibly want. Best of all is the mall: Centro Comercial Angelopolis. It makes King of Prussia look like a strip mall with a K-mart and a Dollar Tree.

On my first visit I was astounded to see dozens, perhaps hundreds, of top name brands like Armani and Versace, plus scores of Italian designers I haven't even heard of. Posh furniture stores that would make Thom from Queer Eye scream like a little girl! The customers, looking hip in their Diesel and FCUK apparel.

Then, it hit me. Everyone here was rich or at least upper middle class. I did not see one poor person there. Not ONE. Even worse, among the shoppers and workers, I saw only a handful of Indians. It was at that moment that I began to grasp the concept of the "gap between the rich and the poor in Mexico."

I always expected I would see the gap firsthand in some poor pueblo in the mountains or in a shady barrio. But instead, it was there, between a store full of \$250 shoes and a Hugo Boss outlet. Now I am left wondering: assuming there really is such a huge gap between the rich and poor in Mexico, how is it that the first time I acknowledge that fact consciously is when I am in a rich man's paradise?

## Sigma Gamma Rho walks for Sickle Cell Anemia

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Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority's incorporated mission is to, "enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and education of youth are the hallmark of the organization's programs and activities. Sigma Gamma Rho addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically, and economically (www.sgrho1922.org)." The Sickle Cell walk that Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority took part in on September 23, 2005 is a perfect example of community involvement that happens throughout the school year.

The Sickle Cell Association of America defines sickle cell anemia as being, "a red blood disorder that affects hemoglobin a protein found in red blood cells that helps carry oxygen throughout the body." This disease occurs when an abnormal form of hemoglobin is produced. "Hemoglobin molecules tend to clump together, making red blood cells sticky, stiff, and more fragile, and causing them to form into a curved, sickle shape. Instead of moving through the bloodstream easily, sickle cells clog in blood vessels and deprive the body's tissues and organs of the oxygen," quoted from the Sickle Cell Association of America.

People with sickle cell anemia experience complications with blood circulation and infection-fighting problems, including a higher risk of certain infections and stroke as well as a condition called acute chest syndrome. DiAndra Thompson states, "Sickle cell anemia is a hereditary disorder that mostly affects people of the African community, but can occur in other ethnic groups. Although Sickle cell anemia is not contagious, people who have sickle cell trait don't have sickle cell anemia or symptoms of the disease, but they can pass the sickle cell gene to their own children."

Sigma Gamma Rho is a sorority that takes pride in who they are and what they stand for. It is not easy being a small sorority on a small campus, but they are able to do some big things. Their participation in this walk has been going on for three years.

## Heefner organ recital series at Ursinus College

**Press Release: Exclusive to the Grizzly**

Alan Morrison, chair of the Organ Department at The Curtis Institute of Music and College Organist at Ursinus College presented the first in a five-concert organ recital series on Sunday, Sept. 25. All recitals are held at 4 p.m. in Bomberger Auditorium. They are free and open to the public.

An active and versatile performer, Morrison regularly performs in leading venues throughout North America. This season takes him to the West Coast several times including recitals at Grace Cathedral (San Francisco), Benaroya Concert Hall (Seattle) and Davi Concert Hall (Fairbanks, Alaska) where he will perform Jongen's *Symphonie Concertante* with the Fairbanks Symphony (Zilberkant conducting) and give a solo recital. He will also perform at First Congregational Church in New Orleans, and in Georgia, Florida, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois and New York.

Morrison's latest CD recordings are scheduled for release in the Fall of 2005 and Spring of 2006, the latter featuring all American composers.

The series continues on Sunday, Oct. 23, with a concert by John Richardson, director of music and organist of the historic First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

English organist Dame Gillian Weir will perform on Sunday, Feb. 5. Dame Gillian recently accepted the position of Distinguished Artist in Residence at John Hopkins University's Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Md.

On Sunday, March 5, Alan Morrison, organ, and Jeannine Morrison, pianist, will appear. Jeannine Morrison is an active performer who has performed hundreds of recitals and orchestral appearances with her two-piano partner Joanne Rogers. She and her son Alan have performed together on numerous occasions over the past 10 years including Spivey Hall (Ga.), Longwood Gardens (Pa.), Christ Church Cathedral (Los Angeles) and numerous other venues.

Canadian native Maxine Thevenot will be heard on Sunday, April 30. Thevenot is associate organist and choir director at St. John's Cathedral in Albuquerque, N.M.



## Readjusting: Tulane students at Ursinus

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Megan Partyka, relaxing in her green Tulane athletic shorts, recalls the whirlwind events of the past few weeks. A blow-up palm tree stands in the background, a small reminder of her life in The Big Easy. She's now settled in as a visiting student at Ursinus, but she took a long, unexpected journey to get here.

Megan was scheduled to be a sophomore this semester at Tulane University in New Orleans. Jackie Partyka, a senior at Ursinus, didn't anticipate seeing her sister for several months.

When Megan and her parents started out on the long drive from their hometown in Pine Beach, N.J. to Louisiana, they weren't overly concerned. New Orleans survived hurricane warnings in the past. Last school year, Tulane evacuated students when Hurricane Ivan threatened harm. Ivan skirted New Orleans causing minimal damage.

The Partykas reached Mississippi before they discovered New Orleans had been evacuated and Tulane had postponed classes until Sept. 7. After spending nearly a week on the road and in hotel rooms, Megan anxiously awaited news from Tulane regarding the damage.

A full day after Hurricane Katrina ripped through the Gulf Coast, the levees in New Orleans broke. Megan, realizing her school was inaccessible, started searching for a solution. Tulane's emergency website officially announced the termination of the fall semester Sept. 2.

The Partykas began driving north, planning to visit Jackie on their way home. Megan's aunt called several colleges in New Jersey and Jackie spoke with the Admissions

Office at Ursinus. "When we got here, Jackie told us how receptive the people in admissions were," Megan said. "They have been really helpful. Sue Thomas, in admissions, has been the most amazing person through this whole time, finding exceptions and working to find housing for me. Before that, I was living on Jackie's floor."

Megan started classes on Monday Sept. 5, one week after Hurricane Katrina hit. As a recently declared evolutionary biology and ecology major, it was essential for her to get into biology and chemistry classes this fall.

Life at Ursinus is an adjustment for Megan, used to the busy, yet laid-back atmosphere of The Big Easy. She specifically chose to go to a larger, urban school to challenge herself with a new experience. Although the atmosphere is quite different, Megan is pleased that she was able to get into a strong academic program on such short notice.

Megan cites her sister Jackie as one of the main reasons her transition into life at Ursinus has been relatively smooth. "She introduced me to people and recommended classes to take," Megan said. "She's a senior and she doesn't know where she'll end up for grad school next year, so it's really great to get the chance to spend this semester together."

Tulane students were admitted at colleges and universities throughout the country on a visiting or provisional basis. "As a president who is leading an institution during these challenging times, I have never been prouder than I am now to be in higher education," said Tulane President Scott Cowen. "I am so indebted to my colleagues around the country for developing a plan that is both sensitive to the needs of our students and will also serve as a lifeline to those institutions dramatically affected."

## Oktoberfest: an Ursinus tradition

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The administration has approved the USGA's proposal to keep Oktoberfest in Reimert, much to the relief of many concerned students.

"USGA has done a great job putting together a very comprehensive plan to have a successful event," said Steve Larson, Director of Residence Life. He added, "We all hope it will be a great event in the Reimert Courtyard."

With the location set, USGA has started preparing all the behind the scenes work such as rounding up bands, designing t-shirts, and ordering the necessary equipment. The executive board is pleased that all its hard work in preparing the proposal has paid off, and are highly optimistic about it.

"The executive board has a lot of confidence that this event will be a complete success," said USGA president Vince Rossomando. "We know that every student will be able to have a great night this year without having to be concerned with safety."

Rossomando explained that the help of the students is absolutely necessary, as the USGA now has a huge responsibility on its hands. The administration will be looking at this as a chance for USGA to prove its ability to run a successful event in Reimert and any problems will fall to the members of the executive board. If things escalate the way they did last year, the administration will be there to shut Oktoberfest down immediately. You can access a full explanation of the new policy on USGA's website:

<http://webpages.ursinus.edu/usga/Oktoberfest.htm>

## COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR TENURE REVIEW

In accordance with the Ursinus College Faculty Handbook, student comments on teaching effectiveness and student-faculty interaction are invited at the time of a faculty member's review for tenure. Although student letters must be signed to be considered, student names may be held, upon request, when their comments are shared with the Promotion and Tenure Committee and the faculty member.

This year, the following members of the faculty are being reviewed for tenure:

- Dr. Carol Cirka**, Business & Economics (Economics and Business Administration)
- Dr. Rebecca Kohn**, Biology
- Prof. Domenick Scudera**, Theater & Dance (Communication Studies and Theater)

Your feedback is strongly encouraged and will assist the Committee in its review process. Letters should be sent to Dean Judith T. Levy, Office of the Dean, by October 15, 2004.

## How do you take your caffeine?

How many of us are worthless without our morning dose of caffeine? Whether it's a trip to the closest Starbucks or, for those of us who do not have time to leave campus, a quick stop at Jazzman's, our addiction to coffee shops seems to be anything but diminishing. We have all heard the warnings against it, and the advice that we should switch to herbal teas instead of coffee. But can tea really be that much better for our health than coffee?

The health benefits of tea are abundant. Tea is loaded with antioxidants, which do a world of good for our bodies, such as helping the body to fight harmful free radicals which can lead to cancer and heart disease. Antioxidants have also been found to have an anti-aging effect. In addition, the Vitamin C in green tea strengthens our bodies' immune systems, helping our bodies fight off viruses and infections.

For all you coffee enthusiasts, however, do not despair. A recent study at Harvard University revealed that coffee can actually cut the risk of diabetes, a growing epidemic in America. Coffee has also been found to contain antioxidants, which have the same health benefits as they do when consumed in tea. In fact, the amount of coffee that Americans consume makes it our number one source of antioxidants. In addition, the caffeine in coffee helps maintain alertness and focus, and can even improve your mood and your short term memory. Some research has even shown that coffee can help fight asthma.

Health professionals do say, however, that it is important to drink coffee in moderation and to spread it out throughout the day.

So next time you make your stop at the nearest coffee shop to feed your caffeine craving, do not feel that you should be ruling out either coffee or tea. As long as you are not loading your coffee or tea with fats and sugar (think skim milk and splenda), feel free to drink whichever you want without feeling unhealthy. Drink up!



**CECILY MACCONCHIE**  
Health advice for the couch potato in all of us

## Activities Fair helps students get involved

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Since middle school I have always taken the initiative to get involved. In high school, I really started to get involved in clubs and organizations. I must admit, I am an active person; so when I came to Ursinus College, I wanted to continue on that path. Now I am part of the Academic Committee and Diversity Committee. I am also trying to get involved in sports, but not all people are like me. Therefore, when we have events like the Activities Fair, it should be well organized, particularly in terms of space, distinguished leaders, and ample information of the importance of on campus involvement.

This year the Activities Fair was held in Olin Plaza.

Last year the fair was held in Wismer Lower Lounge with all the tables spread out; whereas, this year the tables were clumped together not allowing students to explore all the organizations. I attended the fair and felt that there were too many students and too little space. I had to literally push past people to even look at the names on the table to determine if I wanted to check it out or not. The space was not a very big problem for me, because I am always anxious to be apart of new things. Students who are not as motivated, or who really do not care about getting involved, left Olin Plaza to go do something they found more interesting. For those students, pushing through a mob scene was just not worth it.

On top of the space issue, the people who were "promoting" their organization did not stand out. I must admit

the sweets and the decorative tables did "bribe" students to walk over, but the fact of the matter is that the "leaders of the pack" were sitting down! There were some people who did stand up, which distinguished them from the other leaders, but if the place is already crowded and all the organizations blend in, why not stand up and make yourself seen?

Sitting down as "leaders of the pack" made it look as if they were not interested. If they are not interested, why would anyone else be?

Although students were sent emails about the Activities Fair, the emails did not stress the fact of how important it is to get involved on campus. If students were not involved in high school, why would they be involved in college? Although the Activities Fair invited all people, the fair was geared towards freshmen. This supports stressing the fact of the importance of involving yourself on

campus. There have been people at Ursinus College for three and four years that have yet to become active. Now is the time and place, especially at a school that allows you to create your own organizations.

Everyone needs to support their school and better themselves as a person; one way to do this is to become involved. Do not get involved simply because it makes your resume look stronger, but also get involved to be able to say "I was a part of something, I was a part of that change." Ways that the Activities Fair can help is to find a better space so that all the tables can be seen, make sure organizations stand out, and emphasize the importance of involvement on campus via email. This is our school so why wouldn't you want to make Ursinus College a better place?



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## Canada Needs You!

A wise man once said, "Fame is a terrible thing to waste." We here at Communism for Dummies agree. If one has gained the respect of his peers through fame in any walk of life, he has a moral duty to use that respect for the overall good of mankind. With that in mind and taking a cue from such legends as Sean Penn, Pamela Anderson, and Bono, we somberly announce that we are retiring from the humor business so that we can devote all of our effort and resources to a campaign of righteousness against the corruption spewed forth by the Canadian government in its feigned ignorance of the growing epidemic of pubic crabs in Quebec. Hundreds more French Canadians feel the stinging discomfort of pubic crabs every day, yet Canada's government does nothing. Other nations must clearly step in, which is why we are setting up



**MATT FLYNTZ**  
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**Communism for Dummies**

the Communism for Dummies Global Canadian Crabs Relief Fund. We urge you to write to your local and state representatives in Congress pressing them to contribute to our effort.

As I write this, peaceful Canadians are suffering needlessly, in part because of the lack of awareness throughout the world. In an attempt to raise awareness on our humble campus, we are setting up an Ursinus Canadian Trivia Bowl with great prizes and entertainment (including Bon Jovi and Will Smith) in order to get the word out. Date and location are TBA.

We can only end the itching of Canadians with *your* help. Please do not be silent. Let your voices be heard!

## Face Off

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Over the next few weeks, Dr. Maria Sienionow will be quietly meeting twelve candidates, five male and seven female, into a Cleveland Clinic and asking them this question: "Are you afraid that you will look like another person?" Though Dr. Sienionow practices in a country that has communized teen breast implants and spawned entertainment franchises from documentaries of extreme makeovers, what she is about to attempt is rattling even liberal surgeons: she is planning the first facial transplant. Though she is a practicing plastic surgeon, Dr. Sienionow is vehemently denying that this procedure will be used for cosmetic purposes. She is claiming a noble cause in offering new options for burn victims, who at this point are often left with ghoulish scar-tissue masks that do not look or move like real skin. This procedure would potentially give burn victims a new life. The procedure involves making incisions that allow doctors to peel off facial tissue and, over the course of 8 to 10 hours, replace that tissue with that donated by a cadaver and matched for age, sex, and skin color. Dr. Sienionow is confident that a successful survivor of this procedure would not look like the cadaver who donated the tissue, as all the bones and structures that compose facial shape will be left intact. All that will be different after the operation is the skin itself.

Despite the many bioethical issues, this operation poses many safety concerns. This procedure is so radical, and its results so unpredictable that Dr. Sienionow will even admit that informed consent is truly impossible. There is no way to predict how a body will react to the new tissue. As always, there is the risk of tissue rejection, during which the candidate will experience having the new skin freakishly fall off in clumps. If tissue rejection even can be prevented, it could only be prevented with a lifelong regimen of drugs that could over time cause kidney failure and cancer. Another possible side-effect is that the new skin will turn completely black and require another surgery with skin grafts. Naturally, there are also psychological side-effects, such as disappointment and remorse, to consider.

The possible good that this particular surgery could have in the life of someone horrifically burned or disfigured is unimaginable. However, would the surgery be just limited to burn victims? If Dr. Sienionow's attempt is successful, this opens the door to other frightening possibility in cosmetic surgery. If the surgery is successful, Botox may be replaced by this new option among older women and men who could then buy younger skin from a donor cadaver. The coupling of the power of new options for burn victims with the possibility of disturbing new trends in plastic surgery leaves this new procedure in a dubious moral gray-zone.

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# Movie of the week

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When the movie *Cursed* first began running its trailers and then came out in theaters, I was under the impression that it was about vampires. Apparently I was mistaken because when I received the DVD it was about a brother and sister who start to show lupine characteristics. Hmmm, werewolves in L.A.?; they should be waxing, tanning, and starving themselves down to a normal human form in order to fit the lifestyle. Of course, I am only poking a little fun, but let me set the story for you.

Everything takes place in present day Los Angeles. Jimmy Myers (Jesse Eisenberg) is a thin, frail looking teenage boy just trying to survive high school and bullies. His older sister Ellie Myers (Christina Ricci) is a young woman working at a television studio trying to support them. During a late night drive home, Ellie and Jimmy hit an animal and swerve into another car causing it to roll down a hill. Possessing good morals, they call 911 and go down the hill to try and help the other driver. After a few tense moments they finally get the teenage girl out of her car and start pulling her to safety when she is pulled out the other side by a beast. Jimmy and Ellie try and hold on to the girl but only end up getting scratched and bitten by the animal before losing their grip.

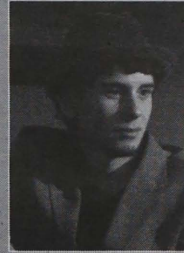
Soon after the event, both siblings begin to experience changes. Jimmy does research on the Internet and is certain that they are cursed by the beast and destined to become werewolves. Ellie does not want to hear anything about it but as the changes progress she cannot deny the truth any longer. Between the two of them, Jimmy seems to take the changes fairly well and uses his new found strength to challenge his bully. Ellie does not take it so well and her body and moods show a scarier side of the process. Neither of the siblings truly wants to become a beast, so they look for a way to break the curse. In Jimmy's research he finds that you must kill the beast that started it all by separating its head from its heart.

The rest of the movie is about attempting to stop the process of becoming werewolves. I enjoyed this movie but not really as a shock horror film. It does have the stealthy, scary aspects of a horror, but there is very little gore. The gore that is used is very precise and shown for shock value. I enjoyed the movie more for its unique sense of humor. Jimmy is the main source of this humor in many of his remarks and his interactions with his bully. Other aspects made me laugh as well. For example, have you ever seen a werewolf give someone the finger? After watching this film I can say that I have. It is a fun movie that even those people who hate shock horror movies can sit down and enjoy. I say you should give it a chance; you may be surprised.

# Notes from the tomb of the unknown student, Ursinus College (a series installment)

Kafka's *Metamorphosis*, revised:

Greta Samsa loves her brother, despite his transformation into a giant bug. In a move of prime understanding, she removes an apple embedded in his spine. Gregor respects this kind gesture and promptly slimes the rug. She realizes it is not fit to live with a giant insect, and decides to be practical: the family moves out and has the house filled with soil. Windows are covered with flexible plastic so visitors can watch him balance a ball on his thorax. The Samsas make a killing, charging 20 deutschmarks a head and Gregor becomes a national hero until his death from melanoma at the age of 45. Greta falls in love with a Luxemburg entomologist, and, finally revealing her deep-seated love for taxonomy, has her late brother stuffed and pinned above the mantle.



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## Observations: Or, Why We Don't Ask Questions We Don't Want Answers To

High-voltage fences, crowd control, Pennsylvania Militia for Oktoberfest ... \$2500

Using 1970's technology to build a new athletic field (it's like grass - with concrete!) ... \$1,000,000

Total cash or bonus cost of Wismer Dinner "Buffet" ... \$9.25

The privilege of paying \$40,000 per year for tuition, room, and board ... well, you can't really measure it in words, can you?

Letters from a Freshman:

Dear Mom,

I know I didn't believe it when you said college would be a Beneficial Experience for me. And I know you were mad when I clung to the roof rack and swallowed my dorm key in the hopes of remaining in my secure, high-school bubble. So, I'm just writing to tell you that the meds are working and you were right: College is great!

I had my first CIE class today. We talked about "the big questions"; I can't remember what any of them are, but there sure are some cute girls here. We were given a bunch of reading to do, but it was all about the Bible, and I think we know how *that* ends, so I decided to go out and party. I went to Reimert, and did you know they don't even have to walk from room to room?

They just row little rafts down giant rivers of beer.

Anyway, I have to go. I hear power tools and I think they're turning the Men's bathroom into a modern art piece. My RA has already threatened suicide twice, and I think it's my duty as a new resident to talk him out of it.

Many Happy Returns,

Your Son

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# The Smith's: Brit Pop at its best

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During a time when 80s Brit Pop was at its most lip-glossed and superficial, The Smiths released their debut album. On this side of the Atlantic Ocean, this came at the same year of the release of Bruce Springsteen's *Born in the USA*. Even the cover art of The Smiths' albums shows the disparity between them and the other acts of the time. While most album covers were reflective of the high-fashion 80s new wave style, The Smiths' album covers bore murky and ambiguous images, most notably on their self-titled debut album.

The Smiths career branched the years 1983 to 1987, when they released seven albums and 20 singles. The Smiths were Mike Joyce, Johnny Marr, Steven Morrissey, and Andy Rourke. The pairing of Morrissey's poignant though disaffected lyrics with Marr's clever

and genre-bending guitar arrangements made each song anthemic. "I am the son and heir of a shyness that is criminally vulgar" Morrissey croons with a suave malaise in *How soon is now*. This song is also reflective of The Smiths' tasteful use of synth at a time when synth often overwhelmed even the lyrics. Since their debut release of an awesome and appropriately gritty album, The Smiths have become masterful at the surreal portrayal of thwarted love and hopeless circumstance. Other albums and compilations have the annoying habit of repeating the same songs over and over on multiple CDs.

Though all songs by The Smiths are iconic and unforgettable, particularly good songs include *How Soon is Now*, *Last Night I dreamt that somebody loved me*, *Asleep*, and *Hang the DJ*.

Have an opinion? Have something to say about the opinions of others? Simply want to be heard? Please send your questions, comments, compliments, and complaints to the Opinions Editor at [hreturnbach@ursinus.edu](mailto:hreturnbach@ursinus.edu).

## A gangsta mentality

Gangsters have been a part of popular culture since the introduction of mass media. Though there is a negative connotation, I believe everybody needs a little 'gangsta' in them.

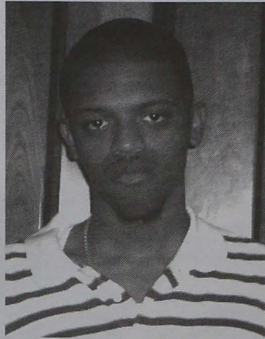
Dictionary.com defines a gangster as "A member of an organized group of criminals; a racketeer." When people hear this word they think of the legend of Al Capone and members of the Italian mafia, or fictitious characters like the ever-so-famous Scarface. During this hip hop era, the term is linked to urban crime organizations, such as the Bloods and Crips. There is a lot that can be said about both gangster eras, but this is not what I want to deal with. I am referring to 'gangsta' as an adjective.

If you have read any of my articles, you know that I have a serious problem with conformity. I have an even more serious problem with accepting problems or complaining about them when you can change them. Finally I think I have discovered why Ursinus College has so many people that

make me sick; there are not many people here with a gangsta's mentality.

Gangsters know what they want and will do anything to get it. Outside of breaking the law, I have to say that I respect this philosophy. There comes a time when people grow tired of rejection and persecution, thus they begin to use a gangster's number one tool, organized rebellion.

This country was founded by gangstas. The forefathers of America were tired of British rule, and decided that they were going to rid themselves of it. Thus they began to prepare them-



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**The Left Side of the Hallway**

selves for the retaliation of the British by starting the Revolutionary War. There is no one that could tell me that rallying against a supreme nation like Great Britain at the time was not gangsta.

Martin Luther King was 'gangsta' by my definitions. The Civil Rights movement was full of gangstas, people that did not care what happened to them, in route of reaching their ultimate goal, equality. You try sitting in a restaurant where you are not wanted, only to be dragged out by the police. You try getting sprayed by fire hoses and attacked by police dogs, without retaliation. You would not do it.

My favorite gangsta would have to

## This year's Fringe Festival lived up to its name

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The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Ursinus Fringe Festival was a mixture of vibrant comedy and sleep-inducing attempts at being funny. But while some of the routines were over the top or just didn't go far enough to make them really funny, the Fringe is supposed to be a celebration of acting on the edges of normal theater and comedy, and trying new things which may be successful, but might also flop. In this way, the Ursinus Fringe certainly lived up to its name this year.

The festival, which took place Sept. 21-24 in the Kaleidoscope Studio Theater, featured seven live performances by professional acting/comedy troupes, three Ursinus professors and a variety of Ursinus student performers. All performances were free and open to the general public on a first-come, first-serve basis.

On Wednesday night at 8 p.m., Tina Brock surprised her audience by not performing the scheduled show *The White Hoe Returns: Breaking New Wind*, and instead tested a newer act called *Beverly Goodwin's (Very) Scary Storytelling Hour*. This was a mistake on Brock's part, I believe, because the show did not seem to be ready yet for a public performance. At the start of the show, the lighting and sound were out of sync and started before the appropriate times. Brock is still working on perfecting this act and it showed in the sound effects muffling the audiences' ability to hear her speaking at

different points in the show, and the sparse amount of humor used in the performance. She incorporated present day culture into her act which was a nice touch, and used small sets of scenery during her performance which worked quite well. Her rapid eye movements and alterations in her voice created laughter in the audience, but at the same time her story really went no where and the plot line was very lacking in meaning as well as substance. I think Brock needs to clearly determine what she's trying to say in her performance before she exhibits it again, so that a later audience won't feel as if they've wasted an hour of their time much like I did after leaving the theater that night.

On Thursday evening I got to see the first real treat of the festival in the form of Chris Aiken's improvisational dance performance *Inside Out*, and Domenick Scudera and Cathy Young's collaborative theater and dance performance *Between You & Me*. The nimble and fluidness of Chris's dance made his piece impressive to watch, and the strength and flexibility he needed to dance the way he did was truly inspiring. While Chris's performance was rather solemn, Domenick and Cathy's comedic piece was also a great success with the full house in attendance. Domenick was dressed like Charlie Chaplin while Cathy looked like a cancan dancer. Cathy used silent movie screen writing to talk to him in the beginning of the show and they had the audience laughing no sooner than they had gotten on stage and started dancing/acting to music. The focus of their routine was "creating the perfect

team" and figuring out how two totally different styles (i.e. dance and theater) could be combined to create the perfect collaboration. Despite their inability to agree on how their performance should work, the two professors caused peals of laughter to emit from the audience throughout the entire performance, making this show, as well as Chris's dancing, an instant triumph and winner.

Unfortunately, the second performance on Thursday evening was not as enjoyable to watch as the earlier show had been. LunchLady Doris performed their long-form comedy improvisation and focused both of the two sketches they did on one specific topic each. It's hard to really even find the words to describe this five person act, because I really couldn't figure out if the jokes were too sophisticated for the audience to understand or if they just weren't funny. This show did little to maintain my attention and I thought it rather weird and creepy.

Friday night started off on the right foot with the best performance overall at the Fringe Festival this year. A sketch comedy performance by Bad Hair entitled *Fringetastic Sketchtacular 2: Sequelpalooza* consisted of little skits that were broken up with little commercials that were projected on the movie screen onstage. There were six members, five of whom acted and the sixth member played the keyboard. They came out singing at the beginning of the show with toy guns to a great reception by the audience who found the troupe

be... Jesus. I know you all are going: 'I can't believe this guy!'" With my definitions, the story of Jesus is the ultimate example of gangsta. I will not go into detail, but I will say this: watch *The Passion of the Christ*, and put yourself in the place of Jesus. See how long you last.

How many people do we see even showing one-fourth of the tenacity and courage that these people showed? The trivial things we want to change on this campus take no effort at all, compared to the sacrifice these historical figures faced.

I am tired of these people on campus thinking that listening to 50 cent or Eminem makes them gangsta. I am tired of people thinking that growing up in a certain neighborhood makes them gangsta. REAL GANGSTAS MAKE THINGS HAPPEN! So Ursinus, WHERE ARE THE REAL GANGSTAS?!

hilarious. There was a sketch about a bitter, divorced wedding singer, one about homo and heterosexuality, another about a special date that backfires when the man is charged exorbitant amounts for everything, three Italian guys claiming to be the real voice behind Destiny's Child, and a final song about putting cats in a sack and drowning them (in which no actual cats were harmed, but you did get to see the actors dressed up like cats which was quite humorous). If you missed this all-around crowd pleaser, make sure to check their website for future shows at [www.badhairsketch.com](http://www.badhairsketch.com).

The Ursinus Fringe Cabaret also took place on Friday night. Many Ursinus students were in the audience to watch former alumni Shane Borer and Adams Berzins co-host this variety show that featured various singers, improv sketches, ballet dancing, and a superhero monologue.

To round out the week full of events, on Saturday night the Waitstaff performed their sketch comedy routine which gave the audience an interesting new approach to comedy by not only showing what goes on on-stage, but then also what happens backstage while the performance is taking place. This show was mildly entertaining, and I found the backstage portion of the routine to be the best part of the performance. This act was a nice wrap-up to the entire week's events, some of which were less than impressive, but others that truly reinforced why the Ursinus Fringe Festival has been around for six years, and will hopefully continue in future years.

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## Just for kicks, Lady Bears win six

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Watch out Ursinus; our girl's soccer team is hotter than Ed Gildea dressed in drag! With Ursinus off to the best start in team history, confidence among the players has sky rocketed! The team has six consecutive wins under its belt, and is anticipating much more to come.

After their 1-0 victory over Gettysburg last Saturday in the Centennial Conference, the team seems unstoppable. Sophomore Noelle Bisinger scored her second game winner this season to help the Bears defeat the Bullets for the first time in program history.

Sophomore Ashley Potter had one save in the goal and the defensive squad made history allowing only two shots on goal. Meanwhile, the Bears offense had an astounding six attempts at the net.

Bisinger also recorded a hat trick in last Wednesday's 6-0 triumph against Washington, as the defense went untouched for its fifth shut out.

Head coach Jeff Ykoruk has proved to be a phenomenal leader. As he engages in his third season as the head women's soccer coach, he is geared up to set more records. Ykoruk gained notoriety last year after leading the Bears to their most successful season in program history. The team

had no problem breaking the Ursinus record for most wins with 12, and most goals scored with 38.

Ursinus is ranked one of the Top 20 Most Improved Division III women's soccer teams this year for obvious reasons. With help from the junior team captains, Lauren Washam, Amanda Ose, and Logan Conklin, the players' unity has evolved more with each success. Assistant coaches, Amanda Pietila, Jeremy Brodovsky, Don Overmier and Bill Clugston have also helped carve and shape the girls into a team Ursinus can truly be proud of.

With only one senior, Debbie Jensen, on the team, the underclassmen have remarkably stepped up their game. The nine

new freshman; Leigh Voss, Nicole Sprackland, Nicole Christian, Nicole Papp, Amanda Leatherman, Sarah Kablfleisch, Ashley Beach, Jen Kostishion, and Lisa Clark have quickly integrated and become part of the team's winning spirit.

New-comer Leigh Voss declared, "It's great to be part of such a great team with such good players. Our captains and upperclassmen have really made the season a good time and hopefully we can improve every day."

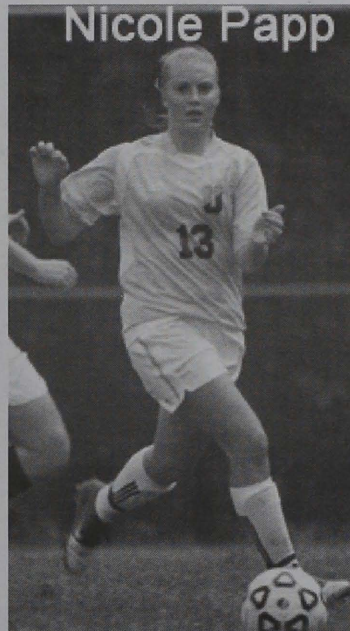
Sophomore and starter Jessica Hartline added, "Everyone on the team is a good player, we all push ourselves and each other in practice to become better; that shows on the field." When asked how she felt about the team this year

as compared to last, Hartline stated, "Last year, the majority of the starters were freshmen and sophomores. I think that this year our team is more confident. We work better with each other because we are used to playing together. We have a lot of talent and we're expecting to do a lot of great things this year that we haven't been able to do in the past."

This past Saturday, the Bears suffered their first loss of the season to the Red Devils of Dickinson College. It was a tight game as Jessica Griggs for Dickinson slipped past the net for a goal early in the second, as it proved to be the game winner with a final score of 1-0. The Bears, however, have such a high caliber team that when faced with adversity they seem to rise above the rest.

On Monday, the girls pounded Cabrini to an 8-0 slaughtering, with Nicole Papp scoring three goals. This was the Bears fifth shutout of the season.

The Bear's upcoming games should be just as exciting as the beginning of the season. On Saturday, October 1st the team will face Johns Hopkins with a home field advantage at 1 p.m. After an 0-3 upset from them last year, the girls are even more eager to play hard and defeat the blue jays.



## Playoff spots still open as post season nears

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As October 2<sup>nd</sup> draws near and the regular season of Major League Baseball comes to an end, seven of the eight playoff spots are still up for grabs with only the St. Louis Cardinals (97-60) having clinched a playoff spot as of Sunday night.

The A.L. East, which has been up and down all season, has finally come to a showdown between the bitter rivals Boston and New York. With both teams holding the same exact record (91-64), it appears that the three-game series in Boston will determine who will take the A.L. East crown, while the other could be going home for good unless they can clinch the wild card.

The A.L. Central has become a close race between the Chicago White Sox (94-61) and the Cleveland Indians (92-64). The Central was all but locked up for the White Sox, but the red hot Indians are closing in fast. With the way they are playing, they could not only take the Central crown, but also the World Series Championship.

The White Sox, who held a 15-game

lead over the Indians just five weeks ago, are choking as of late and will now need a solid finish down the stretch to find its way into the playoffs. A three-game series against the Indians will be the determining factor on who is in and who is out come October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Anaheim Angels (89-66) could lock up the A.L. West with a good series against the Oakland Athletics (85-69) starting Monday, September 26th. The Angels are holding on to a three-and-a-half-game lead as of Sunday night pending the result of the Athletics/Rangers game.

The Athletics, who started to get hot in August and early September, have tapered off a bit and now need a strong finish to end the season in order to clinch a playoff spot.

The A.L. Wild Card is also up for grabs between the Indians, Yankees, and Red Sox. The Indians are holding on to a half-game lead on both the Yankees and Red Sox, but that could change at any time with seven games left in the season. It should be an

interesting end of the season in the American League with no spots determined as of yet, and we all know anything could happen before October 2<sup>nd</sup> comes around. It will be interesting to see if the Red Sox can defend their title by making it into the playoffs, if the White Sox can fend off the red hot Indians, if the Athletics can catch the Angels, or if the Yankees can find a way to win and pull it out in the end.

The National League appears to be a bit clearer with the Cardinals already clinching a spot in the playoffs, the Atlanta Braves (89-67) have a five-game lead on the Philadelphia Phillies (84-72), and the San Diego Padres (77-78) are maintaining a four-game lead on the San Francisco Giants (73-82).

The Braves and Phillies do not play each other the remainder of the season so unless the Braves falter in the end, they have clinched their 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive N.L. East title.

In the N.L. West, the Padres and Giants are set for a four-game series starting Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. A split with the

Giants should wrap up the West for the Padres, but nothing is set in stone just yet.

As for the N.L. Wild Card, it has pretty much come down to the Houston Astros (85-71) and the Phillies for the fourth and final spot in the N.L. playoff bracket. The Astros are clinging to a one-game lead on the Phillies as of Sunday night and with a week left to play, it would not be surprising if that changed.

The biggest series to watch for in the National League is the four-game series between the Padres and Giants. The Braves look to have locked up the East and the Phillies and Astros control their own destinies as they both need to win to get in.

The next seven days should be the most exciting days of baseball and the playoffs have not even begun yet! Be sure to catch all the action and excitement of Major League Baseball as seven spots will be determined in seven days.



## Bears strand Shorewomen

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After coming off of a close win against College of New Jersey, the Bears would pack up and hit the road to travel to Chestertown, Maryland to face a familiar foe, Washington College.

The charge started early for the squad as Jess Rodgers would net the first goal assisted by Karen Wendler. Wendler would also receive honors for the Centennial Conference Player of the Week, the first in her collegiate career.

Last week's Centennial Conference Player of the Week, Lindsay Cappa, would again burn up the back of the net for a 2-0 lead in the first half. If it wasn't enough already posting a shutout, the Bears would have another amazing finish displaying the talent and depth of the squad.

Some senior leadership got the Bears rolling in the second half, as senior sensation, Ashley Ettinger fired a shot that rang between the pipes to advance to 3-0. Soon after junior Molly Stevens found pride of Phoenixville, Jenni Moore, for a *howitzer* of

a goal to push the lead to 4-0. Just two minutes later, Jess Rodgers would find the net again with an unassisted goal opening the game with five goals.

To put any damper on the day was the shutout ending goal scored by Washington late in the game to make it a 5-1 game. Fortunately, the Bears would stick it to em' one more time as Jenni Moore would return the favor and assist Molly Stevens on her second goal of the season. This goal came late in the game at 67:01, but as they say, "some is good, but more is better."

The Ursinus goalies were again stellar as Erin Bender and Jessica Lamina would split equal time in the net making a combined six saves on only twelve shots. Ursinus has the mentality to keep shooting until they score. The Bears fired 28 shots in the game making opponent defenses look silly.

This is the Bears 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive win, and the second win in the conference, making their record a perfect 2-0 in the conference and 5-1 overall. The Bears will take another long road trip to Westminster, Maryland to face McDaniel College; game time is 1 p.m.

## Breaking the mold

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To most sports fans, being a college football player is the American dream; but for those who make it, things aren't always what they are cracked up to be.

On life's indiscernible path, glory on the field is accompanied by inevitable pitfalls. For Josh Hannum, a junior who plays football at Ursinus, that path has been anything but clear.

It's fair to say Josh has had his share of ups and downs, such as losing his best friend to brain cancer at age 14. Josh honors his memory with a tattoo on his shoulder. The words "family" and "loyalty" adorn his back. "Those are the two things that I cherish the most," Josh reveals.

Josh can even back up his words with actions. Originally recruited to play football by a Division I school, he began his college career at Penn State. In February of his freshman year, Josh learned that his father, Bill, was diagnosed with kidney cancer and multiple sclerosis. Josh, who regards his dad as his best friend, made the crucial decision to leave Penn State and play for a school that was closer to home.

The decision was not completely personal, however. He also desired to escape the constant scrutiny associated with being a Division I ball player. "I just didn't

want anymore politics," Josh confesses.

His decision to downgrade to a Division III school dispels the often mislabeled stereotype that athletes are concerned with only themselves.

"I think Josh has opened a lot of eyes with regards to sacrifice and values and I commend him for his courage," said Peter Gallagher, Ursinus' head football coach.

Ursinus, ranked as one of Princeton Review's top colleges, is a "good spot" for Josh who is pursuing a degree in Communications.

Josh is confident that he can balance Ursinus' challenging academic workload and his responsibilities with the team despite doubts from his peers. "A lot of people thought I'd be shell-shocked...but I'm prepared for it," Josh said.

Growing up in Wallingford, PA, just 45 minutes from Ursinus, Josh was a gifted player with tremendous potential in every sport he tried, but there was something satisfying about football that drew his attention which he couldn't deny.

In spite of problems off the field, Josh has managed to keep a positive attitude. Last year, an injury prevented him from playing in many games. This year, however, Josh is intent on helping the team play one of its most successful seasons ever.

## Bearly Reminder

Thursday September 29th  
Volleyball vs. F&M- 7 p.m.

Saturday October 1st  
M&W XC at Paul Short Invitational @ Lehigh- 10 a.m.  
Volleyball at McDaniel/Goucher- 12 noon  
Field Hockey at McDaniel- 1 p.m.  
Football at McDaniel- 1 p.m.  
Women's Soccer vs. John's Hopkins- 1 p.m.  
Men's Soccer at Gettysburg- 2 p.m.

Tuesday October 4th  
Field Hockey at Lebanon Valley- 4 p.m.

Wednesday October 5th  
Men's Soccer at Virginia Wesleyan- 4 p.m.  
Women's Soccer vs. Swarthmore- 4 p.m.

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Field Hockey at Washington W- 6-1

Men's Soccer at Dickinson L- 0-4

Women's Soccer at Dickinson L- 0-1

Women's Soccer vs. Cabrini W- 8-0

Volleyball vs. Elizabethtown L- 0-3

Volleyball vs. Neumann L- 2-3

Volleyball vs. Wilkes W- 3-2

Volleyball vs. Scranton L- 0-3

XC at McDonald's Festival @ Richmond  
Men- 5th Women-5th